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The Financial Situation.

The publication by the New York Stock Exchange of figures dealing with brokers' loans has been the overshadowing event of the week. After the close of business last Saturday the Stock Exchange announced the total of brokers' loans as being \$3,513,174,154 as of Jan. 30 1926. This figure was approximately \$1,000,000,000 greater than the private estimates that had previously been current. The statistics confirm the worst fears. We are told that of the \$3,513,174,154 of loans reported, approximately \$1,310,729,012 was borrowed through out-of-town branch and correspondent offices. That is, out-of-town banks have been placing this huge sum at the disposal of the Stock Exchange and the financial markets. It is added that "this latter figure does not include a large aggregate of loans contracted for out-of-town customers who deal through New York offices directly rather than through their branches and correspondents in other parts of the country." So the \$1,310,729,012 does not even represent the full amount of out-of-town money used at this centre. President Simmons makes the point that the listings in recent years on the Exchange have enormously increased, and that at the beginning of 1926 the grand total represented approximately \$70,000,000,000. Exclusive of United States bonds, these had a market value of \$52,118,807,999. The intention is to show that Stock Exchange loans constitute only a small part of the grand total of the listings. The trouble with this is that margin speculation is not spread over the whole 70 billions of listed securities, but confined to a small part of the grand total, namely the active list.

The Federal Reserve figures are fully confirmatory of what is said above. As yet the only information available is that contained in the weekly re-

turn of the member banks, issued yesterday afternoon. The return refers to the added data, saying that the report "for this week carries the new item 'Loans to brokers and dealers (secured by stocks and bonds) made by 61 reporting member banks in New York City'" and that "a statement regarding the item . . . appears in the Federal Reserve Bulletin for February." This Federal Reserve Bulletin has not yet come to hand, so we are limited in our remarks to the figures themselves. In the character of the results, these figures which, as already noted, relate entirely to the 61 member banks and trust companies in New York City (the New York Clearing House contains only 29 members of the Federal Reserve) are just like those given out by the Stock Exchange. They show total loans to brokers and dealers on Feb. 3 of \$3,091,997,000. Of this, only \$1,221,842,000 were loans made by the banks on their own account (that is, less than 40% of the whole), while \$1,280,143,000 were "for account of out-of-town banks" and \$590,012,000 were "for account of others." A situation like this, showing that Stock Exchange speculation is being promoted mainly from the outside, carries its own comment. The most serious feature is that the ordinary statistics regarding loans and discounts of these 61 member banks which the Reserve Board has been regularly giving out for so long have been positively misleading, if not absolutely worthless. These old statistics are continued in the usual way, but show only \$2,221,476,000 of loans of all kinds on Feb. 3 "secured by stocks and bonds" whereas the brokers loans alone aggregated on the same date \$3,091,997,000. Of the remaining loans and discounts going to make up the grand total of \$4,505,734,000, \$49,336,000 are reported as secured by U. S. Government obligations and \$2,234,922,000 are the mercantile loans classed as "all other loans and discounts." Apparently only the \$1,221,842,000 of brokers' loans made by the 61 member banks on their own account have been appearing in the weekly statements, while the \$1,870,155,000 of brokers loans made for the out-of-town banks and others have found no place in the returns. It was high time that the Reserve made the change now inaugurated.

The effect on the market has been almost negligible, the severe drop in the shares of the baking concerns being due to the Government suit mentioned below, while certain high priced specialties like American Can, General Electric and Allied Chemical have actually established new high records. Quite a notable event of the week has been the purchase of a controlling interest in Associated Oil Co. by a syndicate headed by Blair & Co. and the Chase Securi-

ties Corporation, the amount involved being \$132,000,000.

On Monday the Department of Justice brought an action to prevent a combination in the baking industry, which it was thought would involve approximately \$2,000,000,000, through the combination of the Ward Baking Co., the General Baking Corporation, and other similar concerns. The action was directed toward the Ward Food Products Corporation, which recently had been formed as a holding company to bring about the proposed consolidation or merger. The action was brought under both the Sherman Anti-Trust Act and the Clayton Act. This action seemingly caused the abandonment of several other proposed mergers, notably that of the California Packing Co. and the Postum Cereal Co. There can be no question about unrestrained monopoly being an evil that should not be tolerated. There is, however, serious question as to whether these proposed combinations could really exercise monopoly. It is still possible for Governments to form monopolies within their own territories, but there is question if under the conditions that exist in the United States it would be feasible for a corporation to attempt monopoly. Competition to-day is principally between industries. Where corporations attempt to gouge the public they are almost sure to fail, as other corporations with other lines of goods obtain the public's business. There is also international competition. Characteristic of the time is the marked success of the large efficient corporation and the indifferent business position of the smaller units. The welfare of the people of the United States has probably been held back far more through anti-trust legislation and action in preventing the development of highly organized industries than it has been helped by the prevention of monopoly evils. We have cheap automobiles, cheap steel, cheap meat and cheap products of many kinds because of the unprecedented efficiency of the great corporations, which have developed these respective industries. On the other hand, the inefficiently managed or poorly planned combination is doomed in advance, whether Government intervenes or not, since it carries within itself the seeds of its own destruction. The bakery proposition, moreover, embodied some chimerical plan of philanthropy which would have made it exceptionally vulnerable in any event. We discussed that feature at length in our issue of last week—pages 661 to 663.

Insolvency returns for January make quite a satisfactory showing in comparison with recent preceding months, as well as with the corresponding month of last year. There is a slight decrease in the number of defaults compared with January a year ago, while the indebtedness involved is very much less this year. January insolvencies numbered 2,296 and the liabilities were \$43,661,444, according to the records of R. G. Dun & Co.; in January of last year the number of failures was 2,317, and the indebtedness \$54,354,032. These figures cover only commercial failures and do not include banking defaults. There was some increase in the number of manufacturing failures in January this year in comparison with a year ago, and the indebtedness involved on account of manufacturing defaults shows a considerable gain over January 1925. On the other hand, trading defaults are fewer and the amount of liabilities on

trading account less this year. Failures of manufacturing concerns numbered 510 last month, against 480 in January 1925, while the indebtedness this year was \$16,093,950, against \$11,909,187 in January a year ago. Trading defaults last month were 1,696, owing in the aggregate \$21,511,872, the figures for January 1925 were; respectively, 1,757 and \$24,654,579. In addition to the above, there were 90 defaults in January of this year of agents and brokers, owing \$6,055,622, against 80 similar insolvencies in January of last year for only \$2,871,966.

The increase in the number of manufacturing failures in January of this year over a year ago is mainly among manufacturers of iron, founders, etc.; manufacturers in the large lumber class, and manufacturers of clothing. Liabilities, too, for each of these three important classes in January of this year exceeded those reported a year ago. Slightly fewer failures are noted among makers of machinery and tools, than in January of last year, and liabilities are less. There are fewer failures also this year among bakers, but the indebtedness shown is somewhat heavier. In the large trading class more defaults again appear among grocers and hotels and restaurants. Decreases, on the other hand, are shown for general stores, dealers in clothing, in dry goods, in shoes and leather goods, with a notable reduction in the number of defaults among dealers in jewelry, although the indebtedness shown for the last mentioned division is again quite heavy. For general stores and dry goods as well as for some other trading classes, liabilities are less this year than a year ago.

The number of large failures in January of this year, that is those where the indebtedness exceeds \$100,000 in each case, is the same in number as last year, but the liabilities are less than they were a year ago. There were 53 of the larger defaults last month, against 53 a year ago, but the indebtedness was \$18,364,205, against \$26,803,026 in January 1925. The larger manufacturing defaults were more numerous and the indebtedness heavier this year, but the reverse was true as to the larger trading failures. There were six of the larger failures among agents and brokers with total liabilities of \$5,258,737. This last figure is rather notable, since there were 90 defaults altogether in this division, but with aggregate liabilities no more than \$6,055,622.

The French Chamber of Deputies has continued to make only slow progress in its efforts to work out a finance plan for the Government. In his account of the proceedings in the Chamber on Feb. 5 the New York "Times" correspondent in Paris apparently gave a very fair idea of the incompetent and absurd way in which this highly important matter has been handled. In part he said: "Seldom has any Parliament presented such a spectacle of tragic comedy as the French Chamber has done during this week's debate of the taxation bill necessary to meet a budgetary deficit of 4,000,000,000 francs and to provide against a new inflation. To-day, like yesterday and the preceding days, was spent in hubbub and confusion with this for a net result: that one clause was adopted, making the income tax payable twice yearly but with a complicated proceeding for the first payment this year, and that all members of Parliament be obliged to publish their total incomes, the number and value of their properties, the number and nature of their automobiles, horses and car-

riages, and that they make a statement of their total wealth on Aug. 1 1914 and Nov. 11 1918. In addition to this comedy, the Deputies voted that all foreigners living in hotels, pensions and furnished apartments who can be considered as having a habitual residence in France shall pay at the end of each month a tax equal to 25% of their rent, to be collected by the landlord. Finally, they considered the punishment of defaulters by increasing all arrears by 200%, but that suggestion was referred back for consideration by the civil law authorities. After this day's work they adjourned until Monday." He also suggested that "if the situation were not full of peril, for it is estimated that the necessity of the new inflation is not perhaps further off than next month unless something radical is done to prevent it, the Chamber's behavior could be regarded with mirth."

Very little progress appears to have been made at the session of the Chamber the next day. The New York "Times" correspondent indicated that chaotic conditions still prevailed. In part he said: "Undismayed by the absurdity of yesterday's proceedings and the trouncing they got in this morning's press, all parties in the Chamber to-day dropped from incoherence and confusion into violence. The strain of the long debate and little progress has begun to tell. Furthermore, the division between the Radicals and Socialists has widened. After two days of private bickering their quarrel is becoming public. After banging his desk and shouting above the din, Vincent Auriol, the Socialists' financial expert, walked out of the session this morning in protest against amendment of a clause which the Financial Commission, of which he is a member, had approved. Ten minutes later it was the turn of M. Lammoureux, the bill's reporter, to walk out, protesting shrilly."

As to reports that Governor Norman of the Bank of England had a plan for stabilizing the French franc that would involve substantial assistance from the United States, the Associated Press representative in Paris cabled on Feb. 6 that "the stabilization of the franc by the use of France's own resources and without outside aid is the ultimate object of Finance Minister Doumer's financial program. This assurance was given in official quarters to-day when attention was called to reports published in the United States, asserting that plans were going forward for enlisting the aid of British and American financial interests. In official circles the measures provided by the Finance Minister are considered sufficient to achieve the end in view." He added that "if M. Doumer's bills are passed by Parliament, or if he obtains equal resources by other bills, he will have made the budget secure against further derangement and it will be balanced so as to stay balanced, the Government believes. In addition, he will have \$4,500,000,000 francs of revenue to refund advances by the Bank of France and to retire debts. Premier Briand and M. Doumer maintain that these operations in themselves will do much to stabilize the franc. The Government feels that it is necessary to put the country's financial house in order as a prerequisite to stabilization. Once that is done it remains to decide what the actual value of the franc ought to be in relation to foreign currencies and to provide means to keep it at that mark."

Premier Briand, according to Paris cable dispatches, did his best to goad the Chamber of Depu-

ties to action. On Feb. 9 the Paris representative of the Associated Press cabled that "Premier Briand warned the Chamber of Deputies to-day that quick action to solve the nation's financial difficulties is necessary. He declared that, unless measures to balance the budget were voted and sent to the Senate within a week, the situation would be dangerous." It was explained that "the Premier's warning was evoked by criticisms from the moderate and conservative opposition, which blamed him for not taking a definite stand relative to the financial measures before the Chamber. M. Briand replied that the Government was following what it considered the best course under the circumstances." Continuing, the correspondent said: "The Premier admitted the budget now shows a deficit of \$4,300,000,000 francs. He asserted that if within five or six days the financial bills had not been sent to the Senate and the Chamber had not voted the necessary resources for balancing the budget, the Government would no longer assume responsibility for the financial troubles of the country. The Government suffered defeat by 287 to 233 on its demand that the measure requiring that all bearer bonds be transformed into nominative bonds should be disjoined from the measure under consideration. Under the reported compromise, the conversion of bearer stock certificates into registered certificates would be made optional, but all investors would be obliged to keep a book in which their stock holdings are entered up, with a complete record of all transfers."

Commenting on the adverse vote, the Paris representative of the New York "Herald Tribune" suggested that, "while the vote in no way endangered the life of the Cabinet, it was another indication of the utter hopelessness of the present Lower House voting on a finance measure on which the stabilization of the franc and the future stabilization of France's Treasury depend, which will satisfy the more conservative Senate or begin to appear equitable to the country's taxpayers."

The situation was summed up in part as follows in a special Paris dispatch to the "Herald Tribune" the same day: "France is on the eve of events the character of which will be determined by this country's undisciplined, disorganized and undirected Chamber of Deputies. The situation after another painful day of inaction on the national fiscal problem by the Lower House may be summed up in the briefest manner as follows: Premier Briand is urging the Deputies to hasten the tax legislation on which the Treasury's ability to meet its internal obligations depends. The Chamber majority, grouped on the Left side of that body, is disdainful of the Premier's advice. A large section of the majority Right Wing, its patience lost, is threatening to abstain from debate or voting. Public opinion is aroused and hostile to the Chamber, while virtually every newspaper in France is fanning this discontent."

Various reasons were given in European cable advices last week as to why the French Government took the lead in asking a postponement from Feb. 15 to May 15 of the proposed Preliminary Disarmament Conference. It was stated also that M. Berenger, the French Ambassador to the United States, would explain the attitude of his Government to

Secretary of State Kellogg. He did this on Feb. 5. The Washington correspondent of the New York "Times" said that he informed Secretary Kellogg, "among other things, that France desires to see Germany in the League of Nations before taking up disarmament questions." He added that "the Ambassador is also understood to have informed Secretary Kellogg that France is anxious to have Russia participate in the disarmament conference and that the Moscow Government had refused to attend any meeting in Switzerland because of a misunderstanding between Russia and the latter country." Continuing, he said that "in to-day's informal conversation the Ambassador is understood to have stressed the point that France did not stand alone in seeking postponement of the meeting, since five other nations had joined in the request, constituting a majority of the League Council. The Ambassador was accompanied to the State Department by Count de Sartiges, Counselor of the French Embassy."

The German Government has made application to join the League of Nations. The formal document was forwarded on Tuesday, Feb. 9, to the Secretariat of the League at Geneva. Two days previous the German Ambassador to France notified Premier Briand that this action would be taken. At that time, according to a special Paris dispatch from the New York "Times" correspondent in the French capital, it was reported that "a meeting of the Council of the League will be called for Feb. 12 for the purpose of arranging a special session of the Assembly to vote on admitting the Reich. This meeting is expected to take place some time in the month of March."

Commenting upon the application of Germany for League membership, the "Times" correspondent said: "The entrance of Germany into the League follows as a consequence of the Locarno Conference, that step being one of the stipulations of the Rhineland Treaty. Furthermore, it is specified in the Locarno treaties that they become effective only after Germany shall have joined the League. The accession of Germany to membership in the League holds great interest from many angles. In the first place, it will add immensely to the power of the League in reducing the forces outside that organization; for with Germany in, the only important nations outside will be the United States and Russia, and there is scarcely any probability of co-operation between Washington and Moscow in rivalry to the League or for any other purpose. Furthermore, Germany's membership will tend to weaken the force of the charge that the League is dominated by the former Allied nations. From the political point of view, Germany as a member promises to bring an important change of line-up in the League. Heretofore there have been two factions, one led by England, the other by France. England has dominated the Council, France has dominated the Assembly. Germany will be a new element and an element to be counted with. Students of the situation expect Germany to become very quickly the world's leading proponent of reduction of armaments, because, naturally, Germany wants other armies, especially that of France, reduced in the proportion hers is reduced by the Treaty of Versailles. Her case is based on the opening sentence of the military section of the treaty, which says the limitations placed upon Germany are with a view to a general arma-

ment reduction. Germans within the League may be expected to contest the French claims for special considerations, the need for security and other issues which Paris seeks to attach to disarmament proceedings."

That the German Government is eager to proceed as rapidly as possible with respect to membership in the League is shown by the following excerpt from a special Paris cablegram to the New York "Herald Tribune," also on Feb. 5: "An important conference on Germany's entrance into the League of Nations was held to-day between Premier Briand and Herr von Hoesch, the German Ambassador, when the latter called on the Premier to ask the procedure which would be followed by the Council after receiving the Reich's application for membership. M. Briand assured the German envoy that a special meeting of the Council would be called, to be followed by an extraordinary meeting of the Assembly, and that every effort would be made to facilitate the formal acceptance of Germany in the Geneva organization, as the Allies are agreed that the Locarno pact is not effective until this is brought about. The Premier found the envoy in entire agreement with the program, as Herr von Hoesch said Germany is anxious to make the process of entering the League short and as quickly as possible. Discussing the question of the make-up of the Council after Germany is awarded a seat, M. Briand expressed the French desire that Poland should also be given a permanent place. On this point the Ambassador said Germany would not be enthusiastic over the idea of Poland being admitted immediately after the Reich's admission, declaring it would seem to be an effort to counterbalance her influence. Dr. von Hoesch said, however, that Germany would be willing to see the Council enlarged by several members, including Poland. The Premier admitted the reasonableness of this attitude and expressed the opinion that the general enlargement of the Council as discussed by him and Sir Austen Chamberlain would be the best policy."

As the week progressed the European cable advices indicated that there was some doubt as to where the postponed Preliminary Disarmament Conference would be held. On Feb. 8 it was stated in a special Geneva dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune" that, "with Germany's agreement to the postponement of the preparatory disarmament conference and the notification by President Vittorio Scialoja, of the Council of the League of Nations, to the other countries invited, including Russia and the United States, that there would be a delay in holding the meeting, the place where the conference shall finally meet has again become a problem." The correspondent said that "it is admitted that the plans for the parley and the place where it will be held depend to a large extent upon the attitude of Germany. The German Foreign Office in its note on Saturday accepted the delay with the understanding that the conference would begin not later than May 15, and indicated that Germany would adopt vigorous measures toward obtaining a disarmament agreement. Signor Scialoja announced to-day that the date of the conference would be determined by the Council of the League at its March meeting, when Germany will be represented. If it becomes evident then that friendly relations between Russia and Switzerland cannot be restored the Council un-

doubtedly will select some neighboring French resort as the scene of the conference, probably Aix-les-Bains. The point has been raised that without Russian participation any progress in disarmament is virtually impossible for Lithuania, Finland, Poland, Rumania and Czechoslovakia. There is widespread feeling that Russia is using the League as a wedge to force the Swiss to agree to terms for the restoration of political and commercial relations with the Soviet, which, it is said, is not really interested in disarmament."

According to a special Paris cablegram to the same paper on that date, the relations between Switzerland and Russia were more encouraging. The correspondent said that "the French Foreign Office received advices from Berne to-night that, contrary to reports, the controversy between Russia and Switzerland over Russia's attendance at the preliminary disarmament conference on Swiss soil had not reached a deadlock, but was on the way toward a settlement. The proposal to hold the conference on French soil did not meet the approval of Premier Briand, who said that this would not only detract from the prestige of the League but probably would not be agreeable to other nations, including the United States. The French Ambassador at Berne is acting as mediator in the dispute between Russia and Switzerland. His reports indicate an impending agreement in which the Swiss will express regret for the assassination of Soviet Envoy Vorovsky at Lausanne and promise adequate protection for Moscow's delegation at the next meeting."

An Associated Press dispatch from Geneva the next day seemed to furnish substantiation of the idea that Switzerland and Russia were coming to an understanding. It was stated that "the League of Nations announced to-day that the first meeting of the Preparatory Commission for its International Economic Conference would be held at Geneva on April 26. This is the first definite news that the meeting will be held in Geneva, there having been uncertainty on this point since Russia announced that she would attend the League's gatherings only if they were held outside of Switzerland. The announcement of this date and place is regarded here as expressing the conviction of League officials that the controversy between Russia and Switzerland will be adjusted, thus eliminating Moscow's objections to Geneva."

Announcement was made in a United Press dispatch from Geneva on Feb. 10 that "Germany's application for membership in the League of Nations has been received by the League Secretariat. The application is without reservations or conditions." A subsequent cablegram from the same centre later in the day said: "Germany's request for admission to the League of Nations was formally handed this morning by the German Consul to the Secretary-General, Sir Eric Drummond. The note was brief and formal, but at the same time a piece of excellent diplomacy. It places Germany in the position of knocking at the front door of the League as an equal of the most powerful and influential nations of the world. The note reads: 'With reference to the German memorandum of September 1924 to the Governments represented on the Council, and to the German note addressed to you, Mr.

Secretary-General, on Dec. 12 1924 and the reply thereto of the Council of the League, dated March 14 1925, as well as to the note of other signatories of the Locarno treaties of Dec. 1 1925, of which a copy is attached, I have the honor, in accordance with Article I of the Covenant of the League of Nations, to formulate herewith, in the name of the German Government, a proposal for the admission of Germany to the League of Nations. I beg you to put this proposal on the agenda of the Assembly as soon as possible.'"

According to a special cable dispatch from Paris under date of Feb. 10, "following a long conversation between Premier Briand and Foreign Minister Vandervelde, it was announced to-night that the French and Belgian Governments are in accord to move as rapidly as possible toward the admission of Germany into the League of Nations. This means definitely there will be no opposition to Germany's entrance, since the only source from which unfavorable action was judged possible now reports favorably. The two statesmen also found themselves in agreement that Germany should be given a place on the Council as soon as admitted to the League, probably in March. It is understood that they also agreed to co-operate toward obtaining for Poland a permanent seat on the Council. The purpose of this is to balance the political aspect of the Council in offsetting an anti-French-German vote by a pro-French-Polish vote. This plan may, however, meet opposition from the English."

Premier Mussolini of Italy has been remarkably active and aggressive recently for the "sick man" that he has been reported to have been for some months. One of his most recent acts was to deliver a vigorous speech in the Chamber of Deputies on Feb. 6 in which he warned Germany in no uncertain terms to stop Tyrol agitation. In a special wireless message to the New York "Times" on that date the following outline of his speech and the manner in which it was received were given: "Goaded by the anti-Italian campaign raging in the German press, and especially by the recent speech of the President of the Bavarian Landstag, Premier Benito Mussolini to-day in a speech in the Chamber, in which humor, biting sarcasm and threats were mingled, threw down the gauntlet to the Germans. 'Let Germany remember,' he cried, while the whole Chamber rose to its feet and cheered as if seized with a paroxysm of fury, 'that Italy is ready if necessary to carry her banners beyond her present frontiers, but, back never!' The Premier stigmatized the German anti-Italian agitation as 'nefarious and ridiculous'; he termed the speech of the President of the Bavarian Landstag as 'unheard of'; he scoffed at Germany's proposal to boycott Italy, threatening to take severe reprisals; he announced his intention of inaugurating a policy of 'two eyes for an eye and a whole set of teeth for the loss of only one tooth.' He invited Germany to reflect that Italy now counts 42,000,000 citizens ready to march at his word, and he referred to Italy's frontier on Brenner Pass as a 'boundary traced by the infallible hand of God.' As is always the case when it is known that Mussolini is going to speak, the Chamber was filled to overcrowding many hours before the beginning of the sitting. The royal box, the diplomatic galleries and places reserved for newspaper men and the public were packed solid with anxious listeners when the

sitting began. The Premier's speech was punctuated every few seconds by a frantic burst of cheering, in which the whole House participated. And the whole proceeding was interrupted at intervals while the Deputies sang in unison Fascist patriotic songs, followed by loud shouts of 'Viva Italia!' 'Viva Fascismo!' 'Viva Mussolini!' Mussolini spoke with calmness, but with cool determination and suppressed energy which thrilled all his hearers."

As might have been expected, Mussolini's speech was not well received in Germany. The New York "Times" representative in Berlin cabled on Feb. 7 that "pain rather than wrath is Wilhelmstrasse's reaction to Mussolini's bellicose pronouncements. But while it is appreciated in official quarters that the Duce's speech was designed primarily for home consumption, the German Government takes it seriously enough to be preparing a public retort." He suggested that "this probably will take the form of a declaration by Foreign Minister Stresemann in replying before the Reichstag to the Nationalists' interpellation on Italian persecution of German culture in Southern Tyrol." He even claimed that, "meanwhile there is a possibility that the German application for membership in the League of Nations will be delayed as a result of Mussolini's oratory. The meeting of the Luther Cabinet, which under President von Hindenburg's chairmanship was to have fixed the time and form of the Reich's communication to Geneva, will be held to-morrow as scheduled, but will probably be devoted more to the Italian question than to the League."

According to an Associated Press dispatch on Feb. 8, "there is much perturbation and no little ill-feeling in Germany over the speech delivered on Saturday afternoon in the Chamber of Deputies in Rome by Premier Mussolini with regard to an anti-Italian campaign alleged to have been propagated by Germans in the upper Adige." It was added that "although the German Government has made no reply, pending receipt of the text of the speech, the utterances of Mussolini are considered the strongest issued by any statesman since the war toward a country with which his country is at peace. Mussolini's address is regarded as having been occasioned by a recent speech of Dr. Held, the militant Bavarian Premier, who requested all good Germans to help their fellow countrymen in Southern Tyrol, which was awarded by the Treaty of St. Germain."

From the Italian capital came a special dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune" on Feb. 7, in which it was claimed that "a boycott of German goods by Italy if the Germans do not cease their propaganda against German tourist traffic in Italy will be the sequel of Premier Mussolini's vigorous protest against the German Nationalist campaign in the Italian province of Upper Adige, it is reported here to-night." The correspondent further stated that "the 'Herald Tribune' is informed from German sources that the commercial interests of Germany are making every effort to iron out the tension, which in view of the fact that Italy is now Germany's greatest market, may ruin many German industrial firms. To uphold the Premier's protest it is pointed out in official circles here that Upper Adige never belonged to Germany, but was a part of Austria before the Treaty of Versailles." He

likewise suggested that "the German propaganda, therefore, is regarded as looking toward a union of Germany and Austria, which Italy would fight to the bitter end. If language privileges are conceded to the German-speaking citizens of Upper Adige, it is said, the inhabitants of the d'Aosta valley, where French was the former language, might claim the same right. That a boycott of German goods would hit the Reich hard is evident from the fact that last year German firms sold more than 2,000,000,000 lire worth of goods to Italy, which far exceeds Italy's sales to Germany."

Subsequent dispatches from Berlin made it plain that while Mussolini's speech was not liked and regarded as unjust and uncalled for, the Government did not contemplate rash action, but, on the contrary, proposed to go ahead as usual, particularly with its application to join the League of Nations. On Feb. 8 the Berlin representative of the New York "Times" said in a wireless dispatch that "republican Germany will reply to the oratorical onslaught of Italian Fascism to-morrow in the form of a Ministerial declaration to be delivered by Foreign Minister Stresemann before the Reichstag. Dr. Stresemann means to outpoint, politely but firmly the unfortunate effect Premier Mussolini's anti-German harangue on the eve of Germany's re-entry into the European political cosmos via the League of Nations is calculated to have upon the spirit of Locarno." He also stated that, "contrary to expectations yesterday, however, the German Government refuses to permit the incident to impede its entry into the League. Following two long sittings held this morning and this evening, the Luther Cabinet unanimously approved the text of the note applying for admission to that body. The communication was sent to-night by special courier to the German Consul-General at Geneva, by whom it will be presented to Sir Eric Drummond, Secretary-General of the League. Its publication is scheduled for Wednesday." The correspondent likewise suggested that "the Cabinet's adherence to its original League program may be due to an impression prevalent in diplomatic and political circles that the Mussolini pronunciamento was deliberately designed to keep the Reich out of the League for the time being lest Geneva and Berlin find too many sympathizers in the German dispute with Fascism."

The French attitude toward the Mussolini speech was outlined in part as follows by the Paris representative of the New York "Times," in a wireless message, also on Feb. 8: "In France Mussolini's speech is frankly regarded as very strong and gets a mixed reception. The papers of the Right who would like to have a dictator for France find that the Duce put Germany where she belongs, and the 'Temps,' which lately has been conspicuously favorable to Mussolini, finds he was justified. On the other hand, the Left papers think there should be no such utterances in Europe, which by right ought to be under the spell of the spirit of Locarno." The correspondent likewise suggested that "the pin pricks that Premier Mussolini pleases himself to push at Germany immediately direct attention to the effort being made by the Germans to absorb Austria, for that would give the Reich and Italy a common frontier, such a development would evidently make it easier for strained situations to arise than

with the buffer end of Austria between the two countries."

Foreign Minister Stresemann made his promised reply to Premier Mussolini in the Reichstag on Feb. 9. The Berlin representative of the Associated Press cabled the following outline of the speech: "The German Government must decline to reply to Premier Mussolini in a tone which is better suited to mass meetings than to diplomatic conversation with other nations." Foreign Minister Stresemann made this declaration in the Reichstag to-day in opening his reply to Saturday's broadside from the Italian Premier regarding the situation in South Tyrol. "We have no quarrel with the Italian people, who, according to Mussolini's own words, written in 1920, have no interests incompatible with the Germans," Dr. Stresemann continued. "German-Italian difficulties, as Mussolini then stated, always were due to misunderstanding and distrust—conditions of mind, rather than conflicting economic or political interests." Going back to the genesis of the South Tyrol problem, the Foreign Minister pointed out that the Italian Governments before the advent of the Fascisti, and also the King, had promised the inhabitants freedom of language, religion and culture. He insisted Germany had no political interest in the problem, but merely a cultural one. Deploring what he termed irresponsible newspaper utterances and the unauthorized attempt by a small group of Munich business men to inaugurate a boycott of Italy, he said the Government was unalterably opposed to such childish measures and was concerned in maintaining the best relations with Germany's neighbors. He characterized Premier Mussolini's speech as 'filled with arrogance, contradictions and vehemence, which attempt to hide the inner weakness of his argument.' He insisted that Mussolini, who had accepted German hospitality earlier in his career, and now derided German tourists, was ungrateful. Holding it unfair that Mussolini had replied to Premier Held of Bavaria without waiting the official text of his speech regarding South Tyrol, he asserted the Federal Government alone was responsible for the German foreign policy."

Through later dispatches from the German capital the same evening it became known that "Paul Loebe, President of the Reichstag, read to that body this evening a declaration that was approved by all parties save only the Communists and which consequently may be regarded as the German Republic's formal commentary on the Fascist dictator's outburst. The declaration runs as follows: 'The German Reichstag vigorously rejects the Italian Prime Minister's objectively unjustifiable and insultingly phrased attacks and sneers. Throughout the whole world the judicial conception prevails that the fate of racially related minorities is followed with heartfelt sympathy by their mother nation and that their struggle for the preservation of their nationality invokes her support. Although the German people desire nothing other than to promote their own restoration in peaceful co-operation with other peoples, they will not permit themselves to be hindered from demanding just treatment of German minorities under foreign sovereignty. Least of all through insulting sneers and senseless threats, from wherever they may come, shall we be deterred from the exercise of this right.'" The New York "Times"

representative said that "thunderous applause from every section of the House except the Communist benches greeted Dr. Loebe's pronouncement, which for the present, as far as Germany is concerned, closes the Mussolini incident."

Rather than being settled, the situation between Italy and Germany appeared to grow more intense. Instead of letting the matter drop, as had been predicted, Premier Mussolini made a reply in the Italian Senate on Feb. 10 to Foreign Minister Stresemann's speech in the Reichstag of the day before. He was quoted by the Associated Press representative at Rome as saying, "I confirm the letter and spirit of my previous speech, not excluding the accent upon my phrase referring to the possibility of the Italian flag going beyond the Brennero frontier, which Stresemann can interpret as he chooses. Stresemann in his speech merely confirmed all the points I made." According to the correspondent, "Mussolini asserted Italians would interpret his phrase in regard to the Brennero Pass as meaning that Italy would never endure violations of the treaties of peace guaranteeing a frontier won by blood. He said Dr. Stresemann had not denied a single one of the charges he had made in his speech of Saturday, and denied categorically that Italy ever would ask for a supplementary guarantee pact in regard to the Brennero frontier." The dispatch further stated that "he concluded by declaring that the German population in the territory did not constitute a national minority, that Italy would not accept any discussion of the matter in any assembly or council (an apparent reference to the League of Nations) and that the Fascist Government would 'react with maximum energy against any plan of this nature.'"

