#  <br> Railway \& Industrial Compendium 

State \& Municipal Compendium

Public Utility Compendium Railway Earnings Section

Bank and Quotation Section Bankers' Convention Section

VOL. 121.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 51925

NO. 3154.

## The (1)monxie

PUBLISHED WEEKLY
Terms of Subscription-Payable in Advance


NOTICE.-On account of the fluctuations in the rates of exchanse remittances for European subscriptions and advertisements must be made
In New York funds.

Subscription includes followino Supplements-
Oompenditus-
PUBLIO UTLITY (semi-annually)
RAILWAY \& Indebrital (seml-ann)
GTATE AND M UNIOIPAL (semi-annually
Terms of Advertising
Translent display matter per agate line BANKAND ODOTATION (menthly) RAILWAX KARNINGA (monthly)
BANKERB' Convantion (yearly)
vertising
 On request
Ohiongo Oyfici-In charge of Fred. H. Gray, Western Representative, Edwards \& Smalth Street, Telephone Harrison 5616.
LoxdonIOrfion-Edwards \& Smith, 1 Draperg' Gardens, London, E. O.
WILLIAM B. DANA COMPANY, Publishers,
Front, Pine and Depeyster Streets, New York
Published every Saturday morning by WILLIAM B. DANA COMPANY.
Presldent and Editor, Jacob Selbert; Business Manager, Willian D. R1ggs; Treas. Willam Dana selbert; Sec. Herbert D. Selbert. Addresses of all, otrice of Co.

## The Locarno Settlement and Financial Readjustment in Europe.

Now that the Locarno treaties have been signed, and the dread of renewed war which has haunted western Europe for more than six years has been displaced by international agreements providing for arbitration and security, the States that were involved in the World War find themselves for the first time in a position to give united and undistracted attention to their financial problems. How serious those problems are the front pages of the newspapers tell us almost every morning, and the story is continued almost every evening. The financial condition of France is admittedly the most desperate of all, and omission to meet the crisis which has developed there cannot fail to have disastrous repercussions elsewhere, but the recent rapid decline in Polish exchange is a disturbing event, and neither in Germany, nor in Italy, nor in Great Britain is the financial outlook free from apprehension. What is needed in France is immediate relief from the pressure of ill-adjusted domestic and foreign debt, and ready money with which to meet large immediate obligations which will not wait for the slow processes of increased taxation and the stabilization of currency. Italy, which has just concluded a debt settlement with the United States and hopes soon to negotiate a similar settlement with Great Britain, is mortgaging the future for a surplus of revenue which its budget does not yet show, while

Germany, which met four-fifths of its first year's payment under the Dawes plan by means of an external loan, is expected to meet the whole of the increased payments of the second, or present, year from its own resources. Back of all these national conditions, however, is a common problem of how best to cope with extreme financial necessity. The Locarno treaties have been praised for implanting a new spirit of peace and good-will in Europe. Is there no practical way in which that new spirit of accord and mutual helpfulness may be capitalized for the relief of France, which is financially in distress, and for the benefit of all the other nations whose financial situation is a matter of concern?
Thanks to the Dawes plan, the acute political and financial situation regarding reparations, which was vexing Europe when the plan was inaugurated, has been tided over, and the problem that then had to be faced does not seem likely to recur. The Dawes plan, however, has two important limitations which bear closely upon the present financial situation. The first is in the fact that it does not offer to any of Germany's creditors, either now or at any time during the first five years of its operation, sufficient revenue in the form of reparations payments to meet their imperative need of ready money. The amount available from Germany for treaty payments during the first year of the plan was 1,000 ,000,000 gold marks, of which $800,000,000$ came from a foreign loan. The amounts available for subsequent years, assuming that the plan works without interruption, are for the sec nd, or present, year $1,220,000,000$ gold marks, for the third year the same amount, for the fourth year $1,750,000,000$ gold marks, and for the fifth, or normal year, $2,500,000$,000 gold marks. Of these several amounts, as of any further payments that may be made after the fifth year, France is entitled, under the agreement made at the Spa Conference in 1920, to $52 \%$, Great Britain to $22 \%$, Italy to $10 \%$ and Belgium to $8 \%$, the remaining $8 \%$ being allotted in varying proportions to Greece, Rumania, Jugoslavia, Portugal and Japan. It is obvious that these payments, although constituting, when the maximum is reached, appreciable additions to the revenues of those countries which are entitled to the larger shares, are of relatively small consequence at the moment, particularly in the case of France, where the need of immediate cash revenue is imperative.

The second limitation of the Dawes plan is that it does not undertake to determine the aggregate amount of reparations which Germany shall eventually pay. The facts at this point may appropriately be recalled. In April 1921 the Reparations Commission, acting in conformity with the duty imposed upon it by the Treaty of Versailles, announced what is known as the London schedule of reparations payments. The plan provided for the issuance by Germany of three series of bonds, designated, respectively, as "A," "B" and "C." The "A" bonds, to the amount of $12,000,000,000$ gold marks, were to be delivered by July 11921 and the "B" bonds, to the amount of $38,000,000,000$ gold marks, by Nov. 1 of the same year. The bonds were to bear $5 \%$ interest, with $1 \%$ for sinking fund. The third series of "C" bonds, the maximum amount of which was fixed at $82,000,000,000$ gold marks, were to be issued only as and when the Commission was satisfied of the ability of Germany to provide for interest and sinking fund. Nominally, then, the total of reparations expected was $132,000,000,000$ gold marks, but all except $50,000,000,000$ gold marks, the combined amount of the " A " and " B " bonds, was contingent upon the later decision of the Commission regarding the capacity of Germany to pay.

It was over this latter question that Great Britain and France, in the winter of 1922-23, found themselves at variance, and the breach was widened by the French occupation of the Ruhr. There was tacit agreement that it would be impossible ever to extract from Germany such a sum as $132,000,000,000$ gold marks, but none of the compromises that were suggested proved acceptable, and a German proposal of $30,000,000,000$ gold marks, made in 1923, fell to the ground. The only tangible sum, accordingly, to which the Spa agreement, made before the London schedule was announced, appeared to apply was the $50,000,000,000$ gold marks of "A" and "B" bonds, and it is doubtless for that reason that that sum has often been mentioned as the maximum which Germany was to pay. As a matter of fact, France, while later agreeing to accept its $52 \%$ of the "A" and "B" bonds, insisted also upon so much of any additional sums as would be required to discharge its war debt to the Allies. The Dawes Committee, in turn, properly regarding the question as political and hence beyond its province, confined itself to working out a plan of graduated payments, the maximum of which, representing the then capacity of Germany to pay, was to be reached in the fifth year.

With friendly relations between Germany and the former Allies cemented by the Locarno treaties, the time seems ripe for a joint treatment of the reparations problem which shall make the German payments available for the immediate financial necessities of Europe, and particularly for those of France. M. Loucheur, the new French Minister of Finance, is reported to have proposed that Germany, which has the right under the Dawes plan to anticipate its reparations payments, shall at once issue some $11,000,000,000$ gold marks of railway bonds, selling
them, with the aid of its creditors, in the European and American markets, and turning over the proceeds to the reparations account. The $52 \%$ of the proceeds which France would receive, if the Spa agreement were followed, would go a long way toward extricating France from its present financial difficulties, and presumably neither Great Britain nor Italy would be averse to receiving so considerable an addition to their cash resources. The suggestion might well, however, be given a much wider application. Why should not the creditor Governments agree with Germany upon the maximum amount of reparations to be paid, capitalize the amount at its present value, and unite in aiding the flotation of a German bond issue to the aggregate of the amount agreed upon? The elaborate and costly machinery of the Dawes plan could then be dispensed with, very large sums of money would be made available for the Treasuries that are now depleted or badly strained, and Germany would be relieved of the uncertainty which still hangs over it regarding the length of time in which it must continue the maximum payments which the Dawes plan contemplates. It is not improbable, further, that once the matter were taken up in conference, some figure materially less than $50,000,000,000$ gold marks might be accepted, but the prceise amount to be paid is in practice of far less importance than putting an end to uncertainty and clearing the air.

None of the objections which may be urged to such a procedure as has just been indicated appear to be insuperable. The volume of German State, municipal and private loans which have lately been floated in this country testifies to the favor with which German credit is in general regarded by American investors, and it is unlikely that the flotation here of a proper share of a German national loan of the kind contemplated would meet with opposition either from bankers or from Washington. The displacing of the Dawes plan need not cause hesitation, for that plan is obviously only a device for enforcing upon Germany the demands of its creditors, and now that there are no longer "Allies" and "former enemies" to be considered or mentioned (it is a French statesman, M. Briand, who has relegated that distinction to oblivion), any plan that offers greater mutual benefit may properly be substituted. Most practical of all arguments, however, is the fact that such a funding of the entire reparations obligation would mean cash, and it is cash, in very large amounts, that France, Italy and other claimants need. One gold mark applied today to the relief of the French Treasury is worth a dozen gold marks which may possibly be received five, ten or fifteen years hence. It would be an impressive illustration of the Locarno spirit, and a convincing proof of its genuineness, if the creditor Governments, at odds for years over reparations and agreed only in accepting a temporary arrangement, should now set that vexing question at rest by agreeing with Germany about the aggregate amount to be paid, and at the same time so frame the settle-
ment as to make the amount immediately available for their own financial necessities and the general financial and economic needs of Europe.

## The Financial Situation.

On Thursday morning of this week announcement was made that the Bank of England had raised its rediscount rate from 4 to $5 \%$, bringing the differential between New York and London rates up to $11 / 2 \%$. The directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York meeting on Thursday took no action in respect to the rate here, which remains at $31 / 2 \%$. Great Britain has recently lost $\$ 110,000,000$ in gold through exports, which has reduced reserves to a point requiring care. Notwithstanding this, the prohibition on export of capital was recently lifted, throwing the British money market open to the borrowers of the world. It was expected that this would draw off from New York to London a considerable portion of the large volume of borrowing now being done by Europe. This situation has been accentuated by failure to receive approval at Washington of the proposed $\$ 45,000,000$ loan to a German potash syndicate, so that the bulk of this financing will be done in London. The higher rediscount rate in London may act as a deterrent to certain foreign borrowing, and may attract liquid funds from New York and elsewhere.

The New York stock market opened quietly Thursday morning after announcement of the advance in the British rate but later displayed considerable strength and yesterday the bull movement was again in full swing, notwithstanding the experience of the past month. Secretary Mellon expressed himself to the effect that the increase in the British rate in itself probably would not be enough to influence the New York Bank, where there appeared to be no pressure for increase in discounts. He was of the opinion that if the New York rate should be raised from $31 / 2 \%$ to $4 \%$ the effect on speculation would be negligible, in which he is certainly right.

During the week prices of investment bonds have hardened slightly, indicating increasing confidence in the continuation of normal money rates. Indices of the general business situation continue to show improvement, notably in the steel industry. Car loadings remain at record figures. The annual report of Secretary Hoover, of the Department of Commerce, has received much editorial comment during the week, because it points out some of the fundamental causes underlying the prosperity which the country is now enjoying. Secretary Hoover said: "Thanks to the elimination of waste and other contributing factors (among which he mentioned prohibition) we can as a nation show one of the most astonishing transformations in economic history." As evidence of this he pointed out that whereas money wages are higher than in 1920, wholesale prices are considerably lower, so that real wages as respects purchasing power are higher, and not only so, but the highest in our history. Study of the figures shows that the actual purchasing power of wages is $52 \%$ greater than in 1914 and very materially higher than in 1920, when, owing to the fact that prices had advanced more rapidly than wages, the real purchasing power was only $88 \%$ of the 1914 level. During the past three years there has been a steady advance. When this fact is taken in connection with the full employment of labor, the cause of
the prosperity now enjoyed in this country is plain. Furthermore, Mr. Hoover pointed out that we have had three years of remarkable price stability, which has reduced speculation in commodities to a minimum. This gives us a more than ordinarily sound business situation, which has been evidenced very clearly during the past month, when a sudden and heavy decline in the stock market brought about by an unsound speculative position failed to disturb business confidence.

It is expected that when Congress convenes on Monday the Ways and Means Committee of the House will immediately introduce the new tax bill, which is understood to have the approval of the Administration. Early action by the House and Senate on this bill would be of the greatest benefit to the country. It is also understood that a bill in respect to railroad consolidation is ready for early presentation and that the matter of changing the labor provisions of the present railroad law will be left for action later on in order to expedite action in the matter of consolidations. In the meantime there are evidences of preparation for several consolidations. It is not improbable that many plans will be brought to rapid maturity in case Congress makes it possible legally to proceed in this matter on a sound economic basis.

Commercial failures during November, according to the records of R. G. Dun \& Co., make a rather satisfactory showing as compared with earlier months this year and with the corresponding months of preceding years, particularly as to the number of defaults. There were 1,672 insolvencies in commercial lines in the United States last month with $\$ 35,922$, 421 of liabilities, as against 1,581 defaults in October for $\$ 29,543,870$ of indebtedness, and 1,653 failures in November last year, involving $\$ 31,123,910$. There are only two months this year, August and October, in which there were fewer failures than are reported for last month, and with the exception of March, July, September and October, each month this year shows liabilities in excess of November. Omitting November 1924, the indebtedness shown for that month this year is considerably less than appears in November of previous years back to 1920. Of last month's defaults, 442 were manufacturing concerns with liabilities of $\$ 13,993,701 ; 1,146$ were trading concerns owing $\$ 18,907,091$, and 84 were agents and brokers, with an indebtedness of $\$ 3,021$,629. In November 1924 there were 361 manufacturing failures for $\$ 10,252,127 ; 1,193$ trading defaults for $\$ 15,781,521$ and 99 of agents and brokers, owing $\$ 5,090,262$. The trading class report fewer failures in November this year than a year ago; also the class embracing agents; on the other hand, there was an increase in the number of defaults this year over a year ago among manufacturing concerns. Up to October, trading failures this year had been in excess of 1924 in each month, and liabilities for that class were heavier than last year, but for October and November this year the reverse is the case. In contradistinction, both the number and the indebtedness of the manufacturing defaults for the first seven months of 1925 were less than for the corresponding period of 1924 . The November manufacturing insolvencies are again considerably above those of a year ago, both in number and liabilities. The increase in number last month over November

1924 is largely among manufacturers of clothing, lumber and bakers, and while the number of makers of machinery and tools was practically the same in both years, there were some large defaults in these lines in November this year, which swelled very materially the indebtedness reported. Large clothing failures last month, also some in the lumber division, increased the indebtedness over November 1924.

In the trading class there were fewer failures last month among general stores, clothing dealers, dry goods, leather goods, including shoes, furniture and drug stores. For groceries, another gain in number appears for November this year over a year ago, but the liabilities last month were somewhat less than in November 1924. A small increase this year also is shown in the number of defaults among hotels and restaurants and dealers in hardware. The liabilities for the jewelry class last month were very much larger than a year ago; also for dry goods failures. On the other hand, some decrease is shown in the indebtedness reported last month for hotels and restaurants, and for dealers in clothing. The large failures last month, that is, those defaults where the liabilities in each instance exceed $\$ 100$,000 , number 48, against 43 in November 1924, and the total amount involved this year was $\$ 17,229,212$, against $\$ 12,357,862$ last year, an increase this year of $\$ 4,871,350$, which, as noted above, accounts for all of the increase in indebtedness for November this year over a year ago. There were 20 large manufacturing failures last month, against 18 a year ago, and the liabilities were, respectively, $\$ 7,025,156$ and $\$ 4,726,272$. As to the large trading failures, 20 this year compares with 17 a year ago, with the indebtedness $\$ 8,268,212$, against only $\$ 3,549,290$ in November 1924. There were several quite large failures last month in both the manufacturing and trading divisions. There have been 19,436 failures for the eleven months this year, with liabilities of $\$ 407$, 216,112 , against 18,575 for the corresponding period of 1924 owing $\$ 497,946,168$. The 1925 insolvencies will exceed in number every year excepting 1922 and 1915.

Aristide Briand was able last Saturday to announce to President Doumergue the complete personnel of the Cabinet that he finally succeeded in forming. It will be recalled that this was his second attempt within a week, the first having resulted in failure. According to the Paris representative of the New York "Times," he worked from 8 o'clock in the morning of Friday, Nov. 27, until nearly midnight before he was able to select men even for the most important Ministries. They were noted briefly in the "Chronicle" of Nov. 28. In addition to heading the Cabinet as Premier, M. Briand is serving as Minister of Foreign Affairs. Louis Loucheur is Minister of Finance and Paul Painleve holds the portfolio of War Minister. The Premier presented his new Ministry to Parliament on Dec. 2.

In a dispatch to his paper on the evening of Nov. 28 the Paris representative of the New York "Times" gave a particularly interesting and striking pen picture of M. Briand, the way he came to accept the Premiership finally and something about his policies and purposes. In part he said: "Paris now has a picture, rare in the annals of the history of this or any other country, of a man becoming Premier who does not wish to do so. Aristide Briand,
who now heads the Government of his country for the eighth time, would have much preferred to remain simply Minister of Foreign Affairs under another Premier than to become Chief of the Cabinet he finally formed and presented to the President of the Republic this afternoon after vexatious difficulties that beset him up to the last moment." Significantly, the correspondent asked, "What are the reasons for this attitude, which seems so strange on the part of a politician? The chief reason is that the veteran statesman would like to give his whole time to the task of bringing peace to Europe, which task, so far as France is concerned, is the job of the Quai d'Orsay. Then again he feels that the financial problem, which is the central problem of any French Government now, had better be handled by others. Furthermore, M. Briand's health is poor, he is suffering from arterio-sclerosis-and he dreads the strain of conducting the fierce Chamber debates sure to come in connection with fiscal reform." As to why M. Briand finally consented to accept the Premiership, the "Times" representative said: "When called to the Elysee yesterday for the second time in one week, M. Briand repeated these reasons to President Doumergue and insisted that the task be given to another. The President of the Republic explained that M. Briand seemed to be the only man able to form a Government which had a chance of a majority and that if he refused conditions might force a Socialist Government. M. Doumergue is said to have added that if M. Briand refused he would resign the next day. In face of this appeal M. Briand agreed to form a Government and thus sacrifice his two days' weekly fishing trip prescribed by his doctor and his wish to give his whole time to the Foreign Office task of bringing a new international regime to Europe." Relative to the motives and ideas which are shaping the policies of the new Premier, it was asserted that "with M. Briand the spirit of Locarno has become a religion. He believes firmly that the time is ripe to wipe out the aftermaths of the war and, further, he believes that with the co-operation of Austen Chamberlain, Britain and France can bring about that result. Everyone wants him at the Quai d'Orsay. Among all the Premiership possibilities mentioned in the last week each accepted M. Briand as Foreign Minister. He was sure of his job. Now he faces the danger of being thrown out of office on some angle of the financial situation, about which he knows and cares little beyond his academic interest as a patriotic Frenchman."

Continuing, the correspondent suggested that "his Finance Minister may any day make a mistake which will cost the whole Government its tenure of office, and while his successor might keep M. Briand as Foreign Minister, he might not. And certainly any interruption or change at the Quai d'Orsay might dampen the Locarno spirit. That is what M. Briand fears. That is why it is possible that if once he gets his new Government established with a solid majority he may turn over the Premiership to some one else, so that he can concentrate on the Quai d'Orsay. Not only does M. Briand wish to concentrate on his work as a disciple and preacher of the religion of Locarno, but he has other Foreign Office plans he would like to work upon tranquilly without having to pass most of his working hours in the Chamber or Senate quarreling with the Opposition. One of these plans is a settle-
ment of the French debts to America and Britain. He has always believed that to be a job for the Foreign Minister rather than the Finance Minister, and when M. Caillaux undertook the task it was against his wishes. Before the Government crisis he was actively planning to reopen the negotiations with Washington, and if his Government gets well into the saddle it may be expected that it will be the Foreign Office, and not the Finance Ministry, which will resume the conversations with Washington. This does not mean that M. Briand thinks he is a financial expert. Not at all. To him the fiduciary inflation or any other kind of inflation means about the same thing. As he says, he does not know the difference between a stock and a bond, for the simple reason that he never owned any of either. But he regards France's foreign debts as an issue of international politics rather than as a strictly financial issue. He feels France does not have a politically free hand internationally so long as she is under the shadow of unadjusted debts. And from that standpoint comes his interest in the matter. Surrounding himself with experts to handle technical points, he would like to deal with the debts himself. Of course, for the moment he realizes that a final settlement must await adjustment of France's domestic fiscal troubles, but in the meanwhile he will seek to keep the conversations warm."

Commenting upon some of the other important Ministers in the new Briand Cabinet, the Paris representative of the Associated Press asserted that "the most important of the new Ministers is Louis Loucheur, Minister of Finance, inasmuch as he is in accord with the Socialists on the consolidation of short-term bonds. But his views go no further in their direction and certainly he holds ne brief for a capital levy." He added that "M. Loucheur had been reluctant to accept the finance portfolio, but M. Briand convinced him after a long conference that it was his duty to use his marked talents in straightening out the growingly serious financial tangle." Continuing, he said: "Paul Painleve had been asked previously to take the Finance Ministry, but he refused, and becomes War Minister, which post he held jointly with the Premiership in his Government of last April. Joseph Caillaux also had conferred with M. Briand, but there is no reliable information that he was offered his old place. With M. Loucheur in the Finance Ministry there will be no Minister of Budget, all duties of the department falling under one head." As to some of the problems with which Premier Briand was confronted, the Associated Press correspondent said: "The Socialists, who have resumed freedom of action, are M. Briand's chief source of worry. Instead of a single roaming group of twenty-six Communists, the Chamber of Deputies has now this new unattached body of 104 Socialist seceders from the Left bloc. The Communists and Socialists will either vote en bloc or abstain. M. Briand's difficulty is to frame a Ministerial program that will attract the votes of enough Deputies to withstand the attacks of the solid opposition. To get a Cabinet that would insure this safety-some 300 votes are necessary-was his problem, for there were not enough portfolios by half to distribute to all the political groups. His canvass revealed that the Right Deputies were less adamant than M. Herriot found the Socialists. A count of noses assured a small majority, in which the Radi-
cal Socialists would participate upon a promise of the presence of M. Painleve in the new Ministry."

The new Ministry lost no time in getting at its many and troublesome tasks. In a special Paris cable dispatch to the New York "Times" on Nov. 29 it was stated that "the new French Government held its first Council of Ministers to-day at the Elysee with the President of the Republic, M. Doumergue, presiding, and discussed the policies which it will announce to Parliament on Wednesday. The final touches to the Ministerial declaration will be made in a further sitting of the Council to-morrow morning before Premier Briand leaves for London to sign the Locarno agreements. The Minister of Finance, Louis Loucheur, brought up the financial question in the course of to-day's meeting and to-morrow will organize a committee of experts to prepare a new finance bill which, it was announced to-night, would not necessitate consolidation of any part of the public debt." As to the new financial program, the Paris representative of the Associated Press added that "M. Loucheur, the Finance Minister, will require about ten days to prepare his financial restoration plan, but the Under Secretary of Finance, Paul Morel, is already at work studying what proposition can be made to the United States for a settlement. M. Loucheur is said to have realized right along, owing to his intimate knowledge of American financial affairs gained through his association with such men as the late Henry P. Davison, Dwight W. Morrow, Bernard Baruch and Thomas W. Lamont during and after the Peace Conference, that if the French franc is to improve in international exchange the first requisite is an agreement on debts." Continuing, the correspondent asserted that "M. Loucheur has long since repudiated or retracted an alleged speech in which he was quoted as saying: 'The American debt need not be paid,' and the American debt settlement is one of the earliest moves on his program. M. Briand is in full accord with his Finance Minister on that point, and it is said that at his meeting with Winston Churchill while in London Tuesday he will deal with the debt settlement and the effect which the proposed American agreement will have on the British." With respect to the policies of the Cabinet, speaking broadly, the Associated Press representative said that "immediate ratification of the Locarno compact, reform of the electoral law, one-year military service and a plan for the restoration of French finances, of which prompt funding of the American debt is one of the most important features, are the four main points Cabinet discussed declaration of the new Briand Cabinet discussed at the first Council of Ministers held under the presidency of M. Doumergue this evening."

There appears to be considerable doubt as to the ability of M. Briand to hold his Cabinet together longer than a few months. In a special Paris dispatch to "The Sun" on Nov. 30 it was claimed that political prophets see but a short life for the new Briand Government and dissolution before spring. Doumergue is reported to have said that if Briand failed to form a Ministry he would resign the Presidency of the Republic, in view of the impossibility of getting a stable Government with the Chamber as at present constituted." The situation was discussed further as follows: It is generally felt that

President Doumergue looks upon Briand as the man most likely to be able to conduct the delicate operation of dissolution without causing trouble. The importance given by Briand to a reform of the franchise indicates he also has that necessity in view. Under the present system proportional representation and voting by lists led to the electoral alliance of the Socialists with the Liberals, which placed the former in a position of political power to which their numbers did not entitle them. By a return to the old method of voting by constituency Briand hopes to free the Liberals from bondage to the Socialists and recreate the old steady-going Liberal majority, which in the past has been the most reliable governing factor in the Republic."

The new Briand Ministry continued to act promptly. On Nov. 30 the Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" cabled that "M. Loucheur made a good start this morning at the Cabinet meeting which before the departure of Premier Briand for London decided upon the text of the Ministerial declaration which is to be read to Parliament on Wednesday. He insisted on the insertion of a demand that next year's budget be voted by the end of this year as the beginning of all financial wisdom and good order." The correspondent declared that "half the troubles of the Herriot and Painleve Governments came from the fact that the June budget was not passed until the middle of July this year, with the result that over a sixth of the year's revenue is not yet collected. M. Loucheur wants the new scale of taxation for 1926 to come into operation on Jan. 1 to avoid voting provisional credits and all the consequent disarray of national finance. Before even discussion of his bill for the creation of a sinking fund, M. Loucheur places in importance the voting of the budget as an integral part of his campaign to re-establish public confidence." It was claimed also that "with the same object the Government purposes to recommence at once discussion with Britain and the United States of the debt question."
As to the reported plan of the new Government to meet the nearby and most pressing financial requirements, it was stated in the same dispatch that "it was reliably reported in Parliamentary circles tonight that the Government intended to have voted immediately inflation of $6,500,000,000$ francs, guaranteed by additional taxes to be collected not later than Feb. 1 next year. With $1,500,000,000$ already voted, this would bring the total to $8,000,000,000$ francs, or enough to take care of the obligations due Dec. 8 , the expenses of the Government, including the colonies, until Jan. 1, and 1,500,000,000 franes which the Bank of France requires for the needs of commerce the first of the year." The "Times" correspondent added that "the increased taxes would be placed on incomes, other direct taxes and numerous indirect taxes. Through this so-called 'guaranteed inflation' the Government is said to believe that it could prevent widespread speculation on the franc." Regarding his stand on inflation, Finance Minister Loucheur was quoted in an Associated Press message on Dec. 1 as saying, "' 'I remain an anti-inflationist, vigorously, emphatically,' the Finance Minister continued, referring to reports he would recommend an increase in currency in circulation of from six to eight billion francs. 'I cannot see how we can proceed to any kind of inflation without vigorous con-
trol and without limiting it strictly to the minimum required for the State's needs. The final figure probably will be less than the highest one mentioned' (meaning less than eight billion francs.)" It was added that "M. Loucheur criticized the requirement that the Government consult Parliament whenever an increase in the bank note circulation was needed for commerce and industry, saying he thought the Bank of France should have a special statute covering such eventualities. Concerning the talk of 'gauged inflation,' M. Loucheur remarked 'all inflation is gauged-gauged upon the country's economic future.'"

It was reported in the same dispatch that "quick settlement of France's debt and a $10 \%$ levy on capital, payable in thirty annuities, are among the ideas considered by Louis Loucheur, Finance Minister in the new Briand Cabinet, essential to the restoration of France's economic situation." The correspondent further stated that "he emphasized that balancing of the budget must be the first act in cleaning up France's finances. He said he hoped to bring his measures before the Senate and Chamber finance committees to-morrow night and lay the definite bills before Parliament next Monday or Tuesday. 'The present crisis must be dispelled; if it is not, it will lead to a new crisis,' he concluded. 'In this case there are not many solutions. I am open to all suggestions from all sources, for good ideas have no particular complexion." According to the dispatch, "the levy on capital will be used to finance a sinking fund and to extinguish short term debts. M. Loucheur will have none of a moratorium or forced conversion of bonds which mature Dec. 8 . He will, however, be forced to borrow some eight or nine billion francs."

The Associated Press representative maintained also that "the immediate needs of the Treasury between now and the end of December leave M. Loucheur no option except to resort to inflation for from six to eight billions. The measure Parliament will be asked to vote for him will not call it plain inflation, but 'secured inflation,' the plan being, it is understood, to guarantee the temporary nature of the operation by securing the amount of the yield from increases in certain existing taxes, such as the income tax and other direct taxation, and also on some indirect taxes. This will give the Government time to turn around and take steps to balance the budget and begin work on the redemption of the floating debt and the establishment of a stable currency."

Premier Briand made his declaration of policy on Dec. 2. According to the Associated Press representative in Paris, "Premier Briand, although coolly received when he read the declaration of policy of his new Ministry before the Chamber of Deputies today (Dec. 2) won a partial victory by inducing the Chamber to change its methods of procedure and consider the proposed increase of $7,500,000,000$ franes in the monetary circulation before discussing interpellations." He added that "the bill framed by Finance Minister Loucheur, raising the limit of the issue of paper money from $51,000,000,000$ to 58,500 , 000,000 francs, was introduced at once and referred to the Finance Committee, which demanded a suspension of the session until $9 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Upon the required vote between this hour and postponement to
to-morrow, the Finance Committee's demand was carried by 415 to 154 . The Ministerial declaration admitted the situation is particularly grave, but says it cannot have irreparable consequences, provided the Government has the confidence of the entire country and the collaboration of both Houses of Parliament." Continuing his synopsis of the declaration, the correspondent said: "The declaration asserts the Government is ready to assume its immediate responsibilities and to enforce the necessary measures to meet the Treasury bonds which fall due Dec. 8. It promises inflation will be limited to the immediate needs of the Treasury, but does not mention the exact amount of new issue which will be embodied in a special bill. The declaration says that, realizing the restoration of French finances cannot be accomplished without loyal agreement with the great nations which are France's creditors, 'the Government will continue earnestly and promptly the negotiations with the Allies concerning debts.' The Government expresses the hope that France's Allies and friends will take into consideration in the forthcoming settlement of France's precarious financial situation the necessity for them to collaborate in the revaluation of the French franc, thus rendering possible the fulfillment of the undertakings entered into by France." According to the dispatch, "the Ministry's declaration was received by the Chamber in impressive silence. The Premier's delivery of it was extremely grave and the Deputies seemed to realize the seriousness of the situation. M. Briand's reference to the Locarno Security Treaty was applauded, but his mention of the necessity of inflation threw a chill over the assembly. The same effect was noticed when he mentioned the proposal to return to the system of district polling."
It was related also that "Joseph Caillaux, former Minister of Finance, a candidate for membership in the Finance Committee of the Senate, was defeated to-day by A. Schrameck, former Minister of the Interior, by 34 votes to 33 . M. Caillaux's defeat, however, is considered to be only temporary, as it is expeted he will be nominated for the committee without opposition to succeed Senator Henry Berenger, when the latter is appointed Ambassador to Washington. The official announcement of this appointment is expected soon."

It became known through subsequent dispatches that the Chamber was in session the greater part of the time from $4 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Wednesday until 5 o'clock Thursday morning. It was explained that the vote to which reference has been made was not on the declaration of the Ministry. After a stormy allnight session such a vote finally was taken. It stood 298 in favor of the Government to 113 opposed. According to all the dispatches, Premier Briand addressed the Chamber, not only in earnest but even impassioned language. He was quoted as saying that "if the Government falls under your vote it will be received as the utmost tragedy by the country," and also, "if you want to overthrow me do it now." The New York "Herald Tribune" representative said that "the debate was interspersed with bitter wrangling, which included an attack on the Finance Minister. It was evident that the Chamber was reluctant to adopt such a heavy 'padding' of the national currency. Several opposition Deputies insisted that the additional issue of franes would
send the cost of living soaring upward and might result in even graver consequences."

In an Associated Press cable message on Dec. 3 it was stated that "Premier Briand's new Cabinet has won its first victory. After an all-night and allforenoon fight in the Chamber of Deputies for his financial measures, the Premier succeeded in forcing the adoption of new advances from the Bank of France to the Government of $6,000,000,000$ francs and a new paper money issue of $7,500,000,000$." It was added that "the final vote on the bill as a whole was made a question of confidence and was carried by 257 to 229 , a majority of 28 . It was the fifth vote of confidence during the lengthy session. M. Briand made it plain during the debate that the Government was staking its existence on the measure in its entirety and that if the financial program as outlined by Finance Minister Loucheur was rejected the Ministry would step down immediately." It was further explained that "the bill now goes to the Senate, the Finance Committee of which, under Senator Doumer, is meeting this afternoon to examine it. The inflation voted to-day is the fourth measure of the kind in a year to be passed by the Chamber. Before the final vote this morning the Premier in a speech in which he rose to heights of eloquence he has never surpassed, excoriated those Deputies who were unwilling in a national crisis to forget petty political considerations and think only of their country."
The proceedings at the protracted and critical session were dramatically described in part as follows by the Paris representative of the New York "Times" in a dispatch on Dec. 3: "Magnificently, though on one ballot his majority numbered only six, Premier Briand this morning won a victory on the issue whether France should put up the shutters and declare bankruptcy, or whether she would draw another draft on the future, on her own courage to meet taxation, on her own power to work and on the wisdom and rectitude of her leaders. No one living has experienced such a moving session of the Chamber. It began yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Twice during the night it seemed inevitable that the Government would fall. But it ended near noon today with a final vote on M. Loucheur's measure of inflation and taxation which gave the Government a majority of 28 . In all five votes of confidence were cast. This evening the bill was taken up by the Finance Committee of the Senate, which, after listening to an urgent appeal from Premier Briand to adopt it without modification, did so by a vote of 18 to 3 . The higher Chamber will discuss it to-morrow afternoon, when it is expected that it will be approved." The New York "Herald Tribune" correspondent added that "it was common talk in Paris political circles to-night that Premier Briand is the only man in France who could hope to pilot such an audacious proposal into a safe legislative harbor, in view of the present effervescent state of party politics. Only the magnetism of Premier Briand during the continuous debate in the Chamber of almost fourteen hours ended at noon to-day saved France from another spasm of dangerous political bedlam, with the bankruptcy of the Treasury in its wake." Discussion of the financial bill in the Senate began yesterday afternoon. It was predicted in Paris dispatches last evening that it certainly would be adopted.

Both Premier Briand and Finance Minister Loucheur have indicated that the French Government was desirous of taking up negotiations for a settlement of its external war debts. Partly as an aid to making this desire effective in the case of the United States a change has been made in the French Ambassador at Washington. On Dec. 1 the Paris representative of the New York "Herald Tribune" cabled that "Senator Victor Henri Berenger is preparing to sail for Washington to succeed Emile Daeschner as French Ambassador to the United States. Although Senator Berenger has told his friends of his impending appointment, it was stated at the Foreign Office this afternoon that the official announcement would be deferred until the return of Premier Briand from London to-morrow." He explained that "M. Berenger's chief mission will be to reopen the negotiations for funding France's war debt to the United States. With Louis Loucheur, Finance Minister, he has made a thorough study of the problem and is equipped with first-hand knowledge gained as a member of the recent Caillaux mission to Washington. He is expected to have his course of procedure well defined when he sails in the near future for his new post." As to the chief reason for the change, the correspondent further stated that, "according to members of the new Briand Cabinet, M. Berenger's present task will be to occupy himself almost solely with the debt question, and it was said that he had been selected for the appointment because he was considered the best man in France to carry out such a mission. His qualifications are many and it vas undoubtedly because he wished to become Ambassador that he declined M. Briand's offer a few days ago to be Finance Minister. He has held many important Government positions relating to financial and economic matters and he will resign his present post as Chairman of the Senate Finance Commission as soon as his diplomatic appointment is officially announced."

The following bits of information regarding the new Ambassador will be of interest: "M. Berenger is 58 years old and speaks and writes English fluently. Though his Senatorial mandate is from the French West Indian colony of Guadeloupe, which he has represented since 1912, he is a native Frenchman. He is a graduate of the University of Paris and outside of politics his chief avocation is writing. His hobbies are fencing and swimming and his recreations are traveling, reading and walking. His literary works include 'The Intellectual Aristocracy,' 'The Intellectual Proletariat,' and 'The National Conscience.' He also has edited several reviews and contributed to many newspapers, including his recent series for 'Le Matin.'"

On Dec. 3 M. Daeschner, French Ambassador to the United States, notified Secretary of the Treasury Mellon that he was in receipt of a cablegram from Minister of Finance Loucheur stating that "when assuming the post of Ministre des Finances he has the strongest desire to have the debt question settled as soon as possible on a basis acceptable to both nations." The Washington representative of the New York "Times" said in a dispatch on the evening of Dec. 3 that "so important was M. Daeschner's communication considered that the subject of the French debt was discussed at some length at a meeting of the American Commission which was called unexpectedly for 3 o'clock this afternoon. It was re-
ported that the American officials had received additional information through their diplomatic agents in France, but they refused to discuss such details. The understanding here is that the Briand Government will adopt quite different tactics than those followed by M. Caillaux and his commission of experts which came to this country and that much of the discussion probably will be through the ordinary diplomatic channels."

Military rule in Spain, which had been in effect since September 1923, when the Alhucenas Ministry was overthrown by a military coup, came to an end on Dec. 2. General Primo de Rivera, "who was President of the military directorate, remains at the head of the Government as Premier." The Associated Press representative in Madrid cabled on Dec. 2 that "the return to civilian rule, while expected, came with dramatic suddenness. Immediately upon the announcement of the new Government the Cabinet list was given out." Professor Yanguas is Foreign Minister and the Minister of Finance is Senor Calvo Sotelo. The new Government actually took the oath of office at $11 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. on Dec. 3. It was stated that it is "one-half military men and one-half civilians." In explanation of the return to a civilian Government the new Premier was quoted as asserting that the situation had been sufficiently cleared since the installation of the military dictatorship to permit the formation of a new Government. 'We have the country with us and with the sovereign's approval we can do nothing better for Spain,' he declared."

It was stated in an Associated Press dispatch from Madrid on Dec. 3 that "the new Cabinet to-day sent a circular to all the civil Governors, saying that the military Directorate has been discontinued at the 'height of its power' and that the new Government would continue its work. The circular added that Spain during the twenty-six months of the Directorate regime had enjoyed more peace and prosperity than it had known in the twentieth century." It was added that "the first meeting of the new Ministry was held at 6 o'clock to-night."

The same day, Dec. 2, word came from Madrid through a special cable dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune" that President Manuel Teixeira Gomes of the Portuguese Republic has presented his resignation to Parliament to take effect next Monday. Reports from Lisbon say that Duart Leite or Bernardino Machado probably will be candidates to succeed him. The political situation in Portugal presents great difficulties and it is believed a Ministerial crisis is imminent."

The Treaty of Locarno and the accompanying arbitration pacts have been legalized and "the nations involved have sworn faithfully to observe the historic compacts." This was accomplished in London on Dec. 1 by the affixing of the signatures of the duly accredited representatives of the participating Powers. The ceremony took place in the famous golden reception room of the Foreign Office. The signing began at 11.25 a. m. and took only six minutes. It was stated in an Associated Press dispatch, however, that afternoon that "in a brief ten minutes the efforts of months of negotiations had been legalized, and the nations involved had sworn faithfully to observe the historic compacts." The foreign statesmen were welcomed by Foreign Secretary

Chamberlain, while Chancellor Luther of Germany was the most prominent of those who spoke in reply. Premier Briand was quoted as saying: "I can see across the table the German Chancellor and I am sure I can tell him that I have remained a good Frenchman, just as he in coming here has remained a good German-but both of us are Europeans." It was stated that "the treaty was first hauded to Chancellor Luther and then to Foreign Minister Stresemann, Foreign Minister Vandervelde of Belgium, Premier Briand of France and Premier Baldwin of Great Britain. All these used ordinary pens, but Foreign Secretary Chamberlain took up a gold quill to add his name. Signor Scialoia for Italy, Count Skrzynski for Poland and Dr. Benes for Czechoslovakia, completed the signatures. Then the arbitration pacts negotiated at Locarno were rapidly passed to the delegates." It was added that "the final act of the delegates was to send a telegram of thanks to the municipality of Locarno for its hospitality during the negotiation of the documents."

In further describing the ceremony the Associated Press correspondent in Paris gave the following human interest touches: "The room was crowded at the ceremony, the assemblage including Great Britain's leading statesmen, her Ambassadors at the capitals of the signatory Powers, the diplomatic corps and the privileged representatives of the press. On a raised platform sat the wives of plenipotentiaries. On another side of the room was a family group of the Chamberlains, Lady Chamberlain, her son and her brother-in-lawं, Neville Chamberlain, watching the conclusion of the diplomatic triumph of the head of their family. In the background hovered the Earl of Balfour and Lord Cecil, who almost for the first time since the beginning of their political careers, were witnessing a signing ceremony in which they were not the principal actors."
As to subsequent events during the day, the correspondent said: "After the signing the German plenipotentiaries proceeded to Buckingham Palace to sign the register. Afterward they joined the other plenipotentiaries as guests at a luncheon given by Lady Chamberlain. As a manifestation of women's part in the cause of peace several women were invited, including Lady Astor and Mrs. Baldwin, wife of the Prime Minister. King George later received all the pact signatories at Buckingham Palace." The Associated Press correspondent added that, "in a brief statement Mr. Chamberlain said the conclusion of the Locarno pact had settled the problem of security, while the peace of Europe had been consolidated by the adhesion of Great Britain and Italy. The treaties, he said, were the outcome of a sincere desire on the part of the nations concerned for peace and reconciliation. They banished war, he declared, and provided for the automatic ostracism of any eventual aggressor. To those thinking the pact did not go far enough, he remarked, he would answer that it led straight to disarmament by creating a new sense of security, and said proof of this was that the Council of the League of Nations would prepare a disarmament plan for presentation to the next Assembly."

Following the adoption of the Locarno treaties by the German Reichstag on the evening of Nov. 27, by a vote of 300 to 174, President von Hindenburg, the very next evening, Nov. 28, signed the Act making them German law. In commenting upon the
departure of Chancellor Luther and Foreign Minister Streseman behalf of the German Government, the Berlin correspondent of the New York "Times" said that "Wilhelmstrasse is hopeful that this ceremony will be coincident with negotiations leading to further Allied concessions in the Rhineland and removal of present limitations on German air activity."
The point was stressed in Berlin cable advices that, having signed the treaty the German Government would make renewed efforts to lessen the number of foreign troops in the Rhineland. The Berliti representative of the New York "Herald Tribune" cabled on Nov. 27, "that Locarno is the beginning and not the end, and that the Government intends energetically to obey the Reichstag's order to continue efforts to lighten the Rhineland occupation ${ }_{T}$ were suggested by a dispatch from Mainz and by significant comment in Stresemann's newspaper tonight. The dispatch from Mainz says that while the Allied withdrawal from Cologne reduces the total number of troops to 30,000 , a regrouping in the Mainz region leaves the total number of Frencb troops there practically the same. The German request that troops in the occupation area be no more than the German troops formerly there when it was a fortified area was not granted. The French will keep three army corps there, or more than twice as many men as Germany formerly maintained in the same region."

The Reichstag, on Nov. 27 also approved a proposal for the entry of Germany into the League of Nations. The vote in this instance was 278 to 183 , According to a special Geneva dispatch to the New. York "Times" on Nov, 27, "League of Nations officials said to-day that Germany would not apply for admission to the League before February, despite the fact that the Locarno accords were ratified by the Reichstag. As regulations require the elapse of a month between the convocation of a special Assembly and the holding of the Assembly, this would mean that the extraordinary meeting of the League members to admit Germany will not be held before March. Then, presumably, both the Council and Assembly will concurrently elect Germany to a permanent seat in the League of Nations' Council."

Announcement was made in a special cable dispatch from the Geneva correspondent of the New York "Times" on Dec. 1 that "Germany on the day of the signing of the Treaty of Locarno has filed with the League of Nations eleven conventions and commercial accords with eight countries. The agreements are with Austria, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, Esthonia, Sweden, Poland and Czechoslovakia."

After several weeks of renewed controversy the Irish boundary question "has been settled between the British Government and the representatives of the Free State and Ulster." The London representative of the New York "Herald Tribune" cabled on the evening of Dec. 3 that "Premier Baldwin interrupted a tariff debate in the House of Commons tonight to announce the terms, which follow the lines. anticipated by political observers. The present boundary between north and south Ireland will stand and the powers of the Boundary Commission will be revoked." He outlined the terms as follows: "The Free State will be released from its liabilities under Article 5 of the Anglo-Irish treaty, Mr. Bald-
win said, under which it had agreed to assume its share of the public debt of the United Kingdom and the payment of war pensions. On the other hand, a new agreement provides that the Free State will assume the British Government's liability for mischievous damage in Free State territory since January 1919. The Free State also agrees to promote legislation to increase by $10 \%$ the compensation for malicious damage to property within its territory. The Governments of both north and south Ireland agree to meet to consider matters of common interest. Any agreement they may reach will be subject to confirmation of the British Government. A bill will have to be introduced in the House of Commons in order to abrogate the powers of the Boundary Commission and make necessary amendments in the Anglo-Irish treaty. The new Irish agreement was signed to-night just as Big Ben, the famous clock on the House of Parliament, was striking eight. It was initialed in the Premier's room in the House of Commons by Stanley Baldwin, Winston Churchill, Sir William Joynson-Hicks, Lord Birkenhead and Lieutenant-Colonel L. S. Amery, for the British Government; by Sir James Craig and Secretary Blackmore of the Northern Ireland Parliament, for Ulster, and by President Cosgrave and Ministers O'Hig. gins, Blythe and O'Byrne for the Free State."

According to cable advices received this week several changes have taken place in official bank rates at leading European centres. The Bank of England on Thursday announced an advance to $5 \%$, as against $4 \%$, the rate established on Oct. 1, when it was reduced from $41 / 2 \%$, the level prevailing since the previous Aug. 6. Another advance was that of the Bank of Belgium, which has raised its discount rate $1 / 2$ of $1 \%$ to $7 \%$; the previous $61 / 2 \%$ rate having been in effect only since Nov. 5 , while the Bank of India on Thursday reported an advance from 5\% to $6 \%$. The Bank of Czechoslovakia reduced its rate from 7 to $61 / 2 \%$, this being the first change since March 25. Aside from these alterations, bank rates continue to be quoted at $9 \%$ in Berlin; $7 \%$ in Italy; $6 \%$ in Paris ; $51 / 2 \%$ in Denmark; $5 \%$ in Madrid and Norway; $41 / 2 \%$ in Sweden, and $31 / 2 \%$ in Holland and Switzerland. In London open market discount rates were higher for both long and short bills, the closing quotation in each instance being $49-16 \%$, against $37 / 8 @ 4 \%$ last week. Call money also was firmer and closed at $3 \%$, as compared with $21 / 8 \%$ a week ago. At Paris and Switzerland open market discounts have not been changed from $45 / 8 \%$ and $21 / 8 \%$, respectively.

Another substantial contraction in gold holdings ( $£ 1,074,305$ ) was shown by this week's Bank of England statement, and this was accompanied, moreover, by further expansion in note circulation of $£ 1,330,000$, so that reserve of gold and notes in the banking department declined $£ 2,404,000$, while the proportion of reserve to liabilities fell to $15.98 \%$, which compares with $19.51 \%$ last week and $21.54 \%$ the week before that. At this time a year ago the ratio stood at $17 \%$ and in 1923 at $141 / 2 \%$. There were again striking changes in the deposit and loan items. Public deposits were reduced $£ 5,748,000$, while "other" deposits expanded $£ 18,483,000$. Loans on Government securities increased $£ 20,840,000$, although loans on "other" securities fell $£ 5,653,000$. The Bank's stock of gold is down to $£ 145,659,957$, as
against $£ 128,494,720$ a year ago (before the transfer to the Bank of England of the $£ 27,000,000$ gold formerly held by the Redemption Account of the Currency Note issue), and $£ 127,873,230$ a year earlier. Reserve amounts to $£ 22,129,000$, which compares with $£ 24,448,655$ in 1924 and $£ 21,511,440$ the year before. Note circulation is $£ 143,284,000$, in comparison with $£ 123,796,065$ and $£ 126,111,790$ one and two years ago, respectively, while loans aggregate $£ 71$,695,000 , as against $£ 72,851,663$ last year and $£ 74$,361,605 in 1923. As shown elsewhere in this section, the Bank of England governors on Thursday announced an advance of $1 \%$ to $5 \%$ in the official discount rate, for the purpose of stemming the drain upon its gold reserves and preventing further depletion of foreign balances. We append herewith comparisons of the different items of the Bank of England return for a series of years:


Circulation_. Public deposits. $\begin{array}{lrrrrr}\text { Public deposits_...- } & 8,526,000 & 10,399,575 & 11,209,522 & 11,142,202 & 11,995,996 \\ \text { Other deposits_... } 129,925,000 & 133,269,701 & 136,601,297 & 126,553,624 & 142,742,660 \\ \text { Ger } & 64,152,363 & 69,724,056 & 66,892,091 & 70,064,254\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllllll}\mathbf{6 1 4 3 , 2 8 4 , 0 0 0} & 123,796,065 & 126,111,790 & 123,063,855 & 124,961,865\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { Governm't securities } 62,438,000 & 64,152,363 & 69,724,056 & 66,892,091 & 70,064,254\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Other securities_... } & 71,695,000 & 72,851,663 & 74,361,605 & 65,830,847 & 80,636,460\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { Reserve notes \& coin } & 22,129,000 & 24,448,655 & 21,511,440 & 22,839,912 & 21,921,711\end{array}$ Coin and bullion_.a145,659,957 128,494,720 127,873,230 127,446,768 128,433,570 Proportion of reserve
$\begin{array}{rrrrrr}\text { to llabilitles..... } & 15.98 \% & 17 \% & 141 / 2 \% & 16 \% / 8 \% & 141 / 8 \% \\ \text { Bank rate_-...... } & * 5 \% & 4 \% & 4 \% & 3 \% & 5 \%\end{array}$ * Ralsed from $4 \%$ to $5 \%$ on Thursday Dec. 3 .
a Includes, beginning with April 29 1925, £27,000.000 gold coin and bullion aeviously held as security for currency note issues and which was transferred to the Bank of England on the British Government's decislon to return to the gold standard. b Beginning with the statement for April 29 1925, includes $£ 27,000.000$ of Bank of England notes isqued 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 return the present week showed an expansion of $1,098,214,000$ francs in note circulation, bringing the total outstanding up to a new high level at $49,183,657,555$ francs. Last year at this time note circulation stood at $40,447,011,195$ francs and the year before at $37,-$ $939,332,650$ francs. The French Government borrowed $1,550,000,000$ francs from the Bank during the week, raising the total of advances to the State to $33,450,000,000$ francs. The maximum of advances was on Nov. 23 fixed by the French Parliament at $33,500,000,000$ francs. The gold item continues to record small gains. This week's gain, namely 21,550 francs, brings the total of the gold holdings up to $5,547,806,000$ francs in comparison with $5,544,777,794$ francs for the corresponding date last year and $5,539,875,630$ francs the year before. Of these amounts, $1,864,320,907$ francs were held abroad in each of the years. Increases were registered in the various other items as follows: Silver, $1,628,000$ francs; bills discounted, $1,113,292,-$ 000 francs; advances, $60,558,000$ francs; treasury deposits, $31,633,000$ francs, and general deposits, $233,390,000$ francs. Comparisons of the different items in this week's return with the statement of last week and corresponding dates in both 1924 and 1923 are as follows:
bank of france's comparative statement.

| Gold Holdings- | Changes for Week. Francs. <br> Inc. 21,550 <br> Unchanged | Dec. 31925. Francs. | Status as of Dec. 41924. Francs. | Dec. 61923. Francs. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 3,683,485,093 | 3,680,456,886 | 3,675,554,722 |
|  |  | 1,864,320,907 | 1,864,320,907 | 1,864,320,907 |
|  | 21.550 | 5,547,806,000 | 5,544,777,794 | 5,539,875,630 |
| Silve | 1,628,000 | 316,767,016 | 304,650,037 | 296,194,474 |
| Bills discou | Inc 1,113,292,000 | 4,701,703,524 | 5,595,056,009 | 3,173,588,403 |
| Advances. | Inc 60,558,000 | 2,622,259,821 | 2,715,056,897 | 2,426,579,507 |
| Note clrculation | Inc1,098,214,000 | 49,183,657,555 | 40,447,011,195 | $37,939,332,650$ $15,417,449$ |
| Treasury deposits | Inc. $31,633,000$ | 40,758,708 | 17,659,218 | 15,417,449 |
| General deposit | Inc. $233,390,000$ | 7,996,043,730 | 1,976,471,061 | 2,097,671,527 |

The weekly statement of the German Reichsbank, issued under date of Nov. 30, revealed some impor
tant changes, reflecting the strain of meeting Dec. 1 settlements. Note circulation expanded $347,032,000$ marks, which contrasts with a decline last week. However, other maturing obligations were brought down $380,976,000$ marks and other liabilities 11,9556 ,000 marks. On the assets' side, the Bank reported an increase in holdings of bills of exchange and checks of $270,231,000$ marks, while advances moved up $12,241,000$ marks and reserve in foreign currencies $9,924,000$ marks. Silver and other coins decreased $2,095,000$ marks, and holdings of notes of other banks $23,527,000$ marks. Other assets fell heavily, declining $312,907,000$ marks. Investments were increased nominally 271,000 marks. Gold and bullion holdings remained almost stationary, there having been a gain of only 62,000 marks, to 1,207 ,262,000 marks. This total compares with $695,487,-$ 000 marks a year ago and $467,025,000$ in 1923. Note circulation outstanding amounts to $2,770,882,000$ marks.

The Federal Reserve banks' statements that were issued at the close of business on Thursday, continued to reflect increased demands for funds. Expansion was shown in rediscounting operations, although there was a moderate contraction in open market dealings. The report of the System showed a loss in gold of $\$ 3,200,000$. Rediscounts of bills secured by Government paper fell $\$ 31,800,000$. "Other" bills, however, gained $\$ 50,900,000$, so that total bills discounted for the week expanded $\$ 19$,100,000 . Holdings of bills bought in the open market decreased $\$ 1,700,000$. Total bills and securities (earning assets) were larger by $\$ 26,300,000$, while deposits gained $\$ 22,200,000$. An increase was also reported in Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation by $\$ 11,200,000$ and in member bank reserve accounts by $\$ 15,900,000$. The New York Bank reported an addition to gold of $\$ 4,800,000$. Rediscounting operations followed a parallel course with those of the banks as a group, namely a drop ( $\$ 32$,700,000 ) in Government secured paper, and a gain of $\$ 27,900,000$ in "other" bills. Open market purchases remained almost stationary, declining $\$ 600$,000 . Total bills and securities increased $\$ 4,700,000$ and deposits $\$ 14,300,000$. Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation decreased $\$ 900,000$, but member bank reserve accounts expanded $\$ 18,500,000$. The immediate effect of the additions to deposits, in the absence of heavier gold reserves, was to lower reserve ratios slightly. The ratio of the combined System declined $0.6 \%$, to $70.5 \%$; locally there was also a drop of $0.6 \%$, to $79.0 \%$.

Last Saturday's statement of New York Clearing House banks and trust companies indicated a further reduction in surplus, notwithstanding the fact that deposits decreased. In detail the figures reveal that loans expanded moderately, $\$ 1,037,000$, but that net demand deposits were reduced $\$ 57,737,000$, to $\$ 4,439,947,000$, which is exclusive of $\$ 10,004,000$ in Government deposits. As against this, time deposits were added to in amount of $\$ 11,125,000$, to $\$ 575,652$,000. Cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank were again increased, $\$ 2,482,000$, to $\$ 51,220,000$. This total, however, is not counted as reserve. State bank and trust company reserves in own vaults were augmented $\$ 432,000$ and reserves held by these institutions in other depositories were augmented by $\$ 11,000$. Member banks drew down
their reserves at the Federal Reserve Bank by $\$ 19$,897,000, with the result that although deposits decreased, surplus reserve fell $\$ 12,317,540$, to $\$ 10,061$,440. The above figures for surplus are based on legal reserve requirements of $13 \%$ against demand deposits for member banks of the Federal Reserve System, but not including $\$ 51,220,000$ cash in vault held by these member banks on Saturday last.
The fact that call money ruled at $5 \%$ was regarded in most circles as indicative of the evenness more than the firmness of the local money market. The most significant fact was that there were sufficient funds to meet all requirements. Yesterday, for instance, although it was Friday and the sales of stock on the Stock Exchange were substantially in excess of $2,000,000$ shares, the demand was not excessive. Call money in the outside market was said to have been obtainable at $41 / 2 \%$. It had been predicted that, with the return of the Dec. 1 disbursements to the usual channels, call money would drop below $5 \%$ before the end of this week. That it did not easily may have been due to the large collateral loans already outstanding, the renewed speculative activity in the stock market and to the expansion in general business. It is rather freely predicted that the volume of trade will increase throughout this month and probably in the early part of next year. Car loadings for the 18 th consecutive week were in excess of $1,000,000$ cars. Another substantial increase in the unfilled orders of the United States Steel Corporation as of Nov. 30 is looked for. The investment market, in anticipation of the large Jan. 1 disbursements, has been more active. New offerings have been on a larger scale. Apparently several goodsized foreign loans are soon to be brought out in this market.

Referring to money rates in detail, the call loan varied little the entire week. Although there was a range of $5 @ 51 / 2 \%$, with the exception of a brief period on Monday when a high point of $51 / 2 \%$ was touched, the only quotation named was $5 \%$, so that on the four remaining business days of the week, from Tuesday to Friday, $5 \%$ was the high, the low and the renewal basis at which call funds were negotiated. This compares with last week's range of $41 / 2 @ 5 \%$. For fixed date maturities the situation was not greatly changed. The undertone of the market was firm with offerings less plentiful; hence at the end of the week, the longer periods from ninety days to six months were quoted at $5 \%$, the trading rate, against $47 / 8 @ 5 \%$ a week ago; the sixty day rate was not changed from $47 / 8 \%$. The volume of business passing
was small. was small.
Mercantile paper rates have not been changed from $41 / 4 @ 41 / 2 \%$ for four to six months' names of choice character, with $4 \frac{1}{2} \%$ required for names not so well known. New England mill paper and the shorter choice names are still being dealt in at $41 / 4 \%$. Trading was moderately active with most of the business furnished by out of town institutions.
Banks' and bankers' acceptances ruled quiet with nothing new to report. A firm tone prevailed. Country banks were the principal buyers, but the aggregate turnover was limited, since the inquiry was light in keeping with the stiffening in the call division. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council was advanced and is now $41 / 2 \%$, against $41 / 4 \%$ last
week. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rate on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks $33 / 8 \%$ bid and $31 / 4 \%$ asked for bills running 30 days, $312 \%$ bid and $33 / 8 \%$ asked for 60 days, $35 / 8$ bid and $31 / 2 \%$ asked for 90 days, $33 / 4 \%$ bid and $35 \%$ asked for 120 days, $37 / \%$ bid and $334 \%$ asked for 150 days, and $4 \%$ bid and $37 / 8 \%$ asked for 180 days. Open market quotations are as follows:


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

| FEDERAL RESERVE BANK. | Paper Maturino- |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Wsthin <br> 90 Days. |  |  |  | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { After } \\ \text { Days } \\ \text { Datut } \\ \text { Wishn } \\ \text { Wont } \\ \text { Mons. } \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { After } 6 \\ \text { but } \\ \text { Withn } \\ \text { Months } \end{gathered}$ |
|  | Com'rctal Agtic'l \& Livestock Paper. n.e.s. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c}\text { Secured } \\ \text { By U. } \\ \text { Governm't } \\ \text { Oblsga- } \\ \text { tons. }\end{array}\right\|$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Bankers } \\ \text { Acep- } \\ \text { tances. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Trade Acceptances | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Agricul. } \\ \text { and } \\ \text { Civestock } \\ \text { Paper. } \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Aorscmi } \\ \text { and } \\ \text { asestock } \\ \text { Papor } \end{gathered}$ |
| Boston.-.-. |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{31 / 2}^{4}$ | ${ }_{3}^{4} 3$ |
| New York.-. | $31 / 2$ | $4^{31 / 2}$ | $31 / 2$ | $31 / 2$ | $31 / 3$ | 335 |
| Cleveland... | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Richmond. | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Atlanta | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | ${ }^{8}$ |
| Chicago | 4 | 4 | ${ }_{4}^{4}$ | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| St. Louls | $\stackrel{4}{4}$ | 4 | ${ }_{4}^{4}$ | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| Kansas Clty- | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | ${ }_{4}^{4}$ | ${ }_{8}^{4}$ |
| Dallas | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |  |

- Including bankers' acce

The outstanding event of the week as regards the sterling exchange market was the marking up of the English Bank rate on Thursday, after a week or more of contradictory and conflicting rumors on the subject. For the second time in the space of less than two months the Bank of England took action suddenly and without warning. The advance to $5 \%$ caused a small ripple in sterling exchange circles and resulted in an advance of about $3 / 4$ c. to $4847 / 8$ for demand, accompanied by a moderate increase in trading activity. Prior to this development, the sterling market was all but stagnant and prices displayed a sagging tendency, with demand selling between $4841-16$ and $4843-16$. In a general way, however, a growing feeling of optimism prevailed and some predictions were heard that sterling was due for a rise to 4.85 , or over, independent of what the British banking authorities might do; hence few attempts were made to ship gold, even when sterling had dipped sufficiently to make such transactions profitable. The advance in the Bank of England rate naturally turned attention to the question as to whether the New York Federal Reserve Bank would follow suit. Opinion was divided on this point, but it was almost unanimously conceded that if an advance were to be announced, it would only be $1 / 2 \%$, thus preserving the "differential" between the rates of the two institutions. As it turned out, no change was made. The least favorable aspect of the increase in the English Bank rate will of course be its adverse affect on British trade and industry. But this is not expected to make itself felt for sometime. Good buying developed on Thursday on the part of banks who were adding to their London balances, also buying for short term investments and this sent prices up to the highest level of
the week. Improvement, on the surface at least, in France's political status, and the ratification of the momentous Locarno pacts lent buoyancy to the undertone of the market.
Referring to the more detailed quotations, sterling exchange on Saturday last was easier and demand sold down to $4843-16$ (one rate), cabled transfers to $4849-16$ and sixty days to $48015-16$; trading was dull. On Monday there was a recession to around the gold shipment point and the range was 4841-16@ 484 3-16 for demand, 484 7-16@4 84 9-16 for cable transfers and $48013-16 @ 48015-16$ for sixty days. Sterling moved within narrow limits on Tuesday, with demand at 4841-16@4841/8, cable transfers at 4847-16@4841/2, and sixty days at 483 15-16@ 484 ; the market continued inactive. Wednesday's market was dull and prices not changed from 484 1-16 @4 841/8 for demand, 4847-16@4841/2 for cable transfers, and $48013-16 @ 4807 / 8$ for sixty days. On Thursday sterling responded to the rise in the Bank of England rate to 5\%, by an advance of 3-16c. to 484114@484 9-16 for demand, while cable transfers ranged between $4845 / 8 @ 48415-16$ and sixty days at $481 @ 481$ 15-16; trading was quite active for a time. Increased activity developed on Friday, so that demand bills rose fractionally to 4841/2@4847/8, cable transfers to $4847 / 8 @ 4851 / 4$ and sixty days to $4811 / 4 @ 4815 / 8$; the market was quieter. Closing quotations were $4815 / 8$ for sixty days, $4847 / 8$ for demand and $4851 / 4$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at $4843 / 4$, sixty days at $4811 / 8$, ninety days at $4801 / 8$, documents for payment (sixty days) at $4813 / 8$ and seven-day grain bills at $4835 / 8$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at $4843 / 4$.

No gold engagements for this country have been reported the present week, although the Bank of England exported the precious metal heavily, mainly to the Straits Settlements, Holland and India. The Holland shipments were said to be in part payment of Great Britain's purchase from Holland of the Allied Sumatra Rubber Estates. The Japanese Government is shipping $\$ 2,000,000$ in gold to San Francisco via the S. S. Shinyo Maru, making the fifth shipment of gold from Japan to this country inside of three months.

Movements in the Continental exchanges continued to show irregularity, and while the general trend was toward higher levels, net gains were moderate, and restricted to a few currencies only. French affairs were again a dominating influence in the European exchange markets and francs moved alternately up or down in response to the kaleidoscopic political happenings in that distracted Republic. Franc exchange opened firm at a few points above the high of last Friday, namely $3.881 \frac{1}{4}$, then advanced to 4.01, but later in the week dropped back to $3.751 / 4$, though closing at 3.90 . In the early dealings the rally was predicated on M. Briand's success in forming a new Cabinet headed by popular leaders, also announcement by this Cabinet that one of its first actions would be to press settlement of France's war debts. Confidence in the ability of M. Loucheur as a financier aided in the advance. This was largely sentimental, however, and in part due to shortcovering operations, and it soon developed that important banking institutions were not buying. Sober second thought brought a realization of the fact that little short of a miracle will be re-
quired to tide the Treasury over the approaching year-end crisis, at least without resort to further material inflation, also that M. Briand is still faced with the task of passing his new measures through the French Senate. By Wednesday, therefore, a heavy break occurred, carrying the franc more than 25 points down, mainly on reports that the Briand Ministry contemplated the advocacy of sundry inflationary measures and the hated capital levy. M. Loucheur's proposals to increase the legal limit of note circulation $7,500,000,000$ francs and at the same time raise direct taxation $50 \%$ at first, met with an unfavorable reception and exercised a sharply depressing effect, with the usual ineffectual rush to sell francs and renewed exportation of capital. Toward the latter part of the week some of the losses were regained, partly in sympathy with the advance in sterling and partly because the Bank of France statement proved more favorable than had been expected, and also acceptance by the French Chamber of the Loucheur proposals.

Most of the activity in French exchange emanated from abroad, and local dealers continued to maintain an attitude of aloofness. Other branches of the market were also inactive. Italian lire were comparatively steady, ruling at around 4.03 the greater part of the week, on a small volume of trading. Antwerp francs were likewise unaffected by the variations in Paris exchange and were held at close to 4.52. German and Austrian exchanges are still nominal, in the absence of trading activity. Greek currency was dull but stable at around 1.33 . In the minor exchanges of the Central European group, no important changes occurred save in Polish zlotys, which again crashed violently, establishing another sensationally low point at 10 , or an additional loss in value of 4.60 from the low of last week. This was the direct result of a renewal of heavy speculative selling, also the flight of capital out of Poland due to nervousness over the political crisis that has arisen from the overthrow of the Grabski cabinet, together with lack of confidence in Poland's currency, and banking difficulties generally. It is stated that Poland has completely exhausted its banking credits in the United States and will have to seek aid elsewhere. Loss of the German market for Polish coal, as well as a prolonged tariff war with Germany are believed to have been at bottom of Poland's troubles, which have been aggravated by the restrictions in both foreign and domestic credits that followed the first collapse in the price of the zloty and attended by serious disorganization of the banking of the country. It is claimed that an attempt will be made to secure American aid for support of Polish currency and at the close there was a recovery to 13.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 126.92, which compares with 125.56 a week ago. In New York, sight bills on the French centre finished at 3.87 , against $3.861 / 4$; cable transfers at 3.88 , against $3.871 / 4$; commercial sight bills at 3.86 , against $3.851 / 4$, and commercial sixty days at $3.811 / 2$, against $3.803 / 4$ last week. Antwerp francs closed at 4.52 for checks and at 4.53 for cable transfers, in comparison with $4.511 / 2$ and $4.521 / 2$ the previous week. Final quotations on Berlin marks were 23.81 (one rate) for both checks and cable transfers, against $23.811 / 4$ a week ago. Austrian kronen continue to be quoted at $0.00141 / 8$, without change. Lire finished the week at $4.023 / 4$ for bankers' sight bills and at $4.033 / 4$ for cable remittances. Last week the close
was 4.03 and 4.04. Exchange on Czechoslovakia closed at $2.963 / 8$, against $2.961 / 4$ on Bucharest at $0.461 / 8$, against $0.451 / 4$, and on Finland at $2.521 / 4$ against $2.521 / 2$. Polish zlotys finished at 13 , against 14.60 a week earlier. Greek drachmae closed at 1.33 for checks and at $1.331 / 2$ for cable transfers, which compares with 1.32 and 1.33 on Friday of last week.

Trading was quiet"and rate variations comparatively narrow in the former neutral exchanges this week. Guilders held their own and gained a couple of points, though losing it at the close. Swiss francs hovered around $19.263 / 4 @ 19.27$ and closed at 19.28. The Scandinavians were neglected. Danish exchange receded about 6 points, to 20.84 , and Norwegian krone eased off to 20.26 , a loss of 5 points, on small dealings. In the late trading, however, a partial recovery took place. Swedish exchange remained practically unchanged. Spanish pesetas moved in the same direction and after ruling within a point or two of 14.17 , declined to 14.13 , but rallied sharply on Friday to 14.29 before the close on short covering. The sharp up and down movements in some of the major Continentals apparently had no influence on values of neutral exchange.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam closed at 40.18, against $40.171 / 2$; cable transfers at 40.20 , against $40.191 / 2$; commercial sight bills at 40.10 , against $40.091 / 2$, and commercial sixty days at 39.74 , against $39.731 / 2$ last week. Closing rates on Swiss francs were 19.28 for bankers' sight bills and 19.29 for cable transfers, which compares with 19.26 and 19.27 a week ago. Copenhagen checks finished at 24.98 and cable transfers at 25.02 , against 24.82 and 24.86 . Checks on Sweden closed at 26.71 and cable transfers at 26.75 , against 26.72 and 26.76 , while checks on Norway finished at 20.35 and cable transfers at 20.31 , against 20.39 and $20.341 / 2$ the preceding week. Spanish pesetas closed the week at 14.29 for checks and at 14.31 for cable transfers. A week ago the close was $14.161 / 2$ and $14.181 / 2$.

As to South American exchange, irregularity again prevailed, though trading was not especially active. Argentine pesos continue to appreciate and finished at 41.51 for checks and at 41.56 for cable transfers, against 41.43 and 41.48. Brazilian milreis on the other hand, were heavy, reaching a new low level of 13.87, mainly as a result of preparations to meet forthcoming interest payments abroad. The close was at 13.95 for checks and at 14.00 for cable transfers, as against 14.16 and 14.21 last week. Chilean exchange was strong and advanced to 12.32 , though closing at 12.24 , against 12.25 , while Peru remained at 398 , unchanged.

Far Eastern exchange was favorably affected by buoyancy in the silver market; that is, so far as the Chinese division was concerned, while Japanese yen advanced to as high as $441 / 4$ for a time. Hong Kong finished at $583 / 8 @ 583 / 4$, against $581 / 8 @ 585 / 8$; Shanghai at 773/8@78, against 78@781/4; Yokohama at 431/4@ $439-16$, against $431 / 4 @ 435 / 8$; Manila ta $50 @ 501 / 4$ (unchanged); Singapore at $57 @ 573 / 8$ (unchanged); Bombay at 361/4@37 (unchanged), and Calcutta at 363/4@37 (unchanged).

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 522 of the Tariff Act of 1922, the Federal Reserve Bank is now certifying daily to the Secretary of the Treasury the buying rate for cable transfers in the different coun-
tries 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. NOV. 281925 TO DEC. 4 1925, INCLUSIVE.

| ownity and Monetary | Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York Value in Untted States Money. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Nov. 28. | Nov. 30. | Dec. 1. | Dec. 2 | Dec. | Dec. |
| EUROPE- | ${ }^{3}$ | 5 | ${ }^{5}$ | 8 | 8 |  |
| Austria, schilling* | . 14057 | . 14060 | . 14054 | . 14062 | . 14053 | . 14059 |
| Belglum, franc. | . 0452 | . 0453 | . 0453 | . 0453 | . 0452 | . 0453 |
| Czechoslovakia, | . 0027272 | . 0073817 | . 00072888 | . 0027300 | . 007284 | . 0072964 |
| Denmark. krone. | . 2491 | . 24.2988 | . 24886 | . 24888 | . 24980 | . 25029615 |
| England, pound ling - | . 48454 | 4.8452 | 4.8441 | 4,8446 | 4.8474 | 4.8502 |
| Fintand, mark | . 025216 | . 025223 | . 025215 | ${ }^{4,825213}$ | . 025225 | . 025223 |
| France, franc. | . 0388 | . 0397 | . 0391 | . 0384 | . 0380 | . 0383 |
| Germany, reichsmark. | . 2380 | . 2381 | . 2380 | . 2381 | . 2381 | . 2381 |
| Greece, drachma | . 013313 | . 013320 | . 013292 | . 013277 | . 013291 | . 013279 |
| Holland, gulder | . 4020 | . 4020 | . 4020 | . 4020 | . 4021 | . 4019 |
| Hungary, kron | . 000014 | . 000014 | . 000014 | . 000014 | . 000014 | . 0000014 |
| Italy, Ifra | . 0404 | . 0404 | . 0403 | . 0402 |  | . 0403 |
| Porway, kro | . 20371 | . 2035 | . 2031 | - 20969 | . 20981 | . 2038 |
| Portugal, escu | . 0511 | . 0512 | . 0512 | . 0510 | . 0510 | . 0511 |
| Rumania, leu | . 004530 | . 004551 | . 004526 | . 004517 | . 004528 | . 004556 |
| Spain, peseta | . 1419 | . 1418 | . 1417 | . 1415 | . 1416 | . 1430 |
| Sweden, kron | . 2676 | . 2676 | . 2675 | . 2675 | 2675 | . 2675 |
| Switzeriand, fra | . 1927 | . 1927 | . 1927 | . 1927 | . 1927 | . 1927 |
| Yugoslavia, dinar ASIA- | . 017701 | . 017713 | 017699 | . 017698 | . 017697 | . 017702 |
| China- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chetoo, tael | . 7829 | . 7846 | 7854 | . 7846 | . 7854 | . 7883 |
| Hankow, tael | . 7719 | . 7741 | . 7741 | . 7731 | . 7734 | . 7744 |
| Shanghai, tael | . 7567 | . 7575 | . 7575 | . 7571 | . 7580 | . 7608 |
| Tlentsin, tael | . 7933 | . 7950 | . 7950 | . 7942 | . 7950 | . 7967 |
| Hong Kong, dollar | . 5754 | . 5768 | . 5758 | . 5736 | . 5767 | . 5779 |
| Mexican dollar Tientsin or Pelyang. | . 5540 | . 5552 | . 5543 | 5546 | . 5550 | . 5565 |
|  | . 5600 | . 5538 | . 5542 | . 5538 | . 5542 | . 5567 |
| Yuan, | . 5733 | . 5671 | . 5675 | . 5671 | . 5675 | . 5700 |
| India, rupee | . 3661 | . 3662 | . 3663 | . 3663 | . 3663 | . 3662 |
| Singapore(S.s.), dollar NORTH AMER. | . 4315 | . 4306 | . 4308 | . 4319 | . 4308 | . 4288 |
|  | 5658 | . 5658 | . 5658 | . 5658 | . 5658 | . 5654 |
| Canada, dollar. | 1.001049 | 1.001031 | 1.000404 | 1.000357 | 1.000323 | 1.000070 |
| Cuba, peso-.-- | $\begin{aligned} & .999688 \\ & .488500 \end{aligned}$ | 1.999563 | -.999563 | 1.999188 | 1.999750 | . 999500 |
| Mexico, peso |  | . 4898667 | . 4898500 | . 4897167 | . 486333 | . 48975162 |
| Newfoundland, dollar | . 998406 |  |  |  | . 998250 |  |
| Argentina, peso (gold) | . 9418 | . 9419 | . 94188 | .9441 | . 9443 | . 9441 |
|  | . 1405 |  |  |  | . 1399 | 13.95 |
| Chile, peso (paper) <br> Uruguay. peso.-----1.0213 |  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{r} .1400 \\ .1225 \\ 1.0214 \end{array}\right.$ | .12261.0204 | .12211.0217 | .12111.0212 | +.1212 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained $\$ 4,912,477$ net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ended Dec. 3. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated $\$ 6,536,477$, while the shipments have reached $\$ 1,624$,000 , as per the following table:
UURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING


As the Sub-Treasury was taken over by the Federal Reserve Bank on Dec. 6 1920, it is no longer possible to show the effect of Government operations on the Clearing House institutions. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York was creditor at the Clearing House each day as follows:
daily credit balances of new york federal reserve bank at clearing house.

| saturday, <br> Nov. 28. | Monday. <br> Noo. 30 . | Tuesday. Dec. 1. | Wednesd'y <br> Dec. 2. | Thursday, <br> Dec. 3. | Friday, <br> Dec. 4. | Aggregate for Week. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{S} \\ 94,000,000 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ \\ 103.000 .000 \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{4.000,000}{\mathbf{S}}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \$ \\ \hline 96,000,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\stackrel{\underset{S}{s}}{0100000}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{8} \\ 36,000,000 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \mathbf{8} \\ 554,000,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 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 to the New York Reserve Bank from all parts of the country in the operation or
the Federal Reserve Systems' par collection scheme. These large credit balances, however, reflect anly 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 | Dec. 31925. |  |  | Dec. 41924. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Gold. | Stleer. | Totat. | Gold. | Sllver. | Total. |
| England | $\frac{£}{145,659,957}$ | £ | $\underset{145,659,957}{\stackrel{x}{x}}$ | $\underset{128,494,720}{\mathcal{E}}$ | £ | $\underset{128,49}{8}$ |
| France a-- | 147,339,404 | 12,640,000 | 159,979,404 | 147,217,135 | 12,160,000 | 159,377,135 |
| Germany c | 50,492,500 | d994,600 | 51,487,100 | 22,740,050 | 1294,600 | 23,734,650 |
| Aus.-Hung | b2,000,000 |  | b2,000,000 | b2,000,000 |  | b2,000,000 |
|  | $101,467,000$ $35,646,000$ | $26,001,000$ | 127,468,000 | 101,397,000 | 26,071,000 | 127,468,000 |
| Netherr'ds. | 38,646,000 | $3,358,000$ $1,953,000$ | $39,004,000$ $40,106,000$ | $35,583,000$ $40.019,000$ | $3,425,000$ $1,020,000$ | $39,008,000$ $41,039,000$ |
| Nat. Belg- | 10,954,000 | ${ }_{3.653,000}^{1,95300}$ | 14,607,000 | 10,819,000 | $1,020,000$ $2,750,000$ | 13,569,000 |
| Switzerl'd. <br> Sweden | 18,233,000 | 3,634,000 | 21,867,000 | 20,217,000 | 3,757,000 | 23,974,000 |
| Denmark - | 11,812,000 |  | 12,812,000 | 13,280,000 |  | 13,280,000 |
| Norway -- | $1,630,000$ $8,180,000$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 12,680,000 \\ 8,180,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 11,640,100 \\ 8,180,000 \end{array}$ | 0 | $\begin{array}{r} 12,884,000 \\ 8,180,000 \end{array}$ |
| Total week 582,566,861 <br> Prev. week 684,919,104 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## A Proposed Joint Trade Relations Committee.

On Dec. 15, in Washington, at a National Distribution Conference, to be held under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, an effort will be made to establish a Joint Trade Relations Committee that is expected to aid in banishing unethical trade practices in business, together with those regarded as economically unsound and those that produce waste. The committee, according to the plan, is to consist of an equal number of producers and distributers, with representation of the consumer. A forecast of the functions of the committee states the following: " 1 . To act as a clearing house for charges of trade abuses and to assist in the elimination of unethical practices. 2. To conduct research into existing trade abuses and existing codes set up among trades to cure these abuses, and so serve as a gradually expanding repository for what might be expressed as the common law of business. 3. To stimulate the development of codes and methods of settling disputes within trades where they do not really exist. 4. To bring about joint action by producers and distributers to accomplish the elimination of business wastes for the existence of which each has a responsibility."
As this Joint Trade Relations Committee does not appear to be a tribunal for the trial of specific cases, acting only in a general advisory capacity, it may well be welcomed as a serious effort to assist in formulating and proclaiming the best business practices. If it adheres to the lines of clearing house registration of charged evils, research into abuses, stimulation to the amicable settlement of disputes, and the furthering of joint action in the elimination of waste, it will have a wide and useful field of work. Any attempt, however, to fasten its findings in an arbitrary way upon producers and distributers, as we see it, will tend to destroy its usefulness, for the way to profit through initiative and enterprise must in any event be left free. The danger is that in its efforts to cure supposed bad practices and wastes it will lean too much toward standardization that will stifle individual efforts at improvements.

Nevertheless, it is to be acclaimed as an earnest effort to help business from the inside and thus to diminish the untimely call upon Government for regulation and control. What actually may be accomplished remains to be demonstrated. An enumeration of factors in "unethical trade practices," to come within the purview of the committee has been given as follows: "Fluctuations in price; lack of sound business methods, adherence to trade customs that have outgrown their original justification, the disrupting influence of the "fly-by-night" business organizations, fluctuations in style, discrimination among customers, lack of standard practices in trade transactions, lack of standardization in products, lack of machinery for adjusting disputes." This is an ambitious program, though if carried out with zeal and system for continuing years may prove a great boon. The principles of good business conduct are not hard to discover. They consist in upright dealing, the progressive development of trade, the careful and wise use of capital, and in the faithful and helpful service that brings success. Behind these elements, shaping and moulding, always lies the natural law. There are old sayings that never lose their power. "You can-
not make a silk purse out of a sow's ear," is one of them. Much of failure, much of fraud, in business is due to trying to force profit out of a business that is contrary to the conditions and the resources of the time and in opposition to the legitimate wants and needs of men and communities. The growth and success of industries as a whole is the foundation of all study. Secondary to this is a study of the elements of success over long periods by those firms and companies that have adhered to one line.
This matter of waste goes beyond the mere conduct of business. It originates in the people themselves, and there will always be a supply to meet such a demand. A writer has been at pains to show that half the things we use we do not need. And he calls it wasted energy to produce them. The estimate is large; and it must be shown that the things that we can do without we ought to do without. No doubt we waste our substance in foolish living. No doubt we are tempting fate in such experiments as conquering the air. We do not need the radio; yet it spreads joy and thought over the world to our betterment from a social and an intellectual standpoint. We could do with half the sugar we produce; and possibly have better health. We do not need "canned" music; possibly our artistic standards would be improved by the larger education of individual performances. We eat too much starchy bread; and most of the doctors tell us we eat too much meat. And so, when it comes to "fluctuations in style," we may at once conclude that no Business Committee will ever accomplish anything as long as people are the slaves of fashion. In the matter of dress, as in most things, if the law of use is to be the law of beauty the creators of change are to be condemned only when they force upon the people something that violates the laws of good taste. Carried a little further afield, we may conclude that new fashions, new implements and utensils, new articles of use and beauty, and new uses for old things, will never be regulated and controlled by the edicts of the makers and distributers, and perhaps ought not to be, since they elevate the minds and hearts of the people.
There is a difference between department stores and those that sell a single line. The former succeeds by variety and cheapness and the latter by a form of standardization. It is not difficult to believe that in the social economy the department store fills the greater need and serves better the public. The chain stores that handle a single article or "Iine" may well serve by the economies of large purchases and systematized sales. But the chain of small-price stores may do this also with the added benefit of gathering articles of all kinds, that can be sold within the price, from all the world. Neither of these innovations in the modern mercantile world can in these particulars interfere with the freedom of initiative or the right to individual enterprise. But when they reach the point where they absorb the available locations (they have not yet reached that point) then they attain a form of "standardization" that must be questioned as to its ultimate effect. This is illustrated more specifically in chain restaurants. When these absorb all the available locations, and then standardize the bill of fare they serve, they will begin to disintegrate. They will have violated the fundamental law that the "appetite grows by what it feeds on." People cannot be forced to eat what they do not want simply because
it is standardized; and may be cheap-often it is not, for here is where the temptation to use the power of monopoly begins. And so we develop the large truth that to standardize anywhere along the line is to make stationary, to thwart development and progress, to lower the taste, and to destroy the benefits of a service which fills a want or a need.
We do not know what is meant by "fluctuations in price." The reprehensible custom of marking goods up simply to mark them down at a so-called "reduction sale," or some such device, is already discounted by the trade. It destroys confidence in the merchant, and it discloses to the customer the range of profit-making. The custom is curing itself. Price will, on the contrary, always fluctuate. And it will be a long time before a committee can show that a merchant has not a right, within reasonable bounds, to take advantage of scarcity when he is himself stocked up, or any other adventitious circumstance connected with his business, if perchance that is what is meant. Matters of fraud in sizes, weights and measures offer a different problem. Conveniences in the administration of business are always subjects of concerted action. Here, again, the old law, however, obtains. Before any finding of allied merchants is this older and more fundamental law of honest service. There is a phrase, "all wool and a yard wide," that covers the ground. An inch board is an inch in thickness-and when it is not the seller who so represents it suffers. It is idle to talk about establishing a fraud or an evil by custom. Dependable merchants are the only ones who succeed in the long run. And the buyers are the dictators; and are themselves to blame when they carelessly condone an imposition. All of these things go to show that the committee itself must follow the law of the merchant, which is the law of the land.
It has been remarked by a commentator that "It is easier to bring the statutes into conformity with the common law than to revolutionize the common law by statutes." It is here that the proposed committee can perform its greatest service. In all that it does it is looking from the inside out, while the Government must always look from the outside in. If it does no more than point out the lack of "sound business methods" in the broad, comprehensive sense, it will have performed an inestimable service. Of course, there are many men and firms attempting to do business who do not know how. Well-conducted business and the public pay the cost of this ignorance. But it will never be wholly eradicated. A large proportion of business failures is due to mismanagement. But management is and always will be an individual problem. On the other hand, the proportion of customer-buyers who do not know what they are buying is very large. This ignorance, which also can never be wholly eradicated, is no less to the all-wool-and-a-yard-wide merchant. If he is capable he knows quality and he is entitled to a just profit for knowing. Every man to his trade. The professional man desires no more than to be honestly advised. The good housewife seeks only a fair price. The jobber and retailer will not long patronize a wholesaler who does not come up to specifications. Business is always in process of expunging evil practices. Unfortunately, the greed for bargains among individual and ignorant buyers hampers the process.

We come back, therefore, to standardization of practices, processes and products. Speaking gen-
erally, we should beware of standardized products. The machine and mass production does enough of this without any outside aid. Standardization of products plays into the hands of monopoly. All national resources should be developed by the freedom of individuals to engage in lawful trade. As for old customs in mining and manufacturing, they are sloughing off all the time. You cannot say, as union labor is now trying to say, to New England textiles, that they are losing because the South is using newer and better machinery. They can easily get this, and will get it, when other things are equal. And if they never get it and prefer to go down with old customs they are but filling the law of the maker and merchant. What we perceive in this whole question is that the mind of man impinging upon the resources of earth is so vast in its ramifications that neither a committee from the inside nor a Government from the outside can formulate in maxims or methods the fundamental law that governs. And in so far as it does, it will merely promulgate the "best methods" because they have already established themselves by common precept and experience. There is room for even this-but it is by education rather than rule.
Trade is a kaleidoscope; the patterns are infinite; the causes are simple, original, steadfast, controlling. While there is much that seems irresponsible in our search for wealth, fame, enjoyment, we do very little by deliberate chance save in our gambling on the turn of prices. And in all that we do silent and unseen forces move us. We adventure far in industrial production, we try to supply to the full needs and wants, even try to create them, but the demand is hidden in the social and individual nature. For this reason there will always be a modicum of waste and unethical practice. What is important is not so much rules as a result of studied regulation, as an understanding that in all the large and wholesome movements conformity to the codes, laws and practices that are common because they have evolved through long experience is wise and profitable. The man who tries to borrow from many banks, the man who undersells in one line and overcharges in another, the man who tries to make marketable cloth on out-of-date machines, the fly-by-night who does not think three removes are equal to a fire, the maker of shoddy and one who skimps in measurements, must all meet the inexorable law of failure. And a committee that can make clear the cause and effect in business will serve a good cause. Beyond this there must be an accounting by all efforts at regulation and standardization to the tastes and desires of the people. Trade is a river that sometimes runs dry and often overflows. Out of the efforts of the multitude come the multitude and variety of products and processes by which we sustain and advance the common life. Herein is the common, controlling law, though unwritten.

## The Memoirs of Sir Edward Grey.

It is hard to realize that the men whose names will be associated with the history of the first quarter of the 20th century are rapidly passing off the stage. The new knowledge and the new methods in science, in industry, in business and in government which characterized the 19th century, increasing toward its close, precipitated upon the new century the volume of conflicting interests and confusing problems which made the immediate future dif-
ficult to guide or even forecast. The statesmen carried over with it were naturally governed by their established conceptions and attached to their individual aims. It was inevitable that they should conflict with one another and pursue radically different policies. The nations would be powerfully affected, and some chief figures would be lost in the melee. A few had vision and a faith in all that makes for righteousness. These men will be the guides of the new generation.
We have at hand the story of one of these statesmen whom none will be likely to surpass, as it is given the accuracy and the clarity of the transparently simple, truthful and deeply sympathetic narrative of Sir Edward Grey, the British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.*
In the various European courts there were individuals upon whom the full weight of the greatest crisis of modern history rested, but among them all there was no one who was more deeply conscious of his responsibility, whose testimony will carry more weight, or whose example is more to our purpose.
In the spring of 1914 peace existed in Europe, but in international relations two facts prevailed. Fear and suspicion were ever present; great armies, with all that pertains to them, stood prepared; and no outside relations could influence either situation. France did not desire war with Germany, but thought it inevitable. Germany, with no limitation of cost or effort, had created the most perfectly prepared army the world had ever seen and was under control of her military staff. Russia, with vast resources and confirmed consciousness of power, looked on; and Belgium felt safe only in the guaranty of Germany, England and France.
Sir Edward Grey entered the Foreign Office a young man in 1892. He realized at once the dangers of the existing situation. The great nations were contending for special advantages, and to defeat one another's similar attempts. Crises constantly occurred, with several wars in the Balkans, and three or four close approaches to war and constant ill-will among the greater States. Suspicion was in the air. No event was too small or remote to create extreme danger. Siam, the Nile, the Congo, South Africa, the Far East, were in turn the scene of such occurrences. However little known to the public, these events made the chief business of the Foreign Office. The new century opened with the Kruger telegram, Algeciras, and eventually, Agadir. Whatever the good intentions of individuals or the States, the conditions did not change; the tension tightened. Counter-alliances, ripening at last in the Entente, were made to hold back the universal pressure. In connection with the call for the Algeciras Conference, Lord Ripon, Grey's superior, said, "that a European war should come out of it seemed almost impossible," but with his knowledge of influences at work, he "could feel no security." Under pressure, Britain sacrificed various interests in the Near East; Germany gave way about Casablanca, and again at Agadir, and France accepted humiliation after Algeciras, and paid a price for peace at Agadir.
But there was no substantial imprest But there was no substantial improvement. Germany years irritated, and up to the months immediately preceding the war, was exacting and inimical.
As one issue after another was settled, a third would quickly be created. The British Foreign Office, under Sir Edward Grey, with the aid of in-""Twenty-five Years, 1892-1916," by Viscount Grey of Falloden. F. A.
Stokes Co.
dividual diplomats in other courts, was able to obtain peace in the Balkan War of 1912-13; and the Ambassadors' Conference in London was characterized by good faith, good will and freedom from personal rivalries and self-interest, which have found a counterpart to-day at Locarno. But the record is that "it made none but a passing impression upon the Governments of Europe." The situation was persistently evil. When 1914 came, the same Ambassadors were at their posts in London, but "no one in Berlin or Vienna seems to have remembered the past or found in the recollection of 1912-13 any hope of the future." When the suggestion was again made to settle the great issue by the same agency as before it was peremptorily dismissed by Germany and Austria. The German Ambassador in London at one with the British Foreign Minister, had no support at home and could accomplish nothing. The current of European affairs had set toward war. Austria was fascinated by the strength of the German army. France and Russia were held by fear of it.

The assassination of the Archduke of Sarajevo came suddenly. At first Austria was not alarmed; but acrimonious accusations soon followed. Then came in quick succession the anxious days, the efforts of the Ambassadors to secure peace and their failure, the Austrian ultimatum sharpened in its terms at Berlin, the Kaiser's marginal note, "Stamp upon this rabble," Serbia's abject surrender, and the Kaiser's second note, "There is now no cause of war," with his silence when his officials vetoed the proposal for a Conference and made no response to the Tsar's appeal for a reference to the Hague Tribunal. The control was not with the Kaiser or his Ministers. Neither he nor they desired war, despite his earlier proclamation of a "vice-regency from God," and "shining armor and a glittering sword," and his brave personal display in Constantinople.

The immovable organized authority was the military. The last preparation had been made, save that the naval authorities would prefer to wait another year. They were now to be held back till the "insignificant little British army" should be permitted to cross the Channel, where they could be quickly annihilated, and the way opened directly to Paris and the French army held while the whole German army could be turned against Russia.
The full detail of this history, with quotations from the original documents, is given at length in the same quiet, convincing tone of a strong man who saw his immediate efforts fail, and, to-day, after ten years since his surrendering his place to others, can
behold the approach of his heart's desire in the growing assurance of the international peace and goodwill to which his life has been devoted. He has treated those who were opposed to him with careful consideration. He holds the German Emperor not as typical, but as a man sui-generis, possessed of his own peculiar characteristics, one who believed the German a chosen people, a belief which leads to much inevitable assumption. Obviously, their Kultur ought to dominate the world.
Europe had become an armed camp. Force seemed the one thing that would count; it was not reasonable that the strongest and best equipped nation should wait until others would be equally, or still more weightily equipped. Her conduct raises the question whether it is wise or right to precipitate a crime because one thinks that someone else will sooner or later commit it. This brings the issue clearly before all the European States and is the question to-day. How far did each share this feeling and join in the common purpose? In the last analysis the war occurred because of the universal lack of the will to peace. The inveterate and ineradicable distrust which poisoned European diplomacy had made normal life and healthy growth impossible.

It is true, as others have said, that war and modern civilization cannot co-exist; and if competitive armaments are not destroyed civilization itself is doomed. Nothing can save us but a new worldrelationship; that is, a new allegiance of the people to the Golden Rule. The gathering last week of a great people in a national Thanksgiving, expressing the attitude of the nation no less than that of the individual citizens, is witness to the progress, slow but real, that the world is making toward that goal.
Amid the murk and darkness of the four terrible years the figure of Sir Edward Grey stands out pre-eminent among the men in high position as the man who from first to last, with his feet on the ground of the actual situation, sought in entire forgetfulness of himself and under the burden of the sorrow that crushed his heart, to be true to the highest ideals of right and truth and to do to others as he would have them do to him. In full confidence that this was the only way to an enduring peace he gave himself with undivided purpose to winning Europe to the same conviction. His story should have a wide reading, as no one can turn from it without an uplift of heart from the thought that amid the confusion and anxieties of these crowded days there are still men in all lands who can respond to his spirit and be inspired by his example.

## Indications of Business Activity

## THE STATE OF TRADE-COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Dec. 41925. There has been some seasonal decrease in wholesale trade but jobbing business is active, and the spur of Christmas buying is felt in retail lines. It is true that there has been some temporary interruption to retail business on the Atlan tic seaboard for several days past from severe storms of wind and rain. But in the nature of things this is only for the moment. It is a sign of the times, perhaps, that the big retail establishments are doing better than the smaller ones. But taken as a whole the gratifying fact is that throughout the big avenues of American trade there is greater activity than there was a year ago. Mail order and wholesale business, it is true, showed some increase in November as compared with October. But there is a very noticeable increase
in November as compared with the same month last year. No progress has been made in settling the anthracite strike. Governor Pinchot and the miners have made certain proposals to the operators which have been rejected. Meanwhile the trade in bituminous is naturally fostered by the big hard coal strike, and the soft coal output has risen to very large proportions, not only in Pennsylvania, but also in the West and South. The tendency of coal prices is naturally upward, but it is noticeable that Scotch and Dutch coke is arriving at Boston as well as Welsh anthracite coal and the tendency is to increase the importations of both. Coke has declined. The big industries taken as a whole are in better shape than they were a year ago. They are doing more business on a better margin of profit. The iron trade shows no marked improvement; in fact, it has latterly, as a
rule, slowed down, something which is not unusual at this time of the year. The general situation in steel is better, with good buying by the railroads and construction interests. The sheet and tin plate mills are working, it is understood, close to $100 \%$. Most of the minor metals are lower. Copper is down to 14 cents. They have all been declining very noticeably in London.

The grain markets are higher, especially wheat, which has advanced some 10 to 12 cents per bushel, mainly under the stimulus of bad crop news from Argentina and the fact that the Soviet Russian Government appears to have greatly over-estimated the grain crops in that country. At this time Canada is getting the benefit of the marked increase in European demand for wheat, because it can undersell the United States. Corn has advanced some 5 cents a bushel, partly in response to the rise in wheat, but more because of the fact that a credit of $\$ 5,000,000$ has been subscribed to help the Iowa farmers who found themselves burdened with an extraordinary crop and now wish to market it gradually through the help of Government machinery. This may do very well for the present year, but in the end the corn farmers of Iowa and other States will simply have to regulate their acreage to the market. A great deal of the corn crop can be fed to live stock. But of course there is a limit to that outlet. Diversification of crops is the only thing that will help the West in the end, not paternalism in any form, even if Government aid may be a not altogether unjustifiable expedient at very rare intervals. Cotton has declined as the trend of crop estimates is upward, and speculation in that commodity is largely neglected for stocks and grain. The consumption is evidently large. Crop estimates are now crystallizing around $15,500,000$ bales. But in the meantime everybody is awaiting the Government report next Tuesday, which will be the last for the season except the final ginning report on March 21 1926. It is not too much to say that the trade will breathe a sigh of relief when the report of Dec. 8 has come and gone and it can go ahead for the rest of the season without vexatious reports on the crop from Washington twice a month. They have kept the trade on tenterhooks for many months past and it is hoped that at the approaching session of Congress an Act will be passed providing for reports not oftener than once a month. In former years no crop estimates were given until the first week in December.
Bad weather hereabouts has interfered with building, but the tendency is towards as active a season in that line as the weather will perrit this winter. Automobile output tends to decrease somewhat, but the November production was a high record for that month. It is said that 70,000 more workers are employed in that industry at Detroit than at this time last year. In the East the shoe factories are finding trade a little slow. The manufacture of furniture is brisk. The holiday trade helps the jewelry industry. Coffee has declined here and in Brazil, partly because of the inability of the Brazilian Government to secure a loan for the purpose of aiding valorization of coffee prices. Raw sugar advanced early in the week, but has latterly reacted, with British markets lower. Refined sugar business is none too active. Car loadings show a steady increase over last year in spite of the falling off in grain, coal, live stock and lumber shipments, as compared with a year ago. Wool has been dull and depressed. The English and Australian auction sales are not turning out so well as was expected. The trade in woolen and worsteds in this country is rather slow. The silk industry is still active. Some of the North Carolina cotton mills are running at $100 \%$, and the tendency of the cotton manufacturing industry in New England is towards better times.
In the stock market to-day several railroad shares reached new high levels for the year, although industrial shares were for the moment in the van in the matter of activity. The remarkable activity in the stock market is still one of the most striking features of the business times. The New York Federal Reserve Bank has not raised its rediscount rate from $31 / 2 \%$, although one of the events of the week was the advance in the Bank of England rate from 4 to $5 \%$. But London regards this move for once with great satisfaction as being a conservative measure, and the market there to-day was strong. The boom in rubber stocks there continues, despite the announcement that there will be an increase of $15 \%$ in the exports from the region controlled by the British beginning Feb. 1. London was braced by the favorable response of the dollar and other exchanges to the rise in the Bank rate and also by some moderate im-
portations of gold. The French financial situation is still deplorable, but the new Premier, M. Briand, shows a commendable disposition to take un the question of the French debt with the United States at once and it is to be hoped that no further inflationary measures such as are now under way in France will be necessary. The Government of India has suspended the $31 / 2 \%$ excise duty on Indian woven cotton cloth Dec. 1 and promises its complete abolition in the budget next March. The import duty of $11 \%$ continues, however. The Manchester "Commercial-Guardian" says the adverse effect upon the Lancashire trade cannot fail to be important. A meeting of spinners, manufacturers and merchants was held in Manchester on Dec. 1 to discuss the effects. The trade was disturbed over the action of the Government of India, which deprives British manufacturers of a tariff preferential. The abolition of the tax was promptly followed by the ending of the strike for two months past of 135,000 cotton mill workers in Bombay. It may mean increased consumption of Indian cotton in Bombay and therefore a better market for American cotton in Europe and Japan.

At Fall River there has been a fair business. Edward F. Greene of Boston thinks the textile industry has weathered a crisis and is now justified in looking forward to satisfactory conditions. Manchester, N. H., wired that the Amoskeag Manufacturing Co. will start night work immediately in its rayon department, beginning with 200 looms and increasing the number until 1,200 are in operation. The Amoskeag Manufacturing Co. paid its Manchester, N. H., municipal tax to-day for 1925 , amounting to $\$ 932,870$, which is approximately one-quarter of the entire tax of the city of Manchester. It is declared to be too heavy a tax. At Biddeford, Me., on Dec. 1 the weavers of the Pepperell Manufacturing Co. decided not to accept the multiple loom arrangement which has recently been worked out in conjunction with State and national conciliation bodies and representatives of the weavers themselves. The weavers thereupon went out on strike, throwing some 3,500 operatives out of employment. The move to introduce the multiple loom system was made at the plant a month ago. The weavers complained that the company called upon each man to operate 22 looms, although the agreement reached between the workers and plant management a few days ago called for each weaver to operate 18 looms, with the assistance of a helper. An effort is being made to settle the dispute. At Natick, R. I., the Natick mill of B. B. \& R. Knight, Inc., after being idle practically a year and a half, will open and may run at full capacity in a short time. As with workers in the Royal mill, weavers are to run 16 looms at a $10 \%$ reduction in wages, but weavers have a choice of running either 16 or 32 at their option and without disadvantages of any sort.

At Charlotte, N. C., the Carl Stohm Co., Inc., which has for some time operated a weaving plant making jacquard specialties will double its capacity. At Ranlo, N. C., the Ranlo Manufacturing Co. will increase its capacity. It will weave the output of the Harden Manufacturing Co. of Worth, N. C., in addition to the yarns from the Modena mills, of Gastonia, and the spindles in its own plant. The company manufactures tire cords, and with the installation of the new equipment will have a capacity of 120,000 pounds per week. In Eastern North Carolina mills are rumning at full time. The Southern Power Co. allows power to South Atlantic mills for five days a week with the streams higher after recent rains.
Rayon, it is stated, is being used not as a subsidiary textile fibre, but, as a distinct addition. The result is that cotton and woolens are coming off the looms excelling anything heretofore known. Some take the ground that the increasing use of rayon in cotton mills does not mean a reduction of the cotton yarn consumption. The very attractive appearance of the new fabric has, it is declared, noticeably increased cloth sales. Also, the cost of rayon is double that of cotton yarn.
Sears, Roebuck \& Co.'s sales for November amounted to $\$ 25,823,970$, an increase of $14.8 \%$ over November 1924. Sales for the first 11 months of this year amounted to $\$ 227$,820,578 , an increase of $16.2 \%$ over the corresponding period of 1924. Montgomery Ward \& Co.'s sales for November amounted to $\$ 18,794,362$, an increase of $10.2 \%$ over November 1924. Sales for the first 11 months of this year amounted to $\$ 161,306,980$, an increase of $13.1 \%$ over the corresponding period of 1924. The production of cars and trucks in November was $21 \%$ larger than in November last year. For 11
months it is $161 / 2 \%$ over the same period last year. "Hardware Age" said: "Hardware jobbers are very busy shipping winter goods, staple lines and special merchandise, designed for holiday selling campaigns. Prices are stronger in all cities and there are persistent rumors that tools and possibly wrought goods will be advanced soon.'

While plasterers and masons want $\$ 14$ to $\$ 16$ a day in this city, which is suffering from a scarcity of labor through the sharply restricted immigration, it is of interest to notice that Prime Minister Bruce of Victoria has removed the ban against immigration from Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey.

The weather here was cold on Nov. 29 with the temperature down to 24 in the morning. In Chicago and Cincinnati it was 32, in Cleveland 28, in Duluth 20, in Milwaukee 30, in Minneapolis 24 and Portland, Me., 16, and Montreal 6. It was cold at the South, especially east of the Mississippi; the weather was milder west of the river in the cotton belt. Miami, Fla., on Nov. 30 had nearly 15 inches of rain, with floods that stopped business, interfering with the city utilities and the publication of newspapers. A tropical storm was centred Tuesday night about 150 miles east of South Carolina coast and moving rapidly northward. Rains occurred in South Atlantic Coast sections. The tropical storm was central on Wednesday night off Cape Hatteras and moving slowly northward. Winds of hurricane force prevailed on the Carolina coast. There have been rains in Atlantic States from Florida to New York. There were reports of a "norther" in northwest Texas on Dec. 3. It rained here all day Wednesday and Thursday and this morning and also to the southward along the Atlantic seaboard. A northeast gale of 70 miles an hour struck New York on the $3 d$ inst. and did a great deal of damage in and around the city, including Coney Island. The high winds were accompanied by a driving rain. It was not cold here; the lowest temperature was 39 at $2 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. on the 3 d inst. and the high est 48 at $3.40 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Boston had rain and 42 to 46 degrees; Chicago 34 to 42 ; Cincinnati 30 to 54 ; Cleveland 36 to 46 ; Kansas City 48 to 64 and St. Paul 32 to 46 . In New York it has rained most of to-day, but the temperature was 52 at $4 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. The forecast is for rain to-night and to-morrow, with warmer temperatures.

## Domestic Business Conditions, According to the Government.

Further reports on business conditions to the Department of Commerce for the month of October made public today (Dec. 5) show increases over September in production of malleable castings, shipments of hydraulic pumps, common brick, steel furniture and pyroxylin-coated textiles, consumption of wool in textile mills, sales of loose-leaf tobacco from warehouses, bookings of foundry equipment, foreign assemblies of American automobiles and real estate conveyances, while the production of explosives, North Carolina pine and walnut lumber declined.
In comparison with October, 1924, increases occurred in production of malleable castings and North Carolina pine lumber, shipments of steel furniture, common brick, pyroxy-lin-coated textiles and hydraulic pumps, sales of looseleaf tobacco and foundry equipment and real estate conveyances, while production of explosives and walnut lumber, consumption of wool and assemblies of American-made automobiles abroad declined.
Financial indicators recently received all showed increases both over September and a year ago, these items including life insurance premium collections, savings deposits, sales of real estate securities and outstanding loans of the Federal and Joint Stock land banks.

Federal Reserve Board's Summary of Business Conditions in the United States-Increase in Production in Basic Industries.
Reporting that "industrial activity and the volume of wholesale and retail trade increased in October," the Federal Reserve Board in its monthly summary of general business conditions in the United States, made public Nov. 27 , says:
Wholesale prices declined somewhat to the level prevailing at midyear.

## Production.

The Federal Reserve Board's index of production in basic industries, which makes allowance for seasonal changes, rose by about $4 \%$ in October, reflecting increases in the output of most of the 22 commodities included in and steel and textile industries, and lines in activity were shown for the iron lumber was in large volume. Production of automobiles in October was
the largest on record. Payrolls at factories, including industries not covered by the production index, increased in October to the highest level since early in 1924. The value of building contracts awarded declined further in October, but the total was considerably larger than in the corresponding month of any other year.
Estimates by the Department of Agriculture in November indicate a corn crop of $3,013,000,000$ bushels and a cotton crop of $15,298,000$ bales, compared with $2,437,000,000$ bushels and $13,628,000$ bales in 1924. Marketing nearly $10 \%$ less than a year ago.

Trade.
Wholesale trade, according to the Federal Reserve Board's combined index of sales in six leading lines, reached a seasonal peak in October and was in larger volume than for any month of the past five years. Sales at department stores and mail order houses, owing partly to favorable weather con ditions, showed considerably more than the usual increase in October an were the largest on record for that month. Stocks of dry goods, shoes and hardware at wholesale firms were smaller at the end of October than on Sept. 30, but stocks of groceries were larger. Merchandise stocks at department stores showed slightly more than the usual increase
nd were somewhat larger than at the end of October a year ago.
Freight car loadings reached a seasonal peak in October and totaled more than in any previous month, notwithstanding reduced shipments of anthra cite and of grains and grain products.

Prices.
The Bureau of Labor Statistics index of wholesale prices, after remain ing relatively constant for three months, declined from 160 in September to 158 in October, reflecting declines in the prices of agricultural products, particularly grains, live stock, meats, cotton and sugar. Since Nov. 1 prices of grains, wool, sugar, pig iron and rubber have increased.

## Bank Credit.

Between the middle of October and the middle of November, loans for commercial and industrial purposes at member banks in leading cities continued in a volume about $\$ 450,000,000$ larger than at midsummer. Loans on securities increased further and total loans on Nov, 11 were about $\$ 1,000$, further during October and early November to a level near the high point of further during
last January.
last January.
At the Reserve banks total bills and securities in November were in the largest volume for the year and about $\$ 200,000,000$ larger than a year ago. Member bank borrowings declined somewhat from the high point reached early in October, while acceptance holdings continued to increase and on Nov. 18 were larger than at any previous time for the year. The growth
in Reserve bank credit since midsummer was chiefly in response to the in Reserve bank crecit since matimer was chielly in response to the seasonal increase of money in ci
000,000 larger than on Aug. 1.
During the latter part of October and early part of November open mar ket rates for commercial paper and bankers' acceptances remained substantially unchanged at the levels reached during the early autumn. Discount tially unchanged at the levels reached during the early autumn.
rates at the Federal Reserve banks of Boston, Cleveland, Philadelphia and San Francisco were advanced from $31 / 2$ to $4 \%$ during November.

## National Industrial Conference Board, Inc., on Changes in the Cost of Living Between July 1914 and October 1925.

The monthly cost of living index number of the National Industrial Conference Board was $0.9 \%$ higher on Oct. 15 1925 than on Sept. 15 1925. Clothing, shelter, light and sundries showed no change while the average prices of the other items showed increases. Food increased $1.9 \%$ and the average price of coal advanced only $1.1 \%$ during this period, bituminous coal prices for domestic use advancing more than anthracite. The report by the Board, made public Nov. 21, says:
Between July 1920, when the peak of the rise in the cost of living since 1914 was reached, and October 1925, the cost of living decreased $17 \%$. The increase in the cost of living since 1914 was $69.7 \%$.
The following table shows the index numbers of the cost of living as compared with average prices in July 1914, and also the percentage changes on Oct. 151925 as compared with previous months:

| Item. | Relative <br> Importance in Family. Budget. | Index Numbers of the Cost of Living. (Average Prices July 19141/4100.) |  |  | P. C. of Increas in the Cost of Living on Oct. 15 1925 from Avge. Prices in- |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } \\ & 1920 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & \text { 1925. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & 1925 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { July } \\ 1920 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & 1925 . \end{aligned}$ |
| Food.a | 43.1 | 219 | 159 | 162 | 26.0 | 1.9 |
| Shelter. | 17.7 | 158 | 178 | 178 | 12.7 | (c) |
| Clothing | 13.2 | 266 | 176 | 176 | 33.8 | (c) |
| Fuel and light. | 5.6 | 166 | 168 | 170 | 2.4 | 1.2 |
| Fuel | 3.7 | 192 | 181 | 183 | 4.7 | 1.1 |
| Light. | 1.9 | 115 | 144 | 144 | 25.2 | (c) |
| Sundries | 20.4 | 185 | 174 | 174 | 6.0 | (c) |
| Weighted average of all items | 100.0 | 204.5 | 168.2 | 169.7 | 17.0 | 0.9 |

$a$ Food price changes are obtained from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. $b$ Decrease. $c$ No change.
The purchasing value of the dollar, based on the cost of living in October 1925, was 58.9 cents as contrasted with one dollar in July 1914.

## Survey of Current Business by United States Depart-

 ment of Commerce-Increases in October in Principal Industrial Indicators.The following from the Department of Commerce was made public Nov. 16:
Further reports on business conditions to the Department of Commerce covering the month of October show increases over September in the production of steel ingots, bituminous coal, cement, zinc, oak flooring and redwood lumber and receipts of corn, corn grindings, magazine advertising and unfilled orders of the U. S. Steel Corp., while contracts awarded for concrete pavements, receipts of flaxseed, wheat, oats, turpentine rosin and iron ore declined. Fire losses were less than in the previous month. Postal receipts at both the industrial and selected cities, debits
to individual accounts, savings deposits in New York State, the amount to individual accounts, savings deposits in New York State, the amount
of money in circulation and stock prices increased over September, while bond prices declined.
In comparison with October 1924, increases occurred in the production of steel ingots, bituminous coal, cement, zinc, oak flooring, magazine advertising, receipts of iron ore, corn grindings, unfilled steel orders, carloadings, and receipts of flasxeed, turpentine and rosin, while receipts of corn, wheat and oats, the production of redwood lumber and contracts awarded for concrete pavements declined. Fire losses declined from a year ago. Postal receipts, debits to individual accounts, bank savings in New York State, the amount of money in circulation, the prices of stocks and bonds, all showed increases over October 1924.

BUSINESS INDICATORS.

|  | 1924. |  | 1925. |  | Per Cent Increase $(+)$ or Decrease (-). |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sept. | Oct. | Sept. | Oct. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Oct. } 1925 \\ \text { from } \\ \text { Sept. } 1925 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Oct. } 1925 \\ \text { from } \\ \text { fri. } 1924 . \end{gathered}$ |
| Pig-iron production | 81 | 97 | 107 | 119 | +11.2 | +22.7 |
| Steel ingots, productio | 101 | 111 | 124 | 139 | +12.1 | +25.2 |
| Unilled stee orders | 58 | 59 | 62 | 69 | +11.3 | +16.9 |
| Shipments - . | 47 | 43 | 42 | 35 | $-16.7$ | $-18.6$ |
| Unfilled orders | 29 | 35 | 27 | 38 | +40.7 | $+8.6$ |
| 50 largest citles | 141 | 158 | 155 | 177 | +14.2 | +12.0 |
| 50 industrial cities $a_{\text {- }}$ | 117 | 135 | 129 | 144 | +11.6 | $+6.7$ |
| Mail-order sales (2 houses) | 106 | 138 | 117 | 176 | +50.4 | +27.5 |
| Ten-cent-stores sales (4 chains) | 170 | 204 | 192 | 238 | +24.0 | +16.7 |
| Commerclal-paper interest rates.- | 119 58 | $\begin{array}{r}156 \\ 58 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 123 77 | 159 81 | +29.3 +5.2 | +1.9 +39.7 |
| Stoek prices: |  |  |  | 81 |  |  |
| 25 industrials | 110 | 111 | 154 | 170 | +10.4 | +53.2 |
| Federal Reserve banks: | 113 | 112 | 137 | 138 | +0.7 | +23.2 |
| Federal Reserve banks: Bills discounted. | 13 | 12 | 33 | 30 | -9.1 |  |
| Total reserves. | 144 | 143 | 131 | 132 | +0.8 | -7.7 |
| Ratio. | 160 | 157 | 144 | 144 | 0.0 | -8.3 |
| Business fallures: Number of firms | 343 | 315 |  |  |  |  |
| Liabilities | 363 | 382 | ${ }_{325}$ | ${ }_{313}^{294}$ | $\begin{aligned} & +8.1 \\ & -3.7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6.7 \\ -18.1 \end{array}$ |

* 1920 monthly average equals 100 . o 1922 monthly average equals 100

Department Store Sales in New York Federal Reserve District Active.
The Dec. 1 Monthly Review of Credit and Business Conditions by the Federal Reserve Agent at New York will contain the following item on retail trade:
Department store sales in this district were $15 \%$ larger in October than a year previous, the largest gain in any month in the last three years. After allowance for seasonal variations and price changes, the October volume of of growth. Apparel store sales showed an tincrease of $19 \%$ normal or trend year-after the comparatively dull business of September.
Following the heavy sales of October, stocks of merchandise in department stores at the end of the month were less than $1 \%$ larger than a year ago, and the rate of stock turnover was therefore higher than in October of last year. Apparently as a result of the high level of sales and relatively small stocks, outstanding orders for additional merchandise at the end of the month showed a smaller seasonal decline than usual, and were substantially larger than at the end of October in the last two years.


The largest percentage increase in sales over last year was in radio sets, but a more important element in the high level or total sales was a large several of the the main apparel departments, following quiet business in toilet articles and drugs, toys and sporting goods, furniture and furnishings, luggage and ther leather roods, cotton and silk aoods, home books and stationery. In consequence of large sales stocks in some of these books and stationery. In consequence the lare ividual sales tra
transaction in October was $\$ 3.48$ compared with $\$ 3.21$ a year ago.


| Net Sales |
| :---: |
| Percentape Change |
| October 1925 |
| from |
| October 1924. |
| +33.7 |
| +29.7 |
| +24.4 |
| +22.7 |
| +21.4 |
| +20.6 |
| +19.8 |
| +16.4 |
| +16.1 |
| +15.3 |
| +14.8 |
| +14.6 |
| +13.3 |
| +12.6 |
| +12.4 |
| +9.7 |
| +10.1 |
|  |
| +8.6 |

Stock on Hand ercentage Change
October 311925
from October 311924.
-13.8
+3.6

Large Sales in New York Federal Reserve District by Chain Stores.
The Dec. 1 Monthly Review of Credit and Business Conditions by the Federal Reserve Agent at New York will contain the following item on chain store sales:

Chain stores shared with other lines of retall trade in unusually large October last year Variety stores reported a gain or more than $40 \%$ over recent years. Sales of shoe and ten cent stores also were unusually ling and the increases in ther types of chain stores compared favorably with those in most earlier months this year.
New stores opened showed an increase over last year ranging from $6 \%$ part of chains to $24 \%$ in groceries. While this accounts for a considerable ains the gain in total sales, sales per store for several lines showed large gains over a year ago and for all chains combined averaged $4 \%$ higher.

Tobacco ---....Percentage Change

Continued Increase in Wholesale Trade in Federal Reserve District of New York.
The Dec. 1 Monthly Review of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reports that "a further increase in wholesale trade, partly seasonal, occurred in October, and sales in a majority of lines were larger also than a year ago. The largest increase, as in other recent months, was in machine tool sales, which reached the highest level for any October since 1920. Silk goods sales showed a large increase, and cotton goods sales were somewhat larger than a year ago, notwithstanding sharp fluctuations in raw cotton. Hardware sales were larger than $\mathrm{in}_{4}$ any other month in the last five years, and sales of stationery, shoes, paper and drugs also showed considerable increases." The Review continues:
Due, however, to the failure of wholesale groceries to show an increase, and to decrease in sales of women's clothing and of jewelry and diamonds, this bank's weighted index of trade increased only $3 \%$ over October 1924. Stocks of merchandise on hand continued to show about the same changes
from a year from a year ago as at the end of September. Stocks of cotton goods, hardware and jewelry and diamonds remained smaller, grocery stocks were little changed, while stocks of shoes and silk goods were substantially larger than in October 1924.

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

## Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Reports Business

 Activity in New England Above That of Year Ago.According to the Dec. 1 issue of the Monthly Review of Industrial and Financial Conditions in the New England District by Frederic H. Curtiss, Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent, the rate of business activity now prevailing in New England is not only high, but it compares favorably with the average reported for the entire country. The summary of the business situation continues:
The New England Business Activity Index compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston was slightly lower in October than in September, but remains higher than in any month since the early part of this year. The amount of business transactions settled through check payments is excepionally large, which tends to confirm the rate of activity ghown by the index. New England textile industries report a far better condition, when a comparison is made with activity a year ago, than do the same industries in other sections of the country. This district consumed a considerably larger volume of cotton in October than a year ago, but mills in the cottongrowing States consumed less. New England woolen mills did not use as much wool as in October 1924, but the loss was not as great as that sufered by mills in the Middle Atlantic States. The New England shoe ndustry, on the other hand, did expanding their months. The metal trades are not only active, but are during 0 otober aring October and November have been much in excess of those awarded pared with last volume of contracts a ccounts in lirge Activity Index cring October. For example in New England Business tomarily a larger volume of contracts awarded than in Septere is cusyear there was a coline An identical condition september, but this building industry of the country as a whole. Retail trade reported for the department stores during October was the most favorable of New England over a year and a half. The temperature was somewhat of any month in mal, which probably caused some of the usual November courchases than norsonable merchandise to be oade a few weeks earlier. purchases of seaborne out by the fact that trade during the second and bird weems in November did not maintain the gains reported in October. The Federal Reserve Bank of Boston changed its rediscount rate from $31 / 2$ to $4 \%$, effective Nov, 10.