The Italian Chamber of Deputies has adopted the plan recently agreed upon in London for settling the war debt of Italy to Great Britain. The vote in the Chamber was taken on Feb. 5 and was 224 to 1. Count Volpi, Chairman of the Italian War Debt Commission to both the United States and Great Britain, on his arrival from London on that date, "received a tremendous reception in the Chamber of Deputies, which wished in this way to show him its satisfaction at the settlement of war debts." In his account of the proceedings the Rome correspondent of the New York "Times" said that, "rising to explain the Washington and London debt agreements, Count Volpi stated that the Italian people have now maintained the promise made in their name by Premier Mussolini that they would pay their war debts within the limits of their financial possibilities. The Italian foreign debt, he continued, which, with the fluctuation of exchange, at some moments reached a figure as high as 130,000,000,000 lire, has been reduced to a debt payable in 62 years, of which the present value is roughly 18,000,000,000 lire. Italy now has, he stated further, no other war debts, but has important war credits. Count Volpi repeated what he said after the Washington agreement, namely, that no nation has been vanquished and no nation has been victorious in the debt agreements with America and England. Both at Washington and London there was merely a serene discussion which led to an honest, equitable settlement. This result, he added, has been reached without the debt settlement being connected in any way, shape or form with other problems, either economic or political. After rapidly sketching England's debt situa-

tion, which he said is rendered onerous for the British taxpayers by the heavy payments England is making to America, he paid homage to Winston Churchill's 'sense of comprehension and responsibility.' On Feb. 10 the Italian Senate adopted both the American and British plans.

London and Paris cable dispatches have indicated that the French were considerably upset over the war debt settlement terms given to Italy by Great Britain. The French were said to have regarded them as unduly easy, and, therefore, that Great Britain would derive some trade advantage from Italy. Relative to this alleged situation, the London representative of "The Sun" cabled on Feb. 8 that "in reply to questions by Commander Kenworthy (Liberal), Premier Baldwin stated categorically in the House of Commons this afternoon that no political or commercial arrangements had been entered into with Italy, and that no concessions of any sort had been obtained in connection with the recent settlement of the Italian war debt." It was suggested that "the Prime Minister's statement comes at a time when a considerable part of the French press is openly insisting that a new form of rapprochement with Italy followed the conversations of Sir Austen Chamberlain and Signor Mussolini at Rapallo and the conclusion of the debt-funding negotiations at London. These reports aroused considerable anxiety in Opposition quarters, and when the debate on the Italian settlement takes place, it is certain that a more detailed statement will be sought from the Government. But Mr. Baldwin's statement to-day is sufficient to allay the fears of most members." The correspondent added that "the chief political significance of that settlement, so some of the Government supporters declared, is that it did not mar the good relationship of the two countries. But the cry has already been raised in certain quarters and has found a voice in the press, that the easy terms accorded to Italy makes it possible for Signor Mussolini to consider some grandiose scheme of Italian expansion at the expense of the British taxpayer."

Considerable curiosity was aroused in the British House of Commons for a day or two by the attitude of Philip Snowden, temporary leader of the Labor Party, toward Lloyd George, leader of the small Liberal Party, and former Prime Minister. On Feb. 4 Snowden "moved the official Labor Party amendment to the King's speech." It was claimed that he "threw bouquets and the 'glad eye' toward Lloyd George." The New York "Times" representative cabled on Feb. 5 that "political circles have been buzzing with the question, 'What does it all mean?'" Continuing his account, the correspondent said: "After Snowden's speech he and Lloyd George talked earnestly for quite a while and, that too, set tongues wagging. The general view was that Lloyd George had finally decided to lean toward Labor, even toward out and out Socialism, in an endeavor to bring Liberalism back as an important factor in present-day British politics. But to-night the situation is almost as mysterious as it was yesterday when Snowden started his political flirtation with Lloyd George. Following a long speech by Lloyd George this afternoon in the House of Commons, the wiseacres seem just as much at sea as ever."

The London representative of the New York "Herald Tribune" cabled on Feb. 5 also that "Philip

Snowden's political flirtation with David Lloyd George came to a sad end to-night when the war-time Premier, with other Liberals, including Sir John Simon, walked into the Government lobby and helped in the defeat of the Labor amendment to the King's speech by a vote of 299 to 112." He insisted that the reports of a coming joining of forces by Snowden and Lloyd George had been greatly overdrawn. With respect to this matter he said: "Too much importance must not be attached to Snowden's 'glad eye.' He undoubtedly would like to see some sort of an arrangement between the Liberals and the Laborites and said so in his speech last week. Moreover, he is now personally friendly to Lloyd George, whose close neighbor he is in Surrey. But the rank and file of the Laborites are not as anxious for co-operation as Snowden, as their speeches in the Commons debate showed. Nevertheless, Snowden has restored better feeling between the Opposition parties and it will be interesting if Ramsay MacDonald, who returns from a trip next week, will preserve this relationship." He further asserted that, "on the slender foundation of the facts that Mr. Snowden, who was Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Labor Government, said during his speech on Socialism last night that he preferred Lloyd George's land reform plan to Premier Baldwin's agricultural proposals and that later Lloyd George came and sat on the Labor front bench, talking with Snowden for ten minutes, political writers in many of to-day's newspapers gave full rein to their imaginations and wrote columns about a pending Liberal-Labor amalgamation, or even the formation of a new party. When the House of Commons met this afternoon the lobbies fairly buzzed with gossip about Snowden's political wooing. The topic crept into the debate. Neville Chamberlain, the Minister of Health, said Snowden gave Lloyd George the 'glad eye.' Lloyd George, however, denied that there had been any consultation between him and Snowden. All that happened, he said, was that 'two intelligent and well-informed minds had approached the same problem with an earnest and honest desire to solve it on the right lines.' During the voting the Liberals again split, the radicals abstaining and the Lloyd George coalitionists going to the Government's lobby."

Cable advices from London relative to the labor situation were conflicting. On Feb. 8 the representative of the New York "Times" said that, "as the time draws near for the presentation of the report of the Royal Commission appointed to try to find a way out of the economic and sociological troubles with which the British coal mining industry is faced, public anxiety increases." He added that "the subsidy given to the industry five months ago to tide it over its difficulties pending the Commission's report has already cost the nation £12,000,000. In the face of this expenditure, which, it is expected, will be almost double before it ceases in May, Premier Baldwin was able to hold out in the House of Commons to-night no more roseate a promise of final settlement than that he 'hoped from his information that very shortly an agreement might be come to.'"

On the very same date the New York "Herald Tribune" correspondent cabled that "Premier Baldwin said in the House of Commons to-night that an agreement might be reached in a short time in Great Britain's coal industry. He said that Sir Arthur

Steel-Maitland, the Minister of Labor, and Colonel G. R. Lane-Fox were keeping in close touch with all questions affecting the coal fields, and he hoped soon to see a satisfactory arrangement between the miners and operators. Colonel Lane-Fox said that he had 'every reason to believe' that an agreement would be reached. The Marquess of Londonderry, who is a large coal owner, recently resigned from the Ulster Government in order to bring together both sides of the industry. In addition, the British Government has let it be known that it would be willing to follow the precedent set by the Irish boundary settlement and drop the report now being drafted by Sir Herbert Samuels and the Coal Commission, if the owners and miners succeeded in reaching an agreement."

No change has been noted in official bank rates at leading European centres from 8% in Berlin; 7% in Italy and Belgium; 6% in Paris and Norway; 5½% in Denmark; 5% in London and Madrid; 4½% in Sweden and 3½% in Holland and Switzerland. In London open market discount rates continue to decline fractionally and short bills closed at 4 1-16@4½%, against 4½@4 9-16% last week, with three months' bills at 4⅜@4 7-16%, against 4½@4 9-16% last week. Call money in London, on the other hand, was strong for a while, touching 4½%, but closed at 4%, as compared with 4⅛% the previous week. At Paris the open market discounts are still quoted at 4¼%, and at Switzerland at 2⅜%, the same as heretofore.

The statement of the Bank of France shows a further small gain in the gold item the present week, namely 7,025 francs. Total gold holdings therefore now aggregate 5,548,184,450 francs. Last year for the corresponding date the total was 5,545,698,600 francs and the year before it was 5,541,073,135 francs. Of these amounts 1,864,320,907 francs were held abroad in each of the years 1926, 1925 and 1924. Note circulation fell 381,474,000 francs, bringing the total notes in circulation down to 51,089,457,680 francs, which compares with 40,777,648,495 francs for the same time last year and 38,932,819,805 francs the year previous. The French Government repaid 450,000,000 francs more to the Bank, reducing the total of advances to the State to 32,850,000,000 francs. During the week silver holdings rose 35,000 francs and trade advances increased 62,935,000 francs, while on the other hand bills discounted decreased 1,310,577,000 francs, treasury deposits declined 1,578,000 francs and general deposits fell 277,009,000 francs. Comparison of the different items in this week's return with the figures of last week and on corresponding dates in both 1925 and 1924 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT:

	Changes for Week.	Status as of—		
		Feb. 11 1926.	Feb. 12 1925.	Feb. 14 1924.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold Holdings—				
In France—Inc.	7,025	3,683,863,543	3,681,377,693	3,676,752,227
Abroad—	Unchanged	1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907
Total—Inc.	7,025	5,548,184,450	5,545,698,600	5,541,073,135
Silver—Inc.	35,000	324,762,477	305,065,266	297,259,906
Bills discounted—Dec.	1,310,577,000	3,043,978,970	4,807,414,596	3,575,160,102
Treas. advances—Inc.	62,935,000	2,550,173,371	3,071,748,944	2,441,324,391
Note circulation—Dec.	381,474,000	51,089,457,680	40,777,648,495	38,932,819,805
Treas. deposits—Dec.	1,578,000	32,369,348	10,169,195	38,205,035
General deposits—Dec.	277,009,000	2,823,088,939	1,878,261,324	2,077,032,892

The Bank of England reported another, though smaller, gain in gold (£43,669) in its statement for the week ending Feb. 10, while the reserve in gold

and notes in the banking department rose £906,000, owing to the fact that note circulation decreased £862,000. The proportion of reserve to liabilities fell a trifle—to 18.32%, as against 18.51% last week. In the corresponding week of 1925 the ratio stood at 18⅞% and a year earlier at 19.05%. Expansion occurred in all of the deposit and loan accounts. Public deposits increased £4,120,000 and "other" deposits £2,076,000. Loans on Government securities were augmented £945,000, and loans on other securities showed an increase of £4,350,000. The bank's gold holdings aggregate £144,556,776, which compares with £128,577,329 last year (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 £128,083,422 in 1924. Reserve amounts to £23,234,000, in comparison with £23,479,419 a year ago and £22,634,327 the year before that. The loan total is £77,586,000, as against £73,460,483 and £69,431,421 one and two years ago, respectively. Note circulation stands at £141,092,000. Last year it was £124,847,910 and £125,199,085 a year earlier. No change has been made in the official discount rate from 5%, the level previously prevailing. We append herewith comparisons of the different items of the Bank of England return for a series of years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
	Feb. 10.	Feb. 11.	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	Feb. 15.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation—	b141,092,000	124,847,910	125,199,095	120,719,230	121,752,490
Public deposits—	17,887,000	9,569,278	14,466,839	19,517,200	14,911,673
Other deposits—	108,813,000	115,081,190	104,354,872	106,726,844	137,461,763
Government securities—	43,948,000	45,819,540	44,849,182	48,507,299	64,425,565
Other securities—	77,686,000	73,460,483	69,431,421	70,623,032	80,565,926
Reserve notes & coin—	23,214,000	23,479,419	22,634,327	25,224,195	25,460,029
Coin and bullion—	a144,556,776	128,577,329	128,083,422	127,493,425	128,702,519
Proportion of reserve to liabilities—	18.32%	18⅞%	19.05%	20%	16⅜%
Bank rate—	5%	4%	4%	3%	4½%

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

The weekly report of the German Reichsbank, issued as of Feb. 6, indicated shrinkage in note circulation amounting to 85,706,000 marks, which contrasts with an increase of more than 300,000,000 marks a week ago. Other liabilities expanded 26,801,000 marks. On the assets' side, the Bank reported a decline in holdings of bills of exchange and checks of 53,049,000 marks, and 5,767,000 marks in advances. A gain was reported in reserve in foreign currencies of 208,000 marks; in silver and other coins of 2,636,000 marks; in notes on other banks of 12,540,000 marks, and in other assets of 170,323,000 marks. An increase of 165,000 marks occurred in investments. Gold reserves continue to mount, gold and bullion holdings being now at 1,255,617,000 marks, a gain for the week of 622,000 marks. At this time a year ago the total held was 844,807,000 marks and a year earlier 467,031,000 marks. Note circulation now outstanding aggregates 2,563,103,000 marks.

Expansion in rediscounting constituted the principal feature of the Federal Reserve banks' weekly statements, issued at the close of business on Thursday. This occurred both locally and nationally. Gold holdings were reduced at New York, but showed a gain for the System, while open market operations were larger in New York, and slightly smaller for the banks as a group. The combined System reported an increase in gold reserve of

\$3,000,000. Rediscounts of both Government secured and "other" paper mounted approximately \$45,600,000, so that total bills discounted now aggregate \$533,372,000, as compared with \$487,796,000 last week and \$331,806,000 a year ago. Holdings of bills bought in the open market were reduced \$1,700,000. Total bills and securities (earning assets) increased \$28,000,000 and deposits \$13,600,000. Increases also took place in Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation, \$5,300,000, and in member bank reserve accounts \$23,800,000. At New York a loss in gold of \$14,300,000 was shown. An increase of about \$31,100,000 occurred in the rediscounts of all classes of bills, which carried the total up to \$188,644,000, against \$149,071,000 last year. Bill buying in the open market expanded \$15,600,000. Increases were also recorded in total bills and securities of \$43,500,000; in the amount of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation of \$3,400,000 and in member bank reserve accounts of \$23,300,000. Deposits were augmented \$20,100,000. The reserve ratios declined slightly, mainly because of increases in the deposit items. At New York a decline of 2.7% brought the ratio down to 78.9%, while the group statement showed a loss of 0.3%, to 74.2%.

Last Saturday's statement of the New York Clearing House banks and trust companies revealed heavy shifting of funds in some directions and several noteworthy changes. Chief among these was an increase in surplus of more than \$33,000,000, the result mainly of a substantial addition to the reserve of member banks in the Federal Reserve Bank. Loans were reduced \$809,000. Net demand deposits expanded \$16,869,000, to \$4,453,177,000, which is exclusive of \$43,787,000 in Government deposits. On the other hand, time deposits fell \$7,062,000, to \$572,144,000. A nominal increase was reported in cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank, namely, \$138,000, to \$48,267,000. This total, however, is not counted as reserve. Reserves of State banks and trust companies in own vaults gained \$387,000, and reserves kept by these institutions in other depositories increased \$272,000. Member banks, as shown above, added to their reserves at the Reserve institution the sum of \$35,139,000, so that despite expansion in deposits, surplus was increased \$33,797,110, bringing total excess reserves up to \$39,077,290, as against \$5,280,180 the previous week. The figures here given for surplus are based on legal reserve requirements of 13% against demand deposits for member banks of the Federal Reserve System, but not including \$48,267,000 cash in vault held by these member institutions on Saturday last.

Inasmuch as last Saturday's statement of the New York Clearing House banks and trust companies showed a substantial increase in excess reserve, the high rates for call money early this week were regarded in some circles as rather surprising. The calling of loans was attributed to a desire to strengthen their position, following the publication on Feb. 6 of the first official statement by the New York Stock Exchange showing a total of brokers' loans as of Jan. 31 of upwards of \$3,513,000,000. Equal surprise was occasioned in speculative circles on Feb. 10 by a drop in call money to 4½% after loans had renewed at 5½%. On Thursday the renewal rate was 5%, while a 4½% quota-

tion was established again in the afternoon. It was assumed that most of the large amount of money that was reported to have appeared in the Street that day came from out of town. If the financial institutions had in mind the checking of speculation in stocks and the borrowing of money with which to finance their operations, by advancing the rates for call money, it would seem that they failed to a great extent, as the transactions in stocks on the New York Stock Exchange alone were close to the 2,000,000-share mark for the first four days of this week. While at first the total of brokers' loans as reported by the Stock Exchange was regarded as large, it was suggested later that it was not, at least in comparison with the aggregate market value of stocks and bonds listed on the Exchange. According to Washington dispatches early this week there was no apprehension at that centre over the volume of collateral loans outstanding. Some recessions in certain lines of business are reported, but the grand total of the turnover must be large, or the car loadings of the railroads could not hold up the way they have done. A large volume of financing has gone forward again this week, and has included considerable for foreign account.

Referring to money rates in detail, loans on call have ranged between 4½% and 5½%, as against 4@5½% last week. Monday the high was 5½%, the low 5% and also the charge for renewals. On Tuesday no loans were made under 5½%, which was the only rate named. Call funds again renewed at 5½% on Wednesday; the high was still 5½%, but before the close there was a decline to 4½%. Increased ease developed on Thursday, and the range dropped to 4½@5%, with 5% the renewal basis. Friday was a legal holiday in New York (Lincoln's Birthday).

In time money the market was quiet, but steady, with quotations unchanged from 4½@4¾% for all maturities from sixty days to six months, the same as a week ago. Offerings continue light. Large borrowers, however, remain out of the market. No important individual trades were reported.

Mercantile paper rates continue to be quoted at 4@4¼% for four to six months' names of choice character, with names not so well known still requiring 4¼@4½%. New England mill paper and the shorter choice names are being dealt in at 4%, unchanged. A fair demand was reported, but as supplies of the best names were as light as ever, trading was only moderately active.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances ruled quiet, but steady, and without new feature. Interior institutions absorbed most of the offerings, which continue restricted, so that the aggregate turnover was not large. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council is now 4%, against 3½% last week. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rate on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks 3⅝% bid and 3½% asked for bills running 30 days, 3¾% bid and 3⅝% asked for 60 and 90 days, 3⅞% bid and 3¾% asked for 120 days, 4⅞% bid and 4% asked for 150 days and 4¼% bid and 4⅞% asked for 180 days. Open market quotations are as follows:

	SPOT DELIVERY.		
	90 Days.	60 Days.	30 Days.
Prime eligible bills.....	3¼@3¾	3¼@3¾	3¼@3¾

FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.

Eligible member banks.....	3½ bld
Eligible non-member banks.....	3½ bld

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 FEB. 12 1926.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.	Paper Maturity—					
	Within 90 Days.				After 90 Days, but Within 6 Months.	After 6 but Within 9 Months
	Com'mercial Agricul' & Livestock Paper. n.e.s.	Secured by U. S. Govern't Obliga- tions.	Bankers' Accep- tances.	Trade Accep- tances.	Agricul.* and Livestock Paper.	Agricul' and Livestock Paper.
Boston.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
New York.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Philadelphia.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Cleveland.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Richmond.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Atlanta.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Chicago.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
St. Louis.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Minneapolis.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Kansas City.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Dallas.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
San Francisco.....	4	4	4	4	4	4

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

volume of business transacted was small. Quoted rates were firmly held on Tuesday, though with very little trading activity; demand ruled at 4 86 1-16 all day, cable transfers at 4 86 7-16 and sixty days at 4 82 13-16. Wednesday market operations were almost at a standstill because of the crippling of local traffic owing to a heavy snow storm; quotations which were largely nominal, remained at 4 86 for demand, 4 86 7-16 for cable transfers and 4 82½ for sixty days. Pre-holiday inactivity developed on Thursday so that the amount of exchange changing hands was comparatively small, and demand continued at 4 86, cable transfers at 4 86 ¾ and sixty days at 4 82¾. Friday was observed as a legal holiday in New York, (Lincoln's Birthday). Closing quotations on Thursday were 4 82¾ for sixty days, 4 86 for demand and 4 86¾ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4 85⅞, sixty days at 4 82¼, ninety days at 4 81½, documents for payment (sixty days) at 4 82½ and seven-day grain bills at 4 84¾. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 85⅞.

While no gold was definitely reported this week for either export or import, the Bank of Manhattan Co. is said to be expecting a second shipment of \$1,000,000 gold from Canada. The Bank of England reported the sale of about £100,000 in sovereigns for export to Holland and India. Earlier in the week the institution again purchased a considerable amount of gold.

In Continental exchange also trading was intermittent and restricted in character, with irregular price movements, notably in francs and lire. As a matter of fact most of the limited business passing was in these two currencies and attention centred chiefly in the up-and-down movements that characterized the week's operations in the same. Italian lire were dealt in quite actively at intervals and the quotation, as a result of buying support, said to be of an official nature (for account of the Italian National Institute of Exchange), advanced to 4.02⅞, the highest figure named in several weeks, and more than 5 points above the recent low record. No specific reason was assigned for the increased volume of buying other than that the Italian Institute had completed certain special transactions that necessitated the selling that forced down price levels a week ago and was once more in a position to lend substantial support as heretofore. French francs, on the other hand, turned weak and suffered a setback as a result of unsettling rumors of the unfavorable reception that is being accorded to M. Doumer's finance bill in the Chamber of Deputies. After opening at 3.74, there was a drop to 3.65, or under the low point established some time ago. Considerable uneasiness is felt over the possibility of failure of either all or a large proportion of the Briand finance program; hence the warning of the French Premier before the Chamber to the effect that if the important provisions of the measure were not passed within a week, so as to allow the Treasury to strengthen its position, an exceedingly grave situation, both politically and financially, would develop. This statement was interpreted as meaning that if the Cabinet failed to receive proper support it would call for another vote of confidence, failure to receive which would undoubtedly lead to a fresh collapse in franc values. It is worth noting that the section of the finance bill which was actually passed, relating to the doing away of bearer securities and allowing the

Dulness characterized trading in sterling exchange this week and the market was featureless and generally neglected. Price movements were unusually narrow and though for the most part the undertone was steady, demand bills at no time went above 4 86 1-16, while the low for the week was 4 86. Buying on the part of British banks appears for the moment to have subsided, and speculative interest in sterling is practically nil. Commercial offerings continue light, which, of course, helped to sustain quotations; as also did the fact that the Bank of England in its weekly return again reported a gain in gold, though small, namely £43,669. What in all probability constituted the most noteworthy development of an otherwise dull week, was the announcement by cable that the Indian demand for gold has quite suddenly attained fairly considerable proportions. India is reported as having taken the £350,000 offered in London this week, as well as £432,000 from South Africa. This is regarded as a factor likely to exercise an important bearing on the future of sterling. Quotations on rupees have been very strong lately, in fact the tendency has been to advance beyond the stabilized level of \$.3675. Should this be continued it will likely cause the withdrawal of large amounts of the precious metal from London. Bankers here are keeping close watch over the entire situation, and the opinion seems to be quite general that India's requirements of gold this year will have not a little to do with determining the course of sterling prices, also possibly the scope of gold shipments between New York and London. Toward the end of the week interruption of normal traffic from heavy snow-storms and the usual tendency to pre-holiday inactivity incidental to the Lincoln's Birthday celebration, brought trading almost to a standstill.

Referring to the more detailed quotations sterling exchange on Saturday last was a shade easier, with demand at 4 86 1-16 (one rate) all day, cable transfers at 4 86 7-16 and sixty days at 4 82 13-16; trading was dull and featureless. On Monday the market was fairly steady, although there was a decline to 4 86 for demand; the high, however, was 4 86 1-16, while cable transfers ranged between 4 86¾ and 4 86 7-16 and sixty days at 4 82¾ @ 4 82 13-16; the

Government to examine registration books, had a depressing rather than enheartening influence, since it will likely tend to increase capital exports and stimulate the liquidation of franc securities. Paris this week was the heaviest seller of francs, speculators at foreign centres being inactive. Local dealers took no part in the dealings.

No important changes occurred in the remainder of the list and trading was dull and lifeless. Greek currency moved down, from 1.50 at the opening to 1.41, on realizing sales. The minor Central European exchanges remained at close to the levels of a week ago, except Polish zloties, which fell back to 13.50. German and Austrian exchange continue to be quoted nominally, without trading activity. Antwerp francs are still firmly held at a fraction over 4.53.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 131.78, compared with 129.75 a week ago. In New York, sight bills on the French centre finished at 3.67½, against 3.74; cable transfers at 3.68½, against 3.75; commercial sightbills at 3.66½, against 3.73, and commercial sixty days at 3.62, against 3.68½ last week. Antwerp francs closed the week at 4.53¾ for checks and 4.54¾ for cable transfers, in comparison with 4.53¾ and 4.54¾ the preceding week. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.81 (one rate) for both checks and cable transfers, the same as heretofore. Austrian kronen continue to be quoted at 0.0014⅛, unchanged. Lire finished at 4.02¾ for bankers' sight bills and at 4.03¾ for cable remittances. Last week the close was 4.02⅛ and 4.03⅛. Exchange on Czechoslovakia closed at 2.96⅜, against 2.96¼; on Bucharest at 0.43¼, against 0.44; and on Finland at 2.52, against 2.52¼. Polish zloties after ruling at 13.90 for awhile, turned weak and finished at 13.50, against 13.90 last week. Greek drachmae closed at 1.41 for checks and at 1.41½ for cable transfers. This compares with 1.48½ and 1.49 the previous week.

The former neutral exchanges moved narrowly under a small volume of trading. Guilders advanced 3 points, then fell back to 40.04¼, which is the lowest point possible without drawing gold from London. Free offerings of grain bills were held responsible for the drop. Swiss francs ruled nearly all week at 19.27, then sagged, while the Scandinavians remained within a very few points of the levels prevailing at the close of last week, except Danish kronen, which closed strong. Spanish pesetas again lost ground and declined 5 points to 14.05, though recovering before the close. This declining tendency is attributed to Spain's unsettled political and financial status and to the after-effects of the expensive and long-drawn-out Moroccan campaign.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam closed at 40.05, against 40.08; cable transfers at 40.07, against 40.10; commercial sight bills at 39.97, against 40.00, and commercial sixty days at 39.61, against 39.64 a week ago. Swiss francs finished at 19.25 for bankers' sight bills and at 19.26 for cable transfers, as compared with 19.27 and 19.28 last week. Copenhagen checks closed at 24.81 and cable transfers at 24.85, against 24.65 and 24.69. Checks on Sweden finished at 26.75 and cable transfers at 26.79, against 26.74 and 26.78, while checks on Norway closed at 20.30 and cable transfers at 20.34, against 20.31½ and 20.35½ a week earlier. Spanish pesetas finished at 14.08½ for checks and 14.10½ for cable transfers, as compared with 14.10 and 14.12 the week preceding.

The South American exchanges continue to move downward and Argentine pesos closed at a decline of about 34 points, at 40.84 for checks and at 40.89 for cable transfers, against 41.18 and 41.23; this was however attributed to purely seasonal influences. Brazilian milreis on the other hand showed improvement and finished at 14.71 for checks and at 14.76 for cable transfers, in comparison with 14.56 and 14.58 last week. Chilean exchange was easier also, closing at 12.10, against 12.14, while Peru was weak and finished at 3.83, against 3.87 a week ago.

The Far Eastern exchanges ruled quiet and without important change. Hong Kong finished at 58⅜@58⅝, against 58½@58⅞; Shanghai at 75¼@75½; against 75¼@75½; Yokohama at 45½@45½, against 45⅝@45⅞; Manila at 49⅝@49⅞, against 49⅝@49¾; Singapore at 57@57¼ (unchanged); Bombay at 37@37¼ (unchanged), and Calcutta at 36¾@37 (unchanged).

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

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922, FEB. 6 1926 TO FEB. 12 1926, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	Feb. 6.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	Feb. 10.	Feb. 11.	Feb. 12.
EUROPE—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Austria, schilling*.....	14076	14056	14057	14052	14049	
Belgium, franc.....	0455	0455	0454	0455	0454	
Bulgaria, lev.....	006871	007072	007111	007069	007057	
Czechoslovakia, krone.....	029624	029615	029615	029613	029616	
Denmark, krone.....	2467	2461	2463	2472	2482	
England, pound sterling.....	4.8637	4.8641	4.8638	4.8635	4.8636	
Finland, markka.....	025211	025198	025203	025208	025204	
France, franc.....	0374	0371	0368	0367	0370	
Germany, reichsmark.....	2381	2381	2381	2381	2381	
Greece, drachma.....	014973	014598	014373	014418	041381	
Holland, guilder.....	4010	4010	4008	4007	4007	
Hungary, pengo.....	1758	1755	1758	1756	1756	
Italy, lira.....	0403	0403	0403	0404	0404	
Norway, krone.....	2034	2031	2031	2033	2034	
Poland, zloty.....	1339	1333	1336	1346	1353	
Portugal, escudo.....	0512	0513	0514	0513	0514	
Rumania, lei.....	004379	004363	004364	004329	004317	
Spain, peseta.....	1411	1408	1407	1407	1412	
Sweden, krona.....	2678	2678	2678	2678	2678	
Switzerland, franc.....	1927	1927	1926	1926	1926	
Yugoslavia, dinar.....	017616	017605	017599	017603	017584	
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo, tael.....	7708	7717	7708	7713	7683	HOLIDAY
Hankow, tael.....	7641	7650	7647	7650	7638	
Shanghai, tael.....	7396	7405	7408	7409	7391	
Tientsin, tael.....	7788	7800	7788	7792	7767	
Hong Kong, dollar.....	5805	5805	5812	5807	5795	
Mexican dollar.....	5381	5392	5388	5390	5381	
Tientsin or Pelyang, dollar.....	5429	5425	5429	5433	5400	
Yuan, dollar.....	5558	5554	5558	5563	5550	
India, rupee.....	3677	3678	3677	3677	3677	
Japan, yen.....	4500	4494	4494	4498	4507	
Singapore (S.S.), dollar.....	5667	5667	5667	5667	5667	
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar.....	997344	996897	995708	995848	996975	
Cuba, peso.....	999219	999656	999719	999500	1,000063	
Mexico, peso.....	484333	484667	484667	485000	484500	
Newfoundland, dollar.....	994906	994570	993125	993250	994625	
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold).....	9361	9365	9343	9287	9284	
Brazil, milreis.....	1489	1484	1481	1481	1477	
Chile, peso (paper).....	1214	1211	1214	1214	1213	
Uruguay, peso.....	1,0294	1,0324	1,0311	1,0325	1,0315	

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

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$3,153,458 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ended Feb. 11. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$4,656,458, while the shipments have reached \$1,503,000, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.			
Week Ended February 11.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$4,656,458	\$1,503,000	Gain \$3,153,458

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, Feb. 6.	Monday, Feb. 8.	Tuesday, Feb. 9.	Wednesday, Feb. 10.	Thursday, Feb. 11.	Friday, Feb. 12.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 93,000,000	\$ 94,000,000	\$ 68,000,000	\$ 85,000,000	\$ 72,000,000	\$ Holiday	Cr 412,000,000

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

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

Banks of	February 11 1926.			February 12 1925.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 144,556,776	£ -----	£ 144,556,776	£ 128,577,329	£ -----	£ 128,577,329
France a	147,354,542	12,960,000	160,314,542	147,255,108	12,200,000	159,455,108
Germany c	48,732,450	d994,600	49,727,050	32,308,300	d994,600	33,302,900
Aus-Hun	b2,000,000	b -----	b2,000,000	b2,000,000	b -----	b2,000,000
Spain	101,475,000	25,477,000	127,952,000	101,437,000	26,464,000	127,901,000
Italy	35,675,000	3,396,000	39,071,000	35,583,000	3,372,000	38,955,000
Netherl'ds	36,354,000	2,142,000	38,496,000	42,041,000	1,313,000	43,354,000
Nat. Belg	10,954,000	3,652,000	14,606,000	10,890,000	2,972,000	13,862,000
Switzerl'd	17,484,000	3,684,000	21,168,000	19,954,000	3,581,000	23,535,000
Sweden	12,778,000	-----	12,778,000	13,026,000	-----	13,026,000
Denmark	11,624,000	825,000	12,449,000	11,640,000	1,154,000	12,794,000
Norway	8,180,000	-----	8,180,000	8,180,000	-----	8,180,000
Total week	577,167,768	54,130,600	631,298,368	552,891,737	52,050,600	604,942,337
Prev. week	578,638,218	53,855,600	632,493,818	552,658,757	51,695,600	604,354,357

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £74,572,836 held abroad. b No recent figures. c Gold holdings of the Bank of Germany this year are exclusive of £13,048,300 held abroad. d As of Oct. 7 1924.

Mussolini and Germany.

Under ordinary circumstances it would be difficult to take seriously such an extraordinary outburst as Premier Mussolini permitted himself on Feb. 6 in his speech in the Italian Chamber, or to believe that what was said on that occasion or in a further speech on Feb. 10, was the considered language of the head of a great European Government. The immediate occasion of the first speech was the irritation felt in Italy at the outspoken criticisms which have appeared lately in the German press and in a recent speech of the Premier of Bavaria regarding Italian policy in South Tyrol, a part of the former Austrian territory which was assigned to Italy by the Peace Conference, and in which there is a considerable but minority German population. The criticisms were severe and in some cases apparently false, but the rejoinder of Mussolini so far overstepped the bounds which responsible statesmen ordinarily respect as to place Italian foreign policy toward Germany and Austria in a highly unfavorable light, and aroused widespread apprehension as to what the immediate future may have in store.

In phrases which at best were covered by only the thinnest veil of allusion, and which at times were frank to the point of rudeness, Mussolini, in his first speech, arraigned Germany for its alleged hostility to Italy, declared that the anti-Italian campaign in the German press was "nefarious" and "ridiculous," denounced the recent speech of the Bavarian Premier as "absolutely unheard of," characterized as "ridiculous nonsense" the allegations of Italian violence in the Upper Adige, reminded Germany that Italy was a nation of 42,000,000 people plus 10,000,000 abroad, dwelt upon "our spirit, our sense of dignity, our moral force," and proclaimed a "new formula" of "two eyes for the loss of only one eye and a whole set of teeth for the loss of only one tooth." "We will apply," he continued, "rigor-

ously, methodically, obstinately, with a system of cool tenacity which is typical of Fascismo, all our laws to the inhabitants of the Upper Adige," both "those this Chamber has voted and those it will vote in the future." "We will render that region Italian because it is Italian, both historically and geographically. The boundary of the Brenner Pass is a frontier traced by the infallible hand of God." Probably few of Mussolini's hearers felt disposed to doubt that he spoke by the card, but to make clear that his words were both deliberate and authoritative he added that "this speech must be considered as my pondered opinion and as tracing the line I shall follow in this matter." In his second speech on Wednesday, in the Senate, Mussolini is reported to have said, apparently referring to the League of Nations, that no discussion of the matter in any assembly or council would be accepted, and that his Government would "react with maximum energy against any plan of this nature." Thus speaks the statesman who, only a few weeks ago, affixed his initials to the Locarno treaties in which the principle and practice of international arbitration were formally consecrated.

The reply of the German Government, set forth in a speech by Dr. Stresemann, Foreign Minister, and a resolution of the Reichstag, although plainspoken and uncompromising, was happily more temperate. Addressing the Reichstag on Tuesday, Dr. Stresemann recalled that the inclusion of South Tyrol within the boundaries of Italy was accompanied by a solemn promise on the part of Italy to deal liberally with the German minority in regard to language and economic and cultural interests. The Mussolini policy of "Italianization," however, he declared, left no doubt that "deliberate degermanization" of the region was now intended. Dr. Stresemann admitted that false reports of the situation in South Tyrol had been circulated in the German press, but the Government had not sanctioned them, and there existed in Germany no such control of the press as Mussolini had established in Italy. The criticisms voiced by Dr. Held, the Bavarian Premier, had apparently been correctly quoted by Mussolini, but the foreign policy of the Right was not determined by the head of the Bavarian Government. On the basis of "a purely private undertaking by irresponsible people," Dr. Stresemann charged, the German Ambassador had been told that Mussolini "would forbid German imports into Italy and officially promote an Italian boycott of German goods." The Reichstag, in a strongly-worded resolution to which all parties except the Communists gave their support, declared that while the German people "desire nothing more than to promote their own restoration in peaceful co-operation with other peoples," they "will not permit themselves to be hindered from demanding just treatment of German minorities under foreign sovereignties."

The precise merits of the case in this regrettable controversy cannot be determined offhand, and an impartial report of facts must be awaited. Mussolini's utterances, however, with their intimation of a readiness to enlarge Italian territory in Europe and their threat of meeting German criticism with force, may well be pondered by those who, in this country as in others, have shown a disposition to praise the Fascist regime on the ground of certain good results which it has produced. That Italy, in certain respects, is better off to-day than it was when Musso-

lini took the reins is beyond dispute. Industrial and trade conditions are materially better, the financial situation is more reassuring, unemployment has decreased, and private crime and disorder have been more effectively repressed. What has been accomplished in these and similar directions, however, has been at the cost of the suppression of constitutional government and the establishment in its place of an ironclad dictatorship. The Constitution of Italy to-day is, to all intents and purposes, a scrap of paper, and Mussolini has himself taken the position that constitutional restrictions are impediments to be got rid of if Fascismo is to do its work. The right of free speech no longer exists, either for the press or for the citizen, and the long arm of arbitrary power is reaching out to punish Italian nationals who, hitherto safe in other countries, presume to oppose the Fascist regime. Effective, in a way, the Mussolini Government undoubtedly is, as every dictatorship is likely to be when the dictator is as ruthless as he is strong, and its warnings and threats may not safely pass unheeded abroad, but its voice is not the free and deliberate voice of the Italian people.

Whether, considering the nature of his hold upon his followers, such utterances as those to which the Italian Chamber has just listened, and which the Fascist press is quoted as defending, are to be regarded as anything more than political bluster is, for the moment, an open question. It seems to be of the essence of dictatorial power that it must keep up a certain amount of spectacular demonstration in order to hold its supporters in line. It has been so with other dictators whose careers history records, and it appears to have been the case also with Mussolini. The fiery harangue, the grandiloquent appeal, the unexpected and bizarre program of action, are the stuff which often sweeps the unthinking off their feet, and the same things serve effectively in maintaining the enthusiasm on which despotism relies. In Italy, a little while ago, Fascism was going wild over Mussolini's defiance of the League of Nations in the Corfu imbroglio. A few weeks since, it was the glowing picture of a resurrected Roman Empire, spiritual rather than temporal, as was presently explained, that sent Fascist cheers reverberating throughout the country. To-day it is the threat of massing the man-power of Italy, 52,000,000 strong if men, women and children be counted, summoned from the peninsula, the ends of the earth, and the islands of the sea, to teach Germany that the "spirit," the "sense of dignity," and the "moral force" of a bitted and bridled nation is not to be interfered with in its Italianization of South Tyrol.

How empty such threats might turn out to be if a serious attempt were made to carry them out, can hardly need lengthy demonstration. With all the evidences of economic recovery that are gladly to be recognized, Italy is still relatively a poor country, and a long time must elapse before it can hope to be economically self-sufficient. The Italian Government has just been forced to ask almost humiliating concessions in the settlement of its war indebtedness to the United States and Great Britain, and the first move toward war would go far to destroy at a stroke the structure of American and European credit which has been laboriously rebuilt. No conceivable alliance with Great Britain, regarding which rumors have lately been circulating in the press, may be

expected to bring British support to an Italian policy of territorial aggrandizement or political high-handedness. If it be true, as has been intimated, that French opinion at first inclined to side with Mussolini in his irritation at Germany, there is, nevertheless, small reason for thinking that France would approve a course one of whose first consequences would be to wreck the Dawes plan and plunge Europe into chaos. It is assuredly to be hoped that neither Mussolini nor his Fascist followers will thrust Italy into war, or defy a peaceful and honorable settlement of an international dispute, but the events of the past few days have unquestionably clouded the European outlook, and created a strained situation between Italy and Germany and Austria, which diplomacy cannot too soon exert itself to relieve.

General Wood in the Philippines and General Lyautey in Africa: A Parallel.

The retirement of General Lyautey after thirteen years' service as the first Resident-General of the French Protectorate of Morocco calls attention to an administration of special value as interpreting one now going on in the Philippines of which little is known, but in which we are deeply concerned.

The Philippines which we so unexpectedly acquired in connection with the war with Spain, proved an entirely new problem in civil administration for which we were little prepared. At the outset there were many entanglements, and such progress as has been made has been attended with so many vicissitudes and complications both internal and external that there is continual question whether we should not abandon the job altogether before it involves us in the mortification of failure, or, possibly, something worse. Little is heard of General Leonard Wood, the Governor-General. It is only known that he, our most experienced and generally successful General in dealing with alien and hostile peoples, responded to the call of the Government a few years ago to go to the Philippines to deal with a situation that had become increasingly difficult. Since then little has been heard of him save that he had settled down to the task, resigning the distinguished position of Chancellor of the University of Pennsylvania that he might give his entire strength to the solution of the problem committed to him, which evidently is to require his remaining days. It is known that there is no longer open warfare in those islands and that there is every indication of real progress toward settled conditions. The Philippines have for the time being disappeared from the headlines of the newspapers and the country has given its mind to other things. The problem, however, still remains and the story from France is illuminating.

In 1912 General Lyautey was sent to Morocco. "It was far from a routine appointment," says the London "Fortnightly Review," from which these facts of his course are gathered. "It was one of those miraculous strokes of policy that give to a soldier and a statesman the opportunity for which every professional instinct in him, every bit of his experience, has been calling." He had been in Algiers as a young Lieutenant from 1880 to 1887, and again on the frontier in the Sahara in 1903 through a series of campaigns; and most important of all, at the age of 40 in Tonkin as Assistant Chief of the General Staff, where the main task was not merely to employ the army to defeat enemies in the field

but to conciliate and construct politically. Here he had the vision of the work opening for the greater States in the new age, and realized the field for his own ambition and his own powers.

The parallel with Leonard Wood in his early military career against the Apaches and the Indians along the Mexican border, and later in the Spanish War, and his subsequent duties in Havana settling Cuba in her new relations to the United States will readily appear. The two men have much in common in their quiet dignity, their soldierly ways, their love of action, their openness of mind and their habit of retired thought.

Then came to Lyautey at the age of 57 the Moroccan task. On the one side was the great French colony of Algiers with its outreaching ambition for increased territory in the South and East. To the west was Spain perpetually engaged in costly and ineffective contest with the natives. And on all sides independent rebellious and ruthless tribes proud of their long history and masters of their own difficult and easily defended territory. The new Governor-General had a definite policy. His army was simply to be *une organization en marche*, a military force for protection where needed, but always a means of installing a civic organization. French ways were not imposed. On the other hand, native, social and political life was re-established; mutual respect and friendship were sought; deep-rooted customs of religious and traditional law were recognized and duly staffed by natives; only the main organs of government were French, and all that French officials do is to supervise. The home Government, never very enthusiastic over colonial affairs, and soon entirely concerned with the Great War, paid little attention to General Lyautey beyond observing that the cost of his administration apart from the direct military expenses was very little, left him undisturbed, though they might well have thought that all their ablest military leaders were needed at the front.

So Lyautey went his way. He built up a civil service after the pattern of the British Indian Civil Service, surrounding himself with young men of education and ability whom he could inspire with his own great aims and from whom he could exact an individual responsibility which he could trust. He took the risk of leaving the Grand Kaid of the South in possession of their ancient feudal powers which secured peace if not progress in that region, and on the northern frontier he left an unoccupied wide margin for many years to the south of the Spanish zone, while he personally directed that strange mixture of war and negotiation that has marked relations with the more warlike tribes. This is not ended, but the testimony is that "over the great expanse of Morocco the main business is done. The Moroccan system is set up firmly." His were necessarily years of war as well as of peaceful construction, but the record is "the construction of 2,000 miles of motor roads, 300 miles of railway of normal gauge, 1,000 miles of military railways, a port for ocean-going ships at Casablanca, and a port at Kenitra—samples of what he has done." The population of Casablanca grew from 4,000 in 1907 to 110,000 in 1917, and the foreign trade from 70 million francs in 1907 to more than one billion in 1923. When on the outbreak of the European war he was ordered by the home Government in its alarm to withdraw all troops and European residents, he

telegraphed in reply: "I will hold Morocco for France," and he did.

That he was not permitted to finish *en beauté*, as the French say, was not his fault. He saw the Riffs being armed with munitions of all kinds to an extent never before dreamed of. He foresaw the danger of the coming outbreak. He could not with any respect support the policy and measures of Spain. Little attention was paid to the report to the home Government and he got but tardy reinforcements, and when the danger was realized, General Petain was sent to enforce military operations and Lyautey resigned. In spite of the shock of the Riff invasion and the revolt of a few border tribes, the system he had created held together, the rest of Morocco stood firm and loyal to France. Governors of Algeria changed, but he remained. Governments in France came and went, but left him very much alone, sometimes from the old indifference to colonial enterprise and sometimes from confidence. He created an epoch for Morocco which will not be continued; it is not probable that the country will ever again have a French Governor of his school; his personality and his spirit were unique and all-pervading; but he will not be forgotten and his work will be the foundation for such permanent structure as in the days to come will be built.

The situation in the Philippines is in many ways different, but the two problems and the two men have much in common that at once will be recognized. The inherent difficulty of the dealing of a stronger and more civilized race with an inferior and cruder one, the inability of understanding each other, the development of the strength of the inferior people in resisting the imposing of alien ways and institutions upon them, the slow discovery by the higher race of the strength and the worth of the traits of the lower, the growing and often thoughtless impatience of the one over against the despairing resistance of the other, the rooted disrespect fading into irritating condescension on the one side and irreparable distrust and withdrawal on the other; these are a few of the difficulties which have always appeared in the close and forced contact of widely different peoples.

Morocco and the Philippines possess them all, mused up and emphasized by the frequent change of foreign administration in earlier years. During the last decade of the Governor-General we have described them, and the significance of the parallel appears. The French officer has returned home, and despite his disappointment, has received high honor and is made a Marshal of France. General Wood in prolonged isolation and at great personal sacrifice remains at his post. Whatever the end may be, and there is every reason to hope that it will be without unforeseen disaster, he is deserving of the gratitude of his countrymen and should always have their support.

The Farm Surplus—Balancing Production.

What is this "farm surplus," over which the political and legislative friends of the farmer are, at the present time, very much excited? Certainly it is a good thing for the individual farmer, for it represents that excess production, over his *own* consuming need, which he can carry to market and sell. If there be no excess there can be no sales, and no profits. It is only when this "excess" is considered collectively that it is called in question. And here

"surplus" is defined as the excess of all farm production over and above domestic consumption or over combined domestic and foreign consumption. We have not yet, however, a clear definition, for sale is not the equivalent of consumption. Primarily, the farmer and the farmer's friends are considering sale. Farmers are not in the business of supplying the exact amount of wheat, corn, cattle or cotton needed for the sustenance of the American people, and no more. And for the excellent reason that they do not know what this amount will be for any given year. They raise a crop for sale, let the demand be what it will, domestic or foreign or both. Just here enters the current panacea for low price, known as "balanced production." It is claimed that a surplus controls price, lowers price, since the sale of surplus in the markets of the world in competition with other agricultural countries lowers price at home. If, however, these countries fail to produce a surplus themselves to send into world markets, and this country does produce a surplus over and above domestic consumption, *then* world-scarcity enhances prices in world markets through natural demand, and the American surplus sells for more than it otherwise would, and thereby increases price at home. This was demonstrated during the war, at which time the American farmer, asking and receiving a price guaranteed by Government, *lost* by reason of the combined buying of this and foreign consuming countries, the ultimate profits of a price that otherwise would have been set by the dire needs of countries estopped from world markets by war's interference with transportation.

Outside of warehousing, incident to sale, we have no way of storing up the surplus of fat years against the coming of the lean years. Nor are our farmers individually well supplied with these facilities. It is sometimes charged against our whole scheme of business that we produce for monetary sale rather than for the needs of sustenance and use. But we need not stop to consider this fallacy save to say that the proposed regulation of production by stabilization of price (by those who consider this possible) tends toward Socialism, which would eliminate price and profit from all business. Leaving the influence of price aside for the moment, we perceive there are two elements in "balanced production"—supply and demand, or original production and actual consumption. While these elements react upon each other, neither is a stable quantity, and, we may add, never can be made so. Take our own domestic consumption of agricultural products. That depends upon the general state of business by which consumers attain their power to buy. This varies from year to year—affected, of course, by the reaction of the agricultural supply upon trade, but in many other ways entirely independent thereof. No device in favor of farmers as a class can control the variability of this consumers' power to buy. And when production exceeds domestic consumption the variability is by that much increased. This demand affects price, and if an attempt be made (admitting the possibility as claimed by some) to control price by stabilized production, the attempt is just as likely to fall short of the ultimate-demand-price as it is to exceed it. Not only is this true, but consumers are buyers, and buyers, at least in a marginal way, have an independent control over price, in that they can refuse to buy and can use substitutes. That the price of farm products should be

fixed, contrary to the natural consuming power-to-buy of the American people, either by Government agency, or by monopolistic collectivism of farmers in combination, either to produce or to control price by limiting production, does not seem to be considered a crime by the "friends of the farmer," though they generally animadvert in strong terms against the same thing when said to be employed by other divisions of production.

Turning to production, or supply, reacted upon, it is true, by consumption, there are original elements involved which forever preclude the possibility of artificial control. It is a curious twist of mind that looks upon the farm as a manufacturing plant and still believes it possible to establish price by limiting production. How can the farm as a manufacturing unit utilize its entire resources to the best advantage and at the same time follow the dictation of some estimated total average as to the number of acres to be put in corn, wheat or cotton. The farmer alone knows the capabilities of his own fields. He may, and does, within limits, diversify his crops. This is for the purpose of recuperation of soils to the end of the greatest outcome in production. To ask him to sow one year, over against a surmised necessary production, so many acres in wheat, corn or cotton, is against the full power of the plant to yield its highest returns. Take our round-number production of three billions of corn and eight hundred millions of wheat, and, for illustration, say that it is agreed to reduce the total yield of corn to two and a half billions and wheat to six hundred and fifty millions, and that each farmer (and farm) be governed accordingly. He alone can plant his own fields, he alone knows what acreage in his own farm is adapted to wheat and what to corn, and thus nature prevents him from being governed by some far-off power seeking to create artificial demand by scarcity and to enhance price. He is *bound* to use his land to the best advantage regardless of everything and everybody.

But suppose an amount of wheat, corn and cotton to be fixed by these mythical agencies of "balanced production." Who can control the seasons? Drought may come and blast the best of prospects. Now, this plan for the stabilization of production and price does not contemplate increasing production and a larger surplus, for this, those friends of the farmer say, is just what destroys, lowers, price. So, following the behest of these omnipotent agencies, and limiting acreage, the farmer falls on a lean year and has little or nothing to sell, of what use is enhanced price? Again, he has to contend with the elements, he is never sure what his yield will be, drought, weeds, floods, mildew, rust, bugs, hot winds, are all his enemies, and he learns to "take no chances." Will he, and can he, when others set the total of production for all farms and farmers, trust to the infallible working out of the plan? Again, for reasons we need not suggest, there is a tendency in this very limitation, to increase instead of diminish production. Every movement of the kind must be left to the voluntary co-operation of all the farmers. This cannot be secured by the mere statement by Government or any "co-operative" agency that next year's price for wheat will be two dollars; nor can it be secured by a Government bounty, subsidy, or guarantee, that the price of wheat will be two dollars, corn one dollar; for the farmer owns his own farm and exercises his own will.

Either Government must set the price so high that it will invite increased production, in which event it loses control of the total amount thereof, and finds itself compelled to purchase excessive surpluses, or by paying a bounty it raises price regardless of the totality of production and puts a heavier burden on the consumer by tax as well as price. And in either case, or in any other imaginable case, Government fails to control but is itself controlled instead. It is unfortunate, of course, that the farmer does not always have fair weather with nature and Government. But "protection" of one class at the hands of Government to the alleged detriment of another class can never be corrected or equalized by giving the same "protection" to this damaged class in a similar way, for the simple reason that two wrongs never made a right. Co-operation that can efficiently market a surplus is not to be denied its efficacy—but even this cannot control production, or surplus, or consumption, or price. Production and price are inherently variable; consumption, and remainders or surpluses, are likewise always changing. Stabilization of all things and all men alone will bring stabilization in anything.

Former Secretary of Agriculture Edwin L. Meredith is quoted as saying at an Economic Club dinner in New York City recently that: "Decisions for the whole people can be made only through our Government, and I urge that we can influence a balanced production by our Government fixing one year in advance for the following year's crops the minimum price it will guarantee on five fundamental crops, wheat, which is bread; wool and cotton, which are clothing; corn, which is meat, and sugar, of which we import a very large quantity, and which can be produced in many corn, wool and wheat States, and absorb much labor. Human nature is the same the country over, and the hope of a profit will move men

to engage in an enterprise offering such profit. The prospect of a loss or but scant profit will discourage them from engaging in an enterprise." But, alas, "decisions for the whole people" is just what cannot be made "through Government," which is a creature through the consent of the governed. Government cannot, at least in this country, tell a man what to do with his own property. It cannot tell a farmer to grow wheat on corn land, or corn on wheat land, or sugar on either. And at the very outset this whole scheme falls into doubt and despair.

"The hope of profit will move men to engage in an enterprise offering such profit." Well, this is true; and it is as it should be. But a Government bribe by way of bounty or guaranteed price is another kind of temptation, and another kind of profit. This whole scheme for advancing price of fundamental crops is based on the assumption that farming does not pay. It does pay a great many farmers, and whether or not farming under any or all conditions pays depends very much on the farmer. If near half the people are in towns and cities and not engaged in producing, rather in consuming, foodstuffs, there is at least an assured large home market at some price. And always the farmer has his living. How many in these cities and towns are producing (working for) a bare living with little chance at a surplus? If a farmer does not own his farm is he a farmer in the economic sense? Why count land values and interest paid, taxes, rents, operation costs in machinery, repairs and upkeep, in a combined jumble, and say farming does not pay? Why not take the owned small farm with its high-priced by-products and say *this* does not pay? There are many, many, capable, independent, farmers, that make farming pay under any and all conditions. And as to controlling these men by vague schemes for price-fixing and "balanced production"—it simply cannot be done!

Railroad Gross and Net Earnings for December

The general character of the exhibit made by our compilation of the earnings of United States railroads for the month of December is very much like that of the exhibits for the months immediately preceding. While the preponderating number of roads is able to show satisfactory improvement as compared with the corresponding month of the previous year that advantage is in no small measure lost in the general results by the heavy losses suffered by the anthracite carriers, one and all, and by the decreases reported by several of the roads in the Southwest. As a consequence, the gains for the railroad system of the United States, as a whole, both gross and net, are quite moderate, though the showing must be regarded as satisfactory nevertheless, in view of the circumstances mentioned. An especially gratifying feature is the fact that growing efficiency of operations is still the rule, with the result that net earnings make a relatively better showing than the gross earnings as far at least as the ratio of improvement is concerned.

There is no use blinking the fact that the anthracite roads are suffering very heavy losses by reason of the miners' strike and that these losses, as they accumulate month after month, are becoming a serious matter. The miners may be suffering privation and want owing to the prolongation of the strike, but the operators are by no means escaping

damage, and the roads in turn which move the product of the mines to the consuming markets find their revenues, both gross and net, cut down in a most noteworthy manner. With the anthracite tonnage over the roads almost absolutely nil, the revenues of these carriers are dwindling to an extent that causes consternation. For the month of December the Delaware & Hudson falls \$1,470,860 behind in gross and \$558,522 in net; the Lackawanna \$1,250,134 in gross and \$665,670 in net; the Lehigh Valley \$1,281,718 in gross and \$646,455 in net; the Central of New Jersey \$580,890 in gross and \$1,156,237 in net; the Reading \$856,366 in gross and \$267,036 in net; the Ontario & Western \$477,573 in gross and \$291,188 in net; the Central New England \$166,306 in gross and \$214,740 in net; the Lehigh & New England \$162,442 in gross and \$68,547 in net; the Buffalo & Susquehanna \$103,058 in gross and \$48,108 in net, and the New York Susquehanna & Western \$68,100 in gross and \$68,405 in net, etc. The Erie has a large soft coal tonnage in addition to its anthracite traffic and the former has been running heavier because of the anthracite strike, but even the Erie reports a loss of \$237,757 in gross and of \$77,317 in net. If these losses, large though they are, stood by themselves they would not possess so much consequence; as a matter of fact, however, they follow very important losses in the three months preceding, namely November, October and September.

The falling off on the Southwestern roads is much less striking and confined to the roads and systems where the yield of cotton or of grain or of both combined was reduced by prolonged drought. It is well enough to remember, however, as to these Southwestern roads that they were favored by unusually bounteous harvests in the preceding season, which, moreover, moved to market with an exceptional expedition because of the high grain prices then prevailing and the urgent foreign demand for our surplus. To say this is the same as declaring that comparison is with very large earnings the previous season; some loss, therefore, now cannot be deemed strange, especially in view of the change in the crop situation. The Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe reports \$312,617 decrease in gross and \$281,223 decrease in net, but that is the result for the entire Atchison system; on that part of the system represented by the Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe, or Texas lines, where the road had to contend with both a reduced cotton yield and a reduced grain yield, the decrease amounts to \$327,109 in gross and \$266,951 in net. The St. Louis Southwestern reports \$159,587 loss in gross, but only \$1,661 in net; the Missouri Kansas & Texas has \$331,149 loss in gross and \$230,208 in net; the International Great Northern \$46,755 in gross and \$236,144 in net; the Trinity - Brazos Valley \$263,568 in gross and \$194,875 in net; the Colorado Southern \$105,906 in gross and \$111,579 in net and the Kansas City Mexico & Orient \$135,165 in gross and \$106,836 in net. Apart from these roads, Western roads quite generally have done well, and some of them are able to report substantial gains. We may mention in particular, the St. Louis-San Francisco, the Rock Island and the Missouri Pacific. The Texas & Pacific, on the other hand, has gained \$299,501 in gross, but reports \$41,575 decrease in the net.

As already stated, the general result for the whole railroad system of the United States must be considered satisfactory, bearing in mind the great shrinkage on the two groups of roads referred to. The improvement, to be sure, in both gross and net is only moderate, but that any improvement at all should remain after the big losses under discussion is a distinctly gratifying circumstance. In the gross the increase is \$18,591,184, or 3.69%, and in the net \$10,354,676, or 8.34%. The ratio of expenses to earnings (before deducting taxes) is only 74.30% for December 1925, against 75.40% in December 1924 and 78.42% in 1923, and still larger percentages in the years preceding. Our comparative summary for the past two years is as follows:

Month of December—	1925.	1924.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (—).
Miles of road.....	236,959	236,057	+902 0.42%
Gross earnings.....	\$523,341,774	\$504,450,580	+\$18,591,184 3.69%
Operating expenses.....	388,509,130	380,359,622	+8,236,508 2.17%
Ratio of expenses to earnings....	74.30%	75.40%	
Net earnings.....	\$134,445,634	\$124,090,958	+\$10,354,676 8.34%

What lends additional significance to these increases in gross and net in 1925, even though moderate, is that they follow increases also in December 1924. Our compilation for that month showed \$11,308,918 gain in gross, or 2.29%, and no less than \$17,998,730, or 16.90%, gain in net, the gain in the gross having been accompanied by an actual reduction in the expenses. The improvement in the gross in December 1924 was the first of any month in the year 1924 since the previous February and was then hailed as marking a definite turn in the tide, indicating that the shrinkage in gross revenues had reached its end. It is to be remembered, on the

other hand, that this increase in gross and net alike in December 1924 came after a falling off in December of the previous year. The contraction in the gross in December 1923 (as compared with 1922) was not large, relatively speaking, being only \$19,212,804, or 3.75%, but it testified to a slackening in trade, of which much had been heard in the summer and autumn of 1923. This falling off of \$19,212,804 in the gross was attended by a reduction in expenses of \$16,773,652, leaving, hence, a falling off in the net of no more than \$2,439,152. In considering this shrinkage in gross and net, however, in December 1923 the circumstance should not be overlooked that comparison then was with extremely heavy totals in the year preceding (1922)—so much so that some shrinkage in traffic and revenues was rendered inevitable as a matter of course the moment the slackening of trade made its influence felt. In reviewing the results for December of this previous year (1922) we noted as an interesting fact that as the country got further away from the disturbing influence of the coal miners' strike of the previous spring and summer and of the railway shopmen's strike of the summer the returns of earnings were becoming better. The addition to the gross in December 1922 over December 1921 was no less than \$87,735,590, or 20.66%, and though this was attended by an augmentation in expenses in amount of \$52,530,924, or 15.10%, there remained, nevertheless, an increase in the net of \$35,204,666, or 45.87%. There was, however, a qualifying consideration to take into account in connection with the big gain made in December 1922. Comparison being with December 1921 was with a period of intense business depression, with resulting tremendous shrinkage in traffic and gross revenues, forcing the carriers at that time to cut expenses to the bone and the curtailment was carried to such lengths that the reduction in expenses actually exceeded the falling off in gross earnings, thus leaving a gain in net in face of the enormous contraction in gross earnings. Stated in exact figures, our tabulations for December 1921 showed \$120,615,992 falling off in the gross earnings, or 22.87%, accompanied by a curtailment in expenses in the huge sum of \$144,215,090, or 29.84%, leaving, hence, a gain in net of \$23,599,098, or 53.33%. As it happened, too, this gain in the net in December 1921 followed a moderate gain in the net in December 1920, making the December statement for 1922 the third consecutive one in which improvement in the net had been recorded.

It is proper to state that the improvement in the net in December 1920 followed entirely from the higher schedules of passenger and freight rates which had then been put into effect a short while before. In December of that year business depression had already begun and a marked falling off in traffic had occurred. But owing to the advance in rates referred to, the falling off in traffic was obscured. These advances were of such magnitude that it was estimated at the time that the effect would be to add \$125,000,000 a month to the gross earnings of the carriers. That was on the supposition that the volume of traffic would be maintained at the level then prevailing. But as it happened, depression came unexpectedly and with surprising swiftness. Instead of the \$125,000,000 gain in gross earnings counted upon, our tables showed a gain of only \$96,073,439 and the difference between the two amounts furnished some measure of the shrinkage

in the volume of traffic which then so suddenly overwhelmed the carriers. Not only that, but of this gain of \$96,073,439 in December 1920 no less than \$82,268,614 was consumed by augmented expenses, leaving only the moderate gain of \$13,804,825 in the net already referred to. Moreover, this small gain in net came on top of a whole series of losses in net in the same month of the years immediately preceding.

In the great augmentation in expenses in December 1920 and prior years, and the huge rise in operating cost, we have the basis for the reduction in operating ratio shown since then. Prior to December 1920, as just stated, our December compilations had yielded very unsatisfactory results for many successive years. For December 1919 the figures showed some increase in the gross, on top of a very heavy increase in 1918, but it was quite moderate, being only \$11,510,209, or 2.61%, and it was attended by an augmentation in expenses of \$17,893,529, or 4.53%, leaving the net earnings actually \$6,383,320 smaller than in December 1918. And this loss in the net in 1919 followed losses in each of the three years preceding, in face of steadily rising gross revenues, too. Thus in December 1918 the addition to gross revenues reached no less than \$102,757,756, or 30.62%, but as expenses were at that time rising by leaps and bounds because of the great increase in wages that the Director-General had just made, the augmentation in expenses outran the improvement in receipts, amounting, in fact, for that month to no less than \$143,786,626, or 57.55%. Accordingly, net earnings fell off in the large sum of \$41,028,870, the decrease being 47.84%. In the two years preceding—1917 and 1916—the showing was, as already noted, of similar character, an improvement in the gross receipts being accompanied in both cases by a diminution in the net. It is true that these losses followed important gains in gross and net alike in 1915, but these gains in turn came after poor results as to both gross and net in the two years immediately preceding. In the following we furnish the December summaries for each year back to 1906. For 1910, 1909 and 1908 we use the Inter-State Commerce totals, but for the preceding years (when the Commission had not yet begun to require monthly earnings) we give the results just as registered by our own tables each year—a portion of the railroad mileage of the country being then always unrepresented in the totals, owing to the refusal of some of the roads at that time to give out monthly figures for publication.