## Real Estate Market Activity Reaches Highest October

 Point in Ten Years.National real estate market activity for October reached the highest point made for that month during the past ten years, according to the index of activity complied by the National Association of Real Estate Boards. The index, which is the only quantitative measure of real estate activity that has been made, is based on the official figures of the total number of transfers and conveyances in 41 typical cities of the United States. Under date of Nov. 21 the Board states:
The index for October did not deviate from that for the month previous, remaining on the same level with September's market at 167 points. This number, based on the average real estate market activity of these 41 cities tor the month of October, between 1916 and 1924, means that the real estate market reached a point of activity $67 \%$ above that average during the month of October
The present calculations, the Association points out in making an interpretation of the index figures, are adjusted to eliminate seasonal fluctuations, but are not adjusted to eliminate the influence of the longtime trend. Since the normal increase in population should bring a measureable, constant. month by month increase in the volume of real estate transfers, the fact that the index number for October is identical with that for September indicates a slight decrease from the normal upward trend of activity
Building construction during the month underwent a reaction, according to an index compiled by the F. W. Dodge Corporation from building statistics. The index indicates approximately the same decrease in construction of industrial buildings as in other non-residential types with a smaller drop in residential construction.
A record volume of contemplated work was reported in October, according to the report of the corporation, influenced probably by the speculative tendencies in evidence during the past few months.
Actual building activity is not expected to fall off to any serious extent while general business continues its upward trend or remains at about its present level of prosperity.

Increase in October of Earnings of Factory Workers in New York State, as Well as Employment.
In his review covering factory employment, made public Nov. 30, James A. Hamilton, Industrial Commissioner of the New York State Department of Labor, reports that factory workers in New York State averaged $\$ 2857$ in October; slightly more than in September, when Labor Day was included in some of the reports. Metals and apparel industries led in the increase, says Commissioner Hamilton, who goes on to say:
The marked improvement in the metals, which was evident in larger forces employed this month, also meant longer working time in many of the factories, particularly those making steel and heating apparatus and in the shops engaged in railroad repair work. Increased hours were reported by modistes and furriers and holiday business caused manufacturers of men's furnishings, leather goods, jewelry and novelties to institute over-
time. Earnings are a dollar higher than they were at this time in 19.24 . Workers in practically all the industries of the State are receiving more
Wimer Workers in practically all the industries of the State are receiving more
than a year ago. The exceptions are operatives in, the cotton mills, shoe factories and heating apparatus shops. In shoes this was the result of a reduction of $\$ 135$ in October, as both up-State and New York City plants reduction of $\$ 135$ in October, as both up-State and New York City plants
were less active. The difference of one dollar in the earnings of the cotton were less active. The diference of one dollar in the earnings of the cotton duction shot upward for a brief period in the winter. This statement was issued to-day by Industrial Commissioner James A. Hamilton.
Metal workers,
in September. Automobile than higher earnings as well as the metal industries previously ment showed In the textiles the metl as metal industries previously mentioned. the cotton and knitting mills. Silk partly because Columbus Day sik goods workers felt a small reduction, operatives in the woolen and worsted mills averaged about the pame, but the preceding month, although many more employees were the same as in Seasonal activity was responsible for the gain of almost three on.
the weekly pay of those engaged in the manufacture of twomen's dollars in This was the largest advance for the sewing trades, but in the men's furnigh. ing shops the increase reached $\$ 170$. This was shared by the in Stat shirt factories as well as by the neckwear and hat factories in Up-State City. In the food industries the seasonal element tended to send New York downward, particularly in the sugar refineries, canneries and earnings plants, but in all of these the average is above last year. The observance of Columbus Day in New York City caused the pay of workers making paints and varnishes to drop, but in the up-State industrial chemical plang average earnings went up after the holiday in September. There was a sea sonal loss of over a dollar in the petroleum refineries.

Earnings of Both Men and Women Show Slight Increase.
The weekly pay of the men engaged in factory work averaged $\$ 3250$ in f $\$ 18$ made an equal benefited by inereased gain over September. The large number of men who smaller group who sher metal industries, as well as a other sewing trades affecte activity in women's clothing shops and sending the average up. ware factories and instrument and appliance plants were able to earn more than in September.
In the women's clothing shops men averaged about $\$ 53$, as the modiste tions. There was a loss of $\$ 130$ cloak and dress factories increased opera ories due to seasonal reductions, for the men employed in the shoe facThe mo
easonal reduction in men's clothing meant were in the sewing trades. The the only division in which the women failed to average more than in was tember.
Columbus Day caused earnings of the women employed in the manuess than in the copper goods to drop to $\$ 1535$, almost two dollars electrical equipment and apparatus plants earned slightly momen in the Earnings rose in four of the six up-State cities. Only in Binghametober. Rochester did seasonal reductions serve to pull down the averaton and

September. There wa
trade is 60 important.
Dun's Report of Mercantile Failures for November. Insolvencies in the United States for the month just closed, as compiled from the records of R. G. Dun \& Co., numbered 1,672 with liabilities of $\$ 35,922,421$, these figures contrasting with 1,581 similar defaults in Oct., with an indebtedness of $\$ 29,543,870$ and 1,653 for Nov. 1924, owing $\$ 31,123,910$. With the exception of Nov. 1924 insolvencies last month were fewer in number than for any corresponding month since Nov. 1920 and the increase this year over Nov. 1924 is trifling-only about $1 \%$. The increase last month over the preceding month was $5.8 \%$ but such increase in Nov. is usual as the end of the year approaches. The indebtedness involved continues heavy, due mainly to some large defaults. The liabilities for Nov. this year are larger than they were a year ago, but with that exception are less than for Nov. in any preceding year back to 1920 .

For the eleven months of this year there have been 19,436 commercial failures with liabilities of $\$ 407,216,112$, against 18,575 for eleven months of 1924 owing $\$ 497,946,168$. An increase this year over last year appears in each month excepting May, August and October, while the increase for November as noted above was very small. For the year 1925, however, the indications point to the largest number of commercial failures for any year excepting only 1922 and 1915.

Monthly and quarterly reports of business failures, showing number and liabilities, are contrasted below for the periods mentioned:

| November October ...$\qquad$ | 1925 |  | 1923. | ${ }^{1925}$ Liabluthes |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} 1925 \\ -1,672 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1924 . \\ & 1,653 \end{aligned}$ |  | \$35,922,421 |  |
|  | 1,581 | 1,696 | 1,673 | 29,543,870 | 36,098,804 |
| September | 1,465 | 1,306 | 1,226 | \$30,687,319 | \$34,296,276 |
| August | 1,513 | 1.520 | 1,319 | 37,158,861 | 55,153,981 |
| July | 1,685 | 1,615 | 1,231 | 34,506.191 | 36,813,238 |
| Third quarter | 4,663 | 4,441 | 3,776 | \$102,351,371 | \$126,263,495 |
| ne | 1.745 | 1,607 | 1,358 | \$36,701,496 | \$34,099,031 |
| ay. | 1,767 | 1,816 | 1,350 | 37,026,552 | 36,590,905 |
| April | 1,939 | 1,707 | 1,520 | 37,188,622 | 48,904,452 |
| Second quarter | 5,451 | 5,130 | 4,408 | \$110,916,670 | \$119,594,388 |
| March | 1,859 | 1,817 | 1,682 | \$34,004,731 | \$97,651,026 |
| February | 1,793 | - ${ }^{1,730}$ | 1,508 | 40,123,017. | 35,942,037 |
| January | 2,317 | $-2,108$ | 2,126 | 54,354,032 | 51,272,508 |

## 

$=$

| Manufacturers-Iron foundries and nalls.- | 1925. | 1924. | 1923. | 1925. | 1924 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 11 | 5 | \$52,2 | \$1,120,606 |
| Machinery and tools... | 28 | 26 | 55 | 2,891,933 | 1,162,762 |
| Woolens, carpets and knit oods. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cottons, lace \& hosiery .-. | 1 | 1 | 8 | 24,000 | 650,000 |
| Lumber, carpenters and coopers |  | 27 | 41 | 3,070,170 | 438,296 |
| Clothing and millinery --. | 65 | 45 | 56 | 1,244,072 | 911,521 |
| Hats, gloves and furs.-.- | 7 | 12 | 28 | 115,700 | 165,000 |
| Chemicals and drugs ..... | 9 | 2 | 6 | 148,424 | 27,800 |
| Paints and olls_ | - 1 | 2 | 1 | 3.000 | 51,300 |
| Printing and engraving-.- | 16 | 12 | 17 | 316,999 | 130,389 |
| Milling and bakers.- | 48 | 41 | 51 | 247,628 | 271,448 |
| Leather, shoes \& harness | - 14 | 14 | 19 | 518.077 | 156,696 |
| Liquors and tobacco... | 11 | 6 | 11 | 196,858 | 68,300 |
| Glass, earthenware \& brick | , | 8 | 5 | 12,000 | 648,586 |
| All other- | 180 | 154 | 188 | 5,152,582 | 4,449,423 |
| Total manutacturing. | 442 | 361 | 495 | \$13,993,701 | \$10,252,127 |
| Traders- | 97 | 120 | 140 | \$1,515,300 | 1,370,005 |
| Grocerles, meat and fish.. | 297 | 259 | 248 | 2,035,632 | 2,353,287 |
| Hoters and restaurants... | 104 | 67 | 89 | 1,127,904 | 1,671,873 |
| Liquors and tobacco .... |  |  |  | 1123.386 | 144,445 |
| Clothing and furnishings- |  | ${ }_{95}^{164}$ | ${ }^{123}$ | 1,926,569 | 2,024.556 |
| Dry goods and carpets... | 62 | 95 | 72 | 4,397,794 | 1,072.949 |
| Shors, rubbers \& trunks.: | 41 | ${ }_{48}^{56}$ | ${ }_{35}^{66}$ | ${ }_{548,826}$ | 839,952 699380 |
| Hardware, stoves \& tools. |  | 30 | 32 |  | - 699,380 |
| Chemt cals and drugs ... | 42 | 48 | 43 | 490,263 | 485.5 |
| Palnts and oils. |  |  |  | 55,111 | 73,438 |
| Jewerry and clocks. Books |  | ${ }_{8}^{26}$ | 16 9 | 2,275.002 | 684,651 |
| Hats. furs and glov |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{551.373}$ |
| ${ }^{\text {M M }}$ Trading | 230 | 221 | 203 | 3,263,457 | $\begin{aligned} & 161,504 \\ & 3,750.505 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | ,146 | $\overline{1,193}$ | 1,131 | \$18,907,091 |  |
| Other commerelal | 3 |  |  | 3,021,629 | 5,090,262 |
| Total.................- | 1,672 | 1,653 | 1,704 | \$35,922,421 | $\overline{\text { 831,123,910 }}$ |

## Advance Report for October on Electric Power in

 Philadelphia Federal Reserve District.In its advices on electric power, the Department of Statistics and Research of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia says:
Output of electric power by central stations in the Philadelphia district and sales to all classes of consumers were seasonally larger in October and also showed substantial advances over the totals for the same month of 1924. Total sales were nearly $21 \%$ ahead of last year, while sales to indus. tries increased $15 \%$. Nearly all sections reported advances except the
anthracite, where there has been some slackening. anthracite, where there has been some slackening.

ELECTRIC POWER
Rated generator capacity Generated output
Hydro-electric Hydro-ele Purchased.-.
Sales of electricity
Municipal

Power_-_-1.
Municlpal
Street cars and rallroads
Industries.-.
$a$ Eleven systems. $b$ Ten systems.

Change
Sept.
$\qquad$
in morocco leather throughout, has one-piece windshield, new visor, cowl ventilator, disc wheels, bumpers and balloon tires.

## Weekly Lumber Movement Indicates Increase in

## Production

For the week ended Nov. 28, the National Lumber Manufacturers Association received telegraphic reports of the status of the lumber industry from 379 of the larger softwood mills of the country. The 347 comparably reporting mills indicated considerable decreases in production and shipments, and a slight increase in new business, as compared with reports from 351 mills the week earlier. Increase in production and decreases in shipments and new business were noted in comparison with the same period of last year. The hardwood operations reports were not received in time for compilation in this summary.
The unfilled orders of 231 Southern Pine and West Coast mills at the end of last week amounted to $631,479,022$ feet, as against $616,598,456$ feet for 231 mills the previous week. The 127 identical Southern Pine mills in the group showed unfilled orders of $281,344,896$ feet last week, as against $286,573,728$ feet for the week before. For the 104 West Coast mills the unfilled orders were $350,134,126$ feet, as against $330,024,728$ feet for 104 mills a week earlier.
Altogether the 347 comparably reporting mills had shipments $99 \%$, and Aders $114 \%$, of actual production. For the Southern Pine mills these orders $114 \%$, of actual production. For the Southern Pine mills these percentages
94 and 123 .
Of the reporting mills, the 339 with an established normal production for the week of 212919,372 feet, gave actual production $99 \%$, shipments $96 \%$ and orders $113 \%$ thereof.
The following table compares the national lumber movement as reflected by the reporting mills of seven regional associations for the three weeks indicated:
$\begin{array}{lc}\text { Week Ended } & \text { Corresponding } \\ \text { Nov. } 28 & \text { Week } 1924\end{array}$
Mills .-................$\begin{array}{rrr}210,264,968 & 196,757,916 & 351\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Shipments_---.-.-. } & 209,030,282 & 215,342,051 & 231,291,483 \\ \text { Orders (new business) } & 239,010,839 & 264,829,994 & 237\end{array}$ The following revised figures compare ont of the seven 1924:

1925 $\qquad$ Production
$\qquad$ 11,573,906,233

Shipments
$11,413,572,756$
Oraers 11,052,663,187 10,992,030,292 10,827,927,585 mills of the California White and Sugar Pine Manufacturers Association make weekly reports, but for a considerable period they were not comparable to orders with those of other mills. Consequently, the former are not represented in the foregoing tables. Eighteen of these mills reported a cut of $12,473,000$ feet, shipments $15,810,000$ and orders $11,317,000$. The reported cut represents $46 \%$ of the total of the California Pine region.
The Southern Oypress Manufacturers Association of New Orleans, (also omitted from above tables because only recently reporting) for the week ended Nov . 25 , reported from 14 mills a production of $5,087,825$ feet, shipments $5,040,000$ and orders $9,300,000$. In comparison with reports for the previous week when two more mills reported, this Association showed some decreases in production and shipment, and a marked increase in new business.

## Weekly Lumber Review of West Coast Lumbermen's

 Association.One hundred and four mills reporting to West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ending November 21, manufactured 104,847,909 feet of lumber; sold 108,594,417 feet; and shipped $98,248,042$ feet. New business was $4 \%$ above production. Shipments were $10 \%$ below new business.
Forty-seven per cent of all new business taken during the week was for future water delivery. This amounted to $50,991,411$ feet, of which $36,537,-$ 182 feet was for domestic cargo delivery; and 14,454,229 feet export. New business by rail amounted to 1,769 cars.
Forty-seven per cent of the lumber shipments moved by water. This amounted to $46,015,036$ feet, of which $33,824,231$ feet moved coastwise and intercoastal; and $12,190,805$ feet export. Rail shipments totaled 1,590 cars.

Local auto and team deliveries totaled $4,533,006$ feet.
Unfilled domestic cargo orders totaled 110,671,535 feet. Unfilled export orders $120,713,193$ feet. Unfilled rail trade orders, 3,288 cars.
In the first forty-seven weeks of the year, production reported to West Coast Lumbermen's Association has been $4,709,275,122$ feet, new business 4,807,488,579 feet; and shipments $4,852,657,718$ feet.

## Crude Oil and Gasoline Prices Continue to Rise in

 Certain Sections.Changes in price continued during the week in the crude oil and gasoline markets, although the changes were not so widespread as those of the preceding week. On Nov. 30 it was announced at Pittsburgh that the price of Ragland crude oil had been advanced 5 cents a barrel to $\$ 1.15$. Effective Dec. 1 the Simms Petroleum Co. is paying a premium of 10c. a barrel for North Texas crude oil of 40 gravity and below and a premium of 5 c . a barrel for crude of more than 40 gravity.

The price of fuel oil has also been rising during the week according to reports from Pittsburgh and Chicago. Fuel oil dealers in the former city have marked prices up to 7.28 c . per gallon, which compares with 6.75 c . per gallon a few weeks ago. In Chicago fuel oil prices were advancing steadily, with $24-26$ gravity quoted around $\$ 1.30$ a barrel on Dec. 2. Some dealers asked higher prices for delivery over December. Figure of $\$ 1.25$ is considered bottom price for $18-22$ gravity. The tank wagon price of fuel oil was increased $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. to 7 c . for $24-26$ in lots of 400 gals. or more in the market.

The price of gasoline also rose in certain sections of the country, the chief advance being announced Nov. 30 by the Standard Oil Co. of New York to take effect Dec. 1. The company advanced the wholesale and retail price of gasoline 1c. a gallon throughout New England and New York State excepting Greater New York, Long Island and Westchester This advance made the wholesale price 17 c . and the retai price 20 c ., prices which have prevailed in the metropolitan district for some time. The advance was the first general rise in gasoline in the East since June, and the first change Aug. 27, when there was a reduction of 1c. a gallon. The Gulf Refining Co. on Dec. 1 advanced the price of gasoline 1c. a gallon to 17 c ., meeting the increase in prices announced by the Standard Oil Co. of New York in New England and New York State. Among other companies which met the advance were the Jenney Mfg. Co., Atlantic Refining and Texaco

The Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana on Dec. 4 advanced its quotation of gasoline $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. a gallon in its entire territory with the exception of Memphis, Tenn., where the price was raised $11 / 2$ c. The new price is $181 / 2$ c. a gallon retail and $151 / 2$ c. tank wagon. The Gulf Refining Co. followed the advance in gasoline announced by the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana.

The Standard Oil Co. of N. J. on Dec. 4 advanced export kerosene in cases $1 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Standard white is now 17.90 c . and water white 18.90 c . a gallon.

## Decline Reported in Crude Oil Production

A decrease of 6,600 barrels per day was reported this week in the output of crude oil. According to the American Petroleum Institute, the estimated daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Nov. 28 was $2,045,250$ barrels, as compared with $2,051,850$ barrels for the preceding week. The daily average production east of California was $1,408,250$ barrels, as compared with 1,412 ,850 barrels, a decrease of 4,600 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production by districts for the weeks indicated:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION.

$1,975,800$
The estimated daily average gross production of the Mid Continent field including Oklahoma, Kansas, north, east cen tral, west central and southwest Texas, north Louisiana and Arkansas, for the week ended Nov. 28 was 1,109,850 barrels, as compared with $1,112,550$ barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 2,700 barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover, Arkansas, heavy oil, was 937,200 barrels, as compared with 946,800 barrels, a decrease 9,600 barrels
In Oklahoma production of South Braman is reported at 5,750 barrels, against 6,200 barrels; Thomas, 16,700 barrels, against 16,600 barrels; Tonkawa, 39,300 barrels, agains 44,900 barrels; Garber, 66,050 barrels, against 72,150 barrels; Burbank, 48,300 barrels, against 48,400 barrels; Daven port, 20,550 barrels, against 19,050 barrels; Bristow-Slick, 31,000 barrels, against 31,100 barrels; Cromwell, 22,250 barrels, against 23,100 barrels, and Papoose, 14,000 barrels, gainst 13,450 barrels.
The Mexia pool, east central Texas, is reported at 15,300 barrels, against 15,150 barrels; Corsicana-Powell, 36,600 barrels, against 36,800 barrels; Wortham, 12,300 barrels,
against 12,800 barrels; Reagan County, west central Texas, 31,200 barrels, against 30,800 barrels; Haynesville, north Louisiana, 11,900 barrels, against 12,000 barrels; Cotton Valley, 9,050 barrels, against 8,450 barrels; and Smackover, Ark., light, 21,600 barrels, against 21,450 barrels; heavy, 172,650 barrels, against 165,750 barrels. In the Gulf Coast field Hull is reported at 14,300 barrels, against 13,950 barrels; West Columbia, 9,600 barrels, against 9,650 barrels; Orange County, 15,650 barrels, against 13,050 barrels; South Liberty, 10,200 barrels, against 9,950 barrels, and in the southwest Texas field, Luling is reported at 21,900 barrels, against 22,100 barrels; Lytton Springs, 8,200 barrels, against 8,600 barrels.
In Wyoming, Salt Creek is reported at 58,900 barrels, against 64,250 barrels.
In California, Santa Fe Springs is reported at 53,000 barrels, no change; Long Beach, 108,000 barrels, against 106,000 barrels; Huntington Beach, 45,500 barrels, against 47,000 barrels; Torrance, 32,000 barrels, no change ; Dominguez, 26,000 barrels, against 26,500 barrels; Rosecrans, 25,000 barrels, against 25,500 barrels; Inglewood, 69,000 barrels, against 69,500 barrels, and Midway-Sunset, 99,500 barrels, no change.

Petroleum Exports in October-Exports of Coal.
The Department of Commerce at Washington on Nov. 24 issued its monthly report showing the exports of petroleum for October and the ten months ended with October for the years 1925 and 1924. The exports of crude petroleum are behind those of last year for both the month of October and the ten months' period ended with October, $53,672,732$ gallons having been exported in October 1925, as compared with $57,787,463$ gallons in October 1924, and for the ten months ended with October this year only $483,449,706$ gallons were exported, as against $638,652,228$ gallons in the corresponding period last year. The experts of refined petroleum also show a decrease from last year both for the month of October and for the ten months ending with October, $332,508,376$ gallons having been shipped in October this year, against $342,084,764$ gallons in October last year, while for the ten months ending with October $3,203,534,729$ gallons were sent out in 1925, as against $3,286,739,226$ gallons the preceding year. The detailed report as furnished by the Department is as follows:

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF COAL AND PETROLEUM.


DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF PETROLEUM AND REFINED PRODUCTS.

| Crude, gals <br> Crude, gals | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} 57,787,463 \\ \$ 1,831,444 \\ 0 \end{gathered}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} & 53,672,732 \\ & \$ 2,241,880 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 638,652,228 \\ & \$ 22,882,521 \end{aligned}$ | $483,449,706$$821,218,389$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Tota, refined petroleum, gals- |  |  | 3,286,739,22e |  |
| Value | 832,623,433 | \$33,874,441 | \$331,645,866 | \$347,590,956 |
| light products, gals | 91,153,320 | 102,465,644 | 989,219,572 | 1.039,399,558 |
|  | 811,752,449 | 814,690,837 | \$142,110,476 | \$161,941,603 |
| Iluminat | 89,676,041 | 87,373,006 | 763,154,305 | 722,598,212 |
|  |  | 88,202,535 | 874,348,760 | \$69,2 |
| Gas and | 130,225,111 | ${ }^{111,026,860}$ | ,213,669,32 | .106,6 |
| Lubricai | \$44,569,575 | \$3,768,455 | \$41,237,334 | 841 077,63 |
| Lubricaung Value... | 31.030,292 | 31,642,866 87.212614 | 320,696,020 | $334,511,8$ <br> 875296 |
| Parafine | 30,814,323 | 32,960,949 | 322,562,613 | S7, $270,628.660$ |
| Value | 81.621.185 | \$1.869,437 | \$15.270.977 | 815.053.378 |

Proposed International Fur Conference.
Plans are being made for an International Fur Conference, in which the leading fur men of twenty-three nations will participate, according to an announcement by David C. Mills, Director of the National Association of the Fur Industry. The idea for the conference is the outgrowth of a number of discussions between the leading fur men of America, England, France, Germany and other countries. In explaining the purpose of the conference, Mr. Mills said:
So great and widespread has the fur industry become that it is essential that there be a common understanding among the many nations which are concerned in it, and I believe the conference will prodsce this result.
tion. Wild life is so abundant now that the end will be that of conservawhere in sigh, but the fur business is taking end of the supply seems nowhich had confidence in everlasting sumply a lesson from other industriee which had confidence in everlasting supply and were disappointed. for the trappers touch all corners of the earth come, the supply is abundant, conference to assure that the supply for the future generations will also be ample.

Weavers' Strike at Royal Mill (R. I.) Ends-Permitted to Operate 16 Looms at Reduction of $10 \%$ in Pay-32-Loom System Optional.
According to the "Providence Journal" an agreement, under which operation of the weaving department of the B. B. \& R. Knight, Inc., Royal Mill, West Warwick, would be resumed Nov. 24, was ratified on Nov. 23 by a vote of 30 to 18 at a mass meeting of weavers who went out on strike Nov. 12 in protest against the inauguration of the 32-loom system.

The "Journal" said:
The agreement was formulated yesterday afternoon by a committee representing the strikers and representatives of the mill management at an adjourned session of the conference called by Miss Anna Weinstock, Commissioner of Conciliation of the Department of Labor.
Under the agreement weavers are permitted to operate 16 looms at a reduction of $10 \%$ in pay; the company agrees not to force any weaver to
operate more than 16 looms; the workers agree not to molest. interfere with operate more than 16 looms; the workers agree not to molest. interfere with
or Intimidate anyone desiring to operate 32 looms, and the management or intimidate anyone desiring to operate 32 looms, and the management agrees to give preference, when additional workers are needed, to those
who are employed at the plant on Aug. 15, the date preceding the curtailwho are employed at the plant on Aug. 15, the date preceding the curtailText of Agreement
The text of the agreement follows.
"It is mutually agreed to by the undersigned representatives of the strikIng weavers employed by the Royal Mill. and by the undersigned representatives of the mill management that all of the 90 weavers who left their employment on Nov. 12 may return to work on the basis of a 1 ored by the weavers, does not apply to any other group of operatives in the mill.
"The company management agrees that no weaver shall be forced to operate more than 16 looms.
| "The workers" committee agrees that, if any weaver desires to operate more than 16 looms, he or she shall not be molested, intimidated or interfered with by the other workers.

- "The company management further agrees that any additional weavers to be employed shall be given their choice of 16 or 32 looms.
"It is understood that, as additional weavers are needed, preference will be given to weavers who were regularly employed in Royal Mills on Aug. 15, 1925 .


## Large Exports of Cotton, Cotton Cloths, Yarns, Thread and Hosiery.

The Department of Commerce at Washington on Nov. 24 issued its monthly report on the domestic exports of cotton, cotton cloths, yarns, thread and hosiery for the month of October and the ten months ending with October 1925, with comparisons for the corresponding periods in 1924.

The exports of raw cotton were larger this year in quantity and value, both for the month and the ten months period than last year, $1,421,482$ bales having been shipped out in October 1925, as compared with 946,506 bales in October 1924, and $6,341,396$ bales in the ten months of 1925, against $4,412,448$ bales in the ten months of 1924 . In value, the exports of raw cotton for the month of October this year were also larger, being $\$ 176,184,602$, as compared with $\$ 123,303,-$ 475 in October last year. For the ten months ending with October this year the value was $\$ 808,958,014$, as against $\$ 649,874,892$ last year. Cotton cloths and manufactures have increased both in quantity and value in the ten months of this year as compared with the ten months of last year. Below is the report in detail:
DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF COTTON, COTTON CLOTHS, YARN, THREAD

|  | Month of October. |  | 10 Months ended October. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1924. | 1925. | 1924. | 1925. |
| Raw cotton,incl. linters, bales Value | $\begin{array}{\|r\|} \hline 946,506 \\ \$ 123,303,475 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|r\|} \hline 1,421,482 \\ \$ 176,184,602 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|r\|} \hline 4,412,448 \\ \$ 649,874,892 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6.341,396 \\ \$ 808,958,014 \end{array}$ |
| Cotton manufactures, total. | \$13,532,046 | \$11,776,824 | \$109,735,452 | \$124,864,348 |
| Cotton cloths, total sq. yds.Value | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 53,113,45 f \\ & 88,429,416 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 44.886 .557 \\ & \$ 7.013 .048 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 387.941 .066 \\ & \$ 64,543.627 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 453,359,205 \\ & \mathbf{5} 71,551,119 \end{aligned}$ |
| Cotton d | 899.723 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,016.31 \\ \$ 453.003 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 7.667 .907 \\ \$ 3,508,388 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9,627,421 \\ \$ 4,211,826 \end{array}$ |
| Other cotton cloth Unbleached, sq. | 564,657 | 13,639,931 | 85,383,177. | 104,186,095 |
| Value | 31.553,744 | \$1,648,278 | 811.012.078 |  |
| Bleached | ${ }_{\text {81216,567 }}^{8.277,58}$ | 6,867,173 | 66,777.270 | \$711,176,939 |
| Printed, | 10,706.138 | 7.478.723 | 81.86 | 95,142,601 |
|  | 81,430.898 | 89 | ${ }_{78} 11.778 .228$ | $\$ 12.801,279$ <br> $90.750,882$ |
| Plece dyed, sc Value | \| 10.322 .366 | $8,392.217$ $\$ 1,573.564$ | \$15,265, 8 \% | \$17.152.927 |
| Yarn dyes, sq-y <br> Value | $\begin{aligned} & 10.343 .014 \\ & \$ 1,900.394 \end{aligned}$ | $7,492,202$ si,331,527 | \$12,977.233 | \$13.781,724 |
| Cotton yarn, threa |  |  |  |  |
| Carded yarn, lbs | 1,010,268 | \% 7322,3859 | $5,630,281$ $\$ 2,564,517$ | 11,032.813 |
| Combed yarn, ibs | 733,145 | 560.614 | 4,5477 707 | 7.020,842 |
| Value | \$456.960 | \$454,308 | \$3,092,553 | 85,176,394 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { warning to embr'y, lbs. } \\ & \text { dalue. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 138,409 \\ \$ 173,849 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 80.941 \\ \mathbf{8} 9.902 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,296,591 \\ \$ 1,507,441 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 885.100 \\ 8988.277 \end{array}$ |
| Cotton h Value |  | $\begin{array}{\|} 430.070 \\ 8832.114 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4,034,378 \\ \$ 7,586,244 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4,582.634 \\ \$ 8,657,826 \end{array}$ |

## Steel Companies Report Favorable Business Condi-tions-Pig Iron Market Slackens Somewhat. <br> From steel company sales departments reports are favorable, new orders and specifications ${ }_{2}$ being ${ }^{\text {still }}$ in excess of

shipments. Producers in the Chicago district found it the most active week of the year with the exception of early January, according to the "Iron Age's" weekly summary of market conditions. December opened with daily pig iron production $6 \%$ greater than on Nov. 1, though the daily average for November was but $3 \%$ more than that of October. The steel companies started up a good many blast furnaces in the past week as they became more convinced of the substantial character of the recent demand and of the good prospect for steel consumption in the early weeks of 1916, continues the "Age," adding:
December is not expected to equal November in amount of business booked, seeing that many manufacturing consumers are covered well into the first quarter, but the indications are that most of the metal-working industr
scale.
While but 53,000 freight cars were ordered in the first 11 months of the year, against 133.000 in all of 1926, a fair amount of winter buying is looked for. The Sante Fe has ordered 2850 freight cars and other roads are inquiring for a total of 2,140 , including 1,000 gondolas for the Pittsburgh \& West Virginia. The Pacific Fruit Express has authorized the purchase of 3,000 refrigerator cars.
Railroad buying in other directions is still considerable. including scattered rail orders and a good volume of track supplies. The International-Great Northern has placed 17,000 tons of rails at Sparrow's Point for water shipment to Galveston and 7,000 tons with the Colorado mill.
The wire trade has shown some improvement in the buying of both manufacturers and jobbers, but there is little prospect of such a January advance in prices as was attempted this year.
Sheet and tin plate mills are running at a high rate. The leading interest has $95 \%$ of its sheet mills going this week, with the Gary plant at $100 \%$. The curtailment thus far made in automobile production has caused no suspension of steel shipments and there are some plans at Detroit for an increased output in January.
Three of the five Eastern makers of plates have advanced prices $\$ 4$ a ton, from 1.60 c . to 1.80 c . Pittsburgh, for prompt delivery or first quarter contracts. The other two makers have made no definite decision. At 1.80 c. plates in the East are still $\$ 1$ to $\$ 2$ a ton below prices quoted by Pittsburgh mills.
The pig iron market has grown quieter, but consumption and prices are well maintained. Two sales of basic iron in the East totaling close to 10.000 tons have established a slightly higher price. Foundry iron from eastern Pennsylvania furnaces is strong at $\$ 23$ base.
tons of pipe iron have been made to two companies.
tons of pipe iron have been made to two companch.
The anthracite operators' rejection of the Pinchot propal is not taken as necessarily pointing to a long extension of the deadlock. The coke market does not point that way. Blast furnace operators now expect to get first quarter coke at $\$ 4.25$ to $\$ 4.50$ and spot business has been done at $\$ 3.85$, as against $\$ 8.50$ a month ago.
ake Superior ore shipments this year by water amounted to $54,074,079$ tons, or $27 \%$ more than in 1924 and about $1,000,000$ tons more than predicted.
Newfoundland and North Africa will supnly iron ore for the new blast furnace in Massachusetts. A total of 200,000 tons, includin
German pig iron producers have adopted the German steel makers system of granting rebates on iron to be converted into products for expert.
The price of steel remained unchanged but that of pig iron showed an advance as the following tables indicate

Finished Steel Dec. 1 1925-2.430c. Per Lb.
Based on prices of steel bars, beams, tank Sne week ago..-
plates, plain wire, open-hearth rails. One month ago.........-2.439.42c. ing 88\%oo the U.S. output.........- 10 -year pre-war average- 1.689 c .
Based on Pig Iron Dec. 1 1925- $\$ 21.54$ Per Gross Ton.


## 

November proved to be another month of heavy bookings in steel and has added both in tonnage and strength to the position of the mills, observes the "Iron Trade Review" this week. In some finished lines the incoming tonnage totaled the largest of the year, exceeding both October and January, the previous ranking months. In other products it was slightly less, reflecting seasonable changes and previous heavy purchases. Generally, unfilled tonnage with producers has been increased as the result of the month's market, despite the material expansion of shipments, declares the "Review" in summarizing conditions in the market. Further details from the report are as follows:
On the basis of orders on hand and the rate at which consumers are specifying, present activity in the industry is considered assured through January and probably well through the first quarter. With the mills falling back in deliveries, specifications to-day usually mean shipment after Jan. 1, which is acceptable to most consumers for inventory reasons. Moreover, contracting by buyers for first quarter requirements has been active and is continuing so.
Steel production is moving ahead at high speed, with some companies running close to the highest rate of tonnage in their history. While the industry as a whole is operating at $80 \%$ to $85 \%$, based on the numerical rating of furnace capacity, a number of companies, Including some of the largest, actually are producing tonnage in excess of their theoretical maximums. This illustrates the unusual pitch of efficiency that characterizes present operations.
A gain of 11 blast furnaces in the active list is the outstanding fact in pig iron production figures for November. This brings the number of furnaces in commission to 220 , or $57.2 \%$ of the total number, agalnst $54.1 \%$ in October. Because most of the stacks resumed the second half of the month, the increases in tonnage was not marked. The average daily production went from 97,351 tons to 100,620 tons, a rise of $3.3 \%$.

November orders for railway cars were the heaviest of the year. New inquiries have appeared this week more freely, totaling_8,000, principal among which is 5,000 for the Pacific Fruit Express.
Trade surveys from Detroit fail to show any decided sliding off of automobile production beyond the usual holiday modification. In fact, there is talk of operations to be pushed ahead after the first of the year. There is less pressure for steel from the industry.
Structural steel business in November was unusually good and for some large producers much in excess of mill capacities.
Active buying in the Philadelphia district, where 40,000 to 50,000 tons steel maker, are the high points of an otherwise quiet week in pig iron.

## Production of Pig Iron During November Gained Slightly.

From data collected largely by wire and with most of the reporting companies estimating their production for Nov. 30, the pig iron output of the country for November showed a moderate gain over that of October. The daily rate last month was 2,988 tons higher than in October, or an increase of $3 \%$. In October the increase over September was $7.3 \%$, according to the monthly statistics prepared by the "Iron Age," from which we quote:
The production of coke pig iron for the 30 days in November was $3.015,482$ gross tons, or 100,516 tons per day, as compared with $3,023.370$ tons or 97.528 tons per day for the 10 days in October. This is the first time the
daily rate has exceeded 100,000 tons per day since last April. A year ago daily rate has exceeded 100,000 tons per day si
the November production was $2,509,673$ tons.
There was a net gain of 14 furnaces in November, 19 having been blown There was a net gain of 14 furnaces in November, 19 having been blown
in and 5 shut down. The number active on Dec. 1 was 220 , having an in and 5 shut down. The number active on Dec. 1 was 220 , having an
estimated daily capacity of 103,800 tons. This compares with an estimated capacity of 97,950 tons per day for the 206 furnaces active on Nov. 1. Of the 19 furnaces blown in, 8 were Steel Corp. stacks, 5 were independent steel company furnaces and 6 were merchant units. There were 2 furnaces of the Steel Corp. blown out, one independent steel company and 2 merchant stacks.

Ferromanganese production in November was 25.392 tons, compared with 21,421 tons in October. The November spiegeleisen output was 6,375 tons, with that in October at 5,071 tons.
The Robesonia furnace of the Robesonia Iron Co. in the Lebanon Valley blew out Nov. 19 for relining after operating successfully for 25 months. Among the furnaces blown in during November were the following: One Palmerton furnace of the New Jersey Zinc Co. in the Lehigh Valley; $\mathbf{E}$ furnace at the Steelton plant of the Bethlehem Steel Corp. in the lower Susquehanna Valley; one Donora furnace of the American Steel \& Wire Oo., one Clairton and one Duquesne furnace of the Carnegie Steel Co., two Eliza furnaces of the Jones \& Laughlin Steel Corp. and one Monesson furnace of the Pittsburgh Steel Co. in the Pittsburgh district; one Perry furnace in western Pennsylvania, one Mingo furnace of the Carnegie Steel Co. in the Wheeling district; two South Chicago furnaces of the Illinois Steel Co. and one Gary furnace in the Chicago district; one furnace of the Colorado Fuel \& Iron Co. in Colorado; one Pioneer furnace of the Republic Iron \& Steel Co., one Ensley furnace of the Tennessee Coal, Iron \& RR Co., one Woodward furnace of the Woodward Iron Co. and one Gadesden furnace of the Sloss-Sheffield Steel \& Iron Co. in Alabama, and the Rockdale furnace in Tennessee.
Among the furnaces blown out or banked during November were the following: The Robesonia furnace in the Lebanon Valley; the Pulaski furnace in Virginia; the two Riverside furnaces of the National Tube Co. in the Wheeling district and No. 2 Otis furnace in northern Ohio.
daill rate of pig iron production by months-Gross tons


PRODUCTION OF STEEL COMPANIES FOR OWN USE-GROSS TONS.

| Total Pto Iron |  |  | Splegeletsen and $P$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ferromanpanese.* } \\ & 1925- \end{aligned}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 1924.4 | ${ }^{1925}$. | Fe.-Mn. | Splegel. |  | Splegel. |
| Februar | 2.410,658 | ${ }_{2,539}{ }^{2,785}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Marc | 2,674,565 | 2,812,995 | 22,351 | 13,796 | ${ }_{20,062}$ | 5,449 |
| ${ }_{\text {May }}$ | (eater | - $2,514,828$ | - | ${ }_{9}^{4,240}$ | ${ }^{21,448}$ | 5.341 |
| June | 1,507,110 | - | 14,993 20,049 | 9,336 9,405 | ${ }^{22,679}$ | 5,294 <br> 4,972 |
| Half | 13,256,826 | 14,980,598 | 124,113 | 54,58 | 125,787 | 31,384 |
|  | 1,343,952 | 2,037, 160 | 14.367 | 15.328 | 16,614 |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Septemb }}$ | 1,413.314 | 2,124,439 | 10,718 | ${ }_{5}^{8,010}$ | 18.887 | 4,939 |
| October | 1,858,502 | $2,109,205$ $2,370,382$ | ${ }_{7}^{13,7}$ | ${ }^{5} 5$ | ${ }_{21}^{18,381}$ | 5.162 |
| November | 1,896,886 | 2,336,030 | 13,448 | 8,835 | 25,392 |  |
| ber | 2,377,141 | 2,30,030 | 21,220 | 5.284 |  | 6.375 |
|  | 23,656,981 |  | ,909 | 107,132 |  |  |

total pig iron production by months-Gross tons.


Coal Situation in Massachusetts-No Early Strike Settlement Looked for-Use of Low Volatile Bituminous Coal Urged.
E. C. Hultman of Boston Chairman of the Emergency Fuel Administration, presents a review of the coal situation in Massachusetts in a memorandum to the local emergecy fuel administrators of Massachusetts, in which he urges "householders to use for heating purposes a lumpy run-ofmine, low-volatile bituminous coal, which can be mined in sufficient quantities to meet all requirements and purchased at a much lower price than the prepared sizes." "Plenty of this kind of coal," he says, "can be bought at the mines to-day for less than $\$ 3$ a ton." The memorandum follows:
Memorandum; To Local Emergency Fuel Administrators of Massachusetts;
The retail coal dealers of Massachusetts reported that on Nov. 1 they that dolive 336,908 tons of domestic-sized anthracite in their yards and totaled $3,341,420$ tons. Based on total deliveries of April 1 to Oct. 30 , season, it appears that it will be necessary fories citizens to use about $1,500,000$ tons of other fuels to carry them through the winter, if no more anthracite is produced. A copy of the statistical survey is enclosed herewith.
No attention should be paid to rumors of an early settlement of the anthracite strike. If the consumers of anthracite desire to win this strike which is directed against them, they should immediately put in sufficient stocks of fuel which. together with that already in their bins, will carry them through the winter.
to distribute to the citizens of Massachusetts sufficiest ample faclition to distribute to the citizens of Massachusetts sufficient fuel at reasonable prices. However, neither the mines nor the distribution system can
furnish an adequate supply of fuel if the demands furnish an adequate supply of fuel if the demands of a large number of householders are put on until severe minter weather. Therefore, the importance of consumers putting in their full winter's supply of fuel early cannot be over-emphasized.
Many householders are burning low-volatile ittuminous coal and during the present mild weather many more householders are funding out how to use it successfully. The prices of prepared sizes of low-volatile bituminous coal. the supply or which is limited simiar to coke, have risen and many householders find it is not desirable to use the prepared ssary This office is urging householders to use for to use the prepared sizes. run-of-mine ficient quantities to meet all requirements and purchased a med in surprice than the prepared sizes. Plenty of this lind of coal can be bower price the mines to doy for less than $\$ 3$ a ton at man an
Fuel Committee recommended the use , the New England Governors' containing not more than $23 \%$ volatile matter and not less thans coal B. T. U. per pound, because this coal can be burned satisfactorily in present heating apparatus without excessive smoke or ans. Many retan dealers and consumers are being offered splint and other cois of a mul higher volatile content than that advised by the Governors' Some of these coals can be burned successfully in some of our exitis apparatus. Those offering coal with a higher volatile content than the advised by the Governors' committee should be required by the consum to demonstrate the practicability of its use in the particular equipmen in which the coal is to be burned.
Complaints have been made to this office in regard to the kinds and quality of coal belng sold in small lots and bags. Bag coal is sold almoss entirely to the poorer people, who must be protected as they are the least able to protect themselves. Many of the larger retail dealers do not normally give much attention to the bag coal trade, which is generally handediby peddlers. In view of the fact that at the present time the needs of the poorer people are the principal source of concern it is suggested that you consult with your dealers to devise a plan whereby a large part of the remaining supply of anthracite will be conserved and distributed to the poorer people at reasonable prices
Mr. S. B. Crowell, President of the National Retail Coal Merchants' Association, recently stated:
ability look upon this emergency as an opportunity to demonstrate our we plo render an important service to the coal-consuming public and distributio our best-efforts to secure an adequate supply and an equitable the communities we serve
Therefore, public authorities should give the retail dealers an opportunity to make good the words of their President.
Will you kindly give us your opinion, as soon as possible, in regard to your local fuel situation, whether or not your dealers are taking adequate measures to provide suitable fuel at reasonable prices for their customers and what action you have taken to protect the coal consumers of your municipality?
If you desire additional copies of the instructions in regard to the use of fuels for home heating or if his Commssion can give you any information or be of help to you in any way, we shall be glad to assist you.

EMERGENOY FUEL ADMINISTRATOR,
E. O. Hultman, Chairman

## Bituminous Coal Market Practically Unchanged:

The mild weather of the past week prolonged the lack of activity that prevailed the week before and prices were still down. The cold weather which was predicted should bring out a great many buyers, as stocks in hand in dealers' yards are not large, observes the "Coal Trade Journal" this week, adding:
Mild weather caused a further lull in demand throughout New England and some prices dropped a shade in Boston. At Providence, however, there was an actual scarcity and prices rose accordingly. The transportation
situation tightened and rates on barges situation tightened and rates on barges and steamers went up. The demand for domestic fuel was very small and prices, in consequence, were nominal. ened. Some of the retailers still the demand for the coal product slackened. Some of the retailers still had a little domestic anthracite to offer, but, as a rule, their yards were cleaned out.
low volatile slack was the brightest spot in the market and the demand for
anthracite substitutes was practically nil and no resumption was expected until real cold weather arrives.

Rumors of the anthracite strike being settled shortly, coupled with warm weather, depressed the Philadelphia market for anthracite substitutes and anthracite last week and dealers were buying only on a hand-to-mouth basis. The best call during the week was for run-of-mine, which is rapidly find-
ing favor with the Philadelphia householders. The trade reported a lack ing favor with the Philadelphia householders. The trade reported a lack of "gouging" on the part of retailers. Pool
and prices were, as a rule, somewhat higher.
and prices were, as a rule, somewhat higher.
The demand for prepared bituminous at Baltimore was fair, but outside The demand for prepared bituminous at Baltimore was fair, but outside
of that the market as a whole was rather flat. No export shipments were reported. In spite of the lack of business, pool prices were higher than they were a few weeks ago. Prices last week at the southern piers were slightly lower, some good coat being offered under to div-dollar mark, but this coal was for the
Last week the demand for coal and coke from the central Pennsylvania territory fell off and prices dropped in consequence. It was reported that there were many cars held without sale in New England.
ber loadings will show an increase over those of October.
Prices in Pittsburghe territory sottened latre week, due to the demant for mild weather Call for industrial coal fell off somewhat, most account of mild weather. Call for industrial coal fell orf somewhat, most resulting in the price of slack dropping. Competition was still keen, but more and more mines were opening up under independent wage scales. The Connellsville coke field increased its production, most of the output going to industrials rather than to domestic consumers. Coke prices were lower.
There have been some inquiries received in the Fairmont district of northern West Virginia during the past week for December railroad fuel, but no prices were given out. Slack for the cement mills will probably be a nickel above the prices for last month. Prices of mine-run held up fairly well and, although the demand was not so brisk as it was for a time,
prices on prepared were not depressed to any great extent. Slack was firm. Southern West Virginia mines were still keeping up their record of over two million tons a week; stabilized lower temperatures at the end of the week stabilized prices. Egg was in better demand than lump, particularly in the East, where consumers are more used to this size. Winding Gulf and New River production was unchanged and the output of the Kanawha, Logan and Thacker fields continued at their former high level. The prepared from these districts was being marketed principally on a spot basis. Pocahontas and Tug River mines had about all the orders they could handle for prepared grades while other grades were stimulated by the activity in the steel mills. Many of the mines were making improvements whereby they could increase the output of prepared sizes.
In the Upper Potomac and western Maryland fields the demand for all grades was better balaneed than formerly, resulting in firmer prices. The movement through the Cumberland gateway has assumed such proportions with thas been necessary for the raiiroads to put on extra crews. Even din the greater supply of coal available, prices have advacod. .onage was also true of coals from the Virginia field from which a good timnage was
moving to southern markets. The production of coke in this field was still moving to southern markets. The production of coke

The acceptance by John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers' President, of Governor Pinchot's proposal to end the hard coal strike and the onerators' flat rejection of the plan were easily the outstanding events of the last week, observes the "Coal Age" on Dec. 3. President Coolidge has not as yet replied to the Lewis letter of Nov. 22 asking Federal intervention in the soft coal situation and reiterating his more or less thinly veiled threat of a general strike, but as Congress will convene next week Mr. Coolidge's message may embody the answer, to say nothing of the probable action of the legislative body itself, declares the "Age" in its weekly summary of market conditions, from which we quote the following:
Soft coal production continues at almost record-breaking levels, and the market is absorbing the tonnage remarkably well, though prices, it is true, show a softening tendency under the influence of unseasonably mitd weather and the virtual end of lake shipping, which always is an unsetting as a result some inducement fometimes is necessary to avoid demurrage charges, but even so, "no bills" are in evidence.
Scarcely a field or division of the trade escaped the continued reaction, West Virginia smokeless, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, southern and eastern Ohio and central Pennsylvania coals of all sizes and qualities partaking in the decline. Business is fairly steady in the New York and Philadelphia markets, but in New England weak spots have appeared in the steam trade, due to an absence of spot industrial demand. Liberal shipments off the Northwestern docks at Duluth and Superior are reported. The activity of Birmingham is keeping producers on the jump to keep up with requirements.

Transportation difficulties have been pretty well cleared up on the Louisville \& Nashville RR. Movement of coal through the Cincinnati gateway last week totaled 14,318 car loads, whieh was 119 less than
week but 419 more than
week but 419 more than in the corresponding anthracite consumers has served to put a further crimp in the demand for coke, so that prices continued to show a declining tendency and output also has fallen off.
The "Coal Age" index of epot prices of bituminous coal on Nov, 30 stood at 187, the correspending price being $\$ 226$, compared with 192 and $\$ 232$ on Nov, 23.

Dumpings of coal at Lake Erie ports during the week ended Nov. 29, according to the Ore \& Coal Exchange, were: Cargo, 769,446 net tons; 862130 ture week ended Now 26 phicl 83,234 . wrevious week.

## Bituminous Production Reaches Peak-Anthracite Strike Continues-Coke Output Declines.

With a gain of 457,000 net tons over the preceding week, the output of bituminous coal during the week ended Nov. 21 reached the peak of production per week since 1920, according to the U. S. Bureau of Mines report on Nov. 28. Anthracite output continued to gain slowly, although no strike set-
tlement is in sight. Output of coke declined, continued the Bureau, giving the following details :
During the week ended Nov. 21 the production of bituminous coal, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at $12,624,000$ net tons. This output represents the peak figure for 1925 and has not been exceeded since the week ended Dec. 111920
Estimated United States Production of Bituminous Coal, Including Coal Coked
$\qquad$ -
Noveenber 7--
Daily average-
November 14-
Daily average.
November $21-$
Daily average-


Cal. Yr.toDate.
$431,549,000$
a Original estimates corrected for usual error, which in past has averaged ber of days in the two years. c Subject to revision.
ber of days in the two years. c subject to revision.
Total output during the calendar year 1925 to Nov. 21 is $456,339,000$ net tons. This is approximately $33,074,000$ net tons, or $7.8 \%$, more than hat during the same period of 1924. Corresponding figures for recent years are given below:
 ANTHRACITE.
Production of anthracite for the week of Nov. 21, based on reports received from the principal carriers, is estimated at 46,000 net tons, an during the calendar year to date is now $61,847,000$ tons, $23.4 \%$ less than during the corresponding period of 1924.
Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons)
 years.
$\qquad$ 46,000 61.801.000

Week. Cal.Yr.toDate.a
1,592,000 $\quad 77,246,000$
$1,674,000$
$78,920,000$

## BEEHIVE COKE.

Production of beehive coke during the week ending Nov. 21 is estimated at 283,000 net tons, a decrease of 12,000 tons, or $4 \%$, compared with the preceding week. Compared with the corresponding week of 1924, howevar, there is a gain of 125,000 tons, or $79 \%$. Total production during the calendar year 1925 to date is
during the same period of 1924 .


## Domestic Exports of Canned and Dried Foods.

The report of the exports of canned and dried foods, released by the Department of Commerce, at Washington, on Nov. 24, covers the month of October and the ten months' period ending with October for the years 1925 and 1924. The report in detail follows:

|  | Month of October. |  | 10 Mos . Ended October. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1924. | 1925. | 1924. | 1925. |
| Otal ca | 913,228 | $1.149,789$ | $13,546,938$ | $14,768,690$ |
| Value | - \$266,258 | 11,282,530 | 194,203,636 | 145,979,079 |
| Value | \$3,500,560 | \$1,710,525 | \$23,835,714 | \$19,832,792 |
| Total canned vegetables, liss. | 4,353,075 | 6,203,472 | 41,247,751 | 43,374,088 |
| Value | \$454,068 | \$607,572 | \$4,660,125 | \$4,792,894 |
| Total dried and evaporated fruits, Ibs | 64,030,624 | 63,933,591 | 297,786,553 | 225,350,289 |
| Value - | \$5,063,586 | \$5,340,448 | 822,510,711 | \$19,177,406 |
| Total canned frults, | 30,987,433 | $50,539,599$ $\$ 5,194,423$ | 169.304,113 | 195,263,598 |
| Value | \$3,397,349 | \$5,194,423 | \$17,122,701 | 819,869,224 |
| ef, cann | 97,942 | 160,048 | 1,342,366 | 1,774,550 |
| Value | \$25,336 | \$40,149 | \$298,693 | \$569,419 |
| Sausage, c | 263.859 | 196,909 | 3,014,071 | 3,182,235 |
| Value | \$70,090 | \$56,227 | 8814,006 | \$869,234 |
| Milk, condensed, sweetened. | 6,264,751 | 4.551,661 | 56,568,927 | 3,187,596 |
| Value | \$847,921 | \$751,046 | 88,145,864 | \$5,419,303 |
| Milk, evaporated, unsweetened lbs | 16,335,157 | 5.771,144 | 123,459,095 | 94,830 |
| Value | \$1,420,520 | \$598,544 | \$11,181,929 | 39,538,269 |
| almon, ca | 9,297,062 | 8,318,483 | 55,080,585 | 42,088,699 |
| Value | \$1,467.377 | \$1,712,484 | \$7,946,229 | \$7,144,096 |
| Sardines, | 3,201,980 | 5,593,691 | 39,356,693 | 48,142,635 |
| Value | $\begin{array}{r}\$ 277.439 \\ 19 \\ \hline 139 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 25,321,520 | \$3,329,743 | \$4.049,827 |
| Value | \$1,408,820 | \$1,864,753 | \$5,745,166 | \$6,702,874 |
| pples, | 2,811,471 | 2,216,764 | 18,998,241 | 8,739,902 |
| Value | \$293,938 | \$253,599 | \$2,343,651 | 1,082,545 |
| Aprizots, | 1,827.805 | 2,559,628 | 28.191,981 | 17,309,037 |
| Value | \$283,886 | $\$ 354,275$ <br> 875,573 | 83,490,904 | \$2,978,378 |
| Peaches, Value | 1,170,777 | \$105,339 | 11.828 .190 8919 | 3,440,279 |
| Vanes, dr | 34,965,493 | 31,426,639 | 153,903,750 | 97,191,009 |
| Value | \$2,512,503 | 82,425,632 | \$8,945,632 | \$7,275,402 |
| Apricots, canned, 1 | 2,953,147 | 3.539,886 | 30,988,483 | 28,043,346 |
| Value | \$292,326 | \$339,526 | \$2,526,145 | \$2,518,229 |
| Peaches, ca | 8,091,434 |  | 50,717,968 | $\stackrel{61,804,666}{ }$ |
| Value | 8816,276 | \$1,538,905 | \$4,684,150 | 85,783,422 |
| Pears, cata Value |  | \$15,948,535 | 42,751,668 | 49,224,768 |
|  | +4.386,917 | 6,094,515 | 23,236,053 | 25,877, ${ }^{296}$ |
| Value | \$493.872 | \$470.987 | \$2.729.998 | \$2,918,813 |

## Production of Soft Coal in October.

The table below presents estimates of bituminous coal production during the month of October, the distribution
being based on figures of railroad loadings courteously furnished by the American Railway Association. Total production during the month amounted to $53,203,000$ net tons, the highest monthly production recorded since Dec. 1920. The average daily output was greater than that in September by 127,000 tons, or $6.9 \%$, according to estimates issued by the U.S. Bureau of Mines.

The figures in the table below show that with the exception of Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia, every coal-producing State in the country maintained a higher rate of daily output in October than in September. For the great Appalachian field as a whole, this increase was approximately $5.4 \%$; for the Eastern interior region, consisting of Illinois, Indiana and Western Kentucky, about $14 \%$, and in the States west of the Mississippi, increases ranged from one to about $34 \%$, continues the Bureau, from which we quate the following:
ESTIMATED MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF SOFT COAL BY STATES

|  | August 1925. |  | September 1925. |  | October 1925. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Production | Daily Avg | Production | Daily Avg | Production | Daily Avg |
| Alab | 1,863,000 | 71,700 | 1,931,000 | 76,000 | 2,051.000 | 76,000 |
| Arkansas | 121,000 | 4,700 | 129,000 | 5.100 | 149,000 | 5,500 |
| Colorado | 761,000 | 29,300 | 931,000 | 36,700 | 1,145,000 | 42,400 |
| Illinols | 5,731,000 | 220,000 67,200 | $5,834,000$ $1,859,000$ | 229,700 73,200 | 7,272,000 $2,182,000$ | $\begin{array}{r}269,300 \\ 80 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| Iowa | 380,000 | 14,600 | 379,000 | 14,900 | 490,000 | 18,100 |
| Kansas | 339,000 | 13,000 | 350,000 | 13,800 | 422,000 | 15,600 |
| Ky.-Eas | 3,773,000 | 145,100 | 3,808.000 | 149,900 | 3,925,000 | 145,400 |
| Western | 1,199,000 | 46,100 | 1,200.000 | 47,200 | 1,335,000 | 49,400 |
| Maryland | 191.000 | 7,300 | 195,000 | 7,700 | 205,000 | 7.600 |
| Michigan | 53,000 248,000 | $\stackrel{2,000}{9,500}$ | 63,000 260,000 | 2,500 10,200 | 78,000 325,000 | $2,9 \mathrm{CO}$ 12.000 |
| Montana | 213,000 | 8,200 | 239,000 | 9,400 | 339,000 | 12,600 |
| New Mexi | 185,000 | 7,100 | 200,000 | 7,900 | 242,000 | 9,000 |
| North Dak | 68,000 | 2,600 | 92,000 | 3,600 | 152,000 | 5,600 |
| Ohio | 2,715,000 | 104,400 | 2,869,000 | 113,000 | 3,297,000 | 122,100 |
| Oklahoma | 225,000 | 8,700 | 217,000 | 8,500 | 257,000 | 9,500 |
| Pennsylvani | 10,121,000 | 389,300 | 10,817,000 | 425,900 | 12,638,000 | 468,100 |
| Tennes | 535,000 | 20,600 | 556,000 | 21,900 | 571,000 | 21,200 |
| Texas | 83,000 | 3,200 | 81,000 | 3,200 | 82,000 | 3,000 |
| Utah | 403,000 | 15,500 | 489,000 | 19,300 | 524.000 | 19,400 |
| Virginia | 1,080,000 | 41,500 | 1,129,000 | 44,400 | 1,160,000 | 43,000 |
| Washington | 189,000 | 7,300 | 209,000 | 8,200 | 261,000 | 9,700 |
| West Virgin | 12,119,000 | 466.100 | 12,295,000 | 484,100 | 13,227,000 | 489,900 |
| Wyoming | 531,000 | 20,400 | 676,000 | 26,600 | 865,000 | 32,000 |
| Other States | 9,000 | 300 | 9,000 | 400 | 9,000 | 300 |
| Total. | 44,883,000 | 1,726,000 | 46.817.000 | 1,843,000 | 53,203.000 | 1,970.000 |

## Domestic Exports of Meats and Fats.

The Department of Commerce at Washington gave out on Nov. 23 its monthly report on the domestic exports of meats and fats for October. This shows that in October the total quantity and value of meats and meat products exported was less than in the corresponding month last year, 42,643 , 630 lbs . being exported in October 1925, against 59,440,912 lbs. in October 1924. The value of these exports in October this year amounted to $\$ 8,883,537$, against $\$ 9,370,273$ in October last year. The total of animal oils and fats for October was also smaller than last year. For the ten months ended with October the exports of meats and fats have been generally less than in the corresponding period last year, both in quantity and value. The report is as follows:

## DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF MEATS AND FATS

|  | Month of October. |  | Ten Months | Ended October. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1924. | 1925. | 1924. | 1925. |
| Total meats \& meat prod_. lbs . | 59,440,912 | 42,643,630 | 705,608,320 | 517,511,374 |
| Value | \$9,370,273 | 88,883,537 | \$97,658,687 | \$99,307,848 |
| Total anima Value | rer $\begin{array}{r}86,708,007 \\ \$ 12,995,018\end{array}$ | -62,449,677 | $1,056,306,850$ $\$ 132,615,905$ | $\begin{array}{r} 798,585,052 \\ 8128,288,611 \end{array}$ |
| Beef and veal, fresh .....-libs | 237,306 | 264,149 | 2,133,400 | 2,962,080 |
| Value | \$34,199 | \$37,093 | \$369,965 | \$468,619 |
| Beef, pick | 2,543,081 | 1,848,517 | 18,535,023 | 18,048,552 |
| Value | \$265,325 | \$201,292 | \$1,891,554 | \$1,885,567 |
| Pork, fres | 1,539,734 | 834.751 | 24,644,846 | 16,861,803 |
| Value | \$229,538 | \$162,048 | \$3.319,380 | \$2,935,281 |
| Wiltshire sides..........-libs. | 429,486 | 801,264 | 15,945,828 | 10,978,034 |
| Value | \$79,624 | \$193,561 | \$2,120,292 | \$2,161,939 |
| Cumberland sides.-....-lbs. | 1,682,738 | 2,244,795 | 23,547,215 | 21,865,036 |
| Value | \$301,963 | \$546,520 | \$3,267,163 | \$4,497,266 |
| Hams and | 22,091,701 | 14,493,616 | 270,325,871 | 215,782,652 |
| Value | \$3,871,377 | \$3,476,394 | \$40,536,108 | \$43,938,734 |
| Bacon Valu | 21,161,061 | 13,166,019 | $258,942,535$ $\$ 32,498,280$ | 146,862,921 |
| Pickled | 2,736,674 | 2,693,477 | 25,149,213 | \$28,130,632 $23,067,005$ |
| Value | \$343,746 | \$451,150 | \$2,929,758 | \$3,695,558 |
| Oleo | 10,410,955 | 5,085,327 | 84,141,433 | 78,579,741 |
| Val | \$1,781,977 | \$736,769 | \$11,472,641 | \$10,092,968 |
| Lard | 60,812,992 | 44,745,190 | 818,172,437 | 580,009,603 |
| Value | \$9,415,401 | \$8.003,503 | \$105,442,402 | \$100,357,264 |
| Neutral | 1,299,421 | 1,824,203 | 22,297,186 | 16,085,943 |
| Value | \$240,180 | \$370,316 | \$3,069,448 | \$3,055,261 |
| Lard comp'ds, animal fats.lbs. | 782,647 | 1,494,012 | 5,515,629 | 10,824,777 |
| Value | \$113,455 | \$213,533 | \$765,062 | \$1,583,830 |
| Margarine, animal fats_--lbs. | $\begin{gathered} 52,820 \\ 89,450 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 40,039 \\ 87.695 \end{gathered}$ | 667,377 | 531,129 $\mathbf{8 9 2}, 119$ |
| Cottonseed oil | 2,169,661 | 7,660,155 | 24,543,971 | 44,051,498 |
| Value | \$234,166 | \$762,183 | \$2,554,431 | \$4,766,832 |
| Lard comp., vegetable fats lbs | 470.510 | 1,154,716 | 5,679,164 | 6,577,001 |
| Value | \$69,030 | \$167,318 | \$793,025 | \$993,991 |

## Current Events and Discussions

The Week With the Federal Reserve Banks.
The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on Dec. 2, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the results for the twelve Federal Reserve banks combined, shows an increase of $\$ 26,400,000$ in bills and securities and of $\$ 11,200,000$ in Federal Reserve note circulation and a decrease of $\$ 3,000,000$ in cash reserves. Holdings of discounted bills went up $\$ 19,200,000$ and of Government securities $\$ 7,100,000$, while holdings of acceptances purchased in open market went down $\$ 1,700,000$.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago shows an increase of $\$ 9,200,000$ in discount holdings, San Fransicso an increase of $\$ 8,500,000$, Boston $\$ 6,900,000$, Atlanta $\$ 4,100,000$, and Philadelphia $\$ 4,000,000$. Discount holdings of the St. Louis bank declined $\$ 6,200,000$ and those of New York $\$ 4,900,000$. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:
An increase of $\$ 9,700,000$ in open-market acceptance holdings is reported
by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis and an increase of $\$ 2,900,000$ by Dallas while Boston reports a decline of $\$ 6,300,000$ and Chicago and Kansas iity report declines of $\$ 2,700,000$ and $\$ 2,500,000$, respectively. Treasury notes on hand increased $\$ 10,400,000$, while Treasury certificates
of indebtedness were reduced $\$ 3,300,000$, and holdings of U. S. bonds remained unchanged.
excegt Boston. New York and St. Louis, which show a total reductionks except Boston. New York and St. Louis, which show a total reduction of
$\$ 1,200.000$. The principal increases during the week were $\$ 2,800,000$ each reported by the Attanta and Chicago reserve banks.

The statement in full, in comparison with the preceding week and with the corresponding date last year, will be found on subsequent pages-namely, pages 2724 and 2725 . A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending Dec. 21925 follows:


The Week With the Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System.
The Federal Reserve Board's weekly statement of condition of 722 reporting member banks in leading cities as of Nov. 25 shows reductions of $\$ 56,000,000$ in loans and discounts, $\$ 5,000,000$ in investments and $\$ 202,000,000$ in net demand deposits. These reductions were accompanied by increases of $\$ 39,000,000$ in time deposits and $\$ 40,000,000$ in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks. Member banks in New York City reported reductions of $\$ 11,000,000$ in loans and discounts and $\$ 78,000,000$ in net demand deposits, together with increases of $\$ 1,000,000$ in investments, $\$ 20$,000,000 in time deposits and $\$ 37,000,000$ in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks. It should be noted that the figures for these member banks are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves.
Loans on U. S. Government obligations fell off $\$ 3,000,000$, a decline of $\$ 5,000,000$ in the New York district being partly offset by an increase of $\$ 2,000,000$ in the St. Louis district. Loans on corporate stocks and bonds show a net decline of $\$ 2,000,000$. The principal changes in this item include increases of $\$ 22,000,000$ in the New York district and of $\$ 7,000,000$ in the San Francisco district, and reductions of $\$ 16,000,000$ and $\$ 15,000,000$ in the Boston and Chicago districts, respectively. All other loans and discounts declined by $\$ 51,000,000$, decreases of $\$ 31,000,000$ in the New York district and $\$ 20,000,000$ each in the Boston and Chicago districts being offset in part by increases in other districts, particularly Philadelphia, Dallas and San Francisco. Further comments regarding the changes shown by these member banks are as follows:
Investments in U. S. Government securities changed but little outside the Chicago district which reported an increase of $88,000,000$. Holdings of other bonds, stocks and securities declined $\$ 6,000,000$ in the New York district and $\$ 5,000,000$ in the
Net demand deposits fell off $\$ 202,000,000$, the largest declines being as follows: New York district $\$ 94,000,000$, Ohicago district $\$ 47,000,000$. Boston district $\$ 18,000,000$, San Francisco district $\$ 12,000,000$, and the Philadelphia, Atlanta and Kansas City districts \$7,000,000 each
Time deposits increased $\$ 39,000,000$, of which $\$ 21,000,000$ was reported by bank
district.
The principal changes in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks
nclude increases of $\$ 41,000,000$ in the New York district, and of $\$ 13,000,000$
and $\$ 10,000,000$ in the Chicago and San Francisco districts, respectively, and a reduction of $\$ 11,000,000$ in the Boston district.

On a subsequent page-that is, on page 2725 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:

Loans and discounts, total

Weekly Digest of Cables Receives from Foreign Offices of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. argentina.
The trade is estimating the total wheat production for this year at $210,000,000$ bushels. A large linseed yeild is expected. The seasonal export movement of cereals is just starting, wheat trading being mostly speculative as yet. American interest in linseed for December and January delivery is evident. The new wool clip is being taken readily by Italian, French, and Belgian buyers, but to a lesser extent by the United States. The import trade is sluggish, stocks are normal, and the internal business situation remains unchanged. Increasing commercial failures are not alarming, but credits are being closely scrutinized. Collections are difficult where weaker houses bought too heavily. October bank statements show a decrease in deposits and cash in banks. Loans have increased by $24,000,000$ persos and rates are higher. The national revenues continue greater than last year by approximately $61 / 2 \%$.
BOLIVIA.

General business conditions show no change from October. Exchange averaged 2.89 bolivianos to the dollar for the month. Tin quotations have averaged approximately $£ 2821-3$ sterling. November imports consisted chiefly of flour from the United States and Chile; sugar from the United States and Peru; iron goods and lubricants from the United States and Germany; lumber and water mains, hardware and textiles from Great Britain, the United States and Germany; construction materials from Great Britain; steel rails and mining machinery from the Netherlands, and rice and dyes from Germany.

## BRAZIL.

Present prospects are for a gradual weakening of exchange, but tightness of money continues unabated. There were increasing failures in Sao Paulo during the month. The coffee market is dull with lack of orders. A new agreement has been signed between Sao Paulo and Minas coffee defense interests. U.S. conference rates for coffee are to be increased January 1 to 70 cents per bag from cargo and 80 cents for mail steamers. The import market is characterized by hand to mouth buying. Importers are either afraid or unable to take advantage of present exchange conditions. Inprovement is probable before the end of December. The domestic textile business is dead and dealers still hesitate to place large import orders. All dealers are trying to liquidate stocks to the best advantage. The Santos shipping situation is improved, with 35 ships along side and none in stream.

## costa rica.

Coffee crop estimated locally at $35,000,000$ pounds. Early dry season has set in and picking started. Large crops are expected to cause drop in prices of most agricultural commodities. Importations are slightly diminishing due to overstocking in retail establishments.

> GUATEMALA.

The coffee crop is estimated locally at from 750,000 to 800,000 hundred weight as compared with 890,000 last year. Prime grades are bringing $251 / 2$ cents a pound. Banana shipments have been resumed on the Pacific Coast at the rate of 15,000 bunches monthly. Money has tightened due to demands in financing coffee transactions. Retail trade is improving.

## PANAMA.

October imports showed an increase of $25 \%$ over September. The condition of the coffee and sugar crops is said to be satisfactory. Building and construction activities are above normal and retailers are looking for considerable
increase in sales with the advent of the tourist trade_in December.

## SALVADOR.

The rains have ceased and there is no longer any danger to the coffee crop. An unusually large crop is expected according to local authorities, which has caused a drop in local prices, and a stimulation of immediate trading. Business conditions have been quiet.

## colombia.

Exchange rates are steady. Commercial conditions are good, and much improved as compared with last year. There have been few recent business failures. Coffee shipments are around 30,000 sacks a week. The department of Caldas is discussing a loan for $\$ 10,000,000$, and the Municipality of Medollin is seeking one of $\$ 2,000,000$. There is much Congressional opposition to the President's plan for a foreign loan. Amendment to the petroleum law has been passed by Congress and now awaits the President's signature.

## GUIANA (BRITISH).

No improvement in the general situation has occurred during November, and the depression in all lines of business has been marked. The outlook for the 1926 sugar crop is very poor, but the production of rice and diamonds has shown improvement. It is estimated that 1925 diamond production will amount to 10,000 carats over 1924 .
mexico.
The general situation throughout Mexico remains dull to the same depressing causes evidenced for several months past. There has been a small increase in oil production due to activity of the National Railways and offset wells sunk by private concerns. Trade in staples, is poor while certain specialties, such as automobiles and typewriters, are holding their own. Collections are reported as bad.

## PARAGUAY.

While the commercial movement is still slow, the trade depression is lifting. Agricultural conditions are favorable. The loan market is inactive and bank deposits are falling. Collections are difficult. Interior orders for textiles are improving, with a good movement of American goods as Argentine gold exchange remains favorable. An official of the Government has sailed for Rome to confer regarding Italian colonization in Paraguay.

## PERU.

General business conditions show some improvement, due to rising exchange, better cotton and sugar prices, and the replenishing of stocks by importers. The Government has floated a bond issue of $\$ 7,500,000$ in the New York market, secured by the petroleum revenues. This had some effect on exchange although the movement of funds to Peru will not take place until December. Much of the proceeds of this issue will be devoted to irrigation works in the north. A special stamp tax of 5 cantavos on all domestic mail and a sugar consumption to have been imposed for the purpose of raising funds to meet the plebiscite expenses. A slight increase in cotton and sugar prices is having some beneficial effect on exports but due to the reduced exportable quantities at the present season of the year, there is little activity in export trading. Copper and silver shipments are increasing. Many foreign commercial travelers visited Peru during the month. Lumber sales were heavy and the Government placed several orders for California redwood ties. The textile trade is fair with a slightly increasing retail demand due to the summer season now commencing. Foodstuff imports are good but there have been numerous complaints arising from the bad condition of recent arrivals of perishable goods. The manufacture of some industiral chemicals and insecticides has been undertaken in Lima. Automotive sales wer slightly better, although the market is disturbed by the large number of cars returned to dealers for failure to maintain installment payments. The sales of accessories is fair. The trade in the Lima district has been disturbed by price-cutting on the part of several dealers.

URUGUAY.
Business is generally quiet with little improvement likely before the end of the year, due to the elections and annual stock taking. Sale of the new wool clip is developing slowly and buyers are displaying caution. Frigorifico operations have been restricted due to cattlemen withholding their stock on account of low prices.
venezuela.
General conditions are good, notwithsatnding some fear that importations have been excessive. Foreign trade is breaking records. The coffee market is dull and while the December crop will be small it is of good quality. Cacao
stocks are small. Crop prospects are fair, but balata and cotton crops will be small. Heavy automobiles, oil-well materials and flour are making up a considerable part of American shipments to this country. Much of the flour is from Canadian wheat milled in the United States. Additional docks at Maracaibo and a slaughtering and freezing plant at Maracay will be constructed by the Department of Public Works, and the Public Health Service will construct two garbage incinerators at once at Caracas. American firms interested should send representatives to study the projects.

Petroleum production is good. An American company has developed a well in a new field in eastern Venezuela, pumping several hundred barrels daily. It is reported that representatives of a Venezuelan company holding gold and diamond concessions in Venezuela and Guiana are going to England to interest British capital.
dominican republic
Retail business has continued at a satisfactory level although local consumption has declined. Merchants have been meeting their accounts but there are less active funds now available. Unemployed labor is expected to be absorbed shortly with the beginning of the sugar crop. The proposed amendment to the Dominican law 190, imposing additional taxes on 102 imported articles which affects practically only American trade, was enacted on November 24, effective immediately. The Dominican Chamber of Commerce and merchants have begun an extensive protest against the new law.

HAITI.
The Presidential campaign continues to be a disturbing element to general conditions while the decline of the franc in connection with coffee contracts has had a particular unsettling effect on export houses, causing several failures. Over importation of cotton goods and flour is generally recognized. Credit inflation is evident with a tendency to curtail bank credits. The coffee, cotton and sugar crops all promise greater yeilds than last yenr but with unfavorable prices for the latter two. The financial position of the Government is strong.

## porto rico.

Business is quiet in most lines, with the outlook somewhat improved as a result of the slight strengthening of sugar prices, good coffee and fruit crops, and the anticipation of the holiday trade. Permanence of the improvement is largely dependent upon the trend of the sugar market.

The banks report considerable exchange business as a result of heavy imports, chiefly of Spanish olive oil, garlic and nuts for the Christmas trade, and codfish and jute bags. There has been considerable transshipment trade to the Dominican Republic, chiefly shoes and cotton piecegoods.

Collections are fair in San Juan but generally tight in agricultural districts.

## great britain.

The trend of British business in November is encouraging. October and November experienced the usual seasonal demand, plus orders accumulated during the August coal difficulty. Forward buying is more general but caution is intensified by the uncertainties of the coal situation next spring. Unemployment is decreasing steadily and for the first time in months the figures are lower than corrseponding figures for last year. The upward movement in ordinary shares continued but wholesale prices have not advance. Easier money and cheaper coal, ron, steel and raw ms terials for many industries are helpful factors but severe competition continues to narrow profit margins materially. The Edinburgh Motor Show was well attended with both English and foreign passenger and commercial vehicles represented. British light car manufacturers are reported working day and night shifts, with some factors extensions necessary in the Coventry District. The budget now shows an abnormal deficit but the Chancellor predicts a balance except for the coal subvention. The British Dyestuffs Corporation shareholders have approved the reorganization proposals for a general writing down of share values, the Government to sell its interest and relinquish control, with the proviso that not more than 25 per cent of the voting power shall be foreign.

## SOUTH AFRICA.

South African business showed an improvement in November over October. The gold mines are still experiencing a shortage of native labor. The production of refined gold in November was 15,585 ounces above the Ootober figure. There was a high output of coal during November while
diamond turn-out increased slightly. Progress is reported in platinum developments. Imports were well sustained and exports heavy. Local industries were active during the month and clearing house returns show large gains over last year. Building continues at a high level. The revenue of the Union for the first half of the year is well ahead of the corresponding period of last year. Prospects are bright for wholesale and retail Christmas trade. October indexes remain unchanged. Port Elizabeth wool prices are easier with large receipts and slackening demand for low grades. Mohair is quiet and stocks are small. Feathers are dull and weaker.

DENMARK.
The Danish industrial crisis is growing and direct Government relief is being sought, especially for the textile, iron, and metal industries. The grave situation is being reflected in the high unemployment figure, which now totals 47,600 as against 24,000 a year ago. The labor situation is quiet, but the outlook is somewhat clouded owing to the downward wage reductions, which will be necessary in the early spring. The freight market shows a slight improvement which is reflected in the decreased idle steam and motor tonnage. Danish exports of butter, bacon, and eggs continue at a satisfactory volume with firm prices, but the financial returns are lower. Indications point to increased bacon production and sustained butter production. Agricultural wages have been reduced $10 \%$.

## NORWAY.

There have been no noteworthy changes in the Norwegian situation during the past month. Conditions remain somewhat depressed from the effects of the exchange appreciation with the attendant dullness in industry and trade. With the constant fall in price levels deflation is progressing rapidly. Industrial operations are decreasing with further curtailment of working hours in some cases and closing down in others. Foreign trade diminished somewhat during October, but the unfavorable balance was greatly reduced. Exports to the United States are maintained at a high level.

Gold and Silver Imported Into and Exported From the United States, by Countries, in October.
The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce at Washington has made public its monthly report, showing the imports and exports of gold and silver into and from the United States during the month of October 1925. It will be noted that the gold exports reached $\$ 28,039,190$. The imports were $\$ 50,740,649$, the bulk of which, namely, $\$ 41,890,643$, came from the United Kingdom. Of the exports of metal $\$ 22,474,883$ went to Canada, and Hongkong took $\$ 3,458,950$.
GOLD AND SILVER IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES, BY COUNTRIES.

|  | GOLD. |  | SILVER. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Value. |  | Refined Bullion. |  | Total Value. |  |
|  | Exports. | Imports. | Exports. | Imports. | Exports. | Imports. |
| Countries- | \$ | \$ 2,542 | Ounces. | Ounces. | \$ |  |
| France....... |  |  |  |  |  | 2,325 |
| Germany | 238,149 |  | 760,918 |  | 543,183 |  |
| Italy-. | -...-- | 2,563 9,340 |  |  |  | 5,274 17.376 |
| Sweden, |  |  |  |  |  | 17,376 4,377 |
| United Kingdom. |  | 41,890,643 | 300,639 |  | 213,666 | 1,709 |
| Cosada- | 22,474,883 | $3,451,477$ 45,425 | 117,752 | 444,254 2,256 | 189,482 | 649.084 |
| Guatemala |  | 23,502 |  |  | 79,700 | 9.001 |
| Honduras. |  | 5,789 |  | 154,156 |  | 113,703 |
| Nicaragua |  | 36,498 |  |  |  | 6,978 |
| Panama. |  | 4,896 |  | 46 |  | 2.358 |
| Salvador | 50,000 326,479 | 534,527 |  | 3,709,074 | 91,596 | 4,195,598 |
| Newfoundland \& Labrador |  | 2,853 |  |  | 91,59 | $4,195,598$ 391 |
| Trinidad \& To- | 1,125 | 5,914 |  | 7 |  | 775 |
| Other Brit. W. I- |  | 414 |  |  |  |  |
| Cuba |  | 1,246 |  | 8 | 1,000 | 8,945 |
| Dutch West Ind's |  |  |  |  |  | 1,050 |
| Argentin | 51,000 |  | 11,391 |  | 8,155 | 441 864 |
| Brazil. | 35,170 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chile- |  | 5,682 |  | 2.152 |  | 103.965 |
| Dutch Gulana --- |  | 1,571 |  |  |  |  |
| Peru. |  | 82,734 |  | 54,421 | 28.700 | 367,029 |
| British India | 13,910 | 92,834 | 6,217,397 | 321 | 4,432,576 | 227 |
| Straits Settlemen ${ }_{\text {d }}$ | 663,278 |  |  |  |  |  |
| China-1.-. ${ }^{\text {D }}$ - | ${ }_{220,010}^{501,236}$ | 154,565 | 4,514,260 |  | 3,193,340 |  |
| Hongkong.-....- | 3,458,950 | 15,565 |  |  |  | 90,314 |
| Japan_..-.-.-.- |  | 4,000,000 |  |  |  |  |
| Phillppine Islands | 5,000 | 171,184 |  |  |  | 1,531 |
| New Zealand |  | 26,975 |  |  |  | 1,140 |
| Portuguese East Africa......... |  | 69,616 |  |  |  | 35 |
| Total...--...-- | 82.039,190 | 50,740,649 | 11,925,077 | 4,386,700 | 8,783.376 | 5.601,851 |

## J. P. Morgan Returns From Abroad.

J. P. Morgan, who had been abroad since the latter part of September, following the death of Mrs. Morgan in August, returned on the White Star Line steamer Majestic, which docked in New York on Dec. 1. Mr. Morgan refrained from commenting on his trip.

## J. P. Morgan \& Company and Guaranty Trust Company Participating in Advancement of Credits

## to Belgium.

Last night's edition of the New York "Evening Post" (Dec. 4) carried the following news item:
J. P. Morgan \& Co. and the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York are participating in an advancement of credits to Belgium to stablizize Belgian exchange rates. it was announced to-day.
Although the amount of the credit was not given out, it was generally believed that the first sum would be $\$ 25.000 .000$ and that additional advances would be made available whenever needed. These credits are to be refunded upon completion of arrangements for a long term loan next spring, it is believed.
British, Dutch and Swiss banks are joining in the international group that will lend aid to the Bank of Belgium, and this arrangement is expected to enable Belgium to return to a gold basis with a devaluation of the franc to around current levels of 5 cents.
It is hoped that credit conditions in Europe will improve in the winter sufficiently to enable Belgium to float an international loan before next summer. Negotiations for a long-term loan had been in progress in London for several weeks, but these fell through when the Bank of England advanced its discount rate from 4 to $5 \%$.

According to the "Sun" of last night, the American bankers' share in the arrangement was arranged, it is understood, by Baron Hautain, Governor of the Bank of Belgium, and the Belgian Minister of Agriculture when they were here as guests of Governor Benjamin Strong of the New York Federal Reserve Bank. These visitors, says this account, sailed for home on Tuesday of this week.

The following Associated Press cablegram was reported from Brussels Dec. 3:
The Belgian Telegraphic Agency's London correspondent announces that all arrangements for forelgn credits to Belgium in different financial markets have been com cloted and that the contract was signed at the Bank of England Tuesday night in the prosence of the Belgian Finance Minister. Albert E. Jansson, and M. Lepreux, Vice-Governor of the Bank of Belgium.
Representatives of the various foreign banks took part in the operation to stabilize Belgian currency.

Banco Espanol de Chili Closes Temporarily Incident to Study of New Banking Law.
The Associated Press announces the following advices from Santiago, Chili, under date of Dec. 1:
The Banco Espanol de Chili, one of the most important financial instituthons of the country, closed its doors to-day.
The bank issued a statement saying the suspension was only temporary, as the condition of the bank was belng studied in accordance with the new banking law drawn up by Professor E. W. Kemmerer of Princeton Uniof Chili's financial system. The bank has branches throughout Chili.

## Agreement Reached for Funding of Rumania's Debt to United States.

An agreement for the funding of Rumania's war debt to the United States was reached this week. The Rumanian Debt Mission arrived in this country on Nov. 6, but the conversations with the American Debt Commission were not brought under way until Nov. 13, having been deferred pending the settlement of the Italian indebtedness. On Nov. 21 the American Debt Commission declined to accept the first formal offer for a funding of Rumania's debt, and submitted to the Rumanian Commission a counter-proposal, embodying substantially the terms of the British-American settlement, with modifications to meet Rumania's particular situation. The acceptance of the American proposals by the Rumanian Commission was announced on Dec. 1. The agreement reached is indicated in the following Washington advices to the New York "Herald Tribune":

Similar to British Terms.
Under the agreement reached with the Rumanian commission headed by Nicholas Titulesco, Rumania is held rather strictly to the terms of the British debt settlement, agreeing to pay interest at the rate of $3 \%$ for the first ten years after a moratorium and $31 / 2 \%$ thereafter.
A partial moratorium of ten years is granted to Rumania, during which period the nation will be required to make comparatively small payments ranging from $\$ 200.000$ on June 151926 to $\$ 1,400.000$ in 1935. After that the payments increase materially. During the moratorium period the payments are fixed arbitrarily without regard to interest, the amounts being made up in the subsequent payments.
The ten-year period of leniency, it was explained by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, head of the American Debt Commission, was agreed to by the American commission because of the tangled state of Rumania's Treasury. Rumania's capacity to pay in resources is good, but the Government fiscal system is not getting the revenue that should be derived from those resources. This is being adjusted, but it will take some time for the Government to get its revenues in shape to meet the larger payments re-
quired on the American debt.

The official statement on the debt settlement issued to-night by the World War Foreign Debt Commission follows:
"An agreement has been reached in settlement of the Rumanian debt to the United States, subject to the approval of Congress and the Rumanian Parliament. The settlement has been approved by the President. The or this indebtedness of Rumania amounted to $\$ 36,128,49494$. Interest cipal of the debt to be funded as of June $151925 \$ 44,590,000$

Interest $3 \%$ and $31 / 2 \%$.
"The Rumanian Government agrees to repay the principal of the funded debt over a period of sixty-two years, with interest at $3 \%$ a year for the first ten years and $31 / 2 \%$ a year thereafter. During the first fourteen years the following total anuual payments are to be pald, the binge of each annuity June 151926 , 151033 June 151926 June 151927 June 151928
June 151929
June 151930
June 151931.
June 151932.
\$200.000|June 151933.
$\$ 1,000,000$
400,000|June 151934 --
500,000|June 151935 _-
600.000|June 15 1936.

700,000|June 151938
800,000|June 151939 1.200 .000 $1,400,000$ $1,600.000$
$1,600,000$ $1,600,000$
$2,000,000$ 2,000,000
"A debt-funding agreement will be prepared for signatures and submission to the President.
The arrival of the Rumanian Debt Commission was noted in these columns Nov. 7, page 2220.

## Italian Chamber of Deputies Approves $\$ 100,000,000$

 Loan Recently Floated in New York-Italy's Grati-fication Voiced by Finance Minister Volpi.
The Italian Chamber of Deputies approved on Nov. 28 the Italian Government loan of $\$ 100,000,000$ recently floated in the United States by the syndicate headed by J. P. Morgan \& Co., the First National Bank of New York and the National City Co. The loan was referred to in these columns Nov. 21, page 2469. Following the immediate placing of the issue, Count Volpi, Finance Minister of Italy, sent the following letter to J. P. Morgan \& Co., expressing to the offering group of bankers the Italian Government's satisfaction upon the success of the loan and pointing out its constructive character:

## Messrs. J. P. Morgan \& Co.

Dear Sirs: In behalf of Prime Minister Mussolini, I beg to express to you and to those associated with you in the issuance of the Italian Government loan, the Government's gratification upon its success and its appreinvestment community. Italy manifested towards Italy by the American shows a material surplus. Inflation is at an end. Our budget for the military establishment is below even the moderate pre-war figures. Industry is on the up-grade. Those same measures of economy and efficiency in Government administration, as were dwelt upon by President Coolidge in his notable address last evening, have been put into effect in Italy, bringing contentment to its people and stable economic and political conditions. The loan which you and your associates have arranged is a logical step following the debt settlement at Washington, for the proceeds of this loan will be devoted to the stabilization of our currency, an end bardly less in the interest of American trade with Italy and of the American Government as a creditor than it is of Italy itself. We return to Italy with every apprecia tion of the great friendliness expressed to us, both officially and unofficially, by the American people.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) VOLPI.

## November 201925.

Count Volpi, who headed the Italian debt mission, which last month concluded negotiations for the funding of Italy's debt to the United States, left a week ago, with other members, for Italy.

## Progress in Economic Readjustment in Japan.

In a speech delivered at Osaka, Nov. 25, before the Western Japan Bankers' convention, Japanese Finance Minister Hamaguchi touched upon the important economic problems confronting Japan. The Japanese Financial Commission, in this city, has received a cablegram outlining the speech, a translation of which follows:
Our economic readjustment has made a steady progress. And yet, until its completion, there is more to be done both by the Government and by the public. Principal measures now under contemplation by the Government for this purpose are tax reform, tariff reform, improvement of our trade balance, etc. Both the tax reform bill and the tariff reform bill will be laid before the Diet at its coming session. Recent remarkable improvement of our dollar exchange is chiefly due to the favorable turn of our foreign trade. Compared with the corresponding period of last year, our total (including colonies) export in the first ten mo ths of this year increased about 444 million yen and import, 139 million yen; while the excess of import decreased, indeed, about 305 million yen.
The exchange rate, though being on an upward trend, is still about $16 \%$ below par. The Government, realizing the urgent necessity of its recovery,
is strenuously endeavoring for the decrease of impor ; instance such endeavoring for the decrease of import; resorting to, for of home produthods as encouragement of thrift, hard work and the use motion of oducts. On the other hand, it is sparing no effort for the procoming fiscal year's budget, creased export Wider application of the rebate system on the re-exported goods is another example. The gold shipment, which has already amounted to 14 million yen since the first shipment in September, will be continued in the future Owing to the higher money rates in the home market and the low price of yen, there has been an apparent tendency of foreign capital importation. The total amount of loans floated abroad in these twelve months amounted to nearly 70 million dollars, and it is said there are more under contem-
plation. Such importation plation. Such importation may, as advocated by some, contribute to the
improvement of our trade balance, but, unlees the loan terms are favorable and the proceeds are adequately used, it may, I am afraid, result in increase of our foreign payment and ultimately induce an adverse trade balance.
Moreover, the effect which any sudden inflow of a large foreign capital Moreover, the effect which any sudden inflow of a large foreign capital
might bring to our present financial world, cannot be minimized. I shou:d might bring to our present financial world, cannot be minimized. I shou d like, therefore, to ask our citizens to exercise, especially at present, 6 elf-
control in the utilization of foreign capital and co-operate with the Government for the sake of our economic rehabilitation and ultimate improvement of our trade balance.
In an earlier speech (Nov. 19) at the annual meeting of the Associated Clearing Houses Throughout the Empire, Finance Minister Hamaguchi outlined the Government's financial policy for the coming year, and a translation of his remarks at that time is furnished as follows:

Economy in Government Finance.
In framing the budget for the coming fiscal year 1926 (ending March 31 1927) it has been decided to pursue the same retrenchment policy as was The expenditures in the general account are estimated to total about 1,598 million yen, consisting of 1,079 million yen in the ordinary and 519 million yen in the extraordinary. Out of this total about 220 million yen are incurred by various expenditures necessitated by the earthquake of 1923 .
There will be an increase of about 48 million yen over the total of the present fiscal year's budget, one of the principal causes of which is the 20 million yen subsidy to local Governments for salaries of grammar school teachers.

## Tax Reform.

To reorganize the present taxation system with a view to insure a more equitable distribution of the tax burden among various social classes, but with due consideration on the present economic and financial conditions, the Government has decided to propose a tax reform bill in the coming session of the Diet. Generally speaking, the present direct taxation system
will be allowed to remain on the whole, but with some mino will be allowed to remain on the whole, but with some minor alterations. The business tax is to be revised so as to strengthen general busine: s foundations and to promote industries. In the case of the income, land, inheritance and business taxes, the minimum amount liable to taxation will be raised in order to relieve the tax burden on the middle and lower classes. Various indirect taxes, such as consumption tax on cotton textiles, the traveling tax, taxes on soy and stamp duties on patent medicines will be abolished. On the other hand, to cover, to a certain extent, the deficit in the revenue to be caused by the foregoing abolitions or reductions, proposals will be made for higher progresive rates in the inheritance tax and higher tax on liquors and soft drinks. At any rate over 30 million yen reduction on the nation's tax burden is under contemplation.

## No Loan in Open Market.

The contemplated loans to be issued in the coming fiscal year for the purpose of earthquake reconstruction works, public works in the colonies and construction and improvement of the national railroads amount colonies million yen. None of them will be floated in the open market, but will either be offered for subscription at post offices or be subscribed by the funds belonging to certain special accounts of the Government. The policy of no loan in the open market, which has been adopted since the last fiscal year (1924), has gradually brought out an easier tone in our money market, resulting in lower money rates. The terms of new bond issues have, consequently, much improved, enabling longer terms and lower yield. It also prompted the time of our economic readjustment and is constructing step by step the foundation for better business.

## United States Bankers Reject Coffee Value Loans Action Taken at Instance of Secretary Hoover to Keep Price Down.

The following Associated Press dispatch from Washington, Nov. 12, appeared in the New York "Journal of Commerce."; American loans sought by Brazilian authority to support coffee price valorization have been refused by New York bankers at the instance of the Administration, it appeared today in the publication of a statement by secretary Hoover.
Amounts of loans sought and the identity of the banking houses and borrowers concerned were not mentioned by Mr. Hoover, but the Government's interest was revealed as that of preventing any use of American money to increase the price of coffee to American consumers above a point which the Government considers fair.
the New York banking houses will wish to provident, "does not believe the New York banking houses will wish to provide loans which might be diverted to support the coffee speculation which has been in progress for the past year at the hands of the coffee combination in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Such support would simply bolster up the extravagant prices to the American

## "I unde

I understand that the speculation which has been in progress at Sao Paulo is disapproved by important elements in the Brazilian coffee industry, important industry.
"Some of the New York banking houses have been approached for these loans and, I understand, have refused to entertain them. The Administration is solicitous that no harm should be done to the Brazalian coffee planting industry and our information is that whereas the price of coffee is held at about 22 c . by the combination, many of the planters themselves are not receiving more than 14 c . a pound. The average price before this recent speculation, which carried raw coffee as high as 32 c . was about 12 c . to 14 c . a pound.
"Total coffee imports into the United States are about $1,400,000,000$ pounds per annum."

## Excise Cotton Duty Suspended by India-Strike of

 135,000 Workers Ends-British Fear Loss of Trade.Under date of Dec. 1 a special cablegram from London to the New York "Journal of Commerce" said:
The Government of India has suspended the $31 / 2 \%$ excise duty on Indian woven cotton cloth from to-day, and promises its complete abolition in the budget next March. The import duty of $11 \%$ continues, however.
budge Manchester "Commercial-Guardian" says the effect upover. cashire trade cannot fail to be Important adversely.
The same paper reported the following advices from Manchester, Eng., Dec. 1:

An "urgency" meeting of spinners, manufacturers and merchants was held here to-day to discuss the effects of the suspension of the excise duty on cotton goods by India.
The trade here is
The trade here is considerably disturbed over the action of the Government of India, which deprives British manufacturers of a tariff preferential heretofore accorded them

From Bombay, India, Dec. 1, it announced the following Associated Press cablegram:
The decision of the Government to suspend the cotton excise duty, announced yesterday, has had the effect of terminating the strike of cotton mill operatives which began in mid-September.

By the abandonment of the duty the mill owners were enabled to restore wages to their old level and the owners' association issued an invitation, which was quickly accepted, for the strikers to resume work.
About 135,000 operatives were involved in the strike.
Commenting on the above, the paper quoted said:
Japanese Competition Keen.
British cotton manufacturers have been encountering some difficulties recently in connection with their trade with India because of the growing competition of Japan and other countries that offer low quality and low price goods, some of which are made from Indian-grown cotton.
The new move has a political side in India that is little understood at the moment, and the Manchester trade proposes to take the matter up with the Imperial Government to see that justice is done to them. The suspension came unexpectedly, and if it is persisted in it will be followed by other matters sure to have a very adverse effect upon the British cloth trade. India is Lancashire's greatest market. At present the English industry is quiet, and only recently cables stated that unsuccessful attempts were made to curtail production by vote of mills spinning American cotton.

Redemption of Argentine Government Bonds of 1925
J. P. Morgan \& Co. and the National City Bank, as fiscal agents, issued the following notice December 1 regarding the redemption of the Government of the Argentine nation. External sinking fund 6\% gold bonds issue of June 1, 1925. The undersizned, acting as Fiscal Agents in respect of the above Bonds, hereby give notice that $\$ 225,000$ in cash is available for the purchase for the Sinking Fund of so many of said Bonds as shall be tendered and accepted for purchase at prices below par, and tenders of Bonds at such prices are hereby invited.
Tenders of such Bonds with coupons due on and after June 1, 1926 should be made at a flat price, below par, to be stated in the tender, and must be delivered in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, either at the office of J. P. Morgan \& Co., 23 Wall Street, or the principal office of the National City Bank, 55 Wall Street, on a form obtainable on application at either of sald offices, enclosed in an envelope and marked "Tender of Government of the Argentine Nation External Sinking Fund $6 \%$ Gold Bonds. Issue of June 1, 1925, for the Sinking Fund." The tenders received before 3 p . m., January 5,1926 , will be opened, and as soon as possible thereafter announcement will be made of the amount of the tenders then accepted. If the tenders so accepted are not suffieicnt to exhaust the available moneys aforesaid, additional purchases upon tender, below par, may be made up to March 1, 1926 .

The right is reserved to reject any or all tenders.
J. P. MORGAN \& CO.

NATIONAL CITY BANK,
Fiscal Agents.
Redemption of Poland External Gold Bonds of 1925
Dillon, Read \& Co. as Sinking Fund Trustees for the Republic of Poland 25 Year Sinking Fund External 8\% Gold Bonds dated January 1, 1925, announce that they have designated by lot for redemption on January 1, 1926 out of monies paid to them by the Republic of Poland as and for a sinking fund, $\$ 700,000$ principal amount of the Bonds. The Bonds designated for redemption are payable on January 1, 1926 at the office of Dillon, Read \& Co., Nassau and Cedar Streets, New York City, upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds at $105 \%$ of the principal amount of the Bonds, and the interest accrued to January 1, 1926. The numbers of the $\$ 1,000$ pieces drawn range from $\mathrm{M}-160$ to 33379 . The numbers of the $\$ 500$ pieces drawn range from D-14 to 2743 and the $\$ 100$ pieces from C-4 to 2030.

Great Britain Concludes Peace in the Hedjaz-Agrees to Pay Sultan Ibn Saud $\$ 1,000,000$ for Army Beside $\$ 300,000$ Yearly.
The New York "Times" printed on Dec. 1 the following cablegram (copyright) from Paris:
Prince Lotfallah, Ambassador in France of the Hedjaz, confirmed in Paris today reports from Cario that Great Britain had just concluded a peace agreement with Sultan Ibn Saud, the conqueror of Mecca. One of of $\$ 1,000.000$ for development of his rmy Government is said to be willing to meet when peace is finally restored in Government
the Hedjaz.
the Hedjaz.
Prince Lotfallah asserted emphatically that the money settlement was outside the political settlement.
If England pays $\$ 1,000,000$ for a peace which would mean the evacuation of Mecca, among other things, it is the private affair of Sultan Saud," said the Prince. Sultan same can be said for the upkeep of his army. Great Britain is very well
paid to the Sull paid to the Sultan or the upkeep of his army. Great Britain is very well
informed about the Arabian question and there is no doubt that the time has informed about the Arabe throughout that region."
come to establish peace
According to the terms of the agreement Britain has the sole right to represent the Hedjaz abroad and Britain will have a permanent official at Sultan Saud's court.
The rise of Sultan Saud to fame and power has been rapid. The chief of the Wahabis-the Anaustere, a religious tribe of Bedouin-recently attacked Drove King Huessein into exile. Three hundred thousand dollars was really paid annually by the British on condition that he refrain from war ike activities.

## Income Tax Ruling Bearing on City of Vienna 41/2\% Bonds of 1917

Holders of the City of Vienna 60 year $4 \frac{1}{2} \%$ Bonds issued February 23, 1917 cannot make any deduction for income tax purposes for a loos in them until the bonds are sold or are otherwise disposed of. That is the ruling just released by the Income Tax Department, according to M. L. Seidman, tax expert of Seidman \& Seidman, Certified Public Accountants. "It seems that many taxpayers," Mr. Seidman explained, "deducted in their income tax returns the amounts they paid for these bonds because of the fact that the Austrian crown depreciated and became practically worthless. The Department held, however, that such a deduction cannot be taken since it reflects merely fluctuation in the market value of the securities and that until a sale takes place and the loss can be accurately determined, no deduction may be claimed."

## Pending South American Loans.

In making public, Nov. 27 , a list of pending South American issues, as compiled by Max Winkler, Vice-President of Moody's Investors' Service, a statement thereon says:
The apparent popularity of European loans has led to the concentration on the part of our underwriting fraternity upon the financing of European enterprises. Although one may confidently expect the continuance of the
efflux of American capital to the Old World on practically the same large efflux of American capital to the old World on practically the eame large
scale as witnessed within recent months, it appears that American banking scale as witnessed within recent months, it appears that American banking
institutions are neglecting the opportunities afforded through the reasonably safe investment of funds in the countries on the southern half of our hemi. sphere. With the resumption by the Brazilian State of Santa Catharina of payments at an early date of interest and sinking fund on its $8 \%$ Dollar bonds which went into default on Feb. 1 this year, not one single loan sonds which went into default on Feb. 1 this year, not one single loan
issued in this market on behalf of South American Governments, States or municipalities, will be in default with respect to either interest or amortizaion payments. It is therefore reasonable to expect that prospective South American loans will receive a cordial reception in this market.
The list compiled by Dr. Winkler follows:


1. The Loan Liquidation Debt is in reichsmarks; the debt is in the form of bonds to bearer which may, however, be exchanged into stock registered in Germany.
2. Twenty-five reichsmarks nominal of the Loan Liquidation Debt will be (a) 1 in exchange for-
(c) $16,700,000$ marks nominal of the 8 to $15 \%$ " K " Treasury Bonds, 1923 , (d) 1,000 gold marks of the of the 8 to $15 \%$ " $K$ " Treasury bonds, 1924; pensation gold marks of the non-interest-bearing bonds issued in comAnnex to Revalorization Law of July $16 \quad 1925$ ),
(e) 1,000 marks nominal of all other mark loans of the Reich (with the exception of certain categories of debt excluded under Section 1, Subsection 3, of the Law).
3. Allotments of the Loan Liquidation Debt will only be made in nominal amounts of 12.50 reichsmarks or multiples thereof.
4. Except on account of drawn "Redemption Rights" issued in respect of 'Old Holdings" (as hereafter defined)
(a) Holders of Loan Liquidation Debt cannot demand repayment thereof; (b) The Loan Liquidation Debt will not bear interest until the Reparation liabilities have been redeemed (such date to be determined by legislative enactment).
"Old Holdings" are given the following special terms:
The right to participate in drawings ("Redemption Rights") spread over 30 years up to the nominal amount of Loan Liquidation Debt allotted; but if a holder (other than a company incorporated under the Companies Act exchange for his "Old Holdings" more tha 12,500 R. M. Loan Liquidation exchange for
In the case of the first $25,000 \mathrm{R}$. M., or part thereof, over and above 12,500 R. M. Loan Liquidation Debt, he will receive redemption rights to the nominal amount of one-half of the Loan Liquidation Debt;
For the next 25,000 R. M. Loan Liquidation Debt, or part thereof, he will receive redempt'on rights to the nominal amount of one-third of th Loan Liquidation Debt; and
In respect of any further amount of Loan Liquidation Debt he will receive Debt.
Companies incorporated under the Companies Act and other corporations actually owning the securities will be entitled to redemption rights up to the full nominal anoun allotment of Loan Liquidation Debt exceeds 12,500 R. M
Redemption rights will only be allotted in nomin 1 amounts of $12.50 \mathrm{R} . \mathrm{M}$ or multiples thereof.
5. Drawings of redemption rights will take place annually over thirty years, commencing in the year 1926.
6. On surrender of drawn redemption rights, together with a nominal amount of Loan Liquidation Debt equivalent to the nominal amount of such redemption rights, the Loan Liquidation Debt will be redeemed, at the end of the year in which the drawing has taken place, by payment of five times the nominal value of the redemption rights, plus interest on the redemption payment of $4 \frac{1}{2} \%$ from Jan. 1.1926 until the date fixed for redemption.
7. Redemption rights will be negotiable by delivery

An abridged list of mark loans of the German Government is appended A list of all mark loans of the German Government covered by the terms of the law may be obtained on application; included in this list are State, railway and other loans taken over by the German Government. A present, conversion claims onl ngs, viz., securiles of from a date prior to July 11920 . The exceptions ninted to this definition of "Old Holding" are set out in Part I Section Subsections 10 and 11 of the Law of July 16 1925, on the Liquidation 2. Subsections 10 and 11 of the Law of July 16 1925, on the Liquidation 1925 , issued as a supplement to the law. Claims for the conversion of 1925, issued as a supplement to the law. Claims for the conversion of
"New Holdings," viz.: securities acquired on and after July 1 1920, will not "New Holdings, viz.: securities acquired on and after July 1 1920, will not due course. Claims for the conversion of "Old Holdings," together with the relative securities, should be lodged forthwith; the latest date for the receipt of such claims at the Bank of England has been fixed as March 1 1926. Claims must be made upon the printed forms. A holder may only put forward one claim; if he possesses securities of more than one loan, the securities must all be listed on the same form.
Securities will be accepted for conversion whether accompanied by coupon sheets or talons exchangeable therefor. Bonds of the Loan Liquidation Debt and also redemption rights will not bear any revenue stamp when delivered by the Bank of England; if subsequently negotiated or transferred, any liability for revenue stamp will rest with the holder. A commission of 2 s .6 d . per 500 reichsmarks redemption rights allotted will be allowed to bankers and stock brokers in respect of accepted claims for a conversion of "Old Holdings" made on forms bearing their stamp; and also a commission f 1s. in respect of each accepted claim.
Copies of this notice, lists of German Government loans covered by the law and copies of a translation of Part I. Sections 1 and 2, Subsections 1-17. inclusive, of the law, together with the following forms:
Form for the conversion of "Old Holdings" and allowance of redemption ghts.
Form for information and documentary evidence in support of "Old Holding" claim may be obtained at the Bank of England Loans Office, 5 and 6, Lombard Street, E.C.3, or at any of the branches of the bank; at the Bank of Ireland, Dublin, or at the Bank of Ireland, Belfast; of Messrs. Mullens, Marshall, Steer, Lawford \& Co., 13, George Street, Mansion House, E.C.4: at any stock exchange in the United Kingdom and at the tock exchange
Abridged list of mark loans of the German Government:
German 3\% loans...............-Interest Jan. and July or April and Oct. German $31 / 2 \%$ loans
German 4\% loans --.-............--
Prussian $3 \%$ Cons. State loans.-.-
Prussian $4 \%$ Cons. State

| do |
| :--- |
| do |
| do |
| do |
| do |

## Deposit of German Securities Under Revaluation Law-

## Dr. Friedrichs, Awaiting Arrival of High

 CommissionerAnnouncement is made by Zimmermann \& Forshay, under date of Oct. 20, that they have been informed that the German Commissioner, Dr. Friedrichs, who arrived in New York on Sept. 25, is not ready to take deposits of German securities under the Revaluation Law, but is awaiting the
arrival of a High Commissioner, who is expected within a few weeks. Zimmermann \& Forshay state:
These gentlemen will probably be ready for business after the middle of November, and will only take care of the loans of the German Government, and certain State loans of Prussia (Consols), Saxony, Baden, Hessen,
Wuertemberg and Bavaria, which the German Government has assumed to partially revalue.
We understand that "old" holders, i. e. those who held their securities uninterruptedly since June 3 1920, will first be required to list their holdings, while "new" holders, i. e. those who purchased their bonds thereafter, will be attended to later on. The exchange will be made in strict accordance with the law, as enacted in Germany.
Rate of exchange is $21 / 2 \%$, or 25 Reichsmarks for each 1,000 marks par value of the old bonds. The new bonds bear no interest until reparations payments are fully provided for. Old holders receive in addition the same amount in drawing certificates, limited, however, to 12,500 Reichsmarks to each holder. After that a sliding scale is provided for on these drawing certificates which will be repaid by annual drawings within thirty years, beginning Jan. ${ }^{\text {l }}$ 1926. Drawn certificates will be paya
their face value, plus $41 / 2 \%$ interest from (Zan.
The $4.5 \%$ German Forced Loan of 1922 (Zwangsanleihe) is excluded from The $4.5 \%$ German
the Revaluation Law.
the Revaluation Law.
The $8-15 \%$ Treasury Notes " K " II issue of 1923 (Schatzanweisungen) The $8815 \%$ Treasury Notes " $K$ " II issue of 1923 (Schatzanweisungen)
will be revalued at the rate of M 25 and M 12.50 for each $\mathrm{M} 16,700,000$ will be revalued at the rate of $M 25$ and 12.5 hor each 10 milf this amount, respectively; hence., more than 8 million marks are and half this amount, respectively; hence,, more than 8 million marks required to receive the minimum revaluation or $\quad$ The $8.15 \%$ Treasury Notes of 1924 will be revalued at $M 25$ and $\mathbb{M} 12.50$ The $8.15 \%$ Treasury Notes 50 billion marks and 25 billion marks, respectively.
for each
Regarding pre-war municipal bonds, a minimum rate of $21 / 2 \%$ has been Regarding pre-war municipal bonds, a manimum excess of this minimum
fixed. The ability and the extent of paying in en fixed. The ability and the extent of paying in excess of this minimum
rate (Mark $25-$ in new bonds for each Mark 1,000 -of present holdings), will be determined by an official trustee.
With reference to post-war bonds, their gold revaluation will be based upon the value of the mark currency at time of issue or otherwise. The City of Hamburg informs us that their revaluation plan is expected to be published before the end of the year.
Industrial obligations and similar bonds are revalued at the rate of $15 \%$ of their gold mark value at the time of issue, whether secured by mortgage or otherwise, or whether only a debenture bond. The debtor corporation or may request a reduction of the revaluation rate, if this seems imperative with regard to its financial position.
Mortgage bonds and similar obligations, are revalued in proportion to realization on outstanding mortgages, plus a contribution by the issuing company from other assets, but less deduction of administrative charges, which are not to exceed $10 \%$ of the distribution.
Holders of industrial and similar obligations, who have held their bonds uninterruptedly since June 301920 , are entitled to a share of the profits and will receive beneficiary certificates (approximately $10 \%$ of the company's assets) in addition to the general ratio.
Some of the companies have already set time limits for filing of claims as holders since June 30 1920. Owners of bonds should immediately notify the respective companies of their holdings and protest against discrimination between old and new owners. Some time limits expire on Dec. 281925. No immediate cash payment has been offered and provided for in this Revaluation law, but only an exchange from old into new securities will be made.
In case it will be necessary to forward the bonds to Europe, we shall be glad to place our services at your disposal.
Bank notes and savings deposits in other banks than authorized savings banks are not subject to revaluation under this law.
The present revaluation law with its discrimination between old and new holders is very objectionable to American citizens, since the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Consular Rights with Geb. 10 1925, and Dec. 11 1923, approved by the United States Senate on Feb. 10 1925, and signed by the Secretary of State, Mr. Kellogg, and the Gernan Ambassador
Maltzan, on Oct. 14 1925, provides in Article 1, Paragraph 4, that:
The nationals of each high contracting party shall receive within the territories of the other, upon submitting to conditions imposed upon its
nationals, the most constant protection and security for their persons and nationals, the most constant protection and security for their persons and
property, and shall enjoy in this respect that degree of protection that is property, and shall enjoy in this respect that degree of protection that is due process of law and without payment of just compensation."
due process of law and without parom abroad, the Stock Broker
tion of Amsterdam Holland, heeding numerous protests received have decided that the German revaluation is an absolutely insufficient settlement of debts. Therefore, the stock Exchange authorities of Amsterdam resolved to bar German public or private securities from official trading on the Exchange. These resolutions will also affect the recent loan of the Renten-bank-Kreditanstalt which was sold in this country.
Our firm is making strong efforts to protect the interests of our custom. ers and friends in the matter of securing higher revaluation, eliminating the distinction between "old" and "new" holders, and prevent the absolute exclusion from the Revaluation Law of the $4.5 \%$ Forced Loan of 1922. To this effect our protest has been forwarded to the German Government, and communicated to the various Stock Exchanges in Germany.

Details regarding provisions of the Revaluation Law were given in our issue of Sept. 26 (page 1525) and earlier references to the law appeared in these columns July 25, page 402 and Sept. 12, page 1299.

## American Bankers Association Warns Against New German Mark Fraud.

A warning against a new form of fraud in German mark transactions based on a misrepresentation of the application of the German Revaluation Law to holdings of paper mark bonds, especially post-war bonds, in the United States was issued on Dec. 3 by the Commerce and Marine Commission of the American Bankers Association. The warning says that certain firms in all parts of the country are promoting sales of German securities by representing that both prewar and post-war paper mark bonds can be revalued on the basis of $15 \%$ or more of their face value, whereas as a matter of fact the computation must be based on an infinitesimal fraction of this amount. The activities of these firms is detrimental not only to the investing public, but also to the honest and legitimate dealers in German securities.

An instance, the statement says, is that of United German mortgage bonds of 1923. It is being made to appear that in the case of a bond of this issue, with a face value of 10 mil lion marks, the $15 \%$ revaluation can be computed on this amount, whereas under the German Revaluation Law the computation is to be based on the gold mark valuation of the bonds, which would be only 237 for each 10 million of face value in paper marks. The bankers' commission announced that at its request the German Consulate General in New York has prepared the following statement:
Certain firms throughout the country are offering German post-war paper mark bonds, as for instance, United German mortgage bonds of 1923, stating that these bonds, according to the German Revaluation Law would be converted into Reichsmark bonds at the rate of at least. $15 \%$, or even considerably more, of their face value. As the value of the paper mark shortly after the war became very low and went down incessantly until a
new involve a considerable gain.
The calculation, however, on which these offers are based is entirely mis-1 taken. The German Revaluation Law clearly prescribes that the rate of revaluation is to be computed on the gold mark value of the respective securities. This gold mark value, according to the law, is considered the same as the face value only as far as the bonds were issued before Jan. 1 1918. As to bonds issued after this date the gold mark value is to be comof issue.
In order to facilitate the determination of the rate of revaluation, a schedule has been published with the revaluation law showing the gold mark value of the paper mark during the period from January 1918 to November 1923. Consequently, if, for instance, a revaluation of $15 \%$ is taking place and certain bonds with a face value of 10 million marks have been issued on July 2 1923, when 100,000 paper marks, according to the above-named schedule, were worth 2.73 gold marks, the $15 \%$ revaluation is not to be computed on 10 millions, but on 273 gold marks.
Persons inclined to consider such offers as mentioned above should be advised to ask their own bank for particulars about the German Revaluation Law.
The Commerce and Marine Commission further points out that since the revaluation law assigns definite values to all German securities, the speculative element is entirely lacking, because the exact value of all German bonds can be determined. Also, in view of preferences given to certain classes of holders of securities it would be to the disadvantage of many of them to dispose of them at this time. The German Consulate General in New York has available at his office the most important provisions of the law and a special commissioner is at work here relative to the matter of adjustments of the bonds issued by the Reich, the German States and the German municipalities, the Commission says.

## Booklet on Work of Trust Company Issued by Trust

 Company Division of A. B. A.A booklet presenting in the form of dramatic dialogue the work of the trust company in handling the estate of an average well-to-do citizen has been issued by the Trust Company Division of the American Bankers Association under the title "Squaring Promise With Performance: An Act From Life." The book contains the text of a playlet presented before the Division's meeting at the American Bankers Association convention held in Atlantic Oity in September. The text shows how many perplexing business and financial matters are handled in behalf of the widow unused to such transactions. Copies can be obtained from Leroy A. Mershon, Secretary, Trust Company Division, American Bankers Association, 110 East 42d Street, New York City.

## Completion of Achinsk-Minusinsk RR. in South

 Central Siberia.A bulletin received by the Russian Information Bureau at Washington from the Soviet Commissariat for Transport announces the completion of the Achinsk-Minusinsk RR. in south-central Siberia, and the opening of regular service on Nov. 7. The road, 200 miles long, connecting with the Trans-Siberian RR. at Achinsk, opens up the Minusinsk area, hithert oalmost undeveloped, though it is one of the richest regions in Siberia and possesses extensive deposits of high-grade coal, iron ore, copper, gold, and other mineral wealth. It is stated that during the current fiscal year the new line will be called on to transport 60,000 metric tons of grain. The road will also act as a feeder for the projected South Siberian RR., 1,250 miles long, now under construction.

## Soviet Russia's Large Agricultural Production.

The proportion of the Soviet Union's agricultural production available for the market this year is estimated to amount to $\$ 1,600,000,000$, according to a bulletin of the Commissariat for Agriculture, received by the Russian Information Bureau at Washington. The agricultural exports will amount to $\$ 283,000,000$, it is stated, according to the Commissariat, of which grain exports will represent $\$ 230,000,000$. Grain exports are calculated at $7,380,000$ short tons, or up-
wards of $300,000.000$ bushels. Russian grain exports from the crops of various years are given as follows:


## Formation of Missouri-Kansas Farms Company-

Offering of Class A Common Stock
Following the announcement on Dec. 1 of the formation of the Missouri-Kansas Farms Company,-a new character of form loan organization,- 9,000 shares of Class A Common stock of the company, of no par value, was offered Dec. 2 at $\$ 100$ per share by a syndicate headed by Guy Huston \& Co., Inc. and including Geo. W. York \& Co., Inc. and Pearson, Erhard \& Co. It is announced that Class "A" stock will be entitled to cumulative dividends at the rate of $\$ 6$ per share per annum. Class " $B$ " stock will be entitled to cumulative dividends at the rate of $\$ 6$ per share per annum, after payment of dividends at the same rate upon Class " $A$ " stock. Additional earnings declared for dividends in any year shall be distributable in the ratio of 2-3 of such dividends to Class " $A$ " stock and 1-3 to Class "B" stock. The company's capitalization consists of 9,000 shares authorized no par class A stock and 3,000 shares authorized no par class B stock. The class B stock has been purchased for cash, at the same price the company receives for its class A shares, by the organizers of the company. The company is sponsored by interests closely identified with the Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank and other farm credit organizations of the middle west. The Missouri-Kansas Farms Company, it is stated, is designed to supplement the efforts of country bankers and certain Joint Stock Land Banks in the secondary financing of farmers. It will operate particularly in the territory served by the Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank. The principal operations of the company will consist in the making of short-term loans to farmers for carrying crops and live stock to maturity, the purchase of mortgages on farms already carrying first mortgages with Joint Stock Land Banks and the purchase of equities in farms on which Land Banks have loans.

It is further announced:
This corporation will take over the sales organizations and the farms departments of the Cravens Mortgage Co. of Salind. Kansas, and the Kansas City Finance Co. of Kansas City, Missouri. The Cravens Mortgage Co. was organized by R. P. Cravens in 1878. The Kansas City Finance Co. was organized early in 1922. These two companies combined have
loaned over $\$ 40,000,000$ to farmers in short time loans, secondary financing loaned over $\$ 40$,
and crop loans.
The corporation will take over none of the assets or liabilities of either company-only the organizations and clientele, without cost.
Cravens: Vice-Presidents' R. P. Cravens and R. Wresident, Walter Cravens; Vice-Presidents R. P. Cravens and R. W. Street; General Secretary-Treasurer, A. B. Todd; Attorneys, O. H. Ewald and W. E. Suddath. Directors, Walter Cravens, President, Kansas City Joint stock Land Bank; R. P. Cravens, Vice-President and Chairman of the Board. Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank; R. W. Street, Vice-President, Kansas City Joint Slock Land Bank; Charles R. Cravens, Farm Loan Expert: C. E. Maxwell, Loan Supervisor, Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank; J. 1. Callahan, Geo. W. York \& Co., Inc.: B. Earle Appleion, Pearson, Erhard \& Co. Executive committee, Walter Cravens, R. P. Cravens,
The company is incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts; the stock will be tax free in Ohio, the company electing and agreeing to pay the applicable Ohio franchise tax; it is also free of present normal Federal income tax and free of Massachusetts income tax.