Dec.	Gross Earnings.			Net Earnings.		
	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Increase or Decrease.	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Increase or Decrease.
1906..	\$ 130,735,226	\$ 124,733,435	+11,001,791	\$ 43,831,182	\$ 42,943,900	+887,282
1907..	132,199,762	141,312,429	-9,112,667	34,354,158	45,998,206	-11,644,048
1908..	205,777,451	194,222,311	+11,555,140	68,455,740	51,533,086	+16,922,654
1909..	222,962,432	205,971,898	+16,720,194	68,467,305	68,653,301	-185,996
1910..	236,835,804	220,870,151	+15,965,153	70,357,004	67,858,550	+2,498,454
1911..	233,614,912	232,275,177	+1,339,735	61,225,377	56,766,970	+4,458,407
1912..	263,765,603	234,087,361	+29,681,242	81,701,974	72,932,360	+8,769,614
1913..	254,218,891	266,224,678	-12,005,787	68,800,026	62,622,271	+6,177,755
1914..	232,598,369	258,285,270	-25,686,901	61,134,950	68,274,222	-7,139,272
1915..	295,202,018	232,763,070	+62,438,948	105,878,758	61,186,558	+44,692,200
1916..	282,171,169	242,064,235	+40,106,934	83,237,395	86,302,108	-3,064,713
1917..	343,875,052	317,836,386	+26,038,666	85,715,727	103,520,028	-17,804,301
1918..	438,365,327	335,607,571	+102,757,756	44,738,149	85,767,019	-41,028,870
1919..	451,991,330	440,481,121	+11,510,209	38,536,432	44,919,752	-6,383,320
1920..	539,157,615	443,124,176	+96,073,439	51,322,678	37,517,854	+13,804,825
1921..	406,584,055	527,430,047	-120,615,992	67,849,188	44,250,090	+23,599,098
1922..	512,433,733	424,698,143	+87,735,590	111,942,758	76,738,092	+35,204,666
1923..	493,099,550	512,312,354	-19,212,804	106,248,158	108,687,310	-2,439,152
1924..	504,818,559	493,509,641	+11,308,918	124,480,894	106,482,164	+17,998,730
1925..	523,541,764	504,450,680	+18,591,184	134,445,634	124,090,958	+10,354,676

Note.—In 1906 the number of roads included for the month of December was 96; in 1907, 89; in 1908 the returns were based on 232,007 miles of road; in 1909, 239,481; in 1910, 241,364; in 1911, 238,561; in 1912, 238,072; in 1913, 243,322; in 1914, 246,807; in 1915, 248,437; in 1916, 216,811; in 1917, 247,958; in 1918, 232,774; in 1919, 233,899; in 1920, 229,422; in 1921, 225,619; in 1922, 235,920; in 1923, 235,379; in 1924, 236,196; in 1925, 236,959.

As far as the separate roads or systems are concerned, we have already shown at length that both

the anthracite carriers and most of the Southwestern roads fared badly. In the rest of the country the roads quite generally did well. Manufacturing depression had not quite reached its end in December 1924 and the great East and West trunk lines as a consequence sustained some falling off in revenue. The recovery of this loss in December 1925 was therefore natural. The Pennsylvania Railroad on the lines directly operated east and west of Pittsburgh reports \$5,058,936 increase in gross and \$2,190,210 increase in net. In the previous year these lines showed \$1,994,325 decrease in gross and \$3,253,478 decrease in net. The New York Central now reports \$1,734,255 increase in gross, but \$816,756 decrease in net, after \$214,806 decrease in gross, but \$3,296,601 improvement in the net in December 1924. This is for the New York Central proper. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the Big Four, etc., the whole going to form the New York Central Lines, the result is a gain of \$3,167,475 in gross and an increase of \$427,445 in net, after a loss of \$399,561 in gross, with \$5,347,156 increase in net in December 1924. The Baltimore & Ohio has \$2,281,098 increase in gross and \$1,376,004 increase in net, which follows \$1,139,905 gain in gross and \$2,217,244 gain in net in December 1924.

The best showing of all is made by Southern roads which also had such satisfactory exhibits in December of the previous year, making the improvement in their case cumulative. To enumerate the Southern roads distinguished in this way would be to name nearly all the leading systems, though one or two of them report slight losses in net in face of substantial additions to their gross. Northwestern roads and the Western transcontinental lines also give a very good account of themselves, but in this case the gains are largely recovery of losses sustained in December 1924. The Union Pacific reports \$1,272,623 increase in gross and \$1,013,361 increase in net and the Southern Pacific \$734,387 increase in gross and \$1,548,738 increase in net; the former had \$917,717 decrease in gross and \$168,079 decrease in net in December 1924, but the Southern Pacific then had \$243,203 decrease in gross, with \$342,514 increase in net. Among other roads and systems in that part of the country which have done well this time, may be mentioned the Chicago & North Western, the Milwaukee & St. Paul, the Burlington & Quincy, the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific, though this last has a small decrease in gross, attended by \$254,482 increase in net. In the following we show all changes for the separate roads for amounts in excess of \$100,000, whether increases or decreases, and in both gross and net:

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN GROSS EARNINGS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1925.		Increase.	Increase.
Pennsylvania	.....	\$5,058,936	\$231,146
Baltimore & Ohio	.....	2,281,098	229,737
New York Central	.....	1,734,255	221,967
Chesapeake & Ohio	.....	1,558,572	220,707
Union Pacific (4)	.....	1,272,623	211,073
Atlantic Coast Lines	.....	1,250,706	195,648
Southern Ry	.....	957,655	190,893
Chic & Northwest	.....	826,175	188,761
Chic Mil & St. Paul	.....	823,642	175,760
Seaboard Air Line	.....	800,627	169,198
Florida East Coast	.....	787,440	168,605
Southern Pacific (7)	.....	734,387	158,706
C O C & St. Louis	.....	662,850	150,241
Wabash	.....	615,910	147,030
Illinois Central	.....	615,278	146,331
Michigan Central	.....	608,133	143,340
Grand Trunk Western	.....	524,271	140,338
Pere Marquette	.....	421,941	125,524
Hocking Valley	.....	406,544	122,913
N Y N H & Hartford	.....	405,002	110,128
Louisville & Nashville	.....	382,849	
Central of Georgia	.....	339,889	
Yazoo & Miss Val	.....	328,677	
Detroit Toledo & Ironton	.....	309,511	\$2,317,629
Texas & Pacific	.....	298,093	1,470,860
Cinc N O & Tex Pac	.....	258,067	1,281,718
Chic R I & Pac (2)	.....	239,757	1,250,134
Buff Rochester & Pitts'g	.....	
Wheeling & Lake Erie	.....	
N Y Chic & St. Louis	.....	
Los Angeles & Salt Lake	.....	
Chic & East Illinois	.....	
Chicago & Alton	.....	
St Louis San Francisco (3)	.....	
Denver & Rio Grde West	.....	
Western Pacific	.....	
Great Northern	.....	
Denver & Salt Lake	.....	
Western Maryland	.....	
Det & Toledo Shore Line	.....	
Ga So & Fla	.....	
K C Southern	.....	
Monongahela	.....	
Chic Ind & Louisville	.....	
Richm Fred & Potl	.....	
New Orleans & No Eastern	.....	
Mobile & Ohio	.....	
Total (59 roads)	.....	\$27,952,412	

	Decrease.		Decrease.
Reading	\$856,366	Lehigh & New England	\$162,442
Central New Jersey	580,890	St. Louis Southwestern (2)	159,587
N Y Ont & Western	477,573	K C Mex & O of Tex	124,165
Mo Kansas Texas (2)	377,479	Galveston Wharf	124,299
Atch Topeka & S Fe (3)	312,617	Colorado Southern (2)	104,906
Trinity & Brazos Valley	263,568	Buffalo & Susquehanna	103,058
Erie (3)	237,757		
Boston & Maine	202,965	Total (26 roads)	\$10,539,989
Central New England	166,306		

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

a This is the result for the Pennsylvania RR. (including the former Pennsylvania Company, the Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis and the Grand Rapids & Indiana).

b The New York Central proper shows \$1,734,255 increase. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the whole going to form the New York Central System, the result is a gain of \$3,167,475.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN NET EARNINGS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1925.

	Increase.		Increase.
Pennsylvania	\$2,190,310	Det. Gr. H. & Mil	\$145,399
Chesapeake & Ohio	1,598,217	Mobile & Ohio	138,390
Southern Pacific (7)	1,548,738	Det. & Toledo Shore Line	134,832
Baltimore & Ohio	1,376,004	Virginian	111,665
Den. & Rio Grde. West	1,171,042	Pittsb. Shaw. & North	111,269
Union Pacific (4)	1,013,361	Maine Central	106,213
Wabash	861,993	New Orleans & No. East.	102,116
Michigan Central	587,489	Missouri Pacific	101,022
Seaboard Air Line	581,097		
Southern Ry	546,819	Total (52 roads)	\$17,786,731
Great Northern	353,945		
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	352,244	Norfolk & Western	\$1,433,377
Pere Marquette	345,933	Central New Jersey	1,156,277
C O & St. Louis	306,910	New York Central	816,756
Minn. St. P. & S. S. M.	281,855	Del. Lack. & Western	665,670
Cinc. N. O. & Tex. Pac.	274,103	Lehigh Valley	646,455
Northern Pacific	254,482	Delaware & Hudson	558,522
Det. Toledo & Ironton	250,802	N. Y. Ont. & Western	291,188
St. Louis-San Fran. (3)	233,841	Atch. Topeka & S. Fe (3)	281,023
Atl. Coast Lines	224,001	Reading	267,036
Central of Georgia	215,684	N. Y. Chic. & St. Louis	249,951
K. C. Southern	212,612	Clinchfield	245,248
Hocking Valley	212,085	International Gt. North.	236,144
Western Pacific	209,785	Miss-Kan-Tex (2)	230,208
Denver & Salt Lake	208,087	Central New England	214,740
Chicago & Northwest	207,360	Trinity & Brazos Valley	194,875
N. Y. N. H. & Hartford	201,909	Atl., Birn. & Atl.	171,813
Richm. Fred. & Port	185,083	Colorado Southern (2)	111,579
Central Vermont	182,340	K. C. Mex. & O	106,836
Yazoo & Miss. Valley	181,249	N. Y. Connecting	105,838
Wheeling & Lake Erie	163,289	Elgin, Joliet & Eastern	102,031
Chic. Mil. & St. Paul	153,015		
Ala. Great Southern	150,231	Total (24 roads)	\$8,087,873

a This is the result for the Pennsylvania RR. (including the former Pennsylvania Company, the Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis and the Grand Rapids & Indiana).

b These figures merely cover the operations of the New York Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the result is an increase of \$427,445.

When the roads are arranged in groups, or geographical divisions, according to their location, it is found that all show increases in the gross, with the exception of the Southwestern group, and all increases also in the net, with the exception of the Eastern Middle group, which comprises the anthracite roads. Our summary by groups is as follows:

SUMMARY BY GROUPS.

Section or Group—	Gross Earnings			
	1925.	1924.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)	%
December—	\$	\$	\$	%
Group 1 (9 roads), New England	22,213,380	22,001,968	+211,412	0.97
Group 2 (33 roads), East Middle	155,212,476	152,442,220	+2,770,256	1.82
Group 3 (27 roads), Middle West	47,461,387	42,384,814	+5,076,573	11.98
Groups 4 & 5 (34 roads), Southern	86,775,512	81,380,879	+5,394,633	6.51
Groups 6 & 7 (29 roads), Northwest	100,555,957	96,736,332	+3,819,625	3.96
Groups 8 & 9 (48 roads), Southwest	83,474,861	84,052,304	-577,443	0.69
Group 10 (10 roads), Pacific Coast	27,348,191	25,452,063	+1,896,128	7.45
Total (190 roads)	523,041,764	504,450,580	+18,591,184	3.69

Section or Group—	Net Earnings					
	1925.	1924.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)	%		
December—	\$	\$	\$	%		
Group 1	7,187	7,322	5,440,428	5,041,959	+403,469	8.00
Group 2	34,693	34,694	27,791,717	29,082,065	-1,290,348	4.44
Group 3	15,990	15,999	14,717,321	11,109,648	+3,607,673	32.47
Groups 4 & 5	39,291	39,044	27,505,663	25,034,499	+2,471,164	10.07
Groups 6 & 7	67,212	66,977	25,957,666	24,244,653	+1,713,013	7.07
Groups 8 & 9	55,494	55,021	24,884,235	23,276,460	+1,607,775	6.91
Group 10	17,092	17,000	8,143,604	6,301,674	+1,841,930	29.23
Total	236,959	236,057	134,445,634	124,090,958	+10,354,676	8.34

NOTE.—Group I includes all of the New England States.

Group II includes all of New York and Pennsylvania except that portion west of Pittsburgh and Buffalo, also all of New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, and the extreme northern portion of West Virginia.

Group III includes all of Ohio and Indiana, all of Michigan except the northern peninsula, and that portion of New York and Pennsylvania west of Buffalo and Pittsburgh.

Groups IV and V combined include the Southern States south of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi River.

Groups VI and VII combined include the northern peninsula of Michigan, all of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois, all of South Dakota and North Dakota and Missouri north of St. Louis and Kansas City, also all of Montana, Wyoming and Nebraska, together with Colorado north of a line parallel to the State line passing through Denver.

Groups VIII and IX combined include all of Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Indian Territory, Missouri south of St. Louis and Kansas City, Colorado south of Denver, the whole of Texas and the bulk of Louisiana, and that portion of New Mexico north of a line running from the northwest corner of the State through Santa Fe and east of a line running from Santa Fe to El Paso.

Group X includes all of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona, and the western part of New Mexico.

The Western grain movement did not differ greatly from that of the same month of the preceding year, the aggregate receipts at the Western primary markets for the five cereals (wheat, corn, oats, barley and rye) combined for the four weeks ending Dec. 26 1925 having been 88,031,000 bushels, as against 89,323,000 bushels in the corresponding four weeks of December 1924 and 89,835,000 bushels in the same weeks of 1923. The shrinkage this year followed entirely from diminished receipts of oats, barley and rye; the wheat and corn receipts ran heavier than in 1924. Wheat receipts for the four weeks of 1925 were 36,220,000 bushels, as against 34,882,000 bushels in 1924 and corn receipts 31,335,000 bushels, as compared with 27,239,000. The details of the Western grain movement in our usual form are set out in the table we now present:

WESTERN FLOUR AND GRAIN RECEIPTS.

4 Weeks Ended	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
Dec. 26.	(bbls.)	(bush.)	(bush.)	(bush.)	(bush.)	(bush.)
Chicago—						
1925	1,035,000	1,322,000	21,931,000	3,296,000	636,000	80,000
1924	972,000	2,425,000	11,110,000	5,320,000	1,133,000	850,000
Milwaukee—						
1925	174,000	411,000	1,001,000	1,080,000	635,000	77,000
1924	85,000	175,000	346,000	1,365,000	1,323,000	235,000
St. Louis—						
1925	441,000	2,423,000	3,745,000	2,078,000	177,000	1,000
1924	329,000	2,519,000	1,454,000	1,650,000	70,000	3,000
Toledo—						
1925	---	1,111,000	759,000	343,000	15,000	10,000
1924	---	1,356,000	427,000	380,000	2,000	12,000
Detroit—						
1925	---	85,000	83,000	52,000	5,000	4,000
1924	---	183,000	58,000	76,000	---	10,000
Peoria—						
1925	187,000	110,000	2,814,000	716,000	99,000	6,000
1924	181,000	68,000	1,739,000	842,000	90,000	3,000
Duluth—						
1925	---	7,362,000	61,000	1,756,000	488,000	722,000
1924	---	11,941,000	12,000	2,497,000	313,000	2,100,000
Minneapolis—						
1925	---	12,494,000	600,000	3,121,000	1,959,000	835,000
1924	---	9,756,000	1,114,000	3,819,000	2,297,000	425,000
Kansas City—						
1925	---	7,160,000	2,209,000	647,000	---	---
1924	---	3,172,000	4,439,000	416,000	---	---
Omaha and Indianapolis—						
1925	---	1,434,000	5,044,000	1,164,000	---	---
1924	---	1,285,000	3,325,000	1,350,000	---	---
Stour City—						
1925	---	183,000	658,000	246,000	8,000	2,000
1924	---	182,000	614,000	408,000	5,000	14,000
St. Joseph—						
1925	---	1,022,000	1,030,000	177,000	---	---
1924	---	702,000	1,058,000	156,000	---	---
Wichita—						
1925	---	1,073,000	400,000	41,000	---	---
1924	---	1,115,000	543,000	38,000	---	---
Total All—						
1925	1,837,000	36,220,000	31,335,000	14,717,000	4,022,000	1,737,000
1924	1,567,000	34,882,000	27,239,000	18,317,000	5,283,000	3,652,000

The Western live stock movement was on a considerably reduced scale. At Chicago the live stock receipts comprised only 25,401 carloads in December 1925, as against 34,440 carloads in December 1924; at Kansas City, 9,084 cars, against 12,295 cars, and at Omaha, 8,481 cars, against 10,713 cars.

The Southern cotton movement did not equal that of December of the previous year, notwithstanding the great increase in the size of the crop. The gross shipments overland were 245,888 bales in December 1925, against 285,573 bales in December 1924; 219,960 bales in December 1923; 270,217 bales in 1922; 157,389 bales in 1921 and 207,399 bales in December 1920. The receipts at the Southern outports were 1,313,425 bales, as against 1,430,000 bales in 1924, 982,985 bales in 1923 and 575,902 bales in 1922, as will be seen from the following:

RECEIPTS OF COTTON AT SOUTHERN PORTS IN DECEMBER FOR SIX YEARS, 1920 TO 1925, INCLUSIVE.

Ports.	Month of December.					
	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.
Galveston	517,655	557,021	374,594	225,884	240,457	332,287
Texas City, &c.	235,124	257,678	192,046	87,134	48,960	71,417
New Orleans	330,280	359,485	243,334	165,205	119,584	242,914
Mobile	29,604	25,907	11,874	10,309	8,855	20,650
Pensacola, &c.	3,254	2,250	619	1,532	704	116
Savannah	84,892	67,181	43,827	22,000	58,836	54,941
Brunswick	---	---	489	100	1,500	750
Charleston	31,876	37,610	28,284	12,875	10,004	9,997
Wilmington	14,683	37,610	17,657	6,985	9,723	11,931
Norfolk	66,057	32,333	70,361	43,788	39,664	42,184
Newport News	---	90,535	---	---	74	268
Total	1,313,425	1,430,000	982,985	575,902	538,451	787,355

MONTHLY RANGE OF PRICES ON THE DETROIT STOCK EXCHANGE.

The table below shows the range of prices for each month of the calendar year 1925 for all securities dealt in during that period on the Detroit Stock Exchange. It is based entirely on actual sales, and the record is that of the Detroit Stock Exchange itself except that we have brought the figures for the different months together and combined them into a single statement, enabling the reader to trace the fluctuations for each security during the different months by casting the eye along a single line across the page. The table, it will be observed, covers stocks and bonds alike, and is meant to include every sale of either made during the year.

1925—STOCKS	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December		
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	
American Lt & Trac com. 100	137	146	145	152	145	145	138 1/2	155	152	173	163 1/2	170	174	175	192	221	215	229 1/2	237	270	301 1/2	29	30	30 1/4	34
Arctic Dairy Products com. 10	15	16									21	21	22	24	24	27	27	30 1/2	29	30	30 1/4	34	35	37	
Auto Body com. 10			1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/4	1 1/4																			
Belle Isle Creamery com. 10	Listed	Oct	29	1925																					
Bohn Aluminum & Brass com. 10	Listed	Jul																							
Bower Roller Bearing. 10	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2			4 1/2	5			8	10 1/2													
Brown-McLaren Mfg com. 10	20	20																							
C G Sp & Bum com. 10	4	5	4 1/2	5	4 3/8	7	5 7/8	5 7/8	6 1/4	7	6	6 3/8	6 1/4	7 1/2	6 1/4	7	6 1/4	9	8 3/8	10	9 1/2	12	9 1/2	13	
Preferred. 10	7	7 1/8	6 3/8	7 1/8	7 1/8	7 3/4	7 1/8	7 1/2	7 3/4	8 1/4	7 3/8	8 1/8	7 3/4	8 3/8	7 1/2	7 7/8	7 3/4	8 3/4	9	9 1/4	8 7/8	9 3/4	9 1/2	9 3/4	
Charcoal Iron Co of Amer com. 10	16c	20c	15c	40c	15c	40c	15c	40c	10c	20c	Removed	from board													
Preferred. 10	72c	74c	80c	85c	85c	95c	85c	97c	Removed	from board															
Coahuila Lead & Zinc. 10																									
Columbia Sugar. 10	7 1/2	7 7/8	7 7/8	8 1/8	8	8 1/4	8	8	8	8 1/4	8 3/8	8 1/2	9 1/8	8 1/2	8	8	8	8	8	8	10 1/4	15 1/8	5 1/2	5 1/2	
Continental Motor com. 10	8 1/4	10 1/4	8 3/8	9 1/4	8 3/8	9 3/8	8 3/8	9 1/2	9 1/8	11 1/4	10 1/8	10 7/8	9 7/8	10 1/2	9 1/8	9 3/4	9 1/8	11 1/8	10 1/4	15 1/8	10 3/8	13 1/8	11 1/4	13 1/4	
Continental Sugar com. 10	Listed	Jul	17	1925																					
Detroit Brass & Mall Wks. 100	91	91																							
Detroit & Cleve Nav. 50	82 1/4	82 1/2	84	91 1/2	90	91	84	87 1/2	84	87	89	91	85 1/2	93	94	95	92 1/2	95	94	95					
New stock. 10																									
Detroit Creamery. 10	28 3/4	31 1/2	29 1/4	31 1/4	28 1/2	29 1/2	29 3/4	30 1/2	29 7/8	32	32	34 1/2	32 3/4	41	35	40	37 3/4	41	40	46 1/4	41 1/2	43	42	48	
Detroit Edison. 100	110 1/4	114 1/2	114 1/4	115 1/2	113	118	113 1/2	116	115 1/2	125	121	124	123	134	127 1/2	131	129	158 1/2	140	153 1/2	134	147	135	143	
Detroit Forging com. 10	Listed	Nov	12	1925																					
Edmunds & Jones com. 10	31 1/4	33	29	32 1/2	28	29	28	28	27	27	28 1/2	32	28	33	28	32 1/2	28	33	31 1/4	35 3/4	31	34 1/2	29 1/2	32	
Preferred. 100																									
Federal Truck. 10	19	23 1/2	22	22 1/2	21	21 3/4	21	26	25	29	25	28 1/4	28 1/4	36	32	38	30 3/4	34 3/4	34	45 1/2	35 1/4	45 1/2	34 1/4	36 1/4	
Ford Motor (Canada). 100	491	510	510	523	460	525	465	502	478	500	480	500	486	502	485	490	480	507	503	685	518	645	615	642	
Gemmer Mfg clas A. 10	Listed	Jul	17	1925																					
General Motors. 10	6 7/8	7 1/4	7 1/8	7 1/4	7	7 1/2	7 1/4	7 1/2	7 1/4	7 1/2	7 3/8	7 3/8	7 1/2	8 1/2	7 3/8	8 1/4	8	8 3/4	8 1/4	10	9 3/4	13	10 1/4	11	
General Necessities. 10																									
Gladys Belle Oil com. 10																									
Preferred. 100	16 1/2	17 3/8	16	17	16 1/8	16 3/4	15 1/2	19	17 3/4	21 1/4	17 3/8	19	18 1/2	20	18 1/2	20	19	20	18 1/4	18 3/8	18 3/4	20 1/2	18 1/2	20	
Greenan Bakeries com. 10	96	97 3/4	98	98	96	98 1/2	97	99	97	99	99 1/2	99 1/2	99	99	99	99 1/2	100	100	100	100					
Warrants. 100																									
Hall Lamp. 10	12 1/4	14 3/8	13 1/4	14 3/8	13	14 1/4	12 3/8	13 3/8	12	14	13	14	12 3/4	15 1/2	14	15	14 1/2	15 1/2	14	15	14 1/2	15 1/2	14	15	
Hoover Steel Ball. 10	10 1/2	10 3/4	10 1/2	10 3/4	9 1/2	10 3/4	9 1/2	10 3/4	9 1/2	10 3/4	9 1/2	10 3/4	9 1/2	10 3/4	9 1/2	10 3/4	9 1/2	10 3/4	9 1/2	10 3/4	9 1/2	10 3/4	9 1/2	10 3/4	
Houseman-Spitzley. 10	21 1/2	23 1/4	21 1/2	23 1/4	21 1/2	23 1/4	21 1/2	23 1/4	21 1/2	23 1/4	21 1/2	23 1/4	21 1/2	23 1/4	21 1/2	23 1/4	21 1/2	23 1/4	21 1/2	23 1/4	21 1/2	23 1/4	21 1/2	23 1/4	
Preferred. 10	8 1/2	8 1/2																							
Iron Silver Mining. 10																									
Mexican Crude Rubber. 10	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/8	13 1/2	6 1/2	7 1/4	6 1/2	7 1/4	6 1/2	7 1/4	6 1/2	7 1/4	6 1/2	7 1/4	6 1/2	7 1/4	6 1/2	7 1/4	6 1/2	7 1/4	6 1/2	7 1/4	6 1/2	7 1/4	
Michigan Sugar Co. 10	6 7/8	7 3/8	6 1/2	6 7/8	6 1/2	7 1/4	6 1/2	7 1/4	6 1/2	7 1/4	6 1/2	7 1/4	6 1/2	7 1/4	6 1/2	7 1/4	6 1/2	7 1/4	6 1/2	7 1/4	6 1/2	7 1/4	6 1/2	7 1/4	
Preferred. 10	7 7/8	7 7/8																							
Miles-Detroit Theatre. 10																									
Motor Wheel com. 10	12 7/8	16 1/8	15 1/4	16 1/4	15 3/8	18	16 3/4	19 3/8	18 1/2	26	23 3/8	32 3/8	29 3/4	33 1/4	29	32 1/8	29 3/4	33 3/8	31 1/2	34 1/2	28 1/4	35 1/8	28	28 1/2	
Muller Bakeries class A. 10	Listed	Dec	4	1925																					
Murray Mfg com. 10	18	18 1/2	17 1/4	18 1/4	14 3/8	17	13	15	15	15	Removed	from board													
National Grocer com. 10	7 1/8	7 1/8	7 1/8	7 1/8	7 1/8	7 1/8																			
Noble Oil & Gas pref. 100	40c	42c	49c	52c	46c	50c	46c	48c	47c	49c	47c	50c	49c	50c	49c	50c	49c	50c	49c	50c	49c	50c	49c	50c	
Northern Co com. 10	15	16	15 1/8	15 3/4	17 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/4	23 1/4	20 3/8	29	27 1/8	32 3/8	32 1/2	38 3/8	33 3/8	38 3/8	36 7/8	44 3/8	39	45 3/8	36 3/4	48 1/4	37	42	
Preferred. 100	102 1/2	105 1/2	104 1/2	108	107 1/2	108	108 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110 3/4	109 1/2	110 3/4	109 1/2	110 3/4	109 1/2	110 3/4	109 1/2	110 3/4	109 1/2	110 3/4	109 1/2	110 3/4	109 1/2	110 3/4	
Paige-Detroit com (old). 10	15 1/2	18 1/2	16	18 1/2	14 1/4	18	14 3/4	18 1/8	86 1/2	88	94	104	98 1/2	99 3/4	98	99	99	100	100 1/2	122	112	118 1/2	113	115 1/2	
Parke, Davis & Co. 25	Listed	Nov	11	1925																					
Parker Rust Proof com. 10	Listed	Nov	11	1925																					
Reo Motor (old). 10	17 1/4	18 1/2	18 1/4	18 3/4	18 3/8	22 1/2	14 3/4	16	15 3/8	16 7/8	16 3/4	20 1/8	17 7/8	19 1/2	19	24 1/2	21	24 1/8	21 1/4	23 3/8	22 1/2	27 3/8	23	27 3/4	
New stock (ex stock div). 10																									
River Raisin Paper. 10	6 1/4	7 1/2																							
Schwartz Cigar Corp A. 10																									
B common. 10	Listed	Mar	27	1925																					
Scotten-Dillon Co. 10	28 1/2	28 1/2	28	28 1/2	28	29	28 1/2	29																	

YEARLY RANGE OF PRICES ON DETROIT STOCK EXCHANGE.

In addition to the foregoing Monthly record, we also show on this and the next page the high and low prices for each of the last two calendar years for every stock and bond in which any dealings have taken place on the Detroit Stock Exchange during these two years, as well as the total volume of business during the year in each security. The record of prices is that compiled by the Detroit Stock Exchange itself, but we have added in every case the month when the high and low prices were reached. In inserting this additional piece of information we have availed of the monthly records of the Detroit Stock Exchange, but as these records at least during the first six months were not kept to show the even month—an occasional day or two lapping over into the following month—it is possible that our compilation may in one or two instances be astray to that extent.

HIGH AND LOW PRICES ON DETROIT STOCK EXCHANGE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1925.

1925—LISTED STOCKS—		Par.	No. Shares.	High.	Low.
American Light & Traction, common.....	100	1,915	270	Oct 137	Jan 15
Arctic Dairy Products, common.....	10	2,864	37	Dec 15	Jan 15
Auto Body, common.....	10	6,160	4 3/4	Sept 1 1/4	Mar 1 1/4
Belle Isle Creamery, common.....	10	28	11 3/4	Dec 11 3/4	Dec 11 3/4
Bohn Aluminum & Brass, common, no par	10	78,472	19	Nov 13 1/2	Aug 4 1/2
Bower Roller Bearing, common.....	10	133	10 1/2	June 4 1/2	Jan 20
Brown McLaren Manufacturing, common.....	10	400	20	Jan 20	Jan 20
C. G. Spring & Bumper, common.....	no par	81,236	13	Dec 4	Jan 4
Preferred.....	10	20,795	9 3/4	Dec 6 3/4	Feb 6 3/4
Charcoal Iron Co. of America, common.....	10	12,525	40c.	Mar 1c.	Dec 1c.
Preferred.....	10	33,978	97c	Apr 1c	Dec 1c
Coahuila Lead & Zinc.....	1	200	5c	Oct 5c	Oct 5c
Columbia Sugar.....	10	11,295	8 1/2	June 5	Dec 5
Continental Motors, common.....	no par	208,760	15 1/2	Oct 7 1/2	Jan 8 1/4
Continental Sugar, common.....	no par	102	73	Aug 72	Sept 72
Detroit Brass & Malleable Works.....	100	32	91	Jan 86	Oct 86
Detroit & Cleveland Navigation (Old).....	50	1,296	95	Aug 82 1/4	Dec 82 1/4
New stock.....	10	1,825	18 1/2	Dec 17 1/2	Dec 17 1/2
Detroit Creamery.....	10	32,809	48	Dec 28 1/2	Mar 28 1/2
Detroit Edison.....	100	63,575	158 1/2	Sept 110 3/4	Jan 110 3/4
Detroit Forging, Class A, common.....	no par	5,300	20 1/2	Nov 20	Nov 20
Edmunds & Jones, common.....	no par	9,752	35 3/4	Oct 27	May 27
Preferred.....	100	110	100	Sept 97	May 97
Federal Truck.....	10	84,625	46 3/4	Oct 19	Jan 19
Ford Motor of Canada.....	100	2,974	685	Oct 460	Mar 460
Gemmer Mfg., Class A, h.....	no par	14,805	38 3/4	Sept 36	Aug 36
General Motors.....	no par	50	75	Feb 75	Feb 75
General Necessities, common.....	10	18,228	7c	Nov 6 1/2	Jan 6 1/2
Gladys Belle Oil, common.....	10	19,250	7c	Jan 11c	Mar 11c
Preferred.....	100	1,000	11c	Mar 46	Apr 46
Grennan Bakeries, common.....	no par	47,467	21 1/4	May 15 1/2	Apr 15 1/2
Preferred.....	100	708	101 1/2	Nov 96	Jan 96
Hall Lamp.....	no par	87,880	15 1/2	Oct 12	May 12
Hoover Steel Ball.....	10	19,649	13 1/4	July 9 1/4	Apr 9 1/4
Houseman-Spitzley Corp., common.....	10	26,918	49 1/2	Nov 21 1/2	Jan 21 1/2
Preferred.....	100	245	10 3/4	Dec 8 1/2	Jan 8 1/2
Iron Silver Mining.....	5	1,775	50c	Nov 30c	Sept 30c
Mexican Crude Rubber.....	10	99	22 1/2	Sept 13 1/2	Feb 13 1/2
Michigan Sugar, common.....	10	77,429	7 1/4	Mar 3 3/8	Dec 3 3/8
Preferred.....	100	600	8	May 7 1/2	Apr 7 1/2
Miles-Detroit Theatre.....	10	195	20 1/2	Oct 20	Apr 20
Motor Wheel, common.....	no par	263,969	35 1/2	Nov 15 1/2	Jan 15 1/2
Muller Bakeries, Inc., common.....	no par	430	28 1/2	Dec 25	Dec 25
Murray Manufacturing, common.....	10	2,633	18 1/2	Jan 13	Apr 13
National Grocer, common.....	10	5,684	7 1/4	Jan 5 1/2	Sept 5 1/2
Noble Oil & Gas, preferred.....	1	47,750	52c	Feb 30c	Dec 30c
Northern Company, common.....	100	10	101 1/2	May 101 1/2	May 101 1/2
Packard Motor, common.....	10	585,180	48 3/4	Oct 15	Jan 15
Preferred.....	100	883	110 3/4	May 102 3/4	Jan 102 3/4
Paige-Detroit Motor, common.....	10	320,008	33 3/4	July 14 3/4	Mar 14 3/4
Parke, Davis & Co.....	25	7,273	122	Oct 86	May 86
Parker Rust-Proof, common.....	no par	625	7	Dec 6 1/2	Dec 6 1/2
Preferred.....	100	33	8 1/4	Dec 17 1/4	Jan 17 1/4
Reo Motor.....	10	55,042	22 1/2	Mar 8 1/2	Dec 8 1/2
New stock (ex-dividend).....	10	414,967	27 1/4	Nov 14 3/4	Mar 14 3/4
River Raisin Paper, common.....	10	4,460	7 1/2	Jan 6 3/4	May 6 3/4
Schwartz Cigar, class A, common.....	no par	56,098	17 1/2	June 10	Dec 10
Class B common.....	10	1,040	16 1/2	Aug 12 1/2	Dec 12 1/2
Scotten Dillon.....	10	16,136	36	Oct 21 3/4	Dec 21 3/4
Timken-Detroit Axle, common.....	10	231,325	9 1/2	June 3 3/4	Mar 3 3/4
Preferred.....	100	1,378	95	June 64	Jan 64
Truscon Steel, common.....	10	30,346	29	Dec 18	Jan 18
Preferred.....	100	70	10 1/2	Mar 9 1/2	Apr 9 1/2
Preferred.....	100	90	102 1/2	Nov 101	Oct 101
Union Mortgage, preferred.....	10	10,115	2 3/4	Jan 1 1/2	Mar 1 1/2
U. S. Radiator, common.....	100	773	175	Mar 132 1/2	Jan 132 1/2
Preferred.....	100	240	103	Oct 97	Jan 97
Wolverine Portland Cement.....	10	5,207	13 1/2	Feb 9 1/2	Aug 9 1/2
Total listed stocks.....		3,059,224			

1925—LISTED BANKS & TRUST COS.		Par.	No. Shares.	High.	Low.
American State Bank.....	100	363	199	Dec 185	Jan 185
Bank of Detroit.....	100	248	167	July 163	Feb 163
Detroit Savings Bank.....	100	10	305	Feb 305	Feb 305
Dime Savings Bank.....	100	20	310	Mar 310	Mar 310
First National Bank.....	100	287	415	Dec 300	Jan 300
First State Bank.....	100	141	153	Dec 134	Feb 134
Highland Park State Bank.....	100	95	310	Dec 225	Jan 225
Merchants National Bank.....	100	120	212	Mar 210	Mar 210
National Bank of Commerce.....	100	83	410	Dec 253	Feb 253
Peninsula State Bank.....	100	123	255	Nov 215	Feb 215
Peoples State Bank.....	100	20	462	July 440	Feb 440
United Savings Bank.....	100	50	240	Dec 240	Dec 240
Wayne County & Home Savings Bank.....	100	60	435	May 435	May 435
American Trust Co.....	100	25	106	May 106	May 106
Guaranty Trust Co.....	100	20	200	Mar 200	Mar 200
Union Trust Co.....	100	455	360	Dec 275	May 275
Total listed banks and trust companies.....		2,120			

1925—LISTED BONDS.		Amount.	High.	Low.
Motor Products—debentures.....		\$14,300	100	Sept 99
Northern Company 8s, 1933.....		500	104	Feb 104
Total bonds.....		\$14,800		

1925—UNLISTED STOCKS.		No. Shares.	High.	Low.
Briggs Manufacturing.....	1,023	39	Jan 27 1/2	Jan 27 1/2
Detroit Copper & Brass Rolling Mills.....	50	22	Jan 22	Jan 22
Detroit Mortgage, preferred.....	922	1 1/2	June 80c	Feb 80c
Detroit Motorbus.....	11,294	10	June 12 1/4	Apr 12 1/4
Flint Motors.....	5	8	Jan 8	Jan 8
Michigan Copper & Brass Rolling Mills.....	815	17	Mar 15 1/4	Aug 15 1/4
Motor Products, common.....	10,155	126	Oct 90	Feb 90
Preferred.....	360	50 1/4	July 49 3/4	Feb 49 3/4
Noble Oil & Gas, common.....	164,317	13c	Feb 6c	Oct 6c
Paige-Detroit Motor, preferred.....	452	98	Oct 86 1/2	Jan 86 1/2
Parke, Davis & Co.....	2,022	87	Mar 79 1/4	Jan 79 1/4
Rickenbacker Motor.....	11,405	8 1/2	Sept 2 1/2	July 2 1/2
Total unlisted sales.....	202,820			

Note.—Record of unlisted sales discontinued Oct. 17 1925.

	1925.	1924.
Listed stocks.....	3,059,224	2,127,253
Listed banks.....	2,120	1,690
Listed rights.....	33,921	30,942
Listed warrants.....	20	105
Unlisted stocks.....	202,820	356,952
Total sales.....	3,298,105	2,516,942

a Belle Island Creamery Co., common, listed Oct. 29 1925.
 b Bohn Aluminum & Brass, common, listed July 10 1925.
 c Brown-McLaren Mfg., common, removed from board July 15 1925.
 d Charcoal Iron Co. of America, com. and pref., removed from board Dec. 29 1925.
 e Continental Sugar, common, listed July 17 1925.
 f Detroit & Cleveland Navigation, \$50 par value stock exchanged for \$10 par value stock.
 g Detroit Forging Co., listed Nov. 12 1925.

Michigan Outlook Bright—Automobile Saturation Point Not Yet Visible.

By FRANK W. BLAIR, President Union Trust Co., Detroit.

Business conditions in Michigan are highly satisfactory. As the spring season draws nearer it becomes increasingly evident that the first half of 1926 will enjoy the full measure of prosperity which has been so widely predicted for it.

Now, it is rather difficult to talk about the business status of any State without referring to national and international conditions. So closely are we organized industrially and so interdependent have we become that State lines in many respects can be said to have almost disappeared. Furthermore, while some of our policies are misunderstood in certain parts of the world and more particularly in certain sections of Europe, yet who will deny that we are closer than ever before to other nations. The

battle among nations for commercial supremacy, which has already begun, will demonstrate very thoroughly over the next few years just how close to each other our back doors really are. For example, Michigan at the present moment is having a splendid opportunity to observe the possible effect which curtailment of rubber production in the far-off East Indies might have on her automobile industry.

Speaking of automobiles, we have learned to look for somebody to rise up just about every so often and solemnly declare that the saturation point in automobile production has been reached. Years ago, when we were producing only a few thousand cars a year, we heard the same cry. We have therefore become quite accustomed to it. Back in the days of horses and carriages few men were content with one fine driving horse; to say nothing of the

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1924—LISTED STOCKS.				1924—LISTED BANKS.			
No. Shares.	High.	Low.		No. Shares.	High.	Low.	
American Light & Traction, common	2,282	148 1/2	Oct 117 1/2	American State	66	184	Nov 175
Preferred	20	90 1/4	June 90 1/4	Bank of Detroit	495	153	Dec 140
Arctic Dairy Products, common	79	17	Jan 15	Dime Savings	58	301	Apr 299
Auto Body, common	2,012	1 1/4	Jan 3/4	First National	96	300	Dec 275
Bower Roller Bearing	749	7	Jan 5 1/2	First State	45	126	Sept 125
Brown-McLaren Manufacturing, common, d	800	20 1/4	Oct 20	Highland Park State	5	215	Mar 215
Preferred	5,530	7 1/2	Mar 5 1/2	National Bank of Commerce	361	262	Feb 235
C. G. Spring & Bumper, common, b	3,760	7 1/2	Nov 5 1/2	Peninsular State Bank	292	215	Dec 212
Preferred, c	28,968	1 1/4	Jan 15c	Peoples State	80	415	Mar 410
Charcoal Iron Co. of America, common	25,123	2 1/4	Jan 50c	Wayne County & Home Savings	16	420	Nov 420
Preferred	2,500	5c	Feb 2 1/2c				
Coahuila Lead & Zinc	59,809	2	Jan 6c	LISTED TRUST COMPANIES.			
Columbia Motors, d	8,297	8	Jan 6c	American Loan & Trust	55	105	Apr 104
Columbia Sugar	215	99 1/2	Aug 99 1/2	Guaranty Trust Co	66	188	Dec 145
Commonwealth Power, Ry. & Light, com. e	245,329	8 1/2	Dec 6	Security Trust	2	335	Aug 335
Continental Motors, common	1,509	82 1/2	Dec 74	Union Trust	53	225	Apr 193
Detroit & Cleveland Navigation Co.	17,109	30 1/2	Dec 18 1/2				
Detroit Creamery	21,860	115	Dec 102	Total banks and trust companies			
Detroit Edison Co.	140	34 1/2	Jan 18		1,690		
Durant Motors	9,000	42	Feb 30 1/2	1924—BONDS.			
Eddy Paper, common, f	6,405	62	Dec 90	Amount.	High.	Low.	
Edmunds & Jones, common	62	99	Dec 90	Detroit Edison Debenture 5s, 1933	\$4,000 00	100 1/2	Oct 99 1/2
Preferred	3,588	23 1/2	Jan 18	6s, 1932	2,500 00	102 1/2	May 102
Federal Truck	7,910	525	Dec 406	6s, 1940	2,000 00	106	Oct 105 1/2
Ford Motor of Canada	167,087	15 1/4	Nov 10 1/4	7s, 1929	2,100 00	106 1/2	July 102
General Aluminum & Brass, common, g	257	16 1/2	Feb 13 1/2	7s, 1930	5,000 00	106 1/2	July 105
General Motors	10,153	8 1/2	Mar 6 1/2	8s, 1931	5,400 00	109	July 108
General Necessities, common	389,877	15c	Feb 5c	Eastern Michigan Edison 5s, 1931	1,000 00	97 1/2	Mar 97 1/2
Gladys Belle Oil, common, h	263,434	27c	Feb 9c	Motor Products Debentures	72,600 00	99 1/2	Oct 91
Preferred, i	32,676	22 1/2	Nov 10	Northern Company 8s, 1933	1,700 00	108	Nov 104
Grennan Bakeries, Inc., common, j	367	97	Nov 90				
Preferred, k	21,419	14 1/4	Jan 10	Total bonds			
Hall Lamp	15,042	3 1/4	Jan 3/4		\$96,300 00		
Hayes Manufacturing, common, l	4,060	11	Aug 9 1/2	1924—UNLISTED STOCKS.			
Hoover Steel Ball	5,967	22 1/2	Dec 9 1/2	No. Shares.	High.	Low.	
Houseman-Spitzley Corp., common	451	9 1/2	Dec 7 1/2	Briggs Manufacturing	3,165	70	Feb 38 1/2
Preferred	925	50c	Apr 34c	Continental State Savings Bank	3	113	Feb 112
Iron Silver Mining	487	12 1/2	June 12	Continental Bank	5	195	Apr 195
Mexican Crude Rubber	380	23	Feb 20 1/2	Detroit Copper & Brass	135	24 1/2	Feb 21 1/2
Michigan Drop Forge, common	67,884	7 1/2	Oct 4 1/2	Detroit Mortgage, common	460	25c	Feb 15c
Preferred	1,155	8 1/4	Jan 7 1/2	Preferred	8,504	2	May 5/8
Miles-Detroit Theatre	1,114	19	Aug 18 1/2	Detroit Motorbus	17,329	33	Feb 15 1/2
Motor Wheel, common	25,390	12 1/2	Dec 8 1/2	Detroit Fidelity & Surety	5	51	May 51
Murray Manufacturing, common	20,726	21	Dec 14	Federal Discount	380	6	Feb 3 1/2
National Grocer, common	2,695	8 1/2	Jan 6 1/2	Invader Oil	1,000	8c	Feb 8c
Noble Oil & Gas, preferred	46,575	40c	Jan 26c	Michigan Copper & Brass	2,155	16 1/2	Jan 13
Northern Company, common	78	100	Sept 98 1/2	Michigan Finance	100	4 1/2	Feb 4 1/2
Packard Motor, common	139,519	16	Dec 9 1/2	Michigan Smelting & Refining	50	13	Feb 13
Preferred	3,739	103	Nov 88 1/2	Michigan Stamping, preferred	16	99	Jan 94
Paige-Detroit Motor, common	142,997 1/2	18	Feb 12	Motor Products, common, *	21,946	105 1/2	Dec 38 1/2
Penberthy Injector, preferred	25	105	Aug 100	Preferred	3,445	61	Oct 42
Reo Motor	94,335	18 1/4	Jan 15	Motor Wheel, preferred	95	103 1/2	Dec 98 1/2
River Raisin Paper Co., common	1,220	8	Jan 6 1/2	Noble Oil & Gas, common	286,920	16c	Feb 5c
Schwartz Cigar, Class A, common, m	1,170	13 1/4	Nov 11 1/2	Paige-Detroit Motor, preferred	976	91	Mar 83
Scotten-Dillon	3,294	31 1/4	Jan 26	Parke, Davis & Co	3,661	82 1/2	Mar 76 1/2
Timken-Detroit Axle, common	149,840	7 1/4	Jan 3 1/2	Rickenbacker Motor	4,927	8 1/4	Jan 4 1/2
Preferred	2,340	85 1/2	Feb 62	Towson Body	175	27	Mar 23 1/2
Truscon Steel, common	5,667	25	Feb 19 1/2	Union Mortgage, common	500	22c	June 11c
Preferred	910	10 1/2	Nov 9 1/2				
Union Mortgages, preferred	10,252	3 1/4	Dec 3/4	Total unlisted sales			
United States Radiator, common	1,927	125 1/2	Dec 75		356,952		
Preferred	236	9c	Dec 8 1/2	* Motor Products, common, removed from listed department Jan. 11 1924.			
Wolverine Portland Cement	38,526	13 1/2	Dec 5 1/2	1924—RIGHTS.			
				No. Shares.	High.	Low.	
Total listed sales	2,127,252 1/2			Detroit Edison Co	30,941	30c	May 10c
				Detroit Motorbus	1,943	29 1/4	Apr 22 1/2
a Brown-McLaren Manufacturing, common, listed Sept. 19 1924.				National Bank of Commerce	1	50	Mar 50
b C. G. Spring & Bumper, common, listed Feb. 29 1924; c Preferred, listed Feb. 29 1924.				Total rights	32,885		
d Columbia Motors, no trading in this security after Sept. 1 1924.				WARRANTS.			
e Commonwealth Power, Railway & Light, common and preferred, removed from Board Aug. 30 1924.				Grennan Bakeries, Inc. z	105	105	Nov 25
f Eddy Paper, common, listed Jan. 25 1924.				z Grennan Bakeries warrants, listed July 31 1924.			
g General Aluminum & Brass, common, removed from Board Dec. 3 1924.				Total listed stocks			2,127,252 1/2
h Gladys Belle Oil, common, removed from Board Dec. 23 1924; i Preferred, removed from Board Dec. 23 1924.				Total listed banks and trust companies			1,690
j Grennan Bakeries, Inc., common, listed May 22 1924; k Preferred, listed July 31 1924.				Total unlisted stocks			356,952
l Hayes Manufacturing, common, removed from Board Sept. 11 1924.				Total sales year 1924			2,485,894 1/2
m Schwartz Cigar, Class A, common, listed Nov. 24 1924.							

desires of the rest of the family. This same trait in human nature prevails to-day in regard to automobiles. I do not mean to say that we are going to continue to break automobile production records at the same rate that we did last year, but I do feel that this so-called saturation point is much like the will-o'-the-wisp, which appears from time to time in the distance, only to disappear when we reach the point at which we supposed it to be.

Automobile production will continue at a high level for several months at least. A number of plants are a month to six weeks behind in deliveries. While the selling prices of several makes of cars have been marked up, these are far outweighed by numerous price reductions by other concerns. Production facilities have been increased, economies effected, marketing facilities improved, all of which tend to keep the automotive industry at the very front of business progress.

But Michigan has many other important industries beside the automobile. Paper, furniture, pharmaceutical, stove, agricultural implement and cereal plants are doing a splendid business and are contributing handsomely to the State's prosperity. Many factories are working overtime in an attempt to catch up with heavy orders. The iron mines are profiting from the good demand for steel. Very

satisfactory results were obtained at the annual furniture market, held at Grand Rapids in January, and most furniture plants are operating at capacity.

Busy factories imply that labor is well employed, which it is. There is a shortage of toolmakers at the present time. Here and there over the State there is slight surplus of common labor.

We should not overlook the important role that the railroads have been playing in our economic welfare. Improvement in transportation service has made it possible to conduct business with much smaller inventories. With an inventory of \$15,000,000 less than it carried a year ago one Detroit concern is doing a larger volume of business, while another concern is also enjoying more business than it did twelve months ago, with an inventory over \$11,000,000 less. Now what does all this mean? Simply this: That the business concerns of Michigan and the United States are profiting to the extent of hundreds of millions of dollars annually by being enabled to conduct their businesses on vastly smaller inventories. Were it not for this released money, business firms would be borrowing very heavily from the banks in order to carry on their present large volume of activity.

Bank credit is sufficient to take care of all reasonable and legitimate demands. There has been

no abuse in the use of credit for speculation in raw materials or finished products. Farmers are borrowing less than they did last year to pay taxes. The outlook is for keener competition for credit with an attendant increase in interest rates.

The year has started out well for the building industry. Lumber companies are more optimistic than they were a month ago and anticipate a good volume of business during the next four or five months. While building operations in 1926 will assume rather large proportions, it is doubtful if they will equal the record figures of 1925.

Trade at both wholesale and at retail is in good shape. Feeling that prices will remain stable, merchants are buying with confidence and are paying their bills promptly. There is no indication, however, that the retailer is going to forsake his hand-to-mouth method of buying for some time to come at least.

Michigan farmers are in much better condition than at any time during the past five years. Farm lands are selling much better than they have for several years. Adverse weather conditions last fall prevented many farmers from harvesting beans, sugar beets and late potatoes, but the loss has been largely offset by high prices for the harvested portion of potato and other crops. Farmers are optimistic over the outlook for 1926.

One potentially unfavorable factor in the present situation in our country is the increasing tendency to extend the application of the principle of installment credit to luxuries and consumable goods. How long this will continue before corrective steps are taken is difficult to foresee. The abuse is becoming generally recognized, and it is to be hoped that concerted action will be taken to stop it before it has gone too far.

Fundamentally, practically everything is in good shape. If bankers and business men will continue to proceed with the same caution and employ the same sound principles of good business practice which have marked their movements and decisions during the past few months, there will be no reason to worry about violent downward movements in the cycle of trade for a long time to come.

The 1925 Achievements of the Detroit Stock Exchange.

From the Annual Report of RALPH W. SIMONDS, President of the Exchange.

In the annals of the Detroit Stock Exchange, 1925 will stand out as one of the most successful years in its history. Since comparative figures are more convincing than words, I will present those which are to me most significant. More detailed comparisons follow the conclusion of my report. In these comparisons a precedent has been followed in that they are only for a two-year period. In 1925 the total number of transactions of record was in the amount of 3,298,105 shares, a gain of 781,163 shares over the preceding year. At the close of 1925 our records show that the total value of securities cleared through the Detroit Stock Exchange Clearing House amounted to \$147,650,144 47, as against a total of \$44,045,871 46 for 1924. Applicants for membership admitted in 1925 numbered five; in 1924, two. At the close of 1925 there were five applications for membership on file and no seats for sale; in December 1924 twelve seats were offered and the Exchange was the only bidder. The total value of cap-

ital stock of new listings and additions to capital already listed amounted to \$61,269,670 for 1925; for 1924, \$14,802,000. Total shares listed in 1925 numbered 2,708,268; the 1924 total was 1,723,131 shares. Eighteen applications for listing were approved in 1925; ten in 1924.

The preceding comparisons reveal increases in volume of business and marked improvement in internal affairs which are most gratifying to members and those who recognize the economic importance of a local Exchange. I could not honestly take the position that the big increase in volume of business done through the Exchange is directly due to the 1925 administration. Whatever the measure of success enjoyed by the Exchange in 1925, it represents the cumulative efforts of preceding administrations; the progressive policies adopted by the present administration; the general prosperity of the country reflected in the huge volume of business transacted on all Exchanges; a stronger degree of co-operation on the part of members and the banks and trust companies with whom we have daily contact.

It is plainly evident that good-will and confidence are the response to progressive and constructive activity on the part of any organization. Since the Exchange has a service to offer to the public, it can secure to itself a greater good-will and a stronger confidence in good faith by bettering its service year by year. This has been the aim in the past, and will continue to be in the future.

Growing Activity of Business on Detroit Stock Exchange.

By CLARK C. WICKEY, Secretary Detroit Stock Exchange.

One of the primary functions of a Stock Exchange is to give the securities listed there the widest possible distribution. At least two essentials must exist in order that this function may be discharged properly. First, an Exchange must have facilities which insure distribution. Secondly, the public must be somewhat receptive to stock buying.

The fact that the Detroit Stock Exchange measures up to this important primary function is borne out by a comparison of the total value of securities which passed through the Detroit Stock Exchange Clearing House in 1925, with the total value for the preceding year. What this comparison illustrates forcibly is the fact that the distributing power of member houses has increased enormously. These clearings consist of the securities sold on the floor of the Exchange, which later pass from the hand of the seller broker to that of the buyer broker at a central delivery point, known as the Detroit Stock Exchange Clearing House. Delivery to the customer is later made by the buyer broker. A broker's purchase of a large block of stock may be for the accounts of many customers and if so, then by this process distribution is accomplished.

By example: If a stockholder wishes to dispose of a block of 1,000 shares of a certain security and this block finds its way into the hands of 10 100-share buyers, then through the making of these transactions, the broker selling this block of stock and the broker or brokers buying parcels of the same block discharge the primary function of which we speak.

The following comparative table bears out the statement that the distributing power of member houses has increased enormously. It shows 1925 and

1924 monthly totals of securities cleared through Detroit Stock Exchange Clearing House.

COMPARISON OF 1925 AND 1924 MONTHLY TOTALS OF SECURITIES CLEARED THROUGH DETROIT STOCK EXCHANGE CLEARING HOUSE.

	1925.	1924.
January	\$6,231,196 95	\$5,447,590 50
February	4,419,287 29	5,934,386 73
March	5,537,023 55	4,557,670 73
April	5,986,250 08	3,425,710 16
May	9,909,817 66	3,302,096 49
June	9,012,362 56	1,883,994 73
July	21,368,929 73	2,203,921 11
August	17,182,334 95	2,289,934 65
September	17,252,787 63	2,921,197 96
October	24,339,063 15	3,274,263 18
November	19,171,774 01	4,013,928 50
December	7,239,316 91	4,771,275 72
Total	\$147,650,144 47	\$44,045,871 46
1925 gain over 1924	\$103,604,273 01, or 235%	
Largest daily clearing to date in history of Stock Exchange	2,454,372 16—Oct. 17 1925	
Largest monthly clearing to date in history of Stock Exchange	24,339,063 15—Oct., 1925	

Another comparison which serves to prove that the increasing distributing power of members is becoming more widely recognized lies in the fact that in 1925 there were 18 new listings with a total value based on market at time of listing of approximately \$61,000,000, while in 1924 there were 10 new listings with value of \$14,400,000.

More and more, corporations are sensing the fact that in addition to securing the good-will of their stockholders by providing a market for their securities, the companies' interests are better served in several ways by having their securities widely distributed. This is particularly true when corporations deem it advisable, or find it necessary, to secure additional working capital.

From the 1924 and 1925 annual reports of share transactions on the Detroit Stock Exchange, the following comparisons will more fully bear out some of the preceding statements:

TRANSACTIONS IN LISTED AND UNLISTED STOCKS.	
Listed securities	3,095,285 Shares
Unlisted securities	202,820 Shares
1925 total	3,298,105 Shares
Total for year 1924	2,516,942 Shares
1925 gain	781,163 Shares

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

By JOHN G. LONSDALE, President National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis.

The following article by President Lonsdale was intended to appear last week in connection with our presentation of the price records of the St. Louis Stock Exchange, but failed to reach us in time. It is, however, a very notable utterance, written in Mr. Lonsdale's characteristic style, and it possesses such distinctive merit that we feel our readers ought not to be deprived of the opportunity of seeing it. Everything that Mr. Lonsdale writes is sure to attract attention by reason of the phraseology he employs, and in addition, such a cheery tone and such a spirit of optimism runs through the present deliverance that no one can fail to be benefited by it. His glorification of our country is superb.

President Lonsdale's Article.

Columbus discovered "dry-land"—America. Have Americans? He saw it first! Where do we see it?

There's always a lot of talk about what ails the country, because business seems to come like bacon, "a streak of lean and a streak of fat," but thinking men have long since made the soothing discovery that there is never anything radically out of kelter.

America will always have problems, because this great nation is growing rapidly and is moving too fast not to produce some friction, but it continues to produce commercial

leaders and statesmen big enough, broad enough and with vision enough to right the course of national progress.

In sounding the future, one should leave statistics and charts behind and seek the broad valleys and rolling prairies, view the over-stuffed barns, the black, plowed soil, harbinger of a crop to come, and the pale stubble of the fall, the vestige of a passing bounty; behold the fleecy, white-gold of Southern fields, the rushing industry of the raw material producer, for lead, copper and iron are in heavy demand. The carpenter's hammer is still working on the building needs; the retailer reflects the confidence of the manufacturer, and the wholesaler smiles in satisfaction; salesmen are busy; banks are bulging with money and credit and, more important still, that indefatigable criterion of better times—the railroads—are in a constantly better position.

As we inventory our glory, take in the urban as well, for it takes cities and smoke as well as country and sunshine to make a nation; billion-dollar corporations sending out their streams of happily and profitably employed labor, living in a comfort not remotely approached by an industrial class elsewhere on the globe. It's the worker who wins in this country—the New World's secret—that prosperity is a thing that rich and poor alike must share in. Is it little wonder that the invested wealth of these savers increased twelve to fourteen billion in 1925; is there any secret or surprise in the tripling of our per capita wealth in the last quarter century?

In recent years our giant strides have been almost unbelievable. Closer communion with the real source of our wealth reveals a potency in this land that is proof against disaster. It presages a to-morrow far mightier and rosier than is really logical to predict.

No Check on America.

No one can look back upon the past and be bold enough to define limitations for future development. Already we are prosperous beyond the dream of the pioneer, whose simple glories of life, however sweet and homelike, are dwarfed by a constantly advancing standard of living. Attractive in retrospect, and green in the memories of many nevertheless, these primitive comforts of the "good old days" have changed mightily since grandma was a girl.

These transformations in detail record American growth, and are not to be slightly regarded in the light of what is to be.

Why has the transformation come? What has become of plain and meagre comforts of yore? What has made possible the coming of the automobile, the radio, good roads and the movies to enlarge the horizon of local life?

Advertising—the power of the printed word, particularly co-operative advertising. Inventions, perfections, research and extension of industrial life have come at the beckoning call of advertising, whose broadening appeals made possible growing universal markets—a point not to be overlooked in fathoming the domestic market extent of the coming era of prosperity.

The luxuries of yesterday have become the necessities of to-day. A course economically unsound, perhaps, if the desire for additional comfort did not implant a general ambition for greater productive energies—to produce more, to have more. Thus, the real kings of this democracy are the men who *can*—the workers—the producers, whose harmonious output is the thing we call prosperity.

Squared Away for Progress.

There can be no doubt that business is well emerged from the travail of after-the-war adjustments; there is still some lingering flotsam of the upset, such as scattered evidences of the dislocation of credit, trade competition and taxes, but these vanishing traces can be expected to menace for some time to come. The fact of the matter is we just now have the decks cleared for the action and development that proverbially follows war periods. One speaks of the prosperity of years and not of months in this respect, which does not mean that many vicissitudes and reactions can obstruct before the true heights are obtained.

It is prudent, therefore, to preserve the prospects of this approaching radiant epoch of business by avoiding feeble-minded optimism. The proportions and extent of our progress toward this ultimate prosperity depend not alone upon the sagacity of commercial and financial leaders, but upon the smallest banker, retailer and manufacturer. Their ability to pilot safely must emanate from their experiences

as each year American institutions become more capable of handling prosperity. There is every evidence of this same attitude in the even price condition and the calm reception of the hinterland of rather florid stock market conditions.

Put concretely, it means more business in business. Commercial arbitration, cheaper distribution, better merchandising, for instance, fall into this category; elimination of doubtful trade practices; better organized concerns, attention of cost accounting, credits and general expense, that there might be a profitable and yet fair exchange of merchandise at reasonable prices.

The farmer, even, is a convert to this principle of more business in business. He's ceased listening to the political sirens and found out that he, too, is running a manufactory, whose problem is only half production, the other half distribution. The improvement of his marketing system; some way of applying the Federal Reserve principles to his financial problems; real business questions like these have his attention now instead of how to legislate \$2 wheat.

Railroads Blaze the Trail.

No branch of industry has reflected the magic of better business methods so definitely as the railroads. The country seemingly has awakened to the realization that common progress is grounded in railroad betterment; that anti-railroad more often becomes anti-prosperity; that tampering legislation has kept the common carriers on the jump since the '80s, with a serious loss in the momentum of national development.

Both transportation good sense and commercial acumen worthy of our best traditions will be needed in the days

ahead. For, while our prosperity precedes that of Europe, it is not logical to expect that the fullest development of it can be realized except in world association. We are being drawn commercially, if not politically, into closer relations with other countries. As international financiers, the tie becomes stronger. As a creditor nation, can we export as advantageously as before the war? Can we compete with foreign labor? Will raw materials be our future heaviest exports?

All troublesome questions that business man cannot shrink from if the United States is eventually to achieve its ideals in progress. In order to engage on a big scale in the industrial competition that seems imminent in two or three years from abroad, America is looking to co-operative plans, exporting and importing combinations, tending to bigger and not smaller business units.

Faith in the Future.

These are but mere incidents of progress that cannot seriously confuse or defeat the development we label American.

Prosperity is native and normal to this country. It is firmly rooted in the best traditions of men whose labor and wisdom have builded it wisely.

It looms now larger than ever before—the dawn of a new day of peace and development in which it is written that we are the elect of the nations of the world if only we will steadfastly have faith in this country for what she is and what she is to be, never losing sight of its unassailable stability and allowing no hasty judgment of the immediate to obscure our view of the high destiny of these United States.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Thursday Night, Feb. 11, 1926.