## Debts and Taxes of State and Local Governments -An Inadequately Appreciated Cause of High Cost of Living for the Public and for the Railroads.

Refering to the joint conference on state and local taxation between industry, agriculture and transportation was held in New York City, November 18-19, during the occasion of the annual convention of the National Founders Association "Railroad Data" dated Nov. 20, published by the Committee on Public Relations of the Eastern Railroads, says:
The purpose of the conference was to focus public attention on the need for economy in state and local governmental expenditures. The following facts are based on the report drafted by a sub-committee representing the various organizations co-operating in the movement. This report was used
as a basis for round-table discussion. The sub-committee was composed of as a basis for round-table discussion. The sub-committee was composed of the following:
O. E. Bradfute, President, American Farm Bureau Federation. Charles Clifton, President, National Automobile Chamber of Commerce. Walter Drew, Counsel, National Erectors' Association.
John E. Edgerton, President, National Association of Manufacturers. Alba B. Johnson. President, Railway Business Association.
A. M. Loomis, Secretary, National Dairy Union.
W. W. Nichols. President. American Manufacturers' Export Association. I. J. Taber. Master of the National Grange.

Robert s. Binkerd. Vice-Chairman, Committee on Public Relations of
the İastern Railroads.

## I. Public Debt.

1. From January 1 1920, to January 1 1925, the National debt was 2. During the same time the de
increased by about $61 / 4 /$ billion dollars. 3. During this period our state gove
times as fast as they paid off old debts 4. During this they paid off old dehts.
going into debt more than $4 \%$ times as fast as they were berombined were 5. The total public debt of all forms of government in this country is higher now than when our war debt was at its peak in 1919 .
2. The National debt is being reduced at the rate of about $8 / 4$ billion dollars a year.
3. State and local debt is being increased at the rate of nearly $1 \frac{1}{4}$ billion
4. From January 1 1920. Puoblic Finvenditure. Natery 1 1925. National governments expendituress were reduced about 3 billion dollars.
5. During the same period current expenditures by state and local governments increased nearly 2 billion dollars.
6. At the present rate of increase-over 300 millinn dollars a year-in three more years the growth of state and local expenditures will eat up the entire sa ving so far effected in the expenditures of the National government. 4. Almost $40 \%$ of National expenditures, $20 \%$ or more of local expend! tures and about $10 \%$ of state expenditures are now required to pay interest and amortization on existing public debt.
7. The general property tax (the main support of state and local government) is now about as high as the total cost of all government-National, state, city, county and local-before the war (about 4 billion dollars).
food, at least for the ood, at least for the inhabitants of our cities.
In addition to the above facts which were brought out by the sub. mare published to show how necessary tax reduction is to the railroads.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { railroads. } \\
& \text { III. Taxation and Railroads. } \\
& \text { rth year since } 190 \text { in which }
\end{aligned}
$$

1. 1924 was the fourth year since 1919 in which railroad taxes exceedcailroad dividends by a substantial margin.
Taxes, $\$ 340.000 .000$.
taxes exceed dlvidends by be the fifth year since 1919 in which railroad Taxes $\$ 355$ didends by a substantial margin.
Taxes, $\$ 365.000 .000$ Dividends, $\$ 330.000 .000$ (estimated) 3. Railroad taxes now are running at the rate of a million dollars a day-
$\$ 42.000$ every hour of the twenty-four. Sundays and holidays included. 4. More than $75 \%$ of railroad taxes are levied by state and local governments.
2. Applied to frelght receipts alone, present taxes would take more than $8 \%$ of every freight rate paid.
3. Applied to passenger receipts alone, present taxes would take more than one-third of every passenger fare paid.
4. Every element of cost under the control of rallroad management has been materially decreased since 1920, as a result of which rates have been decreased to the extent of about 700 million dollars a year.
5. The one big element of expense which shows no sign of decreasing in taxes, which are subject only to the control of an enlightened public opinion.

Arrangements for Providing $\$ 5,000,000$ Corn Credit in Behalf of Iowa Farmers Made at Conference of Government Officials Held in Chicago.
At a conference held in Chicago, Dec. 1, called to consider ways and means of assisting Iowa farmers in financing the orderly marketing of this year's corn crop, a $\$ 5,000,000$ agricultural credit to aid in the marketing of the crop was subscribed. At the conference Iowa and Illinois bankers, business men and farm leaders met with Secretary of Agriculture Jardine. Two Intermediate Credit banks to be located at Des Moines and Fort Dodge with a capital stock of $\$ 250,000$ each, were organized and the stock subscribed for, says Chicago Associated Press advices, Dec. 1, which also give the following information in the matter:
The agricultural and financial representatives of the heart of the corn belt met here to-day with Secretary William M. Jardine of the Departmeat of Agriculture and other Government officials to discuss ways and means of enabling the farmers to cash in on their record-breaking corn crop of this year by a process of orderly marketing.
Government machinery to expand credit facilities so that the farmer might hold or feed his corn instead of sacrificing it at 50 cents a bushel was set in motion.
President Coolidge sent his greetings to the Conference and expressed through Secretary Jardine "the hope and expectation that out of the Conference will come constructive help."

The Iowa bankers, business men and farmer leaders adopted resolutions "re-affirming their faith in the richest agricultural State in the Union again normal in business and its banks stronger than ever before in cash resources and liquid assets."
Two national agricultural credit corporations, to be located at Fort Dodge and Des Moines, Iowa, with capital stock of $\$ 250,000$ each, were organized and granted charters, and the stock all subscribed at the meeting. to take fanks, under the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, will be able the feeding paper up to $\$ 5,000,000$ with corn in the crib or live stock in the feeding pen as collateral
The resolutions adopted by the Iowa bankers at the Conference said:
"Resolved. That this group of Iowa bankers, business men and farmers
take advantage of this opportunity to re-affirm their faith in Iowa; that take advantage of this opportunity to re-affirm their faith in Iowa; that
richest a gricultural State in the Union is again normal in businoss
ben tricest stronger thal state in the Union is again normal in business and its
banks stronger before in cash resources and liquid assets "Resolved, That this gathering has been glad to start to lo-day the organizain of properly financed national agricultural credit corporations to operate no take care of all necessary credit for the orderly marketinc of this be able
to corn crop in sections that may need additional credit facilities. Resolved, That we commend President Coolidge, Secretary JJardine and the agencies of the Federal Government for their outstanding interest in
the State of Iowa and their desire to co-operate in the stabilization of ditions in this great agricultural State."
Under date of Nov. 23 Nils A. Olsen, Assistant Chief, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, and Albert C. Williams Member of the Federal Farm Loan Board, in a report to Secre-
tary of Agriculture Jardine on the credit and farm storage conditions in Iowa, indicated that more credit would be needed for quite a number of farmers, and the belief was expressed that "the time is opportune for a wider use of the facilities afforded by the Federal Intermediate Credit System." The report follows:
In keeping with your request, the undersigned visited Iowa for the purpose of surveying credit and farm storage conditions in that State as
they relate to the orderly marketing of the 1925 corn crop, and respectfully submit the following report:
The question of credit to aid the orderly marketing of Iowa corn has been brought into prominence by the recent severe drop in prices. The $\$ 101$ in October 1924 and 98 cents in August 1925. By October of this $\$ 101$ in October price had dropped to 70 cents. In the first half of Noyear the average price had dropped average price of around 55 cents. It should be remembered, of course, average price of around 55 cents. The decline in corn prices is viewed with concern by the people of the The decline in corn prices farmers who sell for cash a large part of their crop. That such farmers represent no inconsiderable number of the producers in Iowa is indicated by the fact that shipments of corn out of the counties where grown as reached 30 to $35 \%$. While the movement of corn out of some counties is relatively small, in other counties, it amounts to as much as 40 to $50 \%$ of the crop.
The recent break in prices is a result, primarily, of the large corn crop produced this year. Recent estimates place the crop for the United states at $3,013,000,000$ bushels, and for Iowa at $477,386,000$ bushels, which is the largest yield in the history of that state. An analysis of the situation, however, indicates that several factors wil tend to ofsset the increased crop. The low carry-over of old corn from last year, short feed crops in some sections of the country, relatively higher prices for hogs and cattle as compared with corn prices and a probable increased feeding demand, a prospective increaselitions ill are strengthening noxt sumer, generally good business conditions-all are stroluences which may have price situation. On the other hand, the size of the corn crop, some re duction in the number of livestock, and he low prices of other feed grains Ordinarily the lowest priccs for corn are reached during the winter Orditarily the price trend is usually upward from March to July. After July rrices are influenced by the prospects for the new crop. The producer who has corn to sell has the problem of decidirg whether the seasona in crice is likely to yield him a profit over the cost of holding
There is much to suppert the view held more or less generally by farmers and other conversant mould realize good returns by feeding corn, and that corn sold for cash should go to market in an orderly manner.
In order to carry out a program of increasing live stock holdings, feeding. and orderly marketing, it appears that quite a number of farmers will need more credit. In the main, farmers will probably receive adequate assistance from their local barks. Reports indicate improvement in the Iowa banking situation, but bark failures have been numerous in the State and there appear to be spots where existing credit agencies are not able to meet present legitimate demands for credit. We believe, therefore, that the time Is opportune for a wider use of the facilities afforded by the Federal Intermediate Credit System, which was established for the express purpose of aiding local banks and other credit institutions in financing the production and orderly marketing of live stock and other agricultural products. The Federal Intermediate Credit Bark at Omaha stands ready to co-operate with farmers, bankers and business men in providing sound credit for the orderly marketing of the corn crop. It can not, under the law, make loans direct to farmers, but it can reciscount properly secured farmers' notes, having a maturity of not less than six months and endorsed by an eligible bank or sound and well-managed credit corporation. The present rediscount rate of the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank is $5 \%$ per annum. The bank or credit corporation is permitted to charge in addition thereto not more than $11 / 5 \%$, making the present maximum interest rate to the farmer $6 \frac{1}{2} \%$ per annum. Is is expected that some banks in position to do so will utilize the facilities of the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank in meeting the needs of the farmers. In regions where adequate credit accommodations are not available through local banks, conditions can be improved through the organization of properly capitalized agricultural credit corporations which may rediscount paper with the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank
The lowa state Warehouse Act was passed in 1923 for the purpose of making grain stcred on the farm more acceptable collateral for loans. The Act has been in operation for tco short a veriod to permit a rair appraisal of its merits. Experience will indicate improvements needed in the system. The measure should be given a fair test. Many of the bariks in the state have expressed their willingness to make loans on farm storage certificates issued under this Act, and the Federal Intermedate Creait Bank serving the State of Iowa likewise is prepared to accept them as collateral to notes of solvent farmers when submitted for rediscount by an eligible bank or sound and properly-managed agricultural credit corporation
While our mission was to survey credit and farm storage conditions in lowa, we feel it should be added that deep interest was expressed in the problem of stabilizing the prices of farm products and in bringing about a better relationship between the prices of the things farmers buy and the things they sell. The agricultural situation has improved since 1921, but th is apparent chat many lowa farmers still habor iner the hatans of arge debts, high operanygexpenses, high taxe, hieh tisf erm loans, and also widely fluctuating and of their products.

## Respectfully submitted,

NILS A. OLSEN
ssistant Chief, Bureau of Agricultural Economics.
LBERT C, WILLIMS
Washington, D. C.. Nov. 231925.
The United States Government and Agricultural Co-operation-Address of Secretary of Agriculture William M. Jardine.
The relationship of the Government to a movement like agricultural co-operation must depend upon the purposes of the movement and its importance in the national life, said

William M. Jardine, Secretary of Agriculture, in an address before the National Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation at Philadelphia, Pa., on Nov. 24. "Co-operation aims to go beyond the mere selling of the farmers' product and the distribution of the proceeds. It aims to eliminate wastes in marketing and distribution, to set up standards by which farm products will be graded and sold, and to adjust production to demand. This means not only the adjustment of the quantity of products to market demands, in so far as that is possible, but, what is perhaps more important, the production of products of such kinds and qualities as meet the requirements of the consumers, and as can be marketed with a minimum of waste. The very fact that farmers are able to organize in a business-like way to market farm products points to other accomplishments through co-operation. Insurance and the purchase of farm supplies are established co-operative activities. Farmers are learning also that they can meet their credit problems more effectively through co-operation." At the same time, said the Secretary, the social significance of the co-operative movement should not be overlooked. "One of the great needs in country life is a community consciousness. An organized community will seek to improve not only economic conditions, but the educational opportunities and social life of the people. Cooperation means working together not for one object, but for many objects. It should add dignity to country life and the business of farming. In other words, co-operation contemplates a stabilized agriculture that will give every opportunity for the develonment of a high type of rural civilization, and at the same time will produce and distribute economically the products necessary to supply our cities with food." Mr. Jardine then proceeded as follows:
The co-operative associations in the United States are engaged in a farreaching undertaking which we believe to be vital to the welfare of agriculture. From this point of view, there should be no question of the attitude of the Federal Government toward co-operation. The movement deserves encouragement and support, and this encouragement and support must be dynamic and positive. The co-operatives demand, and from their postive assistance from the Federal Government, particularly from the Department of Agriculture.
The responsibility for the development of a satisfactory and helpful service, however, does not rest entirely with the department. In other words, I should not regard it as a healthy situation, from the point of view of either the co-operatives or the cepartment, or the assoclations to accept passively such services as are offered them. They should be partners in the enterprise, and should make their wants known.
The policy of the Department of Agriculture in this as in other enterprises has been and will continue to be one not of direction but of service in the lines in which farmers themselves have become ennvinced that service is needed. The department was established for promotion of American a ariculture and it seeks to give farmers constantly the service which they themselves have found essential to progress. Marketing problems have been studied in the department for some time. The Office of Markets was established in 1913 and one or its first projects dealt with problems of co-operative marketing and purchasing organizations. This project has expanded slowly, Research has been carried on in the fundamental problems of co-operation. Historical and statistical data regarding agricultural co-operation have been collected from all parts of the United States. The material available deals with marketing and operating problems of associations, the cost of doing business, and the economic and legal factor under which they operate, as well as the broad questions involved in the relationship of the members to the associations.

## Services of the Department.

The department has also made various surveys of conditions surrounding the production and marketing of particular products in specific areas with a view to determining the possible advantages of a system of marketing the products co-operatively, thus assisting co-operative organizations in obtaining knowledge of the basic factors which are involved in both production and marketing.
Various other services of the department, not directly based on the cooperative marketing studies, are nevertheless of value to co-operative organizations. Estimates, forecasts, and statistics of crop and livestock production are provided. A comprehensive market news service is given reporting shipments, receipts, prices, and condition of commodities. Well defined and generainy accepted standars foring extended rapidy This estabished, and shipplig poi lifest don is of co-perative marketing. ype of servico The licensing of puby warchousence risted co-perative marketing Act ad lo organion studies of cost of production and cost of develop are studies in markunting systems adapted to agricultural needs.
Recently intensive surveys and analyses of che operating. financial, and Receting problems of particular co-operative associations have been carried marke These studies have been of value not only in themselves, but because they have proved a valuable guide to co-operative organizations in setting ppoperating standards and methods. In short, it is a method of developing in the aricultural field the scientific business study which has proved so valuable in corporations and other industrial organizations.

## Growth of Co-operative Movement.

Although the department has made these and various other studies which have proved distinctly useful to the co-operative movement, the work has not grown as fast as have co-operative organizations. From 1919, when a wave of organization activity began to sweep agricultural America, until the present time, co-operation has grown among farmers until this year it is conservatively estimated that $\$ 2,500,000,000$ worth of farm products will be marketed co-operatively. This is a phenomenon of which no one interested in American agriculture or in the American nation can fail to take cognizance. Investigations, services, and theories suffi ient for past
conditions must be modified and expanded in the light of contemporary
circumstances.
The co-operative movement demands the increasingly thoughtrul attention of those governmental agencies which are directed toward the end of agricultural service. For a long time a great group expression of our
agricultural population has been needed, and this, I believe we have agricultural population has been needed, and this, I believe, we have
found in the co-operative movement. Here is a common meeting ground found in the co-operative movement. Here is a common meeting ground
on which farmers of various training, various viewpoints, and various on which farmers of various training, various viewpoints, and various
economic and social interests may meet together. It is obvious that the Department of Agriculture, which has already been deeply interested in
the co-operative movement, should greatly expand its work in this field.

## Group Action the Desideratum.

As I have pointed out before, however, the Government should not, 2narticularly absurd would it be for the Government to attermpt to do this in the case of the co-operative movement, which itself is dependent on group intelligence, interest, and action. What the co-operative movement needs is a pooling of the resources and intelligence of the farmers and experiment stations, of public and semi-public institutions colleges individuals that have anything to contribute to the movement. Only in this way will we manifest the fundamental basis of all co-operation, namely the will to work together. United action is the basis of co-operation, and we who are interested in the movement must set to all men the example of united action. I am greatly encouraged by the development of institutions like the American Institute of Co-operation, which met in this city last July and August.
It is because of my firm conviction that we shall accomplish nothing in promoting co-operation unless we co-operate among ourselves in every respect from the very beginning that I should be unwilling to suggest
any program for this important field unless it were base any program for this important field unless it were based on conference with co-operative leaders and others who have a background of study and experience. Such a program has been worked out in this way during the past few weeks. It proposes nothing revolutionary. It is not sen-
sational. What it contemplates doing is simply to ascertain facts useful to co-operative organizations, to supply these facts, and, when necessary. interpretation of them, to the organizations, and to afford a means whereby representarives of co-operative organizations can come together efficiently
for conference with each other and with specialists in the Department for conference with each other and with specialists in the Department of Agriculture and in other institutions.

## Government Does Not Contemplate Direct Financial Aid.

The plan does not contemplate direct financial aid to co-operative associations by the Government. The experience of foreign agricultural and the control that goes with it, are not desirable. Financial aid has a tendency to bolster up weak concerns and conceal their defects. Money offered for organization purposes may bring associations into existence where they are not needed, and may attract persons into the movement whose chief desire is to tap the treasury rather than to effect improvement in marketing. On the other hand, strong, efficient co-operative associations would be inclined to reject financial aid, from a wish to avoid the supervision and control that would necessarily go with it. Thus the
movement would tend to movement would tend to divide into an efficient part capable of standing on its own feet, and an inefficient part nursed by subsidies and in constant
danger of collapse. danger of collapse.
Furthermore, it is my firm conviction, and in this $I$ believe that members of co-operatives generally agree with me, that an essential to success in
co-operation is a fundamental bellef in its advantages. People who do not believe in co-operation sufficiently to testify to their belief by financial and other support will not be able to form vigorous and effectual organizations. Government ald would tend to develop co-operation among people without convictions as to its desirability.
Nor do regulations and restrictions by the Government help in fostering
co-operative organizations. co-operative organizations. Co-operation in the United states has developed from the needs and experiences of the farm people. It rightly
begins as an economic movement begins as an economic movement of the rural communities, and should be
free to develop in accordance with their needs and the opportunities for free to develop in accordance with their needs and the opportunities for
service. The experience in European countries also points to this fact. It is improbable that the Danish Government, for example, at any time during the history of the co-operative movement in that country, could have developed a plan of co-operation as admirably adapted to the needs Danish Ganish farmers as is the present system. Neither is it likely that the operation the important part of the regulations, could have made co-
onfe that it has come to be operation the important part of the national
through spentaneous, untrammelled growth.

## Government Aims to Be Helpful.

On the other hand, it is clear to co-operative leaders that the movement is of so much present and potential significance to agriculture that the were it to adopt a mere "let alone" pollcy, or even were it to refrain from expanding its present efforts to serve the co-operative movement.
The request has come from the co-operative organizations themselves that the research, educational and service work of the Department in co-operathon should be strengthened. In conference with co-operative leaders, it has been decided that this can be done by the establishment of a Divislon of Co-operative Marketing. The establishment of such a division will give to the co-operative study of the Department stability and permanence that it has not possessed heretofore. The plan provides for a personnel
in the Division of Co-operative Marketing to carry on research in cooperation, and render service to co-operative organizations.
I have already outlined the work of the present co-operative project, and the services that the Department offers to co-operatives. On the work and services of the new and enlarged division we shall to a large extent be guided by the counsel of the co-operative assoclations.

Scientific Studies and Dissemination of Information the Aim.
The needs are twofold. On the one hand is the necessity of greatly strengthening our scientific studies not only in co-operative problems themselves but in production, distribution and other problems that are of special interest to co-operatives. This information, however, can not be of value unless it is made clear and actually applied by the agricultural population. For this reason we need to carry on a second line of work-that of disseminating fundamental information so that it is actually effective.
Among the scientific problems to which we need to give further attention is the problem or marketing and distributing the products that the co-
operative associations handle. Studies in this field must be specific, operative associations handle. Studies in this field must
thoroughgoing, and based on completely authenticated facts.
The business organization and management of co-operative associations will always be of great importance. The business analysis studies that have been begua the same plane of efficiency. . have the advantage of studies similar to those made by great corporations.

The Department can not undertake to do this work for the co-operatives,
but it can, very but it can, very properly, outline the field and develop methods in this important and difficult undertaking.
Our scientific investigations must not be confined exclusively to problems
directly under the control of farmers or farmers' organizations operative organiza control of farmers or farmers' organizations. The cocerns, on the one hand, the building up of their own membership, and on the other hand the marketing of farm products.

Better Financing of Small Farmers the Need.
To strengthen the potentialities of co-operative organizations, better are being developed to take care of the commodities handled by agencies atives, still greater attention must be given to this phase of agricultural finance. There is a great need, moreover, to give the right sort of assistplace in our financial system. In considering this problem, unbiased studies must be made and definite facts secured which may be presented to the proper agencies for providing remedies. In this particular field much must be done through the States if the problem is to be solved, but this does not relieve us, who are interested in co-operation and in agriculture generally. from our obligation to obtain the necessary data.

Better Terminal Facilities Required.
In connection with the marketing of farm products, the other point which I mentioned, congestion in the terminal markets and inadequate and anti-
quated terminal facilities, have greatly increased the cost of handling the products. There is loss of time; there is waste of perishable commodities. This cannot continue. The neck of the bottle must be made larger. Agricultural products must have adequate access to the public that wants them. The Department of Agriculture has begun the study of these problems, carrying on research, for instance, in co-operation with the Port of New York Authority. I feel that this work should be expanded in order that of themselves candations may be made. The co-operative assoclations they can get behind proposals to remedy the situation. This is one of the ways in which the co-operatives may greatly help in reducing the spread of price between farmer and consumer.
To make our scientific studies of direct use to the organizations, we need a much closer link than we now have between the research workers and the has been worked in cone co-operative associations. The plan which izations contemplates the employment of commodity specialists, who would be familiar with the needs of the co-operative organizations on the one hand and with the research and service work of the Department on the other. These men would form a link between the associations and the Department and would disseminate correct crop and market information and data regarding price trends, conditions of supply and demand, and other important matters. At the same time they would be instrumental in guiding the
research work of the Department toward a closer study of the special problems of co-operative associations.
It is important not merely to disseminate crop, market and similar information, but also to supply facts regarding the principles and aims of co-
operation. This is necessary in order to forward the development of sound co-operation, This is necessary in order to forward the development of sound masquerading under the name of co-operation. The Department can make an important contribution in of co-operation. The Department can make co-operative education, to work with the State agricultural colleges and the associations in developing special courses for members, officials and employees of co-operative organizations, as well as non-member farmers, is
included in the proposed plan, and should be helpful in promoting a sound
point of view toward the movement. point of view toward the movement.
I have made no effort to outline in detail the problems that should be dealt with. There are many important problems other than those which I have mentioned and still others will arise as co-operation advances. What we now need and what we now contemplate is a definite plan which involves the securing of all the facts possible that may be of value and interest before the colves and the interpretation of these facts and the placing of them provides coo-operative associations. A further essential actor of the plan associations and crrealion, ror colculture. It provides that the Secretary of A the needs of apy apicultural poduct marketed by co-operative associations or regardins the ther Thus the Departion institution, handige do Jacts and opinions and regulations, but an organization coordinate with the other institutions which are working for the betterment of agriculture. The relation of the Dill tive relationship. Moreover, as I have suggested, it is my intention that the Department shall work in co-paration not only with the co-operatlive organizations, but with the State colleges and experiment stations and with other ageneies.
The State institutions have been given, through the Purnell Act, addrtional funds which they may use in investigations of incalculable value to co-operative assoclations. They also have facilities, through their extentive Stark, for carrying valuable information to the farmers of their respeo these institutions, certain of it by the co-operatives themselves, and certain of it by the United States Department of Agriculture. By correlating our efforts we shall all be brought together, which will lead both to sounder and more economical results in our studies, investigations and dissemination of information, and to a better knowledge of each other, an end perhaps equally important. We shall go slowly, carefully, but we shall go surely and we hall go together.
By these means co-operative effort will be built on the basis of ascertained analysis by the preconceived theory. It will be worked out in the last thoroughly concerned with it, namely, the farmers themselves. Not only should their experience in applying facts to definite situations build up a significant marketing system, but it should also lead to the application of the co-operative spirit to every avenue of rural life. Oo-operation, it must be constantly kept in mind, is not merely a method, a technique, a mechanism; it is a way of living. It is a group expression of our agricultural population which can find an increasing place for itself in every phase of agricultural and country life.

## Co-Operative Leaders Approve Plan to Extend Work of United States Department of Agriculture -

Proposed Farm Relief Measure.
On Oct. 29 and 30 Secretary of Agriculture Jardine was in conference with a representative group of national leaders of co-operative marketing associations to determine
their wishes as to how the United States Department of Agrieulture might more effectively serve the co-operative movement in its many aspects. For several weeks Secretary Jardine has conferred with co-operative leaders from different sections of the country with the desire to determine how the work of the Department might be directed to be more helpful to this important farm movement. The conference of some twenty leaders at the end of October heartily approved the idea of extending the work of the Department and worked out a definite plan to bring this about. Among other things, it is proposed that the work of the Department should be strengthened by the establishment of a Division of Co-operative Marketing. According to a statement made at the Department of Agriculture on Nov. 1, this plan meets the unqualified approval of Secretary Jardine. It is pointed out, however, that this plan is in its formative stage and will be discussed with other co-operative leaders during the next few weeks with the idea in mind that a definite pro posal, with the support of all co-operative organizations, will be presented at the coming session of Congress.

While only the above meagre information was made available by the Department of Agriculture, the New Fork "Times" in advices from Washington, Oct. 31, indicated that the terms of a new co-operative marketing bill, which will be presented to Congress the present month, was agreed upon by the representatives of farm organizations at the October conference. We quote the following from the paper:
The measure will be the major item on President Coolidge's program of relief for Agriculture. Its approval by Secretary Jardine means that no proposals of the Coolidge Farm Commission that failed of action in the last proposals
Congress.
The new bill is the product of a conference here this week, in which about twenty of the larger farm co-operative organizations of the United States, as well as the Department of Agriculture, were represented. It
reconciles, in large measure, conflicting views as to just what steps the Federal Government should take in encouraging co-operation by farmers in the marketing of their goods.
Government officials said to-day that the organizations represented in the Conference speak for $2,000,000$ farmers who raise annually products valued at $\$ 2,500,000,000$. Among those who were in attendance were the following :
John Brandt, President of the Minnesota Co-operative Oreameries; J. S. Montgomery, General Manager of the Central Co-operative Commission Association; J. W. Shorthill, Secretary of the Farmers' National Grain ton Growers' Exchange; Carl Williams, editor of the '"Oklahoma Farmer Stockman and Vice-Chairman of the National Council Farmers' Co-operative Associations ; A. U. Chaney, General Manager of the American Cranberry Exchange ; Richard Pattee, Manager-Director of the New England Milk Producers and Chairman of the American Institute of Co-operation; William H. Settle, President of the Indiana Farm Bureau; Herman Steen, SecretaryTreasurer of the Indiana Wheat Growers; C. A. Stewart, General Manager of the National Live Stock Producers' Association; Seward H. Miller, As sistant Counsel of the Dairymen's League ; Charles W. Holman, Secretary of the National Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation; Walton Peteet, Secretary of the National Council Farmers' Co-operative Marketing Associations; Dan Wallace, Director of the Minnesota Potato Growers' Exchange ; Lee Palmer, President of the Ohio Farm Bureau, and C. B. Denman, President of the National Live Stock Producers' Association.

## Would Merely Give Advice.

The proposed Division of Oo-operative Marketing would act in a purely advisory capacity and not have any powers of regulation or supervision over the co-operatives, such as was proposed in previous Administration measures and to which violent objection was made by the co-operatives themselves. emergency the new division would disseminate the mass of information now collected by the Denartment of Agriculture and other Government buraw as to operatives. Congress will be asked for an appropriation sufficient to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to employ experts to work out problems-that may arise from time to time in the extension of the co-operative principle may arise from time
as applied to farming.
The fundamental idea underlying the new plan, it was suggested to-day, is to set up an agency within the Department of Agriculture that will make itself generally useful to co-operatives now in existence and those that it is expected that such a law would bring into being.
For example, if a dairy co-operative association in New York gets into difficulties, it can call upon the Division of Oo-operative Marketing for aid. An expert or several of them will be eent into the territory to study the situation and make recommendations. That will only be done upon
the express request of the co-operative organization involved. The plan is to have the Government keep on hand, or be prepared to call in, the most expert co-operative advisers in the country. It is emphasized that aid will be extended only when asked for.

Want Bill Passed This Winter.
Farm legislation will have a prominent place in President Coolidge's annual message to Congress. It is the general expectation that as a result of that message the appropriate committees of the two Houses will give immediate consideration to the question. In view of the fact that a new Congress will be elected in the fall of 1926, Republican leaders regard it as mperative that a farm bill shall be passed this winter.
The program outlined here to-day by the Secretary of Agriculture is expected tarmer, althougt onding feature of the Presidents recommendations later, dependent in close touch with the subject. It is known that the President looks with disfavor upon plans for an export commission or any legislation designed to confer price-fixing authority upon a Government agency,
A good deal of significance is attached to the fact that in calling the Conference the Administration dealt directly with representatives of cooperative organizations. Many of the conferees, representing large bodies
firmers, have never appeared
gislation was under consideration.
The prominence taken by Secretary Jardine in the Conference, and his nnouncement of the purposes contemplated by the bill adopted is inter preted as a notice on the part of the Administration that it will take up this plan of co-operative marketing with a view to legislative action, and not give countenance to such measures as the McNary-Haugen bill and
others providing for the establishment of commissions clothed with broad powers of supervision.

Agricultural Conference Board Not to Be Called Back Into Session by President Coolidge.
President Coolidge has approved the recommendation of Hon. Robert D. Carey of Wyoming, Chairman of the President's Agricultural Conference, to the effect that the Conference shquld not be called back into session, according to a statement issued at the United States Department of Agriculture on Nov. 6. This decision was definitely reached upon announcement that co-operative leaders in conference with Secretary of Agriculture Jardine had unanimously agreed upon a definite plan to give assistance and encouragement to the co-operative movement in its many aspects. In a letter to the President, dated Oct. 17, Chairman Carey said:
The records show that most of the recommendations made by the Conference have been favorably acted upon. The principal legislative recom-
mendation of the Conference upon which favorable action was not nendation of the Conference upon which favorable action was not taken by Congress ituation, however, I am confident that farm leaders, both in and of of Congress, will agree upon steps which should be taken to foste and promote the co-operative movement.
I feel that in the Secretary of Agriculture, Hon. William M. Jardine agriculture is represented by one who thoroughly understands agricultural problems and conditions. He served as a member of the Conference, and knows the views of the different members regarding agricultural questions,
It would seem that the Department of Agriculture as now functioning is in a position to both assist agriculture and help in the solution of its prob lems. Furthermore, there is a growing disposition on the part of leading farm organizations to get together on agricultural recommendations.
Under these rather favorable circumstances, and after careful consideration of the whole situation, it is my opinion that Congress, the Department of Agriculture and agricultural leaders are making progress to work out a satisfactory solution of farm problems. In view of this situation I do not feel that the Conference should be called back into session.

The first report of the Conference, according to the statement issued by the Department of Agriculture Nov. 6, had to do with the serious emergency in the cattle industry. The Conference found that the condition of the cattlemen was caused largely by a serious shortage of credit facilities. It recommended that the Farm Loan Board should make every effort to bring about the organization of the necessary rediscount agencies. Immediate action in this direction was taken following the recommendation of the Conference. The Department's statement also says:
It was also recommended that the Agricultural Credit Act should be amended by eliminating the provision that prohibited the rediscounting by the Federal Intermediate Oredit banks of loans negotiated by Federally chartered agricultural credit agencies. Favorable action on this recommendation was taken by the Sixty-eighth Congress.
The Conference went on record to the effect that the unappropriated public domain should be placed under lease and that there should be a uniform policy agreed upon for the administration of grazing on the public lands and the national forests. Upon adoption of this recommendation the Secretary of Agriculture gave immediate consideration to the matter of grazing on national forests, and representatives of the leading live stock associations recently met at Salt Lake City and submitted their recommendations to the Senate Committee on Public Lands.
Believing that an early and thorough revision of the freight structure as pertaining to agricultural products was necessary, the Conference recommended the passage of House Joint Resolution No. 94, which directed the Inter-State Commerce Commission to take action whereby the lowest possible rates could be granted to agricultural products. This resolution was enacted and hearings are now being conducted by the Inter-State Commerce Commission.
Among other things, the Conference approved the Purnell bill providing additional funds for the study and investigation of agricultural problems the various land grant colleges. This measure was endorsed by the Conference for the reason that it believed funds should be available for the investigation of the business aspects of agriculture, particularly its marketing problems.

## Wool Men Attack Installment Sales-Say We Deny

 Ourselves Clothes to Buy Radio Sets and Autos by Deferred Payments.The following is from the New York "Times" of Dec. 3: The American people are denying themselves clothes to buy radio sets, motor cars and other things offered for sale on the installment plan, according to speakers who undertook to diagnose the trouble with the of the and clothing industry yesterday at the nineteenth annual meeting the Waldorf. More than 600 moolen and installment-plan competition were outlined.
Willaam Goldman, President of Cohen, Goldman \& Co., and President of the Clothing Manufacturers' Research Board, said that both the installment plan and the chain store had cut into the business formerly realized in the dealer in better grades of clothes. He told how clothing merchants were buying many articles of luxury and necessity by that method.

Sir James Elder Speaks
Sir James Flder, Commissioner for Australia in the United States, in an address on pfered to the cut into the wol and the American situar
for motor cars and radios. He mentioned still another cause of the slump in the formerly enormous American demand for wool. He said the central heating plant in American homes and business buildings enabled persons to enjoy indoors a summer temperature the year round.
Sir James said that "Australia does not need and from recent appearances will not have any Government assistance or control of her great national industry of wool production."
After speaking of the widespread use of central heating plants and the radical changes in women's clothing the speakers said the increased use of heavy topcoats for outdoors was not sufficient to compensate for the slump. He cited the widespread use of automobiles which, he said, outnumbered by several millions the total of telephones in use.
Among the factors that should contribute to increased business, Sir James mentioned restriction of immigration to America and the increased earning power of the workingmen, normal increase in population in America, stimulation of national savings in European countries by the Locarno agreements. Robert T. Francis, who was elected President of the association, said that the outstanding evil in the industry was the insecurity of contracts. He brought up again the matter of organizing a law committee for the industry to which members of the association could assign their claims for collection

## N. Y. Federal Reserve Bank's Inquiry Into Installment

 Sales By Department Stores.In view of the increase in the past few years in the use of installment credit in merchandising, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York recently sought information as to the amount of installment credit in use in the department store trade in this city. The Bank makes this known in its Monthly Review dated Dec. 1 in which it says:
While the practise of granting installment.credit has spread during the past year to a number of stores heretofore on a cash basis, in general the use of this inquiry did not indicate any recent considerable growth in the the pratse he practise was revealed; some stores are trying it experimentally, whil A few of the stores have plan and are pushing it.
A few of the stores have carried on an installment business for several Information secured from some of these stores indicated that while install ment sales have phown a somewhat greater increase over a year ago than cash sales in particular lines, the total amount of installment agles and accounts outstanding has not erpanded more rapldy than total cash sales In general installment sales in this city are still only a small part of the total volume of department store business.

Secretary Mellon Sees Little Sign of Inflation in New York Stock Market-Thinks Prices of Shares and Commodities Preserve Unchanged RatioUncertainty Over Bank Rate Policies.
The following from Washington is taken from yesterday's issue (Dec. 4) of the New York "Journal of Commerce":
The action of the Bank of England in increasing its discount rate to $5 \%$ need not be considered as presaging an increase in the rediscount rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, according to Secretary of the Treasury Mellon.
Mr. Mellon believes that local conditions must be largely responsible for rate levels in different banking centres and that on this basis there is no particular reason why the Federal Reserve Bank of New York should increase its rate. On the other hand, according to the Secretary's belief, no particular harm would be done if the New York bank did increase its rate.

Effect of Uncertainty.
Mr. Mellon finds that uncertainty over the New York rate has had more effect on prices and the money market than an actual increase of the suggested one-half of $1 \%$ could possibly have had. The existing rate, he indicated, does not tend to encourage speculation and the effects of a change of one-half of $1 \%$ would be virtually negligible.
As far as the stock market is concerned Mr. Mellon seems to be of the opinion that the extent to which it is characterized by inflation has been considerably overestimated. Speculation always accompanies increases in stock prices, the secretary pointed out, but it is his opinion that average prices on the stock market to-day and average commodity prices preserve about the same ratio that prevailed several years ago when the buying power of the dollar was considerably lower. Generally speaking he has found no outstanding inflation. There has been an orderly advance which has not been at a greater rate than the advance in commodity prices, he believes.

Bank Rate Discussion.
Even before it became known that no announcement of an increase in the New York Federal Reserve Bank rediscount rate had been made Mr. Mellon indicated that such action was doubtful.

## Jackson E. Reynolds and Owen D. Young Elected

Directors of Federal Reserve Bank of New York.
Jackson E. Reynolds of New York, N. Y., has been elected a Class A director, and Owen D. Young of New York, N. Y., as a Class B director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, representing Group 1. Each will serve for a term of three years from Jan. 1 1926. The total number of votes cast for each candidate is as follows:

Total number of votes cast__...-60.-6 Total number of votes cast...... 59
Mr. Reynolds succeeds Gates W. McGarragh, Chairman of the Mechanics \& Metals National Bank, whose term of office expires Dec. 31. Mr. Young has been re-elected. Refererce to the nominations was made in these columns Oct. 10, page 1748.

No Decision by Supreme Court in Proceedings Involving Federal Reserve Board's Regulations on Par Collection of Checks-Case Transferred to Circuit Court of Appeals.
Notwithstanding the positive statement contained in last week's Associated Press advices that the United States Supreme Court had upheld on Nov. 25 the regulations of the Federal Reserve Board requiring member banks to pay at par checks drawn upon them, we learn that no ruling at all was handed down by the Supreme Court on that day, and that this week (Nov. 30) the Court transferred the case to the Circuit Court of Appeals for trial on its merits. Telegraphic advices to this effect have come to us as follows under date of Nov. 30 from the National \& State Bankers' Protective Association at Atlanta:
Associated Press story on par clearance suit, published in your issue 28th, was in error; no decision handed down then, but Supreme Court to-day fransferred case to Circuit Court of Appeals for trial on its merits. ThereMeanthing upheld or overthrown until Oircuit Court hears and acts. informatio, Associated Press story has created tremendous amount of misgormation and done injustice to large number of banks supporting Pasca-基
The item in which we printed the Associated Press account appeared on page 2595 in our issue of last week. With reference to the Supreme Court's action this week, we quote the following from Washington Nov. 30, published in the New York "Journal of Commerce" and credited to the Associated Press:
The Pascagoula case, involving the validity of regulations requiring pur clearance of checks, was sent back to-day by the Supreme Court to the Court of Appeals.
The order was based upon the technical ground that the appeal had been improperly brought by the bank from the Federal District Court to the Supreme Court, instead of having gone to the Oourt of Appeals.
The supreme Court did not go into the merits of the controversy which Miss, for cashal bank asserted that it had the right to make a charge or cashing checks drawn upon it by its depositors, even though the checks were sedt he mederal Reserve Bank at Atlanta for collection. It asked the Nederal Court for Northern Georgia to enjoin the Reserve Bank was refused from continuing the practices complained of, but its application was refused.
Commenting editorially on the issue on Dec. 2, the "Journal of Commerce" says:

## Delaying an Important Issue,

The Supreme Court of the United States, in sending back to the lower Courts the latest par clearance case that has come before it, has doubtless acted in accordance with the requirements of precedent and practice. It is regrettable, however, that this action appears to have been merely the outhe the decision dealing in no way with the merits of the issue.
Par clearance litigation has now been dragging slowly along through the Courts for over eight years, and it is the opinion of learned counsel that there may be a great many more years still to live through in connection with it, since every State may, and many probably will, enact restrictive legislamine mine its status from the standpoint of the Federal constitutional law. Of course, the varlous rehearings and reopenings of such cases necessarily It it out the process of adjustment still ionger.
It ought to be possible for the Bankers Associations of the several States and of the United States to reach a basis of common understanding on this subject, "get together" az to practical policies and arrive at an understanding with the Federal authorities

New York Federal Reserve Bank on Italian Debt Agreement-Total Obligations Thus Far Funded.
The New York Federal Reserve Bank of New York refers as follows in its Dec. 1 monthly review to the Italian debt agreement:
As a result of the conclusion on Nov. 14 of an agreement for the funding of the Italian debt to the United States, subject still to the approval of Congress, ten countries have now funded their debts to the United States. By this agreement Italy agrees to pay a principal amount of $\$ 2,042,000,000$ in annual ins. Alments over a period of sixty-two years, together with interest beginning after 1930 and ranging upward from $1 / 8$ of $1 \%$ annually 1987. Payments of $55,000,000$ are to be made in to 1980. And thereatter \$79,400,000 in 1987. This method of rayment is 12, 100,000 in 1931 to the British and Belgian diets settlodents which call for perent from that of the British and Belgian debt settlements which call for payments of practically constant amounts after the first ten years.
Great Britain, Belgium, C echoslovakia, Fsthont, including the debts Italy, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland Under these a, Finland, Hungary, due in 1926 are as follows: Great Britain
Italy.-

- $\$ 160,900,000$

Italy.....-
Belgium.
5,000,000
Belgium
$3.840,000$

Finland.,000,000
Finland.-
Esthonia_
Esthongary
Lungary. z209,550

Latvia_ †100,000

Total $\begin{array}{r}160,000 \\ \\ \hline\end{array}$

* Pai
*Paid in advance in November 1925. † Optional. z Partly payable in

The reaching of an agreement for the funding of Italy's debt to the United States was noted in these columns Nov. 14, page 2351, and Nov. 21, page 2472. The conversations between the Italian and American debt commissions had been opened in Washington Nov. 2, following the arrival on Nov. 1 on the steamer Duilio, of 'the Italian delegation headed by Count Volpi, the Italian Minister of Finance Prior to these conversations, which led to the reaching of an agreement on Nov. 13, preliminary conversations had been held earlier the present year, and these were referred to in our issue of July 4, page 31-The five members of the Italian commission accompanying Count Volpi are Dino Grandi, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs; Count Lelio Bonin Longare, Senator and former Ambassador to France; Dr. Alberto Pirelli, Honorary Minister Plenipotentiary; Dr. Mario Alberti, Honorary Minister Plenipotentiary, and Commendatore Gino Buti, First Legation Secretary. In addition the following acted as advisers to the commission: Professors Corrado Gini, Francesco Paolo Cantelli, Gino Ravenna, Ricciotti Armanni; Comm. R. Angelone; Ugo Carnera; Mario Lavatelli; Cav. Andrea Scalvini; Cav. Paride Formentini.

Count Volpi gave out a prepared statement with his arrival in New York Nov. 1 in which he said that "Italy undertakes this important discussion in a spirit of full loyalty and sincere determination; the fact that capacity to pay is the acknowledged basis of the negotiations represents undoubtedly a good promise for a successful conclusion." Count Volpi's statement (which we have not heretofore found room for) was as follows:
As I said on leaving Italy, I am proud of the task entrusted to me by the Hon. Benito Mussolini, head of the Italian Government, and am glad o reconfirm this statement on my arrival in the United States on my first visit to a country I have long desired and planned to see.
"As a business man, I have always followed with the greatest interest the development of the economic and political life of the United States, and my friendship for your country is of long standing. For many years Ihave known and admired your people and I hope to draw from my presen visit personal impressions which will be of great value to me in the future "After the outbreak of the European war, Italy and the United States, the most significant expressions of the old and the new civilizations, joined together, although at different dates, in a voluntary act of idealism, entering the war when the struggle was fiercest and the result most doubtful. A bond such as this cannot but estabish an everiasting tie in the relations of the wo countries.

I must excuse myself from making any more precise statement because I must reserve all the details of the negotiations to the time when I will have the pleasure, together with my colleagues, of meeting the members of the American. War Debt Funding Commission whom I know to be men of wide practical:"nowledge and highly gifted.
"Italy n rdertakes this important discussion in a spirit of full loyalty and incere kMermination: the fact that capacity to pay is the acknowledged basis of he negotiat
suc
${ }^{\text {ift }}$ is with the most cordial warmth that I greet the people of the United States, in the person of President Coolidge, and I trust that the friendly willingaess of our two peoples will now join in bringing about a satisfactory agreement."
On Nov. 2, when greetings were exchanged between Secretary Mellon and Count Volpi, the latter presented monographs relative to Italy's capacity to pay, and expressed the belief "that once relations as of debtor and creditor existing between Italy and the United States are definitely settled, a new and larger basis will be created, for the development of fruitful economic relations between Italy, a young nation, poor in natural resources, but rich in capacity to work and to produce, and the wealthy American republic, which has already contributed so much to the economic development of all the world.'
Secretary Mellon, in receiving Count Volpi, stated that "in negotiating with you a settlement of the debt this Commission will apply the principle of Italy's capacity to pay and will give due weight to the special conditions, existing in your situation." Secretary Mellon spoke as follows:
The American commission wishes to express to you our pleasure in meeting you here in Washington around the table for a frank discussion of the matters Woived in the debt settlement.
We thank you for the complete economic, fiscal and social studies of the condition of Italy which were prepared for us as the result of our preliminary conferences with your Ambassador and Mr. Alberti last Summer. We are隹 ourselves. I wish to express our appreciation of the exhaustive nature of the ocuments you have furnished us and of the prompt arrival in America of We recognize
We recognize fully Italy's efforts during and since the war. It is especially in the after war period hat fraly's constructive abilig has drawn to her the Premier Musolit sound policies under the forcerul direction of ncreased revenue and o expenditures, chievement worth balanced faty's bud We How is a Government the difficulties Italy must fiscal burden imposed by the, owing we bilieve, however and the heavy continuance of your present political and economic stability, Italy is assured its position as a great nation.
In negotiating with you a set
he principle of Italy's henditions existing in vapacity to pay, and will give due weight to the special which will be within Italy's power to fulfill without undue pressure upon
her or her people, and which will also recognize the sacrifices made by the American taxpayer in the advances of our Treasury.
desire a just settlement which will insure economic peace
Count Volpi, in replying, laid stress upon the help given Italy by America in the war and the burden of the war upon Italy and her people, and said:
When peace, with America, with such great authority, helps protect al over the world, was assured, Italy notwithstanding her extremely difficult inancial situation, offered to settle her war debt with the United States within the limits of her capacity to pay.
This acknowledgment of her debt constituted an obligation of honor which Italy intended and intions the resolved my modest self, be her own Minister of Finance in order to add to the solemnity of her pledge.
Upon starting the present negotiations Italy accepts the principle laid down by the American Debt Commission and each debtor nation shall b considered independently and shall repay its debt within its particular capacity to pay
In determining capacity of a nation the report of the Dawes Commission has shown that there are two principal elements-first, the capacity to collect in a country from its people the necessary money, and, second, the transfer of the money so collected in the national currency to the creditor country in the currency of the latter.
In order to show the American commission Italy's capacity to pay in these two regards there has been prepared and submitted to the American commission a documentation of twenty-four monographs composed or material gathered along scientific lines by the most prominent Italian statisticians and economists. These monographs show:

1. Italy's burden in the war was equal to $30 \%$ of her total national wealth She lost 652,000 men and 458,000 of her youths were disabled.
2. Italy received no valuable colonies out of the war
. Italy's share of reparations is $10 \%$ as against $52 \%$ allotted to France and $22 \%$ to Great Britain.
3. Italy, by immense sacrifices, has balanced her budget, reduced her governmental expenditures and is the only great power whose military expenditures are today less than they were before the war
4. Italy has been the only nation to tax war profits at $100 \%$ and to levy capital tax.
5. The burden of taxation in Italy, taking into account the national wealth and the national income, is higher than that of any other country$38 \%$ of her net income after deducting a minimum of subsistence.
6. Italy has none of the principal raw materials. She must import food and all her requirements in oil, coal, cotton, iron and copper
7. With her constantly increasing population it is doubtful if Italy's industrial development keeps pace with the increased demands of her population.
8. Italy's balance of trade has always been adverse. During the past nine months she exported $13.000 .000,001$ of lire and imported $20.000,000.000$ a balance against her of $7,000,000,000$. During this period Italy imported from the United States 5.000 .000 .000 of lire and exported to the United States $1,331,000,000$ of lire; that is to say, her imports from nearly four times her exports to this country
In fact, I believe that, once relations as of debtor and creditor existing between Italy and the United States are definitely settled, a new and larger basis will be created for the development of fruitful economic relations between Italy, a young nation, poor in natural resources bublis which has to work and to produce, and the wealthy Amoris repl aiready contributed so much to the economic developid of in till under the enlightenment and wise euldance of ts Pront. Calvin Coon and of the Government which assists him in his worthy endeavors.
During the negotiations President Coolidge 'on Nov. 3 discussed the debt issue at the White House with Secretaries Mellon, Kellogg and Hoover, all members of the American commission, and Under-Secretary Winston of the Treasury, Secretary of the commission. That night, it was learned from the New York Times, the President entertained the Italian Commissioners at a state dinner attended by seven members of the Cabinet, the American representatives in the debt exchanges and members of the House and Senate. Senator William E. Borah, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, was one of those in attendance.

Two joint sub-committees were named on Nov. 4, as to which the Associated Press accounts said:
Distinct phases of the problem of dealing with the dejs, with is approxiDety $\$ 2,138,543,000$. were assigned to each of the tw, $g$. uns to facilitate mately $\$ 2,138,543$.

The full text of the agreement reached was given in our Nov. 21 issue, page 2472.

## Signing at London of Locarno Treaties Guaranteeing Security of Rhineland-Ratification By Germany and Great Britain

The treaties growing out of the security conference held in October at Locarno, Switzerland, were brought a step nearer fulfilment on December 1, when the representatives of Germany and the other European Nations, parties to the pacts, signed the accords. The signing of the treaties, which had been initiated at Locarno on Oct. 16 by the delegates of the seven Nations participating in the Conference, took place at London. In all seven or eight pacts have developed from the Locarno Conference-the Rhineland security treaty between Germany and the other powers, and several Arbitration Conventions. All of these were referred to at length in our issue of Oct. 24, pages 1984 to 1988. To quote from the Associated accounts from London Dec. 1, "Germany really got back into the European family today when Chancellor Luther and the German Foreign Minister, Gustav Stresemann signed the Locarno pact." The same advices went on to say:

The absence of the Soviet Government from today's gathering was mentioned informally by many of the delegates, and M. Briand expressed the hope that Russia might soon decide to enter the League of Nations and speed Europe in the restoration of normal economic and political conditions. The nations affixing their signatures to the treaty and their representatives were: Great Britain, Austen Chamberlain and Stanley Baldwin; Germany, Chancellor Luther and Gustav Stresemann; Belgium, Emile
Vanderveide; France, Aristide Briand; Italy, Vittorio Scialoia; Poland, Count Skrzynski; Czecho-Slovakia, Eduard Benes,
The German Ohancellor and Dr. Stresemann had an informal conference with M. Briand, in which they discussed at length the changed problems which will arise in the Rhineland control and the relations generally between the two nations since the Locarno past has become a fact. Disarmament possible reduction of the limitations on German aviation, the admission of Germany to membership in the Rhineland Control Commission and the vacuation of German territory by Allied troops were discussed.
The conference was all-friendly, and M. Briand said at its conclusion that o decisions were reached, but that the Locarno spirit prevailed throughout. After the ceremony in the Foreign Office, Chancellor Luther of Germany gave out the following sttement: "This day of the signing of the Locarno pact is a milestone in the history
of European nations. It shows the will of all the partners to the treaty to
restore peace. Readjustment to normal economic and political relations restore peace. Readjustment to normal economic and political relations
will be the uitimate outcome of our endeavors.
iI consider that this pact is the first step but a decisive one, in that directions, The pacification of the first step, but a decisive one, in that
nations, in its wake the prosperity of
nathe final aim. There are still obstacles to overcome, but we are nations, is the final aim. There are still obstacles to overcome, but we are
at last so far advanced that I can say with assurance the goal is attainable."

During the ceremony at the Foreign Office Dr. Stresemann said nothing would serve greater purpose in these days of difficulty than the spirit of good will which the treaty evoked. He looked to the future and the fruition of the work they had done with great hope
Premier Briand of France in a solemn voice declared there was not a person in the world who was not interested in the proceedings of the day. "I can see across the table the German Chancellor," he said, "and I am sure I can tell him that I have remained a good Frenchman just as he in coming here remained a good German-but both of us are Europeans."

Comments on the significance of the day's events was also made as follows by other participants, according to the Associated Press advices.
"The Locarno Treaty," declared Dr. Eduard Benes, the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, "has solved the international problems of Europe. It is up to the nations to put their internal affairs on a solid basis, and when this Is accomplished the prosperity of western Europe is assured."
Emile Vandervelde, Belgian Foreign Minister, thought that the housecleaning of Europe through the Locarno Treaty probably would allow a resumption of closer relations between Europe and the United States, without the United States running the danger of being committed to take a hand in any European affairs.
"The Locarno pact," declared Count Alexander Skrzynski, the Polish Premier and Foreign Minister, "offers the European states an opportunity for peace and disarmament, which they have never had before. I have no doubt that in conformity with the treaties a new international feeling of peace and securi

The New York "Times" copyright account from London Dec. 1 said:
The last of the speakers was the British Premier, Stanley Baldwin, who said, speaking in English, that he desired to sign the treaty along with Sir Austen Chamberlain in order to show the importance the British Government attached to it
"I am confident," said Mr. Baldwin, "that it is the firm intention of all the nations represented here-just as it is the firm intention of his Majesty's Government - to carry out scrupulously and loyally the solemn obligations which they have here undertaken."
After this speech Sir Austen Chamberlain formally declared the ceremony
The same paper in a copyright cablegram from London Nov. 30 observed:
On the boat crossing from France this afternoon, M. Briand said he counted tomorrow the happiest day of his life.
"I am going to sign for France the Locarno treaties, which mean the beginning of a new era of peace in Europe," he said. "The spirit of Locarno which is consecrated in these treaties means coming co-operation among the European nations; it means a common effort by those who confronted each other in the World War now to restore the old Continent to solidity and tranquility.
'I am proud of my part in the task and certainly her role in this great work shows that France is pacifist and conciliatory. Every nation which has had anything to do with this accomplishment can but be proud of what has beon done."

The New York "Herald-Tribune" London cablegram of Nov. 30 (copyright) reported M. Briand as saying to newspaper men:
"The treaties are only a beginning. They must be the starting point of close collaboration between France and Germany."
German Chancellor Luther pronounced the Locarno pacts to be the "foundation of peace" while his colleague, Foreign Minister Stresemann, hailed them as the scrapping of the war after the war, says United Press advices from London in the "Wah Street Journal" of Dec. 1 which reported the Chancellor as saying:
In my opinion, the significance of the Locarno agreement above all rests in the fact that the idea of arbitration, for the first time applied to the reparations question in the Dawes plan upon American suggestlon, now finds through the new treaty. The principal of arbitration simultaneously embodies justice and equal rights, and therefore this is the foundation of peace."

The "Times" advices from London No. 30 in referring to the ceremonies attendant to the signing of the treaties the following day, also stated in its copyright advices:

Ratification of the treaties must follow their signature, and with the Nations.

## ations.

The process of ratification by Great Britain demanded that a special copy an instrumentecting Great Britain be printed, and that there be inserted accepting and by which the King makes solemn declaration approving. signed by the confirming all its articles. This is printed on vellum and signed by the King. To it the great seal is attached and the whole is bound o it are four ribbons with the colors of the principal British orders an chived namely, the Garter, blue; Thistle, green; St. Patrick, pale blue, and the Bath, red.
It is this volume which will be deposited with the League of Nations by Great Britain.
Italy's attitude toward the Conventions was referred to as follows in Associated Press cablegrams from Rome Dec. 1. Without minimizing the vast pacific potentialities symbolized in the signing of the Locarno pact at London to-day. Italy, as reiterated in responsible swept off her feet and leading Facist newspapers, does not intend to be to live up to the letter and spirit of her signature, but intends above all to keep a clear-headed redistic attitude in future international relations.
In this connection influential Italians recall passages in Mussolini's Armistice Day address, when he declared: "We look with one eye upon the dove of peace if ic rises on the distant horizon, but with the other eye we look to the concrete necessities of life.

At the same time Geneva Associated Press advices stated: Simultaneously with the singing at London of the Locarno treaties, Germany to-day showed her desire to fall in line with the obligations of a member of the League of Nations. She registered eleven international engagements entered into with eight different powers.
As Germany is not yet a member of the league, she is not bound by the Covenant's call to file copies of treaties with the object of making their contents known to the world.
The German Reichstag ratified the security pact and Arbitration Conventions on Nov. 27, and on Nov. 28 President von Hindenburg signed the bill ratifying the treaties. The Reichsrath's approval, 34 to 4 , was recorded Nov, 21. With regard to the action of the Reichstag we quote the following from the New York "Herald-Tribune" advices from Berlin Nov. 27 (copyright).
Sanction of the Locarno security treaties was voted by the Reichstag to-night. The proposal of Germany's entry into the League of Nations was likewise approved, as was the Center party's motion that the Government use every means to obtain further improvements in the Rhineland before entering the league.
standing 300 to proposals was voted on separately, the security pact vote standing 300 to 174 and the league vote 278 to 183. The Nationalists and Communists strenuously opposed these two measures. The whole pro cedu. took nearly bells began to ring through the Reichstag corridors, calling members to their seats.

## Members and Speech Makers

The "big" day dragged along rather slowly. A mountain of words had been written and spoken during the last two months, leaders saying everything possible it was to say about the security pact and the effects hoped or feared from it. For the larger part of the afternoon the Chamber was only hale filled during speeches on various viewpoints.
Frau Clara Zetkin was listened to with more interest than most of those who ascended the tribune, not because of the arguments she presented, but because she is the indomitable firebrand of the Communist movement who takes a whack at every head in sight. It was a picturesque relief after a procession of more or less dreary orators to see this white-haired woman expostulate for more than an hour, now shaking her clenched fists and again leaning forward and in low insinuating tones talking to the crowd of men of all sorts of political opinions as if they were only small boys.
Herr Breitscheid, Socialist, one of the best speakers in the Reichstag. had his turn, as did Herr von Graefe, from the Fascist wing, just up from the members restaurant and a friendly glass of beer with General Luden-
 objections to the pact.

Luther Silent During Debate
Neither Chancellor Luther, who sat all afternoon as the Government's solitary spectator to the debate, nor Foreign Minister Stresemann thought it necessary to add further arguments. The Nationalists thus were given the last word to the long argument over the Locarno pact.
By a vote of 291 to 174 the Reichstag approved on Nov. 27 the measure providing for Germany's entrance into the League of Nations. From Associated Press advices it is learned that by a rising vote the Reichstag also adopted a motion submitted by the three middle parties, whereby the Government is requested to use every effort in the time intervening between now and Germany's formal admission to the League to obtain from the Allies a greater measure of alleviation in the Rhineland and other concessions than already granted.

With regard to the signing by President von Hindenburg of the bill ratifying the Locarno pact, we quote the following Associated Press cablegram from Berlin Nov. 28:
President von Hindenburg put the seal of his approval to-night upon the Locarno treaties by affixing his signature to the bill which legalizes the security pact, and arbitration treaties and Germany's entry into the League of Nations. Previously the Federal Council, or Reichsrat, passed the into effect immedification Dill by a vote of in the official Gazette Monday. By giving executive approval to the law less than twenty-four hours after it was ratified by the Reichstag the President administered a rebuke to the pact's reactionary opponents, who hoped he would refrain from approving it on constitutional grounds.
His action smothers the last embers of the fiery opposition kindled by the German Nationalists, and it is also received in Parliamentary circles as a
complireent to Chancellor Luther and Foreign Minister Stresemann, with
whose peace poilies Germany's soldier-President was known to be in full accord.
Although the Locarno treaties were initialed by the various delegates to the conference on Oct. 16, only the British Parliament and the German Reichstag thus far have ratified them. The nations yet to ratify them prior to their signature in London next Tuesday are France, Belgium, Ozechoslo-
akia, Italy and Poland.
The British House of Commons ratified the security pact on Nov. 18. In voting its action the New York "Herald Tribune" London copyright cablegram stated:
The House of Commons to-night, by a 375 -to-13 vote, ratified the Locarno security treaty for Great Britain. Reservations offered by the abor party were defeated 332 to 130 .
That Parliament's sanction would be obtained for the work at Locarno was a foregone conclusion, and interest centered largely on the criticisms Drom the opposition. These, as set forth by Ramsay MacDonald and David Lloyd George, leaders of the Labor and Liberal parties, respectively ere:

1. That the security pact made no provisions for disarmament
2. That it was aimed at isolating Russia.
dominions had not participated in it Chamberlain Answers Critics
By his frank admission that the government regarded Locarno not as the end but the beginning ot the work of appeasement and conciliation, Austen Ohamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, took much of the sting out of the eproaches of his critics. There was a little confusion at the beginning of the debate because the Foreign Secretary was not present. A few minutes and Dealing first with the question the pact.
inamerlain said: "Locarno was nelther the time nor the place to produce a scheme for general disarmament, nor were the representatives there competent to pro-
duce such a scheme. What we did was to bring new assurance of peace and
security to many nations which felt themselves more insecure.,

Passing to the Russian question, Mr. Chamberlain elicited cheers from the Conservative benches by declaring:
$t$ is not for the league to go begging. The will to join the Russia herself. pontaneous in the government concerned and Russia is not prepared to oin on any terms whatever.:

## MacDonald Welcomes Pact

MacDonald, leading off for the Labor party, welcomed the pact because It is not a military alliance, because it brings Germany into the league and because it advances the principle of arbitration. ccepted as the first step toward the Geneva protocol This protocol was framed during the meeting of the
at which Great Britain.
"Is it the government view that Locarno was engineered for the purpose
f uniting western civilization against Russia ?"
"No, I have persistently repudiated any idea of isolating Russia," Mr.
namberlain retorted.
MacDonald close
Lloyd George in Good Humor
Lloyd George began his address in a good-humored vein:
The Foreign Secretary has received flowers from many nations, to which I should like to add a humble leek. I noticed that the leader of the Opposiion, however, put a good many thistles into his bouquet."

The one thing which mars the triumph of the treaty and introduces a new peril into the empire when we are undertaking liabilities and responsibilities full of perils themselves," Lloyd George concluded, "is the failure to consult the dominions.'

League Entry in March-Geneva Officials Do Not Expect German Application Until February
The New York "Times" reports the following copyright cablegram from Geneva Nov. 27:
League of Nations officials sald to-day that Germany would not apply for admission to the League before February, despite the fact that the Locarno accords were ratified by the Reichstag. As regulations require the elapse of a month between the convocation of a special Assembly and the holding of the Assembly, this would mean that the extraordinary meeting of the League members to admit Germany will not be held before March.
Then, presumably, both the Council and Assembly will concurrentl
lect Germany to a permanent seat in the League of Nations' Council.
Officials incidentally believe that Argentina will participate in this specia, ession, the first time since she withdrew from the League several years ago oon vote ag been received indicating that the Argentine Parliament will soon vote again to join the League.

## 2,000,000 Subscribed in Italy Toward Paying War Debt to United States.

The following message from Rome (Dec. 1 coypright) is from the New York "Times"
Though the final results of the voluntary subscriptions toward paying known, it is surmised United States, which closed last night, are not yet $\$ 2,000,000$. This is thought preliminary returns that the total will exceed of expectations.
The northern industrial and commercial cities contributed most heavily. $9,000,000$. Then list with $11,000,000$ lire, followed by Turin with almost followed by Trieste, Naples, Venice and 000,000 and Rome with $4,000,000$
aples, Venice and other cities with lesser amounts.

## Over $\$ 30,000,000$ Paid Out During Year by American

 Industry for Employees' Pensions.More than $\$ 30,000,000$ was spent during the past year by American industry, including railroad and public utility companies, for employees' pensions, according to an estimate based on a study of industrial pension plans now in effect, made by the National Industrial Conference Board, 247 Park Avenue, New York. In making this known Nov. 30 the Board says:

The study covers 248 formal pension plans, conducted by 245 companies and embracing $2,815,512$ employees; in addition, 148 informal plans, operated on an individual merit basis, were studied and their results compared with those of the formal type. Of the 245 companies operating formal plans, 164 report now having pensioners on their rolls. These, numbering 35,953 as of December 1924, were paid a total of $\$ 18,192,250$, or
an average of about $\$ 506$, during the year. an average of about $\$ 506$, during the year. The propertion of male to female employees covered, as far as reported, is about three to one, and census figures indicate that a similar proportion holds for the rest.
Pension plans are broadly divided into formal and informal plans. The present tendency among the larger employers seems to favor the formal,
inasmuch as the awarding of pensions on the individual is the principle of the informal programs, becomes impractical plan, which are hundreds or thousands of employees, making impossible where there contact between employer and employee. The formal plons close personal hand, again fall into two main groups, the "contributory", on the other the employee contributes a percentage or fixed amount out under which the "non-contributory" plan, under which the entire cost of the pay, and is borne by the company. Out of the total of the 248 formal pension plans found in operation, only 28 were of the contributing type participation by the employees in contributory plans may be optional or may be compulsory.
As concerns the obligations undertaken by the employer, pension plans are divided into "contractual" and "discretionary" types, the obligation financing, while the discretionary type by its nature is more flexible both as to its financial requirements as well as in its individual application. There are, furthermore, "limited-contractual" plans, under which the employer reserves the right to reduce or even abrogate his obligations toward future pensioners should business conditions or other considerations make it advisable. While all informal plans of necessity are discretionary, formal plans may be either of contractual, limited-contractual or discretionary mal plans
The Conference Board found the 248 formal pension programs now in effect divided under the various classifications as follows:
Contributory, optional to employees
10
Of these, limited-contractual $\qquad$
Contractual
Of these, discretionary
Limited-contractual
Contractual

## Non-contributory

11

Not specified types
9
Total plans studied
While the Conference Board repeatedly warns that sound financing on a scientific basis and adequate funding is necessary lest pension programs result in grief, the Board in its report evidently does not share the grave apprehension uttered in other quarters of late that nothing but financial disaster confronts all efforts of the industries to operate their own pension programs privately without state or other outside help. Emphasis is given, experimental stage, and that particularly formal, large extent are still in an experimental stage, and that particularly formal, discretionary as well as contractual or enough period of time in sufficient number of cases as to afford sufficient evidence accurately to measure the cumulative character and rising costs of pension payments fow long the formal pension programs now in existyear of adoption of the plans by seen from the following table given the ear of adoption of the plans by five-year periods:
Before 1885
1911 to 1920
Not reported 68
40
1885 to 1890
1891 to 1895
1896 to 1900 $\qquad$ 2
16
26

In its study the Conference Board has had the co-operation of an advisory committee composed of the following: C. S. Ching, United States Rubber Co.; William B. Foster, E. I. DuPont de Nemours \& Co.; E. K. Hall, American Telephone \& Telegraph Co.; M. Harrison, Hammermill Paper Co.; C. J. Hicks, Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey; J. M. Larkin, Bethlehem Steel Co.; Louise Moore, Dutchess Manufacturing Co.; Thomas G. Spates, Richard Hellman, Inc.; A. H. Young, Curtis, Fosdick \& Belknap; Jarrett Morford, National Industrial Conference Board, Committee Secretary.

## Annual Convention of American Mining Congress to Be Held at Washington Dec. 9-11.

Members of the President's Cabinet, prominent Government officials, members of Congress, a former Labor Minister of Canada and leading mining men from all parts of the United States are scheduled to discuss important questions affecting the production and distribution of mine products at the 28th annual convention of the American Mining Congress at the New Willard Hotel at Washington next week-Dec. 9, 10 and 11. Secretary of Labor James J. Davis, Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover, Federal Trade Commissioner William E. Humphreys, Representative Joe J. Manlove of Missouri, and James Murdock, former Minister of Labor of Canada, will address the convention, which will consider a national labor policy, mine taxation, joint selling agencies in the distribution of mine products, and other important mining problems.
The convention will be opened on the morning of Dec. 9 by Copper Co., who will deliver his -President of the Utah Copper Co., who will deliver his annual address as President of the Congress. A number of metal and coal mining operators will present a survey of the requirements of the
mining industry in the various mining districts of the country. These will include Stanley Easton, of the Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining Co., of Kellogg, Idaho; C. B. Lakenan, of the Nevada Consolidated Copper Co., of McGill, Nev.; former Governor Jesse F. McDonald, of Leadville, Col., Chairman of the Colorado Metal Mining Fund, and Chairman of the Western Division of the American Mining Congress, and M. L. Gold, of Indianapolis, Ind., President of the National Coal Association.

An afternoon session on Dec. 9 will be devoted to a discussion of Federal and State taxation of mines. This will be the annual national mine tax conference, in charge of McKinley W. Kriegh, of Washington, D. C., Chairman of the Tax Division, and Paul Armitage, of New York, Chairman of the General Tax Committee of the American Mining Congress. At this conference the effect of taxation on development of Western mineral industries will be discussed by Charles R. Howe, State Tax Commissioner of Arizona. Representative Manlove, of Missouri, will speak on the relation of Federal tax laws to the welfare of the mining industry. These addresses will be followed by a consideration of mining provisions in the new tax bill to be considered by Congress at the coming session. Secretary of Commerce Hoover is expected to address the convention on the new policies of the Bureau of Mines since its transfer from the Interior Department to the Commerce Department.

In view of the present anthracite strike and the threat of the miners' union to call a bituminous strike, the proceedings of the convention on Dec. 10 promise to be of public interest, as they will be devoted to a consideration of plans for the peaceful settlement of labor disputes under a broad national labor policy. "The Mining Industry and Labor," will be the topic upon which this subject will be discussed. Secretary of Labor Davis will give his views on proposals to adjust mine strikes, based on his activities in attempting to settle mine disputes during the past four years as head of the Department of Labor. Former Minister of Labor Murdock, of Canada, will speak on the protection of public rights in industrial disputes, giving a summary of the operation of the Canadian Industrial Investigation Act, which provides for compulsory arbitration of labor disturbances. The views of mine operators will be presented by S. D. Warriner, of the Lehigh Coal \& Navigation Co. of Philadelphia and one of the outstanding anthracite operators; Sidney J. Jennings, of New York, of the United States Smelting, Refining \& Mining Co., and former President of the American Mining Congress, who will speak on the question, "What Is a Fair Wage?" and Harry N. Taylor, President of the United States Fuel Distributing Co. of New York, representing the views of bituminous operators in the central competitive field. The afternoon session will be devoted to group conferences. The annual banquet of the American Mining Congress will be held on the evening of Dec. 10, to which President Coolidge has been invited.

The value of joint selling agencies in all branches of mining, looking to stabilization of industry through voluntary co-operation of industrial groups designed to economize in the distribution of mine products for the benefit of producer and consumer, will be considered at the session on Dec. 11. The attitude of the Government toward such joint selling agencies will be outlined by Federal Trade Commissioner William E. Humphreys. The Mining Congress will then define its policies in resolutions reported by a committee representing mining men from each State. The convention will be the first to be held by the American Mining Congress in Washington.

## Meeting of Investment Bankers Association of America at St. Petersburg, Florida, Next Week.

Investment bankers representing upwards of 600 of the country's principal banking houses will be present when the fourteenth annual convention of the Investment Bankers Association of America opens its sessions on Dec. 7 next in St. Petersburg, Fla. The Eastern bankers, including New England and New York members, left for Florida last night (Dec. 4) by special trains. The gathering will bring together in Florida the leaders among the men who handle the bulk of the corporate and public financing in the United States. While the actual convention sessions will be held in St. Petersburg, the bankers will be given an opportunity of visiting most of the important points of interest in Florida, including Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Miami, Tampa and Key West. As a side trip part of the delegates will visit,

Havana, Cuba, via a steamship chartered specially for the occasion.
In many respects the convention is expected to be one of the most important in the history of the Investment Bankers. Association. Many matters of great importance to the investment public will be considered by the bankers in the course of the sessions. Special transportation arrangements have been worked out to carry the bankers to Florida. Special trains are being operated from both Chicago and Now York. Delegates in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia will join the New York specials, which left last night. The Chicago specials also left for Florida yesterday and will pick up cars bearing the St. Louis delegates. Arrangements have been made whereby the Pacific-Northwest delegates may go direct to Chicago while the California delegates may join the Chicago specials either via St. Louis or Chicago, or if they prefer the southern route, may join with New Orleans and operate a car or cars direct to Jacksonville, Fla. The special trains will be made up of solid compartment and drawing room cars, with observation cars, club cars, dining and baggage cars.

The itinerary of the New York specials include stops at Charlotte, Columbia, Jacksonville, and Winter Park. At the latter city the New York bankers will detrain for a 140 mile cross State motor trip through the Florida citrus fruit belt and the Lake region. Pullman buses will leave Winter Park stopping at Orlando, Kissimmee, Davenport, Haines City, Mountain Lake Club, Lake Hamilton, Winter Haven, Lake Alfred, Lakeland and Tampa, thence across Gandy Bridge and Causeway. This will bring the bankers into St. Petersburgh at $5.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. to-morrow (Sunday).

Returning from Havana the vessel will stop at Key West where the delegates may take special trains for the return home. These specials will proceed over the Florida Keys to Miami. The New York special will arrive in New York at 6:15 p. m. Dec. 18, and the Chicago train will arrive in Chicago at 8:45 p. m. on the same date.

## ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, \&C.

The board of directors of the Lawyers Title \& Guaranty Co. of New York has recommended to the stockholders an increase of the capital stock of the company from $\$ 8,000,000$ to $\$ 10,000,000$, the additional stock to be offered for cash at $\$ 200$ per share to stockholders of record on Dec. 221925 pro rata of their holdings on that date. A special meeting of the stockholders to be held Dec. 14 has been called for the purpose.

The World Exchange Bank of this city celebrated on Nov. 28 its first anniversary at the Commodore Hotel by a dinner and entertainment. At the present time the bank has 10,000 depositors and over $\$ 2,000,000$ in deposits.

The American Trust Co., of this city, opened this week the completed portion of its remodeled quarters, with entrance at Broadway and Cedar Street. The new banking space provides a concourse 150 feet in depth from Broadway to Temple Street, with a banking screen of Juane Nile Italian marble with architectural bronze grille. Additional space, 115 feet long, from Cedar Street to Liberty Street, is now being reconstructed to match the completed portion. When this is finished the American Trust Co. will have a banking floor with a total area of 7,434 square feet, with entrances on Broadway at Cedar Street and on Liberty Street. Harry A. Kahler, President of the company, received many visitors, who commented on the architectural excellence and practicability of the new banking arrangements. Mr. Kahler explained that the recent acquisition by an associate company of the Washington Life Building, 141 Broadway, which gives possession of the entire block from Liberty Street to Cedar Street, has enabled the company to develop its banking quarters, to meet the requirements of its growing business, by extending on the street floor without the necessity of moving or interrupting banking operation. The American Trust Co. was founded in 1919. Besides its Broadway and Cedar Street offices, it has offices at Madison Avenue and 41st Street, New York; 209 Montague Street, Brooklyn; 161-19 Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica; Bridge Plaza North, Long Island City. Resources are approximately $\$ 50,000,000$.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the United States Mortgage \& Trust Co. of New York held Nov. 27, Harry W. Hadley was elected Vice-President and Assistant Treasurer.

The capital stock of the Lebanon National Bank, of this city, will be increased from $\$ 250,000$ to $\$ 500,000$. The stockholders will pass upon the question Dec. 10 1925. The new stock will be issued at $\$ 140$, par $\$ 100$.

Jacob Adler and Sam Lewis have been elected directors of the American Union Bank, of this city.
The directors of the Broad Street National Bank of Trenton, Trenton, N. J., announce the death of William G. Howell on Monday, Nov. 16. Mr. Howell served as Vice-President of the institution twenty-eight years.
On Monday, Nov. 30, the Guaranty Trust Co., a new financial institution, began business in Newark, at Belmont Avenue and Court Street. The main banking room was filled with flowers, the gifts of friends, including several banks, sent for the occasion, and former Judge Edward Schoen, who heads the trust company, was reported in the Newark "News" of Nov. 30 as saying that the first hours of business exceeded even his sanguine expectations. Jacob Bamberger is Secretary and Treasurer of the new bank. The previous Tuesday evening (Nov. 24) the opening of the institution was celebrated by a banquet given at Krueger Auditorium, Newark, at which State Senator J. Henry Harrison, Edward D. Duffield, President of the Prudential Insurance Co. and E. W. Wollmuth, Secretary of the Newark Chamber of Commerce, were among the speakers of the evening.

What is said to be largest consolidation of financial interests in the history of Buffalo banking was consummated this week when the Marine Trust $\mathrm{C} \alpha$. of Buffalo and the Buffalo Trust Co. were united to form a new organization under the title of the Marine Trust Co. The new trust company, with its combined invested capital of $\$ 30,000,000$, deposits of almost $\$ 200,000,000$ and combined resources of approximately $\$ 250,000,000$, is said to be one of the twentyfive largest banks in the United States and the fifth largest in the country outside of the city of New York. "By the merger" (we quote from the Buffalo "Courier" of Nov. 29) "the new institution's capital stock will be $\$ 10,000,000$, consisting of 200,000 shares with a par value of $\$ 50$ each. The combined capitalization of the two institutions before the merger was $\$ 14,000,000$. By reduction of the capital stock, the value of the new shares of stock will be increased in proportion. The amount by which the capital stock is to be reduced will be added to surplus. The merger will give the new institution surplus and undivided profits of between $\$ 15,000,000$ and $\$ 20,000,000$, with nearly $\$ 200,000,000$ in deposits. According to plans announced yesterday (Nov. 28), each share of the existing stock of the former Marine Trust Co. will be worth one and four-tenths shares of the new stock, while each share of the existing stock of the Buffalo Trust Co. will be worth one and seven-tenths shares of the new company's stock." George F. Rand, the former President of the Buffalo Trust Co., is President of the new bank, while Elliott C. McDougal, heretofore President of the Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo and Walter P. Cooke, formerly Chairman of the Board of that institution, are Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively. The board of directors of the new bank, it is understood, will consist of forty members, made up of the directors of the two institutions. In explaining the reasons for the consolidation of the institutions, Mr. McDougal was quoted in the "Courier" as saying: The merger of these two large financial institutions is a natural and Buffalo Trust Cont in their growth. George F. Rand, President of the Buffalo Trust Co., and a number of his officers and directors have heretofore been associated with and are some of the largest stockholders of the the two institutions. The need of obtain
of the Marine Trust and the officers to fill existing vacancies in the staff the Buffalo Trust Co., coupled with its need for frequent increases in of capital stock, because of the constant rapid frowth of its busises in its at the same time the unusually large capital stock of the Marine Trust while is more than sufficient for both, seemed, in the opinion of the Trust Co. both institutions, to make the present the opportune time for the merger of The combined company will be one of opportune time for the merger. in the country, capable of transacting any banking business which it may be offered and of rendering every possible financial service required by the people of this locality.
The bringing into the Marine organization of Mr. Rand and the group of younger men who, as officers and directors, under his leadership, have
made such a splendid success of the Buffalo Trust Co., is desirable and advantageous. I am very glad to be able to announce this merger and and lieve it to be for the best interests of the stockholders and depositors bewell as for the community at large, and that it will enable the Marine Trust Co. to render to the people of this locality even a finer service than it has rendered for the 75 years of its existence.
A special meeting of the stockholders of the Meriden Trust \& Safe Deposit Co., Meriden, Conn., has been called
for Dec. 22 to vote on a proposal to increase the capital stock of the institution from $\$ 50,000$ to $\$ 100,000$ by the issuance of 500 new shares of the par value of $\$ 100$ per share, according to a special dispatch from that place on Nov. 20 to the Hartford "Courant." The new stock, it was said, would be offered to present stockholders at par. W. B. Church is President and Charles F. Linsley, Vice-President of the institution.

An Associated Press dispatch from Boston on Nov. 28, which appeared in the New York "Times" of Nov. 29, states that sums aggregating $\$ 210,000$ were on that day allowed liquidating agents of four Boston trust companies by Judge Wait of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts for services covering nearly five years. The amounts were recommended by Joseph C. Allen, former Bank Commissioner. W. Rodman Peabody, liquidating agent of the Tremont Trust Co., is to receive $\$ 70,000$; Henry P. Cushman of the Cosmopoli$\tan$ Trust Co., $\$ 65,000$; John E. Hannigan of the Prudential Trust Co., $\$ 35,000$, and Fitz Henry Smith of the Hanover Trust Co., $\$ 40,000$. Part compensation has already been paid these agents at different times, it is said.

We are informed by the Girard Trust Co. of Philadelphia that the amount of their contemplated special cash distribution (payable March 1 next) is to be $20 \%$ and not $2 \%$, as erroneously reported in our issue of Nov. 28, page 2601.

A special dispatch from Farrell, Pa., to the "Wall Street Journal," printed in its Dec. 1 issue, stated that a syndicate of local business and professional men had purchased the People's Bank of Farrell from the McDowell National Bank interests of Sharon, Pa. Borough Burgess Frederick Fish has been named President under the new regime, with John Fitzpatrick, Vice-President, and H. G. Moore, Cashier. The bank was organized about ten years ago and has resources, it is understood, of more than $\$ 900,000$.

A press dispatch from East Liverpool, Ohio, on Nov. 30, appearing in the Cleveland "Plain Dealer" of Dec. 1 stated that plans had been completed for the consolidation, effective Jan. 5, of the First National Bank, the city's oldest and largest financial institution, and the Citizens' National Bank under the name of the former. The merger, which is subject to approval of the stockholders Dec. 28, will give the consolidated bank resources of $\$ 4,500,000$, it is said. J. J. Purington is President of the First National and John W. Vodrey, President of the Citizens' National Bank.

Announcement was made on Nov. 25 that the Licking Bank \& Trust Co. of Newark, Ohio, and the Citizens' Building \& Loan Association of that city, with combined resources in excess of $\$ 3,750,000$, had consolidated under the title of the former, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Newark on that date, printed in the Columbus "Ohio State Journal" of Nov. 26. The dispatch further stated that Frank W. Elliott and A. A. Haines would continue as President and Cashier, respectively, of the enlarged Licking Bank \& Trust Co., and that the directorate of the bank would be increased to eighteen members by the addition of the directors of the absorbed institution.

The absorption of the Guarantee Trust Co. of Cincinnati by the Bank of Commerce \& Trust Co., of that city, is reported in the following special dispatch from Cincinnati to the New York "Times" under date of Dec. 3:
The bank of Commerce \& Trust Co., 118 East Fourth Street, has purchased the entire assets of the Guarantee Trust Co., 16 East Seventh Street, according to an announcement to-day by E. H. Matthews, President of the branches of the Guarantee Co. All of the Guarantee banks will be operated branches of the Guarantee Co. All of the
as branches of the Bank of Commerce.
Melville Ritchie, President of the Guarantee Co., will become a member of the board of directors of the Bank of Commerce. The total resources will be doubled, officials said. The bank's capital stock will be doubled soon, it was added.

According to the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 30, the directors of the Bank of Detroit, Detroit, have approved and will recommend to the stockholders at their forthcoming annual meeting, a proposal to increase the institution's capital stock from $\$ 2,000,000$ to $\$ 4,000,000$ and its surplus from $\$ 500,000$ to $\$ 1,000,000$, through the issuance of 20,000 shares of new stock, to be offered to present shareholders in the proportion of one share of new for each share of old stock held. If the proposition is approved, it will be the third time the Bank of Detroit has doubled its capital, it is said.

We understand a proposed consolidation of the Highland Park Savings \& Loan Association, Highland Park, Mich., and the Society for Savings, of Detroit, was recently approved by the shareholders of the institutions. The consolidated organization will be known as the Society for Savings and will have an authorized capital of $\$ 5,500,000$, it is said.

Edwin J. Phelps, Chairman of the board of directors of the Kalamazoo National Bank of Kalamazoo, Mich., died on Nov. 20. Mr. Phelps was the founder of the bank and served as its President until 1923, when he assumed the Chairmanship, the position he held at the time of his death.
William F. Grimes, the oldest employee of the Chicago Title \& Trust Co., of Chicago, died Nov. 19. He would have been 92 years old next February. He was born in Alexandria, Va. During the Civil War he was Deputy County Clerk there, and in 1868 located in Chicago and entered the employ of Shortall \& Hoard, one of the three early abstract companies. At the time of the fire of 1871 he was one of that little band of young men who loaded the tract indices and maps and other valuable title records belonging to his firm upon trucks furnished by General Joseph Stockton and removed them out of danger. In 1888 he became part of the organization of the Title Guarantee \& Trust Co., which initiated in Chicago the insurance of titles to real estate. He remained in that branch of the business until he retired in 1923 after 55 years' continuous service. He was a rapid and accurate examiner of titles and for twenty years had charge of all title guarantees issued on lands in other States. He leaves a widow and one son, Charles F. Grimes, who is one of the legal representatives of the Chicago Title \& Trust Co.
Morris Berger, Assistant Secretary of the Illinois Merchants Trust Co., of Chicago, died in Los Angeles, Cal., on Nov. 29, after an illness of several months. Mr. Berger was 64 years of age and for the past 37 years had been associated with the Illinois Trust \& Savings Bank, now the Illinois Merchants Trust Co., leaving a record of many years of
useful and faithful service.

On account of its expanding business, the Chicago Morris Plan Bank of Chicago has found it necessary to enlarge its banking quarters at 21 North La Salle Street. The remodeling program has included greatly increasing the facilities offered on the first floor occupied by the bank's tellers. An entire new floor in the Morris Plan Bank Building is also necessitated to handle clerical work. The month of October was the largest month in the bank's history, it having loaned to 2,152 people $\$ 534,000$, and there was an increase in savings deposits of $\$ 150,000$. It is interesting for the bank officials to observe a slight falling off in requests for loans during the period of the disbursement of Christmas savings funds. The Christmas savings fund is built up on the Morris Plan idea, namely, periodic installment deposits for a definite purpose or objective. By the accumulation of some $\$ 20,000,000$ through Chicago banks, many people in moderate circumstances have provided for themselves a fund for Christmas purchases and other things which very happily relieves the necessity of their seeking credit accommodation.
The following Associated Press dispatch from Prescott, Ariz., on Nov. 26, which appeared in the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Nov. 27, reports the closing of the Prescott State Bank of Prescott (capitalized at $\$ 100,000$ ) and its affiliated institution, the Commercial Trust \& Savings Bank (capitalized at $\$ 80,000$ ) :
The Prescott State Bank and an affiliated institution, the Commercial Trust \& Savings Bank, failed to open yesterday (Nov. 25). The closing was by the State Superintendent of Banks, who gave "frozen paper" as the cause. Branches of the Prescott State Bank in Humboldt and Jerome also
failed to open. iled to open
The directors of the Atlantic National Bank of Jacksonville, Fla., at a recent meeting unanimously decided to recommend a stock dividend of approximately $43 \%$ to be paid to shareholders, increasing the capital of the institution from $\$ 1,400,000$ to $\$ 2,000,000$. When the increase is effective the surplus and undivided profits of the bank will amount to $\$ 700,000$, making the capital resources of the institution $\$ 2,700,000$, and when to this is added the capital resources of the American Trust Co. of Jacksonville (owned exclusively by the stockholders of the Atlantic National Bank, pro rata) and of the Fairfield, Springfield and River-
side Atlantic banks of Jacksonville (controlled by the stockholders of the Atlantic National Bank) the capital resources of the financial group, thus constituted, will be more than $\$ 3,000,000$. The Atlantic National Bank is adding a 10 -story building on Adams Street and is completing arrangements to operate, it is understood, as two indirect branches, the Springfield Atlantic Bank and the Riverside Atlantic Bank, in addition to the Fairfield Atlantic Bank, which is now in operation.

The "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 3 published a press dispatch from Houston which stated that negotiations are pending for the merger of the Public National Bank of that city with the Houston National Bank. As reported in the "Chronicle" of Nov. 14 last, page 2368, controlling interest in the latter institution was recently acquired by R. S. Sterling and associates.

In order to foster co-operation and increase efficiency in service within the organization, the Citizens National Bank and the Citizens Trust \& Savings Bank, of Los Angeles, last year voted to distribute as additional compensation $10 \%$ of the net profits after making reasonable provision for dividends and reserves, among the employees and junior officers. At a recent dinner, attended by over 600 members of the staff of the banks, President J. Dabney Day made the statement that under this plan there will be a substantial sum to distribute when the holiday season arrives. A large number of Citizens bank's employees are now stockholders. When the capital was increased about two years ago, arrangements were made under which stock might be purchased by them on easy terms.
That the Bank of Montreal has had a prosperous year is evidenced by the annual report of the institution, the 108th, covering the twelve months ended Oct. 31 1925. It reflects trade improvement in the Dominion. The statement shows net profits for the period, after deducting charges of management and making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts, of $\$ 4,604,963$. This amount when added to $\$ 761,586$, representing the balance to credit of profit and loss brought forward from the previous year, made a total of $\$ 5,366,549$ available for distribution, and which was allocated in the following way: $\$ 4,161,671$ to pay four quarterly dividends at the rate of $12 \%$ per annum ( $\$ 3,563,337$ ), together with a bonus of $2 \%$ ( $\$ 598,334$ ) ; $\$ 291,390$ to provide for Dominion Government taxes, and $\$ 316,700$ transferred to rest account, leaving a balance of $\$ 596,788$ to be carried forward to next year's profit and loss account. Total assets are given as $\$ 755,147,876$ (as compared with $\$ 718,194,797$ at the end of the previous six months' period), of which $\$ 450,459,068$ is liquid assets, or equivalent to $66.37 \%$ of the bank's liabilities to the public. For the half year the deposits show considerable growth, the total now standing at $\$ 631,454,429$, as compared with $\$ 604,851,116$ on April 30 1925. Total current loans are shown in the report as $\$ 270,087,144$. Owing to the absorption of Molsons Bank at the close of 1924, the capital stock of the Bank of Montreal was increased from $\$ 27,250$,000 to $\$ 29,916,700$; the rest account (also formerly $\$ 27,250$, 000 ) likewise was increased to the same figure, this by transferring $\$ 2,350,000$, representing "estimated surplus assets of Molsons Bank in excess of the value at par of the capital stock of the Bank of Montreal issued and cash paid therefore" to that account and the addition of the $\$ 316,700$ transferred from the balance of profit and loss account, as before indicated.

The Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co. announced on Nov. 28 the receipt of a cablegram from Paris reporting that the stockholders of the Societe Francaise de Gerance de la Banque Industrielle de Chine have approved an increase in the capital of that institution to $20,000,000$ francs and a change in its name to Banque Franco Chinoise pour le Comerce et l'Industrie.

Announcement was made last week by the New York agency of the Standard Bank of South Africa, Ltd., at 67 Wall Street, of the receipt of the following cablegram from its head office in London regarding the operations of the bank for the six months ended Sept. 30 1925:
Subject to audit, the board of directors have resolved to pay the share-
holders an interim dividend for the half year ended holders an interim dividend for the half year ended Sept. 30 last at the rate of $14 \%$ per annum, subject to income tax. Dividend warrants will be
mailed on Jan. 29 next. The bank's investments mailed on Jan. 29 next. The bank's investments stand in our books at
less than market value as at Sept. 30 and all other un less than market value as at Sept. 30 and all other usual and necessary Jan. 19, both inclusive.

## THE CURB MARKET.

Trading on the Curb Market this week was active and strong, with the oil shares showing decided improvement. Continental Oil sold up from 24 to $253 / 4$. Humble Oil \& Refg. gained about seven points to 81 and eased off finally to $791 / 2$. Magnolia was conspicuous for an advance from 180 to 190, the close to-day being at $1851 / 2$. Standard Oil (Indiana) rose from $641 / 4$ to $663 / 8$ and ends the week at $661 / 8$. Standard Oil (N. Y.) advanced from 45 to $471 / 8$, reaching finally to $463 / 4$. Gulf Oil of Pa. ran up from $831 / 2$ to 87 , but reacted to $857 / 8$. Among industrials American Rayon Products sold down from $391 / 2$ to $331 / 2$ and at $337 / 8$ finally. Cleveland Automobile, com., was heavily traded in up from 28 to 32 , the close today being at $303 / 4$. Continental Baking, class A com., gained about eight points to 123, while the class B stock advanced from $271 / 8$ to 32 . Electric AutoLite improved from 76 to 79 and reacted finally to $77 \frac{3}{4}$. Glen Alden Coal dropped from $1441 / 2$ to 140 and sold finally at 141. Gotham Silk Hosiery, com., rose from $337 / 8$ to $383 / 4$ and finished to-day at $381 / 4$. Land Co. of Florida dropped from 65 to 51 and recovered finally to $541 / 4$. Singer Manufacturing sold up from 367 to 405 . Stutz Motor improved from 19 to 25. Public utilities were quiet and without material change.
daily transactions at the new york curb market.

| Week Ended Dec. 4. | STOCKS (No. Shares). |  |  | BONDS (Par Value). |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ind.\&Mis. | Of. | Mintino. | Domestic. | For'n Goot. |
| Saturday | 120,390 | 74,540 | 37,600 | \$502,000 | \$291,000 |
| Monday | 263,980 | 106,105 | 33,680 | 581,000 | 660,000 |
| Tuesday | 245,950 | 164,820 | 73,490 | 902,000 | 153,000 |
| Thursda | 287,555 247,370 | 213,370 180,005 | 34,360 33,340 | $1,049,000$ $1,117,000$ | 301,000 247 |
| Friday . | 305,600 | 277,100 | 42,980 | 1,081,000 | 247,000 162,000 |
| $F$ Toter | 1,470,845 | 995,940 | 255,450 | \$5,232,000 | \$1,814,000 |

## CURRENT NOTICES.

-Adams \& Peck, specialists in guaranteed stocks, 20 Exchange Place, New York Oity, are distributing a circular offering blocks of the following stocks: Lackawanna Railioad Oo. of New Jersey, 4\% stock; United New Jersey Railroad \& Canal Oo., 10\% stock; Gold \& Stock Telegraph Oo. $6 \%$ stock; and Hartford \& Connecticut Western Railroad Co., $2 \%$ stock. Brief descriptions containing pertinent and important facts are furnished for each stock. In addition to the foregoing there is also a long list of other
guaranteed stocks.
-C. King Woodbridge, President of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, returned this week from an official tour of Western and Southwestern cities which brings his total mileage in the interest of organized advertising since May, when he was elected to his present office, well past local advertising. Among the cities where Mr. Woodbridge spoke before Beach, Hollywood, Los Angeles, Fort Worth and Oklahoma Oity.
-Donald J. Smith, Russell McCormick and Leland E. Smith, trading under the name of Donald J. Smith \& Co., announce a change of name to Smith Brothers \& McCormick, who will continue business at their present address, Packard Building, Philadelphia. They also announce the opening of a Trading Department under the supervision of Oharles H. B. Phillips, who will have associated with him Thomas J. Love, both formerly with Wheeler \& Company.
-The F. H. Smith Co., first mortgage bond house, of Washington, D. O., has leased the second floor of the building at 562 Fifth Ave., in the uptown financial district of New York. The premises are being remodeled for immediate occupancy as the company's. New York office. Branch offices are maintained also in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh \& Minneapolis.
-Minsch, Monell \& Co., Inc., 115 Broadway, New York, announce that the 1925 edition of their annual publication "Water Power Bonds" is now ready. This booklet covers 58 hydro-electrics-loreign as well as domesticand is the only published collection of data on any constderable number of Water Power Companies.
-G. M.-P. Murphy \& Co. have prepared a clrcular analyzing the earnings of the Missouri Pacific RR., and giving a description of its properties. \&c.
-Fenner \& Beane, members of the New York Stock \#xachange, have issued for free distribution their regular fortnightly comment on the Security

## Course of Bank Clearings

Bank clearings for the present week will again show an increase as compared with a year ago but the ratio of gain is moderate. Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ending to-day (Saturday, Dec. 5) bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will aggregate $5.8 \%$ more than in the corresponding week last year. The total stands at $\$ 11,216,460,618$, against $\$ 10,600,992,689$ for the same week in 1924. At this centre there is an increase for the five days of $3.1 \%$. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

| Clearings-Returns oy Telegraph. Week Ended December 5. | 1925. | 1924. | Per Cent. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| New Yor | \$5,369,000,000 | \$5,205,804,529 | +3.1 |
| Chicago | 587,073,247 | 584,000,541 | +0.3 |
| Philadelphi | $520,000,000$ | 500,000,000 | +4.0 |
| Kansas City | 124,928,385 | $401,000,000$ $124,640,184$ | +10.2 +0.2 |
| St. Louls | 144,800,000 | 133,607,080 | +3.4 |
| San Francisco | 184,054,000 | 155,300,000 | +18.5 |
| Los Angele | *145,000,000 | 127,400,000 | +13.5 |
| Plttsburg | 169,960,706 | 144,110,761 | $+17.9$ |
| Baltimo | $150,521,489$ $125,413,143$ | $122,384,837$ $93,746,235$ | +23.0 +33.8 |
| Clevelan | 103,822,370 | 993,125,143 | +33.8 +11.5 |
| N | 75,143,475 | 79,435,804 | + 5.4 |
| Thirteen citles, five | \$8,141,716,815 | \$7,764,555,114 |  |
| Other cities, five days.. | 1,205,333,700 | 1,151,211,955 | 4.7 |
| Total all cities, five d | \$9,347,050,515 |  |  |
| All cities, one day. | 1,869,410,103 | 1,685,225,620 | +10.8 +10.9 |
|  | \$11.216,460,618 | \$10,600,992,689 | +5.8 |

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

In the elaborate detailed statement, however, which we present further below, we are able to give final and complete results for the previous week-the week ended Nov. 28. For that week there is an increase of $4.7 \%$, the 1925 aggregate of the clearings being $\$ 8,457,665,531$ and the 1924 aggregate $\$ 8,074,687,179$. Outside of New York City the increase is $9.1 \%$, the bank exchanges at this centre recording a gain of $1.3 \%$. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located and from this it appears that in the Boston Reserve District the totals are larger by $6.5 \%$, in the New York Reserve District (including this city) by $1.4 \%$ and in the Philadelphia Reserve District by $8.6 \%$. The Cleveland Reserve District has a gain of
$11.1 \%$, the Richmond Reserve District of $14.7 \%$ and the Atlanta Reserve District (chiefly by reason of the increase at Miami) of $32.1 \%$. In the Chicago Reserve District the improvement is $4.6 \%$ and in the St. Louis Reserve Distriot $2.2 \%$ but the Minneapolis Reserve District shows a falling off of $13.8 \%$. In the Kansas City Reserve District the totals are better by $3.7 \%$, in the Dallas Reserve District by $8.8 \%$ and in the San Francisco Reserve District by $24.3 \%$.
In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF bank clearings.

| Week Ended Noo, 281925. | 1925. | 1924. | IncorInc. <br> Dec. | 923. | 1222. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ${ }_{4} \mathbf{5}$ | ${ }_{408,204,692}$ | \% |  | ${ }^{\text {s }}$ |
|  | 4,776,206,905 | 4, $408,2051,692$ | -1.4 | 3197,213,229 | 345,732,662 |
| 3rd Phlladelphia .-.. 10 ... | 510,524,038 | 470,266,812 | +8.6 | 455,817,974 | 439,622,000 |
|  |  | 312,523,018 | +1 | 302,430,101 | 80 |
|  | 247,105,422 | ${ }_{187,117,006}^{17,62,82}$ | +32.17 | 1664,014,933 | 1565,718,480 1 |
| 7th Chicago | 809,437,066 | 773,729,253 |  | ${ }_{708,706,163}$ |  |
| 8th St. Louls | 197,114,519 | 192,906, | +2.2 | 190,881,146 |  |
|  |  | 149,014,617 |  | 106,339,251 |  |
| 10th Kansas Clty ...... 12 | 231,256,186 | 223,025,856 | +3.7 | 203,599,665 | ${ }^{209,053,633}$ |
|  | 81,479 |  |  | 66,711,823 | 53,008,524 |
| 12th San Franclsco...-17 ${ }^{\text {- }}$ | 493,506,030 | 397,026,189 | +24.3 | 416,097,647 | 366,828,823 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada------1.------ 29 citi | 376, | 348 | +8.1 | 355,296,771 | 330,220,285 |

We also furnish to-day a summary by Federal Reserve districts of the clearnings for the month of November. For that month there is an increase for the whole country of $6.8 \%$, the 1925 aggregate of the clearings being $\$ 42,693,897,574$, and the 1924 aggregate $\$ 39,882,954,098$. This total of $\$ 42,693,897,574$ for November 1925 establishes a new high record for that month, even though it does not come up to the totals of some other months. Outside of New York City the increase for the month is $9.5 \%$, the bank exchanges at this centre showing a gain of $4.6 \%$. The Boston Reserve District shows an improvement of $4.9 \%$, the New York Reserve District (including this city) of $5.0 \%$ and the Philadelphia Reserve District of $12.8 \%$. In the Cleveland Reserve District the totals are larger by $10.3 \%$, in the Richmond Reserve District by $12.8 \%$ and in the Atlanta Reserve District by $12.7 \%$. The Chicago Reserve District has a gain of $8.7 \%$ and the St. Louis Reserve District of $5.0 \%$, but the Minneapolis Reserve District falls $10.5 \%$ behind. The Kansas City Reserve District has an increase of $5.8 \%$, the Dallas Reserve District of $2.5 \%$ and the San Francisco
Reserve District of $19.2 \%$.

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


We append another table showing the clearings by Federal Reserve districts for the eleven months back to 1922:

|  | Eleven Months. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1925. | 1924. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} I n c .0 T \\ D e c . \end{array}\right\|$ | 1923. | 1922. |
| Pederal Reserve Dists. |  |  | + |  |  |
|  | $23,101,818,251$ $263,456,722,29$ | 21,781,023,662 | ${ }_{+14.5}^{+6.1}$ | 19,998,766,434 |  |
| 3rd Philladelphial4 . | 28,822,686,134. | 25,357,770 | +1 | 24,643,080,191 | 22,105,140,622 |
| 4th Cleveland -15 | 18,948,544, | 17,281,042,307 | +9.6 | 17,881,030 | 60 |
| m | $9,961,336$, | 8,997,386,079 |  | 8,657,612, | 9 |
| lanta | 11,197,802, | 9,301,256,851 |  | 8 8,59, 225,521 | 7,316,561,525 |
| doa | 46,745,033 | 41,888,007 |  | 41,018,346,34 | 35,12,201, 229 |
| Loul | 36,298, | 9,968,129,963 |  | 10,011,12 | 8,978,184,692 |
| Minneapoil | 6,586,396, | 6,106,516,170 |  | 5,978,032 | 5,380,456,086 |
| Kansas | 13,130, | 12,207,066,006 |  | 12,365,71 |  |
| Dallas |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12th San Fran.. 27 | 24,510,598,633 | 22,218,165,851 | +1 | 21,517,273,575 | 17,780,46+,592 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 54,31 |
| Outside New York City. | 200,510,122,071 | 188,459,071,128 |  | 180,014,974,235 | 155,309,694,947 |
|  | 4,722,596, | 15,272,273,444 | -3.6 | 15,780,173,888 |  |

The following compilation covers the clearings by months since Jan. 1 in 1925 and 1924:
monthly clearings.

| Month. | Clearings, Total All. |  |  | Clearings Outside New York. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1925. |  | \% | 1925. | 1924. | \% |
| J | 46,155 | 38,462.68 | +20.0 | 2 | 17,773,552,856 | +9.3 |
| Feb-ch. | $37,441,979,160$ $41,946,379,288$ | $33,689,089,698$ $36,656,140,245$ | +11.2 +14.4 | 16,384,919,907 | 15,568,979,852 | +5.3 +9.4 |
| 1st qu. | 125543815,316 | 108807911,271 | +15.4 | 54,417,0 | 50,348,445,791 | 8.1 |
| April | 41,406,313 | 37,218,3 | +11.3 | 18,557,42 | 16,892,514,650 | $+9.9$ |
| May | 41,806,717,164 | 37,470,299,217 | +11.6 | 17,959,282,74 | 16,748,694,473 | 7.2 |
| June | 43,150,263,754 | 36,059,911,877 | +19.7 | 19,131,420,039 | 16,101,362,823 | +18.8 |
| 2d qu. | 126363294.711 | 110748586.859 | +14.1 | 55,648,131,971 | 49,742,571,946 | +11.9 |
| 6 mos . | 251907110.027 | 219556498.130 | +14.7 | 11006518 | 100091017,737 | +10.0 |
| July | 42,879,479,146 | 38,234,162,694 | +12.1 |  | $17,125,529,668$ |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & \text { Sept } \end{aligned}$ | 37,897,972,782 | 36,390,133,737 | +4.1 +12.9 | 17,679,454,417 | 16,048,017,512 | $\begin{array}{r} +10.2 \\ +13.1 \end{array}$ |
| 3 d qu | 121444748,326 | 110643944,812 | +9.8 | 56,056,041,376 | 49,884,544,826 | . 3 |
| 9 mos . | 373351858,353 | 330200442,942 | +13.1 | 166121224,675 | 149975562,563 | +10.8 |
|  | 47,154,324,9 | 40,617.911,826 | +16.1 | 21,202,177,90 | 19,033,284,592 | +11.4 |
| No | 42,693,897,57 | 39,882,954,098 | + 6 | 19,216,719,49 | 17,450,223,973 | +9.5 |

The course of bank clearings at leading cities of the country for the month of November and since Jan. 1 in each of the last four years is shown in the subjoined statement:
bank clearings at leading cities.





 Totalall........... $\overline{42,694} \overline{39,883} \overline{34,629} \overline{32,752} \overline{463,200} \overline{410,701} \overline{374,516} \overline{354,311}$
 Our usual monthly detailed statement of transactions on the Now York Stock Exchange is appended. The results for November and the eleven months of 1925 and 1924 are given below:

| Description. | Month of November. |  | Eleven Months. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1925. | 1924. | 1925. | 1924. |
| St | 49,176,979 | 41,657,077 | 411,140,297 | 238,121,980 |
| Railroad \& miscell. bonds | 165,569,100 | 269,490,000 | ,157,552,175 | \$2,111,998,900 |
| State, forelgn, \&co, bonds | - ${ }^{22,992,32,000}$ | 69,297,500 | 607,472,260 | 502,039,000 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

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:

|  | 1925. | 1924. | 23. | 1922. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | No. Sh | No. Sha | No. Shar | No. Share |
| Month of January .-........ | 41.570 .543 | 26,857.38 | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|} \hline 19,914,827 \\ 2,070 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 16,472,377 \\ & 16.175 .095 \end{aligned}$ |
| February | $32,794,456$ $38,294,393$ | 20.721.562 18,315,91 | 22,979,487 25,964,66 | 16,175.09 <br> 22.820.173 |
| Total first qua | 112,659,392 | 65,894,859 | 68,858,98 | 55,467,646 |
| Month of April | 24,844,207 | 18,116,828 | 20,091,986 | 30,634,353 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { May. } \\ & \text { unne } \end{aligned}$ | 36,647,760 30,750,76: | 13,513,967 | $23,155,730$ 19,754.19 | - $24.98080,787$ |
| Total second qu | 92,242.735 | 48,633,935 | 63,001,913 | 83,636,264 |
| Month of July | 32,812,918 | 24,318,182 | 12,551,851 | 15,118,063 |
| Sugust- | $33,047,248$ 37109,231 <br> 37,109,23 | $21,809,031$ $18,184,160$ | $13,144,641$ <br> $14,642,289$ | $\begin{aligned} & 17,862,553 \\ & 21,712,046 \end{aligned}$ |
| Total thrd quarter | 307,871,524 | 178,131,911 | 172,200,676 | 190.824,771 |
| Month of October <br> Novemb | $54,091,794$ $49,176,979$ | $18,332,992$ $41,657,077$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15,802,900 \\ & 22,588,598 \end{aligned}$ | 25.762 .647 |

We now add our detailed statement showing the figures for each city separately for November and since Jan. 1 for two years and for the week ending Nov. 28 for four years:

CLEARINGS FOR NOVEMBER, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 28.

| Clearings at | Monih of Notember. |  |  | Since January 1. |  |  | Week Ended November 28. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1925 | 1924. | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Inc. or } \\ \text { Dec. } \end{gathered}\right.$ | 1925. | 1924. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Inc. or } \\ \text { Dec. } \end{array}\right\|$ | 1925. | 1924. | Inc. Inc. Dec. | 1923. | 1922. |
|  | 罗 | 8 Boston- <br> 2,995,058 <br> $14,454,30$ <br> 1,952,000,00 |  |  |  |  | s |  |  | 8 | s |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { rve District- } \\ 3,113,287 \\ 15,141,261 \\ 2,023,181,527 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} +4.0 \\ +4.8 \\ +3.7 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 34,865,480 \\ 158,358,076 \\ 20,376,076,577 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} -6.6 \\ +10.9 \\ +5.4 \end{array}$ |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} -3.0 \\ +3.5 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 592,920 \\ * 3,000,000 \end{array}$ | 826,179 <br> 2,833,117 |
| Portland--........ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fail River | 2,023,534,147 | 1,952,000,000 | $\begin{array}{r}+8.7 \\ +16.0 \\ +3.8 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 20,376,076,577 $110,096,106$ | $\begin{array}{r}19,336,000,000 \\ 97,8868 \\ \\ \hline 13\end{array}$ | +5.4 +13.4 | $388,000,000$ $2,277,501$ | $\begin{array}{r} 366,000,000 \\ 2,031,006 \end{array}$ | +12.1 +1 | 2,279,829 | 2,075,723 |
| Holyoke | - $\begin{aligned} & 4,191,766 \\ & 6,507,110\end{aligned}$ | ${ }_{5}^{5}, 268,727$ | $\begin{array}{r}+3.8 \\ +2.5 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $45,248,155$ $55,432,089$ | $43,064,336$ $54,906,649$ | +5.1 <br> +1.0 | ${ }_{861,733}$ | $\xrightarrow[990,451]{\substack{\text { a }}}$ | ${ }_{-13}$ | $\stackrel{\text { a }}{\text { a }}$ (1,661 | $\stackrel{\mathrm{a}}{971,265}$ |
| ${ }_{\text {Lenn }}$ | 7,620,515 | a$\mathbf{a}, 053,565$8 | $\stackrel{\mathrm{a}}{-5.4}$ | 72,908,237 | $\underset{66,250,824}{ }$ |  |  | $\stackrel{\text { 1,109,051 }}{\text { a }}$ | ${ }_{-0.1}^{\mathrm{a}_{-0.0}}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{a} \\ 1,353,925 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Springtield | 27,848,524 |  |  | 278,179,696 |  | a <br> +10.1 <br> +1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Worces | 15,184,7 | 14,347,0 |  |  | ${ }_{166,729,375}^{248,912,27}$ |  |  | 4,540, 830 <br> $3,033,000$ | -1.6 |  |  |
| nn.-Hart | 66.862, ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | 53,407,4 | +25.2+10.8+8.8 |  |  | +5.6 +16.1 +1. | $\begin{array}{r}\text { r } \\ \begin{array}{r}2,82835,545 \\ 5,770,520\end{array} \\ \hline\end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 4.6 \\ +20.9 \\ +7.8 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 3,023,000 \\ & 9,48,583 \\ & 5,195,001 \end{aligned}$ |
| Wew Have | - $\begin{array}{r}31,013,8181,700 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $27,982,192$ $9,040,700$ |  | - $123,349,400$ | $328,759,926$ $100,921,300$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.-Provid | 63,408,20 | 51,815,700 | +22.4+14.8+ | 652.013,500 | 100,921,300 | +11.3 <br> +15.7 | $\begin{aligned} & 12,482,400 \\ & 617,659 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 10,470,600 \\ 626,400 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \mp 19.2 \\ -1.4 \end{array}$ | $11,242,600$$1,134,304$ | *11,000,000$1,404,408$ |
| - | ${ }_{63}{ }^{\text {c/270 }}$ | ${ }_{\mathbf{g} 2,849,5}$ |  | 836,758,658 | 83,579,624 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| tal (13 c | $2,282,358,892$ | $2,174,938,331$ | +4.9 | 23,101,818,251 | 21.781,023 | $+6.1$ | 434,862,677 | 408,204,692 | $+6.5$ | 378,261,312 | 345,732,662 |
| Second |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} +1.8 \\ +16.2 \\ +10.4 \end{array}$ | 304,804,664 54,543,700 | $\begin{gathered} 270,180,252 \\ 48,220,275 \end{gathered}$ |  |  | $\begin{array}{\|r\|r\|} \hline, 619,150 \\ 797,600 \\ 40,322,340 \\ 759,691 \\ 1,199,111 \\ \hline, 614,929,567 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |  |  |
| Bingham | $\begin{array}{r} \text { serve Distric } \\ 25,093,256 \\ 4.910 .600 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} +12.8 \\ +13.1 \\ +1310 \end{array}$ |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} +5.6 \\ +46.6 \\ +-19.5 \\ +1.5 \\ +4.1 \\ +1.3 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5,466,489 \\ 728,200 \\ 36,654,454 \\ 362,233 \\ 1,301,963 \\ 4,095,694,227 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r\|r} 9,236,693 \\ \hline & 752,000 \\ \hline & 36,084,801 \\ \hline & 1,87,629 \\ \hline & 1,116,869,2028 \end{array}$ |
| Buffalo | 245,088,364 |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 2,094,563,153 \\ 38.804,620 \\ 57,233,554 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | +21.0+15.9+515 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Elmir |  | 3,34 | +25.4+21.0+25.7+4.6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jew York | 23,477,178,0 ${ }^{6}, 431,0$ | 22,432,730,125 |  |  |  | +14.5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Niagara Fa | 4,239,662 | 4,243,773 | -0.1 <br> +11.3 | - $256,659,9522,227$ | $\begin{array}{r}224,242,233,738 \\ 46,785,869 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rochester | 55,405,5 | 49,801,402 |  | 608,989,2 | ${ }^{542,427,569}$ | +12. | 10,241 |  | $\begin{array}{r} +17.0 \\ +14.2 \\ +19.4 \\ +4.4 \\ -15.0 \end{array}$ |  |  |
| Syracuse | 24.676,7 | 20,757.864 | 18.9 | 166,140,2 | 117,034, |  | 4,662,8 |  |  |  |  |
| N. J.-Mo | 2,837,918 | 2,664,369 | $+{ }_{+6.5}$ | 29,584,447 | 27,449,383 |  | 652,7 |  |  |  |  |
| Newark | 101,843,641 | 78,880,980 | +29.1 | 1,001.689,661 | 886.684,353 | +13 | 27,220,2 |  |  |  |  |
|  | $133,855,877$ $5,467,702$ | $124,384,903$ $4,681,903$ | +7.6 +16.8 | 1,571,173,768 | , ${ }_{5}$ | +15.9 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 24,106,005,236 ${ }_{\text {22,963,413,513 }}$ |  | $+5.0{ }_{263,435,702,297}$ |  | 230,308.573.282 | +14.3 | $4{ }_{4,776,206,905}$ | 4,711,357,100 | +1.44,191.213.829 |  | 4.204,083,456 |
| 14 ciftes) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

oLEARINGS-(Oontinued.)

|  | November. |  |  | Stnce January 1. |  |  | reek Ended Norember 28. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1924 | c.or | 1925. |  | Dec. | 1923. |  |
| Third Federal Res <br> Bethlehem <br> Chester.- <br> Harrisburg <br> Lancaster <br> Norristown- <br> Reading <br> Wilkes-Barre <br> York <br> N. J.-Camden <br> Trenton........... | $\frac{1925 .}{8}$ | -Philatelph | \% | s |  | \% | 8 | 8 | \% | $s$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | +10.0 <br> +8.5 <br> +6.5 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\stackrel{3}{2,305.19}$ |  | 2,308, |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 484,000.000 3,100,690 |  | +9.0 | 1,000,000 | 17,000.000 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 2,857.644 \\ 4.064 .471 \\ .3,84.066 \\ 1,151,055 \end{array}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1,364,585 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{\text {4,220 }}$ | ${ }_{+}^{+6}$ | ${ }_{4}^{4.167}$ | $\stackrel{3}{3,793,200}$ |
| Total (14 cil | $\overline{2.587,379.728}$ |  | +12.8 | $\overline{\text { 28.822,686.134 }}$ | $\overline{25.357770455}$ | +13.7 | 0,524,038 | ,266,81 | +8.6 | 455,817,974 | 439,622.090 |
| Fourt Federa |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | $\left(\begin{array}{c} -20.2 \\ -11.2 \\ -18.1 \\ +9.9 \end{array}\right.$ |  |  |  |  |  | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} -25.8 \\ -15.3 \\ +16.5 \\ +11.5 \end{array}\right.$ |  |  |
|  |  | 60,075,800 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 64,403,300 $3, \frac{a}{3}, 08,064$ |  | ${ }^{+7,9.9}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 728,496.500 \\ 41,886,719 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 0 | ${ }_{2}^{2.348,269}$ | ${ }_{12}{ }^{\text {a } 2.2}$ |  |  |  | --7.... |  |  |  |  |
| Mrant |  |  |  |  |  | ( |  |  |  | a |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 86,967,507 | $\begin{gathered} \text { } \\ \text { a. } \\ a \end{gathered}$ |  | $1.4774,657$${ }_{a}^{a}$ |  | $016,678$ |  |
|  |  |  |  | 249,040,177 |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{\text {3.366,911 }}$ | \%97,848 |
|  | $\underset{\substack{1,497.199 \\ \text { c.s20,716 }}}{\text { a }}$ |  | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} -21.3 \\ -13.9 \\ -13.9 \end{array}\right.$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\left(\begin{array}{c} +26.1 \\ +10.2 \\ +6.2 \\ +4.0 \end{array}\right.$ | 162,6551,332 | 140,820,665 | 5.6 | 137,167,9852 | *175,000,000 |
| ${ }_{\mathrm{Ky}}^{\mathrm{Ky}}$ - $\mathrm{V}^{\text {d }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1,687,396,851 | 1,529,318,457 | +10.3 | 18,948,544,377 | 17,281,042,307 | $+9.6$ | 301,174 | 312,523,018 | $+11.1$ | 302,430,101 | 33,928,680 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 75,40,751 |  | -11.9 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,427,561 \\ 88.8 .218 .900 \\ 53,592,000 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r}-10.2 \\ \hline{ }_{-2.1}^{2.7} \\ \hline-2\end{array}$ |  |  |
|  |  |  | ${ }_{4}^{+3.3}$ | $3,59.513,843$ <br> $2,573,220,632$ | ${ }_{2,547,049,787}^{361,188}$ | ${ }_{+1.0}^{+7.9}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $12,247,976$ | $\begin{gathered} 250,913,428 \\ 11,734,268 \\ 10 \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8. Wiliming |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coiumbla |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2,137, |  | -14 | 2.693. | ${ }^{2,007,520} 8$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & -4.2 .5 \\ & +19.6 \\ & +1.6 \\ & +16.6 \\ & +16.5 \end{aligned}$ | 112,004,450 |  | +2 | 84,133,430 |  |
| ס. C . - Hers | (117,557,183 |  |  |  | $36,180,097$ $1,055,670,195$ |  |  |  |  | 17,093, |  |
|  | 957,622,306 | 848,789,047 | +12.8 | 9,961,336,6 | 8,997,386,00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | , |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 退3,218 |  |  |  |  | $+3$ |  |  |
|  | - | ${ }^{6}$ | + +1.0 |  |  |  |  | , | +3 <br> +8 <br> +6 |  | ${ }^{41} 4.450 .136$ |
|  | , | ${ }_{7,155,223}^{4,322}$ | +13 | ${ }_{\text {cois }}^{50.86}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 149.668, 324 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 10 |
| Mami | 8102,277,016 |  |  |  | ${ }_{817}{ }^{725}$ |  |  | (14.771.000 | ${ }_{+1431}$ |  |  |
|  | 111.5 |  |  |  | 1,234 |  | 24,2 | ${ }^{24,2994,524}$ | -0.3 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | +10.8 | , 8 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1.068, | 1,148 |  | 9016 | 6.060 |
| Vickspur |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| La. - New | 284,449,221 | 251,914,400 |  | ${ }_{2}^{2.863,6}$ | 2,644,13 |  | $\begin{array}{r} 391 \\ 59,634 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 489.500 \\ 57,232,163 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | ${ }_{\text {- }}^{+20.6}$ | ${ }_{47,595}^{509}$ | 3, 3 O80.964 |
| Total | 1,134,5, |  |  | 11,197,802 | 301,385 |  | 47,105 | 187,117 |  | 185,390, | 152,675,393 |
| Sorent |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | , |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fillt |  |  |  | 115 | 110 |  |  | 118 |  | 102,5 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 330,7 | +13. | 7,141,351 | 6,154,7i4 | +16. | 5,409,291 | .460 |
| Lansing |  |  |  | ${ }_{138}^{128}$ |  |  | ${ }^{2,2}$ |  |  | 1.7677 |  |
|  |  |  |  | ${ }_{2}^{241291}$ | 119,2 | +1 | 2,30 | 2.016 | +14 |  | 1,610,783 |
|  |  |  |  | 804,40 |  |  | ${ }^{13,937}$ | ${ }^{13,364.04,000}$ | +4.3 | 15,318,0000 | 15,554,000 |
| Te |  |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{5,166}^{2,36}$ |  | +4.7 | $1,658,00$ <br> $3,993,21$ | 1,443,000 |
|  | 167 |  |  | 1,883, | 1.743 |  |  |  |  | 29 821.5 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 29,821 | 28,557,260 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ,803,047 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 8.793 | 10,225 | -14 | 8,336, | 7,961,532 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | +11 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bioumin |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1,013,062 |
|  |  |  |  | 32,251,012 | 28,772.72 | ${ }_{+12}^{+15}$ |  | ${ }_{563,33}^{1,25}$ | ${ }_{-1.3}$ | ${ }_{519}^{1,58}$ | 1,2350,355 |
| Decatur |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 11,441,645 | 9,379,876 |  | 133,246,745 | (189,192,993 | ${ }_{+11}^{+14}$ | 边, | 1,985 | + |  |  |
| Total (29 ctites) | 4,071,520,642 | 3,746,03 |  | 40,44,.038,832 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Elighth Foder |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 77,729, |  |  | 698,251,814 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 533,208,76 | ${ }_{\text {a }}^{+}$ | 6,929,208, 227 | 6,509,519,595 | ${ }^{+6.5}$ | 122,600,00 | 120,877,19 | +1.4 | 119,010 |  |
| Sy.-Lounssilil |  | 128,999,937 | ( $\begin{gathered}\text { a } \\ +10.1 \\ +10.9\end{gathered}$ |  | 1,460.386, ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | ${ }^{27}$ | $24, \overline{688}, 43 \overline{0}$ |  | 23,48 |  |
|  |  | ${ }_{13,915,645}$ |  | 1.101 | 122, |  |  |  |  | 482, | ${ }^{23,688,803} 7$ |
|  | 68,819,19 | ${ }_{69,337}^{132.31}$ |  | ${ }^{1,1062}$, | ${ }^{967}{ }_{57} 9666.86878$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | c, | , | + + +2.6 | $20,32,400$ $77,171,132$ | 68 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total (10 cities) | 1.002,381,211 | 954,467,136 |  |  |  |  | 1,205,73 | 1,185,2 |  |  | ${ }_{1,198,333}$ |
|  |  |  |  | 10,830.888,103 | 9,968,129, | +8.7 | 197.1 | 192,906,456 | +2.2 | 190,861,1 | 65,015 |

OLEARINGS-(Ooncluded.)

| art | Month of Norember. |  |  | Since January 1. |  |  | Week Ended Norember 28. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1925. | 1924. | Inc.or Dec. | 25 | 1924. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ne.or } \\ & \text { Dec. } \end{aligned}$ | 1925. | 1924. | Dec. | 192 | 922 |
|  | $\stackrel{\text { erve }}{ } \stackrel{8}{\text { District }}$ | $\mathrm{minneapoil}_{\text {¢ }}^{\text {¢ }}$ |  | s | 8 | \% | \$ |  | \% | $\begin{gathered} 3 \\ 8.123,475 \\ 62,781,497 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Minn.-Duluth |  |  | - 31.0 | $\begin{array}{r} 440,975,198 \\ 4,141,799,776 \\ 20,750,418 \\ 1,480,370,976 \end{array}$ | $453,891,268$$3,713,065,351$ 18,307,712 | $\begin{array}{r} -2.8 \\ +11: 5 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { elo, 186,890 } \\ 82,751.957 \end{gathered}$ |  | ${ }_{-12.0}^{-4.7}$ |  |  |
| Minneapolis. | 402, 4151.818 | ${ }_{\text {45,28 }}$ | -11.3 |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 18,436,413 \\ & 93,993,930 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
| St. Paul. | 142,782,454 | 141,719, |  |  | 1,464,646,758 |  |  | $29,146,512$$1,901,597$ | -0.5 | $\begin{array}{r} 29,179,939 \\ 1,627,724 \end{array}$ | $23,479,891$$2,055,937$$\ldots \ldots$. |
| O. Dak - Fa | $7{ }^{7} 721,785$ | ${ }_{6}^{9,5733,642}$ | -19.3 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,480,370,976 \\ 85,601,747 \end{array}$ | 61,285,694 |  |  |  | . |  |  |
| Grand Forks | $6,455,000$ $1,371,678$ | $6,933,000$ $1,343,580$ | +6.9 +2.1 +2. | $68,397,000$ $12,233,762$ |  | +11.6 +10.8 | 1,387,358 | 1,901,597 | -4.7 |  | $\cdots$ |
| 8. D. - Aberdeen | 6,978,459 | 7,079 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 70,611,031 \\ & 56,071,357 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | +13.1 +1.8 +1.8 | 1,410,341 | 1,479,356 |  | 1,218,786 | $1,265,846$$-633,190$ |
| Sioux Falls | ${ }^{4,950,770} 3$ | ${ }_{2,859}^{4,109}$ | +20.5 +5.5 |  | 25.496,483 | +11.8 | 67 | 600,608 | +1.1 | 454,956 |  |
| Great Fall | ${ }_{4}, 131,022$ | 4,11 |  | 30,038,387 | $\begin{array}{r}30,585.699 \\ 130.404 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | +16.4 |  |  |  | 952 | $\begin{array}{r} 633,190 \\ 4,804,28 \overline{3} \end{array}$ |
| Helena | $\begin{gathered} 13,911,008 \\ 956,613 \end{gathered}$ | ${ }_{\text {¢ }}^{15,569,378}$ | ${ }_{\text {f }}^{-10.7}$ | 137,748,610195,615 | 130,404,705 |  | 3,077,884 | 3,456,201 | -1 |  |  |
| Total (13 citi |  | 729,796,601 | $-10.5$ | 6,586,396,208 | 6,106,516,170 | $+7.9$ | 128,505,113 | 149,014,617 | . 8 | 6,339,251 | 66,085,1 |
| Tenth Federal Res | erve District |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 20,857,377 \\ 29,375,885 \\ 214,170,148 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} +5.6 \\ +15.9 \\ +9.8 \end{array}$ |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} -1.9 \\ -14.3 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 263,780 \\ 420,542 \\ 3,621,440 \end{array}$ |  |
| - Fr | 2,461,754 | ${ }_{2}^{1,2729}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{\substack{\text { Lincoln } \\ \text { Omaha }}}$ | 19,846,770 | 17.220 |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 195,071,938 \\ 1,834,227,115 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Omaha- | (179,955,597 | (17,141,148 | + ${ }^{\text {+ }}$ + 12.2 | $\begin{array}{r} 214,170,148 \\ 1,999,362,304 \end{array}$ |  | -11.9 | $\begin{array}{r} 3,642,398 \\ 36,665,199 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,201,660 \\ 33,416,727 \end{array}$ | --.-- | --... | ……) |
| Lawrence |  |  |  | ${ }_{\text {1 }}{ }_{\text {a }}$ | 220,599,938 |  | -........- |  |  |  |  |
|  | 96 | 11,963,474 |  | 168,416,92 366,754,21 | $\begin{aligned} & 139,549,430 \\ & 353,922,985 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2,40,348 \\ & 6,516,172 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,363,422 \\ & 6,006,478 \end{aligned}$ | +1.9+8.5 | $\begin{gathered} 2,123,390 \\ 6.28,751 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,018,935 \\ & 8,508,531 \end{aligned}$ |
| Wichita | 713,4 | 29,488, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $285,751$ |  |
| Mo.-Jopliin Kansas C | $8,231,4$ $586,963,9$ | 563, ${ }^{6,590}$, | $+$ | 6,384,713,383 | 5,980,306\%666 | +15.0 +6.8 +8.8 | ${ }_{\substack{117,576,224 \\ 5,756,042}}$ |  |  | $105,080,770$ | 120,082,074 |
| St. Josed | $\begin{gathered} 28,824,796 \\ \mathbf{a} \\ 1,535,155 \end{gathered}$ | 9,082,58¢ |  | -359,523,629 |  | ${ }_{+}^{+8.6}$ |  |  | $-4.1$ |  |  |
| Mcalester |  | 1,515,26¢ | ${ }_{\text {a }}^{+1.3}$ | 13,240,974 | 13,779,329 | ${ }_{-3}{ }^{-3}$ | - | -6,004,888 | -..-. --..-...-- |  |  |
| uskoge | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{a} \\ 146,44,956 \\ 35,813,854 \end{gathered}$ |  |  | ${ }^{\text {2 }}$ 2 2027838 | ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | 238, ${ }_{113,443}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} a \\ +9.0 \\ +9 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \mathrm{a} \\ 29,878,108 \\ \mathrm{a} \\ 805,391 \\ 17,607,688 \\ 644,787 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} a \\ 20,130,724 \\ \mathbf{a} \\ 423,571 \\ 17,994,669 \\ 663,088 \end{array}$ |
| Tulsa |  | 27,517,95\% | +30 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| olo.-C | 5,165.028 | 4,687,87( | +10 | 1,511.633, ${ }^{58,93}$ | ${ }_{1}^{51}$ | + | , 94 |  | +1.8 |  |  |
| Puebl | $\begin{array}{r} 150,099,905 \\ 4,955,460 \end{array}$ | $141,934,42 \%$ $4,266,062$ | +5 +16 | 1,511,633,953 | +462, 4 | +3.4 +13.2 | ,94 | 24 | + |  |  |
| Total (16 cl |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| even | Zeserve Distr <br> $8,069,745$ <br> $6,150,997$ <br> $246,879,294$ <br> $26,616,748$ <br> $65,824,677$ <br> $50,581,000$ <br> $160,391,023$ <br> $2,285,798$ <br> $41,009,436$ <br> $11,242,469$ <br> $14,119,224$ <br> $22,564,243$ | Ict-Dallas- | +30.2 | $\begin{aligned} & 97,211,236 \\ & 65,870,79 \end{aligned}$ | ${ }_{66,783,283}+21.8$ |  | 1,513,458 | $1,342,352$ <br> 46,883 - 6 | . 7 | $1,392,020$$38,648,793$ | 9,582,337 |
| Beaumont |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dallas.. |  | 228,684,942 <br> *23,000,00t | +8.0 | 2,303,966.308 |  |  | $50,470,832$ |  | -7.7 | $38,648,793$ |  |
| Fort Wor |  |  |  | 584,329,3 | 557,326,721 | +4.9 | $\begin{aligned} & 13,004,073 \\ & 11,841,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 12,769,534 \\ 9,994,394 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} +1.8 \\ +18.5 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11,958,015 \\ & 10,278,060 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 10,726,750 \\ & 7875,429 \end{aligned}$$7.875 .429$ |
| Galveston |  | $58,707,5$ | -13.8-0.7 | 452,773,804 | 417,533,3788 | +8.4 +13.3 +18 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Houston |  | $161,481,797$$2,214,310$ |  | 1,607.944.524 | 1,419,607,982 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Port Arthur |  |  | +3.2 +14.3 | ${ }_{38,438,370}$ | 31,479,366 | +22.1 |  |  |  | $\overline{1,44,989}$ |  |
| Waco |  | 15,157 |  | 118,610,4 | 148.069 | -19.9 |  |  |  |  | 3.727,481 |
| Wiehita |  | 20,934,774 |  | 251,700 | 223,656,896 | +12.5 | 4,650,4 | 3,873,347 | +20. |  |  |
| Total (12 | 618,734,654 | 603,711,056 | +2.5 | 5,923,222,055 | 86,24 | +12. | 81,479,82 |  | +8. | ,711.823 | 53,008,574 |
| Twelfth |  | an Franc |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Seatte .-. | 3,700 | 161,927,306 | +10.4 | 39,901 | 1,865, |  | 42,922 | 4,5 | 24 | з5, |  |
| Spokane | 53,318,000 | 50,012,864 |  | 549,872,033 | 522,787,864 |  | 10,560,000 |  |  |  |  |
| Tacoma |  |  | a ${ }_{\text {a }}$ | a | 63,5 | +17.8 | 1,657,960 | 1,618,781 | +2.4 | 27 | 28 |
| Idaho-Bois | 5,626 | 4,48 |  | Sti, ${ }_{\text {52, }}$ | 49,525,148 | +23.5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oregon-Eu | 2,431 | 1.8 |  | 235,972 | 1,740,389,333 |  | 34,7 | 31,020,037 | +12 | 3.30 | ,2 |
| Utah-Ogden | 10,458,00 | 7.41 | + +14.0 | $72,618,000$ 800 8024,663 | ${ }_{7}^{677,59}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Salt Lake Clin Nevada-Reno | 89,867,99 | 72,725,164 |  | 302,001,17 | ${ }^{29} 0$ |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{\text {a }}$ |  |
| Arizona-Pho | 12,283,000 | 11,2300 | + | 108,599, | 98,690,149 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Balif-Bake | 17,898 | 16.72 |  | 199,770 | 190,193,914 | + |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Fresno }}$ | ${ }_{24,048}^{17}$ | 22,054,7 |  | 176, 245,59 | 181.98 |  |  |  | +18.1 |  |  |
| Long Bea | 27,743,32 | $26.149,00$ $564,821.000$ |  | 7,192,491 | 6,541.707 |  | 139,222 | 116,806,00 | +19.2 | 130, 86 | 98,638,000 |
| Modesto | 6 |  |  | 40,715 , | 35,46 |  |  |  | + |  |  |
| Oakland | ${ }^{93,501,34}$ | 70, | + | ${ }_{282} 961,944$; | 762,925 |  | $\begin{array}{r} 20,794,47 \\ 5,231,58 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 14,96 \\ & 4,53 \end{aligned}$ | $+15$ | , |  |
| Pasadena |  | 2 | +19.2 | 39,12 | 36.51 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sacrament | 40.931 | 37, |  | ${ }_{243}$ | ${ }_{195}^{392,74}$ |  | 4,881 |  |  |  |  |
| n Die | 827 | 674,400,0 | +22. | 8,570,250,138 | $7.612,80$ | +12 | 180,28 | 40.100 | +28 | 140,900,0 | 34,300,000 |
| an Jose | 13,703 | 12,612,0 | , | 130,944,873 | 115,95 | +12. |  | 2,170 | +17 | 2.10 | 2,31 |
| Santa Barl |  |  |  | ${ }_{95,85}$ | ${ }_{91,212,81}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1,293,78 \\ & 1,700,05 \end{aligned}$ | 1,607,38 | $+5$ | ,842,1 |  |
| Santa Ros | $\begin{array}{r} 2,334,688 \\ 13,562,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,126,754 \\ 11,086,200 \end{array}$ | $+22.3$ | $24,134,034$ $135,460,801$ | 120,277,5 123 | +12 | 3,322,00 | 2,45 | +35 | 2,535,30 | 2,281,500 |
|  | 2,360,180, | 1,980,60 | +19.2 | 24,510,598,633 | 22,218,165,85 | +10.3 | 493,506,0 | 397,026,18 | +24 | 16,09 | 366,828,8 |
| es) | 12,693.897.57 | 39,8 | +6 | 463,200,080,831 | 308 | +12.7 | 8,457,665,5 | 8,074,687,179 | +4.7 | 49,44 | 0,002, |
| side New Yo | 19.216.719,491 | 17,450,223.97 | +9 | 6,540,122, | 8.459,071,12 | +10.8 | 3,774,239, | 3,459,757.612 | +9.1 | . 74 | 3,013,132,86 |



| Clearings at- | Month of November. |  |  | Since January 1. |  |  | Week Ended November 26. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1925. | 1924. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Inc. or } \\ \text { Dec. } \end{array}\right\|$ | 1925. | 1924. | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Inc. or } \\ \text { Dec. } \end{gathered}\right.$ | 1925. | 1924. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Inc. or } \\ \text { Dec. } \end{array}\right\|$ | 1923. | 1922. |
| Canads |  | 485,760,441 | +5.1 | 4,579,763,181 | 4,804,747,431 | \% 4.7 | 106,944,591 | 101,845,375 | $\begin{array}{r} 0 \\ +5.0 \end{array}$ | 107,432,755 | 89,737,982 |
| Montreal | $510,356,034$ $469,796,651$ | 471,527,578 | +0.4 | 4,361,970,254 | $4,769,375,935$ | -8.5 | 98,366,234 | 93,049,530 | +5.7 | 90,499,853 | 89,862,200 |
| Winnipe | 327,294,118 | 337,622,799 | 3. 1 | 2,398,631,577 | 2,358,197,367 | +1.7 | 87,843,616 | 75,950,164 | +15.7 +7.3 | $82,051,265$ $14,587,409$ | 82,895,162 |
| Vancouve | 73,421,978 | 73,619,860 | $=0.3$ -8.7 | 296,236,175 | 300,253,105 | -1.3 | 17,958,429 | 6,104,949 | -4.0 | 6,261,811 | 14,719,920 |
| Ottaw | 29,955,037 | 37,803,730 | -8.5 | 271,949,724 | 264,360,816 | +2.9 | 5,748,758 | 6,022,640 | $-4.5$ | 5,451,282 | 5,516,443 |
| Quebec | 26,814,554 | 14,442,502 | -9.9 | 138,362,324 | 135,144,430 | +2.4 | 3,118,519 | 2,777,229 | +12.3 | 2,947,964 | 2,719,054 |
| Halifax | 21,925,018 | 21,537,673 | +1.8 | 225,906,688 | 233,295,932 | -3.2 | 5,288,113 | 4,812,228 | +9.9 | 5,632,232 | 5,154,943 |
| Calgary | 38,707,902 | 39,490,513 | -2.0 | 291,229,790 | 303,913,008 | -4.2 | 9,963,700 | 9,991,818 | -0.3 +8.0 | 7,690,071 | 5,614,776 |
| St. John | 11,014,311 | 11,169,397 | $-1.4$ | $120,219,221$ | ${ }^{122,929,618}$ | -2.2 | ${ }_{1}^{2,761,384}$ | 1,816,388 | -5.2 | 2,066, 326 | 2,301,926 |
| Victoria | 8,236,608 | 8,863,140 | - 7.1 | 123,618,908 | 127,343,577 | -8.9 | 2,644,958 | 2,450,845 | + 7.9 | 2,301,746 | $1,785,445$ $2,515,008$ |
| London | 11,854,010 | 11, 1955,727 | 1.0 | 213,736,465 | 198,114,151 | +7.9 | 4,579,078 | 4,700,531 | -2.6 | 4,249,175 | 3,827,484 |
| Edmina | 19,8525,071 |  | +39.4 | 197,022,081 | 158,885,920 | +24.0 | 7,840,641 | 5,276,860 | +48.6 | 4,968,549 | 4,519,070 |
| Regina | $31,625,071$ $3,060,550$ | 3,785,502 | -19.1 | 28,702,245 | 26,376,108 | +8.8 | 640,290 | 850,454 | $-24.7$ | 617,209 | 697,451 |
| Lethbridge | 2,488,792 | 2,906,208 | -14.4 | 24,538,826 | 24,864,699 | $-1.3$ | 653,855 | 577.503 | +13.2 | 723,935 | 651.164 |
| Saskatoon | 11,636,043 | 8,546,580 | +36.2 | 79,929,956 | 75,039,411 | +6.5 | $2,774,315$ | 1,477,132 | +54.7 | 2,447,718 | 1,846,111 |
| Moose Jaw | 6,546,574 | 6,501,409 | +0.7 | 54,014,127 | 52, $41,853,194$ | +8.6 | 1,396,748 | 1,834,114 | +5.4 | 988,111 | 1,559,549 |
| Brantford | 4,101,126 | 3,737,275 | +9.7 | 39,055,062 | 43,601,742 | $-10.4$ | 972,231 | 1,127,243 | -13.8 | 1,461,471 | ${ }_{710} 923$ |
| Fort William | 4,240,737 | 4,986,765 | -15.0 | 29,824,901 | 28,246,576 | +5.6 | 698,431 | 526,677 | +32.6 | 579,197 | 518,260 |
| New Westminst | ${ }_{1}^{2,921,639}$ | $2,533,985$ $1,610,135$ | +15.3 | 14,761 621 | 14,997,989 | $-1.6$ | 377,847 | 384,965 | -1.8 | 454,366 | 375,988 |
| Medicine Hat. | $1,877,231$ <br> $3,270,835$ | 1,610,135 | +16.6 | 147,669,658 | 36,736,207 | $+2.5$ | 712,406 | 818.188 | -12.9 | 789,790 | 654,147 |
| Sherbrooke | 3,473,137 | 3,085,410 | +12.6 | 38,667,672 | 38,025,843 | +1.7 | 770,796 | 729,189 | +5.7 | 727,766 | 587,153 |
| Kitchener | 4,213,593 | 4,138,856 | +1.8 | 44,730,597 | 44,230,233 | +1.1 | 1,003,288 | 2,918,891 | +2.7 +30.2 |  | 936,495 |
| Windsor | 16,278,628 | 12,286,035 | +32.6 | 15, ${ }^{1544,253}$ | 14,978,376 | -1.7 | - 472,769 | 318,797 | +48.3 | , 396,509 | +635,026 |
| Prince Alber | 1,912,263 | 1,520,711 | 9.7 | 15,868,899 | 37,471,993 | 1.6 | 789,584 | 761,882 | +3.6 | 856,485 | 957,173 |
| Moncto | $\begin{aligned} & 3,669,642 \\ & 3,273,125 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3,664,285 \\ & 3,322,953 \end{aligned}$ | +1.5 | 32,931,798 | 32,433,602 | +1.5 | 683,454 | 677,539 | +0.9 | 537,673 | 524,358 |
| Total (29 citles) | 1,666,827,435 | 1,644,25 | +1.4 | 14,722,595,085 | 15,272,273,444 | $-3.6$ | 376,884,694 | 348,512;289 | +8.1 | 355,296,771 | 330,220,285 |

[^0]i No clearings; all banks closed. g Not included in total.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.
The stock market was unsettled during the forepart of the week but moved rapidly forward again the latter part. Interest has centred largely in railroad shares, industrial issues and oil stocks, though several of the active specialties have again been sharply boosted upward. The short session on Saturday was noteworthy for the sharp break in Coca Cola, which slipped back in the first hour nearly 11 points from its previous close, though it recovered a part of its loss in the brief rally near the end of the day. Themarketgenerally was lower, many issues receding from two to ten points. Motor stocks were weak, Hudson Motor dropping below par and General Motors receding nearly 3 points to $1157 / 8$. Chrysler moved independently of the general trend and closed with a moderate gain, and Mack Trucks yielded 5 points to 215. Railroad shares were the dominating feature of the market on Monday, Atlantic Coast Line moving briskly upward 4 points, followed by Louisville \& Nashville with a gain of two points. Kansas City Southern and Chesapeake \& Ohio were also in strong demand at improving prices, and St. Louis-San Francisco moved forward more than 2 points to $985 / 8$. The trend of the market was confused on Tuesday, though stocks were generally higher at the close. Steel industrials moved vigorously forward, Sloss-Sheffield making a new high with a net gain of $27 / 8$ points and United States Steel common crossed 130. Railroad stocks were again in demand, New Haven advancing 2 points to $421 / 2$, followed by Lehigh Valley, Union Pacific and Pittsburgh \& West Virginia. Oil shares improved, Pan-American "B" making a vigorous advance to $753 / 4$, followed by Marland Oil, Standard Oil of New Jersey, and International Petroleum, the latter making a net gain of three points. Stocks were generally strong on Wednesday and attained their best prices in the late trading. A new high record was made by Southern Railway. Motor stocks were in strong demand at improving prices, Chandler Motors surging forward $33 / 8$ points and Mack Trucks scoring a gain of 3 points. Industrial Alcohol was the weak feature of the day and sold as low as $721 / 2$. Prices continued to improve on Thursday. Baldwin Locomotive crossed its high of the preceding day and American Can moved forward to $2621 / 2$ at its high for the day, though it slipped back to $2581 / 2$ at the close. New high levels were registered by Porto Rico Sugar, American Zinc preferred and Indian Refining common and preferred, the latter moving forward about 5 points. Motor stocks improved, particularly in the final hour, as Hudson Motors swung upward 21/2 points to $1003 / 8$ and Jordan Motors followed with a gain of $11 / 2$ points to $473 / 4$. Chrysler Motors also recorded a substantial advance. Under the leadership of United States Steel common, the market again moved upward on Friday and new high records for the year were registered by several of the more important stocks, including Atlantic Coast Line, Louisville \& Nashville, American Ice, and American Sugar. The upswing in United States Steel common carried that stook forward $21 / 2$ points to 135, and Sloss-Sheffield advanced 5 points to 141. Railroad issues made further gains and the oil shares, under Pan-American "B," moved to higher levels. Substantial advances were also scored by du Pont, Continental Can, General Electric, United States Cast Iron Pipe \& Foundry, Mack Truck, Hudson Motor, Electric Storage Battery and American Locomotive. The final tone was good.

TRANBACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXGHANGE, daily, weekly and yearly

| Week Ended Dee. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Stocks, } \\ \text { Number of } \\ \text { Shares. } \end{gathered}$ |  | Ralload, tec. Bonds. |  | State, <br> Muntetpal d Foreton Bonds |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { United } \\ & \text { Stazes } \\ & \text { Bonds. } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Saturday <br> Monday <br> Tuesday <br> Wednesday <br> Thursday | 908,012 <br> $1,5017,950$ <br> $1,78,355$ <br> $1,721,315$ <br> $2,011,147$ <br> $2,288,700$ |  | $18,585,000$ <br> $\mathbf{6 , 6 7 9 . 0 0 0}$ <br> $77.552,000$ <br> $9,260,000$ <br> $6,819,000$ <br> $7,610,000$ |  |  |  | \$408,500 |
|  |  |  | $3,017,500$ $2,191,000$ |  | 1,044,400 |
|  |  |  | 2,19,000 |  | $1,144,350$ 674,250 |
|  |  |  | 1,553,000 |  | 674,250 698.000 |
|  |  |  | 1,373,000 |  | 698,000 $1,066,000$ |
| Total.................. ${ }_{\text {10,223,459 }}$ |  |  |  |  | 841,505,000 |  | \$12,261,000 |  | \$5,035,500 |
| Sales at <br> Neto York Stock Exchange. | Week Ended Dec. 4. |  |  | Jan. 1 to Dec. . 4. |  |  |  |
|  | 1925. |  |  |  | 1924. |  | 1925. |  | 1924. |
| Stocks-No. shares...Bonds.Governent bonds.-.State \& forelign bonds.Rallioad \& misc. bonds | $\begin{aligned} & 10,223,459 \\ & 85,035,500 \\ & 12,261,000 \\ & 41,505,000 \end{aligned}$ | 11,807,918 |  |  | 11,933,79 |  | 49,207,419 |
|  |  | $812,901,650$$\begin{aligned} & 23,297,500 \\ & 71,974,000 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | 321,623,366 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 651,211,500 \\ & 747,842,875 \end{aligned}$ |  | 24,713,500 |
|  | \$58,801,500 ${ }^{\text {s108,273,150 }}$ |  |  | \$3,72 | 720,677,735 | . 51 | 16,538.4 |

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND

| Week EndedDec. 41925. | Boston. |  | Phuadelpha. |  | Baltsmore. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Shares. | Bond Sales. | Shares. | Bond Sates. | Shares. | Bond Sales. |
| Saturday | ${ }^{1} 1$ | \$76 | 16,085 | 86,500 | ${ }^{* 912}$ |  |
| Monday | $\mathbf{x} 23,927$ <br> $\times 26,800$ | 28,500 | 19,217 19,910 | 31,300 39,200 | $\stackrel{*}{1,045}$ | 00 |
| Wednesday | - 3 30,997 | ${ }^{42,000}$ | 11,094 | 53,600 | 3,251 | 1,700 |
| Thursday | $\mathbf{x} 31,648$ <br> 35,39 | 24,600 11.000 | 9,060 14,556 | 69,900 12,000 | 5,347 10,438 | 66,60 57,000 |
| Total. | 168,034 | \$209,100 | 90,922 | \$212,500 | 23,526 | \$190,000 |
| Prev. week revised | 142,912 | \$82,900 | 90,479 | \$125,100 | 9,540 | 3300,5 |

* In addition, sales of rights were: Saturday, 194; Monday, 6 .
x In addtiton, sales of rights were: Saturday, 2,315; Monday, 2,035; Tuesday,
1,918; Wednesday, 1,824; Thursday, 3,200.


## THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu \& Co. of London, written under date of Nov. 18 1925:

GOLD.
The Bank of England go d reserve against notes on the 11th inst amounted to $£ 146,255,365$, as compared with $£ 147,230,350$ on the previous Wednesday
The moderate amount of gold (about $£ 500,000$ ) offered in the open market this week was readily absorbed at 84s. 11d., the Netherlands being the principal buyer
The following movements of gold to and from the Bank of Engl and have been announced since our last letter:

Nor. 12. Nov. 13. Nov. 14. Nov. 16. Nov. 17. Nov. 18
 The destinations of the 88,000 sovereigns withdrawn were announced as follows: $\varepsilon 41,000$ to Singapore, $£ 19,000$ to Straits Settlements, $£ 12,000$ to India, $£ 11,000$ to West Indies and $£ 5,000$ to Holland. During the week under review $£ 378,000$ has been withdrawn from the Bank, increasing the net efflux since the resumption of an effective gold standard to $£ 8,294,000$.
The United Kingdom imports and exports of gold during the week ending the 11th inst. were:

£67,020
The following figures show the gold import
Kingdom during the month of October last:
Netherlands
France
Netnerlands
France
Switzerland
Egypt
West Africa
Vest Africa-
$\qquad$ Java and other Dutch Po
United States of Amer essions in the Indian Seas Argentina Paraguay--.............-Rransvaal uguay and

British India | $-289,47 \overline{3}$ |  |
| :--- | ---: |
|  | $2,880,089$ | Other countries.a $2,14 \overline{5}, 18 \overline{1}$

£5,412,401 $£ 10,175,254$
a Incl a about $£ 1,640,000$ from Poland. b Incl. about $£ 320,000$ to Germany. It is officially announced that the value of output of the Ontario gold
mines for September 1925 amounted to $\$ 2,546,852$, as compared with mines for September 1925 amounted to $\$ 2,546,852$, as compared with $\$ 2,686,559$ for the previous month. The value of the total output for the
nine months ending September 1925 was $\$ 22,395,163$. nine months ending September 1925 was $\$ 22,395,163$.
The following is taken from a press bulletin of the Ontario Department of Mines dated the 5th inst.: "Crude gold bullion recovered by Ontario mines is marketed both in Canada and the United States. Export of gold is permitted under license by the Federal Government, and heretofore the bulk of the bumion has been consigned to branches of the United States Mint. In October an arragnement was made between the Royal Mint at Ottawa and the Ontario Mining Association, whereby gold bullion will banks be received at the Royal Mint, coined and transforred to Canadian banks to the credit of the producers. The desirability of this method of marketing bumon has been empharther the American exchange has recently been to par and further by the fact that American exchange has recently been selling at a slight discount. Advantage has been taken of Olause 5 (1) of the Royal proclamation of 1907 establishing the Mint by which any person may bring bullion to the Mint and have it struck into gold coin. Under
th: scheme a saving of approximately $\$ 46,800$ per year will be made by the thi. scheme a saving of approximately $\$ 46,800$ per year will be made by the Ontimated output of express rates; the calculated saving being based on an estimated output of $\$ 30,000,000$. The Finance Department has agreed to allow the Mint to sell the silver cors."
to owners for the sales receipts."

SILVER.
Business in silver has been on a small scale and, the market remaining narrow, prices have been easily influenced. The quotations gained $3-16 \mathrm{~d}$. on the 12 th inst. following some inquiry from the Indian bazaars and the quotations thus reached- 32 3-16d. and 32d.- Were maintained the follow-$3-16 \mathrm{~d}$ on the 16 th inst, when for d. on the 16 in ins., when prices were fixed at $3115-16 \mathrm{~d}$. and $3113-16 \mathrm{~d}$ 1-16 to $31^{3 /} \mathrm{d}$ The figures of 31 15-16d and 314 d are for cash since Ang 7 last and for fird and $31 / 4$. are ing firmer advices from the East, sellers sere recovered $1-16 \mathrm{~d}$, in the price for cash and 1 quotations being fixed at 32d and 317 d , in quatatet is quiet.

## United King

the 11 th inst. were imports and exports of silver during the week ending Imports t. were as follows:
Imports-
United States of America_- $£ 76,983$
Other
Bengal

No fresh Indian currency returns have come to hand.
The stock in Shanghai on the 14th inst. consisted of about $54,500,000$ ounces in sycee, $65,000,000$ dollars and 5,980 silver bars, as compared with bars on the 7 th inst.
Quotations-
 -
The silver quotations to-day for cash and two respectively, the same as and 1-16d. above those fixed a week ago.

## ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS-PER CABLE.

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

Week Endindon, Dec. Sllver, per oz-.........
Gold, per fine ounce.Gold, per fine ounce-.
Consols. $21 / 2$ per cents
British 5 per cents... British $41 / 2$ per cents. French Rentes (In Paris) fr-
FrenchWarLoan (InParis) athens
$\begin{array}{lllll}45.85 & 46.30 & 45.40 & 46.30 & 46.75 \\ 51.40 & 51.40 & 50.75 & 50.70 & 50.75\end{array}$ silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.) Foreign....

## fommexcial and hatiscelaneons gexos

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 2778. -The statements below are prepared by us from figures collected[by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

| Receipts at- | Flour. | Wheat. | Corn. | Oats. | Barley. | Rye. W |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chicago | cols 1936 lbs. |  |  | bush. 32 los. | bush. 4810 s. | 301.000 |
| Minneapo |  |  |  | 5 |  |  |
| Duluth. |  | 2,962,000 | 255,000 | 580,000 639,000 | 539,000 210,006 | 168,000 |
| Mllwauk | 50,000 | 57,006 | 178,000 | 546,000 | 148,000 | 9,000 |
| Toledo |  | 256,000 | 90,000 | 36,000 |  |  |
| Detroit |  | 16,000 | 4,000 | 14,000 |  | 2,000 |
| Indianapoli |  | 45,000 | 718,000 | 60,000 |  |  |
| 8 Bt . Louis. | 100.000 | 463,000 | 771,000 | 398,000 | 78.000 |  |
| Peoria_- | 29,000 | 40,000 | 573,000 | 133,000 | 23,00c |  |
| Kansas Clty |  | 1,107,000 | 235,000 | 101,000 |  |  |
| St. Josep |  | 331,006 369,000 | 218,000 75,000 | 56,000 |  |  |
| Stoux |  | 39,000 | 154,000 | 86,000 | 6,000 |  |
| Total wk |  | 8,697,00¢ | 6,878,000 | 3, | 1,080,000 | 00 |
| Same wk. '24 | 433,000 | 13,340,006 | 5,658,000 | 4,207,000 | 2,605,000 | 1,353,000 |
| Same wk. '23 | 487,000 | 6,879,00c | 8,058,000 | 3,499,000 | 904,000 | 1,001,000 |
| Since | 8.137.000 $1789.251,000$ |  | 63,095,000 | 116,815,000 | 37,810,000 | 13,906,000 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1924 \\ & 1923 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 8,562,000 334,622,000 |  | $79,170,000$ 81.000 | 142,370 | 36,412,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 12,012,000 \\ & 14,801 \cap 00 \end{aligned}$ |
| Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturdav. Nov. 28, follow: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Receipts at - | Flour. | Wheat. | Corn. | Oats. | Barley. | Rye. |
| New York | Barrels. 267,000 | Bushels.$\begin{array}{r} 2,428,000 \\ 720,000 \\ 517,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Bushels. } \\ 123,000 \\ 8,000 \end{array}$ | Bushels. 241,000 47,000 | Bushels. <br> 548.000 |  |
| Philadelphla | 44,00029,000 |  |  |  |  | 25,000 |
| $\underset{\text { Baltimore }}{\text { Newport }}$ - ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  | 23,00041,000 | 40,000 | 126,000 | 000 |
| Newport News: | 29,000 11000 38000 | $\begin{array}{r} 296.000 \\ 20,000 \\ 2,445,000 \\ 223,000 \end{array}$ |  |  |  | 23,000 |
| New Orleans * Galveston. | 36,000 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Montreal | $\begin{aligned} & 65,00 \\ & 31,000 \end{aligned}$ |  | 10,000 | 919,000 | 276,000 |  |
| Boston |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total wk. 1925 | $\begin{array}{\|r\|} \hline 473,000 \\ 22,914,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6.649,000 \\ 213,901,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 205,000 \\ 7,869,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,274,000 \\ 72,548,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 950,000 \\ 40,235,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 60,000 \\ 29,208,000 \end{array}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Same wk. '24 <br>  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 5,300.000 \\ & 1,8,258000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 86,000 \\ 17.779 \text { nnn } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,345,006 \\ 48.4530 n 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,168,000 \\ & \cdots 75800 \\ & 7 \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

[^1]The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Nov. 28 1925, are shown in the annexed statement:

| W* Exports from- | Wheat. |  |  |  | Flour |  | Oats. | Rye. | Barley. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| New Yor | Bushels.$1,562,167$ |  | Bushets. |  | Barrels. 97,044 |  | Bushels. 109,762 | Bus | Bushels. $910,180$ |
| oston | 180,000 |  | -- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Baltimore | $\begin{aligned} & 736,000 \\ & 424,000 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  | 000 |  |  | 85,000 |
| Newport Ne |  |  |  |  |  | 000 |  |  |  |
| New Orleans | 40,000$4,068,000$ |  |  |  | 231,0 |  | 9.000 745,000 | 211,000 | 1,647,000 |
| Total week 1925 Same week 1004 | $\begin{aligned} & 7.110,167 \\ & 7,72 n+470 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 95,000 \\ & 38 \mathrm{nnn} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 349,044 \\ & 472,797 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | 2,642,180 |
| The desination of these exports for the week and since July 11925 is as below: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Exports for Week and Since July 1 to- | Flour. |  |  | Wheat. |  |  |  | Corn. |  |
|  |  Since <br> Week Sut <br> Vo. 28 Suly 1 <br> 1925. 1925. |  |  | Week <br> Noo. 28 1925. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Since } \\ & \text { July } 1 \\ & 1925 . \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Week } \\ \text { Nov. } 28 \\ 1925 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Since } \\ & \text { Suly } 1 \\ & 1925 \text {, } \end{aligned}$ |
| United Kin | Parrets | Barrets. |  | Bushels. $3,515,305$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bushels. } \\ & 42,551,257 \end{aligned}$ |  | Bushets. | Bushels. $276,000$ |
| Continent.-... | \|r $\begin{array}{r}110,032 \\ 2,000\end{array}$ | 2,851,395 |  | $3,155,800$40,000 |  | $67,778.012$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 75,000 \\ & 20,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 471,000 \\ 1.038,000 \\ 824,900 \\ 2,355 \end{array}$ |
| West Indies..... | 11,00\% |  | $7,52!$ |  |  |  | 133,925 |  |  |
| Other countrl | 43,693 |  | 921 |  | ,062 |  | 951,234 |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{r} \text { Total 1925 } \ldots . . \\ \text { Total } 1924 \ldots \ldots . . \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{l} 349.044 \\ 179.707 \end{array}\right\|$ | 5,582,677$7 \times 88 \mathrm{RO}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 7.110,167 \\ & 7.73 n 447 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | $95,000 \mid$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,612,255 \\ & 1783511 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |

Auction Sales.-Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston and Philadelphia on Wednesday of this week:
By Adrian H. Muller \& Sons, New York:

Shares. Stocks.
200 Audition C
 400 Aquatone Corp., com-....- $\$ 30$
200 \& C Produclig Corp.,
Judgment
in tavor or Metals Judgment in favor of Meteals Ex-
ploration Co. against Colorado
Superior Mining Co Superior Mining Co. for 85.
25777 entered on March 5924,
in the District Court of Denver, Colo- District Court of Denver,
100 Washington Exploration Cors. 10 10 \%ret $\left.\begin{array}{|c}\text { com, no par- } \\ \text { par shasha Zine \& Copper Co., no } \\ 1\end{array}\right\}$ 1 Commonwealth Hotel Constr. Corp., com. ctt. or dep.........
10 Amer. Motion Ple. Corp., com. 10 Amar . 22 Amer. Motion Pic. Corp., pref-1
22 Church Motion Plec. Corp., pref-
25
Sturch Motion Pic. Corp., Commonwealth Hotel Constr. 210 Keystone United Corp., pref., $\$ 30$

 5 Allied Rubber Cos., Inc., cl. "A.' A
80 Unlon Nat. Corp. 80 Union Nat. Corp. pref., par \$501
60 Union Nat. Corp., com. Dar 850
$\$ 150$ note ot A. Russell Thompson dated Oct. A 1 1925 , due in 6 yrs.- $\$ 1$
$\$ 10,000$ "Ctt. of dep. of securities \$10,000 "Ctt. of dep. of securities
guar. by Compania Metalurgica
Mexicans" isped Trask \& Co
500 Trident 500 Arrstrong Oil Co
1,00 Armstrong Oil 1.000 Armstrong Oill Oil Co
800 Trident 800 Trident Oill Co-
2.000 Armstron ${ }^{2,000}$ Armstrong Oill ${ }^{3} 75$ Trident Oil Co 2.500 Armstrong Oil C
12 Deep Sea Fisheries.

12 Deep Sea Fisheries
6.000 Trident onl Co
4,000 Armstrons
4.000 Armstrong Oil Co.............

375 Trident Oil Co
500 Armstrong Oil Co
2.000 Armstrongong Oil Co
187 Trident Oill Co

187 Trident Oil Co-
1,000 Armstrong Oil Co.,. v.t.c.c...

600 Barlo Metail Corp..............
30 Marine \&o Mill Supply, com. 50 Mo parine \& Miil Supply, $8 \%$ pret
By R. L. Day \& Co., B

## ${ }^{2}$ First National Bank. Atlantic National Bank- 50 National Shawmut Bank

 1 Old Colony Trust Co32 Great

## 32 Great Falls Mirg. Co... 45 Lancaster Mills, comm

 45 Lancaster Mills. common2 Massachusetts Cotton Mills 114 Wassectusetsts Cotton Mills....
40 Brooksidide Mills MIg. Co., com. 40 Brookside Mills....................
28 Old Colony common, par sioten Mils Co.,
121 Old Colony Woolen Milis Co. 121 Old Colony Woolen Miils Co.
preferred, par s10............. ${ }_{5}$ Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co... 7 Lyman Mills. Assoclate...
30 Great Falls Mrg. Co-... 30 Great Falls Mrg. Co-.......... 19
50 Hill Mtg. Co 50 Hill Mig. Co
126 Lovell Elec. Lt. Corp, par 825
1 Fitehbury Gas. Elec. Light Co


$$
\begin{aligned}
& 2 \text { Amherst Gas © } \\
& 1 \text { Northern Texas Elec. Co., pref. } \\
& 1 \text { State Theatre Co., pret..... }
\end{aligned}
$$ 1 Statern Theatre Co., pref... pres

8 State Theatre Co. 8 State Theatre Co, com., par 10
4.014 F. M. Lupton Pub.. Cl. A 1.000 F. M. Lupton Pub., Ci. B.-. 1 Iot
10 Silver Burdett \& Co. ist pid. $\$ 135$ 10 silver Burrdett \& Co.. 2 d pref /per unit

By Wise, Hobbs \& Arnold,

## 17 Boston Nacktonal Bank- 15 National Shawmut Bank 15 National Shawmut Bank- 33 Merchants National Bank

 53 Old Colonny Trust Co.....16 National Shawmut Bank. 16 National Shawmut Ba
1 Federal National Bank
7 7 American Trust Co
24 salmon Falls MIg. Co
6 Lyman Malls Mfg. Co .......
213 Saco-Lowell Sho....... 30 Lancaster MM11s, com m pret.
25 Naumkeas Steam Cotion Co 25 Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co
25 Berkshire Cotton MIg.Co. 1481 5 Bates Mrg. Co . .
620 Old Colony Woolen Mills. 620 Old Colony woolen Mills, pref. ${ }^{\text {and }}$. 42
779 old Colony Woolen Mills, com. 38 Sareo-Lowell shops. 2 d pret 38 Saco-Lowell shops, 2 d pref
60 Nashawena Mills. 2 d instail. pd 60 Nashawena Mils.
40
Great Falls Mig.
40 Great Lalls Mig. Co.. par 880 .
48 Lawrene Mg. Co..
20 Saco-Lowell shops, 2 d pret. 20 Saco-Lowell Shops, 2 d pret...
15 sammon Fall MIg . Co
50 Saco-Lowell Shops, 2 d pret. 20 Naco-Lowell Shops, 2 , isy., com........
16 Mutual Finance Corp., pref
 26 Turners Fans. (diver \& Elec. Co.
71 Draper Corp. (didend on).


 par 550 .
 par $\$ 50$ 10 Plymouth Cordage C . 5 Turners Falls Power \& 250 Chatham Assoclates Trust 120 Chatham Associates Trust10 Thomson Electric Welding Co., ${ }_{50}^{28 \text { Ear Paso } 820 \text { El. Co... Common......... }} 78$ Warehouse Co., common-... $133 / 6$
 Warehouse Co., common....... 125 ${ }_{5}^{5 \text { Regal shoe Co.. pref _-.......... } 74} 7$ S1.000 Troy Foundry \& Machine Co. 8s, Aug. 1946 ctt . of dep.
coupon Feb. $1925 \&$ sub. on $\$ 15519$ \$2.000 note of the Cascade Silver
Mines \& Mills, dated at Boston, Mines 3190 Mils, dated at Boston,
Aug. 31920 due 1 yr. from date. interest at $8 \%$
1,000 Chatham Country Club $20-1$
 s1, ono Detroit Edison Co, conv.
deb. 7 s , March 1930 .........

## Boston:

Shares. Stocks.
35 North Boston Ltg. Prop., pret sh.
$1021 /$

 41 Lowell Elec. Lt. Co., par \$25-57
25 United Elec. Lit. Co. of Spring-
 10 Blackstone Valley Gas \& Elec.
 5 phillppborn's. Inc ................ 81 lot 12 Manchester (Mass.). Electric Co. 111

 10 Mass. Lighting Cos., com....... 70 parw Bedrord Gas \& Edtson Lt.: 74
54 Bay State Fishing Co......... 74 54 Bay State Fishing Co., com....
30 Blackstone Valley Gas \& Elec 30 Blackstone Valley Gas \& Elec.,
com., par $\$ 50$
 20 Algonquin Printing Co......268
50 Fall River Elec. Lt. Co., par $825.45 \%$

By Barnes \& Lofland, Philadelphia:




 ${ }_{2} 9$ Fidinelity Trust CO Co 823 Exsatern
Atlanter City
and
Altantiern fity ire ins. Co.
1,250 New
Enjlind








 ${ }^{4} 4$ Penn. Co. for Ins. on Lives, $80-1450$






 $\$ 7,000$ Ward County imp. 6 s
$\$ 5,000$ Huntingdon \& Broad Top
Mt. RR. \& Coal 3d cons, ext. 5 s $\mathrm{Mt} . \mathrm{R}$
1940 .
Riohts.
Rights.
40 Manayunk Nat. Bk. (at $\$ 250$ per Rioht
142 Manay

By A. J. Wright \& Co., Buffalo:

##  <br> Buff. Niag. \& East. Pow. Cl. "A" 2 , 500 Consolidated West Dome <br> 125 Buffalo Steel Car, preferred.....................132 10 <br>  ${ }^{5}$ Pratt \& Lambert 1,000 Silver Bar Mining

National Banks. - The following information regarding Curreney, Treasury Department

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED.
Nov. $27-$ The Eastside National Bank of Paterson, N. J.-.
Correspondent: Henry A. Williams, 125 Eliison st., Capital.
$\$ 200,000$ Pa Natin, orrespondent: Joseph W. Henderson, Packard Bldg., Nov. 28 -The Moshola Nat Correspondent: Henry F. A. Wolf, $\overline{3} \overline{3} \overline{2}$ Hūl Bronx, New York, N. Y. Wolf, 3332 Hull Ave., Nov. 28 - First National Bank in Tuckerman, Ark_-............... Succeeds the Citizens Bank of Tuckerman, Ark APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE APPROVED.
Nov. 27 -The American National Bank of Bradenton, Fla Nov. 27-The Allenhurst: National Bank, Allenhurst, N, Fla. OHARTERS ISSUED.
Nov. 27-12853-The First National Bank of Gackle, No. Dak Nov. $28-12854-$ Haledon National Bank, Haledon, N. J.
President, Marinus C. Tamboer; Cashier, E. J. Appel. OHANGE OF TITLE.
Nov. 24-12220-The Grand Ave. National Bank of St. Louis, Mo., to VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION.
Nov. 27-6186-The Manufacturers \& Traders National Bank Capital. of Buffalo, $\mathbf{N}$. Y Yective at close of business Nov. 251925 .................. $\$ 2,000,000$ ing acent, Edward W. Kuhn, Buffalo, N. Y . Y
Succeeded by Manufacturers \& Traders Bank of
Buffalo N Y

## DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.
The dividends announced this week are:

| Name of Company. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & \text { Cent. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { When } \\ \text { Payable } \end{gathered}$ | Books Closed Days Inclusive. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Atchison <br> Railroads (St <br> Topeka \& Sant |  |  |  |
| Aangor \& Aroostook, co | *21/2 | Feb. | *Holders of ree. Dec. $31 a$ |
| Preferred (quar.) | 75c. |  | Holders of ree. Dee. 15 |
| Beech Creek (quar.) | 50c. | fan. | *Holders of rec. Dec. $15 a$ |
| Buffalo \& Susquehanna, common (quar. Preferred | $3 / 4$ | Dec. 36 | Holders of rec. Dec. 15 |
| Chic. R. I. \& Pacific, $6 \%$ preferred | *3 | Dec. 36 | Holders of ree. Dee. 15 |
| Seven der cent pro | *3 ${ }^{\text {\% }}$ | Dec. ${ }^{\text {Dec, }} 31$ | *Holders of rec. Dec. 11 |
| Consolidated RRs, of Cub | 11/2 | Jan. 2 | ${ }^{\text {*Holders of rec. Dec. }}$ Hep 115 |
| Cuba RR, common (qu | '\$1.40 | Dec. 31 | ${ }^{*}$ Holders of rec. Dec. 31 |
| Great Northern, preferred............ | ${ }_{*}^{21 / 2}$ | Eeb. | Holders of rec. Dec. $24 a$ |
| Gureferred (acet. accum, dividend) | ${ }_{*}^{* 31}$ | Jan. | ${ }^{*}$ Holders of rec. Dee. 15 |
| Little Schuylkill Nav., RR. \& | ${ }_{*}^{*}$ \%1/2 | Jan. Jan. 12 | *Dec. 19 of rec. Dec. 15 |
| Pere Marquette, common ( | 1 | Jan. | Hec.ders of rec. Dec. 170 |
| Prior preference (qua | 114 | Veb. | Holders of rec. Jan. $15 a$ |
| Preferred (quar.) | 114 | jeb. | Holders of rec. Jan. $15 a$ |
| Preferred (quar.) | $13 / 4$ | fan. fan. | Holders of rec. Dec. $10 a$ |
| Plttsb. Mckeesport \& Yough | * 51.51 | lan. | *Holders of rec. Dee. $10 a$ |
| St. Louls-San Francisco Ry., com. (qu.) | ${ }_{* 13 / 4}$ | Ian. | *Holders of rec. Dec. 15 |
| Preferred (quar.) Preferred (quar.) | *11/2 | Eeb. | *Holders of rec. Jan. 15 |
| Preferred (quar.) | *11 | May | ${ }^{\text {* Holders of rec. Apr, }} 10$ |
| Preferred (quar.) | *11/2 | lug. | *Holders of ree. July 15 |
| Louis Southwestern, | *11/4 | Dec. 31 | ${ }^{*}$ Holders of rec. Dec. 15 |
| Public Utilities. |  |  |  |
| American Gas \& Elec., common (quar.) common (payable in new | 25 c. | Jan. | Holders of rec. Dec. 10 |
| Preferred (quar.) | (w) | Jan. | Holders of rec. Dec. 10 |
| Bangor Hydro-Electric, pref. (qu) | \$1.50 |  | Holders of rec. Jan. 11 |
| Boston Elevated, common (quar | +11/2 |  | *Holders of ree. Dec. 10 |
| First preterred | *4 | ran. | *Holders of rec. Dec. 18 |
| Preferred (quar.) | *31/2 | ran. | *Holders of rec. Dec. 18 |
| Brazilian Trac., Lt \& Pow., pref. (qu.) | ${ }^{*} 11 / 2$ | Jan. | *Holders of rec. Dec. 15 |
| Calumet Gas \& Ele3., pref. (qua | 113 | Jec. 17 | Holders of rec. Nov. 30 |
| Central States Elec. Corp., pref. (qu.) | 13 |  | -Holders of rec. Dec. 31 |



| Company | $\begin{gathered} \text { Per } \\ \text { Cent. } \end{gathered}$ |  |  | Name of Company. | Per Cent. | When Payable. | Books Closed. Days Inclusite. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ${ }_{* 2}^{* 2}$ |  | Dec. 15 |  |  |  |  |
| Preterred (quar.) |  |  | old |  |  |  | of rec. Dec. 15 |
| kess Shore Mines |  |  | Holders or |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Holders of rec. De |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Holders of rec. Dec. 15 | ine |  |  | a |
| nillard |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Holders of rec. Dec. 15 | Prior p |  |  |  |
| actadd |  |  | rec. Dec. 31 |  |  |  | Holders of rec. Dec. ${ }^{\text {Hed }}$ Helders of rec. Dec. $12 a$ |
|  |  |  | rec. Dec. 21 | Co |  |  | Holders of rec. Nov. 30 a |
|  |  |  | rec. D |  |  | Dec. | Holders of rec. Nov. 144 |
|  |  |  | , |  |  |  |  |
| cCord B |  |  | Holders of rec. D |  |  |  | Holders of rec. Nov. 30 |
| erc |  |  | Holders of rec. Dec. 15 |  |  |  | Ho |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| otion P |  |  | Holders of rec. Dee. 10 | Forshay |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Hold |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Extra |  |  | Hol | ${ }_{\mathrm{G}}$ |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Holders of rec. Dec. ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |
| ols |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Well Su |  |  | Holders of rec. Dec. ${ }^{15}$ |  |  |  |  |
| tsburgh |  |  | Holders of rec. Dec. 19 | Interstate Power, prefe |  |  |  |
| Pittsburgh St |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Plymouth }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | a |
| ratt \& L |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| eal |  |  | rec. Dec. 20 |  | $23 \%$ |  | a |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Holders of rec. Dec. 18 |  |  |  | a |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | H |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Montana Powe |  |  |  |
| hattuck (1) |  |  | Holders of rec. Dec. 21 | Preter |  |  | Holders of rec. Dec. 11. |
|  |  |  | Holders of rec. Dec. 15 | Nat |  |  | Holders of r |
|  |  |  |  | Nat. Pubics |  |  | Hoiders Holders of re |
|  |  |  | Holders of rec. Dec. 15 | New |  |  |  |
| me |  |  | Holders of rec. Dec. ${ }^{19}$ |  |  |  |  |
| $n \&$ Finch O |  |  | Holders of rec. Dec. 29 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | a |
| Ftrst pret. (for | **2 |  | Hoiders of rec. Dec | Preterr |  |  | Holders of rec. |
|  |  |  | De | A |  | Jan | Holders of rec. |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Irst |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 硣 |  |  | Holders or rec. Dec. ${ }^{\text {Helder }}$ | \% |  |  | Hold |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Washington Oil |  |  | Holders of rec. Dec. 15 | Oklahoma |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Ottawa \& Hull Pow |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Holders of rec | nnsylvanla-Ohi |  |  | Holde |
| West Point Ma |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Holders of rec. Dec. 15 | Pbiladelphla Elect |  |  | $i{ }_{\text {rec. }}^{\text {rec. }}$ Nov. 17 a a |
|  |  |  |  | E E |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Holders of rec. Dec. ${ }^{4 a}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends nanounced this week, these being given in the preceding table. |  |  |  |  |  |  | Holders of rec Jan $1 \cdot 26$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | $7 \%$ first preferred (quar.) - <br> $7.2 \%$ first preferred (quar.) <br> $7.2 \%$ first preferred (monthly) | 81.80$50 c$. 60 c . |  |  |
|  | ent. |  | Books Closed.Days Inclustre. |  |  |  | Holders of rec. Dec. 15 Holders of rec. Oct. 15 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{lr} \mathrm{Kr} \\ \mathrm{Gr} \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 31 / 2 \\ & 31 / 2 \\ & 21 / 2 \end{aligned}$ |  | Holders of rec. Nov. 27 | Utilites Pow, \& Lt. Corp., cl. A | u50c. |  | Holders of rec. Dec. ${ }^{5 a}$ |
| Preterred- |  |  |  | Preterred (quar) |  | Jan. ${ }^{\text {Jan. }}$ |  |
| tic C |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Boston \& $A$ |  |  | of rec. Dev. 19 | West Penn Company, comm | \$1 11 | ${ }^{\text {Dee. }}$ Dec. 11 | Holders of rec. Dec, 15 a Holders of rec. Dec.$\qquad$ |
| Boston \& P |  |  |  | West Penn Ress. preferred (quar.).Wlsconsin Power \& Light, pret. (quar.) | \$1.75 | Dec. 15 |  |
| Butralo Roc | ${ }_{2}^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chesapeake |  |  |  | Commerce (National Bank of) (quar.) .- | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \\ & \frac{4}{2} \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ |  | Holders of rec. Dec. 18 a |
| Preterred | ${ }_{4}^{31}$ |  |  |  |  |  | Holders of rec. Dec. ${ }^{26}$ |
|  |  |  | *Holders or rec. Dec, 51 , | Standard (quar.) -........................... |  | Jan. <br> Jan. <br> Jan |  |
| draso |  |  | Holders of rec. Dec. $1 a$ | Standard National Corp., com. (quar.).: | $\begin{gathered} 2 \\ 50 \mathrm{c} . \end{gathered}$ $\begin{gathered} 50 \mathrm{c} . \\ \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | Holders of rec. Dec. 26 Holders of rec. Dec. 26 |
| Ohtago St. Paul M | ${ }_{*}^{5}$ |  | *Holders of rec. Dec. 1 |  | 11/4 | ${ }^{\text {Jan. }}$ Jan. |  |
| Common (extra) |  |  | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Dec. } \\ \text { Dec. } 13 & \text { to } & \text { to } & \text { Jan. } \\ \text { Jan. } & 1 \\ 1\end{array}$ | Trust Companles. <br> Equitable <br> (quar.) |  | Dec. 31 | Holders of rec. Dec. 21a |
| Colorado \& Sout |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |
| Cuba Rallr |  |  |  | $\substack{\text { Mlacellaneous. } \\ \text { Adams Express (quar.) }}$ |  |  | Holders of rec. Dec. ${ }^{15 a}$ |
| Delaware \& |  | Dec |  |  |  | Dec. 31 |  |
| Pttsb |  |  | Holders of rec. Nov. $30 a$ | Advance Rumely Co.. prer. (quar.)..... Ahumada Lead Co. (quar.) | 715 c |  | Holders of rec. Dec. $15 a$ |
| Hree |  | ${ }^{\text {Dec }}$ |  |  | 17136 | Jan: ${ }^{\text {Jan }}$ |  |
| Hilinols Centr | 2 |  | Hoiders of rec. Dec. $7 a$ | Alled Chemical \& Dye Corp., pf. (qu.) Aluminum Manufactures, Inc.,com.(qu.) |  |  | Holders of rec. Dec. ${ }^{\text {Hed }}$ Helders of rec. Dec. 150 |
| Lackacanna P | $\frac{1}{3}$ |  |  | Preferred (quar.) | 3735. | Dee. ${ }^{31}$ Jan.126 |  |
| Loulsville \& $\begin{aligned} & \text { L } \\ & \text { Moblie }\end{aligned}$ | 3 |  | Holders of rec. Jan. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | $11 / 2$ | Jan. 15 |  |
|  |  |  |  | American Art Works, com. \& oref. (qu.) | ${ }^{1755}$ |  |  |
|  |  |  | Holders of rec. Dec. $9 a$ Holders of rec Nov. $16 a$ | American Beet Sugar, com. (quar.) --.-- | $\begin{aligned} & 114 \\ & 115 \\ & 19 \end{aligned}$ |  | Holders of rec. Dec. ${ }^{15}$ |
|  |  |  | Holders of rec. Dec. $12 a$Holders of rec. Nov. $30 a$ |  |  | ${ }^{\text {Janan. }}$ Jan ${ }^{\text {Da }}$ |  |
| Norrolk \& Wester | 1/4 |  |  |  | 500.6 |  | Holders of rec. Dec. ${ }^{12 a}$ |
|  |  |  | Ho |  |  |  | Dee. 22 to Jan. ${ }^{\text {to }}$ |
| Reading Company, |  |  | Holders of rec. Nov. $27 a$ | Prior preferred (quar.) <br> American Coar |  | ${ }^{\text {Jann }}$ |  |
| V | $\frac{1}{2 / 2 / 2}$ |  | Holders of rec. Dec. 15a |  | ${ }_{81}^{185}$ |  | ${ }^{*}$ Holders of rec. Jan. 9 Holders of rec. Dec. $20 a$ |
| Va |  |  |  | Amer. Laundry Machinery, common. American Linseed, pref. (quar.) |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Preferred (quar.) |  |  | Holders rec. Mar. $19{ }^{26 a}$ |
| r. | 214 |  |  |  | ${ }^{52} 820$ |  |  |
|  |  |  | Holders of rec. Dec. Holders of rec. Dec. $10 a$ Holders of rec. Dec. $10 a$ | Common (extra) |  |  |  |
| elephone of Canada (quar.) |  | Jan. | Holders of rec. Dec. ${ }^{23}$ | Am | 信 |  | Dee. 16 to Deo. 30 |
| Bell Telep. or Penn., pret. (quar. |  | Jan. 15 | Holders of rec. Dec. ${ }^{\text {Holdea }}$ Holders of rec. Dec. $12 a$ |  | 81 |  |  |
|  |  |  | ec. Dec. ${ }^{11 a}$ | dan |  |  |  |
| Chlo. North Shore $\alpha$ Miliw., pree. (quar. |  | Jan. | *Holders of rec. Dec. 15 *Holders of rec. Dec. 15 Holders of rec. Dec. 15a Holders of rec. Dec. 15a Holderg of rec. Den. $15 a$ | American Stores Corp. (quar.) .-...... <br> Quarterly <br> Quarterly <br> American Sugar Refining, common <br> Preferred (quar.) <br> Preferred (quar.) ......................... | 40c. <br> 50c. <br> 50c. <br> 50 C <br> 11 <br> $1 \%$ <br> $1 \%$ | Dec. 1Apri 26Jul 126Oct 126Jan. 26Jan. 2 | Nov. 15 to Dec. 1 <br> Mar. 17 to Apr. 1 <br> June 16 to July <br> Jul 1   <br> Sept. 16 to oct. 1 <br> Holders of rec. Dec. $1 a$   <br> Holders of rec. Dec. $1 a$  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |




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 Nov. 28. 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.


 31, $\$ 19,000,000$. Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liablilites,
average for week Nov, 28, $8677,750,000$; Nov. $21, \$ 635,337,000$; Nov. 14, 8626 ,817,000 ; Nov. 7, $\$ 627.599,000$; Oct. 31, $\$ 625.146 .000$. Actual totals. Nov. 28,
$\$ 706,367.000$; Nov. 21, $\$ 666,687,000$; Nov. 14, $\$ 668,782,000$; Nov. 7, $\$ 623,671,000$; Oct. 31, $\$ 640,926,000$.

* Includes deposits in forelgn branches not included in total footings as follows: Trust Co., \$32,197,000; Guaranty Trust Co., $\$ 65,673,000$ : Farmers' Loan \& Trust Co.. $\$ 6,705,000$; Equitable Trust Co.. $\$ 64,292,000$. Balances carried in banks in foreign countries as reserve for such deposits were: National Clity Bank, \$20,923.000. Chase Natlonal Bank, $\$ 1,563,000$ : Bankers Trust Co., $\$ 5,021,000$; Guaranty Trust
Co., $\$ 4,914,000$; Farmers' Loan \& Trust Co., $\$ 6,705,000$; Equitable Trust Co., $\$ 7,182,000$.
c Deposits in foreign branches not included.

The reserve position of the different groups 0 . 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 BANES AND TRUAT COMPANIES.

|  | Averages. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cash Reserve in Vathlt. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Reserve } \\ \text { in } \\ \text { Depostarles } \end{gathered}$ | Total Reserde | b Reserve Required | Surplus Reservo |
| Members Federal Reserve banks | \$ | 582,875,000 | 582,875,000 | ${ }_{578,113,440}$ | 4.761,560 |
| State banks*....... | 6,783,000 | 4,802,000 | 11,585,000 | 578,1154,660 | 4,761,340 |
| Turst companies* | 2,429,000 | 7,339.000 | 9,768,000 | 9,664,500 | 103,500 |
| Total Nov. 28 | 9,212,000 | 595,016,000 | 604,228,000 | 599,232,600 | 4,995,400 |
| Total Nov. 21 | 9.023 .000 | 604.336.000 | 613.359.000 | 605.528,290 | 7.830 .710 |
| Total Nov. 14. <br> Total Nov. | 9.178 .000 9.203 .000 | 606.158 .000 611.352800 | 615.336 .000 620.555 .000 | 607.228 .330 812369490 | $8,107.670$ 8.185 .510 |

Not members of Feneral Reserve Bank.
a This is the roserve required on the net demand deposits in the case of State banks
nd trust compantes. but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve Bank and trust compantes, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve Bank includes also amonnt in reserve required on net time deposits. which was as follows:
Nov. $28 . \$ 15,052,110 ;$ Nov. $21, \$ 14,701,440 ;$ Nov. $14 . \$ 14,587.560 ;$ Nov. 7 . Nov. 28 , $815,052,110$; Nov. 21 .
$\$ 14,349,780$ : Oct. $31, \$ 14,498,910$.


* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank. and trust companies. but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve Bank ineludes also smount of reserve required on net time deposits. Which was as follows:
Nov. $28, \$ 15,199,770:$ Nov. $21, \$ 14,866,890$; Nov. 14, $\$ 14,669,430 ;$ Nov. $7, \$ 14,-$ Nov. 28, \$15, 199,770: Nov. 21
444,370 ; Oct. 31 . $\$ 14,492.370$.

State Banks and Trust Companies Not in Clearing House. -The State Banking Department reports weekly figures showing the condition of State banks and trust companies in New York City not in the Clearing House as follows: bummary of state banks and trust companies in greater new york, not included in clearing house statement.
(Floures Furntshed by State Banking Department.)
Differences from
oans and investments. $\underset{1,168,157,80}{\text { Nor. } 28 .}$

 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | Deposits, ellminating amounts due from reserve de-

positaries and from other banks and trust com
 Percentage of reserve, $19,8 \%$.

RESERVE.
Cash in vault*
Total

\section*{S36,686.300 $\quad$ Then $\quad$ Trust Compantes-} | $\$ 36,686,300$ | $15.85 \%$ |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $11,990,246,200$ | $5.14 \%$ | $29,983,600$ | $14.64 \%$ |
| $4.83 \%$ |  |  |  | $\overline{\$ 48,592,500} \quad \overline{20.99 \%} \quad \overline{\$ 120,930,000} \quad \overline{19.47 \%}$

* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the tate banks and trust companies combined on Nov. 28 was $\$ 97,995,700$.

Banks and Trust Companies in New York City.-The averages of the New York City Clearing House banks and trust companies combined with those for the State banks and rust companies in Greater New York City outside of the Clearing House are as follows:

COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN


New York City Non-Member Banks and Trust Com-panies.-The following are the returns to the Clearing House ludearing non-member institutions and whin cluded in the "Clearing House Returns" in the foregoing. house.


Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.-In the fol lowing we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } 2 \\ & 1925 . \end{aligned}$ | Chanoes from previous week. |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov. } 25 \\ 1925 . \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Capital | $6.8$ |  | $\stackrel{s}{\text { hanged }}$ | 66,800,000 | 66,800,000 |
| Surplus and profits.-...--- | ${ }^{91,304,000}$ |  | 6.310 .000 | $91,304.000$ 1004804000 | 91.771 .000 027399000 |
| Loans, disc ts t investments. | ${ }^{9999,667,000}$ | Pec. | $6,510,000$ 1,565000 | 10948,102,000 | 1027339000 |
| Due to banks. | 136,923,000 | Inc. | 2,455,000 | 134,468,000 | 144,488,000 |
| Time deposits. | 221,511,000 | Inc. | 1,796,000 | 219.715,00 |  |
| United States deposits | 3,129,000 | Dec. | ${ }^{62,000}$ | 3,191.000 | 4.476.000 |
| Exchanges for Clearing House Due from other banks...... | 90,877,000 | Inc. | $5,256,000$ $1,871.000$ | - $\begin{aligned} & 31,231,000 \\ & 89,006,000\end{aligned}$ | ${ }^{35,216,000} 930,8000$ |
| Reserve in Fed. Res. Bank. | 81,685,000 | Inc. | 606.000 | 81,079,000 | 83,861,000 |
| Cash in bank and $F$. R. Bank | 9,317,000 | Inc. | 244,000 | 9,073,000 | 893,000 |
| Reserve excess in mank and Federal Reserve Bank.-.-- | 1,328,000 | Inc. | 808,000 | 520,000 | 1,064,000 |

Philadelphia Banks.-The Philadelhia Clearing House return for the week ending Nov. 28, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are $10 \%$ on demand deposits and $3 \%$ on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve System the reserve required is $10 \%$ on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with legal depositaries" and "Cash in vaults.

| Two Csphers ( 00 )omitted. | Week Ended Nooember 281925. |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Noo. } 21 \\ & 1925 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } 14 \\ & 1925 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Members of $F^{\prime} . R$. System | Trust Compantes | $\begin{aligned} & 1925 \\ & \text { Total. } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| Cap | \$42,025,0 | \$5,000,0 | \$47.025,0 | \$47.025,0 | \$47,025,0 |
| Surplus and profits | 128,684,0 | 17.182.0 | 145,866,0 | 145,866.0 | 145,866,0 |
| Loans, disc'ts \& investm'ts | 832,035,0 | 48,169.0 | $880.204,0$ 36 | $\begin{array}{r}884.675 .0 \\ 37 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 888,545,0 |
| Exchanges for Clear.House | 114,487,0 | 18.0 | 114,505,0 | 121,719,0 | 129,144,0 |
| Bank deposits. | 142.713,0 | 1,037,0 | 143,750,0 | 147,049,0 | 153,564,0 |
| Individual depo | 601,059,0 | 29,031,0 | 630,090,0 | 642,146.0 | 649,206,0 |
| Time deposit | 110,442,0 | 1,970,0 | 112,412,0 | ${ }_{901535}^{112,0}$ | 114,321,0 |
| Total deposits | 854,214,0 | 32,038,0 | $\begin{array}{r}886,252,0 \\ 3,928 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $901.535,0$ $4.034,0$ | 917,091,0 |
| U. S. deposits (not incl.)--- |  | 3,683,0 | $3,922,0$ $3,683,0$ | 4,034,0 | $5,913,0$ $4,454,0$ |
| Reserve with F. R. Bank.- | 64,888,0 |  | 64,888,0 | 65,316.0 | 65,579,0 |
| Cash in va | 11,660,0 | 1,521,0 | 13,181,0 | 12,467,0 | 12,344,0 |
| Total reserve \& cash held.- | 76,548,0 | $5,204,0$ $4,531,0$ | $81,752,0$ $69,341,0$ | $82,086,0$ $70,150,0$ | 82,377,0 |
| Reserve required. | $64,810.0$ $11,738,0$ | $4,531,0$ 673,0 | $69,341,0$ $12,411,0$ | $70,150,0$ $11,936,0$ | $71,139,0$ $11,238,0$ |

* Cash in vault not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve members.


## Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

-The following shows the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at the close of business Dec. 21925 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Dec. 2 1925. NOO. 25 1925. Dec. 31924 | Resources- |
| :---: |
| Gold with Federal Reserve Agent.......- |
| Gold |
| $370,227,000$ |

 $\begin{array}{rllll}\text { Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes_- } & 378,484,000 & 379,380.000 & 526,734,000 \\ \text { Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board. } & 241,377,000 & 232,454,000 & 172,709,000\end{array}$ | Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board. | $241,377,000$ | $23,454,000$ | $\begin{array}{l}272,709,000 \\ \text { Gold and gold certificates held by bank.- } \\ 351,079,000\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll}354,276,000 & \mathbf{2 4 9 , 6 3 0 , 0 0 0}\end{array}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

| Total gold reserv Reserves other than | $\begin{array}{r} 970,840,000 \\ 25,883,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 966.110 .000 \\ 27.148 .000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 949,073,00 \\ 19,652,00 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total reserve | 996,823,000 | 993,253.000 | 968,725,000 |
| Non-reserve ca | 14,964,000 | 14,496,000 | 12,941,000 |
| Bills discounted- | 96,727,000 | 129,493,000 | 49,544,000 |
| Other bills discounted. | 91,032,000 | 63,190,000 | 9,661,000 |
| Total bills discounted | 187,759,000 | 192.633,000 | 59,205,000 |
| Bills bought in open market | 34,838,000 | 35,408,000 | 123,732,000 |
| U. S. Government securities- |  | 1,257,000 |  |
| Bonds.....- |  | 57,127,000 | 134,123,000 |
| Treasury | 1,710,000 | 3.000.000 | 43,508,000 |
| Total U. S. Government securiti | 71,081,000 | 61,384,000 | 182,533,000 |
| Forelgn loans on gold - .--------- | 2,241,000 | 1.755 .000 | 1.746, |
| Total bills and securitles (See Note) | 295,919,000 | 291.230.000 | 367,216 |
| Due from forelgn banks (See Note) | 771,0u0 | 658.000 | , |
| Uncollected Items. | 171,080,000 | 49,786,000 | 156,807,00 |
| Bank premises. | 17,261,000 | 17,259,000 | 17,434,000 |
| All other resour | 4,456,000 | 4,515,000 | 10,323,000 |
| Tota | 1,2 | ,471,202.0 |  | Lrabdities-

Fed'l $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Fed' Reserve notes in actual circulation. } & 361,533,000 & 362,455,000 & 381,021,000\end{array}$



 Ratio of total reserves to deposit and Fed'I Res've note liabilitles combined NOTE.-Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 two new Items were $9,088,000$ order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to forelgn correspondents. In addition, the caption, "All other earning assets," now "Other securities" and the caption, "Total earning assets" to "Total bills and se curities." The latter term has been adopted as a more accurate description of the total of the discounts, acceptances and securities acquired under the provisions of
Sections 13 and 14 of the Federal Reserve Act, which are the only items included
therein

## Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Dec. 3, 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 precedy 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 2695, 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 dec. 21925.


|  | Boston. | New York. | Phila. | Cleveland. | Rtchmond | All | measo. | St. L | K | Kan. Cuty | as. | San Pran. | Tota |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{nts} \\ & \mathrm{as} . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 82, \\ & 10, \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 370,227,0 \\ 8,257,0 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 123,709,0 \\ 7,974,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 82,755,0 \\ 3,642,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 69,892,0 \\ 1,896,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 85,872,0 \\ 4,806,0 \end{array}$ | $\left.\begin{array}{r} 114,787,0 \\ 4,837,0 \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ | $\begin{array}{r} 15,227,0 \\ 1,002,0 \\ 1 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 6, \mathbf{8} 24,0 \\ 1,494,0 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 36,954,0 \\ 3,524,0 \end{array}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} 9.601,0 \\ 2,577,0 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{aligned} 9,431,0 \\ 4,669,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 43,424,0 \\ & 54,162,0 \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 131,6 \\ 55,3 \end{array}$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{r} 186,397.0 \\ 67,293,0 \\ 49,423.0 \end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{gathered} 71,788,0 \\ 35.097,0 \\ 5,791,0 \end{gathered}$ | $90,678,0$ $32,140,0$ <br> 3,639,0 | $\begin{aligned} & 119,6 \\ & 133,4 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 16,229,0 \\ 28,330,0 \\ 11,262.0 \end{gathered}$ | $63,618,0$ 15,2790 $7,075,0$ 85 | $40,478,0$ <br> $38,079,0$ <br> $4,007,0$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 22,178,0 \\ 11.416,0 \\ 10.7360 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 26, \\ & 30, \end{aligned}$ | $729,02,0$ $616,023,0$ |
|  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 205,063,0 \\ 6,591,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 303.118 .0 \\ 7,826.0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 112,676,0 \\ 5,959,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 126,457 \\ 6,321 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 327,804,0 \\ 16,553,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 55,821,0 \\ & 10,612,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 85,972,0 \\ 1,991.0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 82,5 | $\begin{array}{r} 44,330,0 \\ 5,484,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 41,315,0 \\ 6,140,0 \end{array}$ | $114,$ |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 3,0 \\ & 4,0 \end{aligned}$ | $1,654,0$ | $\begin{array}{r} 310,944,0 \\ 2,823,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 18,635,0 \\ 3,627,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 132,778 \\ 2,810 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 44,35 \\ 6,47 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 66,433,0 \\ 2,741,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 87,963,0 \\ & 619,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 86,369,0 \\ 1.804,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 49,814,0 \\ 1,420,0 \end{array}$ | $\left.\begin{array}{r} 247,455,0 \\ 3,104,0 \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ |  |
| Bec. othe | $\begin{aligned} & 15,40 \\ & 23,55 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 96,727.0 \\ & 91,032,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 35,399,0 \\ & 23,709,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 37,842,0 \\ & 38,081,0 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 12, \\ & 25, \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6,682,0 \\ 24,472,0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 51,156,0 \\ & 31,034,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8,852,0 \\ 15,813,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,0 \\ & 4,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6,30 \\ 15,20 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,300,0 \\ & 8,478,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 39,40 \\ & 28,76 \\ & \hline 0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 314,582, \mathrm{C} \\ & 329.293, \end{aligned}$ |
| bought | 79,71 | $\begin{array}{r}187,759 \\ 34,838 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 59,108,0 \\ & 14.620,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 75,923,0 \\ 9,210,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 37,586 \\ 3,962 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 31,154,0 \\ & 66,551,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 82,19 \\ & 31,71 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \begin{array}{l} 24,665,0 \\ 21,583,0 \end{array} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6.065,0 \\ 16,980,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 218,5180 \\ & 18,18 \end{aligned}$ | $10,778,0$ $29,961,0$ | $\begin{aligned} & 68.168 \\ & 30.428 \end{aligned}$ | $57,7$ |
| S. Govern Bonds.- Treasury Certifica |  | $\begin{array}{r} 1,257,0 \\ 68.114,0 \\ 1,710,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 11,42,08,0 \\ 7,050,0 \end{array}$ | $\left.\begin{array}{r} 7,965,0 \\ 21,989 \\ 478,0 \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ | ${ }_{4,253,0}^{1,191,0}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 12,406,0 \\ 1,995,0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 19,928.0 \\ 24,445,0 \\ 1,14,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,522,0 \\ 18,873,0 \\ 93,0 \end{array}$ | $7,558,0$ $9.020,0$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8,139,0 \\ 23,282,0 \\ 1,998,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6,701,0 \\ 22,674,0 \\ 115,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 58,0 \\ 36,281.0 \\ 7,597,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 28,40 \\ 28,30 \end{array}$ |
| . | 8,776,0 | 71.081.0 | 19.063.0 | 30.430.0 | 5,444,0 | 15,237.0 | 45.487.0 | 20,488.0 | 16.578,0 | 33,419,0 | 29,490.0 | 43,936 | 339,429 |

 FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE ACCOUNTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS AT GLOSE OF BUSINESS DEG. 21925.

| Tederal Reserve Agent at- | Boston | Neto York | phala. | Cleveiand | Richmond | Atlanta | Chicago | St. Louss | Minn. | Kan. Cxty | Dallas | San Fr . | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (Two Ciphers (00) Omitted.) <br> F.R. notes rec'd from Comptrol'r | $\stackrel{\text { 254,932,0 }}{\text { 8 }}$ | 741,189,0 | 214,737,0 | 288,607,0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| F.R. notes held by F.R. Agent.- | 64,600,0 | 267,120,0 | $\begin{array}{r}214,737,0 \\ 31,000,0 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}288,607,0 \\ 40,720,0 \\ \hline 28,88 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $132,510,0$ <br> $27,479,0$ <br> 25,031 | $225,592,0$ <br> $45,840,0$ <br> 170,752, | $431,144,0$ <br> $257,287,0$ <br> 17357 | $70,737,0$ <br> $25,300,0$ | $87,445,0$ $15,970,0$ | $99.091,0$ $23,833,0$ | $67,889,0$ <br> $14,582,0$ | $308,495,0$ $55,800,0$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,922,368,0 \\ 869,531,0 \end{array}$ |
| F.R. notes issued to F.R. bank Collateral held as security for | 190,332,0 | 474,069,0 | 183,737,0 | 247,887,0 | 105,031,0 | 179,752,0 | 173,857,0 | 45,437,0 | 71,475,0 | 75,258,0 | 53,307,0 | 252,695,0 | 2,052,837,0 |
| Gold and gold certificatee.-- | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gold redemption fund.-...- | 12,545,0 | 27,529,0 | 10,320,0 | 13,975,0 | 21,160,0 | 10,200,0 |  | 10,575,0 | 13,052,0 |  | 15,136,0 |  | 304,901, 0 |
| Gold fund-F. R. B | 35,000,0 | 156,000,0 | 109,389,0 | 160,000,0 | $4,232,0$ $44,500,0$ | $5,672,0$ $70,000,0$ | 110,645,0 | $1,152,0$ $3,500,0$ | $1,072,0$ $48,000,0$ | $3,594,0$ $33,360,0$ | $2,965,0$ $1,500,0$ | $15,630,0$ 163,801 | 102,828,0 |
| EHgible Dap | 118,679,0 | 185,501,0 | 62,689,0 | 84,778,0 | 38,922,0 | 97,641,0 | 113,739,0 | 46,111,0 | 22,476,0 | 39,619,0 | 40,737,0 | 98,518,0 | $935,695,0$ $949,410,0$ |
| Total collat | 201,524,0 | 555,728,0 | 186,398,0 | 267,533,0 | 108,814,0 | 183,513,0 | 228,526, | 61,338, | 84,600,0 | 76,573.0 | 60,338.0 | 277.949,0 | 2,292,834,0 |

## Weekly Return for the Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System.

Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board, giving the principal items of the resources; the liabilities of the 722 member banks from which weekly returns are obtained. These figures are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves. Definitions of the different items in the statement were given in the statement of Dec. 12 1917, published in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 29 1917, page 2523. The comment of the Reserve Board upon the figures for the latest week appears in our Department of "Current Events and Discussions," on page 2695.


## 

## Wall Street，Friday Night，Dec． 41925

 Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks．－The review of the ock Market is given this week on page 2717.The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not reprosented in our detailed list on the pages which follow



Foreign Exchange．－Sterling ruled firm and advanced on the rasing of the Bank of England rate；trading however was only moderately active．The Continental exchanges were nervous and rather erratic，though here too improvement of the losses before the close．
To－day＇s（Friday＇s）actual rates for sterling exchange were $4.811 / 90$
$481 \% / 8$ for sixty days， $4841 /(94817 /$ for cheques and $4814(94851 /$ por cables．Commercial on banks sircht $48118(2481 /$ sisty day 48 ）for



 hish and 122.70 francs low．
The range for foreign exchange for the week follows： Sterling Actual－
Howh for the week
Low for the wee $\qquad$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Sixty Days．} & \text { Cheques．} \\ 4.8151513 \\ 48013-16 & 484116\end{array}$ Cables．
$4851 / 16$
$4817-16$

 Amsterdam Bankers＇Guilders－

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Domestic Exchange．－Chicago，par．St．Louis，15＠25c．per $\$ 1,000$
discount．Boston，par．San Francisco，par．Montreal，$\$ .1512 \%$ per $\$ 1,000$ premium．Cincinnati，par

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange．－Below we furnish a daily record of the transactions in Liberty Loan bonds and Treasury certificates on the New York Stock Exchange．The transactions in registered bonds are given in a footnote at the end of the tabulation．

| Dally Record of U．S．Bond Prices． |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Firat Liberty Loan［High |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{3}$ |
| Irst | 422 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 硣 |  | 172 | 24 | 5 | 10 | 20 |
| onv |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1932－47（Frrst 4s）．－．－ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ， |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ${ }_{101722}^{1023}$ | （1232 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 11 |  | $101{ }^{2531}$ 41 |  |  |
| 兂 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| bonds of 1932－47（First＜L |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total sales in $\$ 1.000$ unts |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Converted 4\％\％bonds |  |  | 100 |  |  |  |
| $4 \%$ bonds of 1927－42 ${ }_{\text {（Seond }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Second Liberty Loan |  | 10 |  |  |  |  |
| of 1927 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Third Lib |  | 101 | 101 | $101{ }^{3} 3$ |  | $1011_{33}$ |
| 44\％\％bonds of 1928．．．－$\{$ Lo |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total |  | 1013 |  |  |  |  |
| urth | 10 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 414 |  |  |  | 102.00 | 研 | 120 |
| Tota | ${ }^{102}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Totar |  | 10614 | $106^{1}$ |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 10 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 1061 |  | 10 |  |  |
|  |  |  | 103. |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tota |  | 103.00 |  | 103.00 |  |  |

Note．The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds．Transactions in registered bonds were：



Quotations for U．S．Treas．Ctfs．of Indebtedness，\＆c． New York City Banks and Trust Companies． New York City Realty and Surety Companies． See page 2742 ．

Fon sales during the week of stocka usually fnactive, see preceding page



New York Stock Record-Continued-Page 3



gitized for FRASER
p://fraser.stlouisfed.org


2732
New York Stock Exchange-Bond Record, Friday, Weekly and Yearly


New York Bond Record-Continued-Page 2


 | Mantla $R$ |
| :---: |
| $18 t$ |
| 48 |


 Man GB \& N W 1st
Michigan Central
Reglstered



 Min Spar \& N W 1st gu 4s--1947
Milw \& State L 1st gu 31/8s 1941
Mito


 1st cons 5s
$10-$ year coll trust $61 / 3 \mathrm{~s}$
ist

 Miesissipdl Central 1st 5s
Mo Kan
Mo-K-T RR- $18 t$ gold Mo-K-T RR-Pr 158 S
$60-$-7ear 4 s Serleg B. 60-7ear 49 Serles B.
10-year 6 B Serles C Cum adjust 58 Ser A Jin 1967


 Mob \& Blr prior lien
Mortgage gold 48 Mobile \&o Ohlo now
1st extended gold
Goneral gold 48... Montgomery DI
Bt Louls Div Mob \& Mar 1stgan
Mont C 1st gug
1st gug Mont C 1st gug 68
Mst guar gold 59



 Assent with Apr 1924 coupon
New England cons $58 . \ldots . . .1945$ Oonsol 4s
N J Juno RR guar ist 48
N O \& N E 1st ref \& lmp 4 New Orleans Term 1st 4 NO Texas \& Mex 18t 6s oct 19
Non-cum Income 5s Oct 19 1st 53 Serles B.
1st $53 / 6 \mathrm{~S}$ Serles A


1

$\qquad$ x. oonos In N YB \& M g lst cong 5s

 N F Centratered in Mudson River-
Mortgage $31 / 3 \mathrm{~s}^{2}$
 4

Z
$\qquad$
Ref 516 G Ser ABC .

8a ext gold 43s8
dth ext gold 58.
8th ext
दZदद

N Y a Jersey 1st 58............1933
Registered n - C deb $4 \mathrm{~s}_{1} 1847$ M
Non-conv deben 3138....-1947
Non-conv deben 3153 m
Non-cony deben





N Y \& Putnam 1st con ..... 1942

Terminal 1st gold Sollo $\mathbf{Y}$ W'ches B B 1943


Due Jan b

New York Bond Record-Continued-Page 4

$a$ Due May $e$ Due June due May $k$ Due Auguat $\quad$ Option ale



## Outside Stock Exchanges



Boston Bond Record.-Transactions in bonds at Boston

| Bonds- | $\left\|\begin{array}{\|c\|c\|} \text { Priday } \\ \text { Last } \\ \text { Price. } \end{array}\right\|$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{l} \text { Week's Range } \\ \text { of Prices. } \\ \text { Low. High. } \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sales } \\ \text { for } \\ \text { Week. } \end{gathered}$ | Range Stnce Jan. 1. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Low. |  | High. |  |
| Anaconda Ćc |  | 1041/2 1041/2 | \$1,000 | 104 | ct |  |  |
| 1 G \& WI |  |  |  |  | n |  |  |
| E Mass St RR ser A $41 / \mathrm{s}^{4} 48$ |  | $\begin{array}{ll}983 / 4 & 99 \\ 64\end{array}$ |  | 62 |  |  |  |
| Ser B 5s.........- 1948 |  |  | 8,600 |  |  |  |  |
| tinger Schild |  | 100100 |  |  |  | 100 |  |
| Hood Rubber 78.-..--1936 |  | $1041 / 2105$ | 12,000 | ${ }_{91}^{101 / 8}$ |  |  |  |
| Income 5s |  | ${ }^{97 / 8 / 8} 9$ | 6,000 |  |  |  |  |
| Mass Gas 41/3s .......1929 |  | 981/6 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 100 | 961/8 96 | 10 |  |  |  |  |
| New Eng Tel 5s .....-1932 | 1 | 1001004 | 6. |  |  | 1015 |  |
|  |  | 961/2 $961 / 2$ |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | ${ }_{94}^{115} 11{ }^{115}$ | 边,3,000 <br> 3,000 | ${ }_{94}^{101}$ |  |  |  |
| Sliver Dyke 7s......-1928 |  | $981 /{ }^{981 / 2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Switt \& Co 5s....... 1944 | 100 | 993/ 100 | 11,000 |  |  |  |  |
| Warren Bros $71 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$ _ $\ldots 1937$ |  | ${ }^{145}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wiggin Term 51/2s...-1945 | 98.3 | 981/2 $981 / 2$ | 9,000 | 98\% |  | 981/2 | N |

Baltimore Stock Exchange.-Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange Nov. 28 to
clusive, compiled from official sales lists:

| Stocks- | $\left\|\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Fridde } \\ \text { Sast } \\ \text { Sole } \\ \text { Price. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Week's Range of Prices. Low. High | $\begin{array}{\|c\|c} \text { Sales } \\ \text { for } \\ \text { Whel. } \\ \text { Shares. } \end{array}$ | Range Since Jan. 1. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Low. |  | High |  |
| Amer Wholesale pret _ 100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 37 |  | 5,184 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 245 | $\begin{array}{lll}239 & 245 \\ 1414145\end{array}$ | 142 | ${ }_{1111 / 2}^{160}$ | ${ }_{\text {Jeb }}$ |  | Sept |
| Baltimore Tube. |  | 251/2 25 |  |  |  | ${ }^{32}$ |  |
| Preferred........... 100 |  |  | 75 |  |  | 70 | n |
| enesch | 40 | $40 \quad 40$ |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 510 |  |  |  |  |
| es \& P Tel of | 113 | $1121 / 213$ | 23 | $1101 / 8$ |  |  | - |
| Commercial |  | 531/2 $51 / 8$ | 4,415 | 22\% |  | $511 / 6$ |  |
| Preterred -........--- 25 | $251 / 2$ | $251 / 226$ | 749 |  | A |  |  |
| Preterred B | 27 | $263 / 27$ | 671 |  |  |  |  |
| Consol Gas E I | 3/4 | $421 / 2433$ | 839 |  | Jan | 47 |  |
| \% preferred |  | 1031/2 1031/2 | 185 | 102 | Jul |  |  |
| $6 \frac{1}{2} \%$ preterr | 1081/2 | 108110 | 70 |  | A |  |  |
| 7\% prefer | 1253/ | $\begin{array}{llll}111 & 111 \\ 1253 / 1253 / 4\end{array}$ | 180 | ${ }_{122}^{109}$ |  |  |  |
| Consolidation C |  | 545 |  | ${ }_{36}$ | May |  |  |
| Eastern Roll Mill com new* | 40 | $37 \quad 401 / 4$ | 10 | 37 | Nov |  |  |
| Federal Financ |  | 31 | 100 |  |  | 31 | Nov |
| Fidelity \& Deposit | 121 | $121{ }^{122}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Finance \& Guar pref |  | 183/2 1887 | 165 |  | May |  |  |
| $\underset{\text { Finanse Co of Ameri }}{\text { Preferred }}$ | 563/2 | $\begin{array}{lll}56 & 561 / 2 \\ 273 / 4 & 28\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Finance Service, Class A 10 |  | 201/820 | 85 | 181/4 |  | ${ }_{11}^{22}$ |  |
| ererred |  | 10 | 101 |  |  |  |  |
| Ga So \& Fla 2 d dret-.. 100 |  | ${ }^{175} \quad 175$ |  |  | Apr | 97 | Jan |
| Manufacturers Finance -25 |  | 63146 | 144 |  | July |  |  |
| Mfrrs Finance Trust pret-25 | 223 | 2214 223 223 23 |  | ${ }_{21}^{21}$ | June |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {1st preferred }}$ |  | $\begin{array}{lll}221 / 2 & 23 \\ 25\end{array}$ | 85 | ${ }_{22}^{21}$ | June |  |  |
| Maryland Casualty Coo.. 25 | 101 | ${ }_{99} \quad 101$ | 54 | $8{ }^{81 /}$ | Apr | 102 |  |
| Mercantlie Trust | 370 | 370 370 <br> 172  | 34 |  |  |  | v |
| erch \& Min $\operatorname{Tr} \mathrm{Co} \ldots 100$ |  | 172 44 4 18 | ,069 | 44 | ${ }_{\text {dee }}$ |  |  |
| Merchants \& | 451/2 |  | \% | 15 |  |  |  |
| Mtge \& Acceptance com-* | 23 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mt V-Woodb Mills v tr 100 <br> Preferred tr <br> 100 | ${ }_{781} 15$ | $\begin{array}{lll}15 & 16 \\ 781 / 2 & 81\end{array}$ |  |  | ${ }_{\text {Mar }}$ |  |  |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{lll}781 / 2 & 81 \\ 52 & 521 / 4 \\ & \end{array}$ |  | 5 | Jan |  | July |
| Norfolk Ry \& |  | ${ }_{80}^{27}{ }_{8}^{27}{ }^{27} 8{ }^{27}$ |  |  | ${ }_{\text {Man }}$ |  |  |
| Northern Central | 803/8 | ${ }^{801}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Penna Water |  | ${ }_{15}^{165}$ |  |  | May | 22 |  |
| Unlon Trust -...-....-. 50 |  | 215 |  |  | Mar | $2{ }^{2}$ |  |
| United Ry \& Electric ... 50 |  | ${ }_{212}^{173 / 4} 811^{173 / 4}$ |  |  | ${ }_{\text {an }}$ |  |  |
| Wash Balt \& Guar- ${ }^{50}$ | 212 | ${ }_{25}^{212} 2125$ | 120 | 11 | May | $251 / 4$ |  |
| West Md Diary Inc com.-* | 85 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| eferred_.-. |  | 52\% $52 \%$ | 75 | 44 | Apr | 62 | Oct |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Augusta Ry \& F |  |  | 85,000 | $901 / 9$ |  | 1044 |  |
| Chic Burl $\& 0 \mathrm{Qu} 5$ |  | 102\% 102\% | 10.0 | ${ }^{1025}$ | Dee | 102\%/8 | Dec |
| tmmerclal Credi | ${ }_{95}^{100}$ | $\begin{array}{rr}100 \\ 95 & 100 \\ 95\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cons GEL \& P 15 |  | 991/2 $991 / 2$ | 1,00 |  | Aug | 1001/4 |  |
| nsol Coal $41 / 6 \mathrm{~s}$ |  | $913 / 413$ | 1.0 |  | - | 98 | b |
| Elkhorn Coal |  | 10018100 | 2.00 |  | June | - |  |
| East |  |  |  |  | Dec | ${ }_{96} 98$ |  |
| Sou |  | 1001/81001/8 | 1,000 | 97\% |  | 100 |  |
| ington (Ky) St 5s. 1949 |  | $93 \quad 93$ | 9,000 | 92 | Jan | 94\% | June |
| Md Elec Ry 1st 5s...- 19 |  |  | ${ }^{1,000}$ |  | Mee | ${ }^{97}$ |  |
| United El L \& P 4 |  | ${ }_{98 \%}^{92 \%} 938$ |  |  | Jec | ${ }_{99}$ |  |
| ded |  | $661 / 26614$ | 22,000 | 66 |  |  |  |
| Income |  | 49.49 | 14,000 | 48 |  |  |  |
| Funding 5s........ 1936 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wash Balt \& Annap 5s 1941 | 731/2 | ${ }_{71 / 2}{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 48,000 | 58 | Ad | 743 | Sept |

Cincinnati Stock Exchange,-Record of transactions at
Cincinnati clusive, compiled from official sales lists:

| Stocks- Par. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Friday } \\ \text { Last } \\ \text { Sale } \\ \text { Price. } \end{gathered}$ | Week's Range <br> of Prices. <br> Low. High | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sales } \\ & \text { for } \\ & \text { feek. } \\ & \text { Shares. } \end{aligned}$ | ve Stnce Ja |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| dustria |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1321/2 | 125 12541254 | 2,405 |  | $\underset{\text { Feb }}{\text { Jan }}$ | 150 | Aug |
| Amer Rolling Mill com. 25 |  | 51\%/8 53 | 383 | 471/2 | n |  |  |
| Preterred - .-.... 100 | 10931/2 | ${ }_{31}^{109} 10{ }_{31}^{1093}$ | 157 10 | ${ }_{29}^{1061 / 4}$ | Feb |  |  |
| Amer Seedin | $\begin{array}{r}31 \\ 107 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr}31 \\ 107 & 107\end{array}$ | 10 | ${ }_{103}^{29}$ | ar |  |  |
| Buckeye Inc........... 100 | 31 | 3113131 | ${ }^{74}$ | $311 / 2$ | Oct |  | Oct |
| Champ Fibre pret ... 1000 | 103 | ${ }_{103}^{103} 10103$ | 10 |  | Jan | 105 | ${ }_{\text {Apit }}^{\text {Apr }}$ |
| urngold Corp ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  | 1 | 129 |  |  |  |
| City Ice \& Fu | 243/2 | 24 241/2 | 281 | 23 | June | 140 | Jan |


| Stocks (Conctudec)- |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { of Prices } \\ & \text { Bowion. } \end{aligned}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { sales } \\ \text { forer. } \\ \text { week. } \end{array}\right\|$ | ce |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Loro. | High. |
| Coon | 1083, |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {E }}^{\text {E }}$ |  | ${ }^{62}$ 31/2 | 288 |  |  |
| e we erncke |  | ${ }_{86}$ |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | y |
|  | 1031 | 1023 |  | 100 |  |
| del Radio |  |  |  |  |  |
| ger ommor | 12 |  | 385 |  |  |
| gon Refinin | 111 |  |  | 110 |  |
|  |  |  | 2,296 |  |  |
| ${ }^{\text {preferred }}$ |  |  |  | 1053 |  |
|  | ${ }_{23}^{107}$ |  |  | 103 | 108 |
| Can comm |  |  |  |  |  |
| terred |  |  | 220 | eb |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| pret . .-. - - .-. 100 | ${ }_{1041}^{111 / 4}$ | ${ }_{104}^{111}$ | 500 | $\begin{array}{ll}105 \\ 104 & \text { Fet } \\ \text { Fet }\end{array}$ | 109 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Citizens National - 1 Io6 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $t$ National. | 325 |  |  |  | 313/3 Aus |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ${ }_{121}^{91}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | ${ }_{109}^{79}$ |  | 132 | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { 75 } & \text { Jan } \\ 106 & \text { Mar }\end{array}$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ractonpret |  | 近 80 | 124 | 313/4 |  |

## 

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.-Record of transactions inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

|  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { Priaci } \\ & \text { Lasil } \\ & \text { Sarice } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}\right.$ |  | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { sales } \\ \text { Sor } \\ \text { Wheces. } \\ \text { Shares. } \end{array}$ | Stnce Jan. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Amer El Pow pref...... 10 | $\begin{gathered} 843, \\ 11003 \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{\text {104 }}^{104 / 3} 8$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| uso |  |  |  |  |  |
| Catawisa 1 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 230 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | - |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | (1) ${ }^{325}$ | 1,000 ${ }^{10}$ | 210, May50,July |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | ( $\begin{array}{r}100 \\ 10 \\ 84\end{array}$ |  |  |
|  | 16\% |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 20,105 ${ }^{20}$ |  |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} 50 \\ 59 \\ 5651 \\ 13 \\ 13 \end{gathered}$ |  | ( |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 10 |  |  |
|  |  | 退 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 40 |  |  | ${ }^{3814} \mathrm{Oct}$ |  |
|  |  |  | cose |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | (108) |  |  |
|  |  |  | 143 <br> 25 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| consol |  |  |  |  |  |
| RR gen 4/38.-1965 |  |  |  |  | 1/2 |
|  |  |  | s,0oo <br> 1,0oo |  | $\stackrel{70}{104}$ |
|  | ${ }_{\text {Na }}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

Chicago Stock Exchange.-Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Nov. 28 to Dec. 4, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

| Stocks- Par. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Friday } \\ \text { Last } \\ \text { Sale } \\ \text { Price. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Week's Range of Prices. <br> Low. High. |  | Sales <br> for <br> Week. <br> Shares. | Range Since Jan. 1. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Lown. | High, |  |
| AllIAmer Radio class A - 5 | 213 | 211/2 | $22^{1 / 2}$ |  | 1,015 | 18 | June |  | eb |
| Amer Pub Serv pref ... 100 | $961 / 2$ | 93 | $961 / 2$ | 1, 78 |  | May | 961/2 | Dec |
| Amer Armour \& Co(Del), pref 100 | 97 |  | 75 98 | ${ }_{339}^{200}$ |  | Apr |  | Sept |
| Armour \& Co pref..... 100 | $921 / 2$ | 917 | 93 | 1,962 | 84 | Apr | 9 | Oct |
| Common cl A vtc.-. 25 | 2514 | 251/8 | $251 / 2$ | 2,370 |  |  |  |  |
| Common cl Bvt c__ 25 | 1726 | $171 / 2$ | 183\% | 9.925 | 111/2 | Apr | 21 |  |

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.-Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Nov. 28 to Dec. 4, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

| Stocks- | $\left.\begin{array}{\|c} F_{\text {F }}^{\text {Liday }} \\ \text { Sast } \\ \text { Price. } \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ | Week's Range of Prices. <br> Low. High. | $\begin{array}{\|c\|c} \text { Sales } \\ \text { fere } \\ \text { Whares. } \\ \text { Shares. } \end{array}$ | Jan |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Low. |  |  |
| Am Vit | 31 | 311/4313 | 25 | 1/2 Jan | 35 |  |
| Am Wind Glass Mach . 100 |  |  |  | Nor | 110 |  |
| Am Wind Glass Co, pt. 100 |  | 110 |  | ${ }_{110}^{92 / 4} \begin{array}{cc}\text { Dec } \\ \text { Jan }\end{array}$ |  |  |
| Arkansas Nat Gas com. 10 | 3/ | $61 / 2{ }^{63}$ | 4,165 |  | 5 |  |
| w-Knox |  | ${ }_{99}{ }^{99}$ | 35 | ${ }^{59}$ Nov |  |  |
| rnegie Mstals......10 |  |  | 862 | ${ }_{14}{ }^{93}$ July |  |  |
| Colonial Trust Co...... 100 |  | $220 \quad 220$ | 38 |  | 225 |  |
| monweath Tr Co- 100 |  | ${ }^{260}{ }^{260}$ | 20 |  | 260 |  |
| solldated Ice pret... 50 |  | $211 / 8$ 168 16 |  |  |  |  |
| - |  | ${ }_{90}^{16}$ | 270 | 141/3 |  |  |




|  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  <br>  <br>  <br>  | ～NA |  |
|  <br>  ง Nั「が |  <br> ふ ス N <br> స్ర్ర |  <br>  <br>  <br>  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  <br>  <br>  |  <br>  <br>  | \％\％ |
|  |  <br>  <br>  |  सू む <br>  <br>  | 翌 |

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[b]{2}{*}{ocks (Conttnued)} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\[
\left|\begin{array}{c}
\text { Friday } \\
\text { Last } \\
\text { Sale } \\
\text { Price. }
\end{array}\right|
\]} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Week's Range of Prices. Low. High.} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\[
\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered}
\text { Sales } \\
\text { for } \\
\text { Week. } \\
\text { Shares. }
\end{gathered}\right.
\]} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Range Stince Jan. 1.} \\
\hline \& \& \& \& Low. \& \\
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{Mining Stock} \\
\hline Alvarado Min \& Mi 1.-. 20 \& 75 c \& \& \& \& ar \\
\hline ona \& 18 c \& \& \& \& \\
\hline ver \& \& 45 c 45c \& 1. \& 24 c \& 45 c Nov \\
\hline Calaveras Coppe \& \& 4
50
50 \& \& 1 \& 43 N \\
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{} \\
\hline \& 154 \& \& \& 143 N \& \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} \& \& \& \& \({ }_{6}^{6 c}\) Nov \& \\
\hline \& \& \& \& \& \\
\hline Engineer Gold Mines, Lid. 5 \& 18\% \& \(13 \quad 20\) \& 11,60 \& 111/4 Nov \& \(109{ }^{1 / 3}\) July \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{First Thuought} \& \& \begin{tabular}{l} 
6e \\
6 c \\
\hline 8 c \\
10 c \\
\hline
\end{tabular} \& \& Nov \& \({ }^{23 \mathrm{C}} \mathrm{F}\) \\
\hline \& \& \& \& \& \({ }^{\text {cise }}\) \\
\hline \begin{tabular}{l}
Forty-Nine Mining Co \\
Golden Centre Mines
\end{tabular} \& 23 \& \& \& 11/2 Nov \& 73/ July \\
\hline Golden Cycle eli.j-... \& c \& 17 c 17c \& \& 号 \& \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Hawtorre MInes, Inc- -15} \& \& \(171 / 218\) \& \& \& \\
\hline \& \& \(17.171 / 4\) \& \& \& 173/4 Oct \\
\hline Hollinger Consol G M Jerome Verde Development \& 1354 \& \(\begin{array}{cc}70 \mathrm{e} \& 1 \\ 1 \% \& 1^{18}\end{array}\) \& \& S \& \({ }_{2}^{2} / 78\) Apr \\
\hline Jerome Verde Development Kay Copper Co \& \& \& \& \& eb \\
\hline Kerr Lake - \({ }_{\text {Mason Vally }}\) Mines.-.-.-5 \& \& \& \& \& n \\
\hline \begin{tabular}{l} 
National Tin Corp-...-50 \\
New Cornelia Copper-. \\
\hline
\end{tabular} \& \& \& \& \& \\
\hline New Correlia Copper-.-105 \& 205 \& 2043206 \& \& \(181 / 4 \mathrm{May}\) \& 248/3 Jan \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Newmont Mining Cord-10} \& 453/3 \& \(453 / 45\) \& \& \& \(46 \%\) July \\
\hline \& \& \& 8.7 \& \& n \\
\hline \& \({ }_{451}\) \& 39 c \& 12,00 \& \& ec \\
\hline North Butte-............. 15
Ohio Copper-....... \& 31/4 \&  \& \& \& \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Parmac Porcupine Min
Plymouth Lead Mines} \& \& 26 c \& \& \& \\
\hline \& 65 c \& 6 c
6505
650 \& \& \({ }^{45 \mathrm{c}}\) - \& er \\
\hline Portland Gold Mining - 1 \& \& \({ }^{214}\) \& \& \& 1/8 Sept \\
\hline (eremer Gold Min, Ltd. 1 \& \& \& \& \& \\
\hline Rochester Silver Corp-...- \& \& \begin{tabular}{ll} 
5c \\
39 c \& 39 c \\
\hline 0
\end{tabular} \& 1,0 \& \& \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Shaw Mines Corporation South Amer Gold \& Plat Speated Gold Mining} \& \& \& \& \(21 / 2 \mathrm{May}\) \& \\
\hline \& \& \& \& \& \\
\hline Tpearheau Goid \& \& 1\% \& 1,700 \& Ad \& \% \\
\hline Tonopah Belmont Devel. 1 Tonopah Extension \& \& \& 7,60 \& \& - Feb \\
\hline Tonopah Extension.....-1 \({ }^{\text {a }}\) \& \& \& \& \& \\
\hline  \& \& 4 \& 1,0 \& 39c Jan \& \\
\hline United Verde Extens.-. 50 e \& 27 \& 25 \& \& \(2031 / 2\) \& n \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{United} \& 8c \& \& \& \({ }_{6}{ }^{20}\) \& \\
\hline \& \& 50 c \& \& \& \\
\hline Unity Gold Mines. \& 6\% \& \& 4,0 \& \& \\
\hline Utah Metal \& Tunnel.....
Wenden Copper Mining... \& 79 c \& \& 1,30 \& \& \\
\hline \& \& \& \& \& 74 c Oct \\
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{} \\
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{Bonds} \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Allied Pack deb 6s.... 1939} \& \& \& \& \& \\
\hline \& 883/4 \& 883 \& \& \& \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\({ }_{\text {Amer }}\) A \& E deb 68.-2014} \& \& \& \& 160 \& \\
\hline \& \& \& \& \& \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{American Power \& Light6s old without warr-2014} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{9456} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{216,006
54,000} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{981/ May
\(98 \%\)} \\
\hline \& \& \& \& \& \\
\hline ner \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} \& 1013/20132 102 \& \& \(1021 /{ }^{\text {a }}\) \& \\
\hline ner W \& \& \& \& \& - \\
\hline Anacond \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\(1{ }_{941 / 2}\)} \& \& \& \& \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\begin{tabular}{l}
Assoc Gas \& Elec 68. 1965 \\
Assoc'd Simmons Hardware \\
61/2s. \\
1935
\end{tabular}} \& \& 4 \& \& \& \\
\hline \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\[
\begin{aligned}
\& 951 / 21 \\
\& 2020
\end{aligned}
\]} \& \& \& \& \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Atlantic Fruit Ss Atl G \& W I SS L 5 s . 1959} \& \& 203480 \& \& 171/ Oc \& \\
\hline \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} \& \& \& \& \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} \& \& \& \& \& \\
\hline \& 100393/ \& \& 3, 3 , 0 \& Au \& \\
\hline Bell Telep ot Can 5s...1955 \& 10 \& 103 \% 104 \& 30,0 \& \({ }_{103}{ }^{2} \mathrm{Ma}\) \& 1047/8 @ct \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Boston\& Maine RR 681933} \& \& \& \& \& \\
\hline \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{110} \& \& \& \& \\
\hline Ch Milw \& St P (new co)-
Adj mtge \(5 \mathrm{~s} \mathbf{w}\) 1.... 2000 \& \& 6. \(561 / 6\) \& 31,000 \& \({ }_{100}^{521 / 4}\) Sept \& 581/2 Nov \\
\hline Chic R 1 \& Pac 5 \& \& \& \& \& \\
\hline Cities Service \& 91 \& \({ }_{1261 / 21261}^{90}\) \& 8 \& \({ }_{111}^{90}\) Jan \& \\
\hline  \& \& \& 64,0 \& \& \\
\hline Cities Serv Pr \& Lt \({ }^{\text {cs-1 }}\)-1944 \& - \& \& \& \& \\
\hline Cons G. EL\& P, Bait \& \& 1051/2 1051/21 \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{1,000
10,000} \& 1041/2 Jan \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{108 June} \\
\hline \({ }_{68}^{68}\) Series A-....-. 1949 \& 991/2 \& 1059/2 100 \& \& \({ }_{98}\) Aug \& \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Consol Textile 8s---1-1941} \& \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} \& 2,0 \& 80 Apr \& \\
\hline \& \& \& \& \& \\
\hline  \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\({ }_{923} 10\)} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\[
\begin{aligned}
\& 109 \\
\& 921 / 2 \\
\& 943 \\
\& 94
\end{aligned}
\]} \& 19 \& \& \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} \& \& \& \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\({ }_{1021 / 2}^{90}\)} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\({ }_{95}{ }^{\text {a }}\) June} \\
\hline \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{1047/4/4} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\[
\begin{array}{rl}
941 / 4 \& 9476 \\
1043 / 20476
\end{array}
\]} \& \begin{tabular}{|c}
13,000 \\
9,000 \\
\hline
\end{tabular} \& \& \\
\hline Detroit City Gas 68.1947 \& \& \& 9,0 \& \& \\
\hline Debenture \& \({ }_{136}^{136}\) \& \& 1,000
5,000 \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\({ }_{1215 / 2}{ }^{114}\) Man} \& (1501/2 Oct \\
\hline Debenture 78..... 1930 \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\({ }_{84}\)} \& 136
8234
84
84 \& 91.0 \& \& \\
\hline Est RR of France 78-. 1952 \& \& \& \& \& \({ }^{94} 1041 / 2\) Nov \\
\hline Gair (Robert) Co 7s... 1937 \& 104 \& \& \[
\begin{array}{r}
2,000 \\
7,0,000
\end{array}
\] \& \({ }^{99} \mathrm{Apr}\) \& 1041/2 July \\
\hline General Ice Cream \(63 / 3 \mathrm{~s}{ }^{\prime 2}\) \& 1013/ \& \(1121 / 114\) \& 7, 7 \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{1003/ Jan} \& 1121/2 Juy \\
\hline General Petroleum 18 Es - 151940 \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{9431} \& \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{79,000} \& \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{crever \({ }^{\text {95 }}\)} \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Great Cons Elec 6 6 \% \(\mathrm{s}^{\text {- } 1954}\)} \& \& 年 \(9434.94 \%\) \& \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\(85 \%\) Nov} \& \\
\hline \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{89\%\% 995} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{3,000} \& \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{101/3/3 May} \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} \& \& \& \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{1001/3} \& \\
\hline \& \& \({ }_{96}^{100 / 8} 1019\) \& 6,0 \& \& 1013/8

96 <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Hood rubber 78} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{1043/2105,} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{10.000} \& cis \& 105\%3 July <br>
\hline \& \& \& \&  \& \multirow[b]{3}{*}{861/2 July
91} <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Hod rubber 78.151936} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{$\begin{array}{ll}847 / 4 & 851 / 4 \\ 87 & 87\end{array}$} \& 32,0 \& \& <br>
\hline \& \& \& 1,0 \& A \& <br>
\hline \& \& $911 / 2913 /$ \& ${ }^{21,0}$ \& ${ }_{\text {Aug }}^{\text {Oct }}$ \& <br>
\hline Krupp (Fried), Ltd, 7s1929 \& \& \& 1,0 \& 100 \& <br>
\hline \& \& \& \& 10 \& <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Lliby, McN \& Lib 7 7. 1931} \& \& 104\%\% \& \& \& <br>
\hline \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Manitsoba Power 7 Ss- -1945} \& 103 \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{$\begin{array}{lll}103 & 103 \\ 1003 & 1003 \\ 103\end{array}$} \& \& \& 104 <br>
\hline \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} \& \& \& AD \& <br>
\hline Missouri Pactilic RR 581929
Morris \& Co $71 / 8.51932$ \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline Nor States Pow 61/2s. 19393 \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline Oh1/3s gold \& 103
94 \& \& \& $89{ }^{991 / 2}$ Jan \& 104 <br>
\hline Penn Poo \& \& 97 \& 5 5, \& ${ }_{95}^{95} \mathrm{AD}$ \& May <br>
\hline \& \& \& \& 10 \& <br>
\hline Phila Eleetric 68.......- 1 \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline phla Rapld T \& \& \& 12,000 \& \& 99 Mar <br>
\hline IIIP \& \& \& \& \& 10273 Nov <br>
\hline Pure \& 102\% \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline 7 s Series "A"- ${ }^{\text {a }}$ - 1950 \& \& \& 43 \& \& <br>
\hline ne-Westphal E \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}



New York City Realty and Surety Companies. All prices dollars per share.

| Allance R'ty | ${ }^{\text {Brad }} 170$ | ${ }_{\text {Ask }}$ Ask. | Mtge Bond.- | $\begin{aligned} & B i d . \\ & 150 \end{aligned}$ | Ask. | Realty Assoc. | Bid. ${ }^{\text {A }}$ dk.. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 180 189 | Mtge Bond.- |  | 2i 18 | Reatry Assoc. (Bklyn) ${ }^{\text {com }}$ ( | 430 |  |
| Bond \& M G | 297 | 302 | N Y Title \& |  |  | 1 ist pret | 93 |  |
| Lawy ers Mtge | 225 | 232 | Iortgage- | 496 | 502 | 2 d pre | 87 | 92 |
| Lawyers Title | 370 | 375 | S Casuaity- |  | 3 $4 \overline{6}$ | Westchester ${ }^{\text {Title }}$ \& Tr - | 10 |  |

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

| Banks-N.Y. | Bid. 330 | ${ }_{340}$ | Banks. | $\begin{aligned} & B i d . \\ & 218 \end{aligned}$ | 225 | Trust Cos. | Bid. | Ask. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Amer Ex Pac | 475 | 480 | Hanover | 1100 | 1120 | American |  |  |
| Amer Union* | 205 | 220 | Harriman | 480 | 490 | Bank of N Y |  |  |
| Broadway Cen | 245 |  | Manhattan* | 225 | 230 | \& Trust Co | 625 | 635 |
| Bronx Boro*- | 750 |  | Mech \& Met- | 424 | 429 | Bankers Trust | 568 | 575. |
| Bronx Nat. | 350 | 450 | Mutual* | 465 |  | Bronx Co Tr- | 230 | 250 |
| Bryant Park* | 210 | 230 | Nat American | 175 | 185 | Central Union | 883 | 888. |
| Butch \& Drov | 170 | 180 | National City | 585 | 602 | Empire | 347 | 353 |
| Capitol Nat. | 215 | 225 | New Neth* | 270 | 280 | Equitable Tr- | 307 | 311. |
| Cent Mercan. | 340 | 355 | Park. | 508 | 518 | Farm L \& Tr- | 545 | 555 |
| Chase - | $5 ¢ 0$ | 565 | Penn Exch | 124 | 134 | Fidelity Inter | 315 | 325 |
| Chath Phenix |  |  | Port Morrls | 200 630 |  | Fulton...-. | 340 |  |
| Nat Bk \& Tr Chelsea Exch* | 215 | 363 225 | Public | ${ }^{630}$ | 640 710 | Guaranty Tr- | 374 | 377 |
| Chelsea Exch* Chemlcal | 710 | 725 | Sevent | 170 | 710 180 | Irving Bank- Columbia Tr | 326 |  |
| Coal \& Iron.. | 345 | 355 | Sta | 490 | 515 | Lawyers Tr.- | 32 | 329. |
| Colonial* | 550 |  | State* | 800 | 825 | Manufacturer | 497 | 503 |
| Commerce. | 363 | 368 | Trade* | 145 | 155 | Mutual(West |  |  |
| Com'nwealth* | 350 | 360 | United | 210 | 225 | chester) | 235 | 255 |
| Continental | 250 |  | United States* | 285 | 295 | N Y Trust-- | 538 | 545 |
| Corn Exch -- | 575 | 585 | $\mathrm{Wash'n} \mathrm{Hts*}_{\text {Brooklyn }}$ | 725 | -.- | Title Gu \& Tr | 710 | 720 |
| Cosmop'tan* | ${ }_{355}^{190}$ | 370 | $\stackrel{\text { Brooklyn }}{\text { Coney Island* }}$ | 210 |  | U S Mtg \& Tr | 380 1865 | 390 1880 |
| Fifth Avenue* | 2350 |  | F1rst......... | 450 |  | Westehes Tr- | 180 |  |
| First | 2950 | 3000 | Mechanics**- | 245 | 275 | Brooklyn. |  |  |
| Frankli | 160 | 170 | Montauk* | 260 |  | Brooklyn Tr. | 885 | 895 |
| Garf | 380 |  | Na | 310 | 320 | Kings County | 2300 | 2400 |
| Grace | 270 |  |  | 475 |  | Mid | 270 |  |
| Greenwich* | 425 | 475 | Queensboro* | 175 |  | People's | 910 | 925 |

* Banks marked (*) are State banks. ( $x$ ) Ex-dividend. (y) Ex-rights.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.-In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the fourth week of November. The table covers five roads and shows $16.62 \%$ increase over the same week last year.

| Fourth Week of November. | 1925. | 1924. | Increase. | Decrease. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ann Arbor - .-. --.............- |  |  |  | \$ |
| Buffalo Rochester \& Pittsburgh- |  | 405,256 |  |  |
| Canadian Pacific ${ }^{\text {Min }}$ - | 5,845,000 | 4,839,000 | 006, |  |
| St Louis-San Francis | 2,589,586 | 2,334,925 |  |  |
|  | 9,330,696 | 8,000,532 |  |  |
| In the table which follows we also complete our summary of the earnings for the third week of November: |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Third Week of November. | 1925 | 1924 | Increase. |  |
| Previously reported (8 roads) --- | $\begin{array}{\|r\|} \hline \$ \\ 17,441,743 \\ 128,443 \\ 116,734 \\ 60,600 \\ 5,537 \\ 366,700 \\ 7,975 \\ 4,048,449 \\ 393.500 \end{array}$ |  |  | 171.906 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 3.932 \\ 24,258 \end{array}$ |
| Mobile \& Ohio |  |  |  |  |
| Novada Califorrià |  |  |  |  |
| Southern Ry Sys |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 236,027 \\ 316 \end{array}$ |  |
| Total (16 roads) <br> Net increase ( $8.32 \%$ )--------------- | 22,569,751 | $\begin{array}{r} 20,837,118 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | 200,096 |
|  |  |  | 1,932, |  |

In the following we show the weekly earnings for a number of weeks past:

| Week. | Current | Previous Year. | Increase or Decrease. | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4th week Aug (16 road | 27.448.599 | 24,984,483 |  |  |
|  | 18.8492.977 | 17.369.297 | +1.480,680 | 19.86 |
| $3{ }^{2 d}$ week Sept. (16 roads | ${ }_{22,365,276}^{21,62,58}$ | 18,301,073 | +3,381,465 |  |
| 4 th week Sept. (16 roads) | 30,851,276 | 27,590,892 | - $3,260,474$ | 硅 |
| 1 1st week Oct. (16 roads) | 23.008.039 | 20,888,632 | - 211 | 1.73 |
| 2 d week Oct. 16 roads | 23,141.397 | 21,538,083 | +1.603,314 | 7.42 |
| 4 4th week Oct. (16 roads | 22,817.485 | 21,999,088 | +818, | 3.72 |
| 1 1st week Nov (16 roads) | 21,623,284 | 21,792,143 | +290. | . 71 |
| 2 d week Nov. (16 roads | 22,230,760 | 21,098,641 | +1,132,119 |  |
| 4 4th week Nov. ( ${ }^{6} 5 \mathrm{r}$ roads) | $22,569,751$ $9,330,696$ | $20,837.118$ $8,000,532$ | +1,732 | 22 |

We also give the following comparisons of the monthly totals of railroad earnings, both gross and net (the net before the deduction of taxes), these being very comprehensive. They include all the Class A roads in the country, with a total mileage each month as stated in the footnote to the table.