Bad weather has hurt retail trade, especially in the Atlantic States, though in other parts of the country it has also flagged to some extent. Bad roads in the Central West and heavy snowfalls in the northern and eastern portions of the United States have had a restrictive effect. Yet retail transactions are larger than a year ago. The sales of nine principal chain stores in January were \$36,228,268, against \$32,192,082 in January 1925, but there is a sharp contrast with the total in December 1925, which rose to \$93,526,323. As for the mail order business, that also shows some seasonal decline. The total of the two largest concerns in January were \$37,857,851, against \$34,745,860 in January 1925, but shows a distinct falling off from the total of December 1925, which was \$53,310,667. The total sales of mail order houses and chain stores in January were \$74,086,119, against \$66,937,942 in January 1925, but were only about half as much in December 1925, when the total was \$146,836,990. On the other hand, jobbing trade makes a pretty good showing. So do not a few branches of manufactures. In some branches of the steel business a pretty good trade is being done, especially with the railroads. But prices have been lower here and there. And on the whole the steel business is not up to expectations. Pig iron has been quiet and seems to suffer to some extent from foreign competition. The rapid rise in coke prices has had a more or less disturbing effect. Some of the iron furnaces are closing down, partly because of unsatisfactory trade and partly because of a disposition to take advantage of the high prices and sell some of their coke supplies. Fall River cotton mills are running, it is stated, on the basis of 70 to 75% of capacity, which is some 30% better than a year ago. Certain of the New Hampshire mills are running at 60%. In the South the cotton industry does not seem to be as active as could be wished. Grain markets have declined sharply, partly because of an overbought condition. It is true, however, that the export trade in wheat has been unsatisfactory. Prices are some 6 to 6½% lower than a week ago. There is a lesser decline in corn and oats. But rye is down some 9 to 10 cents, or 15 cents from the recent high point. There are some reports of an export inquiry for corn, but without actual transactions. And the foreign demand for both wheat and rye is certainly disappointing. But on Thursday there was rather more European demand for

wheat, even if actual transactions were not much increased, with the exception of durum.

Cotton has not changed much during the week. March liquidation has carried the price for that month down only a couple of points net. There is in truth an underlying resistance to a decline. The old crop months have latterly been sold by both American and English interests, but not on a scale sufficient to cause any marked change. The premium on March over May has fallen to 53 points, but this is no great decline. There is every superficial indication of an intention on the part of the South to plant pretty much the same acreage as last year. Of course, it is too early to be at all certain on this point, but that is how it looks at the present time. The weather has recently been favorable what with rains and snow, and the soil is declared to be in unusually favorable condition. That was the gist of the weekly weather report on farming conditions. For all that, however, there is a persistent demand for next crop months, largely from the Continent, at the prevailing big discounts under the March delivery, amounting to some 200 to 240 points. A year ago October and December cotton was selling at 40 to 50 points premium over March. The cotton exports have not been satisfactory and the market for the actual cotton at the South has dragged. Nor has there been any activity in cotton goods. Production at some New England points is larger than it was a year ago, but actual sales might be much better than they are. In fact, unfinished cotton cloths have been quiet, and in finished goods there has been, as a rule, only a fair business. Quite a good trade is being done in some printed fabrics and cotton and rayon mixtures, but the sales are mostly in small lots. The clothing trade is not buying men's wear woollens on anything more than a conservative scale. The spring trade is not as large as had been hoped for. There is an excellent trade in broad silks, but raw silk meets with only a moderate demand. Wool has been dull. At the foreign wool sales recently prices have been more or less irregular. On the whole this branch of business is still in unsatisfactory shape, reflecting the slowness of the manufacturing industry. In January building reached a new high record. The weather favored it. That is not the case this month. In two weeks the snowfall here has been some 22 inches and 26,000 men were at work to-day to clear the streets of New York. But in January there was a total gain in building over the same month in 1925 of close to 9%, and also 3½% over the same month in 1924, after a decrease in December of something over 14%. The unprecedented building in the

first month of the year was reflected in a larger trade in lumber. Coal has been in brisk demand in severe weather and prices have been tending upward. A noticeable fact is that coke, as people become more used to it is a more popular fuel than might have been expected, the one drawback being the necessity of the householder watching his furnace fires much more carefully, as coke burns out much faster than anthracite. In the suburbs even coke has latterly been scarce and the tendency is to increase the consumption of bituminous coal. Coke has sold as high as \$14, which was the peak during the coal strike of four years ago. There has been a further advance in oil prices, although for the first time in 60 days there is some increase in output. It is limited, however, for the most part, to the fields in Arkansas. In the last week of January car loadings were larger than in the same week of 1925. There was a small decline for the month, partly owing to the falling off in coal shipments, not to mention grain, lumber and live stock. It is a gratifying index of the gradual rise of business in the United States that the earnings of Class I railroads in 1925 were at the rate of 4.83%, as against 4.33% in 1924. The net operating revenue last year was something unique in the railroad history of the country, though because of increased capitalization in the last six years the rate of earning was simply the largest since 1920. Stocks of late have been irregular and bonds more or less unsettled, with money easier. But the announcement of the big brokers' loans, merchants were interested to notice, had far less effect than some were inclined to expect. The situation is considered sound. In London the higher class of securities are firm, although England is not drawing gold to the extent that had been expected. London was naturally interested in reports from this side that the Copper Export Association might be revived and take in the largest interests in the business.

Boston wired that a distinct revival in the cotton manufacturing industry of New England has been evident during the past three months, and now conditions are better than for two years. In Fall River, cotton mills are running at from 70 to 75% of capacity, whereas a year ago the ratio was 40 to 45%, and mill officials are quoted as saying that conditions are better than they have been for four years. At Manchester, N. H., the Amoskeag Manufacturing Co. is reported to be operating its plant on a basis of 60% of capacity in the cotton and worsted division. Manchester, N. H., also wired that more looms are being adjusted in mills of the Amoskeag Co. to make possible increased production on rayon lines. At Brunswick, Me., the Cabot Manufacturing Co. recently put its looms on full time production for the first time in three years, and even with reduced production during the year, earned with the help of new specialties, after all charges were deducted, \$202,939, in contrast with a net loss in 1924 of \$98,424. At Rockville, Conn., the Rock Manufacturing Co. expects to close the plant by April 1, it is announced. The mill employs between 350 and 400 hands. Adverse conditions in the textile industry are given as a reason.

The feature of the Lancashire cotton trade is the Indian demand. Manchester cabled that the recent increase of business is sustained and business tends to enlarge. Yarn and cloth sales the past week were the largest for a long time back. Home trade was busier.

A snowfall here on Feb. 9 and 10 was 12 inches, following a similar fall last week. It was accompanied by a high wind. Trains on all railroads were delayed. Some trains on the Long Island road were stalled. The schools closed at noon. Out-of-town employees of some of the big department stores were allowed to leave at 3 o'clock. All the city departments closed at 4 o'clock. Not more than 10,000 men could be had to clear the streets, but to-day 26,000 were at work. Drifts in parts of the suburbs were 5 to 6 feet deep. New England was hard hit with a 10-inch snowfall and a high wind. In parts of Massachusetts the drifts were 10 feet deep. Philadelphia and Baltimore had 9 to 10 inches of snow. The storm extended as far South as Washington. The winter is unusually severe in Europe. Sweden has had an unprecedentedly cold winter and in Lapland it is 67 degrees below zero. On the 9th inst. the temperature here was 20 to 29; at Chicago 28 to 32; at Cincinnati, 32 to 36; at Milwaukee, 24 to 30; at Minneapolis, 20 to 24, and at Montreal, 6 to 10. Yesterday it was 10 degrees here at 8 a. m. and 18 to 19 in the afternoon. Warmer weather was predicted.

Clay Herrick, of Guardian Trust Co. of Cleveland, on Current Conditions—Hand-to-Mouth Buying Continues.

"Prosperity is shared by a larger percentage of people now than at any time in the history of this country or any other country, and this prosperity, up to the present time, is well balanced," says Clay Herrick, Vice-President of the Guardian Trust Co. of Cleveland, in discussing current conditions. "Business is characterized by greater steadiness and stability. Charts representing the total volume of business show a tendency to cling more closely to the normal line." In part he also says:

Distribution of earnings and business has become more general, with the result that this prosperity is common rather than exceptional, and that the standard of living has arisen among all classes.

While some forward-looking orders are being placed, the so-called hand-to-mouth buying continues to be the rule. This is facilitated by ample productive capacity, improved transportation facilities and rapid communication. It means quicker turnovers and lessens the risk of excessive inventories. It keeps a better balance between production and consumption, supply and demand. It produces greater steadiness in prices.

The more general study of economic questions and the greater distribution of information as to business conditions are factors of increasing importance in lessening extremes in the business cycle.

The comparative steadiness of average commodity prices is a marked feature of the situation. Increasing activity of business during 1925 was not accompanied by the steadily rising commodity prices which have been usual in such periods. Buyers' resistance to increased prices is evident. Back of all this is apparent confirmation of the belief that, from the long-term viewpoint, we are in a period of declining prices.

Notwithstanding a lessening of activity in some quarters due to inventory taking and seasonal conditions, the new year thus far shows a continuance of the forward impetus of the last few months. Practically all analysts anticipate that the first quarter of the year, and probably the first half of the year, will witness increasing general activity. Beyond that, caution is suggested. Nothing has occurred to give definite indication of a coming slowing down, but its possibility is recognized. Speculation in stocks and in real estate and the speculative part of the building boom have apparently reached their limits. We have advanced far enough in the prosperity phase of the business cycle to meet the suggestion that it will not continue indefinitely. On the other hand the satisfactory underlying conditions and the moderation with which business is being conducted suggest that if a slowing down comes during the year it will be of minor proportions only.

Continental and Commercial Bank of Chicago on Trend of Business.

"Business activity prevails and is clearly in prospect for the immediate future," the Continental and Commercial National Bank of Chicago report in its "Trend of Business" under date of Feb. 8, saying in part:

Current statistics are clearly on the side of optimism. Commodity prices are stable and money rates steady. Credit is available to meet the needs of commerce and industry. Production is on a high level. Employment is stable. Domestic trade is very active and foreign trade is large.

The European situation is on the mend, in spite of the financial position of the French government, or governments, which is admittedly bad. 1925 contributed the Locarno Treaties, making for peace in Europe. The operation of the Dawes Plan was helpful. Further stabilization of Continental currencies, as well as the restoration of the gold standard in certain countries, notably England—these were steps in the right direction.

Textiles and one or two other lines are lagging a bit in the business procession, but there is never the uniformity of movement about business that one expects of well trained troops.

All told, the conclusion is warranted that business is good and gives promise of continued activity.

The Possibility of Business Reaction.

Few observers see the likelihood of a reaction, say, in the spring. But their reasoning is worth noting, if only to avoid being caught unaware. They hold that it is entirely possible to have a business setback without credit stringency or tight money. The reaction in '23 is cited as a case in point. The building boom and real estate speculation, they say, are dangerous. The 1925 record for building, it is contended, can't be repeated this year and in the event that building should recede or slump, there would be less employment, with the result that the purchasing power of those engaged in the building industry would be affected. Automobile sales, they conclude, would feel the backwash. Iron and steel production would also be reduced. Moreover, it is urged that manufacturing output generally, is too large. It will have to be checked to avoid inventory accumulation. Indeed, it is contended, by those who look for a reaction, that the time payment plan of selling commodities would result in frozen credits if employment were reduced. Goods now regarded as sold would really become inventory. The only doubt in the minds of doubters is whether the reaction will be slight or serious and when it will come.

Fortunately, everybody doesn't think alike. If doubt were universal, it would be a powerful influence in the direction of a business reaction. But we see no reason now for getting excited and certainly we do not wish to be classed among the alarmists. We merely feel that we might be remiss in our duty to the readers of this summary if we did not present the views of the doubters, even while business is in the midst of prosperity.

Six Tests for Business Depression.

No one goes so far as to predict an old-fashioned depression. But let's take the worst possible view of the future and make sure that we shall know how to recognize a depression at some future time if we ever should run across it.

In the past, a genuine depression has regularly been preceded by credit stringency. The Reserve System may have changed all this, but we think it unlikely. Whenever there are sizable business operations and significant changes in business, banks reflect what's going

on. The money market is affected. However, the Reserve Banks still have enough slack to permit a considerable amount of credit expansion. Member bank loans may be running along at a high level, but the reserve ratio of the Reserve Banks must be reduced to, say, 60 per cent. before these banks are down to bed rock. Because of the huge importation of gold that has lodged in the Reserve Banks, the legal minimum for the combined reserve ratio, 40 per cent. doesn't mean much. There is general agreement that some figure like 60 per cent. probably is the equivalent of the old 40 per cent. ratio.

We believe that a period of depression would be forecast by the condition of member and Reserve Banks and by a tightening of the money market, but suppose that this should not be the case. The following tests then would remain: (1) A rapid and prolonged rise in commodity prices; (2) speculation in commodities, on borrowed money, of course; (3) a marked decline in the number of business failures; (4) heavy inventory accumulations; (5) labor inefficiency. These may not be all of the tests, but they are significant and any well-informed business man can determine when such conditions prevail.

At present there is no indication of depression. The statistics of business do not fit in with the tests. Indeed, the indications, as we now see them, are that business this year will be good, although the volume may be somewhat less than in 1925.

Building Still Active.

It is too early to know what will happen to spring building. There may be a slight recession from the figures for the corresponding months of 1925. But building is still active and it's too early to make a reliable forecast as to what may happen. The experts do not agree among themselves.

Money No Handicap to Spring Business.

We can take a more definite position as to money rates. The seasonal movement of prime commercial paper—a good index of the money market—is well known. There is usually a recession in January, a further recession in February, but an increase in March. In April, rates ease off again.

Commercial paper, prime names in New York, averaged 4.31 per cent. in January, a slight recession from the December figure. And it may be that there will be a further decline in February. The March figure, however, may reach 4½ per cent. or even be a trifle higher.

It will be recalled that three influences have been prominent the last year or so in their effect on the money market: The importation of large amounts of gold; the operations of the Reserve Banks, more particularly in the open market, and the demand for funds.

It seems probable that the day of continued importation of gold is over. The United States may import gold in the fall and export it in the spring, but the net position as to gold is not likely to be very much changed in 1926. England, definitely on a gold basis, must maintain her reserves. The American market will not, therefore, become a dumping ground for gold, and gold imports should not be looked to as an easier money factor or as a constantly growing base for credit expansion.

The operations of the Reserve Banks cannot be forecast, of course. But there is no present indication that anything startling is in process for the spring. Only an unbridled spirit of speculation would be likely to force the Reserve Bank authorities to take drastic action. It is hoped that no such condition will develop.

The demand for funds will depend on the activity of business throughout the year. At present the usual seasonal movement seems probable.

Conservatism Will Avoid Reaction.

Business activity prevails and is clearly in prospect for the immediate future. Many concerns have built up comfortable cash reserves to provide against any possible recession in business. Indeed, the statistical odds are not in favor of pessimism. But thought of the morrow, careful planning of policies, watchful management and conservatism never wrecked any concern. Prosperity is with us and by the avoidance of over-confidence and speculation we can continue the period of active, profitable business.

Record Construction Volume Continues—F. W. Dodge Corporation's Review of January, 1926.

Record construction volume continued through January, according to the statement of F. W. Dodge Corporation. Contracts awarded in January in the 37 States east of the Rocky Mountains (which include about 90 per cent of the total construction volume of the United States) amounted to \$457,158,600, the highest amount ever awarded in the opening month of any year. The increase over the preceding January was 48 per cent. However, there was a decrease of 14 per cent from December, the normal seasonal decrease from December being only 5 per cent. Last month's large total included a \$50,000,000 power plant in New York City, which brought New York's January contracts up to a third of the entire contract volume of the 37 States. Analysis of the January record shows the following important items: \$190,847,000, or 42 per cent of all construction, for residential buildings; \$94,676,500, or 21 per cent, for industrial and power plants; \$71,321,700, or 16 per cent, for commercial buildings; \$52,922,200, or 12 per cent, for public works and utilities; and \$13,346,200, or 3 per cent, for educational buildings. Contemplated new work reported for the 37 States last month amounted to \$851,590,300, only 6 per cent under the record amount reported in December and 26 per cent more than the amount reported in January of last year. The report continues as follows:

New York State and Northern New Jersey.

January construction contracts in New York State and Northern New Jersey amounted to \$195,463,000, the third largest monthly

total on record, having been exceeded only in August and December of last year. The January Total was swelled by a \$50,000,000 contract for an electric power plant in New York City. There was an 8 per cent drop from December and a 76 per cent increase over the preceding January.

Last month's record included: \$75,482,600, or 39 per cent of all construction, for residential buildings; \$62,602,000, or 32 per cent, for industrial and power plants; \$35,878,500, or 18 per cent, for commercial buildings; and \$9,165,600, or 5 per cent, for public works and utilities.

Contemplated new work reported in January amounted to \$204,305,000, which was 32 per cent less than the amount reported in December, but 42 per cent more than the amount reported in January of last year.

New England.

Building and engineering contracts awarded in New England during the month of January amounted to \$25,589,600. This was a decrease of 25 per cent from December, but an increase of 6 per cent over January of last year. The month's record included: \$12,274,000, or 48 per cent of all construction, for residential buildings; \$5,144,000, or 20 per cent, for commercial buildings; \$4,962,800, or 19 per cent, for industrial buildings; and \$1,179,500, or 5 per cent for social and recreational projects.

Contemplated new work reported for New England in January amounted to \$64,710,500, being 31 per cent over the amount reported in December and 56 per cent over the amount reported in January of last year.

Middle Atlantic States.

Last month's construction contracts in the Middle Atlantic States (Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia and Virginia) amounted to \$34,649,900. This was a decrease of 9 per cent from December, but an increase of 60 per cent over the preceding January. The month's record included: \$20,158,800, or 58 per cent of all construction, for residential buildings; \$4,460,300, or 13 per cent, for commercial buildings; \$3,497,500, or 10 per cent, for industrial buildings; and \$1,738,100, or 5 per cent, for public works and utilities.

Contemplated new work reported for the Middle Atlantic States in January amounted to \$101,059,400, an increase of 33 per cent over the amount reported in December and of 14 per cent over the amount reported in January of last year.

Pittsburgh District.

January construction contracts in the Pittsburgh District (Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky) amounted to \$38,770,300. This was a decrease of 11 per cent from December and an increase of 2 per cent over January of last year. The month's record included: \$13,715,100, or 35 per cent of all construction, for residential buildings; \$8,254,000, or 21 per cent, for industrial buildings, \$7,034,600, or 18 per cent, for public works and utilities; and \$3,845,700, or 10 per cent for commercial buildings.

Contemplated new work reported for the district in January amounted to \$61,966,200, a decrease of 1 per cent from the amount reported in December and of 24 per cent from the amount reported in January of last year.

Southeastern States.

Building and engineering contracts awarded last month in the Southeastern States (the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana) amounted to \$65,822,300. This was a decrease of 3 per cent from December, but an increase of 60 per cent over January 1925. Included in last month's record were: \$23,067,300, or 35 per cent of all construction, for public works and utilities; \$22,086,500, or 34 per cent, for residential buildings; \$7,941,900, or 12 per cent for commercial buildings; and \$7,463,500, or 11 per cent, for industrial plants.

Contemplated new work reported for the Southwestern States in January amounted to \$162,926,200, an increase of 1 per cent over the amount reported in December and of 77 per cent over the amount reported in the preceding January.

The Central West.

Construction work started in Texas last month amounted to \$13,012,400. This was a decrease of 23 per cent from December and of 20 per cent from January of last year. Last month's record included: \$1,565,000, or 39 per cent of all construction, for residential buildings; \$840,600, or 21 per cent, for commercial buildings; and \$456,500, or 11 per cent, for industrial plants.

Contemplated new work reported for the Central West in January amounted to \$219,525,200, being 8 per cent over the amount reported in December and 25 per cent over the amount reported in January of last year.

The Northwest.

Contracts awarded during the month of January in the Northwest (Minnesota, the Dakotas and Northern Michigan) amounted to \$4,012,400. This was a decrease of 23 per cent from December and of 20 per cent from January of last year. Last month's record included: \$1,565,000, or 39 per cent of all construction, for residential buildings; \$840,600, or 21 per cent, for commercial buildings; and \$456,500, or 11 per cent, for industrial plants.

Contemplated new work reported for the district in January amounted to \$16,258,000, which was 60 per cent greater than the amount reported in December and 13 per cent greater than the amount reported in January last year.

Texas.

Constructoin work started in Texas last month amounted to \$13,786,100. While this was 23 per cent less than the amount of contracts let in December, it was an increase of 5 per cent over the January 1925 contract total. Last month's record included: \$7,567,900, or 55 per cent of all construction, for residential buildings; \$3,808,100, or 28 per cent, for commercial buildings; \$705,500, or 5 per cent, for religious and memorial buildings; and \$610,500, or 4 per cent, for educational buildings.

Contemplated new work reported for Texas last month amounted to \$20,839,800, an increase of 37 per cent over the amount reported in December, but a decrease of 43 per cent from the amount reported in January of last year.

Business Indexes of the Federal Reserve Board.

The Division of Research and Statistics of the Federal Reserve Board issued Feb. 2 the following statement giving current figures of its various business indexes. In the Federal Reserve "Bulletin" for February figures for these indexes for the past 18 months and annual averages since 1919 are published.

INDEX OF PRODUCTION IN BASIC INDUSTRIES.
(Adjusted for seasonal variations. Monthly average 1919=100.)

	1925. Dec.	1925. Nov.	1924. Dec.		1925. Dec.	1925. Nov.	1924. Dec.
Total.....	121	115	117	Bituminous...	130	126	116
Pig iron.....	130	116	119	Anthracite...	3	2	100
Steel ingots...	149	136	134	Copper.....	139	*138	136
Cotton.....	120	116	111	Zinc.....	137	129	121
Wool.....	95	97	102	Sole leather...	59	63	76
Wheat flour...	80	79	82	Newsprint...	117	116	103
Sugar melting...	203	135	91	Cement.....	188	194	182
Cattleslaught'd	99	84	99	Petroleum...	196	200	182
Calves slaught'd	166	131	155	Cigars.....	85	95	92
Sheep slaught'd	88	76	87	Cigarettes...	195	165	170
Hogs slaught'd	89	96	130	Mfd. tobacco...	94	89	94
Lumber.....	133	117	128				

INDEXES OF EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.
(Not adjusted for seasonal variations. Monthly average 1919=100.)

	Employment.			Payrolls.		
	Dec. '25.	Nov. '25.	Dec. '24.	Dec. '25.	Nov. '25.	Dec. '24.
Total.....	97.1	97.2	94.1	112.1	111.7	105.6
Iron and steel...	91.6	89.9	85.2	100.6	96.3	91.1
Textiles—Group...	97.2	97.3	96.2	107.9	107.0	107.5
Fabrics.....	99.3	99.1	100.0	111.1	109.0	113.9
Products.....	94.6	95.0	91.2	103.9	104.5	99.7
Lumber.....	100.9	102.0	101.0	116.4	116.7	111.9
Railroad vehicles...	81.6	82.6	89.7	91.7	91.4	97.4
Automobiles...	129.6	136.3	99.3	163.5	178.9	114.5
Paper and printing...	107.8	107.2	105.9	148.7	145.4	139.9
Foods, &c.....	88.5	89.6	91.1	103.2	103.6	104.5
Leather, &c.....	86.1	89.0	87.9	86.5	87.9	91.5
Stone, clay, glass...	121.0	123.1	106.1	151.3	155.4	143.6
Tobacco, &c.....	90.1	89.7	91.1	99.3	98.7	100.0
Chemicals, &c...	77.6	77.4	74.1	104.9	103.6	98.2

INDEXES OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE.

	Wholesale Trade.			Retail Trade.		
	1925. Dec.	1925. Nov.	1924. Dec.	1925. Dec.	1925. Nov.	1924. Dec.
Groceries.....	83	90	83	Dept. store sales	—	—
Meat.....	72	*72	66	Adjusted.....	141	129
Dry goods.....	74	*92	77	Unadjusted...	225	145
Shoes.....	54	59	57	Dept. store stocks	—	—
Hardware.....	101	103	99	Adjusted.....	139	137
Drugs.....	111	110	109	Unadjusted...	129	154
Total.....	79	*86	79	Mail order sales	—	—
				Adjusted.....	139	116
				Unadjusted...	166	144

* Revised.

Changes in Retail Food Costs From Dec. 15 to Jan. 15.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor has completed the compilations showing changes in the retail cost of food in 28 of the 51 cities included in the Bureau's report, and made public as follows on Feb. 10 the changes shown for the period from Dec. 15 to Jan. 15 and for the year to Jan. 15, 1926:

During the month from December 15, 1925, to January 15, 1926, 20 of the 28 cities showed decreases as follows: San Francisco, 3%; Fall River, New York, Portland, Oreg., and Scranton, 2%; Baltimore, Bridgeport, Butte, Mobile, Newark, New Haven and Norfolk, 1%; and Dallas, Kansas City, Memphis, Omaha, Peoria, Portland, Me., Providence, and St. Paul, less than five-tenths of 1%. Seven cities showed increases as follows: Charleston, S. C., 3%; Indianapolis, 1%; and Atlanta, Cincinnati, Louisville, Minneapolis and Washington, less than five-tenths of 1%. In Milwaukee there was no change in the month.

For the year period, January 15, 1925, to January 15, 1926, all of the 28 cities showed increases: Minneapolis, 11%; Atlanta, Cincinnati, and St. Paul, 10%; Bridgeport, Indianapolis and Scranton, 9%; Charleston, S. C., Fall River, New Haven, Norfolk, Omaha and Providence, 8%; Peoria and Washington, 7%; Kansas City, Louisville, Milwaukee, Newark, New York and Portland, Me., 6%; Baltimore, 5%; Mobile, 4%; Memphis, 3%; Butte, Dallas and San Francisco, 1%; and Portland, Oreg., less than five-tenths of 1%.

As compared with the average cost in the year 1913, the retail cost of food on January 15, 1926, was 72% higher in Washington; 70% in Baltimore, 69% in Atlanta, Charleston, S. C., and Scranton; 67% in New York and Providence; 66% in New Haven; 65% in Cincinnati; 64% in Fall River, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, and Omaha; 62% in Kansas City; 61% in Indianapolis and Louisville; 60% in Dallas; 57% in Newark; 56% in Memphis and San Francisco; and 42% in Portland, Oreg. Prices were not obtained from Bridgeport, Butte, Mobile, Norfolk, Peoria, Portland, Me., and St. Paul in 1913, hence no comparison for the 13-year period can be given for those cities.

Seasonal Decline in Factory Employment in New York State During January.

The decrease of 1% in factory employment during January was hardly more than the expected seasonal decline. Preparations for inventory, the end of holiday business and other midwinter reductions caused a general slowing up in New York State factories. Outside of the seasonal activity in the men's clothing shops, the only important gain was in the railroad equipment industry, which began the

new year with a substantial increase. But the slight hesitancy which was suggested by some of the trade reports at the end of January was not apparent in the employment situation around the 15th of the month. The decrease for January 1926 did exceed 1925, but this seemed more a result of the activity in recent months than of any tendency to curtail operations. The drop in electrical equipment and supplies, for example, followed a record December. This statement was issued on Feb. 8 by New York State Industrial Commissioner James A. Hamilton. It is based on reports from manufacturers employing 35% of all the factory workers of the State. These were chosen to represent industry and localities. Continuing, Commissioner Hamilton's review for January says:

Automobiles Important in Metals Decrease.

Much interest was attached to developments in the metals with the beginning of the new year, and steel was watched for any indications of the future course of manufacturing. Steel and iron mills in this State continued to expand operations through the month just past though the rate of expansion has gradually decreased. In January a sharp reduction in one of the mills considerably modified the gain for this industry, but it was due to special rather than general conditions within the industry. Perhaps the chief downward influence in the metals was the seasonal dulness in automobile manufacture. Reporting plants making automobiles and parts released over 500 additional employees in January and there were further reductions in auto hardware, castings, batteries, etc. This also partly explained the loss in brass and copper goods. Adjustments in working forces in the machinery shops were small and instruments and office equipment stayed even with December as one or two substantial losses were offset by several increases. While railroad equipment factories were responding to a definite improvement in demand for their products, repair shops found it necessary to reduce forces. The coal strike has been a factor in the dulness in some of the shops.

Scattered Improvements in Textiles.

January brought, on the whole, a slight improvement in the textile industries. The only large reductions were the usual seasonal ones in the factories making sweaters, hosiery and silk and cotton underwear. Manufacturers of silk goods were busier and some of the cotton mills had a few more at work than in December, while payrolls were higher, as the wage dispute in some of the mills ended. Woolen and worsted goods were uneven. The steady increases in the twine factories continued.

Good Advance in Men's Clothing.

The upward turn in the manufacture of men's clothing in New York City added to further gains up-State, meant the employment of about 2,500 additional workers in the reporting shops. This exceptionally large gain was partly explained by the reopening of some factories shut down in December. But conditions in this industry are more encouraging than a year ago. Manufacturers of women's garments and hats were also busier, but modistes let part of their forces go, as the height of their season was passed. Shorter working schedules were put into effect in the fur garment shops. Shirt factories slowed up and makers of women's undergarments released employees taken on for holiday orders. Shoes were irregular in New York City and up-State manufacturers excepting in Rochester were still reducing forces. Rochester factories, however, had already begun work for the new season.

Household furnishings were quieter after Christmas orders. But, though overtime was cut out in the furniture factories, there were a few more workers employed than in December. Small reductions were made in the piano plants. The upward course of employment in the rug factories was resumed after a pause in December. With the interruption in construction, building supplies slowed up more sharply, and one or two manufacturers of lighting fixtures shut down.

Food products, excepting flour, all slowed up seasonally. Over 2,000 workers were released from the reporting factories alone. A large part of this decrease appeared in the cigar factories, where the closing down of one large factory, along with many small reductions, meant the release of hundreds of these workers. Paper goods lost slightly, but printing and publishing kept fairly even. All the chemicals were slower excepting photographic supplies and lubricating oils. Rubber goods which have been very unsteady this year reached the lowest point in recent years.

Continued Improvement in Albany-Troy-Schenectady District.

Conditions varied widely in the industrial districts of the State. The one outstanding gain appeared in the Albany-Troy-Schenectady district, where the expected improvement in railroad equipment occurred. Rochester was the only city in which employment rose, and the increase was purely seasonal. Buffalo and Utica were affected by the general decline.

Almost all the metals in the Tri-City district either maintained the December rate of operations or increased forces. Over a thousand employees were taken on in the reporting railroad equipment shops and repair shops in this district employed a few more workers, though earnings were lower because of the inclusion of New Year's Day in the reports. There was an opposing downward movement in the steel and iron mills, however, which affected several hundred workers. The textiles of this district showed good improvement in January, though earnings of the operatives were somewhat lower. Working schedules were lengthened in two or three of the shirt factories, but a few increases in employment were offset by reduction. Printing shops made substantial additions to their forces.

Employment in Rochester advanced about 1% in January as shoe manufacturers reporting to the State took on 200 workers at the beginning of their season. Men's clothing shops also required more workers as their work progressed. Chemicals contributed to the upward movement, but the metal industries, which have been important in the steady rise in Rochester's employment, showed a slight loss in January. This was largely on account of a reduction in railroad equipment shops which had been exceptionally active. There were scattered gains in instruments and appliances, auto equipment and one or two other metals. Seasonal reductions in canning and building supplies occurred.

Changes in Buffalo Plants Involve Many Workers.

The changes made in the factories of the Buffalo district affected many more workers than was evident in the 2% loss in total employment. Large adjustments in forces, particularly in the metals, involved thousands of employees. The most important gain of the month took place in the steel mills, which continued to extend production. Railroad equipment came second in the advance, but repair work fell off abruptly with almost 500 men dropped from payrolls of the reporting shops. Seasonal declines in

the automobile industry and in electrical equipment were responsible for the release of many more workers.

Fewer operatives were on the payrolls of the shoe, wood working and paper plants. The majority of the chemicals were slower, particularly those affected by holiday orders. More were at work in the printing and clothing shops, but further reductions occurred in food products.

A few rather large curtailments in the metal plants and knitting mills resulted in a 2% decrease for the Utica district. The reductions in the textiles were partly seasonal and there were some small increases at the same time. Earnings went up in the cotton mills with the end of a wage dispute, but employment was a little lower. The losses in the metals were also partly seasonal, dependent on the dulness in the automobile industry and the end of Christmas business. Brass and brass goods were quieter, but firearms and machines again advanced. Wood working plants were decidedly more active.

Practically all of Binghamton's industries were involved in the 2% decrease in January. Shoe factories released between two and three hundred workers and there were sharp reductions in some of the cigar factories. The only increases occurred in silk and chemicals and these affected only a small number of workers.

The curtailment in the automobile industry in Syracuse was not as severe as in some other part of the State and therefore the loss for this district was only 1%. Steel mills took on more employees after the small reduction in December, but other metal industries were uneven. Chemicals were also irregular, but there was an improvement in the industrials. More workers were employed in the shoe factories and in printing shops, but food and clothing showed further declines.