Note.-Percentage of Increase or decrease in net for above months has been January, 20.7 \% $\mathbf{~} 11.32 \%$ Inc.
In Jan. the length of road covered was 236,149 miles in 1925, against 235,498 agalnst 236,048 miles, In April, 236,664 miles 236,031 miles, in March, 236,559 miles, miles, against 236,098 miles, in June, 236.779 miles, against 236,357 milles, in July 236,762 miles, against 236.525 milles; in August. 236.750 miles, against miles, in July, a September, 236,752 miles, against 236,587 miles.

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.-The table following shows the gross and net earnings for STEAM railroads reported this week:

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Net from } \\ & 1925 . \\ & \$ \mathrm{~S} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ratlway- } \\ & 1924 . \\ & \$ 8 \end{aligned}$ | $1925 .$ | Taxes- \$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| From Jan 1. 2,660,038 2,330,088 | 1,084,043 | ${ }_{953,846}$ |  | 114.036 |
| Alabama \& Vicksburg- |  |  |  |  |
| October--- 354,820 350,548 | 132,196 | 91,093 | 49 |  |
| From Jan 1- 2,986,899 $2,985,393$ | 880,8 | 636,167 | 578,325 |  |
| American Railway Express- |  |  |  |  |
| August --- 23,119,309 22,207,594 | 295,772 | 274,9 | 111,210 |  |
| From Jan 1-184067940 184693,961 | 2,16 | 2,052,384 | 733,117 | 640,210 |
| Ann Arbor- 640,210 |  |  |  |  |
| October--- 573,981 512,634 | 160,106 | 132,607 | 139,188 |  |
| From Jan 1. 4,854,504 4,551,027 | 1,223,848 | 985,887 | 1,025,850 | 103,212 754.286 |
| Atchison Topeka \& Santa Fe- |  |  |  |  |
| October-..-21,141,579 20,249,200 | 9,584,640 | 7,640,398 | 7,616,521 |  |
| From Jan 1-161166963 160264,243 | 48,110,374 | 41,272,174 | 35,259,725 | 28.424,541 |
| Gulf Colorado \& Santa $\mathrm{Fe}-$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1,169,723 | $1,578,515$ $5,321,669$ | 1,078,371 | 1,483,411 |
| Panhandle \& Santa Fe - |  |  |  |  |
| October-..- 1,317,309 1,242,113 | 596,425 | 525,374 |  |  |
| From Jan 1. 8,897,753 8,808,744 | 2,883,991 | 2,422,252 | $\begin{array}{r} 517,593 \\ 2,482,925 \end{array}$ | 467,747 $2,125,384$ |
| Atlanta Birmingham \& Atlantic- |  |  |  |  |
| October---- 484,973 413,313 | 75,452 | 41,304 | 63,648 |  |
| From Jan 1- 4,421,009 3,973,102 | 482,627 | 330,646 | 351,688 | 201,849 |
| Atlanta \& West Point- |  |  |  |  |
| October---- 300,747 257,163 | 82,401 | 74,332 | 67,455 |  |
| From Jan 1- 2,623,386 2,398,362 | 634,740 | 504,922 | 477,458 | 380,070 |
| Atlantic City- |  |  |  |  |
| October--- 304,323 319,176 | -28,021 | -37,019 | -60,271 |  |
| From Jan 1_ 4,522,911 _ 4,181,323 | 946,737 | 566,615 | 710,202 | -366,776 |
| Atlantlc Coast Line |  |  |  |  |
| October--- $8,504,905 \quad 5,987,487$ | 2,578,737 | 936,941 | 1,978,020 |  |
| From Jan 1-76,370,332 66,980,553 | 23,674,687 | 16,965,392 | 18,361,834 | $12,524,528$ |

## Baltimore \& Ohio-

$\begin{array}{lcccc} & \$ & 8 & 1924 . & \text { Net } \\ & 825 . \\ \text { Baltimore \& Ohio- } & \$ & 8 & 8 & \$ .\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { October_-23,736,093 } & 21,309,541 & 6,877,359 & 5,899,211 & 6,027,348 & 5,078,08\end{array}$
 :ato

 nedicimo



 moman

 Canadian National Rys-




 c.
 Central of Georgla-
$\begin{array}{rrrrrrr}\text { Central or Georgia- } & & & & & & \\ \text { October--. } 2,888,666 & 2,519,878 & 910,172 & 693,328 & 782,552 & 558,014 \\ \text { From Jan 1-24,929,488 } & 22,427,388 & 6,062,578 & 4,938,073 & 4,930,834 & 3,860,667\end{array}$ $\left.\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Central RR of N J- } \\ \text { October_-. } & 4,359,779 & 5,077,541 & 881,018 & 2,032,983 & 531,217 \\ \text { Oct } & 1,617 & 80\end{array}\right]$ $\begin{array}{lrrrrrr}\text { October_-_- } & 4,359,779 & 5,077,541 & 881,018 & 2,032,983 & 531,217 & 1,617,805 \\ \text { From Jan } 147,337,872 & 46,710,274 & 12,655,290 & 12,773,699 & 8,923,263 & 8,954,404\end{array}$ $\left.\begin{array}{rrrrrr}\text { Central New England- } & & & & & \\ \text { October.-. } & 588,961 & 709,005 & 64,211 & 163,162 & 39,206 \\ \text { From Jan 1. } & 6,267,936 & 6,743,572 & 1,664,541 & 1,860,340 & 1,415,898\end{array}\right) 1,603,066$ Central Vermont $\begin{array}{lrrrrr}\text { October }-\ldots- & 763,652 & 697,202 & 197,589 & 140,602 & 178,498 \\ \text { From Jan 1- } 7,121,676 & 7,187,371 & 767,853 & 1,018,667 & 576,357 & 828,621\end{array}$ Charleston \& West Carolina $\begin{array}{lllllrr}\text { October } & 347,924 & 339,214 & 105,014 & 106,629 & 84,913 & 89,115 \\ \text { From Jan 1. } & 3,402,138 & 2,223,322 & 941,206 & 668,201 & 740,347 & 492,391\end{array}$
 Chicago \& Alton$\begin{array}{rrrrrr}\text { October... } 2,990,994 & 2,949,666 & 856,897 & 718,478 & 721,189 & 610,067 \\ \text { From Jan } 1-25,613,648 & 25,769,212 & 6,255,883 & 5,870,114 & 5,223,159 & 4,903,148\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llllllllllll}\text { Chicago Burl \& Quincy- } & & & & & \\ \text { October-15,751,770 } & 16,456,589 & 5,247,799 & 5,215,747 & 4,195,376 & 4,323,506\end{array}$ Chicago \& East 11,382
 $\begin{array}{llrrrrr}\text { Chicago Great Western- } & & & & & \\ \text { October-..-2,456,654 } & 2,413,881 & 648,547 & 600,122 & 565,147 & 522,028 \\ \text { From Jan 1 } 20,303,677 & 20,552,605 & 3,744,249 & 3,555,701 & 2,931,607 & 2,793,441\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lrrrrr}\text { Chicago Ind \& Loulsville } & & & & & \\ \text { October-... } 1,678,588 & 1,551,755 & 507,173 & 475,424 & 418,207 & 380,868 \\ \text { From Jan 1-14,691,900 } & 14,241,387 & 4,105,384 & 3,891,971 & 3,350,584 & 3,104,792\end{array}$ Chicago M1lw \& St Paul-
$\begin{array}{llllllll}\text { October_-1 } & 16,240,927 & 16,377,721 & 4,646,695 & 5,251,891 & 3,942,652 & 4,543,641 \\ \text { Fr'm Jan 1134,632,455 } & 131731,316 & 25,273,743 & 25,938,958 & 17,776,407 & 18,222,973\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { Chleago \& North Western- } & & & & \\ \text { October.-. } 14,772,076 & 14,950,129 & 3,728,293 & 3,990,884 & 2,924,906 & 3.187,992 \\ \text { Fr'm Jan } 1124,072,234 & 126376,408 & 27,876,655 & 24,236,485 & 19,846,330 & 16,577,950\end{array}$ Chic Peoria \& St Louis-
 Chicago River \& Indiana-
 Chic R I \& Paciftc
 $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Chic R I \& Gulf- } \\ \text { October } \\ 545,558 & 656,188 \quad 166,255 & 270,633 & 132,834 \\ 258,143\end{array}$
 Chicago St Paul Minn \& O-October-.- $2,578,985 \quad 2,859,23$ Cinc Ind \& Western$\begin{array}{lrrrrrr}\text { Cinc Ind \& Western- } & & & & & \\ \text { October.... } & 424,392 & 452,044 & 83,549 & 93,770 & 62,700 & 73,270 \\ \text { From Jan 1. } & 3,995,687 & 3,728,611 & 677,040 & 580,149 & 491,158 & 396,691\end{array}$ Clinchfield-
 $\begin{array}{lrrrrr}\text { Colorado \& Southern- } & & & & & \\ \text { October--1,258,506 } & 1,265,403 & 411,849 & 433,562 & 346,624 & 359,867 \\ \text { From Jan 1-10,020,572 } & 10,525,386 & 1,959,293 & 2.062,007 & 1,316,618 & 1,433,164\end{array}$ Ft Worth \& Denver City-
$\begin{array}{llrrrrr}\text { Ft Worth \& Denver City- } & & & & \\ \text { October... } & 1,161,146 & 1,149,106 & 551,330 & 567,081 & 494,141 & 500,342 \\ \text { From Jan i. } 9,082,931 & 8,610,152 & 3,200,786 & 3,134,956 & 2,656,087 & 2,696,579\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lrrrrrr}\text { Trinity \& Brazos Valley- } & & & & \\ \text { October } & 223,967 & 265,528 & 20,530 & 87,819 & 12,796 & 78,903 \\ \text { From Jan 1._ } & 2,045,732 & 1,749,934 & -124,845 & -138,804 & -202,857 & -212,679\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lrrrrrr}\text { October_- } & 223,967 & 265,528 & 20,530 & 87,819 & 12,796 & 78,903 \\ \text { From Jan 1-2,045,732 } & 1,749,934 & -124,845 & -138,804 & -202,857 & -212,679 \\ \text { Wichita Valley- } & 202,898 & 200,030 & 121,347 & 120,395 & 114,655 & 105,673\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lrrrrrr}\text { October_-1.- } & 202,898 & 200,030 & 121,347 & 120,395 & 114,655 & 105,673 \\ \text { From Jan 1. 1,327,070 } & 1,461,726 & 612,139 & 703,989 & 523,265 & 617,574\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lrrrrrr}\text { Columbus \& Greens- } \\ \text { October_-.- } 183,244 \\ \text { From Jan 1- } & 1,381,824 & 1,337,450 & 163,336 & 164,045 & 145,019 & 149,440\end{array}$ Delaware \& Hudson$\begin{array}{lrrrrrr} \\ \text { Oelaware \& Hudson- } & & 2,634,934 & 3,832,444 & 37,577 & 844,305 & \\ \text { Otober.... } & -74,885 & & 737,637 \\ \text { From Jan 1.37,052,813 } & 37,553,284 & 7,850,323 & 7,104,860 & 6,724,576 & 6,067,208\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llllllllll}\text { Delaware Lack \& Western- } \\ \text { October... } & 6,477,320 & 7,879,309 & 1,697,140 & 2,357,645 & 1,101,742 & 1,707,444 \\ \text { From Jan 1.71.642,690 } & 72,092,513 & 18,889,678 & 18,262,206 & 12,938,851 & 12,674,144\end{array}$ Denver \& Rio Grande-
$\begin{array}{lrrrrrr} \\ \text { October.-... } 3,680,682 & 3,555,408 & 1,164,139 & 654,148 & 949,035 & 498,252 \\ \text { From Jan 1.27,425,620 } & 27,239,294 & 6,892,389 & 3,848,314 & 5,132,398 & 2.257,299\end{array}$ Denver \& Salt Lake-


 $\begin{array}{lllllll} \\ \begin{array}{llllll}\text { Detrolt Terminal } \\ \text { October_1 } \\ \text { 249,002 }\end{array} & 199,882 & 77.939 & 56,478 & 59,955 & 38,191\end{array}$

 Deta toishore Uino









 Chlcago \& Erie
 NJENYRR-
 Evansvile Ind \& Terre Haute
 Florlda East Coast-

 Fort Smlth \& Western-

 Georgia \& Florida





 Guir $\&$ Ship Iland-
 Hocking valley -


 Yazoo \& M1ssisselppl Valley-

 From Jan 1. 14,034,045
Kansas Ctyy Mexico \& Orient
 K C Mexteo \& Ortient of Texas
 Kansas Clty Southern- $\quad$ O , 703,629 $\begin{array}{ll}\text { October--. } & 1,681,154 \\ \text { From Jan 1.15,115,113 } & 15,1503,629\end{array}$ Texarkana \& Ft Smith-

 Kansas Okla \& Gulf| October..... | 277. | 271 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| From Jan 1. | $1,997.328$ | $1,771,244$ | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Lake Superior \& Ishpeming- } \\ \text { Otober.-... } & 305.733 & 223,565 \\ \text { From Jan 1. } & \text { 1,979.037 } & 1,624,351\end{array}$ Lake Terminal$\begin{array}{lr}\text { Lake Terminal- } & 108,147 \\ \text { October....1. } & \text { 108,895 } \\ \text { From Jan 1. } & 1,009.123 \\ 903,143\end{array}$ Froman 1. 1,00, 123 $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Lehigh \& Hudson River- } & \\ \text { October--1. } & 223,642 \\ \text { From Jan 1- } & 2,605,318 & 2,656,213\end{array}$ น8:300

 Lehigh Valley $\begin{array}{llllllll}\text { October-1. } & 5,894,306 & 7,187,202 & 962,090 & 1,593,493 & 735,774 & 1,260,968 \\ \text { From Jan 1-64,281,477 } & 63,896,545 & 15,742,702 & 13,159,213 & 12,262,551 & 10,457,214\end{array}$ | Los Angeles \& Salt Lake- |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| October-.- $2,406,564$ | $2,221,455$ | 443,974 | 40,905 | 309,611 | 302,822 | $\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { From Jan } 1.20,234,489 & 20,588,903 & 4,277,122 & 3,860,221 & 2,923,288 & 2,565,662\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllllrr}\text { Loulslana \& Arkansas- } & & & & & & \\ \text { October..... } & 367.393 & 368,848 & 111,653 & 106,599 & 73,991 & 74,652 \\ \text { From Jan 1- } & 3,419,945 & 3,346,801 & 1,141,202 & 902,909 & 825,759 & 662,075\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { Loulsiana Ry \& Nav Co- } & & 501,732 & 52,739 & 9.958 & 32,730 & 8.042\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lrrrrrr}\text { Octaber..... } & 356,271 & 391,732 & 52,739 & 9,958 & 32,730 & 8,042 \\ \text { From Jan 1. } & 3,153,829 & 3,413,555 & 526,898 & 380,038 & 325,158 & 199,300\end{array}$




 Malne Central -
Octo







 Mobile \& Ohlo-


 Nevada Northern-





 | St L browns \& Mex |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |












 Norfolk southern-



 Penngylvanla System-
Pennesyly












 | Pittsburgh Shawmut \& Northern- |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| October..... | 188,109 | 166,920 | 45,512 | 42,837 | 42,792 |
| From Jan 1. | $1,555.445$ | $1,209,973$ | 283,527 | 71,228 | 256,512 | $\begin{array}{llrrrrr}\text { Pittsburgh \& West VirgInla- } & & & & & \\ \text { October_.... } & 443,034 & 402.193 & 206,497 & 148,241 & 152,258 & 99,780 \\ \text { From Jan 1. } & 4,012,639 & 3,426,872 & 1,562,374 & 1,028,989 & 1,109,574 & 614,566\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lrrrrr}\text { Port Reading- } & & & 86,521 & 207.556 & 89,112 \\ \text { October...... } & \text { 2,111,845 } & 1,744,444 & 1,085,612 & 691,487 & 938,285 \\ \text { From Jan 1_ } & 90,173 & 562,212\end{array}$

 $\begin{array}{ccccccr}\text { Quincy Omaha \& Kansas Clty- } & & & \\ \text { October-.-.- } & 107,082 & 100,319 & -9,254 & 1,360 & -13,892 & -2,747 \\ \text { From Jan 1. } & 849,042 & 885,295 & -63,960 & -60,137 & -110,313 & -100,955\end{array}$
 Reading Company$\begin{array}{llllllll}\text { October-.-. } & 7,261,311 & 8,061,096 & 1,729,049 & 2,255,346 & 1,352,104 & 1,951,052 \\ \text { From Jan } & 77,039,710 & 76,380,594 & 19,459,133 & 18,059,059 & 15,779,009 & 14,577,304\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { R1chmond Freedericksburg \& Potomac- } \\ \text { October_- } \\ 1,045,126 \\ 857,618 & 273,602 & 256,037 & 216,300 & 205,493\end{array}$
 Rutland-

 From Jan i. $74,133,666$ 70,519,195 $22,657,879$ 20,763,485 18,601,576 $16,995,606$ St Louis-San Francisco$\begin{array}{lrr}\text { St Louls-San Francisco } & & \\ \text { October...-1 } & 202,305 & 229,134 \\ \text { From Jan. } & 1,789,577 & 1,574,486\end{array}$ Fort Worth \& Rio Grande October 1338 Grande $\begin{array}{lrr}\text { From Jan 1. } & 1,116,000 & 1,266,466\end{array}$

## 62,272 485,364

9,416
3,820
87,757
385,236
59,332
460,396
5,380 $\begin{array}{lll}\text { t Louls Southwestern- } & \\ \text { October-.-.-1,746,166 } & 1,821,617 \\ \text { From Jan 1_14,888,984 } & 14,694,819\end{array}$ 534,614
$4,516,299$ 16,690
148,078 5,380
$-36,800$

85,643
263,400 St Louls Southwestern $\begin{array}{lr}\text { October-...- } & 817,077 \\ \text { Or } & 837,532 \\ \text { From Jan } & 6,425,968 \\ 6,537,219\end{array}$ From Jan 1_ 6,42


## 137,204 112,914

671,818
$4,629,213$
87,464
447,045
$3,903,620$
569,877
$3,839,017$

St Louis Transfer- $\begin{aligned} & \text { October...- } \\ & 64,260\end{aligned}$ 66,825
$\begin{array}{lrrr}\text { From Jan 1- } & 645,832 & 66,8 \\ 656,3\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { San Antonio Uvalde \& Gulf- } & 120,138 & 99,525 & 116,0 \\ \text { October } & & & 105,88\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lrrrrr}\text { October--1.- } & 105,880 & 114,107 & 16,795 & 21,439 & 12,533 \\ \text { From Jan 1. } & 1,229,379 & 1,306,389 & 279,837 & 294,233 & 241,890\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{llllll}\text { eaboard Air Line- } \\ \text { October.- } & 6,008,211 & 4,277,288 & 1,557,551 & 896,751 & 1,319,858 \\ \text { From Jan 1. } 50,993,446 & 43,324,196 & 12,800,315 & 9,551,439 & 10,415,202\end{array}$
Southern Pacific System$\begin{array}{lrrrrr}\text { October--21,161,076 } & 19,566,935 & 8,398,134 & 7,102,840 & 6,543,815 & 5,319,567 \\ \text { From Jan } 1.175264572 & 173577,399 & 50,096,790 & 52,200,268 & 35,541,366 & 37,529,334\end{array}$ Atlantic Steamship Lines-
$\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { October_-.- } & 1,151,985 & 1,294,636 & 165,661 & 192,062 & 150,938 & 165,004 \\ \text { From Jan 1_- } 9,467,793 & 9,935,953 & -59,183 & 358,764 & -205,218 & 221,997\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { Galveston Harrisburg \& San Antonio- } & & & & & \\ \text { October_-.- } 2,733,066 & 3,539,809 & 790,816 & 1,353,983 & 693,229 & 1,268,955\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lrrrrrr}\text { October_- } & 2,733,066 & 3,539,809 & 790,816 & 1,353,983 & 693,229 & 1,268,955 \\ \text { From Jan 1-24,419,367 } & 28,176,061 & 4,376,261 & 6,576,886 & 3,502,245 & 5,720,437\end{array}$

Houston \& Texas Central-
Houston \& Texas Central-
October
1,307,361
,
Houston E \& W Texas-
Houston E \& W Texas-
October.-. 365.219
From Jan
$\begin{array}{lrr}\text { October--1.- } & 365.219 & 335,305 \\ \text { From Jan } & 2,841,046 & 2,676,706\end{array}$
Louisiana Western-
$\left.\begin{array}{lr}\text { October-..- } & 420,815 \\ \text { From Jan 1. } & 4,518,324\end{array}\right) 3,458,398$

| From Jan 1.- | $3,518,324$ | 403,398 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $, 458,960$ |  |  |

$\begin{array}{lrr}\text { Morgans La \& Texas- } & & \\ \text { October La } & 783,153 & 806,442 \\ \text { From Jan 1. } & 6,830,484 & 6,816,956\end{array}$
Texas \& New Orleans-
October-1. $1,043,376$
Southern Ry System-
$\begin{array}{llllllll}\text { October_-. } & 13,901,740 & 12,757,515 & 4,753,544 & 4,050,524 & 3,755,563 & 3,305,983 \\ \text { From Jan 1-123026 } & 510 & 117779,603 & 36,564,663 & 31,606,352 & 28,820,716 & 25,330,458\end{array}$ Ala Great Southern-October-....
From Jan 1.
$8,614,46$ Cin N O \& T PCin N O \& T P-
October- $2,102,647$
From Jan 1_19,292,73 Georgla So \& Florida$\begin{array}{ll}\text { October_..... } & 673,384 \\ \text { From Jan 1_ } \\ 5,424,454\end{array}$ From Jan 1. 5,424,454 N Orleans \& Northeast-
October... 581,955 October-1- 581,95
From Jan 1- $4,971,13$
North Alabama-
October-1.-
From Jan 1-
$1,309,233$
Spokane International-
October
121,
Spokane Port \& Seattle-
October \& $\quad 862,337$
From Jan 1- $6,751,813$
Staten Island R T
October-1.-
From Jan 1- $2,503,9$
Tennessee Central
October Central- 305
$\begin{array}{lrr}\text { From Jan 1- } & 2,669,143 & 2,402,517 \\ 2,291\end{array}$
Terminal Rallway Assn of St Louis-
October
From Jan $1^{-}$
491,278
473,861
October-1.-4, 491,278
From Jan 1- 280,093
St L Mer Br Term-
October-... $\quad 476,472$ From Jan 1.- 4, Oexas \& Pacific
$\begin{array}{lrrrrrr}\text { October-.-. } & 3,481,478 & 3,372,527 & 1,167,016 & 1,084,894 & 988,458 & 904,380 \\ \text { From Jan 1-28,305,842 } & 27,214,534 & 6,803,045 & 6,269,821 & 5,288,607 & 4,653,545\end{array}$
Olster \& Delaware-

| October_-.-. | 80,836 | 121,820 | 3,803 | 21,813 | $-1,697$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| From Jan 1- $1,207,464$ | $1,320,860$ | 177,564 | 236,420 | 122,562 | 181,256 |

Union Pacific-
$\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { October-1.-14,222,318 } & 12,611,121 & 6,791,782 & 5,758,562 & 6,277,619 & 5,062,382 \\ \text { From Jan } 1-90,434,629 & 93,201,962 & 31,318,036 & 31,343,766 & 25,409,186 & 24,484,805\end{array}$ Oregon Short Line
October.... $4,298,58$

| From Jan $1-28,674,720$ | $3,484,745$ | $1,911,997$ | $1,280,262$ | $1,689,110$ | $1,030,490$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2920,596 | $7,752,630$ | $7,645,200$ | $5,426,628$ | $4,918,202$ |  |

$\begin{array}{lllllll} & \text { 4,918,20 }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llrrrrr}\text { October-_2,807,826 } & 2,866,265 & 724,802 & 806,545 & 553,141 & 634,101 \\ \text { From Jan 1-23,148,418 } & 24,205,441 & 4,346,287 & 5,127,928 & 2,644,333 & 3,416,255\end{array}$ St Jos Gd Island-
$\begin{array}{lrrrrr}\text { October.... } 399.092 & 346,771 & 156,803 & 95,763 & 156,803 & 95,763 \\ \text { From Jan 1. } 2,813,407 & 2,758,649 & 704,162 & 550,180 & 582,680 & 381,091\end{array}$
Union RR (Penn)-
$\begin{array}{lrrrrr}\text { October-_1.-1,026,577 } & 951,858 & 356,060 & 215,676 & 289,829 & 177,027 \\ \text { From Jan 1. } 9,702,950 & 9,135,905 & 2,262,292 & 780,990 & 1,939,827 & 597,326\end{array}$ Utah-
$\left.\begin{array}{lrrrrrr}\text { Utah- } & & & & & & \\ \text { October_-.. } & 194,952 & 165,621 & 86,426 & 60,028 & 80,014 & 54,893 \\ \hline & \text { From Jan 1_ } & 1,409,133 & 1,240,113 & 473,198 & 323,817 & 398,721\end{array}\right) 260,119$
Vicksburg Shreveport \& Pacific
$\begin{array}{llllrlr}\text { Vicksburg Shreveport \& Pacifio- } & & & & & \\ \text { October.... } & \text { 478,860 } & 389,580 & 158,943 & 78,786 & 123,753 & 54,412 \\ \text { From Jan 1. } 3,735,076 & 3,532,899 & 902,371 & 768,898 & 636,722 & 543,141\end{array}$
Virginlan-
$\begin{array}{lrrrrrr} \\ \text { Virginian- } & 1,741,615 & 1,959,608 & 764,164 & 840,716 & 667,307 & 740,619 \\ \text { Otober-- } & \text { From Jan 1.15,673,780 } & 15,799,116 & 5,835,467 & 5,629,661 & 4,741,224 & 4,493,742\end{array}$

$\begin{array}{lrrrrrr}\text { Wabash- } & 6,639,832 & 6,186,574 & 2,065,823 & 1,689,937 & 1,793,074 & 1,450,066 \\ \text { October-_r } & 6,639,834 & 54,585,487 & 14,494,500 & 12,563,046 & 12,003,514 & 12,203,492\end{array}$
 $\begin{array}{lrrrrrr}\text { Western Pacific- } & & 8,62,950 & 852,868 & 662,382 & 873,469 & 600,243 \\ \text { October_- } & 2,051,614 & 1,692,990 & 3,472,093 & 2,388,587 & 2,780,726 & 1,630,959\end{array}$
 $\begin{array}{llrrrrr}\text { Wheeling \& Lake Erie- } & & & & & & \\ \text { October-.. } 2,040,386 & 1,750,537 & 690,024 & 442,651 & 541,645 & 327,884 \\ \text { From Jan 1.17,054,973 } & 15,446,174 & 5,058,106 & 3,375,990 & 3,719,719 & 2,297,359\end{array}$





Gulf Coast Lines


Bellefonte Central



| 8 |  | \$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 205 |  | 200 | ${ }_{1} 2080$ |
| 11,566 | 2,150 | 170 | ${ }_{3,074}^{1,980}$ |
| 87,486 | 5,074 10,333 | 2,000 1,700 | ${ }_{8,633}$ |

Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Net Earnings.-The following table gives the returns of ELECTRIC railway and other public utility gross a earnings with charges and surplus report $\underset{\text { Current }}{\text { Earnings }} \begin{gathered}\text { Previous }\end{gathered} \overbrace{\text { Current }}^{\text {Narnings }}$ Previous $\begin{array}{ccccc}\text { Companies. } & \text { Current } & \text { Year } & \text { Previous } \\ \text { Year. } & \text { Current } & \text { Year. } & \text { Previous } \\ \text { Year. }\end{array}$

 Tnncludes other income.
$\begin{gathered}\text { rentals. } \\ \text { sidiaries. }\end{gathered}$ After depreciation




## FINANCIAL REPORTS.

Financial Reports.-An index to annual reports of steam railroads, public utility and miscellaneous companies which have been published during the precedig month will be given on the last Saturday of each month. This index will not include reports in the issue of the "Chronicle" in which it is published. The latest index will be found in the issue of Nov. 28. The next will appear in that of Dec. 26.

## Punta Alegre Sugar Co.

(10th Annual Report-16 Months Ended Sept. 30 1925.)
The remarks of President Edwin F. Atkins reviewing the operations of the company for the 16 months ended Sept. 30 1925, together with the income account and comparative balance sheet, will be found in our advertising columns, page XXI. Our usual comparative tables follow:

$$
\text { INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED MAY } 31 .
$$

| Estimated oper. revs_ Operating cost | Mos. End. Sept. 30 '25. $11,06 \mathrm{C}, 079$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Year: } \\ & \text { 1923.24 } \\ & \$ 15.897,794 \\ & 1.374,575 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 31 \overline{1921-22} \\ \$ 5.780,497 \\ 4,512,600 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Operating pror | \$2,435,668 | \$3,523,216 | \$5,894,936 | \$1,267,897 |
| Less- ${ }^{\text {Lepreciation on plant }}$ | \$812,680 | \$1,096,214 | \$1,309,493 | 3838,059 |
| Interest on loa | 671.114 | 505,100 | (net) 572,929 | 285,729 |
| Miscellaneous |  |  |  | 2,379 |
| Net profit | \$951,874 | \$1,921,902 | \$4,012,514 | \$141,729 |
| Est. U. S. \& Cuban inc $\&$ excess profits taxes. Adjustments | $\begin{array}{r} 139,754 \\ \operatorname{Cr} 184,074 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 260,000 \\ \begin{array}{r} 2429,299 \\ 267,631 \end{array} \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 360,883 \\ 62,030 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6,000 \\ 309,497 \end{array}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| es. for loans on plant- |  |  | 100,000 | Cr 199,899 | Organization expenses.-

Res. for loans on plant-
ing ings \& doubtful aects.


|  | ----- | 100,000 | Cr199,899 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 996.195$ <br> $8,674,726$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 81,823.570 \\ 8,113.178 \\ 1,089 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 3,489,601 \\ 4,615,392 \\ 8,185 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}\$ 82.131 \\ 4.589 .260 \\ \hline . .\end{array}$ |

 Dividends paid
Adj. for period 191.
1925 to Sept. 301925 .
 2 cents per pound, f.o. b

CONSOLIDATED baLANCE SHEET.

Fixed assets-
 Sept.30'25. May 31 '24. Organiz' n expenses
MIgses. recelvable.
Stock Stock in other cos.
Live stoek......
Supplies in ware Live stock........
Supples in ware-
house (at cost) house (at cost)..
Sugar in process Sugar in process
(at cost) Exp. on account of
1925-26 crop Deferred charges...
Supplies in stores (at cost)........
Unliqu'd molasses. Sugar inventory planters \& others New York otfice.
cash, Cash. \&cTote 787.948 429,141 Tot. (each slde) -40,253,000 37,029 945 Note. Contingent liability for $\$ 2,063,795$ being notes given by planters
to banks for advances made, repayment of which is guaranteed by the company or its subsidiaries.
x Mill buildings and machinery, $\$ 13,444,523$; railroad and shipping
equipment, $\$ 9,344,020$; houses and buildings, \&c., $\$ 3.099,173$; steam plows equipment, $\$ 9,344,020$; houses and buildings, \&c., $\$ 3,099,173$; steam plows. carts, tools, furniture, \&c., $\$$ under construction, $\$ 325,968$. lands, pastures,
deprec,. $\$ 5,702,605$, plant
a 15 and wells, $\$ 3,147,510$ : cane fields and other plantings, including
itches, $\$ 3,201,726$.-V, 121, p. 470

## Fajardo Sugar Co. of Porto Rico

(7th Annual Report-Fiscal Year Ended July 31 1925.)
The income account and balance sheet covering the fiscal year ended July 311925 will be found under "Reports and Documents" on a subsequent page.
 ing reserve for depreciation.-V. 121, p. 2409, 1795.

British Empire Steel Corporation, Ltd
(Report for Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 311924.
President R. M. Wolvin in his remarks to stockholders says: The net cost of the properties of the constituent and subsidiary com-
nies increased during the year by the sum of $\$ 1.065,534$. The total expanditure for additions and improvements was $\$ 2,190,195$, and the amount reserved for depreciat these reserves up to $\$ 29,266,918$, which , bringing the total amount the net cost of properties as shown on the balance sheet
 properties was reduced during the year by the sum of bond were issued for
 yeemed through the operation of the several sinking funds. The total
deeme
 as shown by the balance sheet. Although this is only a fractional reduction from last year's figures, the security ures made during the year.
proved by the considerable expendithres man
Inventories have been reduced $83.685,783$, by a gradual a nd satisfactory process of realization, and directors are assured that the amount appearing procers this heading on the balance sheet, stock
under the current value of the materials in stock
in thes for the year after deducting all manufacturing, selling and adminied forward from was
 year left available for disposal the sum or interest on bonds and debenture preciation and exinaid on First Preference stock of the corporation and the Preferred stocks of the constituent comerations since the formation of the
$\$ 1,326,589$, which is the deficit upon oper corporation.
Deducting this amount from the consolidated surplus at the date of organization, $\$ 21,784,870$, there was left to be carr account a balance of s20. operating conditions. No relief was obtained from competition with iron and steel imported from abroad and especialy ine currency of those countries in which wages are where it has a value for domestic transactions greatly in excess of its yalue here or in any country whose transactions are done on a gold basis, and additions to the list of materials which may be importeadree or subject
ditions. by over 715,000 tons. The output of pig fron dections in output ring ang steel ingots 112,443 tons. These serious reductions in output running
from 35 to $40 \%$ affected costs adversely and, coupled with the low prices, from 35 to $40 \%$ affected costs adv
made profitable results impossible
made profitable results impossible.
The output of iron ore was somewhat increased and a part of the surplus produced in previous years was disposed of, cheir last annual report, that The hope which arectors exple exist between the management and the working force, was not realized, although the operations or a works council, which was adopted at the steel works at syaney and at he Pender works at St. John, have been productive of much
works were satisfactory throughout the year

ONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT.

Total earnings
$\qquad$
 Amts. rec. in settiement for cancellation of con-
tract for ship plates.--

Total Provil for sinik. feds. deprec. \& depl. of
minerals $(\&$ approp. to mrite down value of plate mill in 1922)-...
Int. \& disc. on bonds and First Preference divs. of of constituent and subsidiary companies.
Pref. dividends accrued:
$\frac{\cdots \cdots}{\$ 923,775} \frac{\cdots \cdots}{\$ 4,444,346} \frac{4,000,000}{\$ 6,917,275} \frac{\ldots-\cdots}{\$ 4,416,45}$
$\begin{array}{llll}1,112,515 & 1,112,515 & 3,627,799 & 1,501,178\end{array}$ $2,023,846 \quad 1,978,473 \quad 1,676,906 \quad 1,181,682$ $\$ 6.834 \xrightarrow{\$ 268.271}-\$ 75.927$ Balance brought forward Profit \& loss, surp__def $\$ 1,326,589 \quad \overline{\$ 1,031,032} \overline{\$ 1,024,198} \quad \begin{aligned} & \$ 755,927\end{aligned}$ Surplus at date of org' n ,
4 * Total earnings of prop
and administrative expenses.


 Atlanta \& St. Andrews' Bay R it being reported.
Atlanta \& St. Andrews' Bay Ry-Valuation.


## Buffalo \& Susquehanna RR.- Dividend Rate Smaller.-

 The directors on Nov. 30 declared a dividend of $3 / 4$ of 10 payable Dec. 30 to holders of record Dec. 15. This compares with quarterly dividends of $13 / 4 \%$ paid previously Record of Dividends (\%) Paid on the Common Stock from 1916. to Date.1916. 1917. 1918. 1919. 1920. 1921. 1922. 1923. 1924. 1925. 



## Boston \& Maine RR.-Listing.-

There have been placed upon the Boston Stock Exchange list negotiable in accordance with the reorganization plan and agreement dated sept. 1 eadjustment committee by First National Bank, Boston, depositary the amount paid in as represented by each receipt from the date or dates of such payment or payments until the plan of reorganization shall hates
been consummated or abandoned. This int been consummated or abandoned. This int. will be payable unon sur-
render of the receipt to the depositary at or after the time of such consummation or abandonment
The reorganization plan and agreement dated Sept. 1.1925 provides
for the creation of a new $7 \%$ Prior Preference stock. if created, will have a par value of $\$ 100$ per share and will have priority which shall be cumulative, and also in liquidation at par and divs. sold to holders of present stocks nf B. \& M, as set forth in the plan. It is the negotiable receipts for these 130,000 shares of proposed Prior
Preference stock to which this listing applies.-V.121, p. 2633, 2516 .

## Cape Girardeau \& Northern Ry.-Sale.-

 was placed on sale by Common Pleas Court at Cape Girardea the road Was , pacea on sale by Common Pleas Court at Cape Girardeau, Mo,

Chicago Milwaukee \& St. Paul Ry.-Government Inquiry to Determine Cause of Financial Collapse Starts.of the covernment inquiry to determine whether the financial collapse
 Cormerce Commissioner, assisted by Chief Examiner Hickey, opened the inquiry.

 explifined that the bankin fiterests, board of directors. officials of the St. Paul and representatives of bond and stockbroker organizations should
have the fullest 1 atitude to make receivership. It is expected that the inquiry will consume several months.
Denver \& Rio Grande Western RR.-1926 Budqet. S9,358..972 for improvements. now sudget calinin for the expenditure or In 1926, according to President J. S. Pyeatt, The program providides,
among other things, $\$ 2.556 .957$ for reconditioning equipment: 22.450 .000 for tine pur $\$ 1,050$ or for branch lines, one of which will be the Salina Canon line in Untan open coal deposits and one a branch near Kenilworth, Ut thih, to e elimininte
excessive grades. The Miscouri Pacific and Western Pacificic which jointly own the outstanding Common stock, have approved the program
Gideon \& North Island RR. (Mo.).-Final Value.The I.-S. O. Commission has placed a final valuation of 8100,600 on
the owned and used property of the company as of June 30 1917.
Gulf Mobile \& Northern RR. $-31 / 2 \%$ Back Dividend.-

 iny been made on Nov. 15. The balance, $31 / \%$ will be applied on account of accruals. The payment or this dividend wiil reduce the accom account
on the Preerred stock as of Jan. 1 1926 to $20 \%$.V. 121 , p. 1566 .
Illinois Central RR.-Equip. Trusts Sold.-Kuhn, Loeb \& Co. have sold at prices ranging from 97.90 and int. to 100 and int. to yield from $41 / 2 \%$ to $4.70 \%$, according to maturity an average price of equal amounts of all maturities of $98.75 \%$ being an average yield of "4.70\%) $\$ 9,240,00041 / 2 \%$ Equip. Trust Certifieates, Series "L."
 the Trust Co., Phila. trustee. Principal and divs. payable at the agency of the trustee in New York in gold coin of the U. S. of America, of or eaual to deduction for any tax, assessment or other governmental charge cother than tapay thereon or to retain therefrom under any present or fruture law ot the
Unted states of America, or of any state, county, municipality or other taxing authority therein.
1ssuance.
Subjiect
pproval of the I.-S. C. Commission.
Sea From Letter of Charles A. Peabody, Chairman Executive Com. costing approximately $\$ 11,556,000$, including the following: 1,000 40-ton composite automobile box cars, 20050 -ton steel underframe flat cars, 200
40 -ton steel underframe double deck stock cars, 130 steel suburban motor cars and 85 steel suburban trailer cars.
Guaranty. -The principal of the trust certificates and dividends will be unconditionally guaranteed by endorsement thereon by the Illinois
Central RR. the $\quad 12.263,100$ preferred stock recently paid-up capital stock, including (154,445,400, consisting of $\$ 31,792,000$ Pref. stock and $\$ 122,653,400$
Common stock. the rate of $6 \%$ per annum and on the Common stock at the rate of paid at annum. Company has not failed to pay dividends on its outstanding stock
since 1859 . since 1859.
parment of fixed charges for year ended Dec. 311924 applicable to the such charges amounted to only $\$ 15,379,747$, leaving a net income of $\$ 16,-$
248,558 .-V. 121, p. 2399 .

Indiana Northern RR.-Final Valuation.-


Little Schuylkill Navigation RR. \& Coal Co.The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of $\$ 1$ per share
on the capital stock, , par 550 , payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Dec. 18 . Midi RR. Co., France.-Bonds Called.-
 New Orleans Texas \& Mexico Ry.-Bonds Sold.-Kuhn, Loeb \& Co. have sold at 96 and int, to yield $5.27 \%$, $\$ 3,-1$
200,000 1st Mtge. $5 \%$ Gold bonds, Series B, dated April 1 1924; due April 1954.
 Data from Ler ch ins.
Data from Letter of Chairman Wm. H. Williams, New York, Dec. 2.
Security Security-U Upon completion of the present financing, will be a firist
1isn either driect1y or through pledge of all outstanding securities of suby
sidiary com sidary companies, on approximately 1,403 miles of railload, with its poration of the ferry over the Missisitppi River at Anchoraze. Ina the
 Company
Companns and its subsidiaries operate over the lines of railroad subject
to the first mortagese as aforesaid, together with several short lines over Which the company has trackage trighther with several short ines over
hhe Mississipi River has
trate at Brownsville and san Antonio. From Baton Rouze to
 companies. RR, and limols Central RR. under a contract with those
Company also owns all the capital stock of International-

 Inclucing mileage operated under track kaae and similirr contracts) extending Sam Antwion Orleans and Baton Rouge to Austin, Ft. Worth, Waco and

 Purpose-The Tonds are being
purchase. - Tre bonds are being isued to provide for a portion of. the
Gulf RR.
and or
and
four operate approximately 424 mill 4 companies, which tozether own securities so acquired will be pledfed under the firist morttarage. Texas. The

 bonds issued thereunder.
Trompany has no other funded debt, excent $\$ 11.624 .000$ of Equipment


 dividends are now being paid at the rate of $7 \%$ per annum
Earnings.- The income of the commany and its prinction
companies (other than International-Great Northern RR.)
 other debt amounted to only $\$ 1$. n62

 Listing. OOutstanding 1st Mtze. bonds of Series A and Series B are Iisted on - the Ustandidng 1st Mtte . bonds of Series A and Series B are
ist these additional bork Stock Exchange and application will be made to

## Bonds Authorized.-

S1.7no T .-S. . C. Commission on Nov. 28 anthorized the company to issue So sold at not tess than 98 and int. and the Series B B bonds to be bold to
be not less than 93 and int. and ondidnat their sale. ot onedre them from
time to to time until Dect
 The company pomponoses to murchase the securities of the following Sugar Land


 the company arranyed to purchase all of the outstanding securititids of

New York Central RR.-Riverside Drive Electrification. The New York P. S. Commission has approved plans for the electrifica-
tion and the Transit Commission has approved the plans for the elimin Of most of the important errade crossins on the upper west side of New will costy s30.000.000. will be completed within project, which is in oxpee yearted

 by means of a viaduct to on the upper west side will be done away with
 constructed at each end which will make the improvemenent exte must be
 It is estimated the eliectrification itself, including new equipment, will
cost about $\$ 27.000$. 000 and this figure tozether with the viaduct. vill carry tha total cost of the work well over the $\$ 30,000,000$
marrk.- v. $121, \mathrm{p}$. 2400,583 .

## St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.-Dividends.

The e irectors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of $13 \%$ on
the Common tock payable Jan. 2 to holdeers of record Dec. 15 . als
 April 10, July is and Oct. 15, respectively.- V . 121 . p. 2518 , 2154. tan . 15 .
Terminal RR. Association of St. Louis.-Guaranty.Tha I-S. C. Commission on Nov. 24 authorized the company to assume
obilization and liability as lessee in respect of (1) $\$ 3.500$.


Toledo Peoria \& Western Ry.-Sale.
The sale of the road, which was to have taken place at Peoria, II.
on Oct. 28 , has been postponed until Dec. $9 .-V$. 121 , p. 1787, 1675.

## PUBLIC UTILITIES.

American Gas \& Electric Co.-Stock Dividend. The directors have declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of 25 cents
per share and an extra dividend of $1-50$ of a share in Common stock on the Common stock, both payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 10 , and to
stockholders who have not prior to Dec. 10 surrendered their certificates stockholders who have not prior to Dec. Jo surrendered their certincates
for par value shares in exchange for non-par value shares upon the making of suac exchuange. An externange for non-par value sha
ofratidend at the rato or $1-5$
paid July 1 last on the Common stock, no par value. The regular quarterly dividend of $11 / 1 \%$ on the issued and outstanding Preferred stock has been declared for the quarter ending Jan.
payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 11.-V. 120, p. 2940 .
Associated Gas \& Electric Co.-Earnings.
For the 12 months ended Sept. 301925 gross earnings (of the system)
 earnings after operating expenses, taxes an
Fimprod chamentes ond other ceductions resulting in part from the acquisition
of tie Pennsylvania Electric Corp. (Penn Public System), and the Manila Electric Corp. this year, were $\$ 3.528,118$ as compared with similar charges
 \& Electric Oo there was a balance for property retirement reserves, Class in the previous 12 months, an increase of $\$ 67,893$ or $108 \%$. at the annual
Officials of the company point out that gross earnings are at rate of about $\$ 24,500,000$ when revenues received by all properties prior
to and subsequent to acquisition by the company are included. The to and subsequent to acquisition by the company are included. The acquisition. These reports do not reflect any profit from approximately and
$\$ 20.000,000$ of new construction in the Associated System. Nevertheless,
the 12 months statement is besinning to reflect the financial benefits accruing to the company from its purchase of the Pennsylvania Electric Corp. several months ago, and from the purchase of other properties.
from about 20,000 to $50,000 \mathrm{k} . \mathrm{w}$., of which $35,000 \mathrm{k}$.w. is bo the 50,000 have
Bloomington (III.) Pontiac \& Joliet El. Ry.-Suspends. Tratfic on this road was suspended Nov 28, following an order issued
by the Illinois Commerce Commission. The equipment of the road will
be held for junk. The road, which is 18 miles in length, runs between be held for junk. The road, whil
Ponthac and Odeli and Dwight, Ill
The road was purchased so
Northern Hllinos, one of of the Sameer Insoll by the Publictics Service Co. of
Bridgeport (Conn.) Hydraulic Co.-Bonds Offered.Lee, Higginson \& Co., Estabrook \& Co., Hincks Bros. \& Co., T. L. Watson \& Co., Putnam \& Co., Chas. W. Scranton \& Co. and the Bridgeport Trust Co. are offering at 1001/2 and int., to yield over
Dated Dec. 1 1925, due Dec. 1 1945. Int. payable J. \& D. in New York Denom. $\begin{aligned} & \text { and } \\ & \text { Di.000 and } \mathrm{r} * \\ & \text { * } \\ & \text { D } 1.000 \text {. or authorized multiples thereof. Callable }\end{aligned}$ as a whole at any time, or in part on any int. date, on 30 days' notice at
105 and int. up to and incl. Dec. 11935 , thereater decreasing $1 / 2 \%$ annually to 101 after Dec. ${ }^{1} 1942$. Bridgeport Trust Co., trustee.
Legal Investment for savings banks in Connecticut. Exempt from Connecticut State tax

Capitalization Outstanding Upon Completion of Presert Financing.
 Capital stock (now paying $8 \%$ per annum) $\ldots$ Stratford, Fairfield 6.000 Company.- Supplies water to Bridgeeort, Stratford, Fairifield and Southport and parts of shelton and 175.000 people. Property includes reservoirs with a storage capacity of nine billion gallons, 2 pumping stations, 13,000 acres of land and 318 miles of main serving about 23,000 customers. This has been atica by the as of Jan. 11920 ,
in betterments.

Gross income
Net income.-.

## Earnings Years Ended Dec. 31. <br> Earnings Years Ended Dec. 31 . 1918. $\$ 818,948$ 50.020.

 expended annount of at least $1 \%$ of Series " B " bonds certified is to be or to retire Series "B" bonds.
Purpose.-Proceeds will be used for new construction.-V. 121, p. 72.
Bristol \& Plainville Electric Co.-Chanaes in Personnel. Albert B. Tenney, President, and D. Edgar Manson, Vice-President, have resigned those positions and C. H. and A. B. Tenney and E. M. Bradley resigned from the board of directors. Col. William H. Putnam has been elected President. M. L. Tiffany continues as Secretary-Mreasurer and
George E . Cockings continues as General Manager. F. E. Bosson and
William D. Holman have been elected directors to fill two of the three George E. Cockings continues as Gene directors to fill two of the three
William D. Holman have been elected
vacancles. The Connecticut Light \& Power Co., recently acquired control vacancies. The Connecticut Light \& Power C
of the Bristol company. See V.121, p. 2636.
Brockton Gas Light Co.-To Reduce Par Value.-
Utilities for authority toplied to the Massachusetue of its Capital stock of Public a share to $\$ 25$, without increasing the total par of stock, which is $\$ 2,049.400$. in exchange for the present outstanding stock on the basis of 4 new for one

Brooklyn Union Gas Co.-Debenture Issue Approved.The stockholders on Nov. 30 approved the proposed issue of convertible debenture bonds and voted to increase the authorized capital stock of the

Central Hudson Gas \& Electric Co.-Merger.-
The Electric Light Co. of New Paltz, N. Y., has been merged with the
above company.-V.
Central Illinois Public Service Co.-Acquisition, \&c.The company has applied to the Ilinois Commerce Commission for
permission to buy properties of the Alvin Grain \& Electric Co.. serving four peillages in Vermillion and Champaign Counties, III., for $\$ 100.000$, and also
for authority to issue 1,176 shares of no par Pref. stock.-V. 121, p. 2636

Chickasha (Okla.) Gas \& Electric Co.-Acquisition. The company has purchased the plant of the Carnegie Water Power Co. supplying electric light and power at Carnegie and selling energy wholesale
to Fort Cobb, Okla. The Carnegie Water Power Co. has both a small
hydro-electric

Cities Service Power \& Light Co.-Pref. Stock Offered.A. B. Leach \& Co., Inc.; Federal Securities Corp.; H. M. Byllesby \& Co. and Pearsons, Taft Co. are offering at 983 (flat), to yield over $7 \%, \$ 10,000,0007 \%$ Cumul. Pref. (a. \& d.) stock.

Pref. stock to be authorized $\$ 50,000,000$, issuable in one or more series. Red.. all or part, on any div, date upon 30 days' notice at 110 and divs. Red. all or part, on any div, date upon 30 days notice at
It will be the company's policy to pay divs. on the Pref. stock on the 15th
of each month to stockholders of record on the 1 st of the month. Regis-
trars, Bank of the Manhattan Co., New York; Union Trust Co., Chicago,
and Federal National Bank, Boston. Transfer agents, Herry Li. Doherty
Ne ax. Company agrees to make application in due course for listing this
asue on the New York and Boston tock Exchanges, ssue on the New York and Boston stock Exchanges,

Data from Letter of President, New York, Nov. 301925.
Company.- Organized in Delaware in November 1924. Has acquired
from Cities from Cities Service Co. its entire holatngs of Coms non stock of electric stocks of gas distributing and street railway companies.
The following comprise the company s six major operating groups:
Ta) Ohio Public Service Co. (b) Toledo Traction, Light \& Power Co Toledo Edison Co., subsidiary), (c) Public Service Co. of Colorado City, Kan.). (e) Empire District Electric Co. (southwestern Missouri) The of pub operaticutility suberations in in 16 States. serving directly or indirectly a
population estimated to be in excess of 2.800000 in over 350 communtities. Among the larger cities served are Toledo, Sandusky, Warren, Massilon,
Elyria, Lorain, Alliance and Mansfield, Ohio; Denver. Boulder. Pueblo and Ft. Collins, Colo.: Kansas City, Joplin, Sedalia and St. Joseph, Mo.; diversity of industrial and agricultural activities which tends that and
the earning power of the groun as whole
The income of the subsidiaries is derived principally from the electric
 for the 12 months ended June 30 1925. The subsidiary companies own
 tie over 328,000 electric
tomers are being served.
Consolidated Earnings of the Company and Its Subsidiaries for the 12 Months
Ended June 30 1925 (Including Earnings for the Full Period of Gross earnings (and other income
$\$ 47,291,948$
and taxes $\longdiv { \$ 1 8 , 6 0 3 , 0 6 9 }$
Net income-
Int. charges* and Pref. divs. of subs., minority interests, depr.
(as assumed at rates provided in the bond indenture) and

 onds and $6 \%$ two-year note
 onds. Series A, due 1944, and a $6 \%$ 2-Year Unsecured note, due 1927 , of $\$ 1,000,000$. This $7 \%$ Cum. Pref. stock is followed by a total authorized issue of 650,000 shares of Common stock of $\$ 100$ par value, all of which
is outstanding and over $90 \%$ of which is owned by Cities Service Co.. 120 , p. 2010.
Cities Service Refining Co. (Mass.).-Bonds Called.The company has called for redemption on Oct. $1 \$ 23,000$ of its 1 st
Itge. 10-Year $7 \%$ Guaranteed Gold bonds. due July 11933 , at 105 and nt. Payment will be made at the Atlantic National Bank of Boston
Continental Gas \& Electric Corp-Dividends, \&c.The fourth quarterly dividend on the stocks of the corporation, as do-
red for the full year 1925 by the directors on Feb. 28.1925 (see V. 120 , . 1202 ), will be paid Jan. 2 to all stockholders of record Dec. 12 as foilows: regular dividend of $11 / 5 \%$ and an extra dividend of $1 / \%$ on the $6 \%$ Pref. stock a dividend or Common stock still outstanding will be considered as having been exchanged into the new no par value common stock on the basis heretofore determined The corporation has applied to the Nervice Co. (organized with an authorized capitalization consisting of $\$ 3,000,000$ bonds and $\$ 3,500,000$ stock) the gas and lighting plant of the Lincoin Gas ef ectric it ight Co. purchased. This leaves the city plant, a small one, the only lighting competitor. The plan contempla es the operation of the street railway Comparative Statement company separately.

Gross revenue
Total
other
nior deduct
Int.on Dont.1st Lien 5 s , 2 d Ref.M. 6 s
Int. on coll. trust 7 s
Int. on secured $61 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$ - $7 \%$ stock
Dividend on prior pre.
Div. on partic. pref. 6 - $8 \%$ stock.-
Bal.avail.for deprec.\& com.stk.div. $\$ 3,878$,
a For comparison.-V. $121, \mathrm{p}$ 2271, 1347 .

com.sti.div
$\$ 3,878,425$
$\$ 3,160,614$
$\$ 3,000,600$
Deerfield Co.-New England Power Co. to Purchase Power Rights.

Eastern Massachusetts Street Ry.-New Director.-- Nin Roger Amory has been electe
of Philadelphia.-V. 121, p. 2637
Eastern New York Utilities Corp.-Rate Application.schedule of light and power rates in its territory and asked special perschedion to put the new tariff in effect Dec. 1 . The proposed lighting


Eastern Texas Electric Co.-To Increase Common Stock and Create New Issue of $5 \frac{1}{2} \%$ Notes.
The stockholders will vote Dec. 14 (a) on increasing the authorized
capital stock by 47.000 shares of Common stock without the authorized capital stock as so increased shall consist of 25 ,.000, shares of Preferred stock (par \$100), designated as series "A," and 125,000 shares of Common stock without par value; ( $(b)$ on authorizing the issue and sale
of $\$ 3,500$. 00 of 5 -Year $51 / 2 \%$ convertible Gold Coupon notes to be dated Dec. 11925 and due Dec. 11930 .
Nurity or payment date (if called for paym or before the 10th day prior to maof 5100 of notes for one share of Common stock (without par value) plus $\$ 5$ in cash, subject to adjustments of interest on the notes and dividends
on the Common stock. If (prior to the maturity of notes) the company on the Common stock. If (prior to the maturity of notes) or the convany-
shall issue any of its Common stock (other than for property or sian issue any addition to the 88,302 shares now outstanding and proposed
 be changed.

Secretary Henry T. Graham, Nov. 27, says in substance: During the present year the company has broadened the scope of its activ-
ities and strengthened its position by the acquisition of new public utility properties operating not only in territory contiguous to that now served by its subsidiaries, but also in other sections of the country, thereby obtaining a larger field for growth locally as well as territorial and industrial diversitication. Properties in Orange, Texas and Jenings. La., and a con-
water and ice per
tolling stock interest in Western Public Service Co. (V. 121. p. 838), which owns and operates public utilities doing an electric light and power water,
steam heating and ice business, one or more of these services being fu $:$
nished in some 75 cities and towns, about one-third of which are located in
Texas and the balance in Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska and Wyoming.
 in Texas and Louisiana into a unified system porwith resultinn economies or the serate operation, and to extend its service into territ ory that is not now supplied
with electric pow with electric power except by small isolated local plants, the company is makexp certain additions and improvements to its system which will require
the expendire of over $\$ 5,500,000$ The principal items in this contem-
plated construction program include $\$ 3,500,000$ for a new power station of


without deduction for the normal Federal income tax not exceeding $2 \%$ per
annum and to refund the Penn. state tax of 4 mills. Denom. $\$ 1.000$ and $\$ 500 \mathrm{c} *$ and to refund the Penn. state tax of 4 mills. Denom. $\$ 1,000$ an
Isuance. -Issuance.-Subject to the approval of the Indiana P. S. Commission
Data From Letter of Pres. C. H. Geist, Indianapolis, Nov, 27 Company.-Organized in Indiana. Has been in continuous operation
since 1881 and is engaged in the business of supplying water in the City of
Indiana Indianapolis, serving a population estimated at 362.000. Company obtains deep rock wells. These sources constitute the only available water supply
in the vicinity of Indianapolis and provide water of excellent quality in quantities far exceeding the present maximum demand upon the coanpany in

 In' connection with the above supplies of water, the company operates
4 pumping stations, besides 2 booster stations to maintain pressure in the
eastern elevated portions of the city eastern elevated portions of the city, and a slow sand filteration system which
is ster on the
Stane largest and most perrect plants of its character in the United
States. Company also owns 9 miles of canal through which water is carried
 65.000 customers.
Securitt. Secured by direct mortgage upon the entire property of the
company


 Purpose-P Proced, will reimburse the compa
and additions to its property. Electric Public Service Co.-Notes Offered.-Stanley \&
Bissell, Inc., and Priester, Quail \& Gundv, Inc., are offering Bissell, Inc., and Priester, Quail \& Gundy, Inc., are offering
at 99 and int., to yield $6 \%, \$ 1,000,0001$-Year $5 \%$ Collateral at 99 and in
Gold notes.
Dated Dec. 1 1925; due Dec. 1 1926. Interest payable J. \& D. Denom.
$\$ 1.000$ and $\$ 500$. Red. all or part on 30 days' notice at 100 and int. Company anrees to pay the normal Federal income tax of $2 \%$, Pen. 4 -mills
tax, Conn. 4 -mills, tax, and Mass, $6 \%$ income tax, refunded. Guaranty

Company.-Will serve, directly or through its subsidiaries, and power and gas in 15 dirfectent or through ities subsidiaries, electric light
Oklanoma. Pontion in the states of Ohio and are ${ }^{(1)}$ ( North Baltion served, about 40,000 . The princinal subsidiaries
Light © Power Co.) Service Co. (2) Hominy (okla.) Electric Gas Co.. Drumright, okla, and (5) Fairfax (Okla.) Eiec. (4) St., Ht. \& Pr. Co. the subsidiary companies excent directors qualifying shares. None of the subsidiary companies has any funded debt with the exception of $\$ 20,000$Gross earnings Earnings 12 Months Ended Sept. 301925.
Gross earnings $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oper. exps., maint. \& taxes other than Federal taxes } \\ & \end{aligned}$ effect to non-recurring costs and expenses, according to com pany's estimates based on existing contracts)..................... 224,00
Net earns. of subs. avail. for int., deprec. \& Federal taxes.
Net earnings a a ailable for interest
$\begin{array}{r}\$ 106,933 \\ \hline \$ 105,733\end{array}$
Feather River Power Co. (Calif.).-Stocks.-
The California RR. Commission has authorized the company to issue and to use the proceeds to finance in part the construction of a hydro-electric
Florida Telephone Corp-Transfer Agent.The Seaboard National Bank of the City of New York has been appointed transfer agent of 10,000 shares of Pr
stock.-V. $1121, \mathrm{p} .2401,2037,1676$.

General Gas \& Electric Corp. (\& Subs.).-Earnings.Consolidated Income Account Year Ended Oct. 311925

Operating revenue-
per. exp. \& taxes, $\$ 10,101,177$ : maint. \& deprec., $\$ 3,411.076$;
rentals, $\$ 105,817$
Operating income
Other income
Total income
nterest on funded debt
Amortization of debt discount
Net income
Net income-
Surplus Nov. 1924 , incl. surplus or cos.acauired during year
Profit on sale of securities and miscellaneous
Total income

Addotitional depr
Miscellaneous
Surplus Oct. 37 1925

- V 121, p. 2520,2401 . 13,918,070 $\begin{array}{r}\$ 6,670,835 \\ 487.882 \\ \hline\end{array}$ 8.
8
8

3 | 187,367 |
| :--- |
| 268,549 | $\begin{array}{r}\$ 3.177,759 \\ \$ 5.391 .578 \\ 384,024 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r}\$ 8,953.360 \\ 1,369,380 \\ 1,284,156 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r}540,007 \\ 573,271 \\ \hline\end{array}$ \$5,186,547

Great Consol. Electric Power Co., Ltd.-Bonds Ready. Fund Goid bonds, Co. interim receipts for 1 st \& Gen. Mtge. $61 / 2 \%$ Sinking definitive bonds at the Central Union Trust Co. of New York. 80 Broadway,
N. Y. City. (For offering of bonds, see V. 121, p. 198.) V. 121, p. 457,

## Huntington (L. I.) Water Works Co.-Control.-

Complete control of the company through the purchase of over $99 \%$
of the outstanding capital stock has been acquired by the Great Northern Bond \& Mortgage Co., Inc. The Huntington company, which was Cold Spring Fire District. The company, which is approximately valued at $\$ 800.000$, has paid regular dividends for many years.
Illinois Bell Telephone Co.-Expenditures.-
for new plant in Chicago and $\$ 1,168,370$ in expenditures of $\$ 1,076,096$ The total expenditures approved so far this year amount to $\$ 26,268,036$.
Indianapolis Water Co.-Bonds Offered.-Drexel \& Co. and Brown Brothers Co., Philadelphia are offering at $961 / 2$ and int. to yield $5.20 \%$. $\$ 830,000$ 1st Lien \& Ref. Mtge. Gold bonds, $5 \%$ Series of 1925.
Dated Dec. 1 1925; Due Dec. 1 1960. Principal and int. (J. \& D.) nt. date on not less than 30, days' notice trustee. Red. all or part on any
Ref before Dec. 11940 ; thereafter at $1021 / 2$ on or before Dec. ${ }^{1}$ 1950; thereafter at 101 prior to
maturtiy, in each case with accrued int. $C o m p a n y$ agrees to pay interest

Capital stock.

a3,731,000
 Earnings Years Ended oct. 31

Gross revenue
penses, taxes \& depreciation.

Annual int. on funded debt incl. this issue. | 1924. | 1925. |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 2.117 .613$ |  |
| $1,142,719$ | $\$ 2,340.058$ |
| $1,185,813$ |  | $-\mathrm{V} .121, \mathrm{p} .203 \mathrm{~B} 8$.

| $\$ 974,894$ | $\$ 1,154,245$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| 500,125 |  |
| --- |  |

International Telephone \& Telegraph Corp.-Earnings (Including Subsidiaries).
Period
Operating revenues
Non-operating

- Mos. End. Sept. 30- 9 Mos. End. Sept. 30-
 Prerest deductions.-.-.
Dref. divs. and min. int.
Pref. divs. and min. Int,
in sur
sibit income of
$115,396 \ldots \quad 67,066 \quad 278,633 \quad 173,546$
 on sept. 30 International Western Electric Co., Inc.
 company, says: "There has been constinued progress in the operations of the corporation in its different fields of activity. Preliminary reports of When consolidatated with the above figures confirm the statement madd Aug. 14, last, that the consolidated net earnings per share outstanding from
ordinary operations (eliminating non-recurrent items) for the full vear ordinary operations (eliminating non-recurrent items) for the full year
1925, based on anproximatelv $\$ 40,000,000$ of Capital stock outstandin
Dec. 31 , will at least equal those realized during the year 1924."-V. 121 . p. 2637, 2038.

International Power Securities Corp -New Financing two years poration, formerly the Italian Power Co., which was organized selected securities and oblligations of leading electric light and power companies onerating in the United States and foreign countries, has sold a new
Isue of $\$ 10,000,000$
$61 / 2 \%$ Secured Gold bonds. Series $" \mathrm{O}$, to a New oanking group. Public offering will be made shortly by the group headed
by Aldred \& Co., Harris, Forbes \& Co and the Bankers Trust Co. by Aldred \& Co., Harris, Forbes \& Co and the Bankers Trust Co. Italian Electric Co. of Milan. Proceeds will be used to retire $\$ 2,000,000$ of $615 \%$ Series "A" Collateral Trust bonds of the International Power Securities Corp, which mature in 1928 and are secured by a like amount of
acceptances of the Italian Edison Co. The balance after giving effect to this retirement will be used to finance certain extensions now under construction by the Italian company and for other corporate purposes.
Upon completion of work now well advanced, the Italian Edison group wallenz one of the world's largest power systems. The company's new with additional hydroce eloctric plants now under constructlon will ingrease,
to $1,060,000 \mathrm{~h}$. p . the generating capacity of the company.-V. 121, p.

## Interstate Public Service Co.-To Pay Bonds.-

The $8311,0005 \%$ bonds of the Louisville \& Northern Ry. \& Ltg. Oo.
due Dec. 1 1925, are being paid off at office of Continental \& Commerciai Trust \& Savings Bank. Chicago. In connection with this \&ayment, the


Kansas City Railways.-Time to Deposit Securities.that more than $92 \%$ of the First Mortgage Gold bonds marman) stated that more than $92 \%$ of the First Mortgage Gold bonds, more than $97 \%$
of the Collateral Gold netes, and $100 \%$ of the Secured Promissory notes have become subject to the plan of reorganization, dated June 11925 A sale of the property has been ordered to be held on Dec. 151925 by In order to afford holders of such bonds and notes who have not yet such sale, the recurities an opportunity to participate in the plan prior to
of buat committee will a accept deposits until the close of business on Dec. 12.-V. 121, p. 2521, 1348
Kentucky Utilities Co - Bonds Offered.-Halsey, Stuart \& Co., Inc., are offering at $981 / 2$ and int., to yield about " F ", $\%$, $\$ 2,000,000$ 1st Mtge. Lien $51 / 2 \%$ Gold bonds, Series
Dated Oct. 1 1925; due Oct. 1 1955. Int. payable A. \& O. in Chicago



 taxes not exceeding exceeding $6 \%$ of such int. per annum. Company. - Incorp. in Kentucky in 1912 . With subsidiaries, serves 114
communitles with one or more classes of public utility service 114 communities are supplied with electric light and power, 17 are supplied with ice,
8 with water, 4 with gas and 1 with street railway service. Combined popu 8 with water, 4 with gas and 1 with street railway service. Combined pop,
lation of communites served estimated too be 233400 . Company has re-
cently acoured control of the Paducah Electric Co., which company sup-

in that section.
Security. Secured by a direct first mortgage upon all of the fixed prop-
und erties, rishts and franchises now owned and no bonds may mortgage shall
account of the accuisistion of additional property unless the mor
Further secured by a first lien on the fixed proper ties, rights and franchises of the Electric oransmand all the capitarginia, stock
through the pledge of all the 1st Mtge. bonds and (excent di
standing.

## Capitatization Outstanding in the Hands of the Public.

 Capitatization outstanaing inPreferred stock, $6 \%$ cumulative
Jubior Preferred stock, $7 \%$ cumulative.

 a Practically allowned by Middle West Utilities Co. b of the 812,269 ,-
900 , st Mtge. Lien Gold bonds to be outstanding. 860.100 are $7 \%$ Seres
 1955.
Purpose.-Proceeds will be used to acquire additional property and for
other corporate purposes. Earnings
Earnings (Company and Subsidiaries), Years Ended Sept. 30.
*Gross earnings (including other income).

Operating expenses, maintenance and taxe | 1924. | 1925. |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 3,412.153$ | $\$ 4.21 .909$ |
| $1,793,851$ | $2.231,854$ |

 Annual int. on 1 st Mtge. Lien bonds to be presently out requires ist $\$ 756.120$
$*$ Includes net earnings beofore depreciation but after bond interest of Paducah Electric Co. and Kentucky Light \& Power Co.
Management - All of the Common stock of the company is owned or con Lincoln (Neb., Gas \& Electric Light Co.-Merger.-
Lynn Gas \& Electric Co.-To Issue Stock.-
Lye company has applied to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities for authority to issue 16.250 additional shares of Capital stock,
par $\$ 25$, at 856 per share, the proceeds to bo used to pay for new construction
s. pard improvements to the company's property.-V. 119, p. 1289.
Massachusetts Gas Cos.- Acquires Coal Companies.-

 in West Virkinia. The consideration was between $810,000,000$ and $\$ 15$, -
000,000 . The purchasers will talke over control of the three coal companies
Mississippi River Power Co.-Off List,-
On Dec. 1 1925 the Common stock (160. Dist, shares outstanding) was
stricken from the Bonton stock Exchange issue having stricken from the
been acquired by North American Co-V.
Minneapolis Gas Light Co.-New President,Arthur $H$. Rand, has been elected President, to succeed the late A. .
Rand. A. H. Rand will also retain the office of General Manager.- V . ${ }_{121, \text { p. } 2273 . ~}^{\text {Rand }}$. Mountain States Power Co.- vield $6.20 \%, \$ 1,250,000$ Convertible $6 \%$ Gold notes. Dated Nov. 1 1925; due Nov. 11 1935. Prin. and int. (M. \& N.) payable
in New York and Ohicago. Red. at any ime on before Nov. 1927 at $104 ;$ thereafter to and incl. Nov. 1929 at $103 ;$ thereafter to and incl. Nov. 1
1931 at 102 itherearter to and incl. Nov. 1933 at 101 ithereatter to and incl.
De nov. $\$ 1,000, \$ 500$ and $\$ 100 \mathrm{c} \mathrm{c}^{*}$. Company will agree to pay int, without deduction for normal, Federal income tax not exceeding $2 \%$ and to refund $41 / 2$ mills, and the Mass. income tax not exceeding $6 \%$ to holders resident cago, trustee. - Convertible into Preferred stock on the basis of $\$ 100$ of
Convertible.notes for $\$ 100$ of stock, with adjustment of int. and in
Company. Owns and operates 5 groups of utilities in Oregon, Washington, W youning, Montana and Idaho. system furnishes, without compe
Ition public utility service to 74 communities having a combined estimated population in excess 284,000 . Approximately $72 \%$ of the present ne earnings of the properties in the system is derived rom the sale of electric
fower and light, $22 \%$ from gas, and $6 \%$ from telephone, stam and water power an
services.

Capitalization Outstanding (Giving Effect to Present Financing) Convertible $6 \%$ Gold notes, due 1935 (this issue)...-
 Divisional bonds
$2,326,800$
30,000 shs. Oommon stock (without par value) -...................................... 130,000 shs. Earnings (of All Properties Now Comprised in the System) 12 Months Ended Grosul
Gross earnings, expenses, maint. \& taxes, excluding depreciation......
Opnnual interest requirement on $\$ 8,517,500$ mortgage bonds
$\begin{array}{r}\$ 3,015.358 \\ 1,958 \\ \hline 193.977 \\ \hline\end{array}$
Balance
Annual int requirement on $\$ 1,754,500$ Gold notes (incl. this issue)
$\$ 503,201$
$\$ 109$ During the 5 years ended Dec. 311924 , gross earnings of the properties at present in the system decreased $110 \%$. Purpose. - Proceeds will
sions made to the property fund, commencing May 11926 . equal to a $2 \%$ per annum basis of the total amount of these Convertible $6 \%$ notes outstanding at the respective dates
of payment. sinking fund moneys will be used for the purchase of these of payment. Sinking fund moneys will be used for the purchase of these
notes at the e owest prices tendered, not exceeding 101 and int.; all moneys paid into the sinking fund which shall notent. All notes purchased for the pinking fund shall be canceled.-V. 120, p. 2147
National Power \& Light Co.- Consolidation A pproved.with the United Investors Securites Co.. the consolidated company tian called National Power \& Lioht Co. The plan will become effective as soon as it is ratiried 7 will meet Dec. 7 . \& Light Co. has been deposited under the plan. Holders of Oommon stock
of the company who have designated their purpose but temporarily unable
to deposit such stock in exchange for stock of the United Investors Securities
Co. will be permitted to do so prior to the consolidation and thereby
Co the whin receive stock of the National Power \& Light Co. Without Iacurring an income
tax liability under the rresent Federal tax law by reason of such substitution of holdings. See also details in V. 121, p. 2403.
National Public Service Corp.-Earnings Statement.Earnings (Company and Subsidiaries)-12 Months Ended Sept. 30.
 Net earnings-
Interest and dividend cwarge..................
 Mainotenance and
Mnnual int. intequirements on $\$ 12,750,000-61 / 2 \%$ 828,750
553,581
339,347 Ann. div. requirements on $\$ 7,908,007 \%$ pe stk. Amortization of bond discount and expensel-
Annual div. requirements on 19,86 shs. Class A
Common stock at $\$ 1.60$ per share............ 309,064 Balance, surplus.
The above statement provides for interest and dividend requirements The above statement paure the Virginia Northern Power Co., but the
on securities sold to acquire
earining of that company are not included for the reason that the accuisition
bad not been consummated as of Sept. 30 1925.-V. 121, D . 2638 .
New England Co.-Enlargement ana Reorganization Plan. A program ror a boad extendins over a number of months which have
resutt of negotiations ent
rulminated in a contract between the company and interests affiliated with
 capital to the company as a part of the plan, wil The plan, while giving full recognition to the past and present prosperous
condition of the company and the system controlled by it, also assures its continued progress by providing runds necessarength, experience in hydro-
associating with it groups whose financial stren electric materrs and its position in the industry. The plan has the unquali-
ment adr to
fied approval of the trustees and holders of large blocks of shares in the fied appry

 their stock as soon as possible, but not later than Dec. 1011295 . With old
Colony Trust Co., depositary, it Court St., Boston, or with W. W. Brooks Treas., 50 Congress St. Boston. George B. Baker, Henry I. Harriman.
Trustees are Charles L. Aling, Gieorg Mhile Young. Digest of Enlargement and Reorganization Plan. Digest of Enlargement and Reorganization Plan. Present Sharehomon shareholders wil reecive, with appropriate dvidend
ferred and Common
adjustments (assmming new Preferred to have apar valueor \$100 per share), Preferred. Fach First Preferred share surrendered, with additional dividend (b) For each $i$ rst
rights attached, 1 1-6 sharese of new $6 \%$ Preferred.
shat
 and one share of Common.
Warrants will be issued fractional shares, and when presented. repre-
senting one or more full shares, will be exchangeable for the number of full senting one or more full shar
shares represented thereby.
shares represented thereby.
Present First Preferred and Participating Second Preferredshareholders who do not assent to the plan uless a method of carrying out the plan is changes, remain undisturbediunliess of the company. In which case such
 New Subscribers. - $\$ 20,000,000$ will be made available by subscriptions to 400,000 Common shares at anilited with International Paper Oo. has agreed
national Securities Co., affile
 These subscriptions will be payable in instailments, $10 \%$ been payable pariodof ten days after subscriptions are executs of not exceeding $25 \%$ in any three not less than one year in instalments of call by the enlarged or reorganized association. with a righ
whether or not called.
Stone \& Webster, Inc., may substitute for its own subscription, other subscribers acceptabe to the company and the other new subscribers referred to shall be reduced accordingly, the rights of the substituted subscribers, however, being limited to the richts resulting solely from their subscriptions. payable quarterly on installments paid. will be issued to stone \& Webster payabe quatce substituted subscribers, if any) for all of their subscriptions, convertible at be, at the written request of Stone \& Webster, Inc. (or the the case may subscribers), or at the option of the enlarged or reorganized association when the entire subscription price has been patid or on and arseste Oct ${ }^{1} 1927$, whichever entitled to proportionate dividends) representing
for the balance due and for the balamer of shares subscribed for by each, will be issued to Inter national Securitites Co. and the interests affiliated with Power Corp. of New
York, and may be issued to Stone \& Webster, Inc. (or the substituted sub-
scribers).
The new subscribers will be entitled to one vote for each share of stock subscribed for. The three subscribers named above shall, so far as practicable, each be entitied to select the same prociation as the number of shares directors of the enlarged each has agreed to subscribe for bears consummation of the plan, assum-
Resulting Share Capitalization.- Upon con New $6 \%$ Preferred-To present shareholders--1.......... 237,533 shs. ers, 400,000 number of Common shares shall be 600,000 and the
The authorized nut authorized number of new $6 \%$ Preferred shares shall be 300.000 . Part or
the unissued new $6 \%$ Preferred shares may be issued to the DeerfieldCo. the unissued ner
To the extent that there are non-assenting First Preferred or Participating Second Preferred shareholders and to the extent and on the oasis outstanding be necessary or desirable to provy variations in the share capital indicated
convertible bonds of the compan above may be made.
New Preferred Shares $\$ 100$ par value), will be entitled to cumulative preferential dividends at the rate of $\$ 6$ per share per annum, payable quatrerly; subject to call and purchase, an or part, on any dividend 100 and dividends, provided that if upon such liquidation or termination all assets are transferred to a new company which assumes all the liabilities and has at that time no other liabilities, and which at that time issues and wil thereppon hike preferences and rights as the new Preferred shares, not exceeding in amount the new Preferred and other equal stocks of the company and no stock senior thereto unless and to the extent that the company then has senior stock outstanding, holders of
new Prefernat one share of such Preferred issued by the new company; will have provisions permitting the in liquidation over the new Preferred shares only with the consent of $80 \%$ of the outstanding new Preferred shares and permitting the issue of shares ranking, as to dived shares, in addition to the 300 . 000 shares to equally with the new preferred shathorized, only with the consent a majority of the outstanding new

Preferred shares-except in each such case as may be necessary in order to
permit the other provisions of this plan to be carried out or to enable the
company to comply with the conversin the company to comply with the conversion provisions of its outstanding con-
vertible bonds-and will hava such to amendments or other chanz such, all at the provistonstees anth the a conditions as
committee shall determine. Non-voting ove of the to $\$ 6$ per share are in arrears, Whon each share shall have one vote
If a new company is not rank pari passu with or immediately after the present First Preferred shares Common Shares.-The Common shares will be without par value and each No holder on shares to in the vote. company of any class shall have any pre-
emptive or preferential right of subscription to any shares of any class
excent that
 First Preferred common shares, if any, as contemplated by by the pleatan and ando of such in excess
orting conversion of its outstanding convertibpe bond may and required to to issue on
voting Common shath shates may be waived upon a vote of a majority thereof.
Wuter
 interests in water powers, and Stone \& Webster, Inc., are interested in
Water powers on the
International Papper Connecticut River Among other things the the necessary raper Co. shares with the New England Co. the control o
thydro-electric development at Bellows Falls on
 tion of the purchase and sale of power, but it is expected that the arfirenanterests both for purchase and interchange of power as the requirement of its system may from time to time demand. It is at present contemompany or a company in the system of the output of the proposed Bellows the Falls hydro-electric development.
The New Enland Co is to
The New. England Co. is to sell to International Securities Co. or its
nominee and International Securities Co. or its nominee is to purchase the
stock of stock of the Bellows Falls Canal Co. and the mill powers and otherriothe titiles and interests directly or indirectly owned or controlled by the New power on the Connecticut River at Bellows Falls. The price for the propCo. or its predecessors in the New England Power System, plus New Ene ongand and carrying charges figured with simple interest at $6 \%$. Any disagreement International Securities Co. proposes after consummating the forevion purchase to develop the Bellows Falls power. The New England Coi, if chase or cause one of its subsidiary companies to purchase this power at the such (taking into account transmission and distribution losses and costs be all other costs) as the New England Power System can afford to pay with a
fair profit to the system. In determining this cost the cost of competitive fair profit to the system, In determining this cost the cost of competitive
steam power, the price at which New England Power. System is selling its Dealings with Shareholders, Directors and Trustees. The Tectaration of
trust of the enlarged or reorganized association in trust of the enlarged or reorganized association is to provide that any share-
holder of the company, or of any subsidiary or affiliated company may deal
 discectorg of the fact of his interest, and is also to provide that any trustee or
direal any subsidiary or affiliated company, may deal with the company, or with any subsidiary or a arfilitated company, may
disclosing the fact of his interest, though he need not disclose the details or extent thereof. Company may purchase from the Deerfield Co., which company is largely
owned by a few large shareholders of the company, including Malcolm G . option of the Deerfield Co., to purchase power from thent trustee, the other rights of the Deerfield Co. which it reserved to itself in the two deeds dated May 1911 and Oct. 44111 , respectively, by which it conveyed its chase all rights of the Deerfield Co. under the contract, and mat also purentered into between Connecticut River Transmission Co. (now New Eng-
land Power Co and others, and may issue for such rights such amount of
shares of new $6 \%$ Prefer shares of new $6 \%$ Preferred as mas be determined $t n$ be necessary-which
amount the trustees estimate will not exceed 16,666 shares. These rights date back to the beginnings of the system. he and other large shareholders in the company are large stockholders of, Method for Carrying out Plan.-The plan may be carried out by use of the
present company or by the transfer of all or substantially all to a new voluntary association and the termination of the present compants or by exchanging outstanding shares in the company for shares of a new by any other method that may be detere ined upon. $-\mathrm{V} .121 . \mathrm{p}$. 2638,2157 .
New Jersey Water \& Light Co.-Sale A pproved.The New Jersey P. U. Commission has authorized the company to sell its Tintern Manor Water Co. for $\$ 120000 .-\mathrm{V}$. $118, \mathrm{p} .1021$. (N. J.) to the New York \& Richmond Gas Co. - $\$ 1$ Gas Rulina Upheld Federal Judges Martin T. Manton, Marcus L. Campbell and Robert A.
Inch sititig as a special statutory court approved Nov. 28 the report of
Special Master Appleton L. Clark, declaring the dollar gas law umeontity Special Master Appleton L. Clark, declaring the dollar gas law unconstituby the company to enjoin the enforcement of the dollar rate and the 650 British thermal-unit standard fixed under the law passed in 1923 . t made slight approved thedifications master's report as it has been published. except
 company against both the rate and thent thermald--nitit stantered for the gas
The decision held the company entitled to at least $8 \%$ return upon the naterials prices. The court cont based on construction costs, wages and
 going value, and also allowed a working capital of $\$ 344,000$ an in increase
over the $\$ 255.000$ fixed for this purpose in the special master's report.
V. 121, p.

The directors have authorized an additional expentitione of $\$ 4,180,365$ for new contetrs have authorized an additional expenditure of $\$ 4,180,365$
to $\$ 60,981,935$, of which bis brings the total of appropriations since Jan. 11 tor new construction. This brings the total of appropriations since Jan. 1
to $860,981,935$ of which 533.953 .090 was set aside for the enlargement
of plant facilities in the metropolitan area. $V$ V. 121, . 2403 .

New York Westchester \& Boston Ry. Notes CalledCertain $6 \%$ Collateral Gold notes, aggregating $\$ 65.000$, have been called
for payment Jan. 1 t 101 and int. at the Nationai Bank of Commerce,
31 Nassaut St., N . Y. City. - V. 121 , p. 1348 .

North American Co. (\& Subs.)

from operation


Interest charges
Preferred dividen of subsidiaries.
Minnority interests
Reserves for depreciation

Surplus after all dividends and reserves ........ | $\$ 7,915,486$ |
| :--- |
| $\$ 5,265,545$ | Total to depr. res. and to surplus after all divs.--- $\$ 16,681,159$ \$13,109,764 Northern Connecticut Lig

Whater P. Schwabe of Thompsonville, Conn., has been elected President

New York has been elected President of the Thompsonville Water Oo,
succeeding Mrr Schwabe Control or this company was recently acquired
by J. G. White \& Co., Inc., of N. Y. See V. 121, w. Northern Michigan Public Service Co.-Bonds Sold.True, Webber \& Co., Chicago, and Hayden, Van Atter \& Chicago, have sold at 97 and int., yielding over $61 / 4 \%$, $\$ 200,000$ 1st Mtge. 20 -Year Sinking Fund $6 \%$ Gold bonds,
 Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days, ${ }^{\text {notice }} \$ \mathrm{up}$ to and inci, Oct. c .
1940 at 105 and int.; thereafter at $1021 / 2$ and int. Company agrees to pay interest without deduction for any Federal income oompany agrees to pay
Personal property taxes of of any of 5 mills, and Mass. income tax on int , not any peedresent law, not in excess
annum, refundable. Tax-exempt in State of Michigan. Data from Letter of E. J. Condon, President of the Company Company-Incorp. in Michigan in 1925. Is successor to Boardman
River Electric Light \& Power Co., which has operated since 1894. Com-
pany will own pany will own and operate 2 hydro-electric plants on the Boardman River
and coes an electric light and power business in Traverse City, Mich
which has an engineers' an estimated population of 14,000 people. From independent
repts, it is estimated that the total 4.000 .000 kilowatt hour kilowatt hours. Trated on the Boardman River can be increased to $20,000,000$
and goond physical
ansion Security. physical condition
the valuation of which is in ox all the physical properties of the company
s $\$ 00,000$. Earnings, 12 Months Period Ended June 30
Gross carnings


$\qquad$ | 1924. | 1925. |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 59,355$ |  |
| 20,537 | $\$ 61,373$ |
| 22,964 |  | Balance $\overline{\$ 26.817} \stackrel{\$ 26,409}{ }$ onds equal to $1 \%$ of the oustandinding bonds for each of the first 10 years,



Ohio Bell Telephone Co.-Expenditures.
The directors have authorized $\$ 2,760,000$ for extensions. The program
for the next four years in Youngstown an increase in the number of telephones to 29,000 from 25,000 ,-V. 121 ,
p. 1790 .

## Pacific Gas \& Electric Co.-Earnings.-

 Gross operating revenue--Bend income-est and discount Accrued for depreciation

On Preferred stock ( $6 \%$ ) Months
Balance $\qquad$ $\begin{array}{ll}3,264,436 & 3,240,268 \\ 3,505,310 & 2,923,792\end{array}$ The net addition onew customers in the first 3 \$1,060,663 $\quad \$ 512,860$ 30,844. making the total number op meters in service on Sept. 30,1925 ,
794.461 . Compare V.

Penn Central Light \& Power Co.-Initial Dividend. The directors have diclared an initial quarterly dividend of $\$ 125$ per
share on the $\$ 5$ Series Preferred stock, no par value, payable Jan. 2 to The Seaboard National Bank of the City of New York has been appointed agent for the payment of princinal and interest maturing on the company's
$5 \%$ gold notes, due Oct. 151926 . - V
Penn-Ohio Edison Co.-Debentures Offered.-Bonbrigh \& Co., Inc., Eastman, Dillon \& Co. and Harper \& Turner are offering at $961 / 2$ and int., to yield over $61 / 4 \% \$ 6,000,000$ $6 \%$ Gold Debentures, Series A (with option warrants.)
Dated Nov. 1 1925; due Nov. 1 1950. Principar and int. (M. \& N.)
payable at the office or agency of the company in New York. Red. all part at any time, upon at least 30 days' notice, at 105 on or before. Oct. 31
1940 at $1, \%$ less each succeeding year up to and including Oct. 311949
and thereot
 interest without deduction for the normal Federal income tax up to but not exceeding $2 \%$ per annum. Penn. and Conn ${ }^{4}$ mills tax and Mass. income
tax not exceeding $6 \%$ per annum refundable. Central Union Trust Co., New York, trustee.
Option Warrants
Option Warrants.-These debentures will be accompanied by option
warrants in the ratio of 20 warrants to each $\$ 1.000$ debenture. ${ }^{\text {Each }}$. Each of
these warrants will entitle the hese warrants will entitle the holder to purchase one share of the Common
stock of the companv at any time at $\$ 55$ per share, up to and including
Nov. 1935 and Nov. 1 1935. and these debentures will be accepted at their principal
amount and accrued interet in liou cor cas im payment for such stock.
Listing Listed Data Fristed on Boston Stock $\mathbf{p}$
Comprom Letter of Pres. R. P. Stevens, New York, Nov. 24. Common stocks it it controls ware in July, 1933. Through of companies supplying the the entire
electric power and light, street and interurban rive electric power and light, street and interurban railiway business in in an
important industrial district of eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania.
Ponulation of Population of territory served, which includes the cities of Youngstown and
Salem, O and sharon. New Castle and Farrell. Pa., is estimated at over
410,000 . More than 410,000 . More than $90 \%$ of the net earnings is derived from electric power and light business.
Principal Subsid
Co. supplies electricity Companies.- The Pennsylvania-Ohio Power \& Light
Hubbard. Girard and Strind power to the cities of Yound Ellwood City and and Struthers, Ohio, and Sharpsvilie. Farrell, Wheattand.
Pa. It also operates the interurban railway line
between Youngstown sharon and New Castl between Youngstown, Sharon and New Castle.
Pennsylvania-Ohio Electric Co., or its subsi
railway Iines in Youngstectric Co., or its subsidiaries, own the city street
line between these cities. Tit also controws, throe, Pa, and the interough stocle Castle Electric Co, which serves New, Castle, Pa. and vicinhity, wew
electric lic light and power. The railway lines are augmented by a well
organized bus system.
Ohio River Edison.
electric power Edisont oo. has completed the first section of a modern, steam installed capacity of $88.000 \mathrm{~h} . \mathrm{p}$. Plant is being operated and the output
 sylvania-Ohio Power \& Light Oo., near Boardman, O., by a hish voltage
steel tower transmission line of approximately 39 miles and suitable sub-
stal station equipment.
salem Lighting Co. supplies Salem, $O$. and vicinity with electric Hight $\underset{\text { Pittsburgh District Electric Co. controls, through ownership of all out- }}{\substack{\text { and } \\ \text { dit }}}$ standing securities, the company furnissings electricity ownership of all out-
to the cities of Greenville, Mercer, Shenang power $6 \%$ Capitalization$6 \%$ Gold Debentures, Series A
Proor Pref. stock $7 \%$ cumul.)
Preferred stock Authorized. Outstanding. Preferred stock, $6 \%$ cumul.
 such rates of interest terms, and containing all such right duch dates andions eemable on such determine, prior to the issue thereof No No adimitationa
issued, except for refunding debentures of anothar
unless the co interest and dividenated on securome, after all expenses and taxes and all
public, for 12 consecutive montidiary companies held by the
by the
shall have been at least $21 / 2$ times the annual Interest charges on all the
indebtedness of the company, including the debentures then to be issued, Indebtedness of the company, including the debentures then to be issued,
but excluding charges on indebtedness subordinate to the debentures and but excluding charges on indebtedness subordinate to the debentures and
excluding indebtedness to be concurrently paid off through the proceeds
俍 excluadng indebtedness to be concurrently paid orf suroughebentures.
from the sala or capital stock, or of the sale of such issue of debenter The above statement gives effect to the completion of the exctange or
Prior Preference stock for Pennslvania-Ohio Electric Co Preferred stock, pursuant to the recent offer under which over $75 \%$ of such Preferred stock subordinate to the debentures.
Purpose. - Proceeds will provide funds for the retirement of the $\$ 3,250,000$
secured $63 / 2 \%$ gold notes and certain funded indebtedness of subsidiary
Consolidated Earnings Statement 12 Months Ended Sept. 301925 (Co. \& Subs.) Gross earnings
Gross earnings------1.--
----Net earnings.
Interest \& divide ends on securities of subsidiaries held by public $\begin{array}{r}\$ 3,735,413 \\ 2,052,569 \\ \hline\end{array}$
Bal available for interest charges of Penn-Ohio Edison Co.,
for depreciation


Redemption of $31 / 2$-Year Secured $61 / 2 \%$ Gold Notes.-
All of the outstanding $31 / 2$ Year Secured $61 / 5 \%$ Gold Notes, dated July
21923 have been called for payment Jan. at 101 and int. at the Central
Union Trust Co. of New York, 80 Broadway N. Y. City.-V. 121 p. Union Trus.

Pennsylvania Gas \& Electric Corp.-Stock Sold.A. C. Allyn \& Co., Inc.; Pogue, Willard \& Co. and G. E. Barrett \& Co., Inc., have sold at $\$ 2250$ per share 75,000 shares Class A Participating stock.
Has priority over Class B stock both as to assets and dividends. Shares
are fully paid, non-assessable and non-redemable. Dividends are not
not are fully paid, non-assessable and non-redeemable. Dividends are not
subject on ormal Federal income tax
Bank. New York, and Central Trust Conser agents, Seaboard National Equitable Trust Co.. New York, and Northern Trust Co., Ohicago.
 Olass A stock are non-cumulative. After the full priority dividends on
Olass A stock have been dellared and provided for in any year and dividends to the extent
vided for in that year on the Class B stock, one-half of the aggregate amount of any further dividends declared in such year on such stocks
shal be paid to Class A stock, as a class, and one half such dividends to
Sto outstanding at any time shall not exceed twice the number of shares of
Class A stock to be then ontstanding. The Class A stock is issued without par value and has priority in liquidation or dissolution over the Class B stock up to $\$ 35$ per share. Chicago Stock Exchange.
Listed. - Stock listed on
Dividends. -It is the intention of the directors to declare dividends on
the Class $A$ stock at the rate of $\$ 150$ per annum for the quarter beginning option of taking such quarterly dividend in Class A stock in be given the ont the rate of $1-40$ pf a share of Class A stock for each share of such cast stock
at eld.

Data from Letter of V.-Pres. H. A. Clarke, New York, Nov. 30.
Corporation.-lncorporated in Delaware. Will own, directly or throu
 Tramways, Electricity \& Gas Co. Ltt., Sauyertios Gas Lisht Co., and Allegany Gas Co... and 75\% of the Common stock of the Tri-County Gas Co.
Pennsylvania Gas \& Electric Co. is the direct successor throush consolidation of the York Gas Co., which was incorporated in 1849 in Pennsylvania, the corporate name being changed to its present titre in 1925 (see
description in $V$. 121, p. 1436, 1348). The Monton Tramways, Electricity \& Gas Co., Ltd., furnishes the entire commercial and domestic Brunswick, and in the important industrial and commercial territory
tributary thereto. Saugerties Gas Wight Co. manufactures and distributes gas in the city or saugerties Gas Sight Co. manufactures and distributes
thereto. Altegany Gas Cos, wili supply considerable territory adjacent
thatal gas either at retail or Wholesale through other distributing companies in Addison, Elmira and
Corning, N. Y, and Coudersport, Austin, Port Allegany, Galeton, West field, Elikland and other communities in northern Pennsylvania. Tri-
Count Gas Co. will furnish natural mas to various industrial and manuCounty Gas Co. will furnish natural pas
facturing establishments in Oil City, Pa.
 6\% Gold notes- Cumulative Preferred stock
inancing). Class A stock (no par value)
Class B stock (no par value)
$\$ 880,000$
315,700
not exceedin. $\$ 28,300$ of common thanding in the hands or the public, of funded debt of subsidiary and affiliated companies. Gross earnings (including non-

Net earnings
Balance of net
divs. on funded debt and Prer deducting annual intocks of sub. cos. chatges and and
net earnings applicable to Common stocles of sub
by the public applicable to Common stocks of sub. cos. held
$\begin{array}{r}468,095 \\ 74.899 \\ \hline\end{array}$
Bal. for deprec. and depletion of subs. and divs. on Cl. A stock $\$ 394,096$
-V . i21, p. 2403 .
Pennsylvania-Ohio Electric Co.-Exchange of Preferred Stock for Prior Preference Stock of Penn-Ohio Edison Co.$7 \%$ Cumulative Prior Preference stock of the company has been exchanged for 7\% Cumulative Prior Preference stock of Penn-Ohio Edison Co. on a share
for share basis in accordance with the offer of July 29 last.-V. 120, p. 1205.

Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.-Capital Increase.approved an ordinance authortizing a Sommittee of Philadelphia. Pa., has approved an ordinance authorizing a $\$ 10,000000$ increase in the stock of
the company. This will make the totai authorized capitalization $\$ 43$,-
000.000 .
Action on the company's petition consent to issue an additional $\$ 5.000,000$
of Preferred stock to take over taxicab companies was deferred for another public meeting of the committee. The companies was deferred for another for the retirement of underlying securities, purchase and rehabilitt system of the fan's treasury for moneys temporarily takend reimbursement of the reserves for improve-
Pond (M.) See also V. 121, p. 2638.
Portland (Me.) Gas Light Co.-Rates Reduced.and inductrial uavers of gas in reduction of 5 c . per $1,000 \mathrm{cu}$. ft. to all domestic
new rates will bring the rete. Me. effective Jan. 11926 . The monthly, with other reductions for use of larger amounts. A 5 c , reduction
Power Corp. of New York.-Affiliated Interests to Subscribe to 173,333 Shares of Stock Under New England Power Co. Plan.
.
Public Service Electric \& Gas Co.-Decision.-
Aelphia which is of great importance to the gas and electric $u$ Cilitites in Philaca $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under its terms the } \mathrm{I} .- \text {-s. } \text {. O. Commission is denied the right of curtail }\end{aligned}$
ing the use of privately-owned coal cars in time of coal shortage ${ }^{\text {Upward }}{ }^{\text {s }}$
of 1.250 .000 users of gas and electricity in the territory served in New ${ }^{\text {Jer }}$ sey by Pulic Service Electric \& Gas Co, are benefited by the decision of
 ing the use of privately-owned coal cars in time of car shortage. The Pubvarious generating plants of the necessary coal supply when there is a shortage of coal cars, was one of the prime movers in suits brought by nearly 100
plaintiffs. The Court held that the Commission's order was " unjust and reasonabe and an under which providild for aritrary pro-rata distribution of private cars
among the bituminous mines fin times of shortage was not applicable when
The there was a sufficiency of railroad owned cars, but was enforceable only when there were car shortages Public Service as well as the other plain-
iffs conetnded that obviously it was only in times of car shortages that the
inively Reading Transit Co. and Subsidiaries.


Total income----
Interest on funded debt--

 | $\$ 262.733$ | $\$ 275,612$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| $\$ 89.852$ | $\$ 76.483$ |
| 9.25 | 8.265 |
| 119.145 | 119,145 | Balance of net income \$54,011 \$71,718

Republic Ry. \& Light Co.-Acquisitions.
The company has acquired the Northeastern Ohio Power \& Light Co.,
Ge Grand River Electric Light \&ower Co. and the Suburban Utilities electricity in a territory extev. ing. Meast and west from Ashtabula, Ohio,
along the shore of Lake Erie.-V. 1 1 1. p1, p1103, 460.
Sodus (N. Y.) Gas \& Electric Light Co.-Bonds Offered. to yield $6.05 \%, \$ 500,000$ First Mortgage $6 \%$ Gold bonds, 1925: due May 11941 Dated Nov. 1 1925: due May 1941 . Interest payable M. \& N. at Gay-
Iord State Bank, , Sodus, N. Y., trustee. Redemable up to and including May 11930 at 105 and interest: thereafter and up to and including May 11
1935 at 103 and interest: thereatifer and up to and includin May 11939 a interest: thereafter at par and interest. Denom. $\$ 1,000$. $\$ 500 \mathrm{c*}$. Company agrees to pay the normal Federal income tax not in excess of $2 \%$, and
will refund the $41 / 2$ mills tax in Maryland, 4 mills tax inPennsylvania, the Issunnce- Approved by the New. York Public Service Commission.
Data from Letter of President G. R. Mills, Sodus, N. Y., Nov. Company.-Incorp. in Feb. 1904 in New York. Is engaged in distribuhises in addicion cover so. Property consists of 5 miles of 33,000 volt, 84 miles of 11,000 volt
and 169 miles of 4,150 volt transmission lines, with necessary substations and 110 to 120 volt distribution system. Ented Dec. 31.
 $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Annual interest on funded debt-- } & 21,993 & 24,000 & 24,000 & 24,00\end{array}$ *12 months ended Sept. 30 . applied to the retirement of all bonds pre-
Purpose.- Proceds will be viously outstanding and to
to the company's property,
South Park Water Co. (Calif.).-Bonds Authorized.This company which supplies water for domestic purposes in territory
south of Los Angeles Calif. has been authorized by the California RR.
 79,550 of the proceed remaining proceeds to pay for extensions and betterments to its plants and properties.

Southern California Edison Co.-Rights., $\$ 96$ per share, at the rate of one share for every ten shares or stock stock, awned. tional share on the above basis may subscribe for a full share for each such ractional share. Subscriptions will be taken and cash payments may be
 department of the compny, 306 West Third St. Los Angeles, Calife, or

Southern Gas Co.-Bonds Sold.-G. E. Barrett \& Co., Inc., R. E. Wilsey \& Co., Inc., and Frederick Peirce \& Co. habe sold at $981 / 2$ and int, to vield $6.70 \%, \$ 3,000,000$ 1st (Closed) Mtge. $61 / 2 \%$ Sinking Fund Gold bonds (with detachable stock purchase warrants)
Dated Nov. 1 1925. due Nov. 1 1935. Prin. and int. (M. \& N.) payable Dated Nov. 1 1925. due Nov. 11935 . Prin. and int. (M. \& N.) payable
at First National Fank, Kansas City Mo. trustee. Interest also
payable at Guaranty Trust Co., New York, and Continental \& Commercial payable at Guaranty Trust OO., New York, and continental \& Commercial
National Bank, Chicago. Denom. 11.00 and $\$ 500$ c* Company agrees to pay interest without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not exceeding $2 \%$ and to refund the Penn. and Conn. personal
property taxes, not exceeding 4 mills annually; and Mass. income tax not property taxes, net exceeding 4 mills annually, and Mass, income tax not chase warrants entitling the holder thereof to purchase $1 / 2$ share of Common stock for each $\$ 100$ par value or equivalent thereof, at $\$ 25$ per share from
Nov. 11925 to $0 c t .31$ 1926; at $\$ 30$ per share thereafter to and incl. Nov. 1 1927; at $\$ 35$ per share therearter to and incl. Nov . 11928 :at $\$ 40$ per share thereafter to and in
incl. Nov. 11930 .
Company.-Frormerly Southern Natural Gas Co. Was incorp. in Oct. 1921 in Delaware. Under a continuing contract running 12 yearp. in from May 3
1922 and thereafter until cancelled, the company has since Nov. 1922 been furnishing natural gas to the San Antonio (Tex.) Public Service Co., a the San Antonio Public Service Co. for its distribution, gas for all domestic
 Under a contract with tie U. S. Government the company also supplies all gas used by Kelly Fields No. 1 and No. 2, by the Air Intermediate Depot
and by Camp Normoyle, all located about 2 miles from San Antonio. 1st (Closed) Mtge. $61 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$ (this issue) -..... $\$ 3,000.000$

 and by a first mortgage on all property hereafter acquired: (a) Over 149
miles of main trunk lines, consisting of 633 miles of 12 in. line from San Antonio to McMullen county, 73 miles of 12 in. line (now under construc tion) from McMullen County to Webb County and 13 miles of 6 in. line
connecting San Antonio to Gas Ridge Field; ( $b$ ) approximately 28 miles of

4 in., 6 in. and 8 in. lines connecting the gas wells to the main trunk lines.
Gas compressor station located in the Gaas Ridge field. (c) Rights of way easements for the operation of main trunk and gathering lines above
numerated
lin located. (e) Gas rights on approximately 100,000 acret located in Mc- Mc-
Mullen, Live Oak, Bexar, Duval, San Patricio and Webb counties. (f) Riphts of the company under a contract for the operation of an existing 38
mile trunk line from the terminus of the 12 in. ine in MrMullen County
to the gas fields in San Patricio and Live Oak contios with the San Antonio Public Service Co, and with the United States $\mathcal{G}$ (
 a November and December 1925 estimated.
Sinking Fund. Mortagage will provide for sinking fund payments as Pollows: (a) Beginning Nov. 11925 to Nov. 11926 a sum equal to $25 \%$
of the net earnings after payment of interest and Preferred dividends, such sinking fund pasments to be deposited monthly wreferred tive truidendee. (b) buch
Ininning Nov. 11926 and thereafter until all of the bonds have been retired
Non $\$ 225.000$ per annum payable semi-annually, plus a sum equal to $20 \%$ or nater sinking fund payments to bee depostited monterred with thene trustee.
latter ter
Sinking fund money is to be used for purchasing and cancelling bonds at
 semi-annually by lot on any interest date on 60 days
tion price until the sinking fund moneys are exhausted.
Purpose.- Proceeds are to be used to defray the cost of construction of
the new pipe line to Webb County, to retire outstanding $8 \%$ bonds. to the new ploe ine in to webb County, to retire outstanding $8 \%$ bonds. to
Hiquidate loans incured in connection with capital expenditures and for
additional working Officers.-A. R. Jones. Ohairman: L.J. Snyder. Pres. \& Treas., Kansas
City. H. Huil, V.Pres. \& Gen. Mgr., H. A. Pagenkoff, Sec., San
Antonio.-V. 121, p. 2404.
Southern Illinois \& Missouri Bridge Co.-Valuation.The I.-S. O. Commission has placed a final valuation of $\$ 3,182.660$ on 119, p. 1283.
Southern Power Co.-Interests Acquire Control of Southern Public Utilities Co.-
See that company below.-V. 121, p. 2275.
Southern Public Utilities Co.-New Control.
Control of the company, which retails electric current for lichting and power purposes in over 12 cities and towns in North and South Carolina
and operates street railways and gas systems in a number of them, has passed to the "Southern Power interests," according to an announcement
made Nov. 28 by George $\mathbf{C}$. Allen of New York, who reccontly succeeded made Nov. 28 by George A. Alen of New York, who recently succeeded transfer was effected through a plan set under way by Mr. Duke shortly herore his recent just been consummated brings about the complete unity of actual The change in control will not affect the corporate entity or the operating organization of the utilities company and the general policy of the company
will not be changed, it was sald.
E. C. Marhhall of Charlotte. No. Caro., is President of the Southern Public Utilities Co.-V. 121, p. 78.
Southwestern Light \& Power Co.-Dividends.
Common stock, payable Dec. 21 to holders of record Dec. 11, and the regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 150$ a share on the Preferred stock. payable Jan. 2 to holders of record DDec. 26 . An initial distribution of $\$ 150$ per
hare was made on the Olass " A . Common stock on July 61925 . V . 121 p. 1570,1463 .

Standard Gas \& Electric Co.-Earnings.
12 Months Ended Sept. 30

## Gross revenue Expenses and taxes- Interest, charges. <br> $7 \%$ Prior Prerges, \&ividends.

Non-Cumul. dividends

## Surplus

 XIncludes inp. 2275,1570 .
interest on debentures converted into


Suburban Light \& Power Co. (of Ohio).-Note Sold.-Love, Macomber \& Co. and Charles D. Robbins \& Co. have sold $\$ 1,000,000$ 1st Mtge. Bond Secured $6 \%$ Gold notes at 99 and int., to yield $6.30 \%$
Dated Dec. 1 1925* due Dec. 1 1928. Int. payable J. \& D. Red. a llor
part at any time on 30 days' notice at $1021 /$ and $^{\text {int. during first } 6 \text { months, }}$, part at any time on loso dayss notice at $1021 / 2$ and int. during first 6 months, no. si,000 and \$500 c *. Int. payable without deduction for normal the Conn. and Penn. taxes not in excess of 4 mills per annuman, the Maryland tax on int. not in excess of $6 \%$ per annum. Seaboard National Bank

Data from Letter of R. M. Mead, President of the Company Company.-Incorp. in Ohio. Will own all the outstanding Common
stock (except directors' qualifying shares) and all the outstanding bonds of stock except director Co. The latter company now owns or is acguds o electric light and power properties in the suburban districts surrounding such cities as Youngstown, Canton, Marion, Newark, Bucyrus, Columbus nd eastern parts of the State of Ohio, and will distribute electricity for power and light to over 8.00 customers in over 76 towns and communitios,
ncluding Miton Lake. Marlboro. Dresden, Frazeysburg, Utica, Gambier.
Danvile. Waldo La Rue. Mt, Victory Ridgeway. Jenera. Van Tue. Mc. Comb. Payne, Deerfleld, Bloomville. Holloway and Freeport, in the Stat Property will consist of 476 miles of transmission and distribution lines necessary substation equipment, street lighting systems, and other neces sary equipment.
Purpose. Pro
of First Pref. stock, will be used to reimburse the cost of add rom the sale provements to present properties, the cost of acquiring new properties, and Security-Secured by pledge of $\$ 1,250,000$ 1st Mtge. $6 \%$ bonds due Dec. 1950 and (or) cash at par and ail of the outstanding Common stock Gross revenue Earnings Year Ended Sept. 301925.
Gross revenue-...............
Operating expenses and taxes
$\begin{array}{r}\$ 541,461 \\ 332,100 \\ \hline\end{array}$
Net revenue
Other income.
Gross income
Annual int. requirements on $\$ 1,000,000$ ist Mtge. Bond-secured
$\$ 214.70$
$6 \%$ Gold notes (this issue)................................................ 60,000
Balance available for depreclation, Fed. income tax \& divs_. $\$ 154,706$ Capitalization-
Irst Mtge. Bond Secured $6 \%$ notes (this issue)... Authorized. Outstanding.
$\$ 1,000,000$ First Preferred stock $7 \%$ CumulativeSecond Preferred stock $7 \%$ Cumulative-........- 50,000, shs 40,000 shs. The suburban Power Co. has an authorized issue of $\$ 10,000,0001$ st
Mtgs. $6 \%$ Gold bonds due Dec. 11950 , of which approximately $\$ 1.250,000$ will be outstanding. which, together with all its outstanding Common stock (excent directors' qualifying shares), will be pledged as collateral to
the $\$ 1,000,0001$ st Mtge. Bond Secured $6 \%$ notes.
Trenton (Mo.) Gas \& Electric Co.-Bonds Called.All of the outstanding Clitizens' Gas \& Electric Co. of Trenton (now
known as Trenton Gas
bonds, due Jan. 1 1937, have been called for redemption Jan. 1 at 105 and
int at the Missouri-Lincoln Trust Co., trustee, St. Louis, Mo.-V. 121 ,
p. 1910 .
Twin City Rapid Transit Co.-Wages Increased.The company on Nov. 30 increased wages for trainmen on the entire
system $4 \%$, effective Nov. 16 . This increase will affect about 2,400 employes. The new schedule follows:
1st year men, 50 c. per hour: 2 nd 1st year men, 50 c . per hour; 2nd year men, 53 c . per hour and 3 rd year
men 5 c . per hour. The minimum guarantee of $\$ 3.50$ a day and 10 cents
addition


Union Electric Light \& Power Co. of Illinois.-Call.-

United Light \& Power Co. \& Subs.-Earnings.-
Consolidated Earnings Statement for 12 Mos. Ended Oct. 311925.

 Interest on bonds \& notes of sub-companies due public
Dividends on Pref. stocks of sub-companies and proportion of net earnings attributable to com. stock not owned by co Interest on funded debt.
Prior Preferred stock
Prior Preferred stock
Class "B." Preferred dividends
Clasted dividends
Surplus earns. a vail. for amort., deprec. \& Com. stk. divs .. $\$ 5,261,640$ a For comparison. b Figures for 1925 only partially reflect earnings
derived from recent acquisitions, while the outstanding class " $A$ " Preferred stock and class " $A$ " Common stock reflect recent increases resulting from the sale of stock, to investors and Common stockholders of the company
in order to provide for payment of publice utility properties recently acquired and having a nnual rross revenues of $\$ 3.650 .0$
exceeding $\$ 1,000,000$.-V. 121, p. 2639, 2405.
Utah Power \& Light Co.-Acruisition.
The company has acquired the hydro-electric plant and distribution tomers. The City Council of Ver al hac granted to the Utah Power \& Light Co. a 50 -year franchise.-V. $1: 0$, p. 3066.
Utilities Power \& Light Corp. Initial Div. on " $B$ " Stk. The directors have declared an initial dividend on the Olass B Btock
payable Jan. 1 in yoting trust certificates for Class B stock at the rate of $1-10$ of a share for each share of Class B stock of record Dec. 51925 . also was declared, payable Jan. 1 to holders of rearord Dec. 5 . Under the resolutions of the directors, the Class A stockholders have the option
to accept. in lieu of their cash dividend, additional Class A stock at the
rate of 1 the of a share for each share held on the record date or at the rate of $1-10$ of a s share per annum. By this action of the dir ctors, the
Class A stockholders. instead of recelving a cash dividend of 50 c . per share. may obtain on the basis of the present market value of the stock
the equila The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of 8175 per share on the outstanding Preferred stock, payable Jan. 1 to holder of record Dec.
The statement of earnings of the corporation and its subsidiaries for the were 85.836 .326 and net earnings after operating expenses and maintenance
were $\$ 2,797,93$. After deductions for interest and Preferred dividend requirements of the corporation and its subsidiaries, the balance of con-
solidated earnings acrupng to the corporation before reserves for Federal


Washington Water Power Co.-TendersThe Farmers' Loan \& Trust Co., trustee, has $\$ 27.671$ to invest for the
quarterly purchase of 1st Ref. Mtge. $5 \%$ bonds of 1090, due 1939. for the sinking fund, and will receire offers up to Dec. $15-\mathrm{V} \cdot 121, \mathrm{p} .1910$.
Westchester Street RR. of White Plains.-Fares.time in which a 10 . . Sare Commission has authorized an extent charged by the receiver of the company on the Tarrytown, Silver Lake Park, Scarsdale (N. Y.) and Mamaronec increased the operating income. In 1923 there was a deficit of $\$ 177$, Whil
in 1924 the operating income was 814,295 . Estimates for 1925 indica
an income of $\$ 17,551$.-V. 121, p. 709 .
West Penn Power Co.-Pref. Stock Offered.-West Penn Securities Department, Inc., Pittsburgh, is offering at $\$ 97$ and div. 50,000 shares $6 \%$ Cumul. Pref. (a. \& d.) stock (par $\$ 100$ ). Stock may be purchased by employees and customers for cash or on an attractive monthly payment plan. stock fully paid and non-assessable Redeemable al or part upon
months notice at 110 and divs. Dividends payable Q .- F . Exempt from poresent netice. at 110 and divs. Dins and West Vircinia personal property taxes. Divi-
dends are not subject to normal Federal income tax under present dends are not subject to normal Federal income tax under present law.
These shares of $6 \%$ Cumul. Pref. stock rank equall and ratably with
the shares of $7 \%$ Cumul Pref. stock now outstanding and are identical she shares of $7 \%$ Cumul. Pref, stock now outstanding and are identical in
all respects therewith, except that they are limited in the right to receive
dividends dividends to dividend a at the rate of $6 \%$ per annum, and are subject to
redemption at $110 \%$ of par, pus the amount of all unpaid dividends ac-
crued therean plus net earnings (before depreciation) applicable to payment of divs.
upon Pref. stocks shall have been, for a period of 12 consecutive months within the 15 calendar months immediately preceding the issuance both the Pref. stock outstanding and that proposed to be issued
Listed -Stock listed New York Stock Exchange
Company. Supplies electricity for light, heat and power purposes in industrial district. at distances of from 3 to 60 miles from the City of Pittsburgh, the population served being estimated to exceed 525.000 . The territory which the company is authorized to serve exceeds 5.000 square
miles and is considered one of the best fields for power consumption in the United States
Company is the largest of a group of important public utility companies
controlled through stock ownership by American Water Works \& Electric ${ }^{\mathrm{Co} . \ddot{\mathrm{Inc}} \mathrm{Inc}}$.


 a Includes $\$ 146,900$ par amount sold on deferred payment plan to of the mortmage paid Company has also outstanding an obligation of $\$ 754,500$ to the U. S Government, the Government having made advances to the company
during the war toward the cost of construction of the Springdale powe station on the Allegheny River, together with the necessary transmission IInes. Under the terms of the contract, , the said sum of 8754.500 is to be repaid to the Government by the company with interest at from $5 \%$ to $6 \%$
in annual installments from 1926 to 1930 . inclusive. Company has entered In annual installments from 1926 to 1930 . inclusive. Company has entered
into an indemnity bond for its faithful performance of this contract and such bond is secured by a second mortgage on its properties.
Purpose.- Proceeds will be expended by the company for permanent
improvements, extensions and additions to tits property, and for general

Consolidated Earnings (Incl. Subsidiaries), 12 Months Ended Oct. 311925. Gross earnings. including miscellaneous income.-.-...-.-.-.-
Oper. exps. (exclusive of renewals \& replacements), mainte nance, rentals and taxes , onds \& floating debt, inci. amort. of discount--
Balance available for renewals \& replacements \& dividends. Annual div. requirement
\$889.,539; 8.000 .000 of

- $\mathrm{V} .121, \mathrm{p} .2405,2158$.


## INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Refined Sugar Prices.-On Dec. 1 the following compantes advanced
price 10 pts.
to 5.50 c. per pound: American, Atkins, McCahan, National Revere and Warner. On Dec. 2 Arbuckle advanced price 15 pts. to
5.3 c . for shipment on or before Dec. 31 and left price of 5.20 c . unchanged
5. Lor first halif of January. American Smelting \& Refining Co. reduced price
Led Reduced.
Lead 25 pts. to 9.50 . per pound. New York News Bureain Assin Nov of lead 25 pts. to 9.50 c . per pound. New York News Bureau Ass n Nov. 30 .
Reduction in Brass Prices. American Brass Co
reduced prices per pound on sheet brass and brass tubing and of i, ceduced prices pound on sheet
copper and copper wire, effective Nov. 28 . Boston News Bureau. Nov. 30 , p. 8 .

Cegan Nov Strike Ends. $\mathbf{N e w}$ - 2,800 men and women operators win strike which
 caused by an agreement between manuracturers and Boot \& Shoe workers
Union." specifying that factores bearing Boot \&hoo Workers stamp
should employ only members of that union. Boston News Bureau Dec. 4 . p. Maiters Covercd in "Chronicie". Nor. 28--(a) New capital flotations in
october and for the ten months to oct. 31, p. 2572-2579. (b) Demands oftober and for the ter monts to
of labor in New York City building trades, p. 2582 . (c) New record in
automobile production reacned in October, p . 2583 . (d) October bligest month in motor parts and accessories, op ${ }^{2583}$. (e) Anthracite strike
apparent purpose of Presdennt Lew is of United Mine Workers to involve
Abraham \& Straus, Inc. (Department Store), Brooklyn, N. Y.-New Financing.
It is understood that an announcement will appear shortly regarding an
fssue of Preferred and Common stock by this company, one of the leading lssue of Preferred and Common stock by this company, one of the leading dep Lehmenan Brothers.
by
The management and control of Abraham \& Straus, Inc, will continue in
Acme Motion Picture Projector Co., Chicago, Ill.

## Bonds Called-Sale.-

All of the outstanding 1st Mtge $7 \%$ Gold bonds, dated May 11921 , have
een called for redemption Mavi 1926 at 102 and int. at the Continental been called for redemption Mav 11926 at 102 and int. at the Continental
$\&$ Commercial Trust \& Savines Bank, trustee, 208 so. La Salle St., Chicago.
 any time prior to mey 1926 , and receive paym
up to the date of protion
See also International Projector Corp. below.

## Agar Packing \& Provision Co.-Earnings.

 Net sales $\begin{array}{ll}\text { 1925. } & 1924 . \\ \$ 2.958 .086 & \$ 2.184 .098 \\ \$ 18.898 & \$ 42.700\end{array}$American Bank Note Co.-New Common Stock (Par \$10) Put on a $\$ 160$ Annual Dividend Basis.-The directors on Dec. 1 declared a quarterly dividend of 40 cents per share on the new Common stock (par \$10), payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 15. This is at an annual rate of $\$ 160$ a share on the new stock, or the equivalent of $\$ 8$ a share annually on the old Com. stock (par $\$ 50$ ) on which regular quar. dividends at the rate of $\$ 5$ a share per annum had been paid. An extra of $6 \%$ was also paid on the latter issue on Nov. 30 last, making a total of $16 \%$ ( $\$ 8$ per share) paid on the old Common stock during 1925.
The stockholders on Dec. 1 approved the change in the authorized Com-
mon stock from 200.000 shares, par $\$ 50$, to $1,000,000$, par $\$ 10$. Five shares of the new stock will be issued in exchange for each share of Common stock held. Each share of Preferred stock will have five votes and
share of Common stock of $\$ 10$ par value one vote.-V. 121, p. 2159 .

American Cyanamid Co.-Extra Dividend.Altack in


American La France Fire Engine Co.-To Increase Cap.
The stockholders will vote Dec. 18 on increasing the authorized Common stock from $\$ 3,950,000$ to $\$ 5,000.000$ par $\$ 10$ and the Preferred stock
from $\$ 4.000 .000$ to $\$ 5,000,000$, par $\$ 100$. It is the intention of the director from $\$ 4.000 .000$ to $\$ 5.000 .000$, par $\$ 100$. It is the intention of the directors
to issue the new Common shares to stockholders at a price to be determined later.
The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividends of $13 \% \%$ on
the Preferred stock. payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 15 and of the Preferred stock, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 15 and of
$21 / 2 \%$ on the Common stock, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 1 V. 121 , p. 2159.

American Locomotive Co.-New President-Dividends.-
Willam H. Woodin, president of the American Car \& Foundry Co been elected president, of the American Locomotive Co. to succeed the. hate Andrev Fletcher. Mr. Woodin is also a director and a member of the executive committee of the American Locomotive Co.
Quarterly dividends of $134 \%$ on the Preferred stock and $\$ 2$ per share on the no par value Common stock have been declared payable on Dec. 31
1925 to holders of record on Dec. 14 . An extra dividend of $\$ 250$ pec. share will also be paid Dec. 31 to Common
stockholders of record Dec. 14 1925, being the last of four extra dividends stockholders of record Dec. 141925 , being the last of forr extra dividends
heretofored evelared payable on thel elast days of March, June, September and
Dec. 1925.-V. 121, D.

American Sumatra Tobacco Co.-To Pay Add. $15 \%$.-
 principal amount or ail iitaidated indebtedness in respect of which there is
 notes, in order to receive such payments, must present their notes to Chase
National Bank. New York, or Central Trust Co. of Hlinois. Chicago, depositaries, for notation thereon of such payments on account of principal Holders of other liquidated indebtedness in order to receive such payments on account of principal, must present the instruments evidencing
such indebtedness at the office of the receiver. 131 Water St.. New York Clity, for appropriate notation there on of such payment principal the order of the Court. interest on the $15 \%$ of the principal amount
Uf the notes entitled to payment in accordance with the orders, will cease of the notes entitiled to payment in accordance with the orders, will cease
to accrue on and aftor Dec. of the company's debt since receivers were appointed last May. Two additional payments of $25 \%$ each were made June 1 and Aug. 15.-V. $121, \mathrm{p}$.
2276 . 2159 .
Anglo-American Oil Co., Ltd.-Interim Div. of $71 / 2 \%$.Secretary A. H. Hewitt has announced that the directors have resolved
to pay on and after Jan. 4 an interim dividend of $71 / 2 \%$, equal to 1 s. $6 d$. per
share, from the net earnings of the current year free of British income tax.
The same will be paid by the National Provincial Bank. Ltd. Bishopsgate London or at any of its branches, or by the Guaranty Trust Co. of New
 May last paid a dividend of 2 ss . 6 d . per share, and in Dec. 1924 a dividend
of 1 s .6 d . per share.-V. 121, p. 2406 .
Anglo-Chilean Consolidated Nitrate Corp.-Shipments Shipments made by the company in the year beginning Jan 111025 up to
nnd including the month of October amounted to approximately 65.000 tons of nitrate, as compared with 50,000 tons for the corresponding
last year or an increase of approximately $30 \%$. 0 V. 121, p. 2160 .

Aracoma Textile Co., Inc.-Receiver Discharged. E. Butler Moulton. who since, Nov. 24 1.924, has been receviver for Guyan Mills, Inc., and the Aracoma Noxt. 24 ..., Inc., with plants in Pawtucket
and Central Falls, R. T., on Nov. 24 was disharged as receiver under a
decree According to the receiver's report, the corporations are amply able to
The decree provides pay the corporations are to assume and pay at maturity allee provides
that obligations
incurred and perform all contracts entered into by the receiver A Iaw suit brought by the Aracoma Textile Co., Inc., of New York,


Arnold Bros. Food Products Co. (Del.), Chicago.Stock sold.- sarson, Githsmith \& Con in Chare (with $20 \%$ bonus in Class "B" stock), 20.000 shares Participating Cumulative Class "A" stock. Dividends payable 位, Callable at $\$ 2750$ and dividends. Arter
payment of an annual dividend of $\$ 2$ per share on Class $A$ stock, which shall be cumulative, Class B stock shall be entitled to an annual dividend of $\$ 2$ per share. Thereafter Class A and Class $B$ shares shall particicipate
Tatably in any further dividend distribution. A sinking fund shall be estabIished beginying 1926, equal to $20 \%$ of the net earnings of the corporation, arter Class A dividends and all prior charges, for the purchase of Class A
shares on tendersor holders up to but not exceeding call price. It is esti-
mated that the sinking fund will retire all olass A stock in ten years. Capitalization-
Class A stock ( Class A stock (par \$10)..
Class B stock (par \$5) Authorized. Outstanding.
30,000 shs. 20.000 shs.
40,000 shs. 35,000 shs. Data from Letter of Hugo F. Arnold. President of the Company,
Company.-A consolidation of Arnold Bros. Pickle \& Preserve Co. and Alart \& McGuire Co., the latter concern founded over 60 yearr ago Bo. Busi-
ness consists of the packing. processing and distribution of a fuli ness consists of the packing, processing and distribution of a full line of
pickles, kraut and other condiments. Oompany's output is nationally dis-
pild pribues, kraud and the well-established. "Diampany A. ' brands. both directly and through large jobbers, to over 10.000 customers. Main plant, of
modern fireproof concrete construction, is located in Green Bay. Wis. In addition company has 24 receiving stations, with full equipment, Including
tank cars, trucks, \&c., scattered throughout the States of Michigan and Wisconsin.
Earnings.- Earnings for the past two years for the period ended Dec. 31
1924, atter all deductions including interest, depreciation and taxes, have
 companies and owing to important additions to the consolidation of these products, the management expects to show immediately a very substantan ncrease in these earnings. Based on the a mount of business already booked
 Atlantic Gulf \& West Indies SS. Lines.- Earnings.-
Period- Month of September-Period-
Operating revenue Net after depreciation.

Net income - -121, p. $2160,1571$.

## \$230,848

$\$ 6.855$
\$1,682.777
$\$ 661,531$
Aunt Jemima Mills Co.-Sale Ratified.-
The sale of the assets of this company to the Quaker Oats Co., of Chicago for, it is said, $\$ 4,000,000$ was ratified on Nov. 24 at a meeting of the stockgeneral counsel of the Quaker Oats Co. is quoted as saying: "WW are taking over the property as of Oct. 31. No changes are contemplated for the
present in the organization. Mr. Clark (formerly Pres. of the Aunt Jemima Coc.) will remain, in charge as manager. The plant will be continued a
St. Joseph, Mo., V. 121, p. 2406 .
Baldwin Locomotive Works.-Rumanian Settlement. The Rumanian Ministry of Finance announces that the Baldwin Locomobalance (approximately $\$ 2,500,000$ still outstanding for locomotive fur-
nished the Rumanian state railroads in 1919. The agreement calls for an immediate cash payment and another payment next year, with the remaimder spread over five years. (See also V. 121, p. 1792). The Baldwin Locomotive Works has received an order for ten locomotives
from the Denver \& Rio Grande RR, -V, 121. D. 2406 .
Baum Dairy Appliance Co.-Name Changed \&c.
At a meeting of the stockholders Nov. 28 it was decided to change the name of the company to anal orap company-ucts used in the mill induspaper cups for milk bottles and other paper products used author mized to pro-
try. 80.000 shares of new Class A stock par $\$ 10$ were anthor
vide more capital. The present outstanding stock of 120.00 ond shares will
whe vide more capital. The present outstandinass a stock will be convertible
be designated as Class B stock. The new Class into Class $B$ stock share for share.
The control of the Seal-Kap Co. is in the hands of Strabo $V$. Claggett $\&$ Co. bankers. Boston. On the expiration of certain options. at a later
date, control will be held jointly by Sutro \& Kimbley. New York Stock date, control win boe held jointly by Sutro \& Kimbley. New
Exchange members, and Claggett \& Co.-V. 121, p. 1793.
Baylor University of Texas.-Notes Offered.-Bitting \& Co. and Hawes \& Co., Inc., St. Louis, recently offered at prices to yield from $5 \%$ to $6 \%$, according to maturity, $\$ 300,000$ Direct Obligation $5 \%$ Serial Gold notes due $\$ 100$,000 Nov. 1 1926, $\$ 100,000$ Nov. 1 1927, and $\$ 100,000$ Nov. 1 1928.
 National Bank, Dallas, Tex., trustee. Callable all or part upon 30 days'
notice on any int. date at a premium of $1 / 2$ of $1 \%$ for each year or fraction thereof intervening between date of call and date of fixed maturity. '
Baylor $U$ Iniversity has an enrollment of about 3.500 and is one of the great universities of the United States. While owned by the Baptist General Convention of Texas, its sphere of influence extends over the entire South. Among its proper-
ties is Baylor Hospital in Dallas, with over 40 beds capacity, and the largest in the South with one exception, and to which the university bears the same in the south with one excepplins does to Johns Hopkins University. Security.-These notes are direct obligations of Baylor University of
Texas, whose property is valued at over $\$ 5,250,000$, and consists of the
 and the graduate schools and Baylor Hospital in Dallas, with a bonded debt
of about $\$ 1,100,000$. The proceds of these notes liquildated local bank loans incurred for additions to capital account. These notes represent the
pledge of faith and credit of Baylor University. The University is supplied With sufficient funds for current needs and is annually reducing its indebt-
edness, all of which was incurred for capital expenditures.-V. 120, p. 1462 .

Beaver Products Co., Inc.-Bonds Called.-
Certain 1 st $\&$ Ref. Mtge. 20 -Year $71 / 2 \%$ Sinking Fund Gold bonds,
dated July $11922(\mathrm{~V}$. $114, \mathrm{p}, 2828$ ) aggregating $\$ 100.000$, have been called for payment Jan. 1 at 110 and int. at the Oentral Trust O. Oon Ilinols.
trustee. 125 West Monroe St., Ohicago, III.-V. 120, p. 2947.

Belgo-Canadian Paper Co., Ltd.-Offer to StockholdersMerger of Belgo and St. Maurice Paper Companies.-
The details of the entry of the Belgo-Canadian Paper Co. into the Belgo St. Maurice paper merrer have been arrananed Paper and Hubert int the Belergo
Pres. \& Gen. Mgr., has forwarded a letter to the shareholders, which says.
Pr Pres.
in part: Gen. Mgr., has forwarded a letter to the shareholders, which says
The majority holders of the Common stock of the company have decided to sell to a Canadian group their Commmon shares at $\$ 100$ per share. decided
have stipulated that every shareholder shall have the same privilege. They Those deciding to sell should advise Holt, Gundy \& Co. Shareholders must also deliver their stock to the transfer agents Royal Bank of Canada, Shares. If a shareholder fails thich date they will receive payment for their
his shares before headed by Sir Herbert Holt and Harry Gundy will be trelieved of their obligations to buy the stock. While not yet officially confirmed, it is said that the purchasing interests ernative offer to Belgo shareholders if they do not elect Common stock in a new company in place of each existing share of the par
value of \$100. (See also St. Maurice Paper Co. below.)-V. 121, D. 1350 .
Black Lake Asbestos \& Chrome, Ltd.-Offer to Bondh'ds. It is understood that under the proposed asbestos merger plan (V. 121 . Common stock of the new company. Asbestos Mines, Ltd.
The bondholders' committee has expressed the opinion that this offer is not adequate. It is sugges that eferred shares and one Common mermbers of the bondholders. commititce that thie tatter proposed wy thil be
found to be acceptable. Giving a valuation of $\$ 60$ to the new Preferred found to be acceptable. Giving a valuation of $\$ 60$ to the new Preferred
and $\$ 26$ to the Common, which is approximately in line with the present market, the bondholders, would recelve shares having a market value of hresent
Blaw-Knox Co., Pittsburgh.-Extra Dividend.

(Daniel) Boone Woolen Mills, Inc.-Mill to Be Sold.The plant at Baltic. Conn. will be sold at auction Dec. 12 under order of
the U. S. District Court of $C$ onnecticut. The property consists of factory buildings., water rights, tenement houses and manufacturing equipment.
Bornot Inc., Philadelphia.-Stock Offered.-Frazier \& Co., Inc. and West \& Co., Philadelphia are offering at \$25 per share 50,000 shares Class " $A$ " stock, Cumulative and Participating (no par value).
J. \& D. at rate of $\$ 2$ per share. (from Jan. 1 1926) payable semi-annually above minimum dividend has stock in any additional dividends after the
 notice, at $\$ 35$ per share and divs. At atrek in or red, at at any time, on 30 days
 annum. In liquidation Class "A". stock is preferred as to assets at the then
redemption price as anove. Sole voting power lies with the Class $B$ "
stock unless so ock unless $\$ 2$ cumulative dividends on the Class "A" stocke should he in B" stocks shall he entitled to equal voting power. Dividends not subject roperty tax. Transfer agent: Bank of North America and Trust Co Registrir: Penn. Co. for Ins. on Lives \& Granting Annuities.
Aut athitalization-
 Data From Letter of Charles J. White, President of Company Companv.- Has been incorp. In Delaware and will purchase and connamely: A. F. Bornot Bro. Co. (est. 1765). John Dorfner \& Son, Alfred's Philadelphia of the character in whic about $75 \%$ of the retail business in phinies have some 60,000 customers on their books

| Earnings | $12 \mathrm{Mos.End}$.12 Mos . End. 6 Mos . End. 12 Mos . End. |
| :---: | :---: |
| oss revenue | \$7.54.866 $\quad \$ 831.146$ |
| Profits after exp | 256.964 262.395 152.864 305.7 |

## Gross revenue-......... Prorits after exp Depreciation \& taxes.

$\qquad$
Net appl. to divs. \$209,123 \$208,976 $\$ 127.86$ \$255,727 ${ }^{*}$ Estimated.
Purnose -From proceeds of 123 modern building of the latest design and construction having a cape a new Sinking Fund.-An annual sinking fund is pro. retirement of class "A" stock in an amount equal to for the purchase and net eacting from such net earning the preceding year, if any remaining after deducting trom such net earnings an amount equal to dividend of $\$ 2$ per per
share on the class " $A$ " stock and $\$ 1.50$ per share on the Class " $B$ " stock
outstanding outstanding.
Listinc. Application will be made to list the Class " A " stock on the
Brewerton Coal Co., Lincoln, III.-Acquisition.-
See Southern Gem Coal Co. below.-V. 120, p. 3068.
See southern Gem Coal
Briggs Manufacturing Co.-Contract.-
manufacture of has secured a contract with Willys-Overland Co. for the -V. 121, p. 2407
British Controlled Oil Fields, Ltd.-Chairman. Lord Buckmaster. formerly Lord Chancellor. has been elected to the
Chairmanship of the British Controlled Oil Fields, Ltd. He will succeed Chairmanship of the British Controlled Oil Fi
Sir Ed ward Mackay Edgar.-V. 118, p. 2954 .

Brunner Turbine \& Equipment Co. (Erste Bruenner Machinen-Fabriks Gesellschaft), Brunn, Czechoslo-vakia.-Bonds Offered.-F. J. Lisman \& Co., New York are offering at $953 / 4$ and int., to yield about $7.90 \%, \$ 4,000,000$ $71 / 2 \%$ Closed First Mortgage 30-Year Sinking Fund gold bonds. See further details in V. 121, p. 2642.
Canadian Industrial Alcohol Co.-Report.-

 |  |  |
| ---: | ---: |
| 000 | $\begin{array}{r}31,020.599 \\ 600.000 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | Balance, surplus

$\times$ After administration expenses, depreciation and income tax.


Carborundum Co., Pittsburgh.-To Increase Capital.The stockholders will vote Dec. 14 on increasing the authorized Capital
stock from $\$ 7,500,000$ to $\$ 10,000,000$, and on approving the issuance of the new $\$ 2,500,000$ stock as a stock dividend, payable out of accumulated
surplus.-V. 110, p. 2195 .
Central Leather Co.-Book Value of Assets Reduced.the company's physical properties and analysis of its other assets with a view operations of the company's business, the officers have recommended and the directors have instructed that the book values of the companv's assets
as of Sept. 301925 be reduced by adjustments aggregating $\$ 7,407,078$, to
cover the cover the writing off of unnecessary plants and the establishment of sound
current values for the remaining plants and other assets of the company. Thene adjustments havemaining plants and other assets of the company. to, and will not affect the operating
results of the company for the 9 months ended Sept. 30 1925, as heretofore The balance sheet of Sept. 30 1925, adjusted to reflect the above men-
tioned reductions, shows that, after providing for all the liabilities of the company and the Preferred stock at par and accrued Preferred dividends,
there is a balance of $\$ 9.807,370$ which represents a book value of the Common stock of $\$ 2470$ per share fivured on a going-concern basis. of sinking fund on July 11925 and $\$ 736$.000 have been called for red account Jan. 11926 at par and int at Bankers. Trust Co., 14 . Wall l ., New York.
This will leave $\$ 13,868,000$ outstanding]-V. 121, p. 2524.

Cerro de Pasco Copper Corp.-Extra Dividend of \$1.The directors have declared an extra dividend of $\$ 1$ a share, payable
Dec. 22 to holders of record Dec. 10 The usual quarterly dividend of $\$ 1$

Chicago Junction Rys. \& Union Stock Yards Co.Mark W. Potter, formerly of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, has
been elected a director and Vice-President of the Chicago Junction Ry. \&
Union Stock Yards Co
Childs Co.-Intere it in New Hotel.-
City Investing Co.-To Increase Common Stock.The stockholders will vote Dec. 15 on increasing the authorized Common
stock from $\$ 4.000000$ to $\$ 8.000,000$, par $\$ 100$. The authorized $\$ 1,000,000$
Preferred stock (por $\$ 100$ ) will remain unchanged. Sividenect to authorization of the proposed increase in capital, a $50 \%$ stock has been declared payabie on Feb. 11926 to hold issued and outstanding record Jan. 11 The remaining 20.000 shares shall remain unissued until the further action
Commercial Credit Co. of Balt.-Resignation.S. G. Rosson has tendered his resignation as Vice-President, effective
Jan. $11926 .-V$. 121, p. 2044 . Commercial Investment Trust Corp.-To Change Cap ${ }^{\circ}$ The stockholders will vote Dec. 26 on approving proposed changes $\mathrm{I}^{\mathrm{n}}$
capitalization of the company. See also V.121,p. 2643 .

## Consol

Congoleum-Nairn, Inc.-New Directors.-
Arthur O. Choate of Clark, Dodge \& Co., and G. K . Beddoe, general sales manazer of the company, have been elected directors succeedin member of the executive committee.- V . $121 . \mathrm{p}$. 982 . ${ }^{\text {. }}$.
Connecticut Brass \& Mfg. Corp.-May Reorganize.
Plans are under way for receivershin under way for a reorganization of the company operating under It Is said that the new organization will resume production in the near
future and purposes to make extensions and betterments. Maurice E. Mayo
is future and purposes to make extensions and
is receiver. (Iron Age.)-V. 106, p. 89 .

Cox-Klemin Aircraft Corp., Baldwin, L. I.-Receiver.Federal Judge Robert A. Inch in Brooklyn on Nov. 27 appointed William
Delaware. receiver on the petition of the United States Guardian Corp. of
Delawe Aircraf corporation, estimated by it to be worth $\$ 106.000$, are mortraged or $\$ 46,000$. Current assets, listed as $\$ 74,000$, are offset, according to
the petitioner, by the alleged fact that $\$ 529,000$ of this amount constitutes
disputed lleges that it entered a 18 for $\$ 22,987$. Other entered judgments are alleged of $\$ 16,767$ by the
Quaker City Finance Corp. and $\$ 7,831$ by the Seventh Avenue National Bank. The receivership was asked pending the completion of certain

Dennison Manufacturing Co.-Stock Increased.ng the authorized capitalization 45.000 shares of 1 st Pref. stock 10,000 shares, mak-
 shares. par 810. It is statat
present.-V. 120, p. 3070 .
Devonian Oil Co.-Special Dividend of $2 \%$.
The diriectors have deccared a special dividend of $2 \%$ on the capital
stock payable Dec. 21 to holders of record Dec. 10.-V. 121 p. 1573 .
Dodge Bros., Inc.-Foreign Sales Increase.-
10 months or 1925 , aports averseas shint 21.964 cars fors of the same period of 29.156 cars for the first
increase of $32.7 \%$, an
Dome Mines, Ltd.-Gold Production (Value).-

Donnacona Paper Co., Ltd.-Tenders.-
The company will until Dec. 31 receive bids for the sale to it of 400
shares of the Preference stock for the sinking fund.-V.119, p. 2651 .
Draper Corp., Hopedale, Mass.-Extra Dividend.The directors have declared an extra dividend of $\$ 2$ a share and the
regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 2$ a share, both payable Jan. 1 to holders
of record Dec.

Ducktown Chemical \& Iron Co-Bonds Sold.-Pask \& Walbridge, New York, First Securities Co. and Chattanooga Savings Bank \& Trust Co., Chattanooga, have sold at 100 and int. (with a bonus of 5 shares of Common stock with each $\$ 1,000$ bond) $\$ 1,000,0001$ st (closed) Mtge. $7 \%$ 10 -Year Sinking Fund Gold bonds.
Dated Nov. 1 1925: due Nov. 1 1935. Int. payable M. \& N . in New
York and Chattanooga, without deduction for normal Federai income tax not in excess of $2 \%$. Callable on first day of any month all or partat at
a premium ${ }^{\circ} 1 /$ or $1 \%$ for each year of unexpired term. Denom. $\$ 1,000$ and
and $\$ 500 \mathrm{c*}$. Company ar each year of unexpired torm. Denom. $\$ 1,000$
after payment, personal aroperty trax upon application within 60 days not exceeding 4 mills and of Maryland, not exceeding $41 / 2$ mills, and Mass. income tax not exceeding $6 \%$ per annum on income derived from these bonds.
New York Trust Co.. New York, trustee.

 Data from Letter of W. F. Lamoreaux, V.--Pres. \& Gen. Mgr. of Co. Company,-Is engaged in the mining and smelting of copper ores and in
the manufacture of sulphuric acid. Properties located in the Ducktown Basin, Polk County, in southeastern Tennessee comprising approximately
7000 acres of land entinely 7 0ina acres of land entirely owned in fee simple together with fully equipped mines and plants located on the Blue Ridge Division of the Louisville \&
Nashville Ry. Annual production for many years has been normally in
excess of $5,000,000$ pounds of co
60 degree Baume sulphurric acid


 production of sulphuric acid. Unon the completion or the new iron sinter-
ing ilint on or about Aug. 1 In26 the production of copper will assume a Purpose. Troceods from company's activities.
 of its iron sintering plant and furrish adequats. ning May 1 1927 sufficient to retire at least sisi sio.000 of bonds b before matur-
 adiditional prope ent property.
 20 years ended Dec. 71224 averagee the period from Dec. 8 1924 to oct. 31.1925 availabole for interest charges

(E. I.) du Pont de Nemours \& Co.-Stock toEmployees.
 or rive years if the tock can be purchased on a a monthly company during


## Eastern Rolling Mill Co.-Listing.-

The Baltimore stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 240,000 share The stockholdders on Nov. 17 a amended the charter to provide for the redemtion ot the Preferred stock or its exchange for the tew Common stock on the basis of tour shares of the etter for one share of the former
nod the exchange of the present Common stock for the neve Common stocl



${ }_{-\mathrm{V} .121, \mathrm{p} .2525 .}^{\mathrm{Totan}}$.

## $\$ 6,325,858$

Fafnir Bearing Co., New Britain, Conn.-Extra Div.The directors have ceclared an extra dividend of $6 \%$ and the usual
uarterly dividend of $2 \%$, both payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 24 . V. 119, p. 1631

Fifth Avenue \& 28th Street Realty Co., Inc., New York City.-Bonds.-The $\$ 2,000,000$ 1st Mtge. $61 / 2 \%$ Sinking Fund Gold loan dated Nov. 251925 and due Nov. 15 1945 was offered by Hayden Stone \& Co., William R. Compton \& Co. and Brooke, Stokes \& Co. (not Brooke, Stone \& Co., as noted in advertising pages of last week's "Chroncle,", page xxvi). See V. 121, p. 2645.
Fisk Rubber Co -Plan for Payment of Accumulated Preferred Stock Dividends and Recommendation to Provide Additional Working Capital. - The success of the company's operations in recent years and its excellent showing for the fiscal year ended Oct. 311925 (net earnings available for dividends being estimated at $\$ 7,500,000$ ), have led the directors to consider whether means might not be found for providing or the accumulated and unpaid dividends on the 1st and 2 d Preferred stocks. Such dividends as of Nov. 1 1925, on the 1st Preferred stock, amounted to $\$ 26$ a share, aggregating $\$ 4,815,434$, and on the 2 d Pref. stock to about $\$ 31$ a share, aggregating $\$ 311,015$. With this end in view, the stockholders on Dec. 11 will vote on the following:
(a) On decreasing the nuthorized capital stock by $13,45,500$, or as such
mount may be increased by the conversot of 2 d Pret. stock prior $t$ to meeting, the reduction to be effected by the cancellation and retirement or 4.10 so
Will
diso






## holders adopted Sept. 7 1921 121 approving the issue of 400 thon to shares the stock-


 exchange. 4, , 924 shares have been so issued, so as to authorize and approve
of shares of shares the issue of (1) 185.212 shares of Common stock to the holders of 1st Pret. Convertible stock who present their shares for exchange for Common stock
in such manner that the holder of 1st Pref. Convertible stock shall receive four shares of Common stock for each share of Preferred stock so exchanged,
the right of conversion to expire Dec $311935:(2) 40,240$ shares in exchange upon conversion for the outstanding 10,060 shares of 2 d Pref. stock as above set forth, (3t is of whe accumulated dividends on the 2 d Pref. stock.
than 5 fors 19 further A

To Provide Additional Working Capital.-Any such plan of paying off the accumulated dividends, however, must take into, account the necessity of ing the last few months an almost unprecedented situation has developed in the abnormally high price for crude rubber of approximately $\$ 1$ per pound | for immediate delivery. The average selling price of rubber for the 12 |
| :--- |
| montbs ended July 31 As | the company now use This situation must be handled in a way that will conserve and enhance the credit of the company. The directors believe it is the part of prudent and intelligent management not ony to corm of additional working capital to fortify the company against all contingencies. They accordingly ask the approval $\$ 10,000,000$, to mature n from date of issue.

pany has reached, and which the directors believe is largely due to the consistent following of a conservative policy combined with prudent expansion sist development of the business, is well shown by the following facts.
The company estimates current assets as of Oct. 311925 at $\$ 31,200,000$, of which approximately $\$ 8,200.000$ is cash. Current liabilities are estimated at $\$ 3,1250,000$, representing provision for Federal income taxes and accounts
payable but not due. There are no bank loans and no commercial paper is
outstanding. Oct. 31 is not only the close of the company's fiscal year. outstanding. Oct. 31 is not only the close of the company's fiscal year,
but likewise is the date on which normally the company's business for the but likewise is the date on which normally operations are in much greater yolume and necessarily require the use of a much larger amount of funds at those seasons of the year when automobile manufacturers ordinarily are producing the greatest number of cars and when retail requirements for tires
are likewise at the maximum. It is to meet this condition in connection with the greatly increased cost of crude rubber that the directors believe it essential to provide the additional working capital proposed to Present and Future Prospects.- Present and ruture prospeading tire manufacturers of the country. From Dec. 311921 to Oct. 311925 net current assets have been increased from $\$ 18,328,580$ to approximately $\$ 28,050.000$. Company's plants have been mainta been increased. The acquisition on a favorable financial basis of certain fabric mills has proved to be a success. The Fisk
Building at the corner of Broadway and 57 th St., N. Y. City, how provides Building at the corner of Broadway and 57th st., N. Y. City, how provides where values and rents are steadily rising. Continuance of present policies will ensure, the directors believe, maintenance of the splendid financia position of the company, and as time passes produce increased and the plan for liquidating back dividends are both consistent with existing policies, and with the need not only of retaining the working capital
supplementing it as required by existing conditions.

Provisions for Adjustment of Dividends on Preferred Stocks. First Preferred Stock.-There is outstanding in hands of public $\$ 18,520,900$ amounting to $\$ 4.815,434$, or $\$ 26$ a share. It is proposed to offer 1st Pref stockholers as pare
share of stock $\$ 1$ in cash and $\$ 25$ in 1 st Pref. Convertible stock.
Second Preferred Stock. There is outstanding in hands of public $\$ 1,006,000$ 2 Preferred stock on which, up to Nov. 1 1925. dividends have accumuWhen and remain unpate amondends on the 1st Pref. and Management.stock have been provided for, it is proposed unpaid dividends, Common stock to payment in full of their accumuless than $\$ 25$ a share.

Amendments to Provisions Establishing the Several Classes of Stock. A new class of stock, to be known as 1st Preferred Convertible stock, will
be authorized in the amount of $\$ 4,630,300$ (par $\$ 100$ ). This stock will be convertible until Dec. 311935 on the basis of one share of 1st Pref. Convertible stock for 4 snulative dividends at the rate of $7 \%$ per annum and will be on a parity with the present 1 st Pref. stock in all respects except (a) as to
its right of conversion, and (b) as to the application of the bond sink its right of conversio
ing fund repayment.
he mortgage securing the repayment is the sum which under the terms of the company and is then required to be applied as a sinking fund for the The provisions of the First Pref. stock will be amended as follows First, so as (1) to establish the amount of the sinking fund applicable to
the First Preferred and First Preferred Convertible stocks, as $15 \%$ of the bulance of the net earnings remaining after deducting (a) the amounts of dends on the 1st Pref. and Ist Pref. Cony. stocks, but, so long as any of
the proosed notes are outstanding, the $15 \%$ shall be reduced by the amount the prooosed notes are outstanding, the $15 \%$ shall be reduced by the amount fund, applicable to the 1st Pref. stock exclusively, the amount of any such
bond sinking fund repayment. Second, so as to provide that all of the sinking fund requirements applica-
ble to the 1st Pref. and 1st Pref. Conv. stocks shall commence from Jan. 1 1926, with the exception of the bond sinking fund repaymente from Jan. which shal
continue as heretofore, and shall be applicable exclusively Sinking fund requirements based on the company's operations frer the cal-
endar year 1925, accordingly, will be limited to the bond sinking fund repayment. Third, so as to permit the company to refund its outstanding mortgage
bonds and the proposed notes without the consent of $75 \%$ of the holders Fourth, so as to eliminate all reference to Federal Rubber Co., in view of the fact that it is now in process of dissolution and that its assets have
been transferred to Fisk Rubber Co. classes of stock proposed to amend the provisions establishing the several Management stock, which now run to the maturity of the First Mortgage bonds on Sept. 11941 , or to any earlier date of
shall be fixed as Sept. 11941 .-V. 121, p. 2646 .

Fitzsimmons \& Connell Dredge \& Dock Co.-Stock Offered.-Offering is being made of 23,000 shares of Common stock by Ralph A. Bard \& Co.. Chicago, at $\$ 2350$ per share, to net $81 / 2 \%$.
Ford Motor Co., Detroit.-Sales Increase.-
 Forrach cars
Trucks
Tractors
Lincolis.
Lis.

1. p. $2279,2163$.

| 1925. | 1924. |
| ---: | ---: |
| 140.963 | 126.579 |
| 19,098 | 17.640 |
| 5.033 | 5.357 |
| 670 | 587 |

Foundation Co.-Subsidiary Co. Incorporated.ware on Nov, 27 with an authorized capitalization consisting of libelon Shares of Class s. s. stock of no on or value. and 160.0000
stock of no par value. See also V . $121, \mathrm{p} .2526,2646$.

Fox Film Corporation.-To Redeem Bonds.
 55 th and 56 th streets. Noriv York Colding and studidus on Tenth Ave. between
 Issue was $81,300.000$ of which part has been retired through a sinkting fund
The bonds are callable at $102 / 2$ and interest.-V. $121, p .2410$, 2046.

Fox Bldg. (Fox Philadelphia Bldg.. Inc.), Phila.-
 bonds at the Fidelity Trust Co
See offering in $V .120, p, 2821$.
Francisco Sugar Co.-Usual Quarterly Dividend share on thectors have declared the usual quarterly dividend of stock. payable Jan 1.5 per


## General Motors Corp.-Offers Stock to Employees.

 President Alrred P. B. Bloan Ir. has issued the following statement re-

 instaliments. Employ es may subscribe in amount from ono share up, in no case more than ten shares, dependent upon their wage earnings:
the total value of the stock subscribed for not to exceed one-tirird of the
verres wase year's wages



Giant Portland Cement Co.- $10 \%$ on Account of Accumulated Preferred Dividends.-
The diroctors have dectared a dividend of 10\% (on account of accumu-


Gothic Towers Apartment Building, Jersey City, N. J.-Bonds Offered.-S. W. Straus \& Co., Inc. are offering at par and int. $\$ 650,000$ 1st Mtge. Sinking Fund $61 / 4 \%$ Gold bonds. Safeguarded under the Straus plan.
 nd at 10 at and intes of oliliable
 income tax paid by the borrower, Samuel Gorlin \& Sons, Inc. Penn. Security.- First mortgage on land owned in fee, fronting 125 ft , on Glen-
wood Ave., between Hudson Boulevard and Bergen Ave., Jersey City, N. J., 152 ft. in depth; together with 9 -story, fire-proof apartment building
to be erected thereon. The building which is now under construction will contain 52 apartments in suites of from 5 to 8 rooms, including two doctor's
suites on the first floor. The rooms are all large and well planned, and the suites on the first floor. The rooms are all large and well planned, and the
units are of a size most in demand in this section. There will be a central refrigerating plant and incinerators, and the building will be served by Earnings.-Based on a rental schedule lower than that now being obtained in comparable apartment bullings in the Bergen section, and after deduct ance for vacancies, net annual earnings are estimated at \$81,300. This figure shows a margin of over $\$ 20,000$ in excess of the greatest annual

Great Lakes Dredge \& Dock Co.-Resignation.-
Edward J. Fuenk has resignod as vice-presidident of the company to become
te-president and director of Fitzsimmons $\&$ Connell Dredge
Dock $C O$ yice-president and director of Fitzsimmons \& Connell Dredge \& Dock Co.
of Chicago. Mr. Fucik has been affiliated with the Great Lakes company

Grennan Bakeries, Inc.-Offer to Stockholders.-
See Purity Bakeries Corp. below.-V. 121 , p. 2528 .
ee Purity Bakeries Corp. below.-V. 121, p. 2528
Grinnell Mfg. Co. of New Bedford.-Bal. Sheet Sept. 30



77,749
22,500
831,350
840,310

Hammond Standish \& Co., Detroit.-Balance Sheet.-

-V. 121, p. 2647.
(P. H.) Hanes Knitting Co., Winston-Salem, N. C. The following officers were elected Nov, 24: P. H. Hanes. Jr., President,
W. M. Hanes, Vice-President and Chairman of the Board; T. W. Allen,
Secretary and Treasurer; S. B. Hanes, Assistant Treasurer.-V. 116, p. 1058.

Harrisburg Bridge Co.-Bonds Sold.-Commonwealth Trust Co., Harrisburg, and Martin \& Co., Philadelphia, have $6 \%$ sold at 102 and int., yielding over $5.80 \%, \$ 750,000$ 1st Mtge. $6 \%$ 20-Year Sinking Fund Gold bonds.
Dated Dec. 1 1925; due Dec, 1 1945. Int. payable J. \& D. Denom.
S1,000 and $\$ 500$ e $^{*}$. Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice
as follows: as foreafter From date of issue to Dec. 1 1929, at $1021 / 2 \%$ and int. and thereafter at a premium reducing $1 / 2 \%$ per each 4 year period until Dec.
1941, after which date bonds are callable at par and int. Interest payable
without deduction of without deduction of Federal income tax, not exceeding $2 \%$ per annum.
Principal and interest payable at Commonwealth Trust Co., Harrisburg.
Pa., trustee, Free from the Penn Data From Letter of Richard C. Haldeman, Pres.
History. - Present charter is C. Haldeman, Pres. of the Company. History. - Present charter is perpetual and contains all the rights and
privileges granted by original charter of 1812, authorizing the company to operate a toll bridge over the Susquehanna, River at Harrisburg, Pa.,
crossing the River as a continuation of Market Street, the leading business
street of the street of the city,
The bridge serves the William Penn Highway, Susquehanna Trail and
routes to the Cumberland and Shenandoah Vall originates in the surrounding territory, the population of which is approximateiy 200,000 and rapidly increasing. Over a period of 18 years, the mafric over the bridge has shown an average yearly increase of $15 \%$, the esti-
mated traffic for 1925 being over 7,000 vehicles daily. With the
exception of a bride exception of a bridge lying one bvock north, carrying daily. .t. of roadway competing bridges are at Columbia, 24 miles to the south, and at Clarks In order to relieve the traff. carrying 4 lines of traffic, approximately, a new bridge of double capacity, present bridge. The new bridge will be of arch a mile long, will replace the will not be interrupt. Contract calls for completion by Jan. 1 1928. Traffic Security. The total value of the physical property of the company,
including the cost of new construction. will be approximaty including the cost of new construction. Will be approximately $\$ 2,100,000$,
on which property these bonds are a first closed mortgage at the rate of
$36 \%$. During construction, the proceeds of this issue will be deposited
with. the with the trustee for disbursement under proper Sinking Fund.- A sinking fund of $\$ 20,000$ a year is to be paid to the
trustee, who will call the bonds by lot at prevailing call prices, if bonds cannot be purchased at lower prices. Bonds so purchased to be cancelled. net profits applicable to interest charges and Federal the company showed 8 months ending August 311925 , such earnings amounted to $\$ 85,448$, or at the rate of over 3.05 times such requirements.

Havana Docks Corp.-Bonds Called.Certain First Collateral Lien $7 \%$ bonds, Series A, dated July 11921 interest at the Old Colony Trust Co., trustee, 17 Court St., Boston, Mass.
V. 121 , p. 2047 .

Hayes Wheel Co.-To Redeem Bonds.-
of the company has announced its intention to redeem on Feb. ${ }^{1} 1926$ all son \& Co. sufficient funds to effect the redemption, and wee, Higginson \& Co. will on Feb. 11926 , at any of its offices in Boston, Chicago or New York,
pay to the holder or registered owners of each of the bonds so called for pay to the holder or registered owners of eac
redemption $1021 / 2$ and int.-V. 121, p. 2528 .
(George W.) Helme Co.-Extra Dividend of $15 \%$.The directors have declared an extra dividend of $15 \%$ in addition to the stock, par $\$ 25$, both payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 14. A similar extra dividend was payd on the Commonn stock on Jan, 2 1925, while on
Jan. 21924 an extra dividend of $7 \%$ was paid. -V. 120, p. 823.

Hercules Powder Co.-Extra Dividend of $4 \%$
The directors have declared an extra dividend of $4 \%$ and the regular stock, par $\$ 100$. both payable Dec. 24, to holders of record Dec. 15 . Extra
dividend (See also dividend record in the "Railway and Industrial Compendium of
(A.) Hollander \& Son Inc.-Acquisition.-
had been completed for the purchase of Bertram J. Goodman negotiations sad been completed for the purchase in light and fancy furs and is one of the largest in its line., No changes will be made in the personnel or management, but it will be operated

Honolulu Consolidated Oil Co.-Extra Dividend.The directors have declared a Christmas dividend of 3 c ., payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Dec. 5 . This is the third extra div, this year an
brings the total paid by the company in 1925 to 27 c .-V. 120, p. 2155 .

Household Products, Inc.-Extra Dividend of 50 Certs. The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50 c . a share, payable
Jan .2 to holders of record Dec. 15 . A similar extra distribution was made on Jan. 2 1925.-V. 121, D. 1575 .

Hudson Navigation Co.-Sale Ordered.-
calling for liquidation of the assets of the company by sale under a plan 1 by which it is said the stockholders will receive 10c. on the dollar. a plan The company, formerly controlled by C. W. Morse, has been in the
hands of Middleton S. Borland as receiver since 1921. In the decree of sale Judge Knox stipulated that no sale be made within six weeks. He further stipulated that if the stockholders sheudd present
an alternate plan within 30 days he would take into consideration with a an alternate plan within 30 days he would take into consideration. With a

Hudson Taxi Co., Hoboken, N. J.-Receiver
Peter Bentley of Jersey City, N. J., has been appointed by Vice-Chancellor
Lewis as receiver for the company. Application for the receivership was
 protect the creditors and stockholders. Total assets amount to about
Huntington Land \& Improvement Co.-Bonds Paid.-
The $8832.5006 \%$ bonds due Dec. 1 are being paid off at office of Security

Hupp Motor Corp.-Production


Hurt Building, Atlanta, Ga.-Permanent Bonds. G. L. Miller \& Co. announce that permanent $7 \%$. 1 st Mtge. Moupon
Gold bonds are now ready for distribution in exchange for interim cer-
tific aten outstanding See offerins in V 120 p. 3196 . tificates outstanding. See offering in V. 120 p. 3196.

Hydraulic Steel Co.-Time for Deposit Extended.The time for the deposit of Preferred stock under the terms of the plan
of reorganization (V. 21, p. 467 has been extended to and including Dec. 10 atter which date, no. further deposit may be made except upon
such terms and subject to such penalty as may be imposed by the reorsuch terms and subject to such penalty as may be imposed by the reor-
ganization committee (Walter O. Janney, Chairman).
In order to participate under the terms of the plan, stockholders should In order to participete under the terms, of the plan, stockholders should
send their stock certificitate or certificates of deposit therefor ropoperly
indorsed in blann, to Guardian Trust Co., Cleveland, Ohio, depositary.indorsed in blank, to
v. 121 , p. 2528,2047 .

Illinois Glass Co--Debentures Called.
 and int. at 119.

Indian Refining Co.-New Directors.B. H. Anglin and Frank Fritz have been elected
Vico- Presidents of the company-- V. 121, p. 847 . 835 .
$\underset{\text { Years End. Sept. } 30-1924-25 \text {. }}{\text { Inderend }}$ - Annual Report.-Years End. Set. S. 30
Income (all sources)
Cost of produc. \& oper'
$\xrightarrow{\text { Profit on sales. }}$ Disisursements-
Interest
Depreciation, bonds. Preferred dividends
Common dividends.

- Balance - 119 , p. 2294.

| S62,4 | 䢒 |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 199,395$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 202,125 \\ & 212,145 \end{aligned}$ |

$\begin{array}{r}1922-23 . \\ \$ 1,777298 \\ 976,490 \\ \hline\end{array}$
$1921-22$
$\$ 5.522 .289$
$3,797,201$
$\$ 800,738 \$ 1,725,088$
3210,300
425,927
$\overline{\text { loss } \$ 523.961} \overline{\text { loss } \$ 583,853} \overline{\text { sur } \$ 164,512} \frac{12}{\text { sur } \$ 12,639}$
International Match Corp.-Contract with Peruvian Govt After negotiations extending over a period of $11 / 2$ years, a contract for
2f-year match monopoly has just been signed by the Peruvian Govern-
ment and therepresentative of the International Match Corp and the Swed ment and the representative of the International Match Corp. and the Swedthe Peruvian Minister of Finance and the representative of the two match 20 -year contract, ratified a few weeks ago by the two Houses of the Peruvian Congress, and finally signed by the two contracting parties on Nov. 26. tronled by the Swedish-American group will have a concession for the ex-
clusive sale, manufacture and import of matches in the territory of the Republic of Peru. The two existing local factories have been accuired by
the Peruvian Government and will be closed down. The Monopoly the Peruvian Govermmen will import from Euroan factories under the control of the Swedishpany win group all the matckes necessary to satisfy the demand of the popu-
American gor
lation of Peru. The contract will go into effect on Feb. 11266 . Heretofore about $85 \%$ of the consumption of matches in Peru has been manufac-
tured locally, $12 \%$ imported from Sweden and $3 \%$ from other countries The Swedish-American group will pay the Peruvian Goverrment for this concession the sum of $£ 200,000$ sterling, or about $\$ 1,000,000$ annually,
There are several interesting features in the agreement. Under one clause in the contract the lessees of the monopoly are safeguarded against depreciation in Peruvian exchange. which permits them to keep the price
of matches practically on a gold basis. A decree against contraband matches imposing severe penalties upon smugglers has been put into effect The income which the Peruvian Government derives from the Match Monopoly will be used for irrigation purposes.
This new contract is the second to be announ nathies Match Corp. and the Swedish Match Co. Last July the Interconcession and it is understood that the same eroup has under monopoly tion proposals from various other Governments fin
V. 121, D. 468 .

International Products Co.-Plan of Rearganization.A committee consisting of Henry B. Price, Edward H. Sanborn and
George E. Whitelam has, at the instance of some of the largest stockholders of the company, adopted a plan of reorganization, pursuant to which a ners
company is to be organized which will acquire all the claims against the present company and by the enforcenmenpany may ortherwise acquire the assels. Stocinn to the stock or orese new company as provided in the plan,
by suscribing to the
which subsint

The committee in a circular to the stockholders says in substance:
The stockholders are doubtless cognizant of the difficulties in general
through which the company with its construction pro cram substantially completed has passed since the war, due largely to the collapse of the
markets for its products which necessitated closing down the meat plants in Paraguay just after they were opened. With no earning power pants
that derived from eacuer markets, the company has had no way of meeting its indebtedness incurred during the construction period and. since Sept. 1921 , has been
in the hands of its creditors acting through a creditors committee. Several times during this period it seemed as if a receivership c)uld not be avorided
but certain of the larger stockholders each time came cr ward with assistance but certain of the larger stockholders each time came fcr ward with assistance
and the action was avoided. Claims that could not be extended were taken and the action was avoided. Claims that could not be extended were taken
up by these stockholders. Certain of the largest creditors, in May 12 .
offered to accent 50 c on the dollar on their claims, if paid within one year. and other creditors followed suit, in the belief that the company's market As this so improveve during this period that the claims could be taken care of arrangement were made to May 311925 , at which time the same stockholders againctan
further extended.
At the present time, the outstanding claims against the company in the approximately $\$ 10,592,155$. , alh of which are long past due. These stock-
holders have now exercised these holders have now exercised these options (in some cases extended (t) with respect to a large proportion of the claims against the company, and have
in connection with the remaining creditors. agreed upon the plan of reorganization (below). Under the plan all stockholders who participate therein for the purpose of making this reorganization possible, acquired a subIn this situation, in the endeavor to save the assets and business for the cquisition of the claims against the company, the committee, will ard the to carry out the plan. The minimum financial reguirements of the plan are so 910 . 442 follows: 1 ) ${ }^{\text {( }}$ pay the amount of certain so-called new advances made
to the company by the creditors committee (with interest)
to the company by the creditors committee (with interest) .... $\$ 354,336$ except claims of creditors who have agreed to take income debenexces of the new company to the par amount of the unpurchased
turartion of their claims, approximately..................................

If both the Paraguay and Columbia packing houses of the company are
to be opened up, it would be advisable to provide additional working
capital of approximately $\$ 1,100,000$, and it is hoped by the comm capital of approximately $\$ 1,100,000$, and it is hoped by the conmmitteoe thing provide the new company with such further working capital.

## Digest of Reorganization Plan.

 New Company,-To be organized in Delaware, will either acquire theentire indebtedness against the present company, and by the enforcement thereof acquire or otherwise will acquire all of the assets of the present Capilalization.- New company will have an authorized capital consisting
of \$4.500.000 6. 6 Near Income Debentures, $\$ 12,000,0006 \%$ Cumulative
sinking Fund Preferred stock and 280,700 shares lue $6 \%$ Ten Year Cumulative Income Debentures will bear int. at rate of $6 \%$
per annum, payable semi-annually, if, when and as earned and when and as declared by the directors out of the net earnings and surplus of the new when due, it shall thereafter be payable out of the net earnings and surplus of the new company, upon any maturity of the debentures whether earned of the new company, upon any maturit of the date on which the new company
or not. Debentures shall be dated
takes over the business and shall mature on Nov, 30 1935. Red. at any takes over he business and shall mature on Nov. 30 1935. Red. at any
time all or part at par and int. Entitled to benerit of a sinking fund equal to $1 / 2$ of the annual net earnings pay fuil current and any accumumated interest on the debentures and full
current and any accumulated dividends on the Pref. stock, whether such interest or dividends be paid or not, sinking fund to be used annually in the red. of debentures upon call at par and int. or by purchases in the market at a lesser price if obtainable. secured by the pledge of all the Preferred
at
stock and Common stock of the Colombia Products Co. which will owned by the new company. Beginning Dec. 1 1930, the amount of the sinking fund in each and every year therearter shall be an least \$200,000, ath
if it shall fall beoow sLoo..ooo the company will in any event pay to the trustee an amount sufficient to make the sinking fund for that year equal
$\$ 200,000$. Company shall not incur any obligation having priority over the debentures, and that no mortgages or other liens of any kind shall be placed
upon the real estate, buildings and other fixed assets, except with the approval or the holders of $60 \%$ of the outstanding debentures. No dividends shall be paid on any stock except the Preferred siodgt if interest in full is not
are retired. Debentures holders will have the right actually paid to Dec. 11928 to require the payment thereof at that time
 rate of $6 \%$ per anmum, payabe semi-annually, in priority to any divivs at on
the Common stock. In event of liquidation, voluntary or involunt on entitled to receive par and divs. prior to any distribution of assets to the Common stock. After all Income Debentures shall have been redeemed or
provision made therefor, Preferred stock shall be subject to redemption at provime upon the call of the directors at par and divs. After all of Income any time upon
Debentures shal have been redeemed Preferred stock will be entitiled to
the benefit of a sinking fund equal to $5 \%$ of the annual net earnings remainthe benerit of a sinking for dividends on the the annual net earnings remain-
ing after the payment of which sinking and divs., or by purchases in the market at a lesser pricece if obtainanale.
Holders of Preferred stock shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock hed by them . Ali stock of new company will be placed in a voti
with 5 voting trustees until the retirement of all the debentures. Participation in Plan.
(a) Each Preferred Stockholder of present company is entitled to subscribe
to the new Preferred stock (taken at $\$ 50$ per share) at the rate of $\$ 30$ for each share of old Preferred stock hell
(b) Eam scribe to the new
for each share of old Common stock held. Upon the payment of subscriptions there will be delivered, with each $\$ 100$ Thus, each Preferred stockholder owing 10 shares of old Preferred stock who subscribes and pays $\$ 300$ wim oowning 10 shares of old Common stock who subscribes and pays $\$ 150$ will
receive 3 shares of the niew Preferred stock and 6 shares of the new Comm stock. Ill of the stockholders subscribe to the new Preferred stock there will be deliverable to them with respect to their subscriptions approximately
240,000 shares of the new Common stock. Any balance of this 240,000 shares remaining after delivering to subscribing stookholders the amount
due on their subscriptions will be divided pro rata among such subscribing stockholders in proportion to their respective subscriptions, thereby
increasing the Common stock participation of the subscriblng stockholders in the new company, In the event that any stockholder desires to subscribe for more than his pro rata prontion, he may do os osubecte to the proportionater reduretion of his excess subscript be received by the committee not later than Dec. 231925 , Every Preferred stockholder of the present company whether subseribing each share of old Preferred stock held by him. Each Common stockholder of the present company whether subscribing or not to the new stock will
receive $1-20$ of a share of new Common stock for each share of old Common secelve held by him. Scrip certificates still be issuable for fractional shares,
Because of their faith, with sood mana Because of their faith, with good management, in the future prosperity
of the company, Minor . Keth, Edwar J. Berwind and Percival Farquhar. as holders of large blocks of stock of the present company, have.
agreed with the committee to subscribe upwards of $\$ 2.200,000$ toward the agreed with the committee to subscribe upwards of $\$ 2,200,000$ towar
new Preferred stock on the same basis as is offered to all stockholders,
Arrangements With Respect to Claims Against the Company Which Were Not
The committee has made the following arrangements with respect to.
hose claims against the company which were not acquired by the stockholders as above mentioned.
A certain portion of the cash subscriptions received under the plan shall be applied first to pay the so-called new advances of the creditors com-
mittee in the amount of $\$ 354.336$ with int., and of the balance $50 \%$. be applied to the provision of further working capital up to a total of \$1,-
100.000 of such new working capital, and the other $50 \%$ of such subscriptions to the purchase of the other claims at the price of 50 c . on the dollar. Any surplus funds received from the allotted portion of cash
subscriptions to the plan after a total of $\$ 1,100,000$ of such further working capital has been so provided, is likewise, to the extent necessary. to be applied in the acquisition of such claims at the price of 50 c . on the dollar.
For any part of such claims with interest not acquired by the new conpany For any part of such claims with interest not accuired by the new company
through such cash payments, the Income Debentures of the new company,
will be dellivered at par, dollar for dollar, and the issue will be closed at whis amount.
In connection with the issue of debentures, if every stockholder subscribes to his pro rata proportion of the securities of the new company the sub-
scriptions will produce $\$ 6,000,000$ and the debentures, which will take the place of bank loans made to the present company at par, need not be place
issued, as these loans, under the options now in hand. will be paid off out
of the subscriptions at 50 c . on the dollar, which will thereby save the new of the subscriptions at 50 c . on the dolla
company over $\$ 2.000 .000$ at the outset.
It is proposed to set aside 20,000 shares of the new Common stock to be issued from time to time as determined by directors to persons whose
services it is desired to obtain in connection with the management and In the event that a sufficient amount of the new Preferred stock is subscribed to enable the committtee to acquire all the elaims against the
company and it therefore becomes unnecessary to issue any of the Incole company and it therefore becomes unnecessary to issue any of the Income reserves the right to have the new company create an issue of first mortgage
bonds or other bonds or debentures in such authorized amount, \&c. committee may determine. The committee may then arrange for the new company to sol it, for the purpose of providing such amount of additional
terms fixed by and working capital as the committee may determine and for the purpose of returning to the subscribers to the new Preferred stock a proportion of their
subscriptins subscriptions. In the event of such reimbursement, the new Preferred
stock issued with respect to the proportion of the subscrintion will be callable ratably by the company among all the subscribing stockholders at the subscription price. This will result in the subscribing stock-
holders obtaining a material reduction in the amount of their new cash

Investment while at the same time keeping all of the Common stock which
they otherwise receive by virtue of thir subscriptions. This plan whil
also create a financial structure which will give the new company available alsc create a financial structure which will give the new company available
securities with which to provide for the growth of the company increase
its working capital from time to time and otherwise to develop its properties. securities with which to provide for the growth of the company, increase
its working capital from time to time and otherwise to develop its properties. On July 4 1925, the creditors committeee sent to Paraguay its repre-
sentative, Charles D. Bell. as Vice-Pres. of the company in charge of its sentative, Charles D . Beil, as Vice-Pres. of the company in charge of its
affairs in Paraguay ith istructionsto make a complete examination of
the affairs of the company and to report upon its present situation and
Bropects. on the cost of quebracho given in Mr. Bell's report and the actual sale prices up to Nov. . 0 of this year, the net operating earninns before the
depreciation are expected for the calendar year 1925 to be $\$ 628,000$. depreciation are expected for the calendar year 1925 to be $\$ 628.00$. If the company can make this showing during the present depressed con-
dition of the leather trade which has now continued since the close of the
warwar the earningse from this sharece should materially increase when onormal
conditions in that industry are finally restored and the reorganization is effected.
of $\$ 17.000 .000$ pany will have assets which cost the old company upwards \&c. It would be difricult of to dunds, plants, cattle, railways, equipment, the forest and cattle lands of the company. On the basis of present earnings from quebracho alone, the new company, should be able to pay $6 \%$ on new money subscribed, and have a
substantial surplus left over.
J. F. Tippett has been elected Pres. of the International Products Co. and will be the President of the new company. cattle and pastures of the Colombia Products Co., $50 \%$ of the stock of which is owned by the company, and he reports that the packing plant is in first class condition and modern and up-to-date in every respect, and that the which is equal to the best of South American native stock. Whade of cattle ing plants are not in operation, the sale of live cattle for shipment to the Canal Zone. Peru, \&c. is a source of considerable revenue.
On Nov. 9 1925. the suit of Richardson Hill \& Co. of B B \& Co. (See vertain directors was decided adversely to Richardson Hill that ecory sittecee are working entirely without compensation. It is hoped stock for, if the plan is carrict a substantial part of his proportion of the new Who do not subscribe to stock of the new company will suffer a loss of almost their entire investment.
International Products Co.. 120 Broadway, New York. Price, Chairman Hornblower, Miller \&\&. Garrison, 24 Eriond St., New York City, are
Counsel for the committee.-V. 121, p. 2411.
International Paper Co.-New England Power Plan.-
See New England Power Co. under "Public Utilities" above.-V. 121,
p. 2411,2281 .
International Securities Co.-To Subscribe to 86,667 Shares of Stock Under New England Power Co. Plan
See New England Power Co, under "Public Utilities" above.
International Projector Corp., New York.-Pref. Stock Sold.-Pynchon \& Co., West \& Co., and W. S. Hammons \& Co. have sold at $\$ 100$ per share and divs. 25,000 shares $\$ 7$ Div. Pref. (a. \& d.) stock.
\$7 Div. Pref. stock included in this offering will be deliverable in the
form of Pree. stock allotment certificates. Under the terms of the allotment certificates there will be delivered with each share of Pref. stock one share of Common stock, and certiricates for Pref. stock and certificates
for Common stock will be deliverable upon surrender of the allotment certificates on or after Dec. 101926 , or earliler at the option of the cor-
poration. Such allotment certificates will provide for payment to the poration. Such allotment certificates will provide for payment to the Entitled to receive cumulative divs. at the rate of $\$ 7$ per share per
annum, payable Q.-J. Has priority in in iquidation or dissolution up to
$\$ 100$ per share and divs., plus a premium of $\$ 15$ per share, if such liquida$\$ 100$ per share and divs., plus a premium of $\$ 15$ per share, if such liquida-
tion or dissolution be voluntary, before any distribution shall be made to the holders of Common stock. Callable, all or part, by lot or pro
rata, at $\$ 115$ per share and divs. Pref. stock shall have no voting power, except when divs. to extent of 87 per share are inal arreare na and in such case
shall be entitled to elect the majority of the directors. No Pref. stock in excess of the 25.000 shares now offered may be issued unless the annual of all the Pref. stock, including the total annual dividend requirements
of anal amount proposed to be exempt also from all Federal income taxes when received by an individual whose net income, after all allowable deductions, does not exceed $\$ 10,000$.
Dividends are not subject to Federal income tax when received by a doDividends are not s
mestic corporation.
Capitalization-
$\$ 7$ Dividend Preferred stock (no par)......... Authorized. Outstanding.
50 . 000 shs.
 Transfer agent, Equitable Trust Co.,
National Bank of the City of New York.

Data from Letter of V.-Pres. B. A. Squire, New York, Nov. 24. Company.- Incorporated in Delaware, and has acquired the business
and assets of the Nicholas Power Co., Inc., Precision Machine Co, Inc.,
both the leading manupacturers Acme Motion Picture Projector Co. of Chicago, the leading manufacturers of motion pitture projection machines, acces-
sories and other machines pertaining to that field of industry. These
corporations have meen active in this tossential part of the motion picture corporations have been accive in this eessential part of the motion picture
industry since 1907, 1913 and 1916. respectively. The Power, simplex and Acme motion picture projector machines which are manufactured in the respective plants of the corporation are the most widely known in the industry. These machines are sold in every part of the world. The principal business of the corporation is the manufacture
of motion picture projecting machines for theatres. schools, churches, or motion picture projecting machines for theatres, schools, churches, from spare parts.s.accessories and repairs. There are anproximating revenue 19.000
motion picture theatres in the United States alone, and the average number motion picture theatres in the United States alone, and the average number
of machines per theatre is 2.9 . Most of the best-known theatres in the
Mos. larger cities use tour or five machines. The corporation supplies a large
part of the motion picture projector machines used in the theatrical field and the number or machines sold to schools for the showing of educationai The plants acquired from the Nicholas Power Co.. Inc., and the Pre-
cision Machine Co., Inc., will upon completion of this financing; be located in a 10 -story fireproof building, situated at Gold and Ferry Sts., N. Y.
 constitutes a valuable equity for the latter corporation. The plant acquired
from Acme Motion Picture Projector Co. Is located at May St. and West from Acme Motion Picture Projector Co. is located at May St, and West
Austin Ave., Chicago. This property, valued at $\$ 193,000$, is without encumbrance.
Earnings. Combined earnings of the Nicholas Power Co., Inc., the
Precision Machine Co., Inc., and the Acme Motion Picture Projector Co. have been as follows:


Pro Forma Balance Sheet June 301925. capital stock of Cinect to the acquisition of above properties: also entire
stock and 200,000 shares of Commorp and and sale of 25,000 shares of Pref. Prop. plant \& Assets. \&
 Patents \&
Good-will
Cash
Actes receivable-
Ancounts receivable
Inventories
Inventories--
Deferred assets
Deferred
Deferred charges.

International Shoe Co., St. Louis.-Dividend Rate on Common Stock Increased.-The directors on Dec. 1 declared four quarterly dividends of $\$ 1.50$ each, payable Jan. 1 April 1, July 1 and Oct. 11926 to stockholders of record on the 15 th day of each month preceding. This compares with dividends at the rate of $\$ 5$ a share per annum paid in 1925 on this issue and $\$ 4$ a share per annum paid during 1924.V. 121, p. 1232.

Kardex Rand Co.-Name Changed.-
The company has filed a certificate at Dover, Del.. changing its name to
Kardex Rand Sales Corp., Erie, N. Y.-V
Kardex Rand Sales Corp.-New Name.-
Kaufmann Department Stores, Inc.-Tenders.from directors on Nov, 111925 decided that the capital stock be reduced
fon Ladenburg, Thalmann \& Co., 25 Broad St. N. Y. City, will until Dec. 10
receive bids for the sale to it of $\$ 75,000$ of Pref. stock at the lowest prices at which the same may be obtained. There is at present outstanding
$\$ 1,500.000$ Pref. stock and $\$ 7,500,000$ Common stock. par $\$ 100$. $-\mathbf{V}$. 120 ,

Kelly-Springfield (Ohio) Motor Truck Co.-Sale.A Springfield, Ohio, dispatch says that a New York group of financiers,
represented by W . Torney, Charles J. Jamieson, Evward L. W. Site
and Pite represented by S. W. Torney, Charles J. Jamieson, Edward L. W. Site
and Philitip Farley, have purchased the property at receiver's sale.-V.
p. 2048.

Kelvinator Corp. (Mich.).-Extra Dividend of 50 c.The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50 c . per share, payable
Jan. 6 to holders of record Dec. 11. See also V. 121, p. 2165, 1916.
Kilburn Mills, New Bedford.-Bal. Sheet Sept. 30.-
 0 \$2,250,000

 William M. Wood, formerly president of the American Woolen Co., has
resigned as president of Kilburn Mills. Mr. Wood continues as a director of the company. George B. Knowles has been elected Treasurer, succeeding meeting of the board.-二 $\mathrm{V} .119, \mathrm{p} .2655$.
King Philips Mills (Fall River).- $20 \%$ Extra Dividend.An extra dividend of $20 \%$ has been declared on the outstanding $\$ 2,250,000$ capital stock, par $\$ 100$, payable Dec. 22 to holders of record Dec. 3. The usual quarterly dividend of $11 / 2 \%$ has also been declared, payable Jan. 3 to holders of record Dec. 22.-V. 121, p. 2412.
Kraft Cheese Co.-Capital Stock IncreasedThe stockholders have approved the increase in the authorized Common stock or 320,000 shares to 350.000 shares, par $\$ 25$. The additional
shares, it is reported, are to be used in payment of a stock dividend. V. 121, p. 2413 .

Kruse-Wierk Manufacturing Co.-Receiver's Sale.of Ohrsuant to an order of the U. S. District Court for the Northern District auction, sale on Dern Dec. 14 at the premises or the company at Defiance, Ohio,
the plant and perser the pla
Lehigh \& Wilkes-Barre Corp.-Bonds Called.All of the outstanding $51 / 2 \%$ Serial Collateral Trust bonds, Series "D"
 The Series "D" bonds will be redeemed at
bonds at $1011 / 2$ and int.-V. 119, 2416 .
Leverich Towers (Brooklyn Construction Co., Inc.), Brooklyn, N. Y.-Bonds Offered.-American Bond \& Mortgage Co. are offering at prices to yield from $6 \%$ to $61 / 2 \%$ according to maturity, $\$ 2,500,00061 / 2 \%$ 1st Mtge. bonds.
Dated Nov. 101925 ; due serially, $21 / 2$ to 10 years. Normal Federal Income tax up to $2 \%$ on the annual interest paid when claimed. Pennai, tax. Mass. and N. H. income tax up to $6 \%$ of the int. refundable. Callable Securty. Secured. by a d direct. closed first mortgage on the land owned
in fee fronting $2011 /$ ft. on Willow St. by 100 ft 4 in. on Clark St. and
100 Leverich Towers. The land and building (when completed) have been解 15 stories and basement in height of steel frame into 1 and 2 -room suites. The hotel will contain a ball room and banquet Hotel Leased.-L Leverich Towers has been leased from date of comTerms of this lease, which is subordinate to this first mortgage bond issue are as follows: 1 st year, $\$ 200,000$ per annum; 2 d year, $\$ 240.000$ per
anmum; 3 d to 18 th years incl., $\$ 310,000$ per annum; 19th to 21 st years The heaviest anual interest and principal payments are more than
amply covered by the yearly rental obtained from the lease above mentione d
Libby, McNeill \& Libby, Chicago.-Initial Dividend. The directors have authorized an initial semi-annual dividend of $3 / \% \%$
on the Preferred stock, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 15 . This
stock was issued in May 1922 (V. 114 , p. 1659 .-V. 120 , p. 2156 .

McClintic-Marshall Construction Co.-Bonds Sold.Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh have sold at 100 and int. $\$ 12,000,000$ Collateral Trust $51 / 2 \%$ Serial Gold bonds.
 tax not exceeding 2 . . Red. as a whole only on any int. date, on 4 weeks'
notice at $1021 / 2$ and int. Free of Penn. 4 mill tax.

Data From Letter of C. D. Marshall, President of the Company Company.-Incorp. in Penn. March 2011900 . II engaged in the fany.
tion and erection of structurai steel bridges, buildings. blast furnaces, gas
told end eret holders, oil storage tanks, and steel barges. On April 15 1925. . the compang acquired all of the capital stock of Bartlett Hayward Co. of Baitimore, which
is an important builder of gas plants and by-product plants. Plants of
 160.000 shares of the $6 \%$ Cumulative Preferred stocck of the the deposit of of America.
The inde
The indenture will provide that at all times until the whole amount of maintained on deposit with trustee. 6\% Cumulative Preferred stock of the the trustee so that the aggregate market value thereof shall alwrysed by
least
least equal to $125 \%$ of the face amount of all the Collateral Trust $51 / 2 \%$ Earnings. - The earnings of the company (including Bartlett Hayward co., arter taxes and depreciation, avalable for the payment of interest.
averaged for the 5 vears ended Dec. 311924 in excess of $\$ 2.500,000$ per
annum. It it estimated that such earnings for the current year will equal the annum,
five year average as a bove be used for the payment of bank loans and for
Purpose.-Proceeds will be
other corporate purposes.-V. 121, p. 1576 . other corporate purposes.-V. 121, p. 1576.
McCrory Stores Corp. - November Sales.


## Mack Trucks Real Estate, Inc.-Definitive Notes.-

 outstanding temporary $6 \%$ Secured Gold Notes, Series $A$, for the definitive notes. see orrering in V. 121, p. 208. ف्रMagnolia Petroleum Co.-Offer Made Minority Holders. In connection with the acguisition of the minority stock of the Magnolia
Petroleum Co. by the Standard Oil Co. of New York (see V. 121, p. 2417) the trustees of the Magnolia company have sent a notice to stockholders
 will be paid in cash for each share of Magnolia stock. New York was to acquire Magnolia's minority holdings. the tatter company gave its was to to
holders the option of receiving cashor stock. It was pontint out on Now however, that when the standard Oill Co. of New York ant on Nov. 30 ,
recent capital increase a stock dividend would be pald out of the ince its
It was further added that this stock stock. It was further added that this stock dividend would not be paid Metals National Bank, which represented the Magnolia trustees of the proposed stock dividend, which, it is currently reported, will amount ,
Mathieson Alkali Works (Inc.).-Resumes Dividend on Common Stock.-The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of $\$ 1$ per share on the Common stock, no par value payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 18. This is the first dividend paid since Jan. 1919, when a distribution of 75 cents per share was made on the then outstanding Common stock of $\$ 50$ par value, which was exchanged early this year for the present no par Common stock on a share for share basis.

Mayflower-Old Colony Copper Co.-Assessment of thassessment of 50 cents per share has been levied on the Capital stock 1925. This assessment is payable at the office of the American Trust Co. transfer agent, 50 State St, Boston. Mass. This is the first assessment
called since April 221924 , and makes $\$ 16$ per share paid in ont the outstand-
ing 200.000 shares of Capital stock, par $\$ 25$.-V.
Merchants \& Miners Transportation Co.-621/2c. Div.
The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of $621 / 2$ cents per share on the new no-par shares, payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 15 .
This is equivalent to $\$ 10$ a share annualiy on the old $\$ 100$ par value stock, on which dividends at the rate of $\$ 8$ per annum had been paid. See also
V. 121, p. 2412.
Metropolitan Chain Stores, Inc.-Opens New Store.on Dec. 5 . This will be the 71st store in the company's group. Both Cal. land and building, which is located in the heart of the city, are owned by the company. The new Oakland store will be the third to be opened by the
company in the last 6 weeks. Others were opened in East Liverpool, 0 .
company in the last 6 weeks. Others were opened it
nd in Chicago Heights, Chicago.-V. 121, p. 2530 .
Midwest Athletic Club, Chicago.-Bonds Offered.George M. Forman \& Co., Chicago, are offering at 100 and int. $\$ 1,200,000$ st Mtge. $61 / 2 \%$ Serial Coupon Gold bonds. Mated Nov. 1 1 1925 ; maturing serially, 1927 to 1935 . Int. payable,
 tax up to $2 \%$ paid by borrower. Penna, Calif., Kan, and Conn. Ferseral ot in excess of $41 /$ mills, the Ky.. Colo, and District of Columbia tax not and the Mass. income tax up up to $6 \%$ prer annum tax not exceeding $51 /$ mills,
Security. These bonds are secured by a closed first property (land, building and equipment) owned in fee, located on the as the Midwest of Madison St. and Hamlin Ave., Ohicago, and known pleted ${ }^{2}$ no.- The building now in process of erection, will when com-
States. It will be avorably with the finest club buildings in the United concrete, fireproof construction throughout. The pround and reinforced Madison St. side will be divided into seven stores while the main ontranc be 200 guest rooms each with bath and all the usual departments will pool and natateric club, including a fully equipped gymnasium, swimming and suitrobe accommodations for other indoorg sports, The large main
dining room will overlook Garfield Park and the ballroom which will into an open air roo located on the top floor of the building and opens departments of the clut garden flude Further a ccommodations for the social
ladies' dining room, six private writing rooms and main the ladies lounge, beauty parlor,
nd necessary equipment The total value of land and completed building


Mill Factors Corp.-Extra Dividend of $1 / 2$ of $1 \%$. The corparation has declared an extra dividend of $1 / 2 \mathrm{of}$ o $1 \%$ and the
regular quarterly dividend of $1 / 1 \%$, both payable Jan. 2 to holders of
record Dec. $19 .-V$. 109 . 2 .

Missouri-Kansas Farms Co.-Stock Offered,For details see under "Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding
page.

Montgomery Ward \& Co., Chicago.-Sales.-


Mortgage Bond Co. of Maryland, Inc.-Bonds Offered. Co. of Baltimere \& Sons, Tucker, Anthony \& Co., Gillet \& Co. of Baltimore, and Mercantile Trust \& Deposit Co., of Baltimore, are offering $\$ 1,000,000$ First Mtge. Guaranteed $51 / 2 \%$ certificates at 100 and interest.
The certificates mature $\$ 125,000$ Oct. $11930, \$ 125,000$ Nov. 11930
$\$ 225,000$ Dec. $1930, \$ 100,000$ Oct. 1 i $935, \$ 175,000$ Nov. 11935 and $\$ 250,000$ Dec. 1 1935. All first mortgages securing these certificatases and Bialtimore. All mortgages pledged as security for the certificates are a and business properties, in an amount not in excess of $50 \%$ of the con-
servative appraised value, except when at least $50 \%$ of the loan is amortized sit
in equal annual payments the company has the right to lend not in excess
of $60 \%$ of such valuation.-V, 121, p. 1576 .

Mortgage Security Corp. of America, Norfolk, Va.-
Listing.
The Baltimore Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of $\$ 700,000$
1st Pref. stock (7\% cum.) with authority to add up to $\$ 1,500,000$ upon official notice of issuance. Company was originally incorporated Aug. 181915 in Virginia for the
purpose of dealing in first mortgages on completed income producing Authorized capital consists of 75,000 shares (no par) Common stock,
$\$ 1,500,0001$ st Pref. stock, and $\$ 1,500,000$ 2d Pref. stock. The company has neither funded nor floating debt. Earnings of the company have been (since reorganization, Dec. 6 1924)
Dec. 71924 to Sept. 30 1925: Gross, $\$ 754,931$; net, $\$ 505,237$.
Motion Picture Capital Corp.-Bal. Sheet Oct. $31_{1} 1925$
 Due from subscr. Pret. stk...
Cash Notes, accts. \& com. rec. Accr. Int. recelva
Deferred charges

## 771,924 $5,120,412$ 46,910 131,879

Corp, not held.-.-
Accounts payable.
Bank loans.
Bank loans.
Acerued int.
Accrued int, payable.
Guarantee deposits.
Reserve
Reserve for Fed. tax
Reserve for commlission adj
Reserve for commlssion adj
Deferred credits ..............
Surplus
Total (each side)
V. $121,2530,2049$.
86,084,312
Mt. Vernon-Woodberry Mills, Inc. $-21 / 2 \%$ Dividend.A dividend of $2 \frac{1 / 2 \%}{} \%$ has been declared on the $7 \%$ Cumul. Pref. stock,
payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 15 . This will make a total of payo paid during the present calendar year, as compared with $21 / 2 \%$ pald
in 1924.-V. 121, p. 717.209 .

Mountain Producers Corp.-Extra Div. of $4 \%$.-
in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of $2 \%$ ( 20 cents a share) in addition the the regular quarterly dividend of $2 \%$ (20 cents a share),
both payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 15 . In the two last previous
quarters the company paid 20 cents regular and 30 cents extra. Compare V. 121, p. 1234 .

Munson Steamship Line.-Acquires Control of New York Canal \& Great Lakes Corp.The company on Nov. 28 acquired a controlling interest in the New York the tonnage through the New York State barge canal system. President Frank C. Munson, says: "One of the chief reasons for our taking control
of the New York Canal \& Great Lakes Corp., is that we hope through use of the corporation's routes as feeders to our own extensive coastwise and
usp
forese foreign shipping routes to assure the future of the barge canal as a paying
system and to put the inland manufacturer in ., closer touch with his market The equipment of the New York Canal \& Great Lakes Corp., consists of 50 barges and 20 canal steamboats built for the Government during the war
when the canal system was under Federal control. The vessels were sold when the canal system was under Federal control. The vessels were sold
by the Government for $\$ 1,600,000$. Mould commence at once operation under the steamship company's control Whoul commence at once. A number of the barges will be sent to Miami,
Fla, to rilieve an acute shortage there. Others, he sald, would be used in
Long Island Sound and coastwise trade.-V. 12i, p. 2530.

## Murray Body Corp.-Receiver.

Federal Judge Charles C. Simons on Dec. 3 appointed the Guardian Trust The Guardian Trust Co. Was appointed receiver by order of the Federal Che orders of the Court, the company will be continued as a plant and, under pending receivership, without any interruption of its manufacturing program. An immediate examination of the condition and arfairs of the com-
pany will be made and a report made to all parties in interest with a view to reorganization.
National Baking Co.-Pref. Stock Offered.-Baker, Simons \& Co., New York, and Livingstone, Higbie \& Co. Detroit, are offering at 100 (carrying $11 / 2$ shares of Common stock) $\$ 900,0007 \%$ Cum. Pref. stock (par $\$ 100$ )
Free of normal Federal income tax. Divs. payable quarterly. beginning Guardian Trust Co., Detroit. Registrar, Security Trust Co., Detroit. 7 \% Preferred stock
 Listing. Application will be made to list the Pref. shares on the Detroit Stock Exchange.

Data from President Wm. J. Coad, Nov. 18.
Chempany-Incorporated in Delaware Nov. 18 , 1925 to acquire all of
 The nucleus for the present corporation, the Omaha Flour Mills Co.: Was organized in 1918 by wiliam J. Coad. The principal product, "Omar:"
flour, Is one of the popular brands in the Middle West. The business of the company has increased steadily since incorporation. City Baking, Co. and the Donaldson Baking Co.organized in 1916 and 1919 , respectively
with limited capital, have been built to the present standing in the industry through reinvestment of earnings in the business. Both companies have National Baking Co. plans the construction of two additional units in the near future, one to be located in Cincinnati, Ohio, and the other Earnings.-Business and profits of the constituent companies which now make up the company have grown steadily. Gross sales of the con-
stituent companies for the year ending June 301925 were $\$ 5.566 .000$ conThe consolidated statement of net earnings, after depreciation and Federal taxes, of the constituent companies for the year ending June 301925 ,
based on audits by Arthur Young \& Co., shows $\$ 222,322$ Audits by the same company for the four months ending Oct. 311925
ndicate earnings in excess of $\$ 325.000$ for the year ending May 311926.5 ndicate earnings in excess of $\$ 325,000$ for the year ending May 311926.
Sales and Net Profits-Years Endino June 30.
 a After depreciation and Federal taxes. br Fiscal year of National
Baking Co. June 1 to May 31 Estimates. for vear ending May 311926 compadies on four months, operation, ending Oct. 31 1925, of constitueni Directors.-William J. Coad, John T. Smith, Milton Peterson, Ohauncey
Abbott Jr., Russell L. White, Sterling Donaldson, Ralph W. SImonds.

| Consolidated Balance Sheet Nov． 1 |  |  |  |  | 1925 （after Preseht Financing）． |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Assets． |  |  |  |  |  |

Total＿－
＊Represented by $152,250,728,015$
shares of Common stock of no par value．
National Cash Register Co．－Sales Outlook．－
President F．B．Patterson，says：＂Our sales this year will be about
$840,000,000$ ．We are planning to increase sales to $\$ 50,000,000$ in 1926 ． Which will be the biggest year in our history．Sales are rumning about $8 \%$
ahead of last year and collections are also unusually good．Plants are runing at capacity，and wee are contemplating additions in Day
which will increase capacity by about $10 \%$ ．＂V． 121, p． 2413 ．
National Tea Co．－Split Up of Shares．－
The company announces that the date of issuance of the new no par value mon stock on the basis of three new shares for one old share has been post－
poned from on and after Dec． 5 to on and after Dec． 15 ．The announce poned from on and atter Dec． 5 to on and is occasioned by the eact that the mompany has made a aplication to list the Common stock on the New York
comper
Stock Exchange and the formalities have taken longer time than expected．

New Britain Machine Co．－Reorganization．－ The Preferred stockholders reorganization committee has formulated
a plan for reorganzizing the company which has the appoval of the Common
stockholders＇committee and the directors of the company．A circular stockholders＇committee and the directors of the company．
letter sent to the Preferred stockholders，says in substance： In July， 1921 the company defaulted in the payment of dividends upon its Preferred stock and no dived control．Under their direction business has
Preferred stockhors and prospered，the indebtedness has been paid，and the company is now operat
nng at a profit．The deficit has been very materiall decreased due targely
to claims allowed by the Federal Government．This deficit is still large however and while the capital is impaired dividends cannot be paid．
In addition to this deficit．before the company could begin the payment of dividends on the Preferred stock，the sinking fund for the retirement of for this sinking fund amount to $\$ 325,527$ ．
The committee of the Preferred stockholders and the committee of the Common stockholders have tried to work out a new plan（superseding the
plan of April． 1924 ，which fell through，V． 118 ．． 3086 ．which could be
mat plan or Apriv． 1 ata vote less than a unanimous vote or the Preferred stock－
madde effective Under the articles of association a new stock having priority over
holders．Und the prosent Preferred stock can be issued with the consent of the holders of
$75 \%$ of that stock．The two committees therefore have agreed upon a new $75 \%$ of that stock．The two committees therefore have agreed upon a new
plan which contemplates the creation of Class A Preferred stock，carrying a $7 \%$ cumulative dividend and in addition thereto an aggregate amount ore
$311 / 2$ in dividends to be paid from time to time in the discretion of the
directors．This amount of dividends is figured as of Oct． 1925 and the
One directors．This amount of divdends is fyured as of the plan did not become effective until after Jan． 11926 ．Shares of the present Preferred stock will
be exchangeable，share for share，for shares of Class A Preferred stock． Preferred stock not exchanged will becomidends on Class B stock，both current and accumulated，wiil not be paid until all dividends have been paid on the Class A Preferred stock．The outstanding
Common stock，（par $\$ 25$ each）will become shares of no par value．

> Proposed Authorized Capitalization.

Common stock（no par value）－－
Class A Pref，stock（par sion）
Class A．＂Pret，stock（par $\$ 100$ ）
 payabs $Q$ Q－J．stock anturited to cumulative divs．at rate of $7 \%$ ontited ann．to recelve＂additional dividends＂in
agregate amount of $311 / \%$ ，payable from time to time befo aggregate amount of $311, \%$ ，payable from time to time before any divs．
 receive（called the aggregate deferred accumulated Class＂$B$＂＇dividend） to the aggregate amount of $36 \%$ ，payable from time to time arter air pay－
ments of dividends provided for oin the Pref．＂A＂stock have been made．
Callable all or part at 110 and divs． ments of dividends provided for on
Callable all or part at 110 and divs．
The plan cannot be consummated
The plan cannot be consummated unless holders of $75 \%$ of the present
outstanding Preferred stock，send proxies to be used at the special meeting outstanding Preferred stock，send proxtes to be used at the spectal meeting
of the stockholders for the adoption of the proposed amendment to its articles of assccation，and also deposit their certificates of stock for exchange share
of ar share into Class A Preferred stock，endorsed in blank．New Britain
for
 xies．
to act as agents tirectrs will call a special meeting of the stockholders at once when
The diter
holders of $75 \%$ of the Preferred stock have deposited their certificates and sent in their proxies． their certificates and send in proxies on or before Jan． 11926 the plan may be declared not effective and the committee win，
to reorganize the capital issues of the company McKeon，J．J．Bodell and A．W．Stanle

Condensed Balance Sheet Sept． 121925.

## Assets

Cash
S．securities ote－\＆aco－－ receivable

 $\$ 207,482$ Preferred stock Liabilities． Real est，bldgs．，mach＇y

\＆equip．less deprec．－－ 193 Common stock 193，484 Accrued accounts．．．．．． | 1058,468 | $\begin{array}{l}\text { Pur．money obligations } \\ 74,827 \\ \text { Res．}\end{array}$ |
| ---: | :--- |
| Ref con contingencies |  |
| Defict．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． |  | $\begin{array}{r}\mathbf{\$ 1}, 71 \\ 1,97 \\ \hline\end{array}$ Deficit－－


| 936,528 |
| :--- |
| 39,586 | Total（each side）$-\ldots . .-\$ 3,524,447$

New England Oil Refining Co．－Litigation．－ The U．S．Circuit Court of Appeals at Boston，Mass．，handed down an opinion denying the petition in which the company and members of the
noteholders＇committee sought to require Cricuit Judge Anderson to allow an appeal from his decree of Oct．7，rescinding an earier reorganzanith have
the oil company，so far as were affected certain creditors who might have accepted stock in settlement of claims against the company，
tioners contended Judge Anderson had made a final and appealable decree tioners contended Jua，An that he had refused to allow an appeal． So far as New England Oil Refining Co．is concerned，says，the new opinion it seems clear that the decree of Judge Anderson of Oct． 7 did not
diminish the rights of the oil company under the decree of Feb 1711923,
Fint． by which the reorganization of the company was approved by the court． （that action to settle which Judge Anderson handed down his oct． Order）
is in the interest of the estate of the New England Oil Oorp．，and was
is money sufficient to compensate it for damages it sustained at the hands in the estate and who have not participated or accuuiesced in the fraud may be compensated．It does not seek to having Co．under the reorgan－
were turned over to the Now Engand Oil Refining Co
ization plan returned，but seeks damages occasioned by the noteholders committee to the receivership estate through its fraud and mismanagement． no way affects the obligation of the noteholders commenects the rights of creditors of the New England Oil Corp．to participate in the fund after it is covered into receivership． 1925 may be final in so far as it affects the receivership estate and rights respects the noteholders＇committee，for that comittee has no interest

New River Collieries Co．－Retires Pref．Stock and Reduces Par Value of Common Shares from $\$ 100$ to $\$ 1$ ．－ The stockholders on Nov． 1 （a）approved the retirement of the $\$ 620,000$ Preferred stock，and（b）authorized that the par value of the common
stock be changed from $\$ 100$ per share to $\$ 1$ per share．One share of new Common will be issued in exchange for each Common share（par \＄100）．
After above changes there will be outstanding 27.403 shares of Common par \＄1－二V．117，p． 2897
New York Canners，Inc．，Rochester，N．Y．－Preferred Stock Sold．－White，Weld \＆Co．have placed privately at 85 and div．，yielding over $7 \%, 60,000$ shares $\$ 0$ par value） Preferred as to cumulative dividends at the rate of $\$ 6$ per share per annum， Preferred as to cumulative dividend at the rate of \＄6 per share per annum，
payable O．－M．Dividends will accrue from Dec． 1925 ．Red．all or part
on on any div date upon 60 days notice at $\$ 100$ per share and divs．Pre－
ferred at \＄ioo per share and divs．in cash of liquidation，or dissolution．
Her Has equal voting power with Common shares．Transfer agent，Irving merce in New York，New York．
Convertible，share for share，into Common stock at any time on and after Dec． 11927 ，but only for 30 days after first publication of notice of redemp－
tion． Capitalization（After Giving Effect to Present Financing and Capital Rèadjust．）＊ $\$ 6$ Cumulative $1 /$ ref．stock（no par value） Authorized．Outstanding：
b60．00 shs． 60.000 shs
b 50.000 shs．
63
 250,000 shs． 123.584 shs ． dividend of $5 \%$ payable to the Common
Dec． 11925 approved the stock Dec． 31 1925．b The stockholders on
issuance of $60,000 \$ 6$ Cumul．Preferred shares．
Data from Letter of John M．Prophet，President of the Company． Company．－Organized in 1919 as a consolidation of several of the oldest
canners of fruits and vegetables in the country．In 1223 the company acquired the entire Common stock of the T．A．Snider Pres ompany＇s only
Comm stock will repesent，after this financing，that comer Common stock will reppesent，arter（including subsidiaries）is the largest
outstanding security．Company packer and distributor of vegetables，fruits and jams in the United states，
outsid a and distributes the nationally known snider brands of catsup and chili
Assets．－Company estimates that its consolidated balance sheet at Dec． 31 1925 wiil show total net tangible assets of over $\$ 10,000,000$ ，equivalent to
more than $\$ 165$ per share of Convertible Preferred stock．Net current assets alone are estimated in excess of $\$ 5,100,000$ ，compared with approxi－ Earnings．－Net profits after interest，depreciation and Federal taxes Por the past three calendar years averaged $\$ 880,642$ ，or more than 2.4 times
the annual dividend nequirements of this issue of Preferred stock．Such the annual dividend requirement net profits for the calendar year 1925 are estimated in excess of $\$ 925.000$ ， before deducting approximately $\$ 175,000$ of the $T$ ．A．Snider Preserve Co． Lecived．
Listing．－Company has agreed to make application in due course to list
tis Preferred stock Purpose．－Proceeds of this issue will be used in the redemption of the company soutstanding sef stock，and the redemption of the T．A．Snider
 the proceeds win
than $\$ 1,000,000$
$7 \%$ 1st Pref．and $8 \% 2 d$ Pref．Stocks Called．－
The company has called for redemption on Feb． 11926 all of the $7 \%$
1st Pref．stock and all of the $8 \%$ 2d Pref．stock．Both classes of stock will 1st
be redeemed at $\$ 110$ and divs．upon surrender of certificates to Irving Bank－
C．Y．City．－V．121，p．2531，2414．
New York Evening Journal，Inc．－Four New Buildings Issuance of $\$ 15,000,000$ Bonds．－
Four new buildings to house the Hearst newspapers and magazines in this city will be erected at once as the result of financial arrangements made
Dec． 3 between the New York Evening Journal．Inc．and S ．Straus \＆ Co．William Randoce meartgage on these properties to secure a First Mtge， has arrangetral place $61 / \%$ Serial bond issue of $\$ 15,000,000$ to be under－
and Collateral Trust 6 ．
Mr written by s ．W．Straus \％Co＂Evening Journal，the assets of which are given at approximately $\$ 28,000,000$ and he has given his personal uncon－
ditional guarantee for the payment of the interest and principal of the bond issue．
In addition to financing the erection and equipment of the new buildings
in New York，the loan is to reimburse the Journal company for capital
竍 in New York，the in the purchase of the Rochester＂Journal and Post， expendtures．madester＂American，＂the Syracuse＂Journal and Telegram
Expres，＂Rochester＂American．＂
and the Syracuse＂Anement of $\$ 1,000,000$ of the bonds annu－ The loan is to be paid by the retiremmencing Dec． 1 next： The real estate improvements to be made are as 1onows：（1）A printing and publishing establishment or the Nrising the＂Cosmopolitan，＂＂Good
 Housekeeping， 200 feet，including the entire block between 11th and 12 th
property． $800 \times 2$ fill avenues and 54 th and 55 thy sireets．feet．
reinforced concrete building $200 \times 200$ Water streets，Market and Catherine slips，to be improved with a four－ story reinforced concrete newspaper printing and manufacturing pant
（3）A plot fronting 141 ft．on 149 th St．， 13 ft．on Mott Ave．and 187 ft ． ion to cary weveral additional stories． concrete printing plant，the foundation to carry several additional stories．
This will be used for printing the Bronx and Harlem editions of the＂Jour－ nal＂and＂American．＂
（4）A plot along the entire block on the west side of Eighth Ave．between oughfares．This will bo improved with a two－story building，containing stores．offices and a 2,500 －seat auditorium． S ．W．Straus \＆Co．will offer
In connection with a group of bond dealers In bonds to the public in a few days．According to the information placed in the hands of these dealers the net annual earnings of the New York
＂Evening Journal＂for the past five years are
given at Federal taxes，which will be increased by $\$ 960,000$ per annum through
leases to the International Magazine Co．，Inc．，and the New York Ameri－ leases to the Internatis of the International Magazine Co．have averaged S． 175.000 per annum during the last five years．In the negotiations the
New York Evening Journal，Inc．，was represented by Arthur Brisbane and Geoffrey Konta．

Niles－Bement－Pond Co．－New Certificates Ready．－ The company has notified the stockholders that the new Common stock each old $\$ 100$ par share held．On Sept． 1 last，the stockholders approved， the change in the authorized Common stock from 85,
to 200,000 shares of no par value．－V．121，p． 2649 ．

Nunnally Co．，Atlanta，Ga．－Larger Dividend．－ The directors have declared a semi－annual dividend of 75 c ．per share
on the outstanding 160.000 shares of capital stock，no par value，payable
年斯 121，p． 2168.
(Robert) Oakman Land Co., Detroit.-Bonds Called.Certain of the outstanding 1st Mtge. S. F. Gold bonds dated July 1
and agregating 88.000 have been called for payment Jan. 1 at 102
and int. at the Union Trust Co.. trustee. Detroit. Mich. Any or all of the bonds called for redemption will be taken up at 102 and int. to date or payment uapon presentation and surrender thereof at the
office of the trustee at any time prior to Jan. 1.-V. 121, p. 470 .

Oil Well Supply Co.-Dividend of 50 Cents Declared on New Common Stock.-The directors heve declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the new Common stock (par \$25), payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 15. This is the first dividend on the Common stock since reclessification of company's capitalization.
The company's statement to the New York Stock Exchange on Nov. ${ }^{4}$
shows that the $\$ 7,000,000$ Preferred stock (par $\$ 100$ and $\$ 8,125,000$ Common stock (par $\$ 25$ ) at present outstanding was issued t
Record of Dividends Paid on Old Common Stock (Par \$100) Since 1907.


## Otis Steel Company.-Earnings.-

 depreciation.-V. 121, p. 2050, 1110 .
Overman Cushion Tire Co., Inc.-Stock Ctfs. Ready. Overman Cushion Tire Co., Inc.-
It is announced that Preferred stock certificates have now been issuud in
lace of the interim receits of the Mechanics \& Metals National Bank. place of the interim receipts of the
see offering in V. 121, p. 2284, 2414 .

## (J. C.) Penney Co., Inc.-Gross Sales.- 

Peoples Drug Stores, Inc., Washington, D. C.-Common Stock sold.-Shields \& Co. and Merrill, Lynch \& Co. have sold at $\$ 35$ per share 30,000 shares of Common stock (no par value). For further details regarding history, capitalization, earnings, \&c., see V. 121, p. 2531.
(Albert) Pick, Bart \& Co., Inc. (Maryland).-Organized to Acquire Albert Pick \& Co., Chicago, and L. Bart \& Sons of

## See Albert Pick \& Co. below.

Pickwick Stages System.-New Financing.-
The company has applied to the California RR. Commission for per-
mission to issue $\$ 300,000$ of $7 \%$ Equipment Trust Certificates (in denom mssion to issue $\$ 300,000$ of $7 \%$ Equipment Trust Certificates (in denor.
of $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 3250000$ of Common stock, the proceeds to be used to
finance construction and purchase of $\$ 600,000$ of stage equipment, finance constructi
V. 121, p. 1686 .
(Albert) Pick \& Co., Chicago.-Offer to StockholdersNew Company Formed Through Acquisition of Albert Pick \& Co. and L. Bart \& Sons of New York.-
President Albert Pick, in a letter Nov. 24 to the holders of the Capital
stock of the company says: A new company, to be known as Albert Pick, Barth \& Co., Inc., has contracted to accanire not less than 221,000 shares of the Common stock of Albert Pick \& Co., from my associates and myself. This new company is
also acquiring all of the assets of $L$. Barth \& Son of New York together also a cquiring al that company's subsidiaries.
The new company now makes the same offer to the minority Common
stockholders of Albert Pick \& Co. that was made to me and my associates. You have the option of accepting $\$ 22$ per share in cash for your present stock company. The Class "A." stock is entitled to cumulative dividends of
$\$ 175$ per share per annum compared with the $\$ 160$ annual dividend you are receiving on your present holdings.
L. Barth \& Son were formerly the larg the East and we regard the present consolidation as a very constructive move. The combined sales of the two companies will approximate 825 .
000
000
annually and with the many operating economies to be effected ". '., stocks of the new company should be such as to make the new Class "A" stock extremely attractive particularly as this stock carries a conver-
sion feature which gives holders the privilege of sharing in these increased
earnings. The stock must preferrepodited with either Nat Natompal Bank of the Republic,
Chicago, Ill., or Manufacturers Trust Co., 139 Broadway, New York City depositaries.
Co. are offered of Exchange.-Holders of Common stock of Albert Pick \& Option A.-To exchange deposited: Common shares for a like number of
Preferred Class A shares (convertible and carrying cummulative quarterly dividends at the rate of 8175 per annum from Ferbing cumulative quarterly
Barth 1926 of Albert Pick
Bo., Inc., plus 49c. per share being a ccrued dividends from Nov B25 to Fe., 151926 such payment to berepresented by a payment warant
of Albert Pick Barth \& Co., Inc., due Jan. 5 1926; the new shares (or the of Albert, Pick Barth \& Co., Inc. due Jan. 51926 ; the new shares (or the
company's temporary certificates therefor) and warrants to be delivered to company's temporary certificates therefor) and warrants to de delivered to
depositary for the account of depositor against surrender of deposited Common shares duly endorsed in blank.
Dividend under option A is figured
of \$1. 60 per share from Nov. 11925 (the date of last dividend payment) to from which dividends on the new stock Jan. 5 to Feb. 151926 (the date Option $B$. Cash at the rate of $\$ 22$ per share plus accrued dividends at the
rate of $\$ 160$ per share per annum, calculated from Nov. 11125 to date
shares are taten Albert Pick, Barth \& Co., Inc.
authorized and outstandin. Will own not less than 221,000 of the 300,000 being more than two-thirds oommon shares of Albert Pick \& Co. of Illinois. Shares of that company. Will own all the shares of stock of the corpora-
tions owning the assets or L Barth \& Son, Inc., of New York, of Lorillard
Refrigerat Refrigerator Co, and of Goldsmith-Lowenfels Co.. and one-half of the
authorized and outstanding shares of American Purchasing Corp. Inc.
capitalization and Issued Stock Upon Conclusion of Financing.
a Class A Preferred shares
Authorized. Outstanding.
300,000 shs. 300,000 shs. c Common stock (no par value)-.................. 5800,000 shs. 580000 shs. 58000 shs. to assets, non-voting no prom value callable at $\$ 30$. with conversion privileges after Aug. 15 1926, as stated below. b Divided into five series of
60,000 shares each to be held for conversion of Class A shares; all these shares carry a minimum dividend of $\$ 175$ per share per annum and partici-pon-voting. Common stock in additional dividends; preferred as to assets: Conversion Preferred shares, voting ${ }^{\text {Priceses. }}$ The we will borized and reserevd for the
and
conversion of Preferred Class conversion of Preferred. Thass A stock five authorized and Class B reserevd for the stock, each series
consisting of 60 opo shares consisting of 60000 shares and entitled cumulative from Feb. 15 . 1926 to
minimum dividends of $\$ 175$ per share per annum arter the Class A stock
 Class A stock to be presented for conversion will receive Series I of Class B stock the second 60,00 shares presented will receive Series II, and so on
until the last 60.000 shares of Olass A stock presented receive Series $V$. After the Common stock has received dividends at the annual rate aggre-
gating 50 c . per share (all fixed Preferred dividends for that year having
been first provided for), all further amounts distributed as dividends in any
one year are to be divided one-half to the Class B then outstanding, in the order of series, up to the full extent of maximum participation, and the
 Series
II
III

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Maximum Div. } \\ \text { Per Share. } \\ \$ 250 \\ 2375 \\ 225 \end{gathered}$ | Series. Call Price. $\mathbf{I V} \quad \$ 3250$ $\mathbf{V} \quad 30000$ | Maximum Div. Per Share. $\$ 2125$ 200 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |

Pierce, Butler \& Pierce Mfg. Corp.-Stock Increase.The corporation has filed a certificite with the Secretary of State at
Albany N. Y.increasing its anthorized capital stock from $\$ 5,000,000$
to $\$ 12,000,000$.Pittsburgh Malleable

Iron
Co.-Bonds Offered.McLaughlin, MacAfee \& Co., Pittsburgh are offering at prices to yield from $51 / 2 \%$ to $6.10 \%$ according to maturity $\$ 400,000$ 1st (Closed) Mtge. 6\% Serial Gold bonds.
Dated Dec. 1 1925; due serially Dec. 1 1927-1936. Interest payable and int. payable at Bank of Pittsburre N. A.. Pittsburgh. Pa., trustee;
Denom. $\$ 1.000$ and $\$ 500 \mathrm{c}^{*}$. Red. all or part on any int. date on 60 days Denom, $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 500 \mathrm{c} *$. Red. all or part.
notice at 105 and int. Free of Penn. state tax.

Data From Letter of Frank Moore, Pres. of the Company Data From Letter of Frank Moore, Pres. of the Company.
Company. Established at Pitsburgh in 1889 Manufactures high
quality maileable iron castings. Product is sold chiefly to manufacturers of freight and passenger cars, track material, asricultural implements and
machinery automobiles, trucks and tractors and electrica equipment Machinery automobiles trucks and tractors and electrical equipment. Main plant located in Sittsburgh, covering 2 entire city blocks. Company
owns alt the Capital stock oo the Zanesvile Malleable Iron Co, located at
Zanesville, O . This property is very complete with all necessary buildings, Zanesville, $O$ This property is very comple
including power plant of $400 \mathrm{k} . \mathrm{w}$. capacity
Security.-Secured by a first mortgage upon all the real estate, buildings ndecurit.- Secured by a first mortgage upon all the real estate, buildings
the Zquipmint and by deposit with the trustee of all the Capital stock of
thane Malleable Iron Co. The Zanesville property is the Zanesville Malleable Iron Co. The Zanesvill p roperty is capitalized
at $\$ 300,000$ and represents an investment of $\$ 364,085$. As of June 1 1925. at $\$ 300,000$ and represents an investment of $\$ 364,085$. As of June 11125 ,
the properties of the Pittsburgh Malleable Iron Co. were appraised at the propert
$\$ 1.080,000$.
Malleable iron Consolidated net earnings of the company and the Zanesville Malleable Iron Co, available for payment of interest as applied to the
interestrequrrements or the present issue of bonds before and after deprecia-
tion and Federal taxes are as follows. tion and Federal taxes are as follows:

## 10 Average for



Pittsburgh Malleable Iron Co. has an enviable dividend record, substan-
tial dividends tial dividends having been paid in every year since its organization.
 pritssurgh
chased. for
117 , p. 2443 .
Polar Wave Ice \& Fuel Co., St. Louis, Mo.-Stock Offered.-Lorenzo E. Anderson \& Co., Knight, Dysart \& Gamble, G. H. Walker \& Co. and George H. Burr \& Co., St. Louis, are offering at $\$ 40$ per share 100,000 shares Class A capital stock (no par value)
Class A capital stock will receive cumulative dividends at the rate of
$\$ 250$ per share per annum before any div. is paid on the Class $B$ stock: $\$ 250$ per share per annum before any div. is paid on the Class B stock;
after the Class B stock has received $\$_{2} 50$ per share in any one year, both
classes of stock wilk share alike in any further dividends. Registrar, classes of stock will share alike in
Mercantile Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo.
Class A stock
Class B stock
$-220,000$ shares Company.-

> Capitalization Authorized and Outstanding.

63 years a direct but gradual growth on organization started in ice and fuel. Besides its retail business, a wholesale business is is con ducted in both ice and fuel, as well as feed. Ice is shipped in car lots
throughout the St. Louis territory and coal is supplied to dealers and on contracts to many of the big steam users. Physical properties owned
include 41 branches, 21 rail yards 22 ice sorage houses and plants, a feed mill , and trucks and teams running well into the hundreds. Company Earnings After Depreciation and Federal Taxes-Years Ended Feb. 28.
 estimated) after all taxes and depreciation, averaged s4 429 per share on the liass A stock (which is first entitiled to an annual dividend of $\$ 250$ a
chare, and participates in the remainder after Class B has received a like amount) on Class A and Class B Btock together, this would approximately
average $\$ 3$ per share. For the year ending Feb. 281926 last five months estimated), company shows earning equal to $\$ 545$ per share on Class A
stock, and on Class A and B stock to 1 tether, $\$ 375$ per share Dividends.- Company intends to pay quarterly cumulative dividends
commencing Dec. 1 at rate of $\$ 250$ per share per annum on its Class stock
Listed.-Class A stock listed on St. Louis Stock Exchange. Balance Sheet Sept. 301925.

Land, bldgs., Asset's. Y , \&c- $\$ 4,007,006$
Investment securities._-1
Cash- ....
U. 8 . bonds, \&c.
Notes rect
Notes receivable
Inventories

| Interest accrued on |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| In |  |
| In | 911,481 |

$\underset{\text { Geferred dent sonuris. }}{\text { Gor }}$

| Liabilities. |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Notes payable | 16,600 |
| Ice coupon books outstdg. |  |
| Judgments payable | 15,042 |
| Accrued payroll, \&c | 91,096 |
| Fed. \& State income taxes | 152,920 |
| Reserve |  |
| Capital |  |
| Surplus | 1,007,652 |

--------\$7,128,647
Purity Bakeries Corp.-Acquires Grennan Bakeries, Inc. The corporation announces that it has acquired substantial control op
Grennan Bakeries, Inc. Upon delivery to the Irving Bank-Columbia Grennan Bakeries, Inc. N Uon delivery to the Irving Bank-Columbia
Trust Co., 60 Bradway, N. City, or or before Dec. 7 I925 of certificates
for shares of Common stock of Grennan Bakeries. Inc. the depository will for shares of Common stock of Gremnan Bakeries, Inc. :the depository will
issue one share of Class A ., and one share of Class
Bakeries
Btock of Purity stock so deposited. No fractional shares of Purity Bakeries Corp. stock
will be issued. Purity. Bakeries Corp. stock certificates were ready for
delivery beginning Dec. 1 1925.-V. 121 , p. 2532 .

## Quaker Oats Co., Chicago--Acquisition.- See Aunt Jemima Mills Co. above.-V. 121, p. 2415 . <br> See Aunt Jemima Mills Co. above.-V. 121, p. 2415.

Rand Kardex Bureau, Inc.-Organized-To Redeem Bds. the laws of Delaware for the purpose of absorbing Rand Kardex Co.. Library
 stock, par $\$ 100$. (50,000 shares to be held for future financing), 50,000
shares of $7 \%$ Cumul. Class " B " Pref. stock, par $\$ 100$, (to be resed
fution future financing): $2,000,000$ shares of non-voting Common stock, no par
value (not more than 400.000 shares of which will be presently issued, the balance to be reserved for future financing) and 50,000 shares of Founders'
stock, par $\$ 1$. The Founders' stock will not share in earnings unt on the Common stock in any one year shall exceed $\$ 4$ per share in cash or
$1-10$ share of Common stock would be paid on the Common and the Founders' stock in the same amount
per share.

It is the intention of the directors of the Rand Kardex Bureau. Inc. to
nitiate dividends on Jan. 21926 on the Common stock at the rate of $\$ 2.50$
per rhare a year (iv. Y.) Trust OO. has announced that the $7 \%$. 30 -Year
stabilized fibbenture bonds of the Rand Kardex Co. will be redeemed on

 Ce a stabitized bond


Ray Consolidated Copper Co.-Suit Against Merger.-


 solidated to Nevada or to any other corporation. Argument was heard

(R. J.) Reynolds Tobacco Co.-Dividend Increased.The directors on Dec. 4 declared a quarterly dividend of $\$ 1$ a share on the Common and Class "B" Common stocks, par $\$ 25$, and the regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 1.75$ a share on the Preferred stock, par $\$ 100$, all payable Jan. 2 to holders f record Dec. 18. Previously 75c. quarterly was paid on the Common stock. (For record of dividends paid since 1914, see our "Railway \& Industrial Compendium of Nov. 28 1925, page 216.)-V. 121, p. 2051.
Richmond Hosiery Mills (Ga.).-Stock Dividend.The company has filed an applicatlon in Georria to increase the authorived
Tmmon stock from $\$ 1,250.000$ to $\$ 2,000$, oon Common stock from $81,250,000$ to $82,000,000$. The inc
will be in the form of a stock
dividend.
Richmond Radiator Co.- Extra Div. of $162-3$ Cents.stock This is in addition to the reanlar quarterly diviliend declared reat hich was spitit some monthas ago on the basis of 3 shares fro one share, so

Rhodes-Jamieson Co., Oakland, Calif.-Bonds Of-fered.- Bradford, Kimball' \& Co. and Wm. Cavalier \& Co., San Francisco, are offering at prices to yield from $6 \%$ to $7 \%$, according to maturity, $\$ 500,0001$ st (closed) Mortqage \% Serial Gold bonds.

 out deduction of normal Federal income tax up to $2 \%$ at American Ranks:
San Francisco, trustee. Data from Letter of Pres. G. G. Jamieson, Oakland, Calif., Nov. 5 . History-In 1004 A . G. Rhodes and G. G. Jamieson entered into a cosuilding materials. The first plant was located at 1520 Park St., Alameda
 doubled. Exponsion begon in 1908 with the purchase or a plant on the
 Durchased a controlling interest in the Pacific Fuel Co. Hive years later des-Jamieson \& Co. In 1919 business of Swift \& Wilcox,

 At present time operations are amost entirely in the sale and distribution of buiding materiaps such as and, gravel, lime, roo
mixed mortar, crushed rock, metal lath and the like.

$$
\text { Net Sales and Earnings Years Ended April } 30 \text {. }
$$


Purpose.-Proceeds will be used in connection with the development of 101925 (After This Fina


Rockwell Building Co., Cleveland.-Bonds Offered.R. B. Kecler \& Co., Cleveland are offering at par and int $\$ 140,000$ 1st Mtge. Leasehold $61 / 2 \%$ Gold bonds.
 S500 o Re. Red. all or part at 101 , an innerse numericalo order on 30 dans Penn. 4 mill tax refunded. Guardian Trust Co., Cleveland, trustee and Company owns the 99 year leasehold estate in the land and building Reserve Bank Buildig, extending through from Superior Avenue to Rockwell depth of 198 ft. extending through from Superior Avenue to Rockwell cotta front. It has four floors on the Superior Avenue frontage and three on the Rockwell Avenue frontage. These bonds will be secured, in opinion of counsel, by a closed first mortgage upon the company sheasilding has been appraised at $\$ 280,800$, this issue thereby constituting a $50 \%$ loan. mately $86 \%$ of the gross rental income is from leases having 10 or more years to run. Based on the above actual income, amounting to $\$ 68,750$, net $21-3$ times maximum interest charges on these bonds. Britton, owners of Company is controlled by C. S. Britton and K.

## Rolls Royce of America, Inc.-Acquisition.-

The corporation on Nov. 30 acquired control of Brewster \& Co., autoannounced the consummation of the deal in the following statement: "The ducted in its premises as heretofore, at Long Island City, $\mathrm{N}^{\text {a }}$. $\mathrm{Y}_{\text {, }}$, and ducted in its premises as heretorere, at entill continue as President. Mr. Brewster wil also be-
William Brewster will
come a Vice-President in the Rolls Royce Co. It is probable that the latter
company will take over the 5 th Ave. (N. Y.) showrooms of Brewster \& Co.
at the corner of 56 th St. The service station of the Rolls Royce Co. in
Long Island City will be moved to the premises of Brewster \& Co."121, D. 850.
Royal Baking Co.-Extra Dividend.-
The directors have declared an extra dividend of $2 \%$ on the Common
tock, in addition to the regular quarterly dividends of $2 \%$ on the Common stock, and of $11 / \%$. Extra dividends of $2 \%$ each have bee. 31 to holders
Royal Dutch (Petroleum) Co.-Interim Dividend of $10 \%$. Roy Equitable Trust Co. of New York has received information that the
Dutch Co. has decided upon the payment of an interim dividend of 10\% in cash, payable Jan. 5 1926. Further announcement a a to the rate
of dividend and date of payment in New York will be made by the Equitable
Trust Co. at a later date.-V. 121, p. 340, 324 .
Safety Cable Co., N. Y.-Initial Dividend.-
A initial dividend of \$1, per share has been declared on the Capital stock,
payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Dec. 31 . See offering of stock in
V. 121, p. 1580,2532 .
Savoy-Plaza Corp.-Bonds Offered.-Blair \& Co., Inc., Halsey, Stuart \& Co., Inc., Equitable Trust Co., New York,
and Graham, Parsons \& Co., Phila., are offering at 100 and and Graham, Parsons \& Co., Phila., are offering at 100 and
int. $\$ 10,500,000$ 1st (closed) Mtge. Fee and Leasehold 20Year Sinking Fund 6\% Gold bonds.
Dated Dec. 1 1925: due Dec. 11945 . Int. payable J. \& D. at office of
Blair \& Co., Inc. in N. Y. City, without deduction for any normal Federal
incer ncome tax up to $2 \%$. Cailabbe as a whole at any time or in part on any int. thereafter at 105 and int. Iess $1 / 1 /$ of $1 \%$ for each year or fraction thereof
elapsed after Dec. 11926 . Penn., Conn.. Maryland, Calif. and Kentucky
elo personal property tax not exceeding 5 mills per annum, Virginia personal
property tax not exceeding $51 / \mathrm{mills}$ per annum, and Mass. income tax property tax not exceeeding $51 / 2$ mills per annum, and Mass. income tax
on interest not exceeding $6 \%$ on such int. refundable. Equitable Trust Co.,

Data from Letter of Pres. Wm. Childs, New York, Nov. 24 Company.-Is organized under the laws of New York. The controlling interest in the Preferred and Common stock of the corporation to be pres-
ently outstanding will be acquired by United States Realty \& Improvement Co. and by Childs Co. The same companies will also acquire in the
first instance $80 \%$ of the $7 \%$ Junior Mortgake bonds to be presently outstanding. United states Realty \& Improvement Co. with a share capital
 Childs Co., with a share capitalization quoted at present at about $\$ 88,000$, , 000 , owns and operates directly or through subsidiaries on
and best known chains of restaurants in the United States.
Savoy-Plaza corp. has acquired the real estate and leasehold covering
together the entire biock on wifth Ave. between 58 th and 59 th Sts., N. Y. City, and extending 150 ft. on each street. The plot embraces approximate
y $30,000 \mathrm{sq} . \mathrm{ft}$. of which about $t w o$-thirds is owned in fee and one-third held under lease. Upon this site, which is one of the most desirable in New York for a residential hotel, it is proposed to erect a 29 -story apartment hotel of ine most modern design and construction, containing about 872 guest rooms The hotel will be constructed by George A. Fuller Co. according to plans by McKim, Mead \& White, architects, and its completion in accordance
with such pians will be guaranteed by United States Realty \& Improvement Co. It is expected that the hotel will be ready for occupancy about Sept. Security.- Bonds will be secured by a first closed mortgage upon land
owned in fee and the leasehold estate and the building to be constructed thereon. The value of the mortzaged properties upon completion of the B. Ashforth Inc at $\$ 15,000,000$, and by Pease \&E Elliman at $\$ 15,004,500$.
 ligh of the
Management.-The new hotel will be under the management of the Plaza operating Co., whil owns and operates the plaza Hotel a and its long record
of highly succesfful operation of that property will insure for the new hotel an experienced and efficient management.

Outstanding Cap italization After Giving Effect to This Financing.
1st (Closed) Mtge. Feo \& Leasehold 20 -Year Sinking Fund $6 \%$
0 - Year $7 \%$ Mtge. bonds (subordinate to 1st Mige. bonds) -- $\$ 10,500,000$ Ommon stock (no Dar vreferred stuck approximately Earnings. - Based upon statements furnished by Fred Sterry of the estimated that the net earnings of the new hotel when completed, after all operating expenses, taxes, depreciation and proper allowance for vacancles
will be in excess of $\$ 1.500,000$ per annum a vailable for interest and Federal axes. Sin estimated net earnings are equal to about $2 \frac{1}{2}$ times the bonds. 1930 , sufficient to retire $85,500.000$ principal amount of first mortgage bonds y maturity. The sinkng fund payments are to be made semi-annually first mortgage bonds: $\$ 100,000$ principal amount on March 1 amo ants of in each year from March 11930 to Sept. 11934 , incl.; $\$ 150,000$ principal amount on March 1 and Sept. 1 in each year from March 11935 to Sept. 1
1939 , incl. and $\$ 250.000$ principal amount on March 1 and Sopt. 1 in each
 R. G. Babbage (Pres. U. S. Realty \& Improvement Co.) William Childs
(Pres. \& Gen. Mgr. of Cills CO.) (Hilliam A. Barber (or Barber. Facken-
hal \& Giddings), Harry Bronner (Blair \& Co., Inc.), Hunter S.' Marston thal \& Giddings), H.
(Blair \& Co., Inc.).

Santa Cecilia Sugar Corp.-Balance Sheet July 31 -

 dyv.to Colonos, \&c sugar on hand... Acc'ts \& notes rec.
Cash Treasury bonds. reasury stock.55,043
199,622
23,924
9,673
5,250
11,416 $\begin{array}{r}4,175 \\ 28.463 \\ 56,897 \\ 96,594 \\ 35,919 \\ 10,584 \\ \hline \ldots\end{array}$ 500,000
850,000 $\begin{aligned} 7,148 & \text { Res've for conting. } \quad 5,000-50,000\end{aligned}$ Defleit ........... $1,704,05311,396,380$ Total (each side) $\quad$. $\$ 6,049,501 \quad \begin{aligned} & \$ 5,571,718\end{aligned}$ $x$ Preferred dividends in arrears since Nov. 1 1920. y Represented by deposit with the trustees on Nov, $11921,1922,1923$ and 1924 of a minimum A comparative income account was published in V. 121, p. 2416.

St. Maurice Paper Co., Ltd.-Offer to Stockholders-Merger f Belgo-Canadian and St. Maurice Paper Companies. The minority shareholders have received the same offer for their holdinge outstanding stock in the company. A special meeting of the shareholders of the directors to sell the entire outstanding stock.
In exchange for their holdings, shareholders will receive a cash payment


The notice to the shareholders sheds new light on the structure of the merged Belgo and St. Maurice companies. It appears that practically all company to be called the St. Maurice Valley Corp. A holding company is
to be formed which will, in turn, own the control of the St. Maurice Valley


Seal-Kap Co.-New Name, \&c.-
See Baum Dairy Appliance Co. above.
see Baum Dairy Appliance Co. above.
Sears, Roebuck \& Co., Chicago.-Sales. Sales for - November-
Mirsth of First 11 months of


## Shaffer Oil \& Refining Co.-Earnings.-

12 Months
Gross earnings
Net earnings
Net earnings - 121 p. $1801.135 \overline{6}$.
$\begin{array}{ll}1925 . & 1924 . \\ 811.551 .436 \\ 3.459,916 & 88.67 .071 \\ 2,551,016\end{array}$
Shell Transport \& Trading Co., Ltd.-Dividend. That Equitable Trust Co. has received information from its London office dividend of 2 s , per British Ordinary share, free of British income tax, payable in London on Jan. 5 1926. This dividend is equivalent to 4s. per
American, share Further notice of the rate and datato por payment of the
dividend in New York will be given out by the Equitable Trust Co. of New York at a later date.-V. 121, p. 211.
Sherbrooke Street Realty Corp., Mantreal.-Bond ${ }^{s}$ Offered.-Royal Securities Corp., Ltd. and Hanson Bros. Montreal, are offering at 99 and int, to yield over $6.60 \%$
$\$ 675,00061 / 2 \%$ 1st (closed) Mige. 15-Year Sinking Fund $\$ 675,00061$
Gold bonds.
Dated Nov. 11925 , maturing Nov. 1 1940. Principal and int. (M. \& N.)
payable in Canadian gold coin or its equivalent at Royal Bant. Montreal, Toronto. Winnipeg, Vancouver, Halifax or St. John Canada, holder's option, in U. S. Eold coin or its equivalent, at At. Agency of or, at n 60 days notice, on any int. date at 105 and int. on or before Nov. in

 8\% 2nd mtge. in
oommon shares.
Oomares. Common sharesn 11-story structural steel and streets, Montreal, on which there is erected brick and stone exterior, known as the "Medical Arts. Building." The building has been especially designed for the accommodation of the medical and dental professions and contains 235 offices, laboratories and other rooms,
completely equipped according to the latest practice in buildings of this
type. $\begin{aligned} & \text { purpose. - Proceeds of this bond issue will be used to retire } \$ 528,0008 \%\end{aligned}$
1st mtgee. bonds, , int and for the general corporate purposes.
Sinking Fund. As a sinking fund for red. of bonds of this is
pany covenants that it will pay to the trustee half-yearly. on May 1st and November 1st of each year, commencing November 1 st, 1927 a sum equal
to $1 \%$ of the largest amount of bonds issued, together with interest on Earnings.-Based
rom the hospital for the 9 months ended Sopt. 30 including current revenue expenses and taxes for the same period, the revenue from the property before depreciation is at the following annual rate: Earnings, s99,948; operating Revenue on the above basis is being obtained from approximately $75 \%$, 751 , Sherwin-Williams Co. of Can., Ltd.-Bal. Sheet Aug. 31.





Tot. (each side) - $16,087,460$
The usual comparative income account was published in
V.
Shubert Theatre Corp.-To Redeem Debentures.
he sinking fund, $\$ 118.00010$-year $7 \%$ Gold Debentures, due July now in at $1021 /$ and int. Payment will be made at the Equitable Trust 11934 Co. of
N. Y., trustee, 37 Wail St., N. Y. City.-V. 121, p. 1919. Siemens \& Halske (A. G.), Siemens-Schuckertwerke (G. m. b. H.).-Redemption Notice.-

Certain 10 -Year $7 \%$ Secured Sinking Fund Gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1935, at the office of Dillon. Read \& Co.., sinking fund agent, 28 Nassau St.,
(Isaac) Silver \& Bros., Inc

644 Cass Street Building (Corp.), Chicago.-Bonds Offered.-Leight, Holzer \& Co., Chicago, are offering \$485,000 1st Mtge. Serial 61/5\% Coupon Gold bonds.
Dallable all or part on any int. dialle upon to do days' notice in reverse of o numerical order of the bonds at 103 and int. Princlpal and int. payable in gold coln at the office of Leight, Holzer \& Co.. Chicago. Denom. $\$ 1,000$,
$\$ 500$ and $\$ 100$. Chicago Titie \& Trust Coo, Chicago, trustee. in fee (48 4 ft . x 100 ft.). and a a a 15 story and basement, full fireproof building to be erected at 644 Cass St., Ohicago. The mortgage is also a first lien on The building will contain 210 the building.
bath or shower. The balance will have connecting baths. The rooms are so arranged that they may be used en suite. The main floor will contain a lobby, restaurant, reading room and one shop. The taillor shop, barber
shop and

Slattery Company Buildings (Slattery Co., Inc.), Shreveport, La.-Bonds Offered.-Mortgage \& Securities Co., St, Louis, and Canal Commercial Trust \& Savings
Bank, New Orleans, are offering at 100 and int. $\$ 1,150,000$ 1st Mtge. Real Estate \& Leasehold $61 / 2 \%$ Serial Gold bonds.

Dated Nov. 1 1925. due serially Nov. 1 1930-1940. Denom. $\$ 1,000$ and
$\$ 500$ c* Prin. \& int. (M. \& N.) payable at Whitney-Central Trust \& Savings Bank, New Orieans, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to $2 \%$. Callable all or part in reverse of numerical order,
on any int. date at 102 and int. upon 2 weeks' notice
 heart of the business and financial centre of shreveport, described as (1) The Slattery Building, completed in 1924, a modern office building
of 16 stories and basement, is of reinforced concrete and steel fireproof construction. The building, contains 435 offices above the ground floor; (2) The Wolworth Ruilding, located span Texas St., between Marshall
and McNeil Sts., consists of 3 stories and basement. of brick and concrete semi--fireproof construction. This building at the present time is leased to
the $F$. Woolworth Co. and the Baird Shoe Co., and is occupied by them
as (3) The Market St. property, located on Market St., between Texas and
Milam Sts., consists of a 2 -story brick building situated on a lot measur-
and ing 22 ft. front on Market St. by a depth of 80 ft . The building is occupied by the Backus Drug Co. and used as a retail drug store.
Income.-Net income of the properties beginning with the year 1928 , at 8198,300 , or more than $21 / 2$ times the greatest annual interest charge.
This is after giving affect to leasing the balance of the offices and the sround floor to the slattery Building, allowing $15 \%$ for normal vacancies, and $\&$ Co. and Baird Shoe Co. The present lease on the latter building expires in 1928, at which time
it can be leased either to the Woolworth Co. or orther parties at an increased
rent rental, asssuring a substantially increased income
acordance with statement of ithe Slattery the properties mortgaged, in
Inc.. is $\$ 126,900$. After
deducting all operating expenses, except taxes, the net incon . $\$ 96,900$ Purpose.--Proceeds were used for the purpose of retiring a $7 \%$ ist Mtge. its maturity at 102 , to retire other indebtedness against the properties, and for alterations and improvements on the ground floor of the Slattery
Building.

Smith \& Wesson, Inc.-Balance Sheet July 31.-
[As filed with the Massachusetts commissioner of corporations.] Assets-
Real estate,
ach., equip. \&e $\$ 1,968,621 \left\lvert\, \begin{gathered}\text { Liablitites- } \\ \text { Capital stook }\end{gathered}\right.$
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { Merchandse } \\ \text { Accounts \& notes recelvable- } & 93,362 & \text { Accounts payable } \\ \text { Cash } & 105,458 & \text { Acer }\end{array}$
Sinking fund.......


-V. 119, p. 2299.
South Penn Oil Co.-Resumes Dividends.-The directors on Nov. 30 declared a dividend of $11 / 2 \%$ on the outstanding $\$ 20,000,000$ capital stock, par $\$ 100$, payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 10. This is the first payment since Sept. 30 1922, when a similar distribution was made. The record of dividends paid since 1913 is as follows:
 Extra, stock-
Extra cash $-\overline{2}{ }^{2}$
$-\mathrm{V} .120, \mathrm{p} .2159$.

Southern Dairies Inc.-Earnings.-
10 Months Ended Oct. 31 -
10 Months Ended Oct. 31
1925.
$81,098,393$
1924.97
$\$ 635.977$

## -V. 121 , p. 2650,241

## Southern Gem Coal Co.-Sale.-

The stock and property of the company was sold at public auction at coln, for $\$ 100,000$. All stock and property, incluting mines at West coln, for si00, ,000. All stock and property, including mines at West
Frankfort and Pickneyville. are included.
The sale is in accordance with an order of Federal Judge George English The sale is in accordance with an order of Federal Judge George English
and is subject to the approval of the Court. The southern Gem properties have not been operated during the past two years. tions of the company be assumed by the purchaser. These include saigations or the company be assumed by the purchaser. Thes in Franklin County, $\$ 52,000$ in pay rolls
interest on bonds $\$ 91.000$ taxes at West Frankfort, $\$ 16,000$ in pay rolls at Sesser, and $\$ 18,000$ in pay rolls
Spanish-American Iron Company.-Bonds Called. One hundred thirty-eight ( $\$ 138,000$ ) 1st Mtge. 20 -Year Sinking Fund $6 \%$
Gold bonds, due 1927 , have been called for payment Jan. 1 at par and iut, at the Girard Trust Co., trustee, Philadelphia, Pa. The following bonds remain unpaid: Called for Jan. 1 1925, 4587: July 1
$1925,168,131,1445,2240,2531,2553,2752,3981,4828$ and 4832 .
(John D.) Spreckels Building Co., San Diego, Calif.Bonds Offered.-Stephens \& Co., Los Angeles, are offering at 100 and int. $\$ 1,500,000$ 1st (Closed) Mtge. (Fee \& Leasehold) $6 \%$ Sinking Fund Gold bonds, unconditionally guaranteed principal and interest by the J. D. and A. B. Spreckels Securities Co
Dated Nov. 1 1925, due Nov. 1 1945. Int. payable M. \& N. at First
Trust \& Savings Bank, San Diego, trustee, or at the National Trust \& Savings Bank, San Diego. trustee, or at the National City Bank,
N. Y. City Principal payable at office of trustee. Denom. 81.000 and red. all or Not callable prior to Nov. 1 1927; on or after which date they are
\$at day notice on any int. date to and incl. Nov. 1 1 1930 at 103 and int:; thereafter to and incl. Nov. 11933 at 102 and int.; thereafter to and Col. Nov. 1936 at 101 and int. : thereafter to maturity at 100 and
int. Company agrees to pay the normal Federal income tax up to $2 \%$ per
 store bullding. of the best type of modern construcwon, is to be erected in
San Dlego. The property is one of the choicest down-town plots of ground
lon an Dego. The property is one of the choicest down-town plots of ground
located one block from the heart of the business district of the city.
Sceurity. -Direct obligation of company and nunconititionally guaranteed
 and the leaselold on the east one-half thereof. The latter is at present held under a 50 -year lease with the privilege of purchasing on or before
March 201138 (which privlege the company agrees to exercise). Thereafter the security will be the fee simple title to the entire property.
The estimated cost of the building to be erected is $\$ 1,925,000$ and the real oroperty with the agreement of purchase has been independently and Conservatively appraised at $\$ 650.000$.
Earninas.
a vallable for interest and sinking fund requirements are in excesed structure after proper allowance for possible vacancies. Such earnings are well in

Standard Drug Products, Inc. (Del.).-Stock Sold.Gibson \& Gradison, Bruner \& Reiter Co., R. E. Field \& Co. and W. E. Fox \& Co., Cincinnati, are offering at $\$ 2250$ per share 35,000 shares Class " A " Common stock (without par value).
Transfer agent and registrar, First National Bank, Oincinnati, 0 . Class "A" stock. preferred and cumulative as to divs unt to 88 a a share per
annum, atter which Class . B , stock is entitled to recelve $\$ 2$ a share per
annum, and thereater the tyo classes patited
equally, Upon dissolution or liquidation holders of the Class "A" stock
are entitled to receive $\$ 35$ per share and any unpaid divs. accrued, thereon before any amount shall be paid to the holders of
Stock exempt from State and county taxes in Ohio.
Data From Letter of Henry C. Thorburn. President of the Company. Capitalization Authorized and Outstanding
Class " A ". Common stock (no par)
35,000 shs. Class " B " Common stock (no par) ---.-.
Company. Was incorp. in Delaw purpose of acquiring all of the assets and established businesses of Frank A. Dillingham Co., Cincinnati,
O., and Karnak, Inc., Atlanta, Ga. Frank A. Dillingham Co. is the owner and distributor of the proprietary medicine known as "plant juice" and has been in successful operation for the past 31 years. Karnak, Inc; is the owner and distributor of the proprietary medicine known as Karnak other proprietary medicines.
Earnings.-Average net earnings of Frank A. Dillingham Co. for the period from Jan. 11922 to Sept. 30 1925, after proper adjustment of current rate for corporations, amounted to $\$ 80,935$ per annum. On the same basis, the net earnings of Frank A. Dillingham Co. for the 9 months
ended Sept. 301925 amounted to $\$ 53,128$.
Karnak. 11925 . Its net earnings for Karnak, Inc., has been operating since Jan. 11925 . Its net earnings for to $\$ 39,940$. The total net earnings, therefore, for the 9 months ended for Federal taxes, amounted to $\$ 93,069$. Listing.-Company has agreed
Standard Oil Co. of New York.-Stock Dividend.The company has confirmed reports that it will declare a $25 \%$ stock dividen
Magno
2650 .

Stromberg Carburetor Co. of America, Inc.-Earnings. Earnings-

## Expenses <br> Expenses Deduc'ns less other inc. Federal taxes

Surplus | Sept. $30,25$. |
| :--- |
| $\$ 482,708$ |
| 217,855 |
| $C r .8,174$ |
| 33,000 |
| 120,000 |

Surplus
Profit and

## Swan-Finch Oil Corp.-6\% Back Dividend.-

ardend $6 \%$ on account of accumulated dividends on the Preferred stock, payable Jan. 12 to holders of record Dec.
29 . This completes the payment of arrears at $8 \%$ rate which was in effect until June 11924 when the rate was reduced to $7 \%$ annually was in effect accrued since June 11924 at the $7 \%$ annual
$1925 .-V .121$, p. 1472 .
Swift \& Co.-Granted Review.the Federal Trade Commission requiring the company to divest itself of the capital stock of the Moultrie Packing Co, and the Andalusia Packing
Co., which it acquired in 1917 . Violations of the Clayton Act had been Co.. Which it acquired in 1917 . Violations of t

Temple Furnace Co.-Receiver.- $\quad$ a creditor, Judge DickOn a bill in equity filed by two stockholders and a creditor, Judged Paul Brooks receiver. The statement is made that assets are $\$ 863,706$ and debts
$\$ 780,462$, but there is not enough liquid assets to meet claims.

341 Madison Avenue Building, N. Y. City.-Bonds Offered.-S. W. Straus \& Co., Inc. recently offered at par and int. $\$ 450,000$ 1st Mtge. Leasehold $61 / 4 \%$ Serial Gold bonds. Safeguarded under the Straus plan. Dated Oct. 281925 ; due serially Oct. 151931 to Oct. 15 1940. Denom, Co. Callable all or part at Principal and int. payable at 104 and int, on or before Oct. Straus \& 15 . 1930 at 103
and int. after Oct. 15.1930 and on or before Oct. 151935 and at 102 and int. after Oct. 151935 , and before Oct. $151940.2 \%$ Federal income tax
paid by borrower. Penn. and Conn. 4 mills taxes; Maryland $41 / 2 \mathrm{mills}$
tax; District of Columbia 5 mills tax; Virginia $51 / 2$ mills tax; Mass. state income tax not to exceed $6 \%$ of int. per annum, and New Hampshire state
tax not to exceed $3 \%$ of the interest per annum refunded.
tion; together with long term leasehold estate on land at the northeast corner of 44th Street and Madison Avenue. N. Y. City, fronting 25 ft .5 inches on Madison Avenue and 100 ft. on 44th Street. The building wwill have stores on the ground floor and advent air. Three high-speed elevators will Serve the building.
Earnings.-Rental conditions in the Grand Central Terminal district increasing demand year by year for high grade office space, particularly in small floor units such as this building will provide. Based on a rental schedule very much lower than that now being actualey obtained ground rent, taxes, operating expenses including insurance, and with a liberal allowance for vacancies, net earnings of this buiding are estimated at $\$ 59,000$ per annum
Borrowers. 341 Madison Avenue Corp, which Fred T. Ley
Charles M. ©huckrow, V-Pres.; and L. T. Manning, Sec. \& Treas.
(R. E.) Thompson Radio Corp.-Sub. Company Divs.The R. E. Thompson Mfg. Co.. a subsidiary has declared a dividend of \$4 a share on the 1st Pref. stock (covering the last two quarters of
payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Dec. 31.-V. 121, p. 1581, 341 .
Tidal Osage Oil Co.-To Redeem Bonds.-
The company announces that on Feb. 11926 it will redeem, at 103 and nt., $\$ 722,000$ 10-Year $7 \%$ Guaranteed Sinking Fund Gold bonds, due 1931 , Payment of these bonds
York.-V. 121, p. 2650.
Tobacco Products Corp.-Additional Common Stock Offered to Stockholders-Dividend Payable in Happiness Stores Stock.- Class "A" and Common stockholders of record Dec. 16 will be given
The The Class "A" and Common stncknolders or 144,434 shares of additional
the right to subscribe on or berore Jan. 21 for 1 俍 the basis of 3 additional shares of Common stock for every 20 shares of Class
"A" or Common stock held. The proceeds will be used by the corporation to pay for its portion of additional United Cigar Stores Co. stock under to pay for its portion of additional and for other corporate purposes (see
the plan announced a few days ago, and
below). The Tobacco Products Corp. new stock has been underwritten below). The Tobacco Products Corp, new stock has
at the same price at which it is offered to stockholders.
The directors also declared for the current quarter on
a dividend of one-fifth of one Founder's share of Happiness Common stock Inc., for each share of Tobacco Products Common stock. This dividend per share on the company's Common stock. It will be paid on Jan. 15 per share on the company's
[There are now approximately 963,000 shares of Class " A " and of Common
Tower Mfg. Corp. (Boston). -25 Cent Dividend.-
The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the Common stock, par $\$ 5$, payable Jan. $1 \frac{1}{2}$ to hodders of record Dec. 15 . It is reported that sales for the 3 months ended Nov. 30 showed an
incease of approximately $37 \%$ over those in the same period of 1924 .
The Boston Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 96,360 shares The Boston stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 96,360 shares authorized 10,001 additional shares as the same may be issued through purchase warrants
of Preferred shares.

Tay 311925.

Operating profits
Other income.
$\$ 132,624$
8,961
Net profit-
Federal taxes
$\$ 141,585$
18,273
Net after taxes
The statement of income June 1 to Sept. 31 1925 follows: Sales, $\$ 182,709$; cost of sales, $\$ 99,960 ;$ gross profit, $\$ 82,748 ;$ operating expenses, $\$ 45,186$;
operating profits, $\$ 37,562$; other income, $\$ 11,253$; net profit, $\$ 38,816$; operating profits, $\$ 37,562$; other income, $\$ 1$,
Federal taxes, $\$ 4,800$; net after taxes, $\$ 34,016$.

Balance Sheet as of Sept. 301925.

Inventories
Prepaid exp
Prepaid expenses....
Mach. tools \& equip
Goodwill..........
Balance Sheet as of Sept. 301925.
$-\mathrm{V} .121, \mathrm{p} .2533$.


Accrued payrol
Res. for Fed. ta
$7 \%$ Pret Common
Surplus..

Tucker Rubber Corp., Buffalo, N. Y.-Subsidiary Co.Officials of the Tucker Rubber Corp. 32 Spencer St., Buffalo, manu-
facturer of mechanical rubber goods, \&e. have formed the Neve York
Rubber Co. to take over and expand the plant and property of the comRactuber Co. to take over and expand the plant and property of the com-
pany of the same name at Beacon, N. Y., recently acquired at a receiver's sale (V. 121, p. 1471). It will be operated as a subsidiary, manufacturing
a kindred line of rubber specialties.
Extensions are planned. ("Iron Age")

2100 Pacific Avenue (Apartments), San Francisco.Bonds Offered.-S. W. Straus \& Co., Inc., are offering at prices to yield from $5.95 \%$ to $61 / 4 \%$, according to maturity, under the Straus plan.
Dated July 1 1925: due serially 1928-1941. Red. at 102 and int. Bond
and coupons and coupons (J. \& J.) payable at offices of $S$. W. Straus \& Co. Denom
$\$ 1,000, \$ 500$ and $\$ 100 \mathrm{c}$. Exempt from personal property tax in California. Federal income tax $2 \%$, paid by borrower.
Security.-Secured by a closed 1st Mitge. on the land and building and by provisions for monthly deposits to meet principal and interest payments corner of Pacific Ave, and Laguna St., fronting $68 \frac{3}{4} \mathrm{ft}$. on the north side of Pacific Ave. and $1371 / 2 \mathrm{ft}$. on the west side of Laguna. St. The building
will be a modern fireproof apartment bouse of full reinforced concrete construction 10 stories nigh, with basement and sub-basement, containing 155 rooms divided into 20 apartments of 5 to 8 rooms each, servants quar-
ters of 13 rooms and garage for 20 cars. The plans for this building provide one suite of 5 rooms and one of 6 rooms on the first floor with the lobby,
and 28 -room apartments on each of the upper 9 floors. Valuation.-The value of the land and completed building has been
appraised by ind approximately $60 \%$ of the value of the property
approximately No annual earnings of this property, after deductions for insurance, taxes, maintenance and ample a under this bond issue. This estimated at $\$ 60,240$, available for payments under this bond
is more than 2 1-3 times the greatest annual interest charge

Union Bag \&x Paper Co.-Sells Holdings in St. Maurice Paper Co., Ltd.

Union Storage Co., Pittsburgh.-Pays Extra Dividends. Treasurer C.L. Schaub, Dec. 2 said: "In celebration of the 45 th anniversary of the incorporation of the company, and in view of the ract that our
surplus account is now equal to our capital stock account, the directors surplus account is now equal
have, on Nov. 181925 , declared an extra dividend of $2 \%$, or 50 c . per share,
in addition to the usual Christmas dividend of $2 \%$, or 50 c . per share, both pa yable on the anni
-V. 121 , p. 2650 .

United Cigar Stores Co. of America.-To Offer Additional Common Shares at Par to Stockholders.The directors on Nov. 30 authorized the sale of additional Common
stock ai par ( $\$ 25$ ) to holders of both Preferred and Common stock. The stock ai par (\$25) to holders of both Preferred and Common stock. The
proceeds will be used for the expansion of the business of the company. It proceeds will be used for the expansion ortion Comed that 354,083 shares of additional Common stock, now auth-
is expected
orized but heretofore unissued, will be involved in the operation, thus orized but heretofore unissued, will be involved in the oderation, thus
adding $\$ 8,852,075$ cash to the treasury of the company. Both Preferred and Common stockholders of record Dec. 10 wil have the right to subscribe on or berore additional share for every four shares of
shares on the basis of one such ad
either Preferred or Common stock held. No fractional shares of Common either Preferred or Common stock held.
stock will be issued. In announcing this action, Secretary W. A. Ferguson states: "It is the
present intention of the directors to continue paying dividends on the Compresent intention of the directors to at the present annual rate. viz. $8 \%$ in cash and $5 \%$ in Common stock, after the issuance of the additional stock above mentioned.
IThe New York Stock Exchange has admitted to dealings the rights of the United Cigar Stores Co. of America. 1
Thomas B. Yuille, President of the Tobace Products Corp., after the meeting of the directors of the United Cigar Stores Co. said: "The Tobacco America is heartily in accord with the action of the directors of that company in authorizing the sale of additional Common stock, at par, to
both its Preferred and Common stockholders and will of course exercise both its Preferred and tommon stocknortion of said additional Common stock. In this manner, the United Cigar Stores Co. of America will be
enabled to finance its capital needs for its rapidy extending and growing enasiness, ", Cigar Stores Co. now has in operation 2,888 stores and
The United Cow agencies, and has paid stock dividend. In 1907 , it doubled its outstanding Common stock, and in 1909 it recapitalized on the basis of 10 shares for 1 ,
In 1912, it split up the stock in the ratio of 3 shares for 1 and last year it changed the par value of its Common stock from $\$ 100$ to $\$ 25$.
[See also Tobacco Products Corp. above.]-V. 121, p. 253.
United States Realty \& Improvement Co.-Interest in New Savoy-Plaza Corp.-See that company below.-V. 121, p. 2418, 2288.

Universal Chain Theatres Corp.-Stock Sold.-Shields \& Co., New York, have sold at 100 and div. $\$ 4,000,0008 \%$ Preferred stock (one share of Common stock will be delivered with each share of Preferred stock).
Preferred as to cumulative dividends at the rate of $8 \%$ per annum.
Entitled to preference at $\$ 110$ per share and accrued dividends in liguidaEntitled to preference ate $Q$-M. per Red. all or part by lot on any div. date on
tion. Dividends payable at least 60 days' notice at 110 and divs.

Capitalization to Be Presently Issued.
$8 \%$ Preferred stock (par $\$ 100$ )
$8 \%$ Connv. 2 d Pref. stock (par $\$ 100$
Common stock (no par value)....
$\$ 4,000,000$
$2,000,000$ 8\% Conv. 2d Pref. stock (par $\$ 100$
Common stock (no par value)
ab199,000 shs.
 an of Second Preferred stock.
b Common stock and the Management stock!will have the same rights,
share for share, except that the Management stock 2 will have exclusive voting rights.
Data From Letter of Carl Laemmle, President of the Company. Corporation.- Is organized to acquire, directly or through subsidiaries,
motion picture theatres and interests therein in the United States, Canada
and abroad. It will acquire immediately all of the interest of Universal
Pictures Corp., in the Sparks, Schine and Hostettler chains of theatres, operating 91 theatres well lacated in the South,. East and West. Purpose. - Proceeds from this sale of $\$ 4.000,000$ of Preferred stock and
$\$ 1,000,000$ of Pref. stock will be used to acquire additional motion terests therei
exceptionally profitable and the chains in the United States have proved constantly increasing. The remarkable financial success of existing chain theatre companies makes it apparent that the business of providing the
public with a high type of amusement at a low price is economically sound and that motion picture chains have decided advantages over individually
 States are entertained at motion picture theatres every week and that paid
admissions are in excess of $\$ 700,000,000$ a year.
Junior Capital. Carl Laemmile, Pres., has agreed to purchase for cash
S1,000.000 or 2 Cl Prer. stock at par. The remining $\$ 1,000.000$ of 2 d Pref.
stock is to be issued to Universal Picture Corn. in part payment for its stock is to be issued to Universal Picture Corp. in part payment for its
interest in the theatre chains above mentioned. There will be assets of interest in the theatre chains above mentione
Universal Pipe \& Radiator Co.-Riahts.subscribe on or before Dec 28 at $\$ 25$ a share for additional Ced the right to


Viau Biscuit Corp., Ltd.-Pref. Stock Offered.-J. M. Robinson \& Sons, H. B. Robinson \& Co., Ltd., and Bruneau \& Rainville, Montreal, are offering $\$ 1,000,0007 \%$ 1st Cumul. Pref. (a. \& d.) stock at $\$ 97$ per share, carrying a bonus of 1 share of Common stock with each 3 shares of Preferred stock, or $331-3 \%$ (fractional shares to be adjusted at $\$ 30$ ).
Dividends payable Q.-M. by check at par in Montreal or Toronto. Callfrom normal Dominion of Cinada incomse notice. These shares are free
from residents of Canada, according to present laws. Trustee and transfer agent, Montreal Trust Capitalization-
${ }_{7}^{6 \%}$ First Preerred 20 -Year bonds.
$7 \%$ Second Preferred (\$100 par).
Common stock (no Common stock (no par)
Listing. - And real Stock Exchange.
Company. A consolidation of Viau \& Frere and J. Dufresne, Ltd., the Quebec, with commodious and well-equinued plants in the Province of been in operation for more than 50 years and has become the biggest factor
in the industry in the Province of Quebec. In addition to an extensive in the industry in the Province of Quebec. In addition to an extensive section of the Province. J. Dufresne, Ltd. the second largest in the Province of Quebece, has for many years, specialized
in which it enjoys an almost exclusive market.

Purpose.-To purchase the two properties and provide working capital,
Earnings.-Consolidated res turing profit for 1924 of $\$ 150,627$, after deducting $\$ 57,184$ for dempreciation and bad debts reserve, and allowing for other expenses which do not apply to the new company. The average for the past 5 years is even higher. tion, the combined earnings of the individual companies were eq consolida$12 \%$ on the present issue of Preferred stock, while on the basis of the over mate of P. S. Ross \& Sons, (accountants), annual earnings will be equal to more than $20 \%$ on the Preferred and leave about $5 \%$ a vailable for dividends
on the Common stock. Bond interest should be earned about 9 times after making provision for the sinking fund be earned about 9 times after

## Vulcan Detinning Co.-Earnings.-

Sales-1.-...................
Increase in inventories.
Other income
 Costs, gen exp, depr.,\&c.
Reserves and ithere exp.-
Preferred dividends.

Net profit for period_
$\qquad$
Assets-
Plant and equip't.
Patents, good-wili \&c........
Cash $\qquad$
Inventories U. S. Govt. securs.
Acets. recelvable. Acets. recelvable...
Advances.........


Balan

Walworth Co.-Subsidiary Company, \&cc.
See Walworth Alabama Co. above--V. 121, p. 2651 .
Wamsutta Mills, New Bedford.-Bal. Sheet Sept. 30. Assets-
Land bulldings \&
machine Land, bumurngs \&
machinery
Mdse. materials \& Mdse. materials \&
stock in process stock in process
Cash \& acc'ts rectle 1925.
S

$7,358,811$ Total ........... | $2,490,594$ |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| $1,075,301$ | $3,211,432$ |
| 915,655 |  |
| $, 05,50$ | 1, | Capital stock. 1925.

$\mathbf{s} .000,000$ $\overline{-10,924,706} \overline{11,386,901}$ Res. for tax. \&. imp.
Profit and loss.

A comparative income account for the year to Sept. 301925 was pub-
Warren Bros. Co., Boston.-Orders Increase.Contrats up to Nov. 19 . including carryover from 1924, total 13.527 .694
yards. The tol in 1924 for the same period was 11,$923 ; 164$, and in 1923
was 13.286 .187 yards.

Washington Oil Co.-Resumes Dividends- $300 \%$ Stock Dividend Probable.-The directors on Dec. 3 declared a dividend of $\$ 2$ per share on the outstanding $\$ 100,000$ Capital stock, par \$10, payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 15. This is the first dividend since Jan. 31 1921, when a distribution of like amount was made.
The stockholders will vote Feb. 15 on increasing the authorized Capital stock from 10,000 shares, par $\$ 10$ to 20,000 shares, par $\$ 25$. It is the intention of the directors to issue a $300 \%$ stock dividend. Holders of record Dec. 15 will be entitled to vote at the meeting.-V. 120, p. 1759.

West Virginia-Pittsburgh Coal Co.-Tenders.-
The National Shawmut Bank of Boston, trustee, will until Dec. 9 receive
bid for the sale to it of 1 st Mtte. $6 \%$. F. Gold bonds to an amount
sufficient to absorb $\$ 14,866$. $-\mathbf{V}$. 121 . p. 854 . Git

West Kentucky Coal Co.-Balance Sheet.[Including St. Bernard Coal Co.]
Sept. $3 \mathrm{~s}^{\prime} 25$. Mar. $31^{2} 25$.

## Assets- Property and plant general account

 Sundral account. Notes \& bilis ree le Acc'ts reeelvable-Material \& supp Mise. curr, assets. Prepatd account
Special funds Total (each side) $\overline{26.272 .583} \overline{26,501,821}$
 Sept.30'25. Mar. $31^{2}$ 25.
 $.695,165$
379,239
45959



## Western Auto Supply Co., Kansas City, Mo.-Stock Sold.-Merrill, Lynch \& Co. have sold at $\$ 127$ per share

 50,000 shares Participating Preference stock.Preferred as to cumulative dividends at rate of $\$ 2$ per share per annum,
payable Q-J. First quarterly dividend payable April 1926 . Commencing April 11 1927, an additional dividend amounting to $25 \%$ of ali net profits for the preceding year in excess of $\$ 3$ per share earned on all Common stock
then outstanding will be payable pro rata on each share of Participating Preference stock and a payment on the same basis in each subsequent year In the event of retirement of any Preference stock, the pro rata additional dividend on each share remaining outstanding shall not thereby be increased
Preferred over Common stock as to assets up to $\$ 30$ per share and divs in Preferred over Common stock as to assets up to $\$ 30$ per share and divs. in
the case of liquidation. Callable at $\$ 30$ per share and divs. on 60 days notice.
Common Stock Purchase Warrants.-Each two shares of Preference stock wil be accompanied by a detached purchase warrant entitling the holder
to purchaseat any time prior to Jan. 1929 one share of Class "A Common stock at $\$ 50$ per share
Capitalization (No Funded Debt) Authorized. Outstanding.
100,000 shs.
50,000 shs.
100,000 shs.
50,000 shs Capitalization (No Funded Debt)-
Participating Preference stock (no par). Class "A", Common stock (no par) $\qquad$ 100,000 shs. $100,000 \mathrm{shs}$ The unissued Clas
Listing. Company expects to make application to list this stock on the New York Curb Market.
Data From Letter of Pres. Don A. Davis, Nov. 5.
Company.- Is one of the largest retailers of automobile accessories and parts in the world, operating a chain of well as mail order department in 13 cities conveniently located in States east of the Rocky Mountains. Starting in 1909 with sales of approximately $\$ 12,000$, with the graduai increase in stores the company has reached a volume of about $\$ 9,000,000$
per annum. This growth has come about almost entirely throubh the per annum. $n$ re-investment of surplus earnings. Sales are about equally divided between mail order and store business. Company has on its books over 600,000
active mail order accounts and it is believed that the number of retail active mail order accounts and it is belleved that the number of retal customers is considerably in excess of this number
Des Moines, Cincinnati, Minneapolis, Topeka, Tulsa, Wichita, Fort Worth, Little Rock, San Antonio, Houston and Memphis. These stores carryon a mail order or retail business and in some cases both. Company has negotiit is expected that these stores will be opened in the near future. Purpose.- Proceeds will be used for retiring the $\$ 176,100$ Preferred stock
now outstanding, to open additional stores and to provide funds for the now outstanding, to open additio
further expansion of the business
Earnings.-Business has reported a profit in each year since inception in 1909. Sales and profits after depreciation and Federal taxes for the 3 year and 9 months ending Sept. 30 1925, and as estimated for the 3 months ending
Dec. 31 1925, are as follows: Dec. 31 1925,


3 months ended March 31
3 months ended March 31
3 months ended June 30-
3 months ended Sept. 30 $\qquad$
9 months ended Sept. 30
3 months ended Dec. 31

$\begin{array}{ll}\$ 6,637,837 & \$ 4,001,225 \\ 1,806,742\end{array}$
Con

U. S. Govt. sec. Incl. int. Accounts re
Merchandise
Vet fived recelvab
dise assets. Net fixed assets
Deferred charges
Good will
efund certificates
$\qquad$

## Total

$\qquad$
. $\$ 4.130 .226$
Res. for Fed., taxes \& wages.
Res. for Fed. taxes............
Capital stock (no par value).
Surplus.....

There have been placed on the Boston Stock Exchange list interim receipt for $\$ 2,200,00051 / 2 \%$ First Mtge. 20 -Year Sinking Fund Gold bonds. dated
Sept. 1925 and due Sept. 11945 . (See offering in V. 121, p. 2288.)-
V. 121 p. 2651 .

Willys-Overland Co.-Dividend Arrears on Preferred Stock Payable in Common Stock.-The directors on Dec. 2 declared a dividend of $\$ 29.75$ on the $7 \%$ Cumul. Preferred stock payable in Common stocks at $\$ 25$ per share. This distribution is in addition to the usual quarterly cash dividend of $\$ 1.75$ per share and clears up all accumulations dividends on the outstanding Preferred stock. Both dividends are payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 20.
Negctiable certificates of rights covering the accumulated dividend wil
be issued to the Preferred stockholders of record Dec. 20 . The Preferred be issued to the Preferred stockholders of record Dec. 20. The Preferred
stock now outstanding totals 220,495 shares, par $\$ 100 .-$ V. 121, p. 2172 g

Wilson \& Co., Inc.-Extension of Time to File Claims.The time within which all creditors are required to file with the receivers
at the office of their solicitors, Cravath, Henderson \& de Gerstorf, 52
dill at the office of their solicitors, Cravath, Henderson \& de Gerstorff, 52
Wiliam st. N. Y. City, Written proofs of their claims and (or demands
Y. has been extended to and including Dec. 311925 . Claims of the 1st
Mtge. 25 -Year Sinking Fund $6 \%$ Gold bonds need not be proved. Obllgations created or liabilities incurred by the receivers are not required to
be proved.-V. $121, .2288$.

Yale \& Towne Mfg. Co.-Special Dividend of $4 \%$. A special dividend of $\$ 1$ per share has been declared by the directors out
of past earnings. payable Dec. 22 to holders of record Dec. 10 . A special of past earnings, payable Dec. 22 to holders of record Dec. 10 . A s. special
distribution of like amount was paid Oct. 11924 on the outstanding $\$ 10,000,-$ 000 Capital stock, par $\$ 25$; ividend of $\$ 1$ per share has also been declared
The regular quarterly out of past earnings, payable Jan. 2 1926, to holders of record deccared 1925. (For record of dividends paid since 1912 see our "Railway. and
Industrial Compendium" of Nov. 28 1925, page 242.).-V. 121, p. 2419 .

Yellow Cab, Inc., Newark, N. J.-Dividend No. 2.Thare, payablers han. 1 to holders of regular quarterly dividend of 2 25c. per
of like amount was made on Oct.

## 

## GUANTANAMO SUGAR COMPANY

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT-FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 301925.


New York, November 251925
To the Stockholders of the Guantanamo Sugar Company:
Your Board of Directors submit herewith the Annual Report for the Fiscal Year ended September 30 1925. The Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Account of the Sugar Company, as of the above date, and the Balance Sheet of the Guantanamo Railway as of June 30 1925, have been audited by Messrs. Price, Waterhouse \& Company
The amount of cane ground was 509,193 short tons, from which 346,495 bags were produced. This production compares with 124,980 bags for the crop of 1922-1923, and 197,693 bags for the crop of 1923-1924.
Your Company has come through a period of trying conditions, but the cane fields have now fully recovered from the effects of the prolonged drought of 1922 and 1923. The extent of the recovery is indicated by the production, which was $75 \%$ greater than for 1923-1924. Over 34,000 acres are now in an excellent state of cultivation and will this season yield a high average tonnage. There is an ample cane supply to assure capacity operation of the mills for the coming grinding season. Excellent progress is being made in eradicating the Mosaic disease, which has been found to exist in practically all parts of Cuba.

Weather conditions have been about normal, with more than average spring, and less than average fall rain.

The larger cane supply made it necessary to operate the Ysabel mill, and it is expected that this factory will be run to capacity for the full grinding season this year. No extensive changes have been made in factory equipment, but there has been a steady improvement in operation, and machinery and buildings have been well maintained.
In January the Company offered for sale 6,000 shares of ts Preferred Stock, together with 30,000 shares of its No Par Value Stock. These shares were all purchased by the stockholders. It will be noted on the Balance Sheet that surplus account has been charged $\$ 270,00000$ to adjust the difference between the amount received for the No Par Value Common Stock issued and the value of $\$ 1000$ per share, at which all this stock is carried on the Company's books. As will be seen from the Balance Sheet, our Bank borrowings have been reduced and financial position improved. The profits for the past year have been small, but are satisfactory in view of the extremely low prices which prevailed in the market.
Additional Preferred Stock has been purchased since September 30th, and sufficient funds have been segregated to fully cover the Sinking Fund requirements for the years 1923 and 1924.
It will be noted that Colonos Accounts have increased considerably during the last two years, but the increases represent very materially larger plantings. For the 1924 crop there were 17,200 acres of Colono cane for harvesting for $1925,20,900$ acres, and for the coming year the area wil be over 25,000 acres. Of the Colono debt over $\$ 700,00000$ is secured by conservative first mortgages. The reserve of $\$ 290,00000$ set up against these accounts is believed to be ample to cover any possible bad debts.
Youi Company's properties are located within a radius of 20 kilometers ( $121 / 2$ miles) of the City of Guantanamo, near the south coast of Oriente Province. The three factories, Soledad, Ysabel and Los Canos, are within a short distance of the deep water port of Deseo, on Guantanamo Bay, to which the sugars are shipped over the lines of the Guantanamo Railway, which is controlled by the Sugar Company The Sugar Company owns over 100,000 acres, and controls some 17,000 acres through first mortgages and cane contracts. Over 60,000 acres of the holdings are in virgin forests. No present development of these areas is contemplated or necessary, but they have been proved to be very fertile, and add greatly to the Company's future security.

The transportation system of the Sugar Company in con nection with the Guantanamo Railroad which it controls, is fully adequate to handle our large tonnage of cane and sugar and to transport our fuol oil and other supplies to the mills. Over 100 kilometers of standerd erauge road are operated, in addition to two narrow gauge cane roads.
It is believed that your Company may be considered a complete producer, well equipped for efficient work, and with large land reserves to protect its future.

It is desired to express appreciation of the excellent services rendered by the Officers and Employees during the past year. By order of the Board of Directors.

JAMES H. POST, President.
GUANTANAMO SUGAR COMPANY. balance sheet, september 301925. ASSETS.
Real Estate, Cane Lands, Buildings, Equipment and other Permanent Investments.- $\$ 6,498,10047$ Add- Machinery and apparatus purchased to

Less-Reserves for depreciation, replanting ${ }^{86,533,626 ~ 75}$ and extraordinary repairs..............-- $1,492,66201$ Advances for Purchase of Additional Suga
Investment in


Stock of Guantanamo Sugar Company pur-
$-2,500$ shares
of common stock at $\$ 10$ per sh
Current and Working Assets:
$1,113,55340$

Growing crop carried over to 1925-1926 season $\$ 200.74963$
ventories (as certiffed by responsible offi-
Raw sugar on hand.-.-...---- $\$ 342,50040$
Stores and supplies in stock and

 3.073 .05550 \$9,726,073 6

Capital Stock

## LIABILITIES

Preferred $8 \%$ cumulative:
referred $8 \%$ cumulative:
Authorized 20,250 shares of
$\$ 100$ each
$\$ 100$ each
Less- 912 shares purchased
for sinking fund_- 91.20000
Note-Arrears of sinking fund for the $\$ 1,933,80000$
Note,-Arrears of sinking fund for the re$\$ 19,87502$. A further provision of
Common:
Authorized-405,000 shares
of no par value.
Issued and outstanding
397,435 shares of no par
value
513 shares of unconverted
1,513 shares of unconverted
$\$ 50$ par value stock (old
issue) par value stock (old
$\mathbf{7 5 , 6 5 0} 00$
$75,65000-4,050,0000$
Current Liabilities:
Notes payable (secured)
-\$1,387,500 00

Unexpended Funds:
For repairs and maintenance following 1925


| Surplus: |
| :--- |
| Balance at September 301924 |

2,310,270 48
Add-
Profit on operations for the year_--1scount on preferred stock purchased for sinking
\$159,568 46
12,426 25
171,994 71
$\overline{\$ 2,482,265}-19$
Deduct-
Additional provisions for
advances to Colonos and
inventories
Transferred to no par value capital stock............. stock

## $\$ 130.00000$

270,00000
138.08000

538,080 00
1,944,185 19
\$9.726.073 64
PROFIT AND LOSS ACOOUNT, YEAR ENDING SEPT. 301925. Gross sugar sales, less sea freight, commissions
etc...........
Other income-Interest and miscellaneous (net) $\begin{array}{r}\$ 2,940,711 \\ 178.747 \\ 80\end{array}$

Deduct-Producing and manufacturing costs, and shippin 2.676 .48961

Profit and other income before providing for depreciation and
income taxe

cane..............................
$\$ 264,40077$
19,00000
283.40077

## THE FAJARDO SUGAR COMPANY OF PORTO RICO

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE STOCKHOLDERS FOR 1925.

To the Stockholders of The Fajardo Sugar Company of Porto Rico:
The Board of Directors hereby begs to submit its seventh
The Board of Directors hereby begs to submit its seventh annual report of the Fajardo Sugar Company of Porto Rico. The grinding season commenced January 81925 and ended July 111925 , covering a period of 182 working days. Total cane ground amounted to 477,553 tons, and the factory output was 53,157 tons of sugar ( 342,950 bags of 310 lbs. each). Attached will be found consolidated balance sheet and statement of profits and loss duly certified by Public Accountants. For the Directors,

JAMES BLISS COOMBS, President.

## THE FAJARDO SUGAR COMPANY OF PORTO RICO

## and Associated Organizations.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JULY 311925. ASSETS.

$\$ 3,267,00213$

Current Assets and Growing Cane:


Mortgages and Agricultural Loans
181,443 54
Miscellaneous Accounts and Bills Receivable (Less Reserve) 144,331 51
Raw Sugar on Hand, at net prices subsequently realized
544,398 02
Molasses on Hand, at net prices subsequently realized
401,810 85
Cash in Banks and on Hand
1,183,040 60
560,80038

Deferred Charges to Profit and Loss:

$3,533,01868$

11,586 10
$\$ 9,310,49779$

## LIABILITIES.

Common Stock-Authorized:
Common- 70,000 Shares of $\$ 10000$ each.
Preferred- 15,000 Shares of $\$ 10000$ each
Issued: 57,601 shares of Common Stock of $\$ 10000$ each
\$5,760,100 00
The Fajardo Development Company-Outstanding Stock
Current Liabilities:

Dividend distributable to Stockholders August 11925 144,002 50

581,00750
Reserves for Insurance, Contingencies and Replacements
Surplus: Balance at August 11924
Add - Profit for the year ended July 31 1925, before providing for Taxes (per annexed
account)
$\$ 2,093,194$
430,498 46
account)
$1,303,39828$
$\$ 3,396,59283$
Deduct:
\$809,643 50
49,057 50
858,70100
2,537,891 83
$\$ 9,310,49779$

## CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 311925.



$\$ 5,231,36385$
Less-Expenses of Producing, Manufacturing, Selling, \&c.
3,696,145 22

Net Profit for the year before provising for Taxes.
\$1,535,218 63
231,82035
$\$ 1,303,39828$

## CURRENT NOTICES.

-Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed Trustee, Paying Agent, and Registrar under the Southern Gas and Power Corp. Indenture dated as of Nov. 151925 , securing an issue of $\$ 1,000,000$ par value $6 \%$ 5-Year Convertible Gold Notes due Nov, 151930.
-Merrill, Oldham \& Co., Incorporated, 35 Congress St.. Boston, has taken over the assets and business of the partnership and will continue its former policies in the purchase and sale of municipal and corporation bonds and other high-grade investment securities.
Rich \& Clark, members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce that their telephone number has been changed to Hanover 0030 to 0035 inclusive.
-Noble \& Corwin, 25 Broad Street, New York, dealers in Bank Stocks and Unlisted Securities, announce that their telephone number has been changed to Hanover 1040 to 1059 inclusive.
-Eastman, Dillon \& Co. announce the appointment of Anderson McLeod as representative in Eastern New York State with headquarters at 90 State St., Albany.
-Fare \& Members int -Farr \& Co., members of New York Stock Exchange and specialists in
Sugar Securities, have issued a circular discussing the investment position of the Capital stock of the National Sugar Refining Co. of New Jersey.
-Farr \& Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce that Frederick S. Whitlock has been admitted to their firm as a general partner.
-The assets and business of the partnership of Merrill, Oldham \& Co. of Boston have been acquired by a corporation under the same name.
-Citizens and Southern Co.. Savannah, Georgia, have moved to their new building located on Bay and Drayton Streets.
-Eastman, Dillon \& Co. announce that Howard G. Keogh has become assoclated with their organization.
-Clark, Ohilds \& Co., members New York Stock Exchange, announce that Mr. Russell E. Sard will become a general partner on Dec. 11925.
-Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co. has been appointed Registrar of the Common stock of Eitingon Schild Co., Inc.
-Gardner \& Co., 20 Broad Street, New York, have become members of the New York Stock Exchange.

## The Commercial Markets and the Crops <br> COTTON-SUGAR-COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS

PETROLEUM-RUBBER-HIDES-METALS-DRY GOODS-WOCL-ETC.

## COMMERCIAL EPITOME

The introductory remarks formerly appearing here will now be
found in an earlier part of this paper immediately following the
oditorial matter in a department headed ind indions of editorial materr in ${ }^{\text {a }}$,

Friday Night, Dec. 41925
COFFEE on the spot was in moderate demand with No. 7 Rio off to $171 / 4 \mathrm{c}$., No. 4 Santos $223 / 4$ to 23 c .; fair to good Cucuta $281 / 2$ to 29 c . Trujillo $241 / 2$ to 25 c . Honda 30 to 3034 c . To-day spot Rio was quoted at $165 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. Later spot coffee was dull and nominal at 17c. for Rio 7 s and $223 / 4$ to receipts nearer. Cost and freight offers from Brazil were irregular and mostly lower. Prompt shipment bourbon $3 \mathrm{~s}-4 \mathrm{~s} 21.60$ to 21.80 c .; $3 \mathrm{~s}-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at 21 to $211 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; 6 s at $207 / 8 \mathrm{c}$.; bourbon grinders 6 s at 20.40 c .; $7 \mathrm{~s}-8 \mathrm{~s}$ at 18.35 to 19.70 c .; part bourbon $2 \mathrm{~s}-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at $213 / 4 \mathrm{c} . ; 3 \mathrm{~s}-4 \mathrm{~s}$ at $211 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; $3 \mathrm{~s}-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at 21 c . to $213 / 8 \mathrm{c}$.; 6 s at 21c. Santos peaberry $3 \mathrm{~s}-5 \mathrm{~s}$ ranged from 21.10 to 21.60 c ., and $4 \mathrm{~s}-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at $211 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Victoria $6 \mathrm{~s}-7 \mathrm{~s}$ were quoted at $161 / 2 \mathrm{c} . ; 7 \mathrm{~s}-8 \mathrm{~s}$ from 16 to 16.40 c . Future shipments December-FebruarySantos peaberry $3 \mathrm{~s}-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at 21c., 90 days; $3 \mathrm{~s}-5 \mathrm{~s}$ part bourbon at 20.80 c ., and February-April bourbon 4s at 21c. Spot coffee later was still dull with Rio 7s quoted at 17 c . and Santos 4 s at $221 / 2$ to 23 c . Santos cost and freight offers were unchanged to a shade higher, with Rio a little lower from certain shippers. Offers included prompt shipment bourbon 3 s at $223 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; 3 s and 4 s at $211 / 2$ to 21.80 c .; $3 \mathrm{~s}-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at 21.10 to $213 / 4 \mathrm{c} . ; 4 \mathrm{~s}-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at $211 / 4 \mathrm{c} . ; 6 \mathrm{~s}$ at $207 / \mathrm{c}$.; $6 \mathrm{~s}-8 \mathrm{~s}$ at $19.65 \mathrm{c} . ; 7 \mathrm{~s}-8 \mathrm{~s}$ at 20.60 to $20.80 \mathrm{c} . ;$ part bourbon 2 s at $231 / 4 \mathrm{c} . ; 3 \mathrm{~s}$ at $221 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; $3 \mathrm{~s}-4 \mathrm{~s}$ at $211 / 2 \mathrm{c} . ; 3 \mathrm{~s}-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at $211 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; Santos peaberry 3 s at $221 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; $4 \mathrm{~s}-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at $211 / 4 \mathrm{c} . ; 5 \mathrm{~s}$ at 21 c .; Rio 4 s at 17.60 c .; Rio 7 s at $163 / 4$ to 16.85 c .; Victoria $7 \mathrm{~s}-8 \mathrm{~s}$ at $161 / 4$ to 16.35 c . Future shipment Santos, December-January, part bourbon $3 \mathrm{~s}-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at $211 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; January-February, $3 \mathrm{~s}-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at $211 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; January-March, part bourbon, $5 \mathrm{~s}-3 \mathrm{~s}$ at $203 / 4$ to 21 c .; AprilJune, part bourbon, 4 s at $201 / 9 \mathrm{c}$.
With increasing arrivals Rio 7 s later were quoted at $163 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; Santos 4 s at $221 / 2$ to 23c. A good demand was reported on the 3rd inst. for shipment up to next March on a basis of 20 to $201 / 2$ c. c. \& f. for Santos 4 s . Recent quotations ranged from $203 / 4$ to 21.50 c . and the latter is the only one mentioned while offers for prompt shipment are at 21 to 22 c . Victoria $7 \mathrm{~s}-8 \mathrm{~s}$ were offered at 16.25 c . The total of Brazil in sight for the United States is $1,197,757$ bags against $1,028,803$ a year ago. New York has 486,622 bags against 378,951 last year. New Orleans 125,435 against 127,352 ; Rio 244,000 against 489,000; Santos $1,208,000$ against 1,788,000 last year. Futures declined with Santos terme prices irregular or lower, cost and freight offers dropping 10 to 15 points and a disposition to liquidate. World's stocks are called moderate and there is some tendency to lower Brazilian crop estimates. But for all this and the big consumption Brazil prices have been depressed. Its finances are not in good shape; money is scarce; as money rises merchandise naturally depreciates.
E. Laneuville of Havre stated the world's visible supply on Dec. 1 at $5,017,000$ bags, compared with $5,030,000$ on Nov. 1 and 5,572,000 on Dec. 1 1924. Total world's deliveries for five months, $8,973,000$ bags, compared with $9,443,-$ 000 in 1924-25 and 8,841,000 bags two years ago. Total deliveries during November of all kinds, $1,709,000$ bags, against $1,817,000$ in 1924-25 and 2,119,000 two years ago.
The New York Coffee \& Sugar Exchange makes the world's visible supply of coffee $5,035,432$ bags on Dec. 1 , a decrease of 46,540 bags for November. Thirty-two Rio notices were issued this morning. Even at very high rates, money is said to be almost unobtainable in Brazil. Some Braziran advices say the crop will be larger than the last one. The question is asked whether European consumption may not decrease with francs about 26 to the dollar, Germany hampered by insufficient currency, and Poland partially barring importations of coffee. Recently the world demand for coffee outside of the United States is declared to have slackened. Some Haitian and Jamaican coffee under such conditions has been shipped to the United States, an unusual thing. The lack of a duty on coffee invites importations into the United States.

Following a sharp decline on the 2 dinst. came a rise on the 3d. Offerings decreased. Brazilian cables reported advanced rates for exchange. December shorts covered. There had been few delivery notices. Some private settlements of December shorts had been reported on the 2 d inst. by an exchange of March for December. They were denied. The Rio rate on London advanced $3-32 \mathrm{~d}$. to $71 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$. and the dollar rate fell 180 reis to $6 \$ 860$. The rise in exchange neutralized declines of 200 to 300 reis in the Rio terme market and 50 to 300 reis in Santos. To-day futures were 11 to 15 points lower, owing to the issuance of 32 notices. Later came a rally on covering of shorts. There was said to be a good demand for future shipment of Santos coffee with bids of $201 / 4$ to $201 / 2$ c. for No. 4. Future trading to-day involved 83,000
bags. Final prices show a rise in December for the week of 40 points, with other months off 10 to 27 points, except September, which is up 25 points. Prices closed as follows.


SUGAR. -Raw early in the week was up to $21 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Cuban c. \& f. with a fair demand from refiners, with reduced stocks. Sales were at 4.21 to 4.27 c . delivered to the amount of some 60,000 bags at $21 / 2$ c., later 25,000 bags at $27-16 \mathrm{c}$. Prompt shipment or from store was as a rule held at $21 / 2 c$. Sugar futures were hioher by 2 to 6 points early in the week. Europe seemed to be buying and Wall St. selling. Cuba was buying Dec. and Jan. and selling July. The Cuban Dept. of Agriculture estimated the next crop at $4,800,000$ tons. The rise in futures affected prompt raws. Eleven mills were grinding the Cuban crop as against one a year ago. At New Orleans 15,000 tons of La. refining grades were said to have been sold for immediate shipment to New Orleans refiners on a basis of 4.14c. delivered. But later in the week Dec. shipment sold at $23 / \mathrm{cc}$. for Cuban to the amount of 3,000 tons, or at 4.14 c . duty paid. Offerings increased very noticeably. The demand fell off. Refined was quiet at 5.35 to 5.50 c . It was stated that 15 mills were grinding. Heavy rains prevailed in Cuba., and they were supposed to interfere with grinding but were favorable to the crop. In spite of the rains, however, the number of mills grinding was increasing. The London terminal market was $11 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$ to 3 d lower. Some 1,500 tons of Surinam centrifugal for prompt trans-shipment from New York to the United Kingdom sold at 11s 9 d . Later futures fell 5 to 9 points here. Some 4,550 tons were delivered on contracts. Some take the ground that after the turn of the year when the new crop is beginning to make itself more plainly felt there will be lower prices. The course of prices will admittedly hinge largely on crop news from producing countries in general. At the same time the fact is stressed that around $21 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. there is no profit in producing sugar. Nobody needs to be told that this state of things cannot go on forever. The consumption is increasing. If the production is outrunning it so much as to keep prices down to an unprofitable basis the unavoidable inference is that production will sooner or later be curtailed. Naturally this is a rather slow process. But in the long run it will tell.

Cuban shipments were quiet on Dec. 3 at $27-16 \mathrm{c} . \mathrm{c}$. \& f. Futures were unchanged to 4 points higher, with sales of in 750 tons. Foreign selling held back the price. the day's n Dec. 1926 Chacts heavy European selling of Dec ransactions: S . 1926. Receipts at U.S. Atlantic ports for in previous week, Dec. 2 were 47,603 tons, against 47,8887 two years ago; meltings were 46,000 tons, against 49,000 previous week, 35,000 last year and 44,000 two years ago; total stock, 58,688 tons, against 57,085 previous week, 23,964 last year and 36,171 two years ago. H. A. Himely cabled that exports of raw sugars from Cuba for the week ended Nov. 30 were 65,860 tons, including 32,793 tons to north of Hatteras, 1,107 tons to New Orleans, 1,286 tons to Savannah, 86 tons to interior, 7,624 tons to Canada, 19,335 tons to England, 486 tons to France and 3,143 tons to Holland. Later, 17 mills were grinding in Cuba. London Jan.-Feb. shipment was 11s. $71 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. c.i.f., as against 11 s . 10 d . recently. To-day Cuban raws were quiet at $23 / 8$ to $213-32 \mathrm{c}$. British prices on Cuba were 11s. $41 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. to $11 \mathrm{~s} .71 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. Futures here to-day ended 3 to 12 points lower with sales of 61,500 tons. Final prices show a decline for the we $k$ of 11 to 16 points but with Dec. up 2 points. Spot raws were about where they were a week ago. Prices were as follows:

TEA. - In London on Nov. 30 offerings of Indian tea 31,600 packages, of which 29,000 sold. Prices irregular without marked change. In London on Dec. 1, of Ceylon, 12,900 packages were offered and 12,000 sold at full prices as follows: Medium pekoe, 1s. 7 d . to $1 \mathrm{~s} .101 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.; fine pekoe, 1s. 11 d . to 2 s . $6 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ medium orange pekoe, $1 \mathrm{~s} .71 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. to 1 s . $111 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.; fine orange pekoe, 1s. $111 / 2$ d. to $2 \mathrm{~s} .61 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. In London on Dec. 2 of Indian teas 26,000 packages offered and 25,000 sold at firm prices. Medium pekoe, 1s. $61 \% \mathrm{~d}$. to 1s. $91 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.; fine pekoe, 1 s . 10 d . to 2 s . 10 d .; medium orange pekoe, 1 s .7 d . to $1 \mathrm{~s} .101 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.; fine orange pekoe, $1 \mathrm{~s} .101 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. to 3s. 2 d .

LARD on the spot declined at one time; prime western 15.55 to 15.65 c .; city lard, in tierces 15 c . nominal; in tubs 16 to $161 / 2 c$.; compound carlots in tierces $123 / 40$.; refined Continent 161/4c.; South America 18c.; Brazil 19c. Today spot lard was in moderate demand with prime Western $143 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; refined Continent $151 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; South America $173 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; Brazil $183 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Futures declined sharply at the opening of the week, that is 20 to 28 points. November longs sold out. Later
the tone was steadier on covering and in sympathy with a rise in grain. November sellers bought December. Later months rallied.. Hogs fell 15 to 25 c. with big receipts. Chicago on Nov. 30 received 66,000 ; prices $\$ 11.30$ to $\$ 11.55$. Futures advanced 12 to 25 points on the 3rd inst. despite foreign selling and dullness of export trade. Hogs advanced 15 to 30 c . and corn 3 c . That told. Yet meats were dull and in some cases 25 points net lower. Lard deliveries in December were 450,000 lbs. on Dec. 3. Chicago wired: *A striking disparity exists in the provision situation, with products selling entirely too low as compared with the cost of hogs, January lard being more than 1c. a pound lower than a year ago, while hog prices are nearly 3c. a pound higher. Consumption of hog products is heavy and the manufacture of lard is on a liberal scale, while the general demand is only fair." Chicago's stock increased $82,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. in the last fortnight. The present total is $8.920,000$ lbs. against $9,468,-$ 000 a year ago. Washington wired that unsatisfactory conditions have prevailed during November in the wholesale meat trade although there was a good business in pork products. Foreign trade in American products was confined largelyto the sale of lard. To-day futures declined after irregular fluctuations. Hogs were 10c. higher with the top $\$ 11.75$. Western hog receipts were 96,000 against 185,000 a year ago. Chicago receipts are estimated for Saturday at 6,000 . The break in grain prices weakened lard later on. Last prices show a decline for the week of 5 to 43 points, the latter on December.
daily closing prices of lard futures in chicago $\begin{array}{lllll} & \text { Sat. } & \text { Mon. } & \text { Tues. } & \text { Wed. }\end{array}$ Thurs. ${ }^{\text {Tri. }}$ Fri.

PORK firm; mess, $\$ 3850$; family, $\$ 41$ to $\$ 45$; fat back pork, $\$ 38$. Ribs steady; cash, 16.25 c ., basis 40 to 60 lbs. average. Beef firm; mess, $\$ 26$ to $\$ 27$; packet, $\$ 26$ to $\$ 27$; family, $\$ 29$ to $\$ 30$; extra India mess, $\$ 43$ to $\$ 45$. No. 1 canned corned beef, $\$ 3$; No. 2, $\$ 525$; six pounds, $\$ 1850$; pickled tongues, $\$ 55$ to $\$ 60$ nominal. Cut meats dull; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs ., $213 / 4$ to $231 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; pickled bellies, clear, f. o. b. New York, 6 to 12 lbs., $201 / 2$ to 23c. Butter lower to high scoring, 42 to 51c. Cheese, flats, 21 to 28 c Eggs, fresh medium to extras, 41 to 70 c .

OILS.-Linseed though in better demand of late has been in the main quiet with little change in prices. Spot February raw oil in carlots was quoted at 12.8c. and March-April at 12.9 c . cooperage basis. In tanks, 12.0 c . was asked; less than carlots, 13.1c. Cocoanut oil, Ceylon, f.o.b. coast tanks, $121 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Manila, tanks, coast, spot, 12112 c .; China, wood, New York, spot, bbls.; $131 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; tanks, $121 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Corn, crude, $\$ 120$ to $\$ 125$. Soya bean, coast, $11 \frac{3}{4} \mathrm{c}$.; crude, tanks, $121 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Edible oils: corn, 100 bbl . lots, 13 c .; lard, prime $18 \frac{1}{2}$ c.; extra strained winter, New York, $153 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Cod domestic, 63 to 64 c .; Newfoundland, 65 to 67 c . Turpentine, $\$ 104$ to $\$ 107$. Rosin, $\$ 1452$ to $\$ 1650$. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 10,300 bbls. E. Crude S. E. 9 asked. Prices closed as follows:

\section*{ <br> $\qquad$ <br> | 102800.30 |
| :--- |
| 1020020 |}

PETROLEUM.-Crude oil has been firmer. Premiums of 10 c . were paid by several independent refiners in the MidContinent. The same is the case in the Pennsylvania fields. Gasoline has been in better demand for export. U. S motor at local refineries was quoted at $111 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Consumption is heavy. In the Gulf section $11 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{c}$. was asked for U. S motor and 15 c . for 64 gravity. Kerosene has been quiet but steady at 8c. for water white locally at refinery; delivered in tank cars to trade, 9c. In the Gulf section water white was $71 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. and prime $61 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Bunker oil in good demand and steady at $\$ 160$. Stocks on hand are small. Diesel oil was more active at $\$ 1991 / 2$ refinery. Lubricating oils quiet. Pennsylvania 600 s. r. in bbls. New York, 24c. A better demand was reported for zero cold test oils for export. Gasoline on the 1st inst. was raised 1c. a gallon in Connecticut. New York refined export prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots,
U. S. motor specifications, deodorized, 27.15 c ; U. S. motor bulk, refinery, $111 / 2$ to $113 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Kerosene, cargo lots, cases, 17.65 c . Gas oil, Bayonne, tank cars, 28 to 34 degrees, 5 to $51 / 4$ c.; 36-40 degrees, $51 / 4$ to $51 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Furnace oils, bulk, refinery, $61 / 2$ c. Petroleum, refined, tanks, wagon to store,
$141 / \mathrm{c}$. Kerosene, bulk, $45-46-150 \mathrm{~W}$. W. delivered New York tank cars, $91 / 4$ to $91 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Motor gasoline, garages (steel bbls.), 17 c .; up-State, 17 c .; single tank cars, delivered New York, $121 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Naphtha, V.M.P. deodorized, in steel bbls. 17 c . Export gasoline is more active. Kerosene is stronger Little change took place in bunker oil. Lubricating oils dull Exporters are doing little. Parafine wax is dull and weak Gulf gasoline, $171 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. for U. S. motor and $151 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. for 64 gravity in bulk. Locally U. S. motor $111 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. to $113 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. at refineries and $121 / 2$ to $123 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. delivered in tank cars. Steel barrels to garages, 17 c . Kerosene, water white, $81 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. refinery and $91 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. in tanks, delivered to the trade.



RUBBER has latterly declined on an increase of $15 \%$ to be allowed in exports on Feb. 1st, but it advanced sharply late last week both here and in London with a brisk demand here and abroad. London rose 3d. At New York first latex crepe, spot was $\$ 1.11$ to $\$ 1.121 / 2$; Nov. $\$ 1,10$ to $\$ 1.10$; Dec $\$ 1.091 / 2$ to $\$ 1.101 / 2$; Jan.-March $\$ 1.07$ to $\$ 1.081 / 2$; April-June $\$ 1.03$ to $\$ 1.04$ Ribbed, smoked sheets, spot $\$ 1.09$ to $\$ 1.101 / 2$; Nov. $\$ 1.081 / 2$ to $\$ 1.10$; Dec. $\$ 1.08$ to $\$ 1.10$; Jan.March $\$ 1.07$ to $\$ 1.081 / 2$; April-June $\$ 1.03$ to $\$ 1.04$. London prices were: spot 54 d to $541 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$; Dec. 54 to $541 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$; Jan. $531 / 4$ to $531 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$; Jan.-Mar. 53 to $531 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$; April-June 50 d to $501 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$ Singapore advanced $7 / 8$ to 1 d . Spot 50 d ; Nov. Dec. $501 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$; Lon ff $1 /{ }^{3}$, d New York was London off $1 / 4$ to $3 / 4$ New York was weaker at $\$ 1.08$ to $\$ 1.09$ for first latex crepe spot and $\$ 1.07$ to $\$ 1.08$ to ribbed smoked spot; London spot $531 / 2$ to 54 d ; Singapore up $1 / 8$ to $5 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$ spot and Dec. 51d. On the 3rd inst. prices on plantations sharply; First latexport news. Para advanced however to \$1.09; Jan.-March \$1.06 to \$1.071/2; April-June \$1.01 to $\$ 1.021 / 2$. Ribbed smoked sheets, spot $\$ 1.08$ to $\$ 1.09$; Dec $\$ 1.07$ to $\$ 1.08$; Jan.-March $\$ 1.061 / 2$ to $\$ 1.071 / 2$; April-June $\$ 1.01$ to $\$ 1.021 / 2$; Brown crepe thin clean $\$ 1.04$; Amber No. 1 $\$ 1.04$; Para, Upriver, fine spot $\$ 1.03$; coarse 75 c .; Island ine 84c.: Caucho Ball, Upper, 78c.; Guayule contract 50c. Balata, Blocl, Ciudad 65c. London on the 3rd inst. fell $1 / 2$ to $3 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$ on futures; spot unchanged; prices generally weakened on the report of $100 \%$ shipments from Ceylon and Malaya after Feb. 1 1926. Spot $541 / 2$ to 55 d ; Dec. 54 d to $541 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$ Jan. $531 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$ to 54 d ; Jan.-March $523 / 4$ to $531 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$; April-June $493 / 4$ to $501 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. Singapore on the 3rd inst. was up $5 / 8$ to 1 d spot 51 d ; Dec. $511 / 2$ d; Jan.-March $501 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$; April-June $473 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$ There may be a Rubber Exchange here ready for business by Jan. 15. That is the design of a committee in charge A wild market for rubber shares continues in London despite the decree allowing larger exports, two months hence London today was reported $1 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$ to 3 d lower for rubber.

HIDES have been, as a rule, about steady and in rather more demand, though far from active. Packer hides for an exception have dropped to $151 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. for native steers. Butts, $141 / 2$ c.; Colorado, $131 / 2$ c. Orinoco common were quoted at 22c. Some 1,000 Santo Domingos sold, it was said, at "about" 18e. for drys and 16 for dry salted hides. Santa Martas last sold at 24c. River Plate market for frigorifico hides was steadier. Some 8.000 Swift La Plata frigorifico steers sold, it is stated, at $\$ 37$, or $171 / 8$ c. c. \& f.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.-Grain tonnage has been in good demand; other commodities moderatly active. Rates steady. Later with a growing demand rates became firmer Still later A tlantic business suffered by the increased demand for Pacific tonnage. Grain charters were in much better demand late in the week for prompt shipment; 175 loads in berth room were taken, mostly for Great Britain.
Charters included grain from Baltimore-Philadelphia to Antwerp-

 range to Greece, 4 s , December; 21,000 qrs. Prom Portland, Me., to United
Kingdom, $3 \mathrm{~s} .3 \mathrm{~d} .$, last half December; 20,000 qrs. from Atlantic range to range to Antwerp-Rotterdam, 14c., Dec. $15-29$; oil cake from Gulf to Denmark, $\$ 650$ Dec.; petroleum and products, refined and (or) spirits
from Constanza-Batum-Novorossick to French Atlantic, 16 s ., prompt: rom Gulf to United Kingdom-Continent, 22s. 6d., Dec.-Jan.; time charter
1,107 tons net steamer, Dec.-Jan., 12 months West Indies and United States, $\$ 155 ; 1,597$ tons net steamer, December, at Cuba 6 months same
trade, $\$ 130 ; 3,135$ tons net delivery December, Northern States, round trip South America, redelivery North Hatteras, 97 c .; 1,135 tons net
December delivery Northern States, 6 months United States-West Indies,
$\$ 135: 1,686$ tons net, December delivery Cuba one trip round, $\$ 135$; gas oil from Northern States to Gothenburg-Stockholm, 20s, Nov, 18; coal from Wales to Northern range, 9s., December; coal from
Hampton Roads to Rio, $\$ 355$, December; oil from Tampico to North
Hatteras, 29c. Dec.-Jan. sugar from Cuba to United Kingdom-Continent 18 s. Jan., bricks from Rotterdam to New York, $\$ 375$, prompt; grain from Atlantic range to Rotterdam direct,
range to Rotterdam, $121 / 12 \mathrm{c} .$, Dec.-Jan.; Prom Atlantic
King from Atlantic range to United Kingdom, 3s. 3d., first half January: from Atlantic range to United Kingdom, $3 \mathrm{~s} .11 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. , Dec.; oil from U. S. Gulf to
Providence, light, crude 26 c. .; crude from Venezuela to North Hatteras ery, two to three months Únited states-West Indie at $\$ 130 ; 873$ tons net, December delivery one year, United States-West
Indies trade, $\$ 175$.
COAL has been rather dull at retail and it is said that stocks here of spot coal are large. Coke is being sold to householders and is said to do very well if there is not too much draught used. The operators reject the plan of Governor Pinchot and the miners' representatives and the strike goes on. Soft coal prices at piers f. o. b. New York tidewater: Navy standard, $\$ 5$ to $\$ 585$; Navy supple metary, $\$ 545$ to $\$ 560$; superior low volatile, $\$ 515$ to $\$ 540$; high grade, low volatile, $\$ 475$ to $\$ 490$; ordinary low volatile, $\$ 445$ to $\$ 460$; high volatile steam $\$ 450$ to $\$ 470$; low sulph. gas, $\$ 510$ to $\$ 523$. Coke, Connellsville, furnace, 48 -hour, $\$ 350$ to $\$ 425$; foundry, 72 -hour, $\$ 525$ to $\$ 6$; Pocahontas, furnace, $\$ 650$ to $\$ 775$; foundry, $\$ 850$ to $\$ 925$; Wise County, furnace, $\$ 825$ to $\$ 925$; foundry $\$ 925$ to $\$ 10$. In ten days over 35,000 tons of foreign anthracite and semi-anthracite have been received in Boston also more than 15,000 tons of foreign coke. Wales sen 26,364 tons of coal; Scotland, 4,475 tons of coal and 3,304
tons of coke; Rotterdam, 8,868 tons of coke; England, 2,987 tons of coke; Westphalia, Germany, 5,000 tons of coal. Three cargoes of Westphalian coal are en route here, one of which is to go to Providence

TOBACCO.-Havana seed has been in fair demand and steady. Broad leaf has sold on a fair scale at Hartford. Other tobacco had a moderate sale. Richmond, Va., advices stated that the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association had practically completed the largest sale of South Carolina tobacco evermade. It is said that over $15,000,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. of this season's deliveries from the South Carolina belt have been sold at fair prices. Binder, 20 to 22 c .; Northern, 38 to 50 c .; Southern, 25 to 35 c .; New York State seconds, 35 to 50 e .; Ohio Gebhardt, 25 to 28 c .; Little Dutch, 25 to 28 c .; Zimmer
Spanish, 28 to 32 c .; Havana, 1st Remedios, $\$ 1$ to $\$ 110$; Spanish, 28 to $32 \mathrm{c} . \mathrm{F}^{\mathrm{H}} \mathrm{Ha}$.
2d Remedios, 80 to 85 .

COPPER has been quiet at a decline to $141 / 8$ e. delivered in Connecticut Valley. London fell sharply on the 2 d inst., i. $\theta ., 10 \mathrm{~s}$. on electrolytic and 5 s . on standard. Shipments from Lake smelters have been large, especially to Chicago, Detroit and Flint. Only about $20 \%$ of the shipments are going abroad and they chiefly to France. The Seneca Copper Co. after a year and a half of idleness has resumed opera-
tions, 100 men being employed. Copper dropped to 14 c . That is a fall of nearly a cent in three weeks. London standard $£ 595 \mathrm{~s}$. spot and $£ 605 \mathrm{~s}$. futures. London has latterly fallen 10 s . to 15 s .

TIN has been quiet and lower, influenced by a decline in London and an increase in the world's visible supply of 2,429 tons. London on the 2nd inst. fell $£ 115 \mathrm{~s}$. on spot standard to $£ 2865 \mathrm{~s}$. and futures declined $£ 17 \mathrm{~s}$. 6 d. to $£ 281$, with sales of 100 tons of spot and 900 tons of futures. The pack of corn was double normal according to announcement made this week. The packs of other vegetables were also unusually large this year. This is taken to mean in some quarters that less tin will be used for packing purposes in 1926, as many cans of vegetables will hold over a season. Tin dropped £2 in London and $1 / 4$ to $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. in New York. Spot Straits here sold at $623 / 4$ c.; first quarter $621 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Spot Standard in London £2845s.
LEAD quiet and rather easier. The American Smelting \& Refining Co. still quoted 9.50 c . New York while the St. Joseph Lead Co. sold at 9.35 c . Fast St. Louis. Stocks in the Middle West are smaller and pricesare relatively stronger there than in the East. London has been lower. On the 2 d inst. prices there declined 5 s . to $£ 3418 \mathrm{~s}$. 9 d . for spot and futures fell 3 s .9 d . to $£ 348 \mathrm{~s}$. 9 d . Later prices were still weak with London falling. Nominal prices here are 9.35 to 9.50 c . London dropped 3s. to $£ 352 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d}$. spot.

ZINC quiet and weaker. Here 8.50 c . to 8.60 c . was quoted East St. Louis. Zinc ore was $\$ 58$ a ton. Output in the Tri-State district last week was 17,000 tons. London on the 2 d inst. dropped 8 s . 9 d . on the spot to $£ 386 \mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{~d}$. and futures fell 7 s . 6 d . to $£ 375 \mathrm{~s}$. Later prices moved up $\$ 1$ per ton. Prompt sold at 8.55 to 8.60 East St. Louis. Yet London dropped 2s. 6d. for spot, touching £38 8s. 9d. and futures declined 3 s . 9 d . to $£ 378 \mathrm{8s}$. 9 d .

STEEL has been in increasing demand with new orders outrunning shipments. That was not the case earlier in the year by any means. Some are talking of the possibility of over-production. At the same time, it is admitted that the output is only at $85 \%$ of capacity and that the production merely keeps pace with consumption. There is a big demand for tin plate, largely from food packing companies. After a favorable trade in November the mills are in a better position. Sales for that month of some finished steel exceeded those of any month in 1925. Unfilled orders have increased. And it is significant that shipments have expanded. The point is that they have not overtaken the new business. That is not unnaturally considered a very hopeful feature. There is a steady demand from the railroads and also from the construction companies. Building this winter is expected to be very large, even if some financial institutions are said to be less ready with loans to builders because of the big expansion in building which seemingly for the time has outrun the demand. Specifications, it is stated, are the promptest for many months past.
PIG IRON has been quiet here but the composite price is up within a week 25 cents per ton. In Cleveland, England, the price has advanced for the first time in months. In this district consumers are pretty well supplied for the time being. It is not the time of year when transactions are likely to increase much. Quite the contrary. Lower coke prices have naturally not tended to brace pig iron prices. In the East there is a large supply of fuel. Foreign iron has been very firm. Pig iron output in this country in November increased $3 \%$ and some 220 furnaces are now in blast, the increase being the greatest in the last half of the month. The increase in output will naturally become more apparent in the figures for December. November's output was at the rate of 100,516 tons daily as against 97,528 in October. Pittsburgh stresses the fact that the average price of pig iron in November was higher than in October. But as a rule the week has been devoid of features of striking interest. There was a hopeful feeling but it would not surprise anybody to see trade rather quiet for a time. Philadelphia has latterly been the most active: 30,000 tons of basic sold there, partly at $\$ 23$ delivered. The decline in coke has less effect on iron than might have been expected. Continental
recently sold at $\$ 2150$ duty-paid seaboard. Was it of the best grade? it is asked. Eastern Pennsylvania, $\$ 23$ to $\$ 24$; Buffalo, $\$ 21$ to $\$ 22$; Virginia, $\$ 24$ to $\$ 25$; Birmingham, $\$ 21$ to $\$ 22$; Chioago, $\$ 2250$ to $\$ 23$; Valleys, $\$ 2050$ to $\$ 21$;
Cleveland delivered. $\$ 22$ to $\$ 23$; basic, valleys, $\$ 1950$ to $\$ 20$; eastern Pennsylvania, $\$ 2150$ to $\$ 22$. Coke, Connellsville furnace, $\$ 350$ to $\$ 4$; Connellsville foundry, $\$ 450$ to $\$ 5$.
WOOL has been in only moderate demand and weaker, with larger foreign supplies and lower prices at the foreign auctions. New York prices:
Ohio \& Penn. fine delaine, 55 to 57 c .; $1 / 2$-blood, 53 to 55 c. ; $3 /$ b-blood,
53 to 55 c . $14-$ blood, 53 to 54 c . Teritory plean basis, fine staple. fine medium, French combing, $\$ 125$ to $\$ 130$; fine medium, clothing, $\$ 116$
to $\$ 120$, 12 -blood staple, $\$ 120$ to $\$ 122$. Texas, clean basis, fine 12



The rail and water shipments of wool from Boston from Jan. 11925 to Nov. 261925 inclusive were 160,355,300 lbs., against $154,264,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. for the same period last year. The receipts from Jan. 11925 to Nov. 261925 inclusive were $289,354,300$ lbs., against $284,670,400$ lbs. for the same period last year.
Ohio and Penn. fleeces: Delaine, unwashed, 55 to 56 c .; $1 / 1 /-$-blood



At Liverpool about 27,000 bales are to be offered at the ow-end sales to open on Tuesday Dec. 8, continuing to Dec. 11 and on Dec. 14 and 15. At Auckland, N. Z., on Nov, $27,16,000$ bales were offered and 12,000 sold. Demand not satisfactory. Prices averaged about $5 \%$ lower than at Wanganui on Nov. 24. At Adelaide recently, 30,000 bales offered and $10 \%$ withdrawn. Buyers declined to pay prices asked. Yet compared with the sales of Oct. 30, they were generally down 5 to $10 \%$. Inferior and wasty wools showed the greatest decline. France bought but moderately. At London on Nov. 27 offerings were 11,331 bales. Merinos slow; crossbreds active. Prices steady at opening quotations. Details:
22 to 37 d. . greasy merinos, 18 to 27 d .; crossbreds. 10 to $211 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. Queensland, 1,303 bales: scoured merinos, 37 to 54 d. ; crossbreds, 32 to 40 d . ${ }^{\text {greasy }}$
merinos. 19 to $271 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. crossbreds, $151 / 2$ to 22 d . Victoria, 1,107 bales

| to |
| :--- |
| 20 d |

 18 to $251, \mathrm{~d} . ;$ crossbred, 7 to $221 / \mathrm{d}$. Cape Colony, 501 bales; scoured
merinos, 29 to $481 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.; crossbreds, no sales; greasy merinos, 15 to $221 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.;
ossbreds, no sales.
In London on Nov 30 offerings were 10,500 bales Attendance large Demand good for better grades; poor for inferior Details:
New South Wales, 1,541 bales: scoured merinos, 30 to 48 d .: crossbreds,
21 to $42 \mathrm{~d} \cdot$ greasy merinos, 16 to 31 d . crossbreds, 91,2 to 22 d . Queensland,
877 b2d 877 bales: scoured merinos, 36 to 46d. crossbreds, 24 to 39 d .; greasy
merinos, 88 to $29 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ crossbreds, 14 to 21 d . Victoria, 1,643 bales: scoured
merinos, 34 to 55 d .; crossbreds, 20 to 41 d .; greasy merinos, 17 to 29 ; cross merinos, 18 to $29 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ crossbreds, 14 to 21d. Victoria, 1,643 bales: scoured
merinos, 34 to 55 d .; crosbreds, 20 to $41 \mathrm{~d} ;$ greasy merinos, 17 to 29 ;cross-
breds, 13 to $211 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. South Australia, 65 bales: greasy merinos, $181 / 2$ to
28d. West Australia, 1.914 bales: greasy merinos, 16 to 27 d .; crossbreds,
 $191 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. Cape Colony, 188 bales: scoured merinos, 32 to 43 d. , greasy
merinos, 15 to 26 d . River Plate, 301 bales: no sales. Falkland Islands,
In London on Dec 1 prices very steady. Demand fair to good for higher grades. Buying chiefly British and Continental, but some American. Details:
New South Wales, 1,456 bales; scoured merinos, 31 to 47 d.; crossbreds, New South Wales, 1,456 bales; scoured merinos, 31 to 47 .; crossbreds,
24 to 27 d.; greasy merinos, 18 to $281 / 2 ;$ crossbreds, 8 to 20 d . Queensland,
2,162 bales; scoured merinos, 40 to $541 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. crossbreds, 22 to $38 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ greasy
merinos, 20 to 30 d. crossbreds, 16 to 201 Victoria, 1,057 bales; scoured
 29d. corssbreds, 14 to $201 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. South Australia, 211 bales; scoured merinos,
23 to 45 d . crossbreds, no sales; greasy merinos, no sales; crossbreds, 9 to
$143 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. West Australia, 430 bales; scoured merinos, 30 to 42 d . crossbreds,
22 to 31 d . greasy merinos, 16 to 27 d.; crossbreds, 8 to 20 d . New Zealand, 22 to 31 d .; greasy merinos, 16 to $27 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ crossbreds, 8 to 20d. New Zealand,
1,240 bales; scoured merinos, no sales;crossbreds. 16 to 33 d. greasy merinos,
17 to $244 \mathrm{~d} .:$ crossbreds. 91,2 to 20 d . Cape Colony, 953 bales; scoured 17 to 24 d . crossbreds, $91 / 2$ to 20 d . Cape colony, 953 bales; scoured
merinos, 32 to $46 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ crossbreds, no sales; greasy merinos, 15 to $251 / \mathrm{d} . ;$
crossbreds, no sales. River Plate. 359 bales; scoured merinos, no sales; Arenas, 3,523 bales; scoured merinos, no sales; crossbreds, no sales; greasy merinos, no sales; crossbreds, 11 to $231 / 2$
In London on Dec. 2, 10,633 bales offered. Good-conditioned merinos firm; lower grades irregular; crossbreds slow. Details:
Now South Wales, 2,758 bales; scoured merinos, 30 to $45 \mathrm{~d} ;$ crossbreds,
20 to 37 d , greasy merinos, $161 / 2$ to $361 / 2 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ crossbreds, $81 / 2$ to $191 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. Queensland, 1,456 bales ; scoured merinos, no sales; crossbreds, 22 to $191 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.
greasy merinos, 20 to $291 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.; crossbreds, no sales. Victoria, 355 bales;

\section*{| sic |
| :---: |
| me |}

$\underset{\substack{\text { Irr } \\ 12}}{12}$
 lish, 2,095 bales; scoured merinos, no sales:
merinos, no sales; crossbreds, $53 / 4$ to 18 d .

In London on Dec. 3, 11,228 bales offered. Attendance good. Demand lessened. Greasy crossbreds unchanged. Slipe wools were a little lower. Details:
20 New South Wales, 1,455 bales: scoured merinos, 28 to 46 d ; ; crossbreds, land, 251 bales: scoured crossbreds, 25 to 35 d .; greasy merinos, 18 to $281 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.
Victoria, 1,267 bales: scoured merinos, 26 to $481 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$; ; to 34 d .; crossbreds, 15 to 19 d . West Australia, 460 bales: scoured merinos, mania, 722 bales: scoured merinos, 28 to $461 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. erossbreds, 20 to 39 d .;
 25d.; crossbreds, no sales:

At Melbourne on Dec. 25,500 bales offered and $90 \%$ sold. Selection average. Demand good. Compared with last sales merinos super 5\% lower; average to good $71 / 2$ to $10 \%$ lower; comebacks and crossbreds super unchanged; good to everage 5\% lower. Prices were: Merinos F in Diamond $331 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.; Terangaville 29d.; comebacks Banongill 31d.; Stonyhurst $271 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. At Melbourne on Dec. 36,500 of the 7,800 bales offered sold at lower prices. Bradford and the Continent did not take hold until a decline began. American buyers held off. Merinos dropped $10 \%$ below the basis of the Nov. 16 comebacks greasy and crossbreds were down 5 to $71 / 2 \%$. At Christchurch on Dec. $2 \quad 17,200$ bales offered and 15,500 sold. Selection fair. Demand brisk. America a fair buyer. Prices for merinos super were 20 d . to $22 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ average $173 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$. to $193 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$.; crossbreds $56-58 \mathrm{~s}$., $151 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. to $20 \mathrm{~d} . ; 50-56 \mathrm{~s} ., 14 \mathrm{~d}$. to $18 \mathrm{~d} . ; 48-50 \mathrm{~s} ., 121 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. to $151 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.; $46-48 \mathrm{~s}$., $111 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. to $15 \mathrm{~d} . ; 44-46 \mathrm{~s} ., 101 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. tol 14 d .; $40-44 \mathrm{~s}$., 10 d . to $131 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.
At Buenos Aires on Nov. 27 prices firmer. Offerings 6,646,457 kilos; special holdings unchanged. Fine crossbreds 13 to 20.5 pesos; medium 14 to 15.5 pesos; coarse 10 to 13.7 pesos; yearlings 11 to 17 pesos, all per 10 kilos. In Buenos Aires on Nov. 30 demand light. Offerings $6,905,362$ kilos. Prices, fine crossbreds 14 to 16.50 pesos; medium, 13 to 15 pesos; coarse 11 to 13.50 pesos; yearlings 13.50 to 14.50 pesos. In Buenos Aires on Dec. 1 trade quiet. Offerings $7,181,091$ kilos. Fine crossbreds 13 to 16 pesos, medium 13.2 to 14 pesos; coarse 10.2 to 13.5 pesos; yearlings 11 to 15 pesos. Fine wools from the Province Corrientes are quoted at 20 pesos. On the 2nd prices unchanged; $7,561,961$ kilos sold; fine cross-breds 15 to 15.46 pesos; medium 14; coarse 10 to 13.50; yearlings 11 to 14 ; wool from Correintes 19.5 pesos. At Buenos Aires on Dec. 3 wool was dull and depressed. Offerings $7,937,418$ kilos. Prices fine crossbreds 12.50 to 14.50 pesos; medium 13.50 to 14 pesos; coarse 10 to 13 pesos; fine yearlings 14 to 15.50 pesos; medium and coarse yearlings11 to 13 p esos and yearlings from the Province of Entre Rios 16 pesos.

## COTTON

Friday Night, Dec. 41925.
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 396,275 bales, against 311,384 bales last week and 377,983 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1925,5,399,035 bales, against $4,955,512$ bls for the same period of 1924, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1925 of 443,523 bales

| Receipts at- | Sat. | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thurs. | Fri. | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Galvesto | 18,558 | 20.747 | 48,528 | 25,676 | 17,148 | 14 | 6 |
| New Oriean | 18,132 | 35,256 | 49,579 |  |  |  |  |
| Mobile. | 1,574 | 2,357 | 2,030 | 349 | 2,655 | 12,1806 | 9 |
| Savannah | 3.163 | 3,005 |  |  |  | ${ }_{2}^{1.291}$ | 1,291 |
| Charleston | ${ }^{2} .046$ | 1,411 | 2,559 | 1,051 | 1,596 | 2,973 | 14,853 9,339 |
| Norfolk | 8,107 | 4, 298 | 2,884 | 619 2.015 | -588 | 3,030 | 4.516 23.400 |
| Boston. |  | 1,731 | 224 | ${ }_{335}^{492}$ | 203 |  | ${ }^{2,2}$ |
| ${ }_{\text {Baltimo }}$ |  |  | 1,179 |  |  | 89 | 2,068 |
| Philad |  |  | 225 | 150 |  |  | 375 |

 total since Aug. 11925 and stocks to-night, compared with last year.

| Receipts toDec. 4. | 1925. |  | 1924. |  | Stock. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | This Week. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Since Aug } \\ & 11924 . \end{aligned}$ | This | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Since Aug } \\ 11923 . \end{array}$ | 1925. | 1924. |
| Galveston- | 145,236 | 1,835,170 | 153,631 | 2,27 | 625,625 |  |
| Houston- | 91, 7 zāi | $9 \overline{7} \overline{4}, 2 \overline{4} \overline{5}$ | 48.741 | 835,584 |  | 2,086 |
| Port Arthur, | 90.345 | 5 $1,249,6{ }^{\text {a }} 4$ | 108,911 | 971,0883 | 412,765 | 408,734 |
| Gulfport |  |  |  |  |  | 408,734 |
| Pensac |  | 1147.166 <br> 11.212 | 5,631 | 80,165 | 29,952 | 16,234 |
| Jackson |  | 15.148 |  | ${ }^{1} 1.603$ | ${ }^{492}$ | 965 |
| ${ }_{\text {Branswick }}$ |  | 4,8 | 14,090 | 88,73 |  |  |
| Gharlestow |  | 174,127 | 7,251 | 114,413 | 44,635 | 36,666 |
| Worfolk | ${ }_{23,400}^{4.516}$ | 77, 2989 2987 | 7,829 | 558.9 | 37 | 7 |
| N'port Ne |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bowton. | 2,223 <br> 1.127 <br> 12 | 5,708 | 00 | 19.3 |  | 10 |
| $\xrightarrow{\text { Baltim }}$ | 2.068 | 15.78. | 882 |  |  |  |
| Tota |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Receipts at- | 1925. | $19 t 4$. | 1923. | 1922. | 1921. | 1920. |
| ton |  | $\begin{array}{r} 153,631 \\ 48,741 \\ 108,91 \\ 5,631 \\ 14,090 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 108,810 \\ 34,075 \\ 58,423 \\ 44,861 \\ 14,574 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 63,567 \\ 12,795 \\ 52,974 \\ 1,577 \\ 1,57 \\ 5,229 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 56,246 \\ & 25.268 \\ & 2.239 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 80,934 \\ & 26.583 \\ & 66.433 \end{aligned}$ |
| Nouston, ${ }^{\text {New }}$ Nriean | 90.345 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Savannah | 14,853 |  |  |  | 13.045 | 15,405 |
| Brunswick |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Charleston, |  | - 7.2 .251 | $\begin{array}{r} 11.608 \\ 6.680 \\ 23,302 \end{array}$ |  |  | 2,4823,3589,325 |
| Norfolk. | 23,400 | 19,605 |  |  |  |  |
| All others...- | 7.088 | $\stackrel{\square}{5,06} \overline{3}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 23,302 \\ -\quad 3,47 \overline{6} \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $-6,43 \overline{7}$ | $5.48 \overline{9} \overline{9}$ | 126 2.461 |
| Tot. this week | 396,275 | 370.752 | 265,509 | 158,801 | 116,086 | 210,301 |
| Since Aug. 1.. | 5.399.035 4 | . 9555.512 | .001,486 | 3.574.027 | 3.067.408 | .921.26 |

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 376,697 bales, of which 116,853 were to Great Britain 72,735 to France, 76,729 to Germany, 20,243 to Italy,
to Russia, 38,791 to Japan and China and 51,346 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 350,015 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been $3,757,032$ bales, against $3,391,-$ 628 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week and for the season:

| Week Ended <br> Dec. 41925. <br> Exports from |  | Exported to- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Great Britain. | France. |  |  | Ger- many |  |  |  | Russia |  | Sapane |  | Other. | Total. |  |
| vest |  | 37.106 |  | 33, |  |  |  | 14,093 |  |  |  |  |  | 23,88 |  | $\overline{131,646}$ |
| Houston |  | 37,098 |  | 20,765 |  | 15,55 |  | 5,350 |  |  |  | 2,00 |  | 10,250 |  | 91.017 |
| New Orleans |  | 25,247 |  | 17,770 |  | 19,69 |  |  |  |  |  | 21,52 |  | 9,20 |  | 93,442 |
| Mobile- |  | 29 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Savannah |  | 10,889 |  | 45 | 5 | 10,71 |  |  |  |  |  | 11,28 |  | 2,328 |  | 35,667 |
| Charlesto |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2,419 |
| Norfolk. |  | 2.552 | 52 |  |  | 7,51 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1,164 |  | 11.228 |
| New Yor Boston. |  |  | 98 | 700 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3,615 |  | $\begin{array}{r}6,279 \\ \hline 79\end{array}$ |
| Baltimo |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 79 100 |
| Los Angel |  | 1,172 |  |  |  | 50 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 82 | 1,754 |
| San Diego |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 500 |
| San Francl |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1,23 |  |  |  | 1,235 |
| Tot |  | 116,853 |  | 72,735 |  | 76 , |  | 20,243 |  |  |  | 38,79 |  | 51,346 |  | 376,697 |
| Total 192 |  | 131,582 |  | 31,7 |  | 75 |  | 43,029 |  |  |  | 35 |  | 31.997 |  |  |
| Total 1923 |  |  |  | 30. |  | 35 |  | 31578 |  |  |  | 35 |  | 31.131 |  | 271.215 |
| FromAug. 11924 toDec. 41925Exports from- | Exported to- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Great Britain. |  | France. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ger- } \\ & \text { maxy. } \end{aligned}$ |  | Italy. |  | Russia |  | Japand China. |  | Other. |  | Total. |  |
| Galveston | 319,544 |  | 141.779 |  | 227.060 |  | 82,009 |  | 5,00090,923 |  | 71,266 |  | 152,438 |  | 99.096 |  |
| Houston-- | 265,620204,079 |  |  |  |  |  |  | , 622 |  |  | 149,747 |  | 79,29983,060 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 961,364 \\ & 743,397 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| New Orleans. |  |  | 76,834400 |  |  |  | 90,923 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mobile | 50,842 |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 95,441 \\ 4,850 \end{array}$ |  |  |  | 17,960 |  | 1,500 |  | 3,469 |  | $\begin{array}{r} 743,397 \\ 79,021 \end{array}$ |  |
| Jacksonville- | 8,346 <br> 5,754 |  | 758 |  | 4.400300 |  | -...- |  | -...--- |  | 1,400 1,924 |  |  |  | 14,67011,212 |  |
| Pensacola. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Savannah... | 123,735 |  | 7,508 |  | 217.588 |  | 5,892 |  | -.....- |  | 53,504 |  | 25,086 |  | $\begin{array}{r} 11,212 \\ 433,308 \\ 400 \end{array}$ |  |
| Brunswick .- | 40.0174,000 |  |  |  | 55,81021,700 |  |  |  |  |  | 21,400 |  | 6,110 |  |  |  |
| Wirmington:- |  |  |  |  |  |  | 12,000 |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 123,337 \\ 39,500 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Norfolk. | 51,09226,704 |  | 12,427 |  | 53,210 <br> 29,805 |  | $12,127$ |  |  |  | $405$ |  |  |  | 4,42824.777 |  | 117,480106.240 |  |
| New York |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Boston. | 26,704 |  |  |  | --500 |  |  |  | 29 |  | - 100 |  | --.----- |  |  | ..... 1,890 |  |  | 2,915600 |  |
| Baltimore- |  |  | 95 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Philadelphia. | 7,086 |  | 1,450 |  |  |  | 5,900 |  |  |  | -...-. |  |  | 1,500 |  | 333 | $\begin{array}{r} 118 \\ 16,269 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |
| San Diego.- | 1,000 475 |  | -...---- |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 1,500 \\ -\cdots 300 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SanFrancisco |  |  |  |  | -...--- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 55,860 \\ & 49,745 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1,109,313 |  |  |  | 46,370 |  | 1013587 |  | 253,984 |  | 96,323 |  | 160.946 |  | 386,509 |  | 3,757,032 |  |  |  |
| Total 1924 | $1,149,599$ <br> 930.238 |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{l\|l\|} \hline 795,619 & 2 \\ 498,968 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 265,974 \\ & 227,981 \end{aligned}$ |  | 53,295 |  | $\begin{array}{\|} 350.046 \\ 284.143 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 341,450 \\ 282,225 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 3,391,628 \\ & 2,611,336 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total 1922 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

NOTE.-Exports to Canada.-It has never been our practice to Include in the
above tables exports of cotton to Canada, the reason being that virtually all the cotton destined to the Dominlon comes overland and it is impossible to get returna concerning the same from week to week. While reports from the customs districts
on the Canadian border are always very siow in coming to hand. In view, however on the numerous inquirles we are recelving regarding the matter, we will say that of the numerous inquiries we are receving regarding the matter, we will say that
for the month of October the exports to the Dominlon the present season have been 28,299 bales. In the corresponding month of the precediag season the exports were 22,292 bales. For the three months ended Oct. 311925 , there were 48.545
bales exported, as agalnst 37,021 bales for the corresponding three months of 1924 .
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:


Speculation in cotton for future delivery has as a rule been quiet, and prices have latterly drifted downward. The tendency has been to increase crop estimates to around $15,500,000$ bales or more. Liverpool has been weaker. The $31 / 2 \%$ excise tax on cotton cloths in East India has been dropped. Theoretically this may hurt Manchester. Certainly Manchester has held meetings to consider the subject and has protested to the British Government. Fall River has been quiet and Worth Street rather slow. Yarns had a downward tendency. The Bank of England, to crown all, advanced its rate of discount to $5 \%$. The Bank of India raised its rate to $6 \%$., a rise of $1 \%$ in each case. A fear that the New York Federal Reserve Bank might increase its rate, now for some time $31 / 2 \%$, was not without its effect for a time. A reaction in stocks had a certain effect on cotton for the moment. The ginning total up to Dec. 1 was estimated from private sources at $13,651,000$ bales, whereas some previous estimates had been considerably under this. The total for the period from Nov. 14 to Dec. 1 had been estimated in some cases at $1,100,000$ to $1,300,000$ bales. The private estimate on the 3 d inst. made the total about $1,419,-$ 000 bales. To be sure, some had estimated even more than this-up to $2,000,000$ bales-but it was not generally taken seriously. On the same day one crop estimate was 15,651 ,-

000 bales, exclusive of linters. The average recently has been $15,215,000$ bales. Liverpool prices were weak on the 3 d inst. because of hedge selling and liquidation following the Bank of England's advance in the rate. The point was emphasized, too, that a good deal of the cotton in this crop that may not be tenderable is spinnable, whatever may have been thought to the contrary. So that out of the crop, estimated of late at anywhere from $14,912,000$ to $15,651,000$ bales, there may be, it is suggested, far more cotton useful to the mills than pessimists have heretofore been inclined to believe. December liquidation has latterly been one of the features and late in the week the premium on December over January fell to 54 points, as against 76 on the previous day. Recently it was 90 , though it is also true that at one time it was only 30. Fall River has been quiet and Manchester as a rule also slow. Recently the weather in the Southwest has been very favorable for picking and ginning. East of the river the bulk of the cotton seems to have been gathered and ginned. It is said, indeed, that $99 \%$ has been picked in Georgia and Florida, 98 in South Carolina, 94 in Louisiana, 92 in North Carolina, 96 in Alabama, 82 in Tennessee, 81 in Mississippi and 59 in Missouri. About $86 \%$ of the crop, it is estimated, has been picked. That includes, according to some estimates, 85 in Texas, 78 in Arkansas and 76 in Oklahoma. So that, after all, there is an appreciable quantity of cotton still in the fields in the Southwestern belt. Wall Street has been inclined to sell and also the South. At times hedge selling has increased noticeably. Moreover, spot markets have been less active. The basis on the lower grades has weakened. And it is said that the basis, even on the better grades, has at times not been so firm. New low prices on the recent movement in futures have been reached here. Speculation has been light. Stocks and grain still monopolize the attention of the speculative world.

On the other hand, December at times has been quite strong. There is supposed to be a large short interest in that month, both for trade and speculative account. January and March have also been in good demand from time to time. And it has been popular to buy October at around $181 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Both America and Europe have been buying it; not in large amounts, but persistently. The aggregate purchases within a week are not inconsiderable. For nobody knows what may happen to the next crop. For two years in succession, what with severe winters and hot, dry summers, the South has been fortunate in keeping down the weevil. To all intents and purposes the crop has escaped the pest. But nobody imagines that such good luck will continue indefinitely. Weather conditions in 1926 may be radically different. They may favor the pest. The buying of October at discounts of over 200 points under December has therefore appealed to a good many, as something like an anchor to windward and not likely to be attended with any considerable risk. And the exports have made a remarkable showing. The total to all countries in November was stated at $1,282,870$ bales, the highest for years, if not the best on record. Certainly it exceeded the total for November last year of $1,234,470$ bales, and that was considered very large. Japan, it is believed, will take an unexampled total of American cotton this year. At all events, there are estimates of American export to Japan this season of $1,000,000$ to 1,200,000 bales of 500 pounds each. Japan imported in 1924 some 632,000 bales, in 1923673,250 bales and in 1921930,000 bales. Theoretically, Japan as well as Great Britain are hard hit by the abrogation of the $31 / 2 \%$ excise duty on East Indian cloth. But in actual practice Japan seems to be going ahead with ray id strides in the cotton manufacturing industry. The Bombay strike of 135,000 operatives ceased automatically with the rescinding of the excise tax. It is suggested that East Indian mills will use a great deal, perhaps an unusual quantity, of East Indian cotton. Their trade is no longer shackled by an onerous tax. Their stocks of goods have dwindled during the strike of over two months, in which at one time 145,000 operatives were involved. Their output will presumably increase. Theoretic ally there may be less East Indian cotton competing with the American in foreign markets. Japanese mills, as a matter of fact, are, it is said, taking the low grades of American cotton this year in preference to the short staple East Indian cotton. It is conceivable that there will be a large market for the low grades, partly in competition with costly other fibres and perhaps to some extent with the higher grades of linters. At the same time the proportion of tenderable cotton in a crop even of $15,650,000$ bales is believed in some quarters to be smaller than the tenderable crop of last year, when the total yield was some $2,000,000$ bales smaller
On the $3 d$ inst. exports which had sagged very noticeably the day before suddenly increased to 57,759 bales. And a good many were buying March and May. Some of it was supposed to be for Japanese interests. Mills called December and March. While the December premium over January was reduced 20 points on the $3 d$ inst. there was an impression that the December affair had not culminated by any means. Only a small quantity of cotton has been shipped from the South to New York for delivery on December contracts. It is said that there is a big loss in shipping cotton from the South to New York for delivery on December contracts. The better grades of spot cotton were in good
demand. At times the trade was the largest buyer of futures here. Manchester reported a better demand for cloths from India. Mail order sales for November were much larger than for the same month last year. There is also a noticeable increase, i. e. around 10 to $15 \%$ in the mair order trade for 11 months this year as compared with the same time in 1924.
To-day prices declined moderately, with liquidation in December and a tendency to increase the estimates on the crop and the ginning. A private estimate on the crop was $15,612,000$ bales and on the ginning $13,790,000$ bales. Spot markets were rather easier. Liverpool, after opening firm, weakened. The weather in the main was considered favorable for any picking or ginning that may remain to be done. Spinners' takings made a good showing, but were ignored. Last prices show a decline for the week of 24 to 60 points, the latter on December. Spot cotton ended at 20.75c. here for middling, a decline for the week of 60 points.
.
The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured fom the Dec. 3 quotations of the ten markets, designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, are the differences from middling established for deliveries in the New York market on Dec. 10.
Middling fair
Strict good miding.
Gtrict good mila
Good middiling
Good middiling
Strict midduling
Middiling-i.j.....
Strict low midiling
Low modding ${ }^{\text {* Strict good ording }}$ *-....
 *Gict good ordinary. Strict good mid Good middiling "yellow" tinged. 0.04 Good middling "yellow" tinged.
Strict middling "yellow" tinged
*Middig Stict middling " "ye!low" tin
*Middling "yellow" tinged
*Strict low mido " *Strict low mid. "yellow" tinged_- 2.94 off
*Low middling "y Gow middling "yellow" tinged 2.94 off
Good midding "yellow". trained 1.20 off
*Strict 1.70 off
yellow" stained 216 off *Not deliverable on future contracts
The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been Nov. 28 to Dec. 4-
Middling upland.

| Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 21.00 | 20.65 | 20.75 | 21.10 | 20.85 |
| 20.75 |  |  |  |  |

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.
The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader, we also add columns which show at a glance how th emarket for spot and futures closed on same days.

|  | Spot <br> Market Closed. | Futures Market Closed. | SALES. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Spot. | Contr't. | Total. |
| Saturday | Quiet, 35 pts . dec.-- | Barely steady -- |  |  |  |
| Monday .-- | Quitet, 35 pts . dec--- | Barely steady -- |  |  |  |
| Tuesday Wednesday.- | Quiet, $10 \mathrm{pts} . \mathrm{adv}$-- | Steady--------- |  | 26,400 | 26.400 |
| Thursday -- | Quiet, 25 pts. dec--- | Barely steady-- |  | 100 | $10 \overline{0}$ |
| Friday - | Quiet, 10 pts. dec.-- | Barely steady -- |  |  |  |
| Total |  |  |  | 26,500 | 26,50 |

FUTURES.-The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

| 80 | Saturday. <br> Nov. 28. | Monday, <br> Nov. 30. | Tuesday, Dec. 1. | Wednesday, Dec. 2. | Thursday, Dec. 3. | Friday, <br> Dec. 4. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nor.- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Range ${ }_{\text {Closing }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dec.- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Range - | 20.51-20.78 | 20.15-20.40 | 20.08-20.26 | 20.24-20.58 | 20.32-20.50 | 20.18-20.45 |
| Closing - | 20.51-20.55 | 20.15-20.17 | 20.23-20.25 | 20.58 |  | 20.23-20.25 |
| Range - | 19.80-20.08 | 19.46-19.69 | 19.43-19.63 | 19.61-19.85 | 19.68-19.84 | 19.58-19.86 |
| Closing | 19.80-19.83 | 19.51-19.53 | 19.58 | 19.82-19.85 | 19.78-19.80 | 19.58-19.64 |
| eb.- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Closing - | 19 | 19.52 | 19.58 | 19.81 | 19.75 | 19.56 |
| March- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Range | 19.80-19.97 | 19.37-19.72 | 19.45-19.63 | 19.60-19.85 | 19.62-19.80 | 19.51-19.78 |
| Closing | 19.8\%-19.82 | 19.53-19.54 | 19.59-19.62 | 19.81-19.85 | 19.73-19.75 | 19.53-19.55 |
| April- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Closing. | 19.65 | 19.40 | 19.43 | 19.63 | 19.55 | 19.36 |
| May- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Range - | 19.42-19.56 | 19.05-19.37 | 19.10-19.29 | 19.28-19.48 | 19.27-19.44 | 19.18-19.42 |
| Closing | 19.42-19.44 | 19.18-19.19 | 19.27-19.28 | 19.45-19.47 | 19.37-19.38 | 19.19-19.20 |
| June- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Closing . | 19.22 | 18.99 | 19.09 | 19.27 | 19.19 | 19.00 |
| July- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Range - | 19.02-19.15 | 18.75-18.99 | 18.75-18.93 | 18.94-19.14 | 18.96-19.08 | 18.82-19.04 |
| Closing | 19.02-19.06 | 18.80-18.82 | 18.90-18.91 | 19.10-19.13 | 19.02-19.05 | 18.82-18.85 |
| ug. - <br> Range |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Closing - | 18.78 | 18.62 | 18.70 | 18.90 | 18.80 | 18.65 |
| ept.- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Range. | 18.51 | $18.45$ | 18.53 | 18.72 | 18.62 | 18.20 |
| ct.- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Range - | 18.40-18.53 | 18.15-18.38 | 18.17-18.37 | 18.38-18.55 | 18.32-18.51 | 18.25-18.45 |
| Closing . | 18.40-18.43 | 18.15-18.20 | 18.32-18.37 | 18.52 | 18.42-18.45 | 18.3 : |

Range of future prices at New York for week ending
Dec. 41925 and since trading began on each option.


THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTONIto-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, as 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.

Continental imports for past week have been 155,000 bales.
The above figures for 1925 show an increase over last week of 309,067 bales, a gain of 824,078 over 1924, an increase bales over 1922 bales over 1923, and an increase of $1,055,609$

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement-that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stock to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year-is set out in detail below:

| Touns. | (ovement to Dec. 41925. |  |  |  | ovement to Dec. 5192 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | eipts. |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Stocks } \\ & \text { Dec. } \\ & \text { 4. } \end{aligned}$$4 .$ | Receipts. |  | Shipments. Week. | StocksDec.$5 .$ |
|  | cek. | Season. |  |  | Week. | Secrson. |  |  |
|  |  |  | 3,247 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Montgom |  |  | 1,500 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Selma |  |  | 3,668 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Little R | 11,7 | 155,530 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pine B |  |  | 6,439 |  | 10,711 | ${ }_{107,874}^{154,29}$ | 10,403 |  |
| Athens |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlan | 12.317 |  | 9.1 |  |  | ${ }_{137}^{23} 9$ |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {August }}$ | 11.611 |  |  |  | 7,753 | 149,01 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 6,043 |  |  |  |
|  | 3. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ss. Colun |  | 137 | 4 |  | 000 |  |  |  |
|  | 8. 695 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greenwo | - $\begin{array}{r}11,737 \\ 1 \\ 1\end{array}$ | 135, |  |  |  | 121, |  |  |
|  | ${ }_{1}^{1,169}$ | 49,708 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 3,082 | ${ }_{42,3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yazoo Clit | ${ }^{2.5}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| N.C.,.green | ( |  |  |  |  | 25 |  |  |
| Raleitgh |  | 27.095 | 50 | 10,574 |  | ${ }_{3}^{22}$ | 1,427 |  |
| Chickash |  | 74,326 | 9,433 | 16,89 | 11,05 |  |  |  |
| , |  |  | 13,356 | 13,71 |  | 82,45 | 10,64 |  |
| C., Gre | 12,444 | 117,121 |  |  | 9,30 | ${ }^{90,25}$ | 7.88 |  |
| enn |  | ${ }^{4,912}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| vo |  |  |  |  | 81. | 59 |  |  |
|  |  | ${ }^{66,39}$ | 6.000 | 1.3 | . 10 |  |  |  |
| nha |  |  |  |  | 31 |  | ${ }_{2}$ | 5,4 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1.30 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| San Ant |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 11 |
| Fort Worth | 7.994 | 56.118 | 6,530 | 11.251 | 7,93¢ | \%3. |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

[^2] reasen during the week 52,180 bales and are to-night receipts at all towns have been same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 96,413 bales more than the
same week last year.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.
The quotations for middling upland at New York on $1925 \ldots-{ }^{20.75 \mathrm{c}} \mathrm{I}^{1917} \ldots$ past 32 years have been as follows.

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

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec. 4— } \\ \text { Shipped- } \end{gathered}$ | - 1925- |  | -1924 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Week. | Since Aug. 1. | Week. | Since |
| Via St. Louis | 34,478 | 307,684 | 36,339 |  |
| Via Mounds, | 8,530 | 134,410 | 36,300 | 105,100 |
| Via Rock Isia | 2,167 | 14, 234 | 1,484 | 18,660 |
| Via Louisville | 2,854 | 25,414 | 2,155 | 24,699 |
| Via other routes, \& | $\mathbf{6 , 6 4 5}$ $\mathbf{9 , 4 8 9}$ | 83,411 206,169 | 6,078 31,370 | 82,085 191,901 |
| Total gross overla | 64,163 | 771,322 | 84,726 | 660,753 |
| Overland to N . Y ., Bosto |  |  |  |  |
| Overland to N. Y. Bosto | 5,793 | 31,292 | 2,959 | 40,012 |
| Inland, \&c., from South | -29,556 | 175,390 | 812 14,664 | 9,544 180,675 |
| Total to be deducted | 36,092 | 215,868 | 18,435 | 230.231 |
| Leaving total net overland | 28,071 | 555.454 | 66,291 | 430,522 |

## * Including movement by rail to Canad

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 28,071 bales, against 66,291 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
124,932 bales. 124,932 bales.

|  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In Sight and Spinners' Takings. |  |  |  |
| Receipts at ports to Dec. 4-----396,27 | 5,399,035 | $370,752$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Aug. } 1 . \end{gathered}$ |
| Net overland to Dec. 4 | 555,454 | 66,291 | 4,430,522 |
| Southern consumption to Dec. 4-- 70,000 | 1,470,000 | 100,000 | 1,412,000 |
| Total marketed | 7,424.489 | 537,043 | 6,798,034 |
| Interior stocks in excess Excess of Southern mill ----5, 52,180 | 1,671,757 | 38,354 | 1,401,709 |
| over consumption to Nov. 1 | 448,837 |  | 116,806 |
| Came into sight during week_-. $\overline{546,526}$ Total in sight Dec. | 545 | 575,397 |  |
| North. spinners' takings to Dec. $4 \overline{84,588}$ | 611,971 | 71,801 | 675,448 |

* Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:
1923-Dec. 7
Bales. ${ }^{\text {Since Aug. }}$ Si-
Bales.
$6,927,529$
QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT middling cotton middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

| Week Ended Dec. 4. | Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on- |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Saturday. | Monday | Tuesday. | Wed'day. | Thursd' l . | Friday. |
| Galveston | 20.30 | 20.05 | 20.15 | 20.35 |  | 20.05 |
| New Orl | 19.76 19.38 | 19.50 19.10 | 19.50 19.10 | 20.350 19.80 | 19.75 | 19.46 |
| Savanna | 19.75 | 19.48 | 19.10 19.50 | 19.30 | 19.25 19.64 | 19.10 |
| Norfolk | 19.88 | 19.63 | 19.63 | 19.94 | 19.88 | 19.48 |
| Baltimor | 19.63 | 20.00 | 20.00 | 20.00 | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| Memphis | 20.50 | 20.50 | 19.38 20.50 | 19.75 | 19.75 | 19.56 |
| Houston | 20.40 | 20.15 | 20.15 | 20.35 | 20.50 20.30 | 20.50 |
| Little Roc | 20.50 | 20.25 | 20.25 | 20.50 | 20.30 20.50 | 20.10 |
| Dallas. | 19.80 | 19.55 | 19.70 | 19.95 | 19.85 | 19.65 |
| Fort Wort |  | 19.50 | 19.60 | 19.95 | 19.85 | 19.70 |

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.-The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton $\underline{\text { market for the past week have been as follows: }}$

|  | Saturday, <br> Nov. 28. | Monday, <br> Nor. 30. | Tuesday, <br> Dec. 1. | Wednesday, Dec. 2. | Thursday, Dec. 3. | Friday. <br> Dec. 4. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| November |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December- | 19.60 | 19.21-19.24 | 19.33-19.36 | 19.57-19.61 | 19.50-19.54 | 19.21-19 |
| January February | 19.51-19.52 | 19.23-19.24 | 19.25-19.26 | 19.51-19.58 | 19.48-19.51 | 19.21-19.23 |
| March April. | 19.21-19.22 | 18.93-18.95 | 18.97-18.98 | 19.23-19.27 | 19.15-19.18 | 18.89-18.9 |
| May | 18.94-18.95 | 18.65-18.68 | 18.72 | 18.97-19.00 | 18.90-18.91 | 60 |
| ${ }^{\text {June }}$ July | 18.63 | 18.37 |  |  |  |  |
| August - | 18.63 | 18.37 | 18.42-18.45 | 18.66 | 18.60-19.62 | 18.35-18 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| October | 17.95-17.98 | 17.76 | 17.80 | 18.07 | 17.98 | 17.72-17.7 |
| Spot | Steady | Steady | Steady |  |  |  |
|  | Barelv st'y | Barelv st'y | Steadv | Verv st'dv | Steadv | Steady |

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.-Reports to us by telegraph this evening denote that the weather during the week has been generally favorable in the western portion of the cotton belt, but in the eastern section the weather has been wet and rainy. With the exception of the northwestern part of Texas, little cotton remains to be picked in that State. Some cotton has been stained and damaged by wet weather in the localities that have been having too much moisture.

| Texas, Galveston. |  | Rainfall.dry 16 in . | him 71 Thermometer |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | mean 61 |
| Browns |  | 0.01 in . | high 78 | low 54 | mean 53 |
| Dallas |  |  | hich 84 | low 50 | mean |
| Delri |  |  | hi | low | mea |
| alestine | 1 day |  | high $7 \overline{2}$ | low | ean $\overline{5} \overline{7}$ |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { dry } \\ & \text { ry } \end{aligned}$ | high 76 | low 46 | mean 61 |

La.-New Orleans La.-New Orlea
Shreveport.
Ala.-Mobile. Ga.-Savannah.-
8. Charleston
N. O - Charlotte.