Small Loss in New York City.

The reaction after the rush of the holidays is an important factor in the January employment situation for New York City and in view of this a 1% decrease is moderate. In 1925 the decrease was larger. The opening of the new season in the men's clothing shops and some of the women's dress and coat factories carried employment for the clothing trades 5% above December, though the rest of the sewing trade slowed up. The dress trimming shops, however, were stimulated by the increased activity in women's dress and coat factories. Shoes were irregular.

Practically all the metals declined, especially hardware, stamped goods and electrical equipment. Manufacturers of instruments and appliances were also less busy.

Seasonal reductions appeared in jewelry, leather goods, toys, paper goods and all of the food products. The reduction in the cigar industry was especially severe.

There were fewer workers in the chemical plants and in printing and publishing houses. Furniture went up a little and the loss in pianos was moderate. Building materials were lower.

Department Store Sales in Cleveland Federal Reserve District in December Establish New High Record.

Stating that department store sales in the Cleveland Federal Reserve District, as in the entire country, established a new high record for all time in December, the "Monthly Business Review," dated Feb. 1, of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland adds:

The increase over December of last year was 5.3%, and for all of 1925 over 1924 was 2.1%. For the month, all cities gained except New Castle, the largest gains occurring in Cincinnati and Dayton. For the year, the majority of cities gained, the largest increases being in Akron, Cincinnati and Columbus, and the greatest decline in Wheeling.

Turning to departmental sales, 37 out of 52 separate departments reported by 78 firms in the Fourth District showed an increase over December of last year. Percentage changes in the departments doing the greatest business in December were as follows:

<i>Per Cent Change—December 1925 Compared with December 1924.</i>	
Silks and velvets.....	+12.3
Toilet articles, drugs.....	+5.1
Silverware and jewelry.....	-2.8
Men's clothing.....	+8.5
Men's furnishings.....	+3.6
Boy's wear.....	+12.1
Women's ready-to-wear.....	+0.3
Women's & children's hosiery.....	+11.1
Silk and muslin underwear.....	+7.2
Shoes.....	-1.0
Furniture.....	+2.6
Draperies, lamps, shades.....	+2.8
Toys, sport goods.....	+3.1
Books, stationery.....	+0.7

Regarding wholesale trade in the district, the bank says: For the month of December, declines from last year were reported by the grocery, dry goods and shoe trades, while drugs and hardware showed increases over December 1924.

The highest rate of gain is again shown in drugs, where an increase of 10.3% is reported, while the greatest decline was that of 7.1% shown in the wholesale shoe trade. The increase in the hardware line was 0.7%, with dry goods and groceries reporting decreases of 5.6% and 0.6%, respectively.

The year 1925 as compared with the preceding year shows increases in the drug and hardware lines of 4.2 and 1.9%, respectively, while the year witnessed declines of 4.2% in the dry goods, 3.1% in groceries, and 0.6% in shoes.

High Records in Most Lines of Manufacture in Kansas City Federal Reserve District Established in 1925.

Furnishing a statistical record of the district for 1925 as compared with 1924, the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, in its "Monthly Review," dated Feb. 1, states that high records in most lines of manufacture were established during the last twelve months. We quote, as follows, what the "Review" has to say:

Industrial, trade and banking activity in the Tenth Federal Reserve District, after expanding steadily during the last eight months of 1925, and in December achieving the high mark for five years, exhibited in the early weeks of January something of the curtailment and caution usually manifest at the beginning of a new year. Conditions generally were regarded as favorable for a heavy volume of business during 1926, based upon actual current needs, but with no apparent boom tendencies.

Reports, now complete for the month of December and for the year, confirmed the estimated volume of business for 1925 in this district announced in the issue of the "Monthly Review" of Jan. 1 1926. Wholesale trade, naturally slowed down at the inventory period at the end of the year, was smaller in December than in November, but sales in nearly every line exceeded those reported for December 1924. The 1925 sales in dollars and in the volume of goods distributed was the largest ever reported. Re-

tail trade at department stores in leading cities in December were the largest on record for that month, and total sales for 1925 were larger than those for 1924.

December and the year 1925 were notable for large building operations in this district. The value of permits, \$8,198,512 for December and \$123,048,924 for the year, indicated that building programs in eighteen reporting cities had not been fully carried out and there was a promise of large construction operations during the remainder of the winter and in the spring. Construction of hard surfaced highways set a new record during the year and there was a larger volume of public work in cities and towns than for several years. All this construction activity resulted in larger business in manufacture and sales of materials, and was a large factor in the making of better employment conditions in this district than for many years.

The mineral industries reported former high records for this district broken during 1925. The output of crude oil was the largest for any year of record and the value exceeded that for 1924 by 23.8%. The year's production and shipment of zinc and lead ores was the largest in tonnage and value in the tri-State field. Colorado metal mines produced more silver, zinc and lead, and less gold and copper, than in 1924, and the value of the five metals produced was 13.2% larger than that for the previous year. Coal mining in the last half of the year was at a high percent of full-time activity and production for the year was larger than the previous year's output.

High records in most lines of manufacture were established during the last twelve months. Though restricted by the market supply, the slaughter of hogs at the meat packing plants fell below that for 1924. There were increases in the slaughter of cattle and calves, and the slaughter of sheep was almost the same in number as in the previous year. The smaller receipts of wheat at leading markets of the district was responsible for a decrease of 7.3% in the year's flour output at Southwestern mills.

Agricultural production in this district in 1925 was estimated in value at approximately \$1,229,500,000, about \$284,000,000 less than the value of 1924 crops and \$149,500,000 more than the value of 1923 crops. It was noted that the smaller production of wheat, potatoes and hay brought higher farm prices per unit than prices paid for such crops produced in 1924. On the other hand, the larger crops of corn, oats and cotton in 1925 brought lower prices per bushel or pound than was paid to growers for the crops of 1924.

The live stock situation improved in 1925 and at the beginning of 1926 the industry was in a stronger position than for several years. This was due to readjustments of cattle values which placed breeding herds on a higher and more consistent level. The supply of cattle, calves and sheep was equal to market requirements, but the supply of hogs was 22.7% smaller than that for 1924, and indicated fewer hogs on farms and smaller pig crops last spring and fall. There was reported a considerable restocking of cattle on some of the ranges and further expansion of the sheep industry, though late surveys gave little promise of any increase in the farm supply of hogs for this year.

The following is the statistical record supplied by the Bank:

STATISTICAL RECORD OF THE TENTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT.			
<i>Returns for 1925 Compared with Those for 1924.</i>			
	1925.	1924.	Per Cent Change.
Bank debits, 27 cities.....	\$15,446,205,000	\$13,901,532,000	+11.1
Clearings, Federal Reserve Bank.....	\$11,061,945,198	\$9,786,001,503	+13.0
Items handled.....	68,301,676	61,975,039	+10.2
Business failures.....	1,238	1,478	-16.2
Liabilities.....	\$16,117,033	\$27,575,805	-41.5
Building permits, 18 cities.....	34,804	33,753	+3.1
Value.....	\$123,048,924	\$98,972,586	+24.3
Flour production, barrels.....	21,507,892	23,203,502	-7.3
Grain receipts, 5 markets:			
Wheat, bushels.....	116,094,000	194,302,900	-40.2
Corn, bushels.....	47,188,050	64,752,550	-27.1
Oats, bushels.....	33,964,100	25,345,400	+34.0
Mineral production:			
Crude oil, 5 States, barrels.....	246,819,000	239,358,000	+3.1
Value.....	\$443,433,000	\$358,250,000	+23.8
Coal, 5 States, tons.....	29,397,000	29,046,000	+1.2
Value.....	\$90,542,000	\$89,562,000	+1.1
Gold, Colorado.....	\$7,234,500	\$8,494,000	-14.8
Silver, Colorado.....	\$3,019,670	\$2,176,160	+43.4
Five metals, Colorado, value.....	\$20,882,270	\$18,449,000	+13.2
Lead ore, Tri-State District, tons.....	128,829	100,045	+28.7
Value.....	\$15,151,495	\$10,679,918	+41.9
Zinc Ore, Tri-State District, tons.....	813,421	731,080	+11.3
Value.....	\$44,403,344	\$30,873,009	+43.8
Live stock receipts, 6 markets:			
Cattle.....	5,771,141	6,001,544	-3.8
Calves.....	1,037,637	1,031,398	+0.6
Hogs.....	9,087,803	11,752,413	-22.7
Sheep.....	7,518,485	7,634,951	-1.5
Horses and mules.....	130,263	128,240	+1.6
Meat packing, 6 centres:			
Cattle.....	3,098,640	3,006,119	+3.1
Calves.....	760,690	693,399	+9.7
Hogs.....	6,645,247	8,991,142	-26.1
Sheep.....	3,635,659	3,654,758	-0.5
Leading farm crops:			
Winter wheat, bushels.....	150,185,000	294,409,000	-48.9
Spring wheat, bushels.....	8,711,000	8,687,000	+0.3
All wheat, bushels.....	158,896,000	303,096,000	-47.6
Corn, bushels.....	430,317,000	425,705,000	+1.1
Oats, bushels.....	159,468,000	149,966,000	+6.3
Potatoes, bushels.....	29,402,000	31,270,000	-5.9
Tame hay, tons.....	16,613,000	18,011,000	-12.2
Cotton, bales.....	1,547,000	1,442,000	+7.3
Value, all crops.....	\$1,229,500,000	\$1,513,500,000	-18.8

Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight Running Ahead of Last Year.

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on Jan. 30 totaled 925,263 cars, according to reports filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. This was an increase of 27,895 cars over the corresponding week in 1925 but a decrease of 4,360 cars under the corresponding week in 1924. The total for the week of January 30 was, however, an increase of 3,529 cars over the preceding week, increases being reported in the total loading of all commodities except grain and grain products, coke, ore and miscellaneous freight which showed slight decreases. Further details are added as follows:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week ended on January 30 totaled 316,362 cars, a decrease of 3,061 cars under the week before but 24,314 cars above the same week in 1925. It also was an increase of 11,530 cars over the same week in 1924.

Loading of grain and grain products amounted to 45,192 cars, a decrease of 507 cars under the week before as well as 2,688 cars below the same week in 1925. It also was a decrease of 8,419 cars below the same week in 1924. In the western districts alone, grain and grain products loading totaled 27,951 cars, a decrease of 4,029 cars under the corresponding week last year.

Coal loading totaled 183,071 cars, an increase of 2,148 cars over the week before but 10,229 cars below the same week in 1925. Compared with the same week in 1924, it was also a decrease of 15,819 cars.

Loading of merchandise and less than carload lot freight amounted to 248,837 cars, an increase of 2,250 cars over the week before and 16,511 cars above the same week in 1925. Compared with the corresponding week in 1924, it also was an increase of 12,675 cars.

Forest products loading totaled 72,634 cars, 2,704 cars over the week before but 2,953 cars below the same week in 1925 and 8,174 cars below the same week in 1924.

Coke loading totaled 18,192 cars, a decrease of 182 cars under the preceding week but 4,882 cars above the corresponding week in 1925. Compared with the same week in 1924 it also was an increase of 5,620 cars.

Live stock loading for the week amounted to 31,228 cars, an increase of 488 cars above the week before but 2,804 cars below the corresponding week in 1925. It also was 2,014 cars below the same week in 1924. In the western districts alone, 23,561 cars were loaded with live stock during the week, 2,293 cars below the same week last year.

Ore loading totaled 9,747 cars, a decrease of 311 cars under the preceding week but 862 cars above the corresponding week in 1925. Compared with the same week in 1924, it also was an increase of 241 cars.

Compared with the preceding week, all districts showed increases in the total loading of all commodities except the Eastern, Allegheny and Centralwestern, while all except the Northwestern and Centralwestern reported increases over the corresponding week in 1925. All districts except the Eastern, Allegheny and Northwestern showed increases over the corresponding week in 1924.

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

	1926	1925	1924
Week Ended on January 2	741,239	767,098	706,292
Week Ended on January 9	907,119	934,170	872,023
Week Ended on January 16	936,655	934,022	894,851
Week Ended on January 23	921,734	924,291	891,481
Week Ended on January 30	925,263	897,368	929,623
TOTAL	4,432,010	4,456,949	4,294,270

Increase in Postal Receipts at Fifty Selected Cities.

Postal receipts for the 50 selected cities for January 1926 were 6.77% greater than in January 1925, according to figures made public on Feb. 5 by Postmaster-General New. Akron, Ohio, with 27.03%, was first in point of percentage of gain. Jacksonville, Fla., was second with 24.84%, Baltimore, Md., third, with 22.79%; Kansas City, Mo., fourth, with 19.67%, and Fort Worth, Tex., fifth, with 19.11%. Pittsburgh, Pa., Buffalo, N. Y., and Columbus, Ohio, each reported slight decreases. Tabulated figures follow:

STATEMENT OF POSTAL RECEIPTS AT FIFTY SELECTED OFFICES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1926.

Offices—	January 1926.	January 1925.	Increase.	Per Ct. 1925 over 1924.	Per Ct. 1925 over 1923.	Per Ct. 1924 over 1923.
New York, N. Y.	5,591,848.90	5,290,362.48	301,486.42	5.70	*0.03	4.33
Chicago, Ill.	5,079,735.16	5,020,766.74	58,968.42	1.17	9.43	.86
Philadelphia, Pa.	1,672,673.19	1,564,961.68	107,711.51	6.88	5.43	1.49
Boston, Mass.	1,364,471.21	1,235,058.14	129,413.07	10.48	5.52	3.25
St. Louis, Mo.	1,045,166.76	1,004,143.77	41,022.99	4.09	4.41	4.71
Kansas City, Mo.	903,154.49	754,693.88	148,460.61	19.67	3.30	9.76
Detroit, Mich.	807,890.78	686,978.21	120,912.57	17.60	3.88	16.41
Cleveland, Ohio.	697,248.89	742,567.09	40,304.19	5.43	10.79	1.39
Los Angeles, Cal.	687,248.89	668,245.43	28,903.46	4.32	1.19	18.95
San Francisco, Cal.	690,403.79	631,593.45	58,810.34	9.31	11.33	.16
Brooklyn, N. Y.	647,832.89	558,564.92	89,267.97	15.98	*.38	4.66
Pittsburgh, Pa.	563,725.97	568,596.71	*4,870.74	*.86	4.54	1.73
Cincinnati	574,074.25	534,001.34	40,072.91	7.50	11.47	9.15
Minneapolis, Minn.	515,010.71	509,131.76	5,878.95	1.15	4.33	.22
Baltimore, Md.	531,196.52	432,599.92	98,596.60	22.79	5.99	6.83
Milwaukee, Wis.	384,794.37	370,434.74	14,359.63	3.88	5.08	8.50
Washington, D. C.	447,583.65	397,740.65	49,843.00	12.53	2.24	14.66
Buffalo, N. Y.	364,793.57	383,156.73	*18,363.16	*4.79	1.24	9.50
Indianapolis, Ind.	385,652.83	366,050.01	19,602.82	5.36	13.74	11.13
St. Paul, Minn.	338,778.92	328,775.28	35,003.64	10.65	6.21	10.66
Atlanta, Ga.	301,912.91	311,376.87	26,664.25	8.56	1.29	8.05
Newark, N. J.	275,552.33	284,149.11	16,982.80	5.98	6.08	11.39
Denver, Colo.	306,328.98	361,646.26	13,906.07	5.31	6.06	1.70
Dallas, Tex.	270,469.30	235,183.15	21,145.83	7.41	12.60	4.14
Seattle, Wash.	255,732.98	250,296.60	20,172.70	8.06	9.97	8.45
Omaha, Neb.	255,732.98	233,534.04	22,198.94	9.51	*4.33	6.04
Des Moines, Iowa.	281,740.48	245,319.77	36,420.71	14.85	1.04	13.32
Portland, Ore.	236,163.44	226,495.77	9,667.67	4.27	1.29	11.04
Louisville, Ky.	223,335.95	218,048.26	5,287.69	2.42	1.87	8.81
Rochester, N. Y.	201,951.17	201,819.39	30,631.78	15.22	*3.45	5.45
Columbus, Ohio.	233,673.57	235,524.15	*1,850.58	*.79	13.40	1.21
New Orleans, La.	229,668.28	217,662.10	12,004.18	5.51	7.68	*.84
Toledo, Ohio.	189,433.88	162,244.14	27,189.74	16.76	*2.37	3.30
Richmond, Va.	192,866.26	169,076.44	23,789.82	14.07	7.97	2.77
Providence, R. I.	161,495.39	148,467.95	13,027.44	8.77	*1.52	5.66
Memphis, Tenn.	163,912.77	163,809.22	103.55	.06	9.69	*4.01
Dayton, Ohio.	179,587.79	161,017.99	18,479.80	11.47	26.35	13.40
Hartford, Conn.	177,696.68	151,194.62	26,502.06	17.53	6.53	12.03
Nashville, Tenn.	147,724.41	129,704.17	19,020.24	14.78	1.36	.72
Houston, Texas.	149,753.18	133,477.17	16,276.01	12.19	4.34	6.73
Syracuse, N. Y.	129,374.95	114,187.69	15,187.26	13.30	*1.34	3.92
New Haven, Conn.	128,225.16	125,003.12	2,622.04	2.09	1.44	3.93
Gr. Rapids, Mich.	128,487.33	113,060.25	15,427.08	13.64	3.77	8.41
Akron, Ohio.	124,213.04	97,778.83	26,434.21	27.03	*5.99	19.90
Fort Worth, Tex.	124,135.04	104,215.72	19,919.32	19.11	17.19	*5.34
Salt Lake City.	101,726.67	98,420.75	3,305.92	3.36	6.95	4.22
Jacksonville, Fla.	113,051.78	90,560.68	22,491.10	24.84	16.54	9.22
Worcester, Mass.	99,200.20	90,974.66	8,225.54	9.04	.05	7.91
Jersey City, N. J.	106,499.85	98,925.71	7,574.14	7.66	4.41	*6.87
Springfield, Mass.	101,361.62	100,298.44	1,063.18	1.06	1.18	9.89
Total	29,116,441.64	27,271,185.95	1,845,255.69	6.77	4.76	4.40

* Decrease. Oct. 1925 over Oct. 1924, 11.57%. November 1925 over November 1924, 13.19%. December 1925 over December 1924, 13.20%.

Increase in Postal Receipts at Fifty Industrial Cities During January.

Postal receipts for the 50 industrial cities for January 1926 amounted to \$3,193,452, as compared with \$2,978,591 for January 1925, an increase of \$214,861, or 7.21%, according to figures made public by Postmaster-General New on Feb. 6. Five Sundays in January of this year were responsible to some extent for the comparatively small increase in receipts. Tampa, Fla., led the 50 industrial cities in percentages of gain, with an increase of 46.19%. Springfield, Ill., was second, with 28.37%; Cedar Rapids, Ia., third, with 27.78%; Oakland, Cal., fourth, with 23.71%, and Bridgeport, Conn., fifth, with 22.73%. Tabulated figures follow:

—STATEMENT OF POSTAL RECEIPTS AT FIFTY INDUSTRIAL OFFICES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1926.

Offices—	January 1926.	January 1925.	Increase.	Per Ct. 1925 over 1924.	Per Ct. 1925 over 1923.	
Springfield, Ohio.	\$208,199.16	\$200,356.25	\$7,842.91	3.91	33.22	1.80
Oklahoma, Okla.	123,188.93	121,945.78	1,243.15	1.02	3.09	3.23
Albany, N. Y.	124,539.67	116,751.44	7,788.23	6.67	2.34	12.97
Scranton, Pa.	83,814.06	85,726.58	*2,412.52	*2.91	*17.46	26.06
Harrisburg, Pa.	126,710.08	145,634.07	*18,923.99	*12.99	17.11	*8.23
San Antonio, Tex.	95,544.22	89,399.92	6,144.30	6.87	6.68	10.14
Spokane, Wash.	95,519.05	81,874.12	13,645.53	16.67	*2.69	*3.98
Oakland, Calif.	146,315.66	118,274.00	28,041.66	23.71	11.58	27.28
Birmingham, Ala.	128,331.21	110,176.39	18,154.82	16.48	2.68	20.67
Topeka, Kan.	101,505.61	97,780.16	3,725.45	3.81	*11.49	.33
Peoria, Ill.	79,709.87	82,908.23	*3,198.36	*3.86	18.85	2.06
Norfolk, Va.	76,134.99	69,072.85	7,062.14	10.22	2.54	2.16
Tampa, Fla.	97,031.71	66,046.99	30,984.72	46.91	1.48	14.01
Fort Wayne, Ind.	93,067.41	85,783.98	7,283.43	8.49	.11	11.83
Lincoln, Neb.	69,993.66	70,983.33	*989.67	*1.39	2.53	3.06
Duluth, Minn.	61,600.20	61,459.20	141.00	.23	*5.71	13.06
Little Rock, Ark.	77,712.93	72,054.29	5,658.64	7.85	9.77	*6.98
Sioux City, Iowa.	67,548.07	66,569.47	978.60	1.47	11.13	*2.69
Bridgeport, Conn.	70,518.23	57,457.63	13,060.60	22.73	*7.14	*.81
Portland, Me.	63,031.02	65,372.11	*3,341.09	*5.03	7.90	4.89
St. Joseph, Mo.	59,515.08	58,766.95	748.13	1.27	3.07	1.23
Springfield, Ill.	75,659.61	58,940.50	16,719.11	28.37	*30.72	41.03
Trenton, N. J.	64,039.23	58,685.67	5,353.56	9.12	.58	6.10
Wilmington, Del.	57,045.29	49,293.54	7,751.75	15.72	*4.93	3.55
Madison, Wis.	73,430.44	63,346.80	10,083.64	15.92	21.75	*.72
South Bend, Ind.	62,133.14	55,320.47	6,812.67	12.31	22.67	*9.91
Charlotte, N. C.	59,300.74	58,345.96	954.78	1.64	14.21	7.52
Savannah, Ga.	48,886.47	48,789.21	97.26	.20	1.92	13.32
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.	54,305.24	42,600.22	11,705.02	27.78	1.97	2.32
Charleston, W. Va.	46,736.07	45,430.15	1,305.92	2.87	6.11	7.39
Chattanooga, Tenn.	65,160.14	58,620.86	6,539.28	11.15	*8.41	.90
Schenectady, N. Y.	43,187.46	40,989.66	2,197.80	5.36	*9.81	6.49
Lynn, Mass.	40,701.99	34,857.90	5,844.09	16.77	*9.14	*4.38
Shreveport, La.	44,731.39	41,373.84	3,357.55	8.03	7.90	5.09
Columbia, S. C.	41,934.01	35,898.22	5,955.79	15.31	3.96	10.68
Fargo, N. Dak.	31,754.93	30,889.50	865.43	2.80	17.75	.86
Sioux Falls, S. Dak.	36,082.36	31,208.19	4,874.17	15.62	18.79	*6.86
Waterbury, Conn.	38,362.34	37,943.85	418.49	1.10	.21	32.09
Pueblo, Colo.	33,153.92	31,858.87	1,295.05	4.07	13.28	17.23
Manchester, N. H.	23,320.92	23,121.11	199.81	.89	.10	4.34
Lexington, Ky.	28,346.28	29,146.88	*800.60	*2.82	*4.10	22.84
Phoenix, Ariz.	31,949.73	32,378.18	*428.45	*1.32	20.48	11.75
Butte, Mont.	21,231.63	20,340.24	891.39	4.38	.28	3.51
Jackson, Miss.	30,390.72	28,838.61	1,552.11	5.38	18.70	*.03
Boise, Idaho.	15,307.00	21,649.00	*6,342.00	*29.29	27.35	*12.36
Burlington, Vt.	19,371.80	18,257.07	1,114.19	6.10	3.15	2.65
Cumberland, Md.	13,842.42	13,905.07	*62.65	*.45	*5.14	10.86
Reno, Nev.	11,843.32	12,295.88	*452.56	*3.83	2.65	*4.31
Albuquerque, N. Mex.	16,334.60	15,154.83	1,179.77	7.71	*4.99	13.09
Cheyenne, Wyo.	16,417.46	13,926.71	2,490.75	17.88	1.41	4.57
Total	\$3,193,452.07	\$2,978,591.27	\$214,860.80	7.21	4.18	6.11

* Decrease. Oct. 1925 over Oct. 1924, 6.59; Nov. 1925 over Nov. 1924, 13.09 Dec. 1925 over Dec. 1924, 14.19.

Goodyear Company Denies Wage Increase—15,000 Workers Ask Raise, Basing Claims on High Cost of Living.

A request from representatives of the 15,000 factory employes of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. for a general wage increase of 12 1/2% on Feb. 10 was refused by P. W. Litchfield, Vice-President and Factory Manager. The New York "Journal of Commerce" in reporting this from Akron Feb. 10 adds the following:

The Goodyear industrial assembly, recognized by the company as the official organization representing workers, asked for the wage advance.

The petition of the organization set forth that the company has enjoyed increased earnings; that the cost of living is higher and that increased efficiency would result by decreasing labor turnover.

Mr. Litchfield's answer was:

"An investigation shows that we are paying rates equal to, or better than those being paid locally, and that we recently took the initiative in raising rates 5% in spite of these conditions, and in spite of the competitive situation in which our business is engaged.

"Rubber workers in Akron are paid more than in any other locality, and our labor cost in our Akron plant is higher than the cost in any of our other plants."

"It is true that the company has had a prosperous business during 1925, owing to increased tire prices, but on each advance we have had to use low cost rubber which we had, and replace it with higher price rubber than the advance prices justified.

"This has made it necessary to reserve the major portion of last year's profits for possible losses in raw material during the coming year rather than paying dividends to our stockholders, who have been waiting many years for returns on their investments.

"We cannot at this time foresee what changes in the situation may come about later on, but we believe it highly inadvisable to commit ourselves at this time to a 12 1/2% wage advance."

Pepperell Manufacturing Strike Off.

According to Boston advances to the "Wall Street Journal" Feb. 11 the Biddeford (Me.) weavers' union voted to call off the strike against the introduction of multiple loom system at Pepperell Manufacturing Co. plant. The strike had been in force since Dec. 1, when the weavers refused to accept the multiple loom system proposed by the manage-

ment. Last month the plant was reopened to all workers willing to return.

Dun's Report of Failures in January.

Reflecting the strain incident to the annual settlements, the number of commercial failures in the United States invariably increases during the first month of a year, and the total reported to R. G. Dun & Co. for January of this year is 2,296. These defaults, which compare with 1,878 last December, involved liabilities of \$43,661,444, against \$36,528,160 in the immediately preceding month. The number of failures recorded last month is, however, moderately below the 2,317 of January 1925, while this year's indebtedness is materially under the \$54,354,032 of a year ago. Contrasted with the high point of January 1922, when the amount was practically \$73,800,000, the present liabilities show a reduction of more than 40%, and last month's defaults, in point of number, disclose a decrease of nearly 20% from the maximum of 2,848 failures reported for January 1915.

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

	Number			Liabilities.		
	1926.	1925.	1924.	1926.	1925.	1924.
January	2,296	2,317	2,108	\$43,661,444	\$36,528,160	\$35,922,421
December	1,878	1,841	1,704	29,543,870		
November	1,672	1,653	1,673			
October	1,581	1,696				
Fourth quarter	5,131	5,389	5,218	\$101,994,451		
September	4,465	4,306	4,226	\$30,687,319		
August	5,153	5,120	5,139	37,158,861		
July	4,685	4,615	4,231	34,505,191		
Third quarter	4,663	4,441	3,776	\$102,351,371		
June	4,745	4,607	4,358	\$36,701,496		
May	4,767	4,816	4,530	37,026,552		
April	4,939	4,707	4,520	37,188,622		
Second quarter	5,451	5,130	4,408	\$110,916,670		
March	4,859	4,817	4,682	\$34,004,731		
February	4,793	4,730	4,508	40,123,017		
January	2,317	2,108	2,126	54,354,032		
First quarter	5,969	5,655	5,316	\$128,481,780		

	Number			Liabilities		
	1926.	1925.	1924.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Manufacturers—						
Iron foundries & mills	18	6	8	\$1,513,000	\$260,600	\$999,563
Machinery & tools	31	35	32	969,873	1,225,085	2,034,328
Woolens, carpets & knit goods	2	4	9	435,700	340,000	2,822,653
Cottons, lace & hosiery	1	3	2	62,000	334,570	29,884
Lumber, carpenters and coopers	51	35	28	1,645,697	746,753	992,681
Clothing & millinery	55	52	70	824,834	703,906	2,300,854
Hats, gloves & furs	15	9	13	138,300	141,031	166,599
Chemicals and drugs	7	3	6	41,300	13,200	223,985
Paints and oils	1	3	---	35,550	17,000	---
Printing & engraving	14	13	15	178,011	349,400	334,612
Milling & bakers	58	65	53	770,486	499,127	742,016
Leather, shoes & harness	15	20	26	338,076	435,756	368,452
Liquors & tobacco	6	11	17	46,234	184,819	122,927
Glass, earthenware & brick	2	5	11	53,200	14,200	895,423
All other	226	216	215	9,041,689	6,643,740	16,841,278
Total manufacturing	510	480	505	\$16,093,950	\$11,909,187	\$28,875,260

	Number			Liabilities		
	1926.	1925.	1924.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Traders—						
General stores	136	179	162	\$1,407,191	\$3,081,131	\$1,971,957
Groceries, meat & fish	349	339	264	2,445,224	2,195,996	2,361,878
Hotels & restaurants	108	93	74	1,603,704	1,659,980	1,023,733
Liquors & tobacco	18	40	22	223,555	345,552	108,972
Clothing & furnishings	370	299	276	4,165,686	4,276,858	3,347,054
Dry goods & carpets	142	165	127	1,993,725	3,164,029	2,006,087
Shoes, rubbers & trunks	65	92	87	646,932	1,015,638	1,056,045
Furniture & crockery	64	61	39	764,870	871,375	698,846
Hardware, stoves & tools	43	36	33	1,876,962	525,000	444,965
Chemicals & drugs	70	60	65	622,188	791,005	583,643
Paints & oils	10	4	5	128,800	82,500	34,441
Jewelry & clocks	79	98	55	1,552,232	1,425,610	1,034,710
Books & papers	18	12	12	164,086	160,262	329,112
Hats, furs & gloves	8	16	16	72,211	153,272	327,016
All other	298	263	301	3,844,506	4,906,371	4,196,823
Trading	1,696	1,757	1,538	\$21,511,872	\$24,654,579	\$19,525,282
Other commercial	90	80	65	6,055,622	17,790,266	2,871,966
Total	2,296	2,317	2,108	\$43,661,444	\$54,354,032	\$51,272,508

Automobile Price Changes.

A reduction in price of about \$95 for the closed models and an increase of around \$30 for the open models was announced Feb. 11 by the Ford Motor Co. to take effect at once. There was no change announced in the price of the Ford ton truck chassis or Fordson tractor. The following table shows how the prices compare:

Model—	Old.	New.	Change
Runabout	\$260	\$290	+\$30
Touring	290	310	+20
Coupe	520	500	-20
Tudor sedan	580	520	-60
Fordor sedan	660	565	-95

An announcement made by Edsel B. Ford, as President of the company, was reported by the New York "Times" of Feb. 11 as follows:

The demand for closed cars since the improved type in colors were introduced has been constantly increasing. With greater output of these types, costs have lessened, and it is the policy of the company to give its customers the benefit of all reductions in production costs.

While announcements from other low-priced motor car companies had not been released up to the time of our going to press, they are expected to be forthcoming soon.

Respecting the new policy of selling to be put into effect by the Hudson Motor Car Co. on the 15th inst. (noted in our columns last week, page 680) the "Wall Street Journal" of the 8th says in part:

One of the most far-reaching changes in the methods of selling automobiles at retail since the motor industry started out on the f. o. b. Detroit price basis, will be effected Feb. 15 by distributors of the Hudson Motor Car Co. The company will discontinue quoting cars at list price, f. o. b. Detroit.

When total consumer cost is compared for the different models the increases and decreases practically offset each other. On Feb. 15 the consumer in various zones over the country will be given by the Hudson-Essex dealers a net delivered price which will be uniform throughout, each zone and which will include not only freight and war tax but also about \$55 worth of equipment heretofore bought by the consumer separately and commonly known as extras.