Rain. Rainfall.
0.09 in.
$\qquad$ 1 day dry 0.01 in .
2 days 1.71 in $\begin{array}{ll}2 \text { days } & 1.71 \mathrm{in} . \\ \text { ? days } & 0.56 \mathrm{in} \\ 1 \text { day } & 0.05 \mathrm{in} .\end{array}$
mean 60 mean 57
mean 57 mean $\overline{5} \overline{5}$
mean 45
mean mean 45
The following statement we have also received by tele graph, shotwing the height of rivers at the points named at $8 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. of the dates given:


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 cr

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 11925 are $7,016,221$ bales; in 1924 were $6,357,221$ bales, and in 1923 were $4,954,766$ bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 396,275 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 448,455 bales, stocks at interior towns having increased 52,180 bales during the week. Last year eceipts from the plantations for the week were 409,106 bales and for 1923 they were 239,525 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. | 1925. |  | 1924. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Week. | Season. | Week. | Seaso |
| Visible | 6,048,438 | - 342887 | 5,174,668 |  |
| Visible supply Aug. ${ }^{\text {American in }}$ ight ${ }^{1}$ D. | $546.5 \overline{52} \overline{6}$ | 9,545,083 | $575.30 \overline{7} \overline{7}$ | 9 |
|  | 94.000 <br> 6.000 | 442,000 159 | 64,000 12,000 | 233,000 57,000 |
| Other India shipm'ts to Dec. 3-- | 56,000 56,000 | 13,000 739,200 37 | 74,000 8,000 |  |
| Other supply to Dec. 2 | 10,000 | 379,000 | 8,000 | 11 |
|  | $\overline{6,760,964}$ | 13,601,170 | 5,908,065 | 11,757,8 |
| Visible supply Dec. 4 | 6,357,505 | 6,357,505 | 5,533,427 | 5,533,427 |
|  | 403,459 | 7,243,665 | 374,638 | 6,2 |
| Of which A | $\begin{array}{r} 312,459 \\ 91.000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5,520,465 \\ & 1.723,200 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 114,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 4,58,6 \\ & 1,644,8 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies. \&c. Southern mills, $1,470,000$ bales in 1925 and $1,412,000$ bales in 1924 -taking not being availabie and the aggregate amounts taken by Northerr and foreign spinners, $5,773,665$ bales in 19 bales American. b Estimated.
which $4,050,465$ bales and $2,954,815$ bate
INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Recerpts at } \\ & \text { Dec. } 3 \text {. } \end{aligned}$ |  |  | 1925 |  | 1924. |  | 1923. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Week | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Since } \\ & \text { Aug. } 1 . \end{aligned}$ | Weet | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Since } \\ & \text { Aug. } 1 . \end{aligned}$ | We |  |
| Bom |  |  | 64,00 | 233.000 | 64,0 | 233,0 | 75,0 | 316 |
| Exportsfrom- | or the Week. |  |  |  | Since August 1. |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Great } \\ \text { Brtatn. } \end{gathered}$ | Conti- nent. | Japane China. | Total. | Great | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Contl- } \\ & \text { nent. } \end{aligned}$ | Japan \& China. | Tot |
| $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Bombay } \\ 1925 .- \\ 1924 . \\ 1923 .- \end{gathered}$ | 1,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 10,000 \\ & 15,000 \\ & 27,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 22,000 \\ & 53,000 \\ & 32,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 32,000 \\ & 69,000 \\ & 59,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11,000 \\ & 16.000 \\ & 50,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 125,000 \\ & 63,000 \\ & 210,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 175,000 \\ & 260,000 \\ & 177,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 311,000 \\ & 339,000 \\ & 437,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| Other India $1925 . .$. 1924. 1923 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,000 \\ 1,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5,000 \\ 1,1,000 \\ 17,000 \end{array}$ | 6,000  <br> 12.-.... 1200 <br> 17,000  |  | $\begin{gathered} 32,000 \\ 6,000 \\ 18,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 127,000 \\ 51.000 \\ 87,000 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 159,000 \\ 57,000 \\ 105,000 \end{array}$ |
| Total all- $1925 \ldots .$. 1924. $1923 \ldots \ldots$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,000 \\ & 2,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15.000 \\ & 2.000 \\ & 44.0000 \end{aligned}$ | 22,000 53,000 32,000 | $\begin{array}{r} 38,000 \\ 81,000 \\ 76,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 43,000 \\ & 22,000 \\ & 68.000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 252,000 \\ & 114,000 \\ & 297,000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 175000 \\ 260,000 \\ 177.000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 470,000 \\ & 3960 \\ & 542,000 \\ & 542,000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an increase compared with last year in the week's receipts of 30,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 43,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1, show an increase of 74,000 bales. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.-We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years.

| Alexandria, Egypt, December 2. | 1925. |  | 1924. |  | 1923. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Receipts (cantars) This week Since Aug. | 280.0003.671 .910 |  | 370,000$4.281,056$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 390,000 \\ 3,903,852 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |
| Exports (bales)- | Week. | (SinceAug. 1. <br> A7 | Week. | (Since <br> Aug. 1. <br> 8. | Week. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Since } \\ & \text { Aug. } 1 . \end{aligned}$ |
| To Liverpool----------- | 8,000 | 77,550 | 5,750 | 87.359 90.155 | 18,750 | 100,140 77,603 |
| To Manchester, \&c ${ }^{\text {To }}$ Continent and |  | 60.272 | $12 \overline{2} \overline{2} \overline{0} \overline{0}$ | 130,155 | 12,500 | 144,733 |
| To America-.------ | 2,000 | 41,540 | 1,750 | +38,329 | 2,500 | 34,858 |
| Total exp | 17.000 | 300,221 | 9,750 | 352,194 | 44,750 | 357,334 |

Note.-A cantar is 99 lbs . Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Dec. 2 were

MANCHESTER MARKET.-Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both cloths and yarns is steady. Demand for India is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison.


SHIPPING NEWS.-As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past weok have reached 376,697 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:
NEW YORK-TO Manchester-Nov, 27 -Nubian, 998
To Gothenburg - Dec. 2-Drottingholm, 100-.---.............
 To Bremen-Nov. $30-$ Muenchen, 166 ...Nov. 27-America. To Geno-Nov 30-Sangamon. 350. To Antwerp- Dec. 1-West Eldara, 25 - Wion larrinaga, 13,956;


 Cartier, $9,625-$ Nov. 27 - Penrith Castle, 1,700 -
To Antwerp - Nov. $30-$ West Durfee, 150 -. Nov. $27-$ Penrith Co Ghent No Nov. 30 West Durfee, 475 ...Nov. 27 -Penrith
 To Bremen-Nov. 30 - Brash, 6,874 -Nov. 28 -Crefeld,
8.180-Nov. 27 -Mariade Larrinaza, 500. To Copenhagen-Nov. 28 Hassel, 1,400 hild, 50 Genoa-Nov. 28 West Harshaw, 5.350
To Japan-Nov, 28-Rynfuku Maru, $2.000-\cdots \cdot$ Nov. 26 -Specialist, 8,898-Nov. Nov. 25 -West Hobomac,


 To Rotterdam-Nov. 30 - Aquarrius, 2.967 -No. 28 - Yu üuri,
To Vera Oruz- Dec. 1 River Dart, 600 ...Nov.
 To Copenhagen-Nov. 27 -Tasmanic, 100 .
To Gothenburg-No
To Japan-Nov. 28 Yayoi Maru, 6.625; Atlantic Maru,




 To Antwerp-Nov. $30-$ Penrith Castle, 600 ; West Moreland, To Ghent-Nov. 300 Penrith Castè, 2.866 - West Moreland To Genoanov. ${ }^{1.070-M a r i n a ~ o d e r o, ~} 6.686$ : West Harshaw.
 To Bremen - Nov. 30 Maria de Larrinaga, 5,2 . 252, City of


SAVANNAH-To Liverpool-Nov. 30 -Tritonia, 7.636


 To Bremen-Nov. 30- Tulsa, 8 Bo
To Rotterdam-Nov. $30-$ Tulisa, 700
ROLK-To Manchester

To Copenhagen
To Bremen-Nov. 28 - 1 - Gorm, Pool, $7,512$.
To Rotterdam-Dec. 4-Boschd.
PEDRO-To Liverpool-Noschdijk, 30 - Drechdijk, 972 -
To Manchester-Nov. 30-London Corporation. 200
To Bremen-Nov. 30 - Sachsend, 500
To Antwerp-Nov. $30-$ Sachsen, 82
To Antwerp-Nov, $30-$ Sachsen, 828 - President Wilison, $7 \overline{3} \overline{5}$ -
SANANCIIOO-To Japan Nov.
MOBILE-To Barcelona-No, No 29 Went Chetac, 40 -
BALTIMORE-To Genoa-Nov. 21 - Savoia.
BOSTON-To
BAN DIEGO-To London-NOv. 28 - London Corporation, 5000
COTTON
COTTUN FREIGHTS.-Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert \& Burrows, Inc, from


LIVERPOOL.-By cable from Liverpool we hav ethe following statement of the week's sales, stocks, \&c., at that port:
Sales of the week


| Nor. 13 | $N$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 41.000 |  |
| 21.000 |  |
| 70.000 |  |
| 758.000 |  |
| 267.000 | 5 |
| 83.000 | 2 |
| 49.000 |  |
| 393.000 |  |
| 284.000 |  |


| Nov. 20 Nor. | Nov. 27. |
| ---: | ---: |
| 37.000 | 41.000 |
| 22.000 | 24.000 |
| 2.000 | 3.000 |
| 79.000 | 75.000 |
| 568.000 | 642.000 |
| 279.000 | 346.000 |
| 96.000 | 164.000 |
| 68.000 | 123.000 |
| 438.000 | 397.000 |
| 337.000 | 291.000 |

estimate the exportable surplus at $100,000,000$ bushels, the lowest estimate thus far. Cash markets were for a time unsettled. The weather was clear and cold at the North west, favoring a continued good crop movement in Canada. Buenos Aires declined, despite reports of black rust in western Argentina Later the cable said the weather in Argentina was better. Beneficial rains fell in central and southern Argentina. Export sales fell off. Europe was more hopeful about prospective Argentine supplies. On the other hand, Winnipeg reported that there would be shipments of Canadian wheat soon by lake and that new offer ings were small. About 60,000 bushels of wheat were bought to go to Chicago from Minneapolis, but this sort of business in future was expected to be small. The week opened with a decline of 2 to $21 / 2 \mathrm{C}$. in Chicago and of $27 / \mathrm{c}$. in Winnipeg What is more, Liverpool closed $21 / 4$ to $2 \pi / 8 \mathrm{~d}$. lower on Nov. 30 and Buenos Aires was $43 / 4$ to 5c. off. Yet the Russian Government, it was reported, has stopped all exports of grain and the crop of wheat was said to have been fully $130,000,000$ bushels short of the estimates at one time current. Broomhall cabled a confirmation of the news, but put the over-estimate at $140,000,000$ bushels. Export sales were 500,000 on Nov. 30. The American visible supply increased only 461,000 bushels, against $3,346,000$ bushels in the same week last year. The total is now $44,775,000$ bushels, against $100,272,000$ a year ago . Northwestern receipts are expected to decrease from now on. Suddenly on Dec. 1 prices advanced $31 / 2$ to 6 c., or 10 c . higher on May than the low of the previous day. The cables were higher and the Argentine crop news disquieting to shorts. Liverpool was active and advanced $43 / 4$ to 5 d . a central, Buenos Aires $21 / 4$ to $21 / 2$ c., and Winnipeg 5 to $51 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. December shorts covered freely with no deliveries on contracts. Buenos Aires again reported black rust. Contributing to the advance was a reduction of $5,442,000$ bushels in the Canadian visible supply and the report that the Russian crop had been over-estimated 140 , 000,000 bushels. December moved up to a new high for the season. New York and Europe bought May. The Rus sian Soviet Government will be obliged, it is stated, to curtail its exportation of grain, according to a Moscow cable owing to failure to realize the full expectation for this year's wheat yield. Black Sea shipments were 720,000 bush els, of which Russia shipped 448,000 bushels. Liverpool stocks of wheat are small. Poland is to import. That spurred the Chicago buying. European supplies, it is de clared, have been greatly over-estimated. Minneapolid wired Nov. 30: "The mills continue to buy our December wheat. They have forced it to a premium of $\% / 8 \mathrm{c}$. over May and $3 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. over Saturday's close. We doubt if deliveries will be heavy here the early part of December, and look for a stronger market after the first deliveries are over." Kansas City wired: "Wheat receipts at Kansas City in November were 3.078 cars, 782 less than a year ago, and the smallest for the month since 1917; compared with a 10 -year average the deficiency was 705 cars." Export sales on the 3d inst were estimated at $3,000,000$ bushels. At Chicago the final level was 7 to $81 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. higher than on the 2 d inst. One report was that the total export business overnight was not far from 4.000 .000 bushels. Exporters' offerings to the United Kingdom and the Continent were all accepted. The Continent is nervons, with Argentina and Russia disappointing. It fears it must rely more on Canada. Big trading sent prices to the highest of the season. December touched $\$ 175$ Later came a reaction on heavy profit taking, following better weather and crop reports from Argentina. Liverpool fell. The East, the West and Europe bought later on rains in Argentina. Liverpool was up 3 to $33 / 4$ c., Buenos Aires 3c., Winnipeg $51 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Argentina's exportable surplus was said to be only $112,000,000$ bushels, or $4,000.000$ less than recent estimates and $72,000,000$ less than the figures of last month. Chicago ignored as a market factor a Government order to show all open accounts over 100,000 bushels of December. To-day prices ended at a decline of 3 to 4c. at Chicago, $11 / 2$ to $31 / 2$ c. at Winnipeg and $21 / 2$ to $31 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. at Minneapolis. There was a big speculation on, but profit taking was very apparent; also, selling for the short account. Bad weather reports from Argentina caused quick rallies. Buenos Aires was up sharply. Export demand fell off. Foreign buyers are said to be reselling Manitoba. Chicago at one time was 9c. over Minneapolis. That is big enough to attract wheat to Chicago, it was feared. The difference divindled very noticeably, however, before the close. Omaha sold a little to Chicago, and Kansas City bought 200,000 bushels to go to that market from Nebraska points, at a sharp decline in the premiums. Private estimates on Australia's export surplus crystallize around $124,000.000$, or $40.000,000$ less than last year. The Government demand for a showing on holdings of 100,000 bushels or over on December wheat goes into effect to-night. The December interest is said to be very moderate, however. Last prices show a rise for the week of $71 / 2$ to 10 c . on December and May, old style. July was up 6 points from last Friday on the 3 d inst., but ended to-day at only $11 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. higher than on Nov. 27.
daily closing prioes of wheat in new york
No. 2 red


daily olosing prioes of wheat futures in chicago.

December delivery in elevator_cts May delivery in elevator.
July delivery in elevator.


DAILY CLOSING PRIOES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG. November delivery in elevator-cts_ May delivery in elevator
Indian corn declined with wheat and on the fear of big receipts. Predictions that receipts in Chicago on Nov. 30 would reach 900 cars was a depressing factor on both corn and oats. But later, as the receipts were smaller than expected, prices rallied, after December, however, had touched the lowest price of th eseason. The American visible supply increased last week 944,000 bushels, against 550,000 in the same week last year. The total is now $2,456,000$ bushels, against $7,563,000$ a year ago. Kansas City wired: "In November the arrivals of corn were less than half the totals for the two preceding years and 287 cars less than the 10 year average in November." There was some covering as receipts at primary points in general fell below expectations, but prices fluctuated within a moderate range. Export sales on Nov. 30 were 150,000 bushels. The grant of a loan of $\$ 5,000,000$ to Iowa farmers for the orderly marketing of the big crop and the setting up of Government machinery to make it effective at once stirred corn to new activity and to a rise of $31 / 2$ to $3 \%$ c. Shorts covered. Receipts were smaller than expected. A broader outside market developed. Fear of bad weather in the belt helped to put up corn on the 3d inst. Kansas City wired: "Loans of from $\$ 3,000,000$ up to several times that much are available in Kansas City for lowa or other corn belt cattle men of good repute, according to George S. Howey, President of the Inter-State National Bank, and the Inter-State Cattle Loan Co., and the leading live stock loan financier of the Southwest." Today prices ended $11 / 2$ to 2 c . lower after active trading at very irregular fluctuations. Liquidation was noticed on any upturn. Receipts were larger. Cash markets were depressed. Sentiment was not so bullish, although the weather was not altogether favorable. Export demand was poor. Sales for export to-day were only 20,000 bushels. Attention is focused on the movement of the crop. Last prices show a rise for the week of 4 to 5 c .

## DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.


daily closing prices of corn futures in chicago. December delivery in elevator_cts_
May delivery in elevator__ July delivery in elevator.

Oats declined early in the week with corn Also fair December deliveries were expected on the 1st inst. December went to the lowest price seen this season. The American visible supply decreased last week 120,000 bushels, against a decrease last year of 584,000 . It is now $64,287,000$ bushels, against $67,264,000$ last year. Trading was on only a moderate scale. Speculative interest in oats is comparatively slight. Deliveries on December contracts on the 1st inst were 338,000 bushels. To-day prices declined with other grain. Selling was rather heavy. Cash demand was only moderate. Cash prices were lower. There was no great interest in the speculation. Buying power is conspicuously absent. Final prices show a rise for the week, however, of 1 to $21 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.
 DAILY OLOSING PRIOES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.
 July delivery in elevatordaily closing prices of oats futures in winnipeg. November delivery in elevator-cts. May delivery in elevator.

Rye declined like everything ese on the grain list but lied on Nov. 30 before the close. Rye exports are supposed to have been prohibited by Russia. Shorts covered. Export business, however, was lacking. The American visible supply increased last week 295,000 bushels, against an increase of only 13,000 last year. The total is now $11,232,000$ bushels, but a year ago it was $20,543,000$ bushels. A broadening market helped to send prices upward on the $3 d$ inst. Back of it all was the furore of buying of wheat. The December deliveries on the 1st inst. were 833,000 bushels. The rise in wheat helped rye. To-day prices ended $11 / 2$ to $21 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. lower in sympathy with a decline in wheat. Fluctuations were very erratic and frequent. Export business was very poor, if there was any at all. Yet there was no great pressure to sell cash rye For all that the ending was depressed. Prices show a rise for the week of $41 / 2$ to 6 c .
daily closing prioes of rye futures in chicago.

Closing quotations were as follows:


## Wheat, New York- No. 2 red, f.o.b-

 GRAIN No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b---1.951/2 Oats, New York-
No. 2 white.
No. 3 white.-.
Rye, New York-None
No
N $1 / 2$
.

Rye, New Yor
No. 2 f.o.b.
Barley. New
$\qquad$ 53
52

Corn, New York
No. 2 mixed.-


| 95 | Barley, New York |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Malting |

For other tables usually given here, see page 2718.
The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, Nov. 27, and since July 11925 and 1924, are shown in the following:

|  | Wheat. |  |  | Corn. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1925. |  | 1924. | 1925. |  | 1924. |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Week } \\ \text { Nov. } 27 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Since } \\ & \text { Suly } 1 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Since } \\ & \text { Suly } 1 . \end{aligned}$ | Week Nov. 27 <br> Nov. 27. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Since } \\ & \text { July } 1 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { SSnce } \\ & \text { July } 1 . \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Bushels. | Bushels | Bushe | Bushels. | ${ }_{\text {Bushels. }}$ | Bushets. 595,000 |
| Black Sea | 456,000 | 13,288,000 | 2,920,000 | 442,000 | 10,112,000 | 9,460,000 |
| Argentina | 1,577,000 | 25,934,000 | 39.002,000 | 3,076,000 | 72,060,000 | 12,610,000 |
| Australia | 568,000 | 15,616,000 | 17,012,000 |  |  |  |
| Oth. countr's |  |  |  | 1,046,000 | 27,014,000 | 639,000 |
| Total. | 15,084,00 | 334,000 | 309,023,000 | 4,599,000 | 110,621,000 | 123,304,000 |

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in seaboard ports Saturday, Nov. 28, were as follows
grain stocks.

 Note.-Bonded grain not tncluded above: Oats, New York, 132,000 bushels Burfalo, 215,000; Duluth, 105,000; Canal, 29.000; total, 481,000 bushels, against Baltimore bushels in 1924. Barlev, New York, 352,000 bushels; Boston, 180,000; ${ }^{\text {Lakes, }} 449$, ooo: total, $3,832,000$ bushels. against $2,781,000$ bushels in 1924 . Wheat, New York, 1,117,000 bushels; Boston, 242,000; Philadelphia, 268,000; Baltimore, 162,000; Chicago, 141,000; on Lakes, 6.055,000; Canal, 979,000 ; total, 18,160,000 Canadian-


CROP BOARD ANNOUNCES CHANGES IN RELEASE DATES.-The following changes in release dates of Government crop reports were announced by the United States Crop Reporting Board on Dec. 3:
The crop report scheduled for release on Wednesday Dec. 16 at 4 p . m .
will be released on Tuesday Dec. 22 at 4 p . m... and the report scheduled Dor rel on Friday Dec. 18 at 3 p The Dec. 22 report will cover acreage, production, and value, Dec. 1 ,
of corn, winter wheat, spring wheat, oats, barley, rye, buckwheat, flaxseed; of corn, winter wheat, spring wheat, ats, barley, rye, buckwheat, flaxseed,
rice, potatoes, sweet potatoes, hay, clover seed, tobacco, sorgo for sirup, sugar cane, sugar beets, dry edible beans, grain sorghums, broomcorn, crops: production, and value of apples, peans, hes, pears, grapes, oranges and
cranberries; also reports for certain States on prelminary cranberries; also reports for certain states on preliminary estimates or
production of oranges, lemons, limes and graperruit.
ren The Dec. 24 report will cover acreage and condition
wheat and rye for haryest in 1926 .
The above changes in
The above changes in dates are necessary so that the Crop Reporting of agriculture in arriving at its revisions of acreage, production and value of all crops for that year. The report on acreages sown to winter wheat and rye in the fall of 1925 is postponed in order that it may be properly
related to the revised acreage for 1924.
"WEÁTHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED DEC. 1.-The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended Dec. 1, follows:
At the close of last week an extensive area of high pressure prevailed
over the Southeast and unseasonably low temperatures were reported from that section, with the line of frezing weather extending into northern
Florida. By the morning of the 25th, however. it had become much Florida. By the morning of the $25 t$, however, it had become muces overspread the Southeast: at the same time warm weather for the season prevailed throughout the South.
A second high pressure area overspread the interior of the country about the middle of the week, accompanied by a sharp drop in temperature. and
the latter part had subnormal temperatures quite generally east of the Rocky Mountains; over the Northwest it became warmer near the close. West of
the Rocky Mountains mild weather for the season was the rule during nearly
all of the week, the temperatures being considerably above normal in most
sections.
 below normal in nearly all sections east of the Mississippi River, except
in some central Gulp districts. It was coolest rrom the Lake re.ion eatt
ward where the deficiencies in temperature ranged from 4 deegrees to 9
degrees. It was also cooler than ward where the deficiencies in temperature ranged from 4 degrees to 9
degrees. It was also cooler that normal locally in the Pacific Iorthwest,
but elsewhere throughout the country the temperature was above normail; but elsew here throughout the country the temperature was above normal,
decidedly so in some sections, with plus departures rumning as high as 8 .
degrees or more. The line of rezezing did not exten as far suth as during
the preceding week, and subzero temperatures were reported from only a the preceding week, and surzerezing dimperatures were reported from only a
tew points in the more northern States. Precinitation the more northern States.
days of the week, but on the the character and mostly light during, the first
moved from Text moved from Texas to the upper St. La wrences valley and was accompanied
by wid wespread precipitation from the Mississpipi valley eastward being
in the form of rain in southern and central districts and snow in the in the form of rain in southern and central districts and snow in the more northern States. The falls in the Ohio Valley during the passage of this
storm were rather heavy, but were mostly light in the Atlantic coast area,
Excessive local raine occurred in parts of southern Florida near the close of Excessive local rains occirred in partsor southern Florida near coast area. close of
the week, Miami reporting 5.74 inches for the 24 hours ending at 8 a. m . the week, Miami reporting 5.74 inches for the 24 hours ending at 8 a m . m .
Noverker 30 and 9.8 inches during the succeeding 24 hours. Wet of
Rocky Mof the
Mountains dry weather was again the rule except for light showers Rocky Mountains dry weather was again the rule except for light showers
in the far southwest, and rather frequent rainfall in the north Pacific area. for the week as a whole. The largest amount reported was 15.2 inches at Miami, Fla., but the amounts rar as high as an anch inc or more in partshof the
Ohio Valley and Lake region. West of the Mississipi Valley very litle
Ohio precipitation occurred, except for some substantial falls in the Pacific
 The cold, cloudy, and rainy or snowy weather that prevailed from the
upper Mississippi valley eastward was unfavorable for field work, and upper Mississipi Valley eastward was unfavorable for field work, and
very litloe was possible in that area, but in nearly all othe sections of the
country the weather was generally favorable for seasonal farm operations. country the weather was generally favorable for seasonal farm operations.
In the Lake region there are still some crops that have not been harevested;
and foll and fall plowing has been abandoned. The ground is covered with from
1 to 4 inches of snowf rom Minnesota eastward over the Lake region, and grass and grain crops are farrly well protected.
In the south the mostly fair and mild weathe
In the South the mostly fair and mild weather made good conditions for affected, except that the freeze at the end of last week killed or injured States the weather was nearly ideal for the season of the year, the warm, sunshiny, and generally fair conditions being especially favorable for out-
side work and for livestock and the range. Livestock grazed freely over
the side work and for HVestock and the range. Livestock grazed freely over
the norther Plains reyion, with a consequent saving of much feed. West
of the Rocky Mountains conditions were also favorable, except that more moisture is still needed in parts of the Pacific Northwest. Rains near the seeding of grains, which have been delayed by dry soil, were facilitated, and
SMALL GRANNS. In the western this crop is generally in very good condition, but is small for the season in Kansas and Nebraska and some is yet to be planted in oklahoma. In the
Ohio Valley early-seeded wheat is still in in exeellent condition and that
planted late ls coming up to a mood stand In Ilinois a little more was sown during the past week, but in Missouri this crop is in only fair condition and
is makting slow planting is nearly completed in Georgia and South Carolina. In the upper Lake region winter grains are weol protected by snow. Harvestine upper grain
sorghums is about finished in Oklahoma and rice threshing continued under favorable conditions in Louisiana. Wheat is needing rain in portions of the CORN.-Rains about the middle of the week caused some further delay the crop were generally unfavorable in Towa where corn is again spoiling weather was favorable for drying out the crop and for cribbing through the the Great Plains area. It was also favorable for husking in the Atlantic Coast States where the bulk of the crop has now been housed.

## conditions for field worthwestern portions of the belt, with mostly ideal

 picking has been nearly prevailing, in Texam and okted, except in the northoma. In Text, while thecrop is nearly out in most sections of Oklahe croto is nearly out in most sections of Oklahoma. There is much unpicked
cotton remaining on the lowlands of Arkansas. but that which is still out
is
 elsewhere in the State. There is still considerable to pick in parts of Tennes-
seee and some remains in the fields in North Carolina. There was some
dem damage by rain in the Imperial Valley of California
The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:
North Carolina.-Raleigh: Week cold; rainfall light. Favorable for
farming activities. Good progress housing crops, but still some cotton and farming activities. food progress housing crops, but still some cotton and
corn remaining in fields. Winter grain and hardy truck doing fairly well.
Seeding letting South Carolina.- Columbia: Winter cereals in good condition and late
planting plantings coming up to good stands: planting practically finished. Hardy
vegetables in interior improved and spinach, turnips, and cabbage on vegetables in interior improved and spinach, turnips. and cabbage on
coast doing well, but warmor weather needed. Streams continue low.
Georgia Georoia-Atlanta: Light rains, with moderately cold weather most of
week, and some trost. Wheat. oats and rye well advanced and affording
good, prazing
 October and November.
Florida - Nats
track, berries, and other tender plants suffered fore part of current, and Oats fair and ceontral divisions. Low temperatures benefited citrus fruits Shipments trogress: local planting continued. Geaseral farm work advanced.
 insignificicant amount of cotton unginned corn powing oats progreassed slowly; earry-sown doing well. Digging sweet potatoes progressing: some rotting
in ground ios scattered areas. Planting winter cabobe in coast region
progressed well. Frost vegetation in coast region. Remaining pastures mostly poor. Sugar cane
rinding continues in south. Shipments of satsuma oranges well advanced
for season.發Mississippi.-Vicksburg: Generally fair, except light precipitation in able farm work made good protate in north Thursday remaining in fields in progress in south.
Louisiana.-New Orleans: Favorable weather for all fall work cane cut and ground; some sams: davarabed cane windrowed to retard deterioration; sugar content somewhat improved, but still low. Rice threshing
continued. Considerable fall plowing and road work done. Oats and
truck doing well. Whexas.-Houston: Warm, and generally fair with excessive sunshine
ideal for harvesting, seeding, and plowing. Progress and condition of pastures, winter wheat, and oats and postlywing. Progry good of truck coondition of oltrus
and truck shipments large. Progress in picking cotton rapid and about
and thete Oklahoma.-Oklahomarthwest. Mity: Mild and pleasant: light scattered rain 1 day. Very good progress picking and ginning cotton which is nearly grain sorghums about finisheded Whly all low grade. Harvesting corn and
to be planted. Native excellent, but some yet to be planted. Native pastures fair; wheat pasture good.
1 Arkansas.- Little Rock: Moderate temperature and much unpicked cotton on lowlands, but most of it picked gathering fall crops: that opened late excellent, but mixed but most of it picked elsewhere: cotton
very poor. Corn nearty all very poor. Corn nearly all gathered. Favorable weather for growing crops.
Ten nessee. Nashylile: Temperature noarly normal, and rain orly on
$1^{7}$ or 2 days gave fairly good weather. Wheat, oats, rye, and balley to very good. Clover poor to father. Wheat, oats, rye, and barley fair fair forly good, and livestack
about normal. Considerabe cotton yet unpicked in some localities. middle of week; fields rather sort. Wheat made some growthped by rains later by freeezes; ryo and grass, pastures sair, butt momerate feeding necessary;
stock in good condition. Favorable for tobacco stripping.

## THE DRY GOODS TRADE

Friday Night, Dec. 41925.
With the approaching holidays, demands for merchandise of a novelty and gift nature have become more insistent in the markets for textiles. Consumers have begun their Christmas shopping and as a result, sales in retail channels were claimed to be the best in the history of many stores. Both rayon and silk mixtures have been receiving the bulk of this business. This has encouraged a number of cotton and wool mills to add rayon equipment, with the result pared with are coming off the looms which cannot be com pared with anything heretofore produced. It was announced that a movement was under way by a research committee
for the standardization of the quality of rayon, so that inerior merchandise will be kent out of the market In regard to the floor covering division, with the passing of the fifth week of the 1926 spring season, it was reported that considerably more orders were on the books than at any similar period in several years. Business continued to be done in quite a liberal way, with the bulk of the orders coming from men on the road. A source of much satisfac tion from the sellers' point of view is the fact that the demand included all grades and was received from all parts of the country. Extensive building operations in the South, especially Florida, has been reflected in the increased demand for rugs. A development of unusual interest was the first "Made-in-America" Lace Exposition, which opened Tuesday at the roof garden of the Waldorf-Astoria. The purpose of the display was to demonstrate that American made laces were not only equal, but in many cases superior to those manufactured abroad. Laces ranging from the narrow Valenciennes to the most elaborate gold and silver effects were included in the showing.
DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS: It would seem that the markets for domestic cotton goods have had nothing but a succession of Government crop reports to contend with. The next estimate, due this coming Tuesday, will give the total production, ginnings prior to Dec. 1, yield per acre revised estimates of area planted and abandoned. This will be the final report until the middle of next year, and it is hoped that with these frequent and disturbing estimates out of the way, buyers will be encouraged to proceed along more normal lines. During the week, while purchasers bought more seasonal merchandise, they maintained their attitude of indifference in regard to the matter of anticipating future requirements. However, the general disposition of sellers at this time of the year is to look for nothing unusual until after the holidays. Nevertheless, some items have been in better demand than others. Notably among these were chambrays, supplies of which were said to be scarce. Cutters have been taking them in a fair way, while demand from the jobbing trade was said to be better than it has been for some time past. Cretonnes, challies, and other printed goods were likewise claimed to have moved in fair proportions. A good distribution of ginghams was also reported. Elsewhere in the cotton goods market interest has been listless. As a result, it was claimed that certain items could be obtained at close prices provided substantial lots were wanted. Branded brown goods were being gradually revised to a basis to conform with the recent decline in gray goods. Print cloths, 28 -inch, $64 \times 64$ 's construction, are quoted at $63 / 4 \mathrm{c}$., and 27 -inch, $64 \times 60$ s, at $61 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Gray goods in the 39 -inch, $68 \times 72$ 's construction, are quoted at $101 / 2 \mathrm{c}$., and 39 -inch, $80 \times 80$ 's, at $123 / 8 \mathrm{c}$

WOOLEN GOODS: There was little in the way of new developments in the markets for woolens and worsteds. Consumption, however, has maintained satisfactory proportions, and in fact increased slightly, as was shown by Government statistics. Official reports of the quantity of wool consumed during October was placed at $40,367,482$ pounds, compared with $37,853,609$ pounds during September. Never theless, the total failed to equal that of the same month a year ago, when $47,927,000$ pounds were consumed. The trade has been watching the trend of the foreign wool sales, particularly that of the London auction, with much interest and concern. Factors generally were apprehensive that in the event of any weakness developing it would curtail year-end business. The women's wear division would probably be affected more than the men's by any turn in the situation, as a great deal of the light weight business has been completed in the men's wear division, which is not the case in regard to the women's.
FOREIGN DRY GOODS: The movement of seasonal goods continued to feature the markets for linens, Opinion, however, was mixed as to whether the cheaper or finer grades of merchandise were in more active demand. While some importers found that their finer grades were being very much neglected, others reported a satisfactory movement. It was claimed that the bulk of consumer demand was confined to goods that would show off well, but not represent any appreciable investment. This appears to have hurt the Irish mills most, owing to the fact that mills elsewhere in Europe supply most of this type of merchandise. While various factors have been doing a fair business, profit margins continue to be more or less restricted. Distribution of handkerchiefs continued full. Both road and house orders have reached satisfactory totals. Burlaps have ruled dull and uninteresting. Light weights are quoted
at $9.00-9.05 \mathrm{c}$., and heavies at $12.00-12.05 \mathrm{c}$.

## State aud cixty 想draxtment

## MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN NOVEMBER

Long term State and municipal financing continues small and in November the grand aggregate of bonds issued was no more than $\$ 63,250,071$. In October, another compara tively light month, the bonds placed totaled $\$ 78,888,047$ The amount put out in November a year ago was $\$ 74,765,203$ Issues for $\$ 1,000,000$ and over disposed of during November were:
$\$ 6,100,00041 / 4 \%$ registered loan bonds sold by the City of Philadelphia. Pa. to several buyers at prices as follows: $\$ 1.100 .000$ at 100.25 , $\$ 100.000$ at 100.0325 , and the other $\$ 4.900,000$ at par. The city had advertised for
bids for a total of $\$ 15,000,000$ but only received bids for $\$ 6,100,000$ which it accepted.
Three issues of Paterson, N. J. bonds, all bearing $41 / 2 \%$ interest, a warded follows: $\$ 1.887 .000$ water bonds to the Bankers Trust Co., Nationa Olty Co. and Harris, Forbes \& Co. all of New York, at 101.94, a basis or bout $4.355 \%$, $\$ 866.000$ school bonds at 102.06 , a basis of about $4.35 \%$ and $\$ 137.000$ general impt, bonds at 101.19 , a basis of about $4.38 \%$ to Eldredge \& Co. of New York and M. M. Freeman \& Co. of Phiadelpua
Five issues of $414 \%$ Erie County, N. Y. bonds, aggregating $\$ 2,325,000$ purchased by a syndicate headed by
Trenton, N. J. $41 / 2 \%$ bonds. aggregating $\$ 2.304,000$, comprising three eparate issues, which were bought by Eldredge \& Co. of Ne w York and associates as follows: $\$ 1,918,000$ general fund bonds at 102.35 , a basi of about $4.26 \%$. $\$ 287.000$ street assessment funding bonds at 100.84 . a basis of about $4.32 \%$, and $\$ 99.000$ sewer assessment_funding bonds a 100.84 , a basis of about $4.32 \%$.
$\$ 2,000.000414 \% 1$ year Omaha School District, Neb., promissory notes awarded to the Continental \& Commercial Trust \& Savings Bank of Chicago at 100.04 , a basis of about $4.19 \%$.
$\$ 1,900,00043 / 2 \%$ Denver (City and County) School District No. 1 Colo. bonds awarded as follows:
$31.500,000$ to a syndicate headed by the First National Bank of New York at 102 19: and $\$ 100,000$ to Boettcher \& Co of Denver at 100,45 a basis of about $4.27 \%$.
$\$ 2,500.0005 \%$ bonds of two Mississippi County, Ark. Drainage Districte
disposed of as frallows
$\$ 1.750 .000$ Grassy Lake and Tyronza Drainage District No. 9 bonds to the Ilitnois Merchants Trust Co.. Chicago at 95.72. a basis of about $5.37 \%$, and $\$ 750.0005 \%$ Carson Lake Dralnage District bonds to the
$\$ 1.591,00041 / 2 \%$ Amherst, N. Y. sewer and road bonds taken by Geo. B
Sibbons \& Co., Inc. of New York and associates.
$\$ 1.500 .0004 \% \%$ Orleans Parish School District, La, bonds disposed of to the First Chicago Corporation of Ohicago and associates at 100.40 basis of about $4.67 \%$.
$\$ 1,332.0005 \%$ Houston Independent School District. Tex. bonds bought by a syndicate heeded by the Guaranty Company of New York at 104.179, basis of about $4.71 \%$.
$\$ 1,300,0004 \%$ Newark, N. J. school and hospital bonds (made up of two se
Two issues of $41 / 5 \%$ Yonkers, N. Y. bonds, amounting to $\$ 1,180,000$, sol at 100.791 a basis of about $4.44 \%$, to Roosevelt \& Son of New York $\$ 1,111,00041 / \%$ bonds disposed of by Philadelphia School District. Pa $\$ 600.000$ of this amount was purchased by Eldredge \& Co. of New York at par and $\$ 500,000$ by the Sinking Fund of Board iniduals. Bids for a total of $\$ 5.000 .000$ had to above, the district received bids for only a part, namely $\$ 1,111,000$ which were awarded.
Two issues of $4 \%$ Cook County, Ill. bonds, aggregating $\$ 1.000,000$ purchased by the Continental \& Commercial Trust \& Savings Bank or Chicago and associates on their bid of 97.93 , a basis of about $4.27 \%$.

In addition to the above there were also sold during the month of November $\$ 750,00041 / 2 \%$ irrigation bonds by the Government of Porto Rico. The bonds were taken by a syndicate headed by Hallgarten \& Co. of New York at 102.866, a basis of about $4.33 \%$.

Securities of a temporary nature were nogatiated during November in the amount of $\$ 37,251,596$. This includes $\$ 28,600,000$ issued by New York City

Due to the borrowings on the part of the City of Toronto, Ont. and the Province of New Brunswick, Canadian bond disposals during November reached a total of $\$ 7,309,328$. Toronto's issue bearing $41 / 2 \%$ interest, made up of nine separate issues, amounts to $\$ 2,824,000$. The issue disposed of by the Province of New Brunswick also bears $41 / 2 \%$ interest and totals $\$ 2,275,000$.

Below we furnish a comparison of all various forms of obligations put out in November during the last five years:

 $\begin{array}{crrrrrr}\begin{array}{c}\text { General fund bonds } \\ \text { (New York City) }\end{array} & \text { None } & \text { None } & 8,400,000 & 8,000,000 & 11,000,000 \\ \text { Bds. of U. S. Doss'ns }\end{array} \quad 750,000 \begin{array}{lllll}1,500,000 & \text { None } & \text { None } & \text { None }\end{array}$
Total. $\overline{109.560 .995} \overline{132,369,329} \overline{156,382,894} \overline{92,554,602} 180,831,418$ *Includes temporary securities issued by New York City, $\$ 28,600,000$ in 1925 ,
$\$ 23,794,000$ in 1923 , $\$ 31,675.000$ in 1922 and $\$ 27,131.900$ in 1921.

The number of municipalities emitting bonds and the number of separate issues made during November 1925 were 230 and 335, respectively. This contrasts with 401 and 623 for October 1925 and with 586 and 514 for November 1924.

For comparative purposes, we add the following table showing the aggregate of permanent loans for November and the eleven months for a series of years:

|  | Month of |  |  | Mon |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Norember | 11. Months. |  | November. | $\begin{aligned} & 11 \text { Mor } \\ & \$ 285,74 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | 74,765.203 | 1,305.270.172 |  | 4.408.381 | 213,924,703 |
|  |  | 949.473 |  | 12,511,550 | 180.483.172 |
|  |  | 1,034,567.913 |  | ${ }^{25.597 .509}$ | 174,825.430 |
|  | 119.688.617 | ${ }^{9888.081 .613}$ |  | ${ }_{14}$ | 138.789.253 |
|  | 02, 117 | ${ }^{627.71 .624}$ |  | 728.493 |  |
|  | 584,840 | 629.335.991 |  |  |  |
|  | 27,783.332 | 273.572.370 | 190 |  |  |
|  | 15,890. | 418.739.575 |  |  |  |
|  | 18.813.239 | 421.361 .571 |  | 8.790.489 | 根778.80 |
|  | 28.815 | 463.644.631 |  | 6.7688.775 | 120 |
| 1914 | 21,691. | 444.862.916 |  | 34.911 | 95. |
|  | 30.708 | ${ }_{3588} 893.919$ |  | 1 | 105 |
|  | 13.021 | 358.893.919 |  |  |  |
|  | 19.738,613 | ${ }^{360.830 .804}$ |  |  |  |
| 09 | 24,456,351 | ${ }_{307.673 .842}$ |  | 5.176.012 | 80,526,268 |

In the following table we give a list of November 1925 loans in the amount of $\$ 63,250,071$, issued by 230 municipalities. In the case of each loan reference is made to the page in the "Chronicle" where accounts of the sale are given





All of the above sales (except as indicated) are for October. These additional October issues will make the total sales (not including temporary loans) for that month $\$ 78,888,047$.



## $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { various } \\ 10 \& 20 \\ \text { years }\end{array}\right\}$

## Total amount of debe $r$ Refunding bonds.

We have also learned of the following additional sales for October:

These additional October issues will make the total sales for that month $\$ 2,302,385$.

## NEWS ITEMS

Alabama (State of). $\$ 700,000$ More State Highway Bonds Retired Through Sinking Purchases.-Geo. W, Ellis State Treasurer, advises that he retired on Dec. $1 \$ 700,000$ State of Alabama Highway bonds purchased for the sinking fund. These bonds are part of an authorized issue of $\$ 25,-$ 000,000 , of whieh $\$ 20,000,000$ have been marketed, $\$ 3,000,000$ in $1922, \$ 3,000,000$ in 1923, $\$ 7,000,000$ in 1924 and $\$ 7,000,000$ in 1925. Previous purchases for sinking fund account aggregated $\$ 1,335,000$ and the present purchase increases the aggregate amount of bonds retired by the sinking fund to $\$ 2,035,000$, so that more than $10 \%$ of the bonds issued have already been retired. These bonds were issued under an amendment to the constitution which pledges the full faith and credit of the State for the payment of the issue and makes specific provision for payment by directing the legislature to levy a sufficient tax on motor driven vehicles to provide for payment of the bonds, both principal and int. This tax increased from $\$ 893,116$ for the fiscal year ending Sept. 301921 to $\$ 1,945,959$ for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30 1925. Present indications we are informed are that the tax will be substantially in excess of $\$ 2,000,000$ for the current fiscal year.

Gallipolis, Gallis County, Ohio - Court Enjoins Municipality. -The Ohio Utilities Company was granted on Nov. 30 an injunction by Judge Miller of Pomeroy, according to the "Pittsburgh (Pa.) Post" of Dec. 1, restraining the city of Gallipolis from issuing bonds, or entering into any contract for building a municipal light plant. The case will be appealed to a higher court.

New York City.-Mayor-Elect Walker's Official Plurality, 402,123.-Mayor-elect Walker's total vote at the election on Nov. 3 was 748,687 and his plurality was 402,123 , according to the final official compilation, completed and announced by the Board of Elections on Nov. 21. Frank D. Waterman, his Republican opponent, received 346,564 votes. The total vote received by the other candidates for Mayor was as follows: Thomas (Socialist), 39,574; Brandon (Social-ist-Labor), 1,643; Tracy (Commonwealth Land), 252; and Fisher (Progressive), 1,498. The vote for each candidate in each of the five boroughs was:

| Coun | Walk | Wate | Thomas, | Brandon. | \% | r. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bronx-..- | 131,226 | ${ }_{39.617}^{98.617}$ | -9,482 | 388 | 46 | 62 |
| Kings | 244.029 | 139.060 | 16,809 | 591 | 81 | 28 |
| Queens R - ${ }^{\text {a }}$ - | 103,629 22,724 | 58.478 10.794 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,943 \\ 1027 \end{array}$ | 155 21 | 29 2 | 7 |
| Total.-.- | 748,687 | 346,564 | 39,574 | 1,643 | 252 | 1.498 |

Walker's victory was proportionately larger than that scored by Mayor Hylan in 1921. Walker received $61.50 \%$ of the registered vote, which this year totaled 1,234,086, while Hylan in his 1921 victory over Henry H. Curran, Republican, obtained $59.04 \%$ of the registered vote, which totaled 1,262,340
The final plurality received by Charles W. Berry, City Comptroller, was 378,115 , and by Joseph V. McKee, President of the Board of Aldermen, 373,441. The total vote received by each was 722,045 and 722,613 , respectively.
New York (State of). -Final Vote on the Four Constitutional Amendments Adopted on Nov. 3.-The complete vote on the $\$ 100,000,000$ bond issue Constitutional Amendment for permanent State improvements, voted on on Nov. 3, was 952,446 for to 924,285 against, a majority of 28,161 . The $\$ 300,000,000$ bond issue to finance the elimination of grade jority of 175,088 . On the amendment for a short ballot and consolidation of State departments, the vote was $1,041,420$ for to 764,148 against, a majority of 277,278 ; and on the judiciary amendment, $1,082,065$ for to 699,736 against, a majority of 382,329 . Every amendment was beaten upState, but was carried by the tremendous vote in New York City. The complete vote in New York City was:

Vote
For.
637,
Aotete
Aoanst.
344.931

1. $\$ 100,000.000$ bond amendment-
2. Amendment for short ballot and consolidation of Stat
3. Judiciary amendment.
$\begin{array}{ll}680,295 & 301,418\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{ll}691,320 & 272.346 \\ -695.470 & 255.301\end{array}$ 1926 Budget Approved by Board of Aldermen.-The Board of Aldermen on Nov. 30 approved by a vote of 50 to 5 the city's budget for 1926 in the amount of $\$ 437,000,000$. The budget as adopted is identical in form and substance as originally approved by the Board of Estimate. After its approval by the Board of Aldermen, the budget was sent to Mayor Hylan for signature and will become effective at midnight Dec. 31.
Oklahoma (State of).-Chatham Phenix National Bank \& Trust Co. Made State Fiscal Agency, Effective Dec. 1.-Announcement is made that Governor M. E. Trapp of Oklahoma has appointed the Chatham Phenix National Bank \& Trust Co. of New York fiscal agent for the State, effective Dec. 1. Once before, in 1915, says the announcement, the Chatham Phenix was appointed in this capacity and served uninterruptedly until 1919, when, owing to a change in the administration the agency was transferred elsewhere. Appreciation by Oklahoma State officials of the services the bank had previously rendered resulted in the appointment, also says the announcement in conclusion. At present the Mechanics \& Metals National Bank of New York is fiscal agent of the State.
BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS this week have been as follows:
ABILENE, Taylor County, Tex.- BONDS REGISTERED.
24 On Nov. 24 the State Comptro
aggreazating $\$ 710,000$
Amount
aggregating \$710,000:
Amount. $P$ Prpose
$\$ 250,000$ water works bonds.
$\$ 125,000$ city hall bonds.
$\begin{array}{lll}\$ 250,000 & \text { water works bon } \\ \$ 125,000 & \text { city hall bonds. } \\ 50,000 & \text { sewer bonds. }\end{array}$
50,000 sewe
Due serially.
$\begin{array}{|cc|}\text { Amount. } & \text { Purpose } \\ \$ 160,000 & \text { school building bonds. } \\ 75,000 & \text { auditorium bonds. } \\ 50,000 & \text { fire station bonds. }\end{array}$
ALLAMAKEE COUNTY (P. O. Waukon), Iowa.-BOND SALE.The Waukon State Bank of Waukon has purchased an issue of $\$ 16,000$
$41 / 4 \%$ county bonds at par. Due $\$ 8,000$ in 1943 and 1944 . Int. payable semi-annually.
ANSONIA, Darke County, Ohio.-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids will be received until 12 m . Dec. 19 by Paul E. Smith, Village Clerk, for $\$ 5,3356 \%$ water works and electric light impt. bonds. Denom. $\$ 500$, except 1 for $\$ 335$. Dated Dec. 81925 . 8 , $\$ 335,1938$. A certified check for
as follows: $\$ 500,1928$ to 1937 incl. and
$10 \%$, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.
ATLANTA, Fulton County, Ga-BOND SALE.-The following $41 / \% \%$
bonds offered bonds offered on Dec. 2 (V. $121, \mathrm{p} .2663$ ) were awarded to J. H. Hilsman \&
Co. of Atlanta at a premium of $\$ 41470$, equal to 100.61 , a basis of about $4.38 \%$
$\$ 1,500$
Bass St. bonds. Due $\$ 500$ Nov. $1 \quad 1930,1932$ and 1934.
$12,000 \mathrm{McDaniel}$ St. bonds. Due Nov. 1 as follows: $\$ 1,000,1927 ; \$ 2,000$, $7,000 \frac{1928 \text { Butler St. bonds. } 1931 \text { incl. Due } \$ 1,000 \text { Nov. } 191928 \text { to } 1934 \text { incl. }}{}$
1,500 Terry St. bonds. Due $\$ 500$ Nov, 11930 , 1932 and 1934 .
11,000 Mary St. bonds. Due $\$ 2,000$ 1928 to 1931 incl., and $\$ 1,0001932$ 2,000 Sophia Place bonds. Due $\$ 500$ Nov. 1 1927, 1929,1931 and 1934,
Sol 2,000 Sophia Place bonds. Due Nov. 1 as follows: $\$ 1,000,1926 ; \$ 2,000$, 3,000 Clay, and bonds. $\$ 1,000,1928$ to 1934 incl. $\$ 1,000$ Nov. 1928,1930 and 1934.
5,000 Cartrell St. bonds. Due \$1,000 Nov. $1928,1929,1930,1932$
5,000 Waddell St. bonds. Due $\$ 1,000$ Nov. 1 1927, 1928, 1930, 1932 9,000 Rockyford Ave. bonds. Due Nov. 1 as follows: $\$ 2,000,1927$ and
Date Nov. 1 1925. The entire issue matures Nov, 1 as follows: $\$ 1,000$,
$1926 ; \$ 6.000,1927 ; \$ 10.000,1928 ; \$ 8.500,1929 ; \$ 11,000,1930 ; \$ 7,500,1931$; $\$ 8,000,1932 ; \$ 5,000,1933$, and $\$ 9,500$, in 1934 .
BANTA-CARBONA IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Tracy), Calif.

- BOND OFFERING.-W. Schlossman, Secretary Board of Directors, will - BOND OFFERING.-W. Schlossman. Secretary Board of Directors, wil bonds. Date Dee. 11925 . Denom. \$1.000. Due July 1 as follows: $\$ 1,000$ 1941 to 1943 incl. $\$ 2,000,1944$ to 1947 incl. $\$ 3,000,1948$ and $1949: \$ 5,000$, $\$ 8,000,1962$ and 1963 and $\$ 10,000,1964$ and 1965 . Prin. and int. (J. \& J. payable in Tracy, Legality approved by Goodfellow, Eells, Mo
Orrick of Los Angeles. A certified check for $2 \%$ of bid is required.
BATESVILLE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 4, Independence
County, Ark.-BOND SALE.-The Federal Commerce'Trust Co. of St. Louis has purchased an issue of $\$ 114,00051 / 2 \%$ improvement bonds. Date June 151925 . Due serially Nov. 11927 to 1938 incl. Principal and semi Legality approved by Rose, Hemingway, Cantrell \& Loughborough of Lit. tleRock.
BAY VILLAGE, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.-BOND SALE.-On Oct.
20 the $\$ 20,777.7051 / 2 \%$ (special assessment) sidewalk assessment series 1

Impt. bonds offered on that date (V. 121, p. 1701) were awarded to Season-
good \& Mayer of Cincinnatio Dated Sept. 1925 . Int. M. \& N. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: $\$ 4,000$, i927 to 1930 incl.; and $\$ 4,777.70$, 1931. BEDFORD, Cuyahoga County, Ohio-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed two issues of 51,4 coupon bonds:

 A certified check for $10 \%$ of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the
Village reasurer, required. The sucessful bidder will be furnished with a
transcript of the proceding of the coll transcript of the proceedings of the council relative to such issuance.
BELMONT, Middlesex County, Mass.-BOND SALE-R. L. D \& Co, of Boston have purchased the following two issues of school bond
 Dated Jan. 11926 . (P. O. Hackensack), N. J.-BOND SALE.-On


 and $\$ 45,000$ i 1943 .
BERLIN, Coos County, N. H.-BOND SALE.-On Dec. 2 the $\$ 175,000$ $41 / 2 \%$ coupon junior high schooi bonds, offered on that date V . $121, \mathrm{p}$. a basis of about $4.39 \%$. Date Dec. ${ }^{1} 1925$. Due on Dec. 1 as follows:
$\$ 10,000.1926$ to 1940 incl., and $\$ 5,000,1941$ to 1945 incl. BINGHAM LAKE, Cottonwood County, Minn
The $\$ 6,0007 \%$ electric distribution bonds offered on Oct. $30-\mathrm{V}$ SALE - p . a premive awarded to the Peoples Light \& Power Co. of Minneapolis at
a $\$ 100$, equal to 101.66 a basis of about $6.85 \%$. Due Oct. 1
1945 .
BLUFF CITY, Sullivan County, Tenn.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 50,000$ $6 \%$ water works bonds offered on Oct. 6 (V). 121, D. . 1484 ) were awarded to
Herbert Hayes of Bristol at par. Due serially in 20 years.
BOSTON, Mass.-BOND SALE.-On Dec 4 the fil

 $\$ 500,000$ Cambridge Serial Bonds at $41 / 4 \%$ Interest.
 50,000 Aprilil 9192 . Due $\$ 1,000$ yearly tro City Council of Boston of 50,000 Orient Heishts playground impt. Order of the City Council of
Boston of April 141925. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: $\$ 4,000$. 190 .
 00.000 to 1945, incl. Aprt He 14 1925. Due $\$ 3,000$ yearly from Nov. 1926


 of May 26 1925. Due $\$ 5,000$ yearly from Nov. 11926 to 194 50.000 Garage, Hancock St. yard. Order of the City Council of Boston 85,000 1930, incl., and $\begin{gathered}\text { slayground. Webster Ave. Avection . North } \\ \text { Den }\end{gathered}$ City Council of Boston of June 23 1925. Due on Nov, 1 as fol-
 Aug. 8 1925. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: $\$ 4,000$, 1926 to $1940, ~$ 75,000 Fire Station, Shawmut Ave, and Tremont St. site. Order of the 50,000 East Boston Court House and Police Station 7 to 1945 , iddit, incl. hans. Order of the City Council of Boston Due on Nov. 1 as follows: $\$ 4,000,1926$ to 1930 , incl., and $\$ 2,000$. 600,000 Boston Kneeland St. impt. Ioan (Chapter 476, Acts 1924). Due
 60,000 Morton yt. .mpt. (Chapter 325, Acts 1925). Order of the City
Council or Boston of Aug. 25 1925. Due $\$ 4,000$ yearly from
Nov. 11926 to 1940, incl. Serial Bonds at $4 \%$ Interest.
$\$ 800,000$ extension of 1926 to 1930 , 100,000 laying and relaying street water mains. Order of the City 500,000 permanent street pavement. Order of the City Council of Boston
of June 121925 . Due $\$ 50,000$ yearly from Nov. 11926 to 1935 ,
incl.
50000 permanent parkway and roadway pavement. $\begin{aligned} & \text { Order of the City } \\ & \text { Council of } \\ & \text { Boston of June } 23\end{aligned} 1925$ Due $\$ 5,000$ yearly from Nov. 11926 to 1935 , incl.
All loans will be issued in reristered bond certificates of $\$ 1,000$ each, or
any multiple thereof and will be paid on the dates specified for each the City Treast payable semi-ann. (M. \& N.) in each year at the office of chusetts and from the Federal income tax. Holders of these certificassaif they so desire can recedive the semi-annual interest through the mail by BRADENTON, Manatee
Van Camp, Commissioneree of Punty, Fla.-BOND OFFERING.-Roy Korks, will receive sealed bids untii
Dec. 8 for $\$ 10.000$ sidewalk bods BRADFORD COUNTY bonds.
Citizens rational Bank of Powanda purchased an issue of $\$ 100.000$ The
 BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Raritan)
Somerset County, N. J.-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids will be

 bonds bid for, payable to the District Clerk, required. BRUSHVALLEY TOWNSHIP (P. O. Brushvalley), Indiana County,
Pa.-NO BIDS RECEIVED.-No bids were received for the $\$ 70.00041 / 2 \%$
 following 4\% bonds and certificates were issued at par to the November the
of Accounts and Finance for the account of the General Fund


BURKE COUNTY (P. O. Waynesboro), Ga.- BONDS VOTED.-
Bt an election held on Nov. 24 the voters authorized the issuance of $\$ 600,000$ road bonds.
BURLINGTON, Chittenden County, Vt.-BOND SALE.-On
Nov. 27 the $\$ 750,00041 / \%$ coupon or registered city hall bonds offered on that date (V. 121, p. 2548) were awarded to the Old Colony Trust Co and E. H. Rollins \& \&ons, jointly, both of Boston, at 100.333 , a basis of
about $4.22 \%$ Del Dec. 1 1925. Due $\$ 25$, 000 yearly from Dec. 1
1926 to 1955 inclusive. Den

Caldwell, Esse
two issues of $5 \%$ bssex County, N. J. - BOND SALE SALE.-On Dec. 1 the p. 2306 were awarded do Outwater \& Weils of Jersey City for $\$ 33,797$, equal
to 100.93 a basis of about $4.86 \%$. $\$ 14,485$ water system improvement bonds. Due on April 1 as follows:
\$48, 19260 and $\$ 1,00,1927$ to 1940 incl.
sewer extension bonds. Due $\$ 1,000$ yearly from April 11926 to
1944 incl.
CAPE MAY, Cape May County, N. J.-BOND SALE.-On Oct. 6
 yearly from Oct. 11926 to 1945 in usive. Ot. 11925. Due $\$ 1,500$ MARBON COUNTY SCHOOL D TRICT NO. 2 (P, O. Bridger); seaned bids until 1 pm m , Dec. 11 for $\$ 23$ son. 30 istrict Clerk, will receive
bonds. A certified check for $\$ 1.162$ is requird. not exceeding $6 \%$ school
 Washington Township bonds, offered on that date (V. 121, D. 1940) were awarded to $W \mathrm{Wm}$. Bradshaw at a premium of $\$ 211$. equal to 101.20 a basis
of about $4.28 \%$. Dated Oct. 61925 . Due $\$ 875$ each six months from May 151927 to Nov. 151936 inclusive
E. WRRO GORDO, Columbus County, No. Caro--BOND OFFERING ${ }^{\circ}$ for $\$ 6.0006 \%$ electric light bonds. Date Dec. 11925 . Denom. $\$ 2500$
Due $\$ 250.1928$ to 1937 incl. and $\$ 500$, 1938 to 1944 incl. Prin. and
 CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP (P. O. Elkins Park), Montgomery Kounty, pa. 1 b by Harol
for $\$ 200,000$ sewer bonds.
CHESAPEAKE, Lawrence County, Ohio.-BOND SALE CALLED OFF.-The sale of the three issues of, $6 \%$ coupon street impt. bonds,
aggreating $\$ 41,60$, scheduled for sale on Nov. $30-V$. 121 . p. 2664was call by ift. Thttorney that delivery of the bonds could not be made
advised
before Sept. 1 tithe The $\$ 15,000$ COUNTY (P. O. Henderson), Tenn.-BOND SALE. were awarded to the Farmers' \& Merchants' Bank of Henderson at premium of $\$ 60$, equal to 100.40, a basis of about $4.93 \%$. Date July 1
1925 Due July 1 as follows: $\$ 1,000,1926$ to 1930 incl., and $\$ 2,000,1931$

CHICAGO, Cook County, III.-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids will be received until Dec. 10 by the City Comptriller for $\$ 625,000.4 \%$
city bonds, it is reported. Due serially, 3 to 15 years. CHURCH POINT, Acadia Parish, La--BOND DESCRIPTION.Alexandria on Appil 28 at $102.49-\mathrm{V} .120$. p. $2459-\mathrm{a}$ basis of about $5.72 \%$
 payable at the Chase National Bank of N. Y
Financial Statement
Estimated actual value of taxable propertyAssessed valuation of taxable property
Total bonded debt, including this issue
Popalation
opulation, 1,078.
CLAIBORNE COUNTY (P. O. Port Gibson), Miss.-BOND SALE.$\$ 35.00051 / 4 \%$ bridge bonds at a premium of $\$ 5220$, equal to 100.14 . CLIFTON, Passaic County, N. J.-BOND SALE.-Lehman Bros. of
New York have been awarded the following bonds: \$875,000 41
140.000 . 1926 to 1962 incl., and $\$ 24.000$, 1963. 19 as follows: $\$ 23,000$, $\begin{array}{clll}140.000 & 5 \% & \text { temporary street impt. bonds. Due May } 11930 . \\ 173.000 & 5 \% & \text { temporary } \\ 49.000 & 5 \% & \text { bons. Due Nov. } 1 & 1930 .\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{rl}49,000 & 5 \% \\ 9.000 & \text { temporary street impt. bonds. Due Nov. } 11930 . \\ 653.000 \\ 5 \% & \text { temporary } \\ \text { temporary water impt. bonds. Due May } 11928 .\end{array}$ The city had oriminalay advertisedt. for bids. on Oct. 20 (V. 1931 . 121 . P. 1940)
for four issues of $41 / \%$ long-term bonds, but afterwards decided to sell for four issues of $41 / 2 \%$ long-term bonds, but arterwards decided to sel
the bonds as stated above. The 8875.000 school bond issue was the issue sold as first advertised. The other issues, orivinally intended to be long-term obligations, were changed into the short-term form.
COLORADO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mitchell
County, Texas.-BOND ELECTION.-An election will be held on Dec. 9 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing $\$ 150,000$ school building
bonds. bonds.
COMANCHE COUNTY (P. O. Lawton), Okla.-BOND OFFERING.
 $\$ 100.000, \$ 200.000, \$ 300.000$ and $\$ 400,000$ of sald bonds or either amount
seoarately, with the understanding that if less than the entine separately, With the understandine that if less than the entire amount is
sold, then such as may be sold will be those having the earliest date of sold then such as may be sold will be those having
maturity. A certified check for $2 \%$ of bid is required.
CONLEN COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Dallam County, pexas.- BOND ELECTION.-An election Will be held on Dec. 19 for the
purpose of voting on the question of issuing $\$ 15,0005 \%$ school bldg. bonds. CROSBY COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Crosbyton), Texas registered $\$ 25,00051 / 2 \%$ road bonds. Due serially.
CROSBY COUNTY (P, O. Crosbyton), Texas.-BONDS REGIS $5 \%$ refunding bonds. Due serially.
DENVER (CITY AND COUNTY OF), Colo.-BONDS OFFERED.-
 DOYLESTOWN, Bucks County, Pa- BOND OFFERING.-Sealed President, for $\$ 50,00041 / 2 \%$ coupon (registerable as to principal only) bonds. Denom. $\$ 1,000$ Dated Jan. 11926 . Interest J. \& J Due
$\$ 5,000$ yearly from Jan. 1936 to 1951 , inclusive. Certified check for $2 \%$ Bonds are free of bonds bid for, payable to the Borough Treasurer, required. subject to the favorable opinion of Townsend, Elliott \& Munson, Philadelphia
SUAPHIN COUNTY (P. O. Harrisburg), Pa.-BOND OFFERING.Commissioners, for $\$ 5000000$ road bonds, it is stated.
DUNCAN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Spartanburg County, So. Caro. issue of $\$ 56,00051 / 2 \%$ school bonds at a premium of $\$ 1,800$, equal to 103.21 ,

Clinton) FELICIANA PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O.
 Date April 1 1925. Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Due $\$ 2,000$ ascribed as follows: $\$ 3,000,1930$ to 1945 incl.; $\$ 4,000,1946$ to 1951 incl.; and $\$ 5,000.1952$ to

1955 incl. Prin. and annual int. payable at the office of above named
company. Legality approved by Wood \& Oakley of Ohicago. Financial Statement.

$\$ 2,200.000$
$1,550,000$
1 100,000

EL PASO COUNTY (P. O. El Paso), Tex.- BONDS REGISTERED. On Nov. 27 the State comptro
ESCONDIDO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, San Diego for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing $\$ 128.000$ school bonds. ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass.-TEMPORARY LOAN.-The Atlantic National Bank of Boston was awarded on Nov. 27 the temporary
loan of $\$ 25.000$, payable June 1926 offered on that date 121. . 12548 .
on a $3.59 \%$ discount basis. Denom. $\$ 5.000$. Dated Dec. 11925. FAULKNER COUNTY (P. O. Conway), Ark.-BOND SALE.issue of $\$ 75,0005 \%$ coupon funding bonds at a premium of $\$ 763.69$ equal
to 101.02 . Date Nov. 1 1925. Denom. \$500 and $\$ 1.000$ D. Due serialy 1926 to 1945 incl. Int. payable M. $\&$. N. In $V .121$. p. 2432 , we reported
this sale under the incorrect caption "Conway County, Ark."
FERRIDAY, Concordia Parish, La.-BONDS VOTED.-At an
election held on Nov. 26 the voters authorized the issuance of $\$ 75,000$ school bonds.
FINGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 54, Narnes County, No. Dak.-
BOND SALE.-During the month of September the State of North Dakota Due Aug. 11945 . Not subject to call but may be redeemed two years from

FORDYCE

FREMONT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25 (P. O. Riverton) Wyo- BOND OFEERYNG.-C. E. Deardorff, District Olerk, wil receive sealed bids until $7: 30 \mathrm{p}$, m . Dec. 15
certified check for $\$ 1.000$ is required.
FROSTPROOF, Polk County, Fla-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 37.0006 \%$ street impt. coupon bonds offered on June (-V. 121, p. ${ }^{2845-\text { were }}$
 Financial Statement.
Real valuation (estimated).............
Assessed valuation (inclū̄̈ this issue)-
Total bonded debt

-................| $\$ 3,210,500$ |
| :---: |
| $1,606,778$ | Population, 1,500.

GARRETH, De Kalb County, Ind.-BONDS NOT SOLD.-On Oct. 12 the $\$ 60,00043 / 2$ community building site and construction bonds offered
on that date $V$. $121, \mathrm{p} .1596$ ) were not sold, as the bonds were not approved
. by the state Tax Board.
G. ARWOOD SCHOOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Garwood), Union County, Dec. 11 by Thomas C. Farre. El. District Clerk, for an issue of 43\% \% coupon

 In gold coin of the United States of America of or equal to the present
standard of weight and fineness at the Frist National Bank of Garwood
wit Gtarwood. Wue on Jan. 1 as follows. $\$ 4,000$. 1928 to 1937 , Inclusive, and
$\$ 5.000,1938$ to 1965 , inclusive. Certified check on an incorporated bank
$\$ 1$ or trust company for $2 \%$ or the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the
Board of Education, required. Proceedings incident to the issuance of shese bonds have been conducted under the supervision of whittemore \&
McLean, counsellors at-law. Elizabeth, and the legality of the issue will be d by the Att
GILA VALLEY POWER DISTRICT (P. O. Wellton), Yuma County, Ariz.- BOND OFFERING.- The Secretary Board of Dir
sealed bids until $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Dec. 14 for $\$ 10,000$ impt. bonds.
GILMER, Upshur County, Tex.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 25.0006 \%$ street impt. bonds offered on Nov. 23-V. 121, p. 2434-were awarded to
Garrett \& Co. of Dallas at a premium of $\$ 500$, equal to 102. Date Jan. 1 1926. Due in 20 years.

GOSHEN, Ellhart County, Ind.- BOND SALE.-The State Bank of
Goshen has purchased an issue of $\$ 10,00041 / 2$ cemetery bonds at a premium of $\$ 101.33$, equal to 101.01
HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Cincinnati), Ohio--BOND SALE.-
On Dec. 1 the $\$ 222.096 .8041 / 2 \%$ Dugon Gap-Brower road bonds offered on On Dec. 1 the $\$ 272,096.80$. $41 / \%$ Dugon Gap-Brower road bonds orfered on
 incl. and $\$ 26,096.80,1936$.
HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 (P. O. Hempstead) Nassau County, N. Y.-BOND OFFERING. - Sealed bids
will be received until $9 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Dec. 7 by William R . Seiffert, Clerk Board of will be received intill 9 p . m. Dec. 7 by William R. Seiffert, Clerk Board or
Education. for $\$ 170.000$ coupon school bonds at not exceeding $5 \%$ interest.
Dented Oct. 1925 . Prin. and semi-ann. int.


 may bid for a less rate of interest stated in multiples of $1 / 4$ of $1 \%$. HENDERSONVILLE, Henderson County, No. Caro-BOND
oFFERING.-R. R. Arledge, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until OFFERING.-R. R. Arledge, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until
$8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Dec. 15 for the following not exceeding $6 \%$ bonds, aggregating $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Dec. 15 for the following not exceeding $6 \%$ bonds, aggregating
$\$ 475.000$.
8300.000 street impt. bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: $\$ 23.000,192$ to
1940 incl.; and $\$ 24,000.91941$. A certified check for $\$ 6.000$, payable 1940 incl. and $\$ 24,000.11941$. A certified check for $\$ 6,000$, payable
to the City Treasurer, is required. 175,000 water and sewer bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: $\$ 6.000$, 1929 to
1943 incl.: $\$ 7.000,1944$ to 1954 incl.; and $8,000,1955$. A certified check for $\$ 3,500$, payable to the Clity Treasurer, is required. Date Jan. 1926 . Denom. S1.000. Prin and semi-annual int. payable at the National Park Bank. N. Y.
dike, Palmer \& Dodge of Boston.
Estimated value of property Financial Statement.

 Special assessments (included in the above)..... 847.86422
Sewer bonds (included in the above)........... 175,00000

Population (1924), 8,000 INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO
HENNEPIN COUUTY

 1934: \$17,.000, 1935; s10.000, 1936: \$21,000, 1937; \$23,000; 1938; \$25,000:
Estimated true valu
Financial Slatement.

Population, estimated, 2,300 . Brooksville), Fla.-BOND OFFERING. $\overline{\text { bids. }}$ untíl Dec. 7 for $\$ 1,000,00055 / 1 \%$ Iroad boonds. Denom. $\$ 1,000$.

FIILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Tampa),
 Plant City at a premium of $\$ 151$. equal to 101 a a basis of about $5.86 \%$.
Date Dec. 11925 . Due $\$ 100$ Dec, 1 1927 to 1941 incl. HOT SPRINGS, Sierra County, N. Mox.-BOND SALE.-The awarded to Hasselman \& Keller of Pueblo at par. Date Dec. 1 1925. Due
Dec. 1 1955, optional Dec. 1 1935. HUD
HUDSON, Columbia County, N. Y.-NO BIDS RECEIVED.-No bids
were received were received or the $\$ 7.5004$ No 27 (V. 121, p. 2549).
IDEAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10, McKenzie County, No. Dak. purchased an issue of $\$ 35.0005 \%$ school building bonds at par Dat Date
Oct. 1925 . Due Oct. 11945 . Not subject to call but may be redee

INDIANAPOLIS SANITARY DISTRICT Marion County, Ind.-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids will be received until 12 m . Dec. 22 by Joseph L. Hogue, City Comptroller, for the whole
or any part of $\$ 500.00041 / 2 \%$ coupon serial bonds. Denom. $\$ 1.000$.
Dat
 than 3\% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer,
required. Bonds will be payable at the office of the County Treasurer in Indiana. Bo apolis.
JACKSON, Madison County, Tenn.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 60,000$ por 2665 - were awarded to the First National Bank of Jackson at a premium
of $\$ 1.760$. equal to 102.93 , a basis of about $4.73 \%$. Date Oct. 1 1925. Due Oct. 1 1940. Other bidders were:
Second National Bank of Jackson.
IC B. Tigett \& Co., Memphis.
Central State
Premium.
Central State National Bank, Memphis.
$\begin{array}{r}165.00 \\ 1,160.50 \\ 336 \\ \hline\end{array}$ Seasongood \& Mayer, Cincinnati. .-.
Breed, Eliott \& Harrison, Cincinnati
Asse
342.00
474.00

JONESBORO, Washington County, Tenn.-BOND SALE.-Caldwell a co. or ashivile have purchased an issue of $\$ 50.0006 \%$ schoy cost of printing the bonds and attorney's fees.
KINGSPORT, Sullivan County, Tenn.-BOND SALEE-The followin. 2434 were awarded to seasongood \& Mayer of Cincinnati at a premium
 27,800 Improvement Districts Nos. 6a, 25, 26 and 27. Due Nov. 11926 Following is a list of other bidders:
Central State National Bank, Memphis
Weil. Roth \& Irving Co. Cincinnati...- $\qquad$
Breed
Breed, Elliot \& Harrison, Oincinnati-

 LA CROSSE, La Crosee County, Wis.-BOND SALE NOT COM-PLETED.-The sale of the $\$ 95.000$ impt. bonds to the secend ward LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Crown Point), Ind.-BOND OFFERING.County Auditur. for s $54.7136 \%$ ditch No. 2 bonds. Denom. S471.30. Int.
J. \& D. Due 8471.30 yearly from June 11927 to 1936 incl. LAKEWOOD TOWNSHIP (P. O. Lakewood) Ocean County, N. J.George Garon, Township Clerk for an issue of $43 \%$ road impt. bonds, not to exceed $\$ 13, .000$, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a
premium of $\$ 1.000$ over $\$ 113.000$. Deinom. $\$ 1,000$. Prin. and semi-ann. Due $\$ 7.000$ yearly for 15 years and in the sixteenth year $\$ 8.000$ will become dot A A ount of bonds bid for, payable to the Township Treasurer, required. Bonds are coupon bonds and may be registered as to p.
into fully registered bonds at the option of purchaser.
LAMAR, Prowers County, Colo-BOND SALE-Gray, Emery \&
\& 16 an issue of $\$ 15,0005 \%$ South Vasconcells, or Denver purchased on Nov. 16
Main Improvement District bonds at 98 .
LIA MESA, LEMON GROVE AND SPRING VALLEY IRRIGATION ING.-John C. Scott, Sec. Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids
 Southwest Trust \& Saving Bank. Las Angeles. Lesgality approved by
OMand check for $2 \%$ of bid is required. LEAKSVILLE, Greene County, Miss.-BOND SALE.-The Mercoupon school bonds at par. Date Jan. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due LITTLE. RIVER COUNTY (P. O. Ashdown), Ark.-BOND SALE
CORRECTION.-I. B. Tigrett \& Co . of Jackson have purchased an issue of Due serially 1926 to 1930 incl. Int. payable Muly ${ }^{1}$ 1925. Denom, $\$ 1.000$. Due serially 1926 to 1930 incl. Int. payable M. \& S. In V. 120 . p. 3348 ,
we reported that the amount of this issue was $\$ 41,614.65$, which was LIVINGSTON, Overton County, Tenn.-BOND OFFERING.-A. F. bonds. Date Mar. 1 1926. Denom. $\$ 500$. Due Mar. 1 1941, optional LORAIN, Lorain County, Ohio-BOND SALE.-On NoV. 30 the $2435-$ were awarded to Brown, Bosworth \& Co. of Toledo. at a premium
 Prem.
N. S. Hill \& Co.............
A. T. Bel \& Co-.....
Stevenson, Perry, Stacy
 W. L. Slayton \& Co
Stranahan, Harris \& Oatis,
In
 A syndicate composed of the First National Bank; Halifey Stuart \& Co Inc.; Redmond \& Co.; Phelps Fenn \& Co.i R. W. Pressprich \& Co; Hali-
garten \& Co. Blair \& Co. Inc. Eldredge \& Co. Detroit Co. and Geo. B
 Anglo-london-Paris Co. and the Bank of Italy both of San Francisco
was awarded on Dec. 2 the following coupon (registerable as to prin. and was awarded on Dec. 2 the following coupon (registerable as to prin. and
int.) bonds agregating $\$ 14825000$ at a premium of $\$ 1631$ equal to
as $41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$ : a basis of about $4.62 \%$ taking $\$ 7500000$ as $43 / \mathrm{s}$ and $\$ 7325000$ \$5,000,00
water works bonds
(representing 2 issu 43\% Bonds.
Due $\$ 125$
 incl. and $\$ 12,0001960$ and 1961 .
$1,000,000$ water works bonds. Sue S25 0.00 July 11926 to 1965 incl.
$4,975,000$ (representing 3 issues of bonds) electric plant bonds. (representing 3 issues of bonds) electric 1926 to to 1965 incl.
Oct. 1 tas fonds.
in 1965.

## 1,350,000

 in 1965 .
 Valuation as a basisis for taxat Statement (as officially Reported). Total bonded debt including this issue. Water bondsNet bonded debt
 the above valuation. In addition to the above indebtedness the net indebtedness of the coextensive districts of the County and City of Los Angeles namely
municipal improvement districts, flood control districts and school districts
amounts to 863
LOUISIANA (State of $)$ - BOND OFFERING.-L. B. Baynard Jr.:
State Treasurer (P. O . Baton Rouge) will receive sealed bids until $11 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$.
Dec.
 coupon bonds. Date Dec. 15. 1925. Denom. S1 ©
1931. Prin. and ann. int. (Dec. 15) payable at the State Treasurer's office. 15
Pre. LYON COUNTY (P. O. Marshall), Minn- BOND SALE.-The
 and $\$ 800$. Due serially 1931 to 1945 incl. Int. payable semi-annually. LYNN, Essex County, Mass.-BOND SALE.-F. S. Moselev \& Co. o
Boston have purchased $\$ 20500041 / \%$ bonds at 101.46 . Dated Dec. .
McCOLL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12, Marlboro County, So. Caro.
 and semi-annual interest ( $\mathbf{J}$. \& J., payable at the Hanover Nationai. Prin. N. Y. C, Legality approved by, Caldwell \& Raymond of N. Y. O. These
bonds were reported sold in 120, p. 612 under the caption "McCail School
District." Financial Statement. otal debt (this issue included). $\qquad$ $\begin{array}{r}\$ 12,000,000 \\ 1,158 \\ \hline\end{array}$ Total debt (this issue included)
--........
Population of district (esstimated) 5 . 00 .
(Property in this district is assessed at abou
McMNN COUNY (P. McMINN COUNTY (P. O. Athens), Tenn.-WARRANT SALE.-
R. J. FIsher Bros. of Athens has purchased an issue of $\$ 110,0006 \%$ school
warrants.
MANATEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Bradentown) Fra.- BOND OFFERING.-D. B. Guellett, Supt. Board of Public In-
struction, wrill recelve sealed bids until 1 p . m . Dec. 10 for the following
bonds. ageregating $\$ 405000$ : $\$ 20.00051 / 2 \%$ Special Tax School District No. 1. Due $\$ 10,000$ Oct. 15 $100,000 \quad 6 \% \begin{array}{ll}\text { Special } \\ \text { Sax }\end{array}$ $25,000 \quad 6 \%$ Special Tax Schol District No. 7. Due $\$ 1,000$ Oct. 15 $20,000 \quad 6 \%$ special Tax Schol District No. 5. Due $\$ 1,000$ Oct. 15 Date Oct. 151925 Denom. $\$ 500$. Prin. and int. (A. \& O.) payable
the Seaboard National Bank, N. Y. City. A certified check for $2 \%$ of par salue of boands bid for is required.
MANSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mansfield), Richland County, Ohio.-BOND OFFERING. Sealed bids will be received until
Dec. ${ }^{2}$ bey John H. Bristor, Clerk Board of Education, for $\$ 260.000$
$4 \% \%$ school bonds. MAPLE HEIGHTS
unty, Ohio.-ROND ${ }_{S A}$. O. Maple Heights R. F. D.), Cuyahoga (V. 121, p. 2435) were awarded to Geo. W. York \& Co. Guardin that date nd Tillotson \& Wolcott Co all of Cleveland, at a premium of $\$ 9.027$, equal
to $103.52, a$ basis of about $0.00 \%$ : $\$ 37,76990$ Brunswick Ave. paving bonds. Denom. $\$ 1.000$ except 1 for


11,34980 Brunswick Ave. Water bonds. Denom. $\$ 1.000$ except 1 for


 11,28820 Lokay A Ave water and $\$ 1.28820$ 1936. to 1933 , incl.; $\$ 2.000$
 37,68914 Tabor Ave. paying bonds. Denom. $\$ 1.000$ except 1 for $\$ 68914$ 14,87530 Tabor Ave. sewer bonds. Dend $\$ 4.689141935$. incl.; $\$ 5,000$
 12,570 80 Tabor Ave. water bonds. Denom. $\$ 1.000$ except 1 for $\$ 57080$

37,60948 Tokay Ave. paving bonds. Denom. $\$ 1.000$ except 1 for $\$ 60948$.

 Dated Nov. 151925.
MARS, Butler County, Pa.-BOND SALE,-The $\$ 35,00041 / \%$

 MARSHALL COUNTY (P. O. Warren), Fla.- BOND SALE.-The $\$ 85,3532643 \%$ drainage funding bonds. Date Dec. 1 1925. Denoms.
 int. (J. \& D.) payable at the First National Bankk of Minneapolis. Lemi-gality
approved by Lancaster Simpson Junell \& Dorsey of Minneapolis.

Assessed valuation 192 .-.
*Total bonded debt including this issue.
Popula $\$ 320000000$
1285489400
1637
 50727 road bonds for which the are $\$ 1.264 .460$ drainage bonds ment for principal and interest up to $5 \%$ out of the State Trunk Highway
MARTIN, Stanton County, Tex.- BOND SALEF,-Garrett \& Co. of MASSILLON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Massillon), Stark school bonds offered on that date (V. 121, p. 2435 ) were awarded to Weil Roth \& Irving Co. of Cincinnati at a premium of $\$ 1,235$, equal to 104.75 ;
a basis of about $4.55 \%$. Dated Nov. 1 1925. Due $\$ 1,000$ yearly from
as. Oct. 11927 to 1952 inclusive.
MEADVILLE, Crawford County, Pa.- BOND OFFERING.-Sealed
bids will be received until 5 p. m. Dec. 22 by Dickson Andrews, City Clerk! for $\$ 14,000441 / \%$ coupon city. bonds. Denom, 81.000 . Dated Jan. 11926 . Elilott \& Munson of Philadelphia. Legality approved by Townsend,

Sealed bids will be received until Dec. 7 , by by the City Clerk, for $\$ 7,5004 \%$ fire apparatus bonds. Denom. $\$ 500$., Date Jan. 1 1926. Int. J. \& $\%$ J.
Due $\$ 1,500$ yearly from Jan. 11927 to 1931 incl. MEDINA, Medina County, Ohio-BOND OFFERING,-Sealed bids
will be recelved until 12 m . Dec. 12 by O. D. Rickard, Village Clerk, for


 award.
MIAMI COUNTY (P. O. Troy), Ohio-BOND SALE.-On Dec. 2 the $829.0005 \%$ coupon (special assessment) bridge bonds, of fered on at a premium of $\$ 707$, equal to 102.43 , a basis of about $4.565 \%$. Date
Nov. 195 . Due on Iov. 1 as follows: $\$ 2,500,1927$ and 1928 , and
$\$ 3.000$. 1929 to 1936 inclusive. $\$ 3,000,1929$ to 1936 inclusive.
MIMICO, Ont.-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids will be received until
7 p . m. Dec. 7 bV H. B. Foreman, Town Treasurer, for the following two Issues of $5 \%$ bonds:
$\$ 71.510$ binds. Due in 30 equal annual installments.
10.000 bonds. Due in 10 equal annual installments.
(P. O. Osceola), Ark.-BOND SALE. LAKE DRAINAGE DISTRICT) P. O. Osceola), Ark- BOAD SALE.- The $\$ 750,000.5 \%$ Carson Lake ${ }^{\circ}$ were awarded to William R. Compton Co. of St. Louis at 96.137 , a basis

MONROE, Union County, No. Caro--BOND SALE.-The $\$ 200.000$ were awarded to the American Trust Co. of Charlotte as 5 , s at a premium of $\$ 3,356$, equal to 101.678 , a basis of about $5.13 \%$. Date Oct. 11925 . 1925 .
Due oct. 1 as follows $\$ 3.000 .1928$ to 1940 incl. $\$ 5,000,1941$ to $1947 \operatorname{incl}$. and $57,000,1948$ to 1965 incl.
MONROE COUNTY (P. O. Madisonville), Tenn.-BOND OFFERR-
ING.-C. A. KKennedy County Judge will receive sealed bids until Dee. 19
MOON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Coraopolis R. F. D. No. 3, Allegheny County, Pa.-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids will
be receive until 8 m . M Dec. 15 by Lewis O. Smith, Secretary of Board of
School Directors. for $\$ 55.00041 / 2$ couno schol Dated Feh. 1 1926. Int. F. \& A. Due school bonds. Denom. $\$ 1.000$.
 Purchaser to pay for the
Pennsylvania State tax.
MOOREHEAD, Clay County, Minn.-BOND OFFERING.-R. G.
 1930; $\$ 90,000,1931$, and $\$ 10,000,1932$ and 1933 , Legality approved by $5 \%$ of bid, payable to the City Treasurer, is required. A certified check for MORROW COUNTY (P. O. Mount Gilead), Ohio-BOND OFFERlerk Board of County Commissioners, for the following two issues of $\$ 7.750$ Gaverick Pike impt. bonds.

7,539 Candowner' portion) impt. honds. Denom. $\$ 800$ except 1 for 8339 inc
Dated Jan. 11926 . Int. M. \& S. A certiffed check on a solvent bank for required. The proceedings relative to the issuance of the bonds are open to the inspection of prospective bidders: transcripts of proceedings
will be furnished successful bidders and sufficient time allowed within ten days from the time of the a wara for the examination of such transcript by The bonds will be printed and ready for delivery on the date of sale or as as son thereafter as possible and will be delivered and pald for at the County reasurer's office
MOUNT OLIVE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mt. Olive) Mntil 8 . . m. Dec. i4 iby John B. Stephens. District Dlerk, for an issue of
$5 \%$ coupon school boyds, not to exced $5 \%$ coupon school bonds, not to exceed $\$ 42.000$. no more bonds to be D lawful money of the United and semi-annual interest (F. © A.) payable Bank, Dover. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: $\$ 1,0001927$ to 1932 , Inclusive.
and $\$ 1.500183$ to 1956 , inclusive. Certified check on an incorporated hank or trust company for $2 \%$ of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to
the Board of Education, required. MOUNT VE
MOUNT VFRNON, Westchester County, N. Y.-BOND OFFERING. City Comptroller, for the following four issues of coupon (with privilege registration as to principal only or as to both principal and interest) bonds,
at not exceeding $5 \%$ : $\$ 48.000$ drainage bonds. Due $\$ 3.000$ yearly from Dec. 11927 to 1942 incl 38.000 sewerage bonds. Due $\$ 2,000$ yearly from Dec 1027 to 1935 incl
Denom. $\$ 1.000$. Dated Dec. 11925 . Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J, \& D.)
payable at the City Comptroller's office. A certified check on an payable at the City Comptroller's office. A certified check on an incorp-
orated bank or trust company for $2 \%$ of the bonds bld for, required. Legality approved by Caldwell \& Raymond of New York whose a pproving o state rate of interest of $1 / \%$ of $1 \%$. Delivery of bonds to be made to the time and place as may be mutually agreed upon.

Total debt
Deduct from Totai Debt --
\$9.743,089.81 Waxter bonds.-
Sink.funds to retire
Total deductions

3,079,280.79

Present borrowing capacity
Population (1925 Census), $50,3 \overline{3} \overline{2}$.
NEWARK, Essex County, N. J.-BOND SALE.-On Dec. 2 the fol-

 at a pre
none
$\$ 1,750,000$ water bonds. Due on Dec. 15 as follows: $\$ 43,000,1926$ to $1,000,000$ Port Newark improvement bonds. Due on Dec. 15 as follows:

 150,000 street 151926 to 1930 incl. Due on Dec. 15 as follows: $\$ 6,000$, 100,000 traffic sigmal system bonds. Due on Dec. 15 as fol
NEW CASTLE AND MOUNT PLEASANT (TOWNS) UNION FREE NEW CASTLE AND MOUNT PLEASANT (TOWNS UN W Nec. - BOND BFFERING.-Sealed the Board of Education for \$16,500 4c/2\% school district bonds. Decom. S1.00, except 1 for $\$ 500$. Dated Oct. 1 1925. Principal and
semi-annuai interest (J. \& D.) payable at the Mount Pieasant Bank of
Ine 1 Due $\$ 1.000$
 yearly from Jan. 11927 to 1939 , inclusive: $\$ 500$ Jan. 11940 and $\$ 1,000$
Jan. 11941 to 1943 inclusive. Certified check or bank draft for $10 \%$ of the amount of bonds, required.
NEW CASTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Now Castle), Lawrence
 the sion $00041 / \%$ school bonds ond
bonds will be readvertised as $41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$.
NEW CUMBERLAND, Cumberland County, Pa--BOND SALEE-The $\$ 25,0004 \% \%$ general improvement bonds mentioned in New Cumberland at a premium of $\$ 1$, equal to 100.004 , a basis of about $4.245 \%$. Dated
Oct. 1925 Due oct 1 as foliows: $\$ 1.0001926$ to 1928 . inct. $\$ 2000$
 NEW ROCHELLE, Westchester County, N. Y.- BOND OFFERING.
Sealed bids will be received until $11 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Dec. 10 by Harry A. Archibald City Comptroller, for the following five issues of coupon ( with A. Arcivilege of registration as to principal only or
at
not exceeding $5 \%$ interest: at not exceeding $5 \%$ interest:
$\$ 1,098,000$ schol bonds, Series of 1925 . Due on May 1 as follows: $\$ 33,000$, 68,0001928 to 1959 incl, and for acquisition of reai property, Series of 1925 . Due on May 1 as follows: $\$ 2,000,1928$ to 1959 incl., and
135,000 sever bonds. Series of 1925. Due on May 1 as follows: $\$ 4,000$,
1928 to 1959 incl., and $\$ 7.0$
711,000 sewage disposal bonds, series of 1925 . Due on May 1 as fol-
lows: $\$ 21$. 1900 . 1928 to 1959 incl., and $\$ 39,000,1960$.
158,000 municipal improvement bonds, Series of 1925 . Due on May 1
Denom. \$1.000. Dated Nov. 1 . 1925 . Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. \& or payable at the city Treasurer s ornce bin lew York exchange Certi-
of the ristered holder, be remitted by main in New fied check (or cash) on an solvent banking corpporation located within the State of New York, or upon any national bank, or ${ }^{\text {payable }}$ to the City of New Rochelle, required. Bonds will be prepared Yorr, which will certify the to United stateses Mor signaturese and seal im im Nressed thereon. Legality of bonds is being examined by Caldwell e haymerchaser. New York. whose approving opinion will be furnished to the purchaser.
Delivery of bonds to be made on Dec. 231925 at the office of the United States Mortgage \& Trust Co., New York. or as soon thereafter as bonds can be prepared.
of $1 / 4$ of $1 \%$.

Financial Statement as at Noo. 11925

Total
Bonded debt, including these issues
Fund for redemptions (cash)
Net debt. NOVEMBER.-The City of New York issued short term securitios in the aggregate of $\$ 28,600,000$ all bearing $4 \%$ interest, consisting of special vember as follows:


NORTH DAKOTA (State of).-BOND SALE.-During the months of september and October the state of Nar:
$5 \%$ bonds aggregating $\$ 23,100$ at par:

## Place Carpen Leat Carpen Leaky Llue B Graded During the Month of September. Henry S. D. No. 12_-..--Building ${ }_{4}^{4}, 000$ Aug. 11925 Aug. 11945


 DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. New Hyde Park, Nassau County, N. Ye. Adam B. Richert, District Clierk, for $\$ 300,00041 / \%^{4}$ coupon or registered
school bonds. Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Dated Dec. 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. \& J. payable at the Bank of New Hyde Park, New Hyde Park. of the bonds bid for, payable to the District Treasurer, required. These are the same bonds orimicinaly sold to A.M. Lampor completed.-
of New York (V. 121, p. 1259) but the sale of which was not coll NORWOOD, Norfork County, Mass. BOND SALE.-R. M. Grant $\&$ Co. of New York have purchased an issue of \$110., foom 1926 to 1940 incl.
bonds at 101.25 . Dated Dec. 1 1925. Due serialy from ORANGE, Orange County, Calif.-BOND SALE.-The California municipal water bonds. Date Jan. 21926 . Due 85.000 Jan. 21927 to
 of Los Angeles. $\begin{aligned} & \text { Financial Statement (Officially Reported as of Nov. } 10 \text { 1925) }\end{aligned}$
 Water debt (including this issue)---- 259700
ORANGE COUNTY (P. O. Orange), Tex.-BONDS REGISTERED.-
On Nov. 23 the State Comptroller of Texas registered $\$ 90,0005 \frac{1 / 2 \% \text { road }}{}$ and bridge refunding bonds. Due serially
OSSINING (TOWN), Westchester County, N. Y.-BOND SALE.V. 121, p. 2666-were awarded to Geo. B. Gibbons \& ${ }^{\text {2 }}$. Inc. of New York at 103.427 . a basis or about 4.61. and $\$ 200$. Oct. 1 1949. Due $\$ 500$ PANAMA CITY, Bay County, Fla.-BOND OFFERING.-J. F. Fin for $\$ 150,0005 \%$ street paving and bridge bonds. Date Nov. 11925. at the First National Bank of Panama City or Mechanics \& Metals ational
Bank, N. Y. City, at option of holder. A certified check for $\$ 5,000$, Bayable to the city, is required.
PASTURES MAGISTERIAL ROAD DISTRICT (P. O. Staunton), Augusta County, Va.-BOND SALE.-The \$250 O00 to rake Jones \& Co. of Minneapolis at a premium of \$eb, 1 eq follows. $\$ 5.0001928$ to 1932 incl. $\$ 8.0001933$ to 1935 incl.: $\$ 10.0001936$ to 1939 incl.. $\$ 120001940$
to 1944 incl.; $\$ 14,000$ 1945 to i948 incl. and $\$ 15.000$ 1949 to 1951 incl. PENNSAUKEN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Delair), coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only or as to both principal and interest) school district bonds, offered on that date-B. 121 , $\$ 650,820$ for $\$ 649,000$ ( $\$ 650,000$ offered), equal to 100.28 , a basis of about 1934 incl. $\$ 18.000,1935$ to 1964 , incl., and $\$ 1,000,1965$. There were PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Pa.-BOND SALEE-On (V. i21, . 243 ) were awarded to the Girard National Bank of Philadelphia
(Vt 101.563, a basis of about $4.38 \%$. Dated Dec. 1 1925. Due $\$ 250,000$ to
PILGER, Stanton County, Neb.-BOND OFFERING.- L. E. Bare
Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until $7: 30 \mathrm{p}$. m. Dec. 7 for $\$ 21.000$
 $1930 ; \$ 2,500,1931: 182,000$. 1932 , and $\$ 2,500$, 1933 and 1934 . Prin.
and ann. int. (June i $)$ payabie at the County Treasurers office in Stanton. POLK COUNTY (P. O. Bartow), Fla.- BOND OFFERING.-J. D Raulerson, Clerk Board of County Commissoners will receive bids until
Dec. 18 for $\$ 350.0006 \%$ road bonds. Denom. $\$ 1.000$. Int. payable P
PORT OF KELSO (P. O. Kelso), Cowlitz County, Wash.-BOND SALE. - The $\$ 180.00$ port bonds offered on Nov. $19-\mathrm{V} .121$, p. $2437-$ both of Portland, jointly, at 100.04.
PORT VUE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Port Vue), Allegheny building bonds offered on Nov. 16 (V. 121, p. 2310 have been awarded to J. H. Holmes \& Co, of Pittsburgh ab ind oct. 1 as follows: \$12.
PULASKI COUNTY (P. O. Little Rock), Ark.-BOND DESCRIP \& C. of Jackson at $100.41-\mathrm{V}$. 121 , p. $493-$ bear interest at the rate of $41 / \%$ and are described as fonl. Int. payable M. \& S.
Due serially 1926 to 1945 , incl. Int RALEIGH, Wake County, No. Caro.-BOND OFFERING.-E. E.
Culbreth, Mayor, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. Dec. 16 for the following coupon or registered bonds aggregating $\$ 1,400,000$ :
$\$ 1,000.000$ street improvement bonds. Due $\$ 50,000$ Jan. 11927 to 1946, $\$ 1,000,00$ inclusive.
200,000 water bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: $\$ 3,0001927$ to 1936 incl.: $\$ 5,000$ i937 to 1956 , incl., and $\$ 7,000$ i957 to 1966 incl.
200,000 fire department and sewer bonds. Due Jan. 19 as follows
Date Jan. 1 1926. Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Bidder to name rate of interest. Principal and inder the supervision of the United States Mortgage \& Trus Co prepared Ner York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the officials


$$
\begin{aligned}
\text { tue }
\end{aligned}
$$

RAMSEY, Bergen County, N. J.-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids win issue of $4^{3 / 4} \%$ coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only or as to both principal and interest road improvement bonds not to exceed \$29,500, no more benas $\$ 500$ Dated Dec 15 produce a premium of $\$ 500$ int. (J. \&D. D. 15) payable in gold coin of the U. S. A. of or equal to the present standard of weight and fineness at the irle Certh check bil Bonds will bendrepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mtge. \& Trust Co, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the offi-
cials and the seal impressed thereon. Legality approved by Hawkins. cials and the seal impressed thereon.
REIDSVILLE, Rockingham County, No. Caro.-BOND OFFERING. $\$ 150$.000 not exceeding $6 \%$ city hall bonds. Date Dec. 1 1925. Denom.

and int. ( (J. \& D. D. . payable in gold in New York City, The bonds will be
prepared under the supervision or the United States Mortgage \& Trust Co.,
New York Oity, which will certify os to the Senuinenes of the of the officials and the weal certify as to the genuineness of the signatures by Chester B. Masslich, New York City. A certified check for $\$ 3,000$
is required. ROCHESTER, Olmstead County, Minn--BOND SALE.-The
 of $\$ 112$, equal to 101.12 a basis of about $4.27 \%$. Date Dec. 1 1925. Due
$\$ 1,000$ Dec. 11926 to 1935 , incl. ROCHESTER, N. Y.-NOTE OFFERING.-Sealed bids will be received
intil $2: 30$ p. m. Dec. 7 by Joseph C. Wilson, City Comptroller, for City of untill 2:30 p. m. Dec. 7 iby $\$ 500,000$ local improvement as per ordinance of the Common Council 450,000 subway railroad, as per ordinance of the Common Council March 50,000 subway. construction, as per ordinance of the Common Council 500,000 March 24 Eneral revenue, as per ordinance of the Common Council Nov. 10 Local improvement and subway railroad and subway construction notes
will be made payable 3 months and general revenue notes will be made paya-
bie 6 mont be 6 months from Dec. 10 1925, at the Central Union Trust Co, New Yeork-
Will be drawn with Interest and will be deliverable at the Central Union
 designate denominations decsired. and to whom (not bearer) notes shall be be
made payable. No bids will be accepted at less than par. made payable. No bids will be accepted at less than par.
ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, Mountrail County, No. Dak.BOND SALLE-During the month of September the State of North Dakota
purchased $\$ 15.0005$ school building bonds at par. Date Auy. 111925. years from date of issue.
ROYAL OAK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Fernreceived until $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Dec. 4 by Gordon A. Damon, Secretary of Board of Education for $\$ 61,000$ public school bonds at not exceeding $5 \% \%$ interest.
Denom. $\$ 1.000$ Int. payable semi-annually. Due serially 1 to 30 years
without option of prior payment without option of prior payment Financial Statement.
Assessed valuation of district
Bonded indebtedness (not including this issue)
Approximate population $\qquad$ $\begin{array}{r}-\$ 15,289,445 \\ 964,000 \\ \hline\end{array}$
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY (P. O. South Bend), Ind.-BOND OFFER-ING.-Sealed bids will be received unti1 111 a. m, Dec. 16 by Olarence SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16, McIntosh County,
 North Dakota purchased $\$ 5.0005 \%$ building bonds at par. Date July of
1925. Due July 1995 . Not subject to call but may be redeemed two years from date of issue.
SALISBURY, Rowan County, No. Caro--BOND SALE.-The fol-
 $\$ 40,000$ water and sewer bonds. Due $\$ 2.000$ Dec. 1. Deat to 1945 . incl.
 SANDUSKY COUNTY (P. O. Fremont), Ohio.- ${ }^{\text {BOND }}$ SAL
On NALE.-
 Terry of Toledo at a premium of $\$ \dot{5} 52$, equal to 102.04, a basis of about
4.60 .
1934, incl.
SAN JACINTO COUNTY (P. O. Coldspring), Texas.- BONDS
REGISTERED.-On Nov. 27 the State Comptroller of Texas registered $\$ 448,00051 / 2 \%$ special road bonds. Due serially.
SEVIER COUNTY (P. O. Sevierville), Tenn--BOND SALE.-I. B.
Tigrett \& Oo. of Jackson and Caldwell \& Co. of Nashvile, jointly, purchased d bonds at par.
SHATTUCK, Creek County, Okla.- BOND SALE.-Calvert \& Cancity hall bonds at a premium purchased an issue of $\$ 307$, equal to 101.22 . Denom. $\$ 1,000$.
Due serially in 3 to 20 years.
SHAWNEE RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Shawnee), Allen 12 m . Dec. 15 by E. E. Clem. Clerk. Board of Educ witione rereived until
school district impt. bonds. Denom. 5500 . Dated Dec. 15 124.000 $5 \%$
dit


 Sunds bid for, payable to the School District Treasurer, required. SHELOCTA, Indiana County, Pa.-BOND SALEE - On Oct.
Henry Romer of Shelocta purchased an issue of $\$ 5.0004 \%$ Borough share of Route 67 road bonds at par. Denom. \$50. Dated June 1 1925. Int.
J. \& D. Due June 1 1955, optional June 1 1930. SLOAN, N. Y.-BOND SALE.-On Nov. 23 the Fidelity Trust Co. of
Buffalo purchased an issue of $\$ 12.9005 \%$ fire equipment bonds at 100.238 basis of about $4.92 \%$. Due $\$ 2,150$ yearly from July 11926 to 1931 incl. SNYDER, Scurry County, Tex.- BONDS VOTED.-At an election
held on Nov. 24 the voters authorized the issuance of $\$ 75,000$ school bonds
by a 2 to

 1926. Prin. and semi-annom. int. (I. (I. \& J.) payablo at the office of the Town
 onable to the Town Supervisor, required. Total assessed valuation
$\$ 8,909,890$. Town has no bonded dett at present. STARK COUNTY (P. O. Canton), Ohio--BOND SALE.-On Dec. 2
 Nov. 201925. Due on Nov. 20 as foilows: $\$ 3,500,1927 ; \$ 4,000$, 1928 to
1931, incl.; $\$ 3,000,1932$ and 1933 , and $\$ 6,000,1934$. STEELTON Dauphin C 193 , and $\$ 6,000,1934$.
STEELTON, Dauphin County, Pa.-BOND SALE.-On Nov. 30
 of Philadelphia at a premium of $\$ 144$, equal to 100.09 , a basis of about $\$ 50,000$ water impt. bonds. Due $\$ 2,000$ yearly from Jan. 151927 to 1951 40,000 paving bonds. Due $\$ 2,000$ Jan. 151927 to 1946 incl. 25,000 fire apparatus bonds. Due $\$ 2,500$ yearly from Jan, 151927 incl Dated Jan. 15 1926. There were no other bidders.
SUDAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lamb County
 TOLEDO, Lucas County, Ohio.-BOND SALE.-On
six issues of $41 / \% \%$ coupon bonds aggregating $\$ 846,000$ offered on that the

$\$ 360,000$ public office site bonds at 101.42, a basis of about 4.46\% . Due on Sept. 1 as follows: $\$ 14,000$, 1927 to 1941 incl., and $\$ 15,000$.
1942 to 1951 incl.
76,000 park and boulevar
d bonds at 100.351, a hasis of about $4.43 \%$.
sollows: $\$ 8,000,1927$ to 1932 incl., and
$\$ 7,000,1933$ to 1936 incl.
35,000 fire alarm bonds at 100.45 , a basis of about $4.42 \%$. Due on
Set. 1 as follows: $\$ 3,000$, 1927 to 1931 incl., and $\$ 4,000$.
1932 to 1936 incl.
25,000 fire house repair bonds at 100.241 , a basis of about $4.43 \%$.
Dus.
reo yearly from Sept. 1927
to 1931 incl.
To the Detroit Co., Inc., and Barr Bros. \& Co., Inc., both of New York, and OId Colony Trust Co. of Boston at 100.508 , a basis of about $4.40 \%$ :
$\$ 100,000$ bridge repair bonds. Due $\$ 20,000$ yearly from Sept. 11927 to
250,000 (city's portion) street impt. bonds. Due $\$ 25,000$ yearly from All the bonds bear date of Sept. 11925.
TROTWOOD, Montgomery County, Ohio- $\overline{\mathrm{V}}$. 121 , SALE. 1262 - The awarded to the Weil, Roth \& Irving Co. of Oincinnati at a promium or
$\$ 265$ equal to 104.4. a basis or about $5.16 \%$. Date Oct. 1 1925. Due
$\$ 500$ yearly from Oct. 11926 to 1937 inclusive. Dater TRUMBULL COUNTY (P.O. Warren), Ohio--BOND ofFERING.-
 No. int. (As. \& O.) Dayable at the office of the County. Treasurer-
 WARREN, Trumbull County, Ohio-BOND SALE.-On Nov. 23 the on that date - 181 p. 2311 - were awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of

 W. Slanden sill

 Halsey, Stuart \& Co., Chicago. 1,52500 Stevenson, Perry, Stacy \& Co., 1,33700
 Well, Roth \& Irving Co.. Cinc.
Emery, Peck \& Rockwood, Chi. 1,74500
1,74
W6, WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Williamsport), Ind.-BOND SALE.-The to the Sta $\%$ road bonds offered on Oct. $12-\mathrm{V}, 121, \mathrm{p} .1600$-were awarded
 months from May 151927 to Nov. 15 1936, incl.
WASCO COUNTY (P. O. The Dalles), Ore-BOND DESSRIPTION. Bank of Portland as $41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$ at 100.11 . V . 120, p. 2592 -a basis of about 4.49/, are described as followss Date May M. 12592 . D Dasis of about
Due $\$ 5,000$ May 11930 to 1939 incl. Interest payable M. \& N. $\$ 1,000$. WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Marietta), Ohio-BOND SALE.on that date- $V$. $121, \mathrm{p}$. 2438 - were awarded to the Provident
 of about $4.61 \%$. Dated Sept. 1 1925. Due on Sept. 1 as follows 13.13 .000 ,
1927 to 1929 , incl., and $\$ 14,000,190$ to 1935 , incl. Other bidders were:


WATERFORD TOWNSHIP (P. O. Beverly), Washington County,
 WATERVLIET, Albany County, N. Y.-BOND SALE.-On Nov. 28 were awarded to Ripley, Loomis $\&$ Co. of New York as $41 / 5$ sat 101.502 , a basis of about $4.31 \%$ D D
Nov. 11926 to 1945 . incl.
WAYNESBORO, Franklin County, Pa.-BOND OFFERING. - Sealed Secretary for $\$ 72,00041 / 2 \%$ coupon fire protection equipment bonds.
Denom. $\$ 500$. Date Jan. 1 1926. Prin. añ semi-ann. int. (J. \& J.) payable in Waynesbro Due $\$ 2,000,1936$. $\$ 30.000,1941$ and $\$ 20,000$,
1946. Certified check for $\$ 2,500$ required. Legality approved by Townsend, Elliott \& Munson of Philladelphia.
WEST LONG BRANCH, Monmouth County, N. J.-BOND SALEE. principal only or as to both princinal and interest) of registration as to Bank Co of New Jersey for $\$ 26075$, were awarded to the Long Branch $4.94 \%$ Dated Nov. 1 1 1925. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: $\$ 3,000,1926$ to
1931 incl.; $\$ 2,000,1932$ to 1935 incl.
The 9950.000 PM BEACH, Palm Beach County, Fla,-BOND SALE.The $\$ 950,0005 \%$ impt. bonds offered on Nov. $12-\mathrm{V}$. 121, P. 2188 - were Sept. 1 1925. Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Due Sept. 1 as follows: $\$ 31,000$, 1931 to S42,000, 1946 to 1955 incl. Prin. and int. (M. \& \& S.) payable at the Hanover
National Bank, N. Y. O. Legality approved by Caldwell \& Raymond,
BOND SALE.-The Liberty Central Trust Co. of St. Louis and associates
 and 1930 : $\$ 94,000.1931$ and 1932 and $\$ 139,000,1933$ to 1935 incl. Legality
approved by Caldwell \& Raymond, N. Y. C. Real valuation-
Assessed valuat

Financial Statement.
Assessed valuation, $1925-$ $\qquad$ Set Set $100,000,000$
$61.640,265$ Net bonded d


5,101,868 the $\$ 95.00041 \%$ Norfolk County, Mass.- BOND SALE E - On Dec. ${ }^{1}$ a basis of about 4.05 awarded to R. L. Day ${ }^{\&}$. Co. of Boston at 101.54 , Nov. 11926 to 1944 incl. Other bidders, all of Boston, were:
F. S. Moseley \& Co......-11. 1201.23
Edmunds Bros. WINCHESTER, Middlesex County, Mass.-TEMPORARY LOAN.of $\$ 100,000$ on a $3.68 \%$ discount basis plus a premium of $\$ 4$. Due Nov. 10
1926 .
CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.
 Bray, Caron \& Dube, Ltd., of Montreal, at 96.85. Dated Oct. $11925 .{ }^{2}$ BELLE RIVER, Ont.-BOND ELECTION.-On Jan. 4 the ratepayers CEYLON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 351, Sask.-BOND DESCRIPare described as follows: Denom. $\$ 4,000$. Dated Oct, 1 121, p. 2439 , are described as follows: Denom, $\$ 4,000$. Dated Oct. 9 1925. Interest
annually (Nov. 9). Due $\$ 200$ yearly from Nov. 91926 to 1945, inclusive.

The original purchaser, we now learn, was the Farmers Mutual Hail Insur-
ance CO which paid 100.50 for the bonds, a basis of about $5.93 \%$. DRUMHELLER, Alta.-BONDS DEFEATED.-The ratepayers defeated the
EARDLEY TOWNSHIP (P. O. Luskville), Que.-BOND OFFERING. Bids are invited up to 4 p. m. Dec. 7 for the purchase of $\$ 20.0005 \%$ 2 -year serial bonds, dated July 11925 and payable at Aylmer and 10 , 10 ank-
ville. Bonds are in denoms. of $\$ 100$ and $\$ 500$ each. T. Allen, Sec.-Treas. EDMONTON, Alta.-NAMES OF PURCHASERS.-The purchasers of Wood, Gundy \& Co., McLeod. Young, Weir \& Co., Lt \&., Macneill, Graham \& Co., Cochran, Hay \& Co McDonagh, Somers \& Co. . 11. . H.
Burgess \& Co. and Gairdner \& Co. The bonds are dated Nov. 1925. HAMILTON, Ont.-CITY TO VOTE ON RAILWAY PURCHASE-
OR WHETHER THEY ARE IN FAVOR OF RENEWING FRANCHISE, Hamilton voters next month, at the municipal elections, will decide whether Transmission, or or grant the company a now. franchise according out to the "Financial Post". of Toronto, dated Nov. 27 , Which further says regarding the matter: There will be but two questons would take over the railway operated by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario. . De "In the event of the vote being favorable, the second question would be
nullified. If the vote is against, then the vote on the second question nould apply, which is that an agreement for a new franchise be entered into. This provides for service to 1950 and fares stand unchanged until March 1928 . The company can also charge a 10 c . bus fare up to that date, when either the company or city can appeat ane the raiway or ented into, the
nicipal Board. Atter January, if the new agreement is on tornings to the company will not be called upon to pay a percentage of earnings to the city A new franchise, if granted, will be exclusive and jitney competition will not be allowed.
HALDIMAND COUNTY (P. O. Cayuga), Ont-BONDS OFFERED. installiment highway bonds. L. Werner, Treasurer.
NEW BRUNSWICK (Province of).-COMPLETE LIST OF BIDS FOR $\$ 2.275,000{ }^{41 / 2 \%}$ 3-year coupon (registered as to principal only) refunding bonds, awarded to Dillon, Read \& Co. and the Dominion Securities Cor-
poration, Ltd.. we find was not altogether complete. The full list of the poration, Ltd., we find was not aitogether completo.
bidders is as follows: Dominion Securitios Corp, and Dillon, Read \& Co. (U. S.)
Atlantic Corp. of Boston. Curtis \& Sanger, Eldredge \& Co

 A. B. Ames \& Co,. Ltd., Bankers Trust Co. and Guar. Co. of N. Y.
Royal Bank of Canada. Blair \& Co., Inc., Equitable Trust Co. op
N.


ONTARIO (Province of ) - BOND SALE.-On Dec. 1 the Province of
Ontario awarded the $\$ 21,000,00041 / 2 \%$ coupon (registerable as to principal only) serial bonds offered on that date- V . 121, p. 2668 as to principal composed of the First National Bank, Lee, Higginson \& Co., Bankers Trust Co., Brown Brothers \& Co. Redmond \& Co. and Kissel, Kinnicutt Co, all of New York, and the Bank of Montreal, Bank of Nova Scotia,
Dominion Bank, Kerr, Fleming \& Co, R. A. Daly \& Co, R. O. Mathews
\& Co. Mceod, Youns. Weir \& Co, Litd., And Hanson Bros., all of Toronto.
 yearly from Dec. 11926 to 1955. incl. It is estimated that about one-half
of the Ontario bonds will be floated in the United States and that one-half of the proceeds of the loan will be used for refunding purposes.
PRESCOTT \& RUSSELL COUNTY (P. O. L'Original), Ont.Solicitor, until noon Dec. 1 for $\$ 50,0005 \% 20$-installment bonds of the PRESTON, Ont.-BONDS OFFERED.-Bids for the purchase of the to 12 m . Dec. 4 . $5 \% 20$-year installiment plan bonds.
10,44. JOSEPH d'ALMA, Que.-BONDS NOT SOLD,-J. E. Coted ecretary-Treasurer, states , to bids being unsatisfactory. Alternative bids were asked for 30 -year serial and 15 -year serial bonds.
ST. THEOPHILE, Que.-BOND OFFERING. The Scho Commissioners will receive bids up to noon Dec. 9 for the purchase of $\$ 3.2006 \%$
-year serial bonds, dated Aug. 101925 and payable at St. Theophile. A . SASKATCHFWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Sask--BOND SALE.The following is a list of the school district bonds, according to "Monetary
 o C. C. Cross \& Co.
VANCOUVER, B. C. - BOND ELECTLION.-The ratepayers will be
asked to vote on Dec. 9 on bond by-laws totaling $\$ 1,285,000$. WELLAND, Ont.-BOND ELECTION.-At the municipal elections the ratepayers will be asked to vote on a $\$ 12,000$ WINDSOR, Ont.-BOND SALEE-On Nov. 30 the following five issues 2668) were bonarded to Wood Gundy \& CC. of Toronto at 98.90 , a basis $\$ 5.00000$ pubic school bonds. Due serially 1 to 20 years.
65.000
00 30,35649 local impt. bonds. Due serially 1 to 20 years. 269,55932 local impt. bonds. Due serialy 774 local impt. bonds. Due serially 1 to 10 years.
Municipal Bankers Corp $\quad-\quad 98.57$ Macneill, Graham \& Co -...-9-97.57


NEW LOANS

We Specialize in City of Philadelphia
3 s
$31 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$
4 s
$41 / 4 \mathrm{~s}$
$41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$
5 s
$51 / 4 \mathrm{~s}$
$51 / 2^{\mathrm{s}}$

## Biddle \& Henry

104 South Fifth Street Philadelphia
Private Wire to Nown
Call Canal 8487

Inquiries to Buy or Sell Solicited Calvin O.Smith Co.

MUNICIPAL BONDS
105 SO. La salle street chicago

## DO YOU KNOW

> That the most efficient men in their respectlve fields use and consult tho Financial Chronicle Classified Department?

> Keep this Department In mind for use when the oocasion arises.

NEW LOANS

## $\$ 113,000$

Township of Lakewood, NEW JERSEY
ROAD IMPROVEMENT BONDS.
Th
The Township Committee of the Township of Lakewood, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey, DECEMBER 18, 1925,
at eight o'clock in the evening, at the Municipal
Building at Lakewood, Ocean County, New JerBuilding at Lakewood, Ocean County, New Jer-
sey, for the purchase of Road Improvement Bonds
to to the amount of the par value of $\$ 113,000$,
or so many of said bonds. not exceeding in par
value the sum of $\$ 113,000$ as may be necessary value the sum of $\$ 113.000$, as may be necessary
to raise the said sum of $\$ 113$. 000 , issued to refund to portion of an isume of temporary bonds in the
a por the
amount of sis.000 heretofore authorized and amount of $\$ 195,000$ heretofore authorized and
issued for the payment of the construction and issued for the payment of the construction and
improvement of a portion of the state High way
System in the Township of Lakewood. Said System in the Township of Lakewod. Said
issue consists of one hundred thirteen bonds in
hin the denomination of One Thousand Dollars each
and of the aggregate face value of $\$ 113,000$, seven and of the aagregate face value of $\$ 113,00$, seren
of said bonds maturing each year thereafter for
fifteen years and eivht of cid firteen years and eirhth of said yound thereafter matring in
fine sixteenth year thereafter, all bearing interest
the the sixteenth year thereafter, all bearing interest
from January 1,1926 , at the rate of four and threefrom January
quarters per centum per annum, payande semi-
annually on the First days of January and July in each year: interest payable at thany onfice of thy
Lakewood Trust Company, Lakewood. New JerLey said bonds are coupon bowds and may be
segistered as to principal or converted into fully
res registered bonds at the option of the purchaser. The amount necessary to be raised by the sale of
said bonds is the sum of $\$ 113.000$ and no more bonds shall in any event be sold than will produce
the amount necessary to be raised addithe amount necessary to be raised and an addi-
tional sum of less than One Thousand Dollars. tional sum of less than one Thousand Dollars. certified check drawn upon an incorporated bank
or trust company for two per centum of the or umust of bonds sid for, payar cent to tho order of
ame Treasurer of the Township of Lakewod, to
the secure the Township of Lakewood against any
loss resulting from the failure of the bidder to
comply with the terms of the bid. comply with the terms of the bld.
All bids are to be made with the understanding that accrued interest on the bonds to the date of delivery thereof shall be paid by the purchaser,
and settlement will be made at the ofice of the and settlement will be made at the office of the
Township Treasurer at the Lakewood Trust Company, Lakewood, New Jersey.
The Committee reserves the right to reject any
and all bids and unless all bids are rejected the sald bonds will be sold to the bidder or bidders to pay not less than the amount necessary to be raised and to take therefor the least amount of the bonds offered for sale, commencing with the
first maturity. If two or more bidders offer to take the same amount of bonds, the said bonds will
tale be sold to the bidder or bidders offering to pay therefor the highest additional price.
Proposals must be addressed to Proposals must be addressed to George Garon
Township Olerk, Lakewood, New Jersey, and be endorsed "Proposal for Road Improvement Bonds."
25. ${ }^{5}$ GE GARON

WILFRED H. JAYNE JR., Township cierk.

FINANCIAL

## \$1,283,746.33

 City of Minneapolis
## Minnesota

Special Street Improvement Bonds. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Committee on Ways and Means of the City

 standard time) $\$ 1,283,746.33$ Special Street
Improvement Bonds, at a rate or interest not exceeding five per cent per annum; to be dated
January 1st, 1926; payable in equal annua anuary 1st, 10f whitch $\$ 48.460 .10$ equal be anauable
instaliments,
in five years: $\$ 303.624 .94$ in ten years and

 January 1, 1946, and to be in $\$ 50$. $\$ 100, \$ 500$, or
$\$ 1,000$ denominations at the option of the purchaser, and coupon rate must be the same for Sealed bld of may. be submitted until $2: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
of the date of sale. Open bids will be asked for of the date of sale. All bids must include accrued
after that hour. after that hour. An sald bonds to date of delivery, and a certified check for two per cent of the par
value of the bonds bid for made to C. A. Bloomquist id will be considered for an amount less than No par value of the bonds.
the right to reject any and bids is hereby re The approving opinion of John O. Thomson. Attorney, will accompany these bonds.
Circular containing full particulars will be mailed upon application. DAN OROW, BROW Comptroller.

## Caldwell \& Company SOUTHERN MUNICIPALS

Oumberland Tel. \& Telep. Co. Ss
Nashville Ohattanooga \&\&
St. Louls Ry
Nashville o Decatur Ry
Nashvile Rallway \& Light Oo. Securitiea
NASHVILLE, TENN,
100 Union Street

WARREN A. TYSON \& CO
Investment Bonds 1427 Walnut Stroot


[^0]:    

[^1]:    * Receipts do not inclu
    on through bills of lading.

[^2]:    The above total shows that the interior stocks have in