Instead of the consumer having to add freight, war tax, and other miscellaneous charges to the list price in order to obtain final retail price, dealers will quote only the actual delivered price. To accomplish this new sales program the country has been divided into zones. Each zone will have a set delivered price which will apply to all dealers in that zone. There is no intention to make the cars sell at one price the country over as has been erroneously rumored.

Weekly Lumber Review of West Coast Lumbermen's Association.

One hundred and two mills reporting to West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ending Jan. 30 manufactured 94,852,625 feet of lumber; sold 100,503,221 feet, and shipped 101,560,859 feet. New business was 6% above production. Shipments were 7% above production.

Forty-five per cent of all new business taken during the week was for future water delivery. This amounted to 45,399,881 feet, of which 34,492,881 feet was for domestic cargo delivery and 10,907,000 feet export. New business by rail amounted to 1,693 cars.

Forty-seven per cent of the lumber shipments moved by water. This amounted to 47,447,519 feet, of which 39,031,657 feet moved coastwise and intercoastal, and 8,415,862 feet export. Rail shipments totaled 1,660 cars.

Local auto and team deliveries totaled 4,313,340 feet. Unfilled domestic cargo orders totaled 109,057,827 feet. Unfilled export orders 140,171,541 feet. Unfilled rail trade orders, 5,138 cars.

In the first five weeks of the year production reported to West Coast Lumbermen's Association has been 376,876,968 feet; new business, 468,844,170 feet, and shipments, 427,218,131 feet.

Production and Shipment of Lumber During Month of December.

The "National Lumber Bulletin," published monthly by the National Lumber Manufacturers Association of Washington, D. C., and Chicago, Ill., on Feb. 7 1926 reported the status of the lumber industry during December as follows:

LUMBER PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENTS AS REPORTED MONTHLY BY MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS TO NATIONAL LUMBER MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION FOR DECEMBER 1925 AND THE YEAR 1925.

Association.	December 1925.				
	Production.		Shipments.		
	Mills.	Hardw' ds.	Softwoods.	Hardw' ds.	Softwoods.
		Feet.	Feet.	Feet.	Feet.
California Redwood	15		36,980,000		
California White & Sugar Pine Mfrs.	27		78,393,000		100,882,000
Georgia-Florida Saw Mill.	12		9,591,000		10,939,000
North Carolina Pine	55		29,559,000		31,903,000
Northern Hemlock & Hardwood Mfrs.	44	22,098,000	26,628,000	33,269,000	16,276,000
Northern Pine Mfrs.	9		30,939,000		33,082,000
Southern Cypress Mfrs.	9	2,355,000	6,979,000	2,276,000	9,691,000
Southern Pine	161		350,843,000		353,470,000
West Coast Lumbermen's	96		329,471,000		355,744,000
Western Pine Mfrs.	36		85,808,000		101,367,000
Lower Michigan Mfrs.	12	6,778,000	1,118,000	7,102,000	2,168,000
Individual reports	21	8,057,000	30,971,000	9,561,000	36,213,000
Total	497	39,288,000	1,017,280,000	52,208,000	1,081,933,000

Association.	Twelve Months of 1925.					
	Avge. No. of Mills.	Production.		Shipments.		
		Hardw' ds.	Softwoods.	Hardw' ds.	Softwoods.	Softwoods.
		Feet.	Feet.	Feet.	Feet.	
California Redwood	15		407,320,000		364,654,000	
California White & Sugar Pine Mfrs.	27		1,398,283,000		1,278,836,000	
Georgia-Florida Saw Mill.	8		82,462,000		95,996,000	
North Carolina Pine	57		475,747,000		438,722,000	
Northern Hemlock & Hardwood Mfrs.	42	380138 000	249,687,000	341404 000	213,552,000	
Northern Pine Mfrs.	10		479,790,000		471,834,000	
Southern Cypress Mfrs.	10	26,936,000	131,717,000	33,805,000	132,863,000	
Southern Pine	171		4,660,187,000		4,642,137,000	
West Coast Lumbermen's	107		4,965,837,000		5,111,413,000	
Western Pine Mfrs.	39		1,677,825,000		1,545,362,000	
Lower Michigan Mfrs.	11	84,007,000	27,658,000	79,502,000	30,500,000	
Individual reports	24	115444 000	456,993,000	114466 000	466,836,000	
Total	521	606525 000	15013 506,000	569177 000	14792 705,000	

Total production Dec. 1925, 1,056,568,000 ft. Average monthly production 1925, 1,301,669,000 ft. Total production for the year 1925, 15,620,031,000 ft. Total production for the year 1924, 14,966,925,000 ft. Total production for the year 1923, 15,798,340,000 ft.

Total shipments Dec. 1925, 1,134,141,000 ft. Average monthly shipments 1925, 1,280,157,000 ft. Total shipments for the year 1925, 15,361,882,000 ft. Total shipments for the year 1924, 14,711,682,000 ft. Total shipments for the year 1923, 15,203,228,000 ft.

LUMBER PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENTS AS REPORTED BY STATES AND MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS.

Mills.	December 1925.			12 Months of 1925.		
	Production, Feet.	Shipments, Feet.	Arpe, No. of	Production, Feet.	Shipments, Feet.	
Alabama.....	23	32,273,000	33,918,000	22	385,349,000	395,300,000
Arkansas.....	19	40,432,000	35,469,000	21	481,555,000	478,018,000
California.....	34	99,020,000	117,129,000	35	1,541,890,000	1,431,592,000
Florida.....	17	25,731,000	33,554,000	13	355,646,000	367,433,000
Georgia.....	10	5,053,000	5,993,000	10	70,622,000	74,507,000
Idaho.....	15	22,217,000	38,720,000	16	711,810,000	635,474,000
Louisiana.....	45	95,949,000	96,949,000	50	1,356,543,000	1,383,168,000
Michigan.....	22	19,768,000	19,565,000	20	253,714,000	225,868,000
Minnesota.....	5	29,652,000	27,164,000	6	376,225,000	370,769,000
Mississippi.....	40	96,765,000	102,547,000	42	1,329,172,000	1,312,154,000
Montana.....	8	10,747,000	19,749,000	9	269,085,000	263,300,000
No. Carolina.....	14	5,308,000	4,189,000	13	79,846,000	64,277,000
Oklahoma.....	3	8,166,000	6,732,000	3	95,171,000	95,399,000
Oregon.....	53	186,902,000	180,725,000	53	2,580,283,000	2,553,023,000
So. Carolina.....	16	5,894,000	7,185,000	19	113,373,000	109,022,000
Texas.....	34	69,375,000	65,840,000	36	874,330,000	848,927,000
Virginia.....	16	14,380,000	15,903,000	17	251,648,000	227,900,000
Washington.....	64	211,766,000	231,868,000	74	3,329,984,000	3,404,285,000
Wisconsin.....	35	38,141,000	39,889,000	34	502,921,000	454,136,000
Others.....	24	39,029,000	51,053,000	28	660,864,000	667,332,000
Total.....	497	1,056,568,000	1,134,141,000	521	15,620,031,000	15,361,882,000

* Includes mostly individual reports, not distributed.

Acreage, Yield, Production and Price of Grain Crops for 1924 and 1925 by States.

In our issue of Jan. 2, on page 23, we gave the report of the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture, showing the Department's final estimates of the acreage, production and value of the important farm crops of the United States in 1925 compared with 1924. These figures dealt with the totals for the whole United States. We now give the production for each of the different States in the case of winter wheat, spring wheat, corn and oats. The statement is as follows:

ACREAGE, YIELD, PRODUCTION AND PRICE OF WINTER WHEAT, 1924 AND 1925. (Subject to revision.)

State.	Acreage, 1,000 Acres.		Yield, Bushels.		Production, 1,000 Bushels.		Price Dec. 1 Cts. per Bu.	
	1924.	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.	1925.
New York.....	320	300	18.7	19.5	5,984	5,850	144	152
New Jersey.....	54	58	18.5	21.0	999	1,218	157	143
Pennsylvania.....	1,136	1,136	16.5	20.0	18,744	22,720	144	147
Delaware.....	100	103	17.8	18.5	1,780	1,906	144	145
Maryland.....	510	520	15.8	21.0	8,058	10,920	145	151
Virginia.....	630	630	13.4	14.2	8,442	8,946	148	161
West Virginia.....	122	128	13.0	13.5	1,586	1,728	147	158
North Carolina.....	414	406	12.0	11.0	4,968	4,466	160	171
South Carolina.....	57	46	11.0	11.0	627	506	170	185
Georgia.....	76	99	9.5	10.5	722	1,040	169	182
Ohio.....	1,853	1,594	18.0	15.0	33,354	23,910	155	158
Indiana.....	1,700	1,768	17.0	14.5	28,900	25,636	142	155
Illinois.....	2,276	2,185	16.0	16.0	36,416	34,960	136	150
Michigan.....	835	818	24.0	17.0	20,040	13,906	138	156
Wisconsin.....	76	53	25.6	19.0	1,946	1,007	128	136
Minnesota.....	142	170	25.0	16.0	3,550	2,720	130	136
Iowa.....	429	386	20.4	17.0	8,752	6,562	127	136
Missouri.....	1,600	1,664	13.3	13.2	21,280	21,965	133	150
South Dakota.....	108	125	15.0	11.5	1,620	1,438	125	127
Nebraska.....	2,866	2,493	19.5	12.7	55,887	31,661	122	141
Kansas.....	9,808	8,592	16.3	8.7	159,870	74,750	128	148
Kentucky.....	200	236	10.3	14.0	2,060	3,304	143	160
Tennessee.....	310	367	10.5	12.5	3,255	4,588	147	166
Alabama.....	6	5	12.0	11.0	60	77	162	175
Mississippi.....	5	5	10.3	18.0	62	90	150	160
Texas.....	1,365	819	18.5	8.0	25,252	6,552	129	155
Oklahoma.....	3,556	3,449	16.0	8.2	56,896	28,822	124	147
Arkansas.....	33	30	11.5	13.0	380	390	133	150
Montana.....	620	195	17.1	14.5	10,602	2,828	124	133
Wyoming.....	26	29	16.0	16.0	416	464	111	124
Colorado.....	1,120	896	14.0	12.0	15,680	10,752	118	136
New Mexico.....	175	52	14.0	3.0	2,450	156	125	150
Arizona.....	32	32	21.0	21.0	672	672	141	175
Utah.....	133	145	13.3	21.0	1,769	3,045	130	130
Nevada.....	2	2	23.0	26.0	46	52	150	146
Idaho.....	427	406	17.0	27.0	7,259	10,922	131	125
Washington.....	1,200	372	17.0	25.0	20,400	9,300	130	128
Oregon.....	790	350	16.7	22.0	13,193	7,700	129	136
California.....	377	603	15.0	19.0	5,655	11,457	144	148
United States.....	35,489	31,269	16.6	12.7	589,632	398,486	131.6	147.9

ACREAGE, YIELD, PRODUCTION AND PRICE OF SPRING WHEAT, 1924 AND 1925. (Subject to revision.)

State.	Acreage, 1,000 Acres.		Yield, Bushels.		Production, 1,000 Bushels.		Price Dec. 1 Cts. per Bu.	
	1924.	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.	1925.
Maine.....	4	6	26.0	28.0	104	168	170	170
Vermont.....	1	2	21.0	21.0	21	42	150	150
New York.....	7	8	19.0	18.5	133	148	144	152
Ohio.....	4	4	23.0	22.0	92	92	144	154
Indiana.....	4	4	18.0	16.0	72	64	142	151
Illinois.....	31	46	20.5	20.0	636	920	136	145
Michigan.....	5	5	18.5	18.0	92	90	138	155
Wisconsin.....	40	67	21.0	21.0	840	1,407	128	136
Minnesota.....	1,574	2,030	21.8	13.0	34,313	26,390	130	137
Iowa.....	26	26	17.2	15.0	447	390	127	130
Missouri.....	7	7	15.4	16.0	108	112	133	149
North Dakota.....	8,500	9,605	15.7	11.7	133,450	112,340	126	131
South Dakota.....	2,300	2,622	15.0	11.8	34,500	30,940	125	128
Nebraska.....	195	183	13.5	13.0	2,632	2,489	122	132
Kansas.....	9	9	10.5	6.7	94	60	123	130
Montana.....	2,543	3,026	16.2	10.5	41,197	31,773	124	140
Wyoming.....	115	120	15.0	18.0	1,725	2,160	111	124
Colorado.....	240	252	16.0	15.0	3,840	3,780	118	135
New Mexico.....	40	28	15.0	12.0	600	336	125	150
Utah.....	68	88	22.7	33.0	1,544	2,904	130	129
Nevada.....	12	13	22.9	32.0	275	416	150	146
Idaho.....	400	520	22.0	29.0	8,800	15,030	131	125
Washington.....	650	1,700	9.2	16.2	5,980	27,540	130	131
Oregon.....	100	560	15.0	20.0	1,500	11,200	129	136
United States.....	16,875	20,931	16.2	12.9	272,995	270,879	126.2	132.3

DURUM WHEAT.

(Included in Spring Wheat.)

State.	Acreage.		Yield, Bushels.		Production, Bushels.	
	1924.	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.	1925.
Minnesota.....	126,000	142,000	21.5	15.2	2,709,000	2,158,000
North Dakota.....	2,922,000	3,362,000	16.2	14.5	47,336,000	48,749,000
South Dakota.....	997,000	1,049,000	15.3	13.8	15,254,000	14,478,000
Montana.....	126,000	121,000	18.0	10.0	2,268,000	1,210,000
Total, four States.....	4,171,000	4,674,000	16.2	14.2	67,567,000	66,593,000

ACREAGE, YIELD, PRODUCTION AND PRICE OF CORN, 1924 AND 1925. (Subject to revision.)

State.	Acreage, 1,000 Acres.		Yield, Bushels.		Production, 1,000 Bushels.		Price Dec. 1 Cts. per Bu.	
	1924.	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.	1925.
Maine.....	12	13	43.0	45.0	516	585	136	112
New Hampshire.....	14	15	48.0	50.0	672	750	134	100
Vermont.....	83	85	47.0	48.0	3,901	4,080	118	100
Massachusetts.....	41	42	45.0	50.0	1,845	2,100	129	110
Rhode Island.....	8	9	40.0	45.0	320	405	140	120
Connecticut.....	55	57	43.0	50.0	2,365	2,850	120	110
New York.....	677	691	34.0	36.0	23,018	24,876	117	97
New Jersey.....	195	206	34.0	52.0	6,630	10,712	116	73
Pennsylvania.....	1,316	1,421	36.5	51.0	48,034	72,471	118	80
Delaware.....	140	145	27.0	37.0	3,780	5,365	112	65
Maryland.....	537	568	31.0	45.0	16,647	25,560	111	70
Virginia.....	1,499	1,639	21.0	22.0	31,479	36,058	126	101
West Virginia.....	460	506	26.0	36.5	11,960	18,469	124	100
North Carolina.....	2,317	2,271	18.0	18.5	41,706	42,014	124	110
South Carolina.....	1,650	1,584	12.0	12.3	19,800	19,483	123	110
Georgia.....	3,975	3,895	11.5	10.7	45,712	41,676	112	100
Florida.....	600	580	13.5	15.0	8,100	8,700	112	100
Ohio.....	3,432	3,707	26.0	48.0	89,232	177,936	104	57
Indiana.....	4,450	4,628	25.6	43.5	113,920	201,318	94	55
Illinois.....	8,946	9,240	33.0	42.0	295,218	388,080	95	58
Michigan.....	1,610	1,642	28.5	40.0	45,885	65,860	106	75
Wisconsin.....	2,185	2,141	26.0	45.6	56,810	99,556	105	72
Minnesota.....	4,586	4,357	27.0	36.0	123,822	156,852	95	56
Iowa.....	10,912	11,130	28.0	43.0	305,536	478,590	93	56
Missouri.....	6,500	6,825	24.0	29.5	156,000	201,338	96	69
North Dakota.....	1,320	1,056	20.0	23.5	26,400	24,416	76	55
South Dakota.....	4,814	4,766	21.3	17.5	102,538	83,405	80	60
Nebraska.....	8,716	9,100	22.0	26.0	191,752	236,600	91	61
Kansas.....	6,021	6,623	21.7	15.8	130,656	104,643	87	66
Kentucky.....	3,048	3,200	25.0	28.5	76,200	84,800	102	81
Tennessee.....	3,100	3,162	21.5	20.0	66,650	63,240	108	89
Alabama.....	2,900	2,797	12.5	13.5	36,250	37,762	122	100
Mississippi.....	2,240	1,977	12.0	18.0	26,880	35,586	126	94
Louisiana.....	1,250	1,225	11.5	18.0	14,375	22,050	115	94
Texas.....	3,943	3,154	16.0	8.5	63,088	26,890	110	110
Oklahoma.....	2,8							

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

Revised figures showing the daily volume of trading in grain futures on the Board of Trade of the city of Chicago during the month of January 1926, together with monthly totals for all "contract markets," as reported by the Grain Futures Administration of the United States Department of Agriculture, were made public on Feb. 4 by L. A. Fitz, Grain Exchange Supervisor at Chicago. They show total transactions at all the markets during the month of 1,849,137,000 bushels, compared with 3,093,848,000 bushels a year ago. On the Chicago Board of Trade the total transactions during January this year aggregated 1,632,732,000 bushels, whereas a year ago they totaled 2,791,330,000 bushels. In the table which we give herewith the figures listed represent sales only, there being an equal volume of purchases.

Expressed in Thousand Bushels, t. e., (000) Omitted.

Date—	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Flax.	Total.
Jan. 1 1926—Holiday.							
2—Holiday.							
3—Sunday.							
4	62,173	16,397	2,898	1,402	---	---	82,870
5	63,220	15,089	2,680	1,927	---	---	82,916
6	57,192	12,642	1,720	1,452	---	---	73,006
7	66,053	12,523	2,838	1,257	---	---	82,711
8	76,221	17,285	1,576	1,620	---	---	96,702
9	47,993	13,067	1,379	702	---	---	63,141
10—Sunday.							
11	61,790	13,526	1,355	1,768	---	---	78,439
12	63,340	8,931	861	922	---	---	64,054
13	50,391	10,576	993	677	---	---	62,637
14	47,766	16,391	999	779	---	---	65,935
15	41,458	18,432	1,939	507	---	---	62,336
16	33,098	15,024	2,509	745	---	---	51,376
17—Sunday.							
18	40,678	11,838	2,767	921	---	---	56,204
19	67,382	11,443	2,110	1,477	---	---	82,412
20	39,206	6,033	723	595	---	---	46,557
21	59,996	12,738	1,458	1,939	---	---	76,131
22	57,535	7,276	2,071	1,585	---	---	68,467
23	32,895	5,686	1,190	752	---	---	40,523
24—Sunday.							
25	52,708	7,079	1,687	1,695	---	---	63,169
26	45,030	9,136	1,325	1,303	---	---	56,792
27	47,901	6,475	1,753	1,418	---	---	57,507
28	74,602	6,408	1,131	2,059	---	---	84,215
29	65,625	15,727	2,866	1,668	---	---	85,886
30	37,530	9,382	867	967	---	---	48,746
Total Chicago:							
Board of Trade.....	1,281,783	279,062	41,713	30,174	---	---	1,632,732
Open Board.....	51,382	7,856	178	46	---	---	59,462
Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce.....	64,841	---	7,948	5,198	1,386	1,208	80,581
Kansas City Board of Trade.....	39,780	13,477	140	---	---	---	53,397
Duluth Bd. of Trade.....	8,925	---	---	2,577	11	1,114	12,627
St. Louis Merch. Ex.....	5,810	875	---	---	---	---	6,685
Milwaukee C. of C.....	2,044	959	335	315	---	---	3,653
San Francisco C. of C.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	0
Los Angeles Gr. Exch.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	0
Baltimore C. of C.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	0
Total all markets.....	1,454,565	302,229	50,314	38,310	1,397	2,322	1,849,137
Total all mkt. yr. ago 1,907,786	709,340	355,085	115,396	2,614	3,627	3,093,848	
Chicago Bd. of Trade	1,700,817	661,047	326,169	103,297	---	---	2,791,330
year ago.....	1,700,817	661,047	326,169	103,297	---	---	2,791,330

* Durum wheat with exception of 94 spring wheat.

"OPEN CONTRACTS" IN FUTURES ON THE CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE FOR JANUARY 1926.

("Short" side of contracts only, there being an equal volume open on the "Long" side.)

1926—	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Total.
Jan. 1—Holiday					
2—Holiday					
3—Sunday					
4	111,668,000	40,904,000	52,185,000	11,657,000	216,414,000
5	108,671,000	40,640,000	51,999,000	11,606,000	212,916,000
6	108,253,000	41,099,000	51,694,000	11,498,000	212,544,000
7	106,637,000	40,641,000	52,449,000	11,842,000	211,569,000
8	105,431,000	40,658,000	52,493,000	12,258,000	210,840,000
9	109,681,000	40,144,000	52,679,000	12,259,000	214,763,000
10—Sunday					
11	111,363,000	41,691,000	52,822,000	12,536,000	218,412,000
12	111,490,000	42,289,000	52,680,000	12,463,000	218,922,000
13	111,914,000	42,699,000	52,600,000	12,589,000	219,802,000
14	113,146,000	44,719,000	52,448,000	12,667,000	222,980,000
15	111,682,000	46,048,000	52,584,000	12,625,000	222,930,000
16	111,380,000	47,081,000	52,784,000	12,605,000	223,850,000
17—Sunday					
18	113,267,000	47,225,000	52,847,000	12,663,000	226,002,000
19	113,809,000	48,590,000	53,026,000	12,818,000	228,243,000
20	114,065,000	49,159,000	52,968,000	12,832,000	229,024,000
21	116,135,000	49,823,000	53,065,000	13,030,000	232,053,000
22	115,806,000	49,888,000	53,303,000	13,274,000	232,271,000
23	114,938,000	49,984,000	53,364,000	13,440,000	231,726,000
24—Sunday					
25	114,361,000	50,197,000	53,690,000	13,622,000	231,870,000
26	116,445,000	49,931,000	53,714,000	13,665,000	233,755,000
27	114,918,000	49,868,000	53,909,000	13,562,000	232,257,000
28	112,852,000	49,922,000	53,606,000	13,060,000	229,440,000
29	110,854,000	49,641,000	54,390,000	13,258,000	228,143,000
30	109,054,000	50,161,000	54,653,000	13,295,000	227,163,000
31—Sunday					
Average—					
Jan. 1926.....	111,992,000	45,959,000	52,998,000	12,713,000	223,662,000
Jan. 1925.....	117,119,000	73,860,000	103,716,000	22,363,000	317,058,000
Dec. 1925.....	110,001,000	45,102,000	49,503,000	10,038,000	214,644,000
Nov. 1925.....	113,110,000	56,161,000	50,211,000	11,730,000	231,212,000
Oct. 1925.....	111,016,000	46,647,000	49,720,000	11,869,000	219,252,000
Sept. 1925.....	103,176,000	46,322,000	49,351,000	11,694,000	210,613,000
Aug. 1925.....	96,016,000	51,983,000	43,652,000	10,924,000	202,575,000
July 1925.....	90,783,000	46,553,000	33,374,000	8,895,000	179,605,000
June 1925.....	103,475,000	55,271,000	41,976,000	8,515,000	209,237,000
May 1925.....	87,483,000	54,477,000	42,860,000	10,230,000	195,050,000
a Low. c High.					

Crude Oil Prices Steady—Kerosene and Wholesale Gasoline Show Rising Tendencies.

No actual advances in the price of crude oil were reported during the current week, although paying of premiums in some Mid-continent fields continues to be reported. It is

stated that purchasers have posted a premium of 25c. a barrel on crude oil in many Oklahoma fields and in most of north Texas. Tulsa on Feb. 10 reported the action is causing some uneasiness among those opposed to undue haste in advancing crude prices.

The wholesale price of gasoline was advanced twice during the week by the Sinclair Refining Co. The earlier press dispatches on Feb. 8 stated that the company had advanced United States Motor gasoline in carload lots to 11c. at Chicago. Sinclair had been receiving 10¾ to 10⅞c. a gallon for motor gasoline theretofore, depending on locality. The price was 11c. f. o. b. Tulsa, at all points. Later in the week, on Feb. 11, it was reported that the company had advanced prices at New York, Philadelphia and other Atlantic Coast terminals to 12½c. in tank car lots only.

Kerosene prices were generally advanced throughout the Eastern sections of the country, the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey on Feb. 8 increasing the price 1c. per gallon, followed by the Standard Oil Co. of New York, which, on Feb. 9, advanced the price of kerosene 1c. a gallon throughout its territory, making the tank wagon price 16c. The Gulf Refining Co. on Feb. 9 followed the Standard Oil of New York's advance of 1c. a gallon for kerosene in Standard Oil of New York's territory, according to reports on that date from Pittsburgh. Water white kerosene was raised ½c. a gallon by Pennsylvania refiners at Oil City, Pa., on Feb. 9. The Atlantic Refining Co. on Feb. 11 increased the price of kerosene 1c. a gallon effective Friday Feb. 12.

Small Increase Shown in Week's Crude Oil Output.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Feb. 6 was 1,906,250 barrels, as compared with 1,892,900 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 13,350 barrels. The daily average production east of California was 1,298,250 barrels, as compared with 1,280,900 barrels, an increase of 17,350 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production by districts for the weeks indicated:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION.

(In Barrels.)

	Feb. 6 '26.	Jan. 30 '26.	Jan. 23 '26.	Feb. 7 '25.
Oklahoma.....	445,750	443,400	442,450	478,950
Kansas.....	100,650	99,050	98,400	81,900
North Texas.....	77,400	77,950	78,700	88,950
East Central Texas.....	60,700	61,850	63,250	178,050
West Central Texas.....	71,350	72,050	75,950	54,150
Southwest Texas.....	36,700	36,700	37,450	50,000
North Louisiana.....	44,300	43,400	43,900	48,800
Arkansas.....	171,650	159,500	182,000	104,250
Gulf Coast.....	91,550	91,300	93,050	74,650
Eastern.....	99,500	99,500	100,500	98,500
Wyoming.....	75,850	74,000	77,700	78,250
Montana.....	12,150	12,200	12,150	7,450
Colorado.....	6,400	5,800	5,850	1,850
New Mexico.....	4,300	4,200	4,000	350
California.....	608,000	612,000	613,000	595,500
Total.....	1,906,250	1,892,900	1,928,350	1,941,600

The estimated daily average gross production of the Mid-continent field, including Oklahoma, Kansas, north, east central, west central and southwest Texas, north Louisiana and Arkansas, for the week ended Feb. 6 was 1,068,500 barrels, as compared with 993,900 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 14,600 barrels. The Mid-continent production, excluding Smackover, Ark., heavy oil, was 866,500 barrels, as compared with 863,900 barrels, an increase of 2,600 barrels.

In Oklahoma production of South Braman is reported at 8,000 barrels, against 9,050 barrels; Thomas, 13,600 barrels, against 14,900 barrels; Tonkawa, 43,300 barrels, against 44,350 barrels; Garber, 21,950 barrels, against 22,250 barrels; Burbank, 44,450 barrels, against 42,200 barrels; Dav-enport, 19,900 barrels, against 20,200 barrels; Bristow-Slick, 31,600 barrels, against 31,150 barrels; Cromwell, 19,950 barrels, against 19,450 barrels, and Papoose, 14,650 barrels, against 13,100 barrels.

The Mexia pool, east central Texas, is reported at 13,500 barrels, against 14,100 barrels; Corsicana-Powell, 32,300 barrels, against 32,200 barrels; Wortham, 11,250 barrels, against 11,900 barrels; Reagan County, west central Texas, 30,200 barrels, against 31,300 barrels; Haynesville, north Louisiana, 11,350 barrels, against 11,400 barrels; Cotton Valley, 8,400 barrels, against 8,100 barrels, and Smackover, Ark., light, 19,000 barrels, against 18,750 barrels; heavy, 142,000 barrels, against 130,000 barrels. In the Gulf Coast field Hull is reported at 15,200 barrels, against 14,200 barrels; West Columbia, 9,050 barrels, against 9,350 barrels; South Liberty, 7,850 barrels, against 7,350 barrels; Boling, 4,300 barrels, against 4,550 barrels, and in the southwest Texas field, Luling is reported at 20,700 barrels, against

20,000 barrels; Lytton Springs, 7,150 barrels, against 7,450 barrels.

In Wyoming, Salt Creek is reported at 56,000 barrels, against 54,750 barrels.

In California, Santa Fe Springs is reported at 47,000 barrels, against 49,000 barrels; Long Beach, 112,500 barrels, against 112,000 barrels; Huntington Beach, 44,500 barrels, against 45,500 barrels; Torrance, 29,000 barrels, against 30,000 barrels; Dominguez, 23,000 barrels, no change; Rosecrans, 21,500 barrels, against 23,000 barrels; Inglewood, 56,000 barrels, against 55,000 barrels, and Midway-Sunset, 92,000 barrels, no change.

Steel Markets Report Increased New Business—Pig Iron Output Falls Off Because of Coke Situation.

New business so far in February shows improvement over January, but while the Steel Corp. remains at close to the 90% rate of operations of a week ago, activity on a whole is on a slightly lower basis, according to the "Iron Age" in its Feb. 11 market survey. The flow of orders, while steady, is now sufficiently below the December level to call for the gaging of production in the interest of price preservation, continues the "Age," adding:

Specifications released in January against the purchases late last year proved unexpectedly heavy and are largely responsible for a daily ingot production in January exceeded only twice, in March 1924 and March 1925. At 4,153,545 tons for the month, or roundly 159,750 tons per working day, last month's steel output was about 15% above theoretical needs or the normal growth in demand. It was 4 1/2% more than December, but under January 1925.

The anthracite coal strike is disturbing usual market currents. The highly remunerative prices obtained for coke as a domestic fuel substitute is causing a further banking of blast furnaces. In the Pittsburgh and Youngstown districts four stacks have been banked, one to avoid buying coke at present prices and three to sell coke they make. At least two other furnaces contemplate early suspension to secure some of the coke business.

In the face of weakness in pig iron in certain centres induced by the lack of demand, curtailed output together with the possibility of higher contract coke and ore is influencing some sellers to take a firmer stand. An Ensley, Ala., furnace and a Federal stack at Chicago have been blown out for repairs.

On the Eastern seaboard heavy offerings of foreign iron at low prices have had a depressing effect, but this material was bought by American brokers some time ago and meanwhile prices abroad have advanced, indicating that the present competitive situation is temporary.

In spite of a stiff stand by the larger producers, black and galvanized as well as automobile body sheets are obtainable at the prices of last November. These represent a recession of \$2 a ton, though not much had been bought meanwhile, as consumers have not used up the material covered prior to the advance.

Increased sales of pipe, both in merchant sizes and for the oil industry, and of wire products have brought no higher plant operations. Makers had built up stocks in preparation for the demand.

Chicago makers booked 20,000 tons of rails, including 14,000 tons for the Cotton Belt. The New York Central has decided to exercise its option for upward of 52,000 tons in connection with 155,000 tons bought in October.

The Pacific Fruit Express placed 4,043 cars in the Chicago district and 1,000 cars on the Pacific Coast. Fresh inquiries appeared for 1,175 cars.

In general finished steel lines Chicago reports buying slightly in excess of shipments. Deliveries of universal plates have become sufficiently extended to allow the East to sell there at the Pittsburgh basis.

That fabricated steel demand is keeping up is shown by the week's bookings of 25,000 tons, the average of the five previous weeks.

Detroit reports automobile manufacture at a higher rate than January and without a storing of cars.

As was the case in recent years, the Ford Motor Co. has issued the first inquiry in the open market for ore for 1926. It asks for 275,000 tons, but it may be 30 days before prices for the season are named.

Scrap shows weakness in all markets. At Pittsburgh, Chicago and Buffalo heavy melting steel has again dropped 50c. a ton. The market gets practically its only support from dealers who wish to deliver before customers cancel.

Following Japan's purchase here of 5,000 tons of rails, the Nippon Oil Co. has divided 55,500 boxes of tin plate between the Steel Corp. and the Weirton Steel Co.

The "Iron Age" composite price for finished steel is now 2.424c. per lb., compared with 2.439c. last week and 2.546c. a year ago. Pig iron remains unchanged, the composite price having stood at \$21 24 for 11 weeks. One year ago it was \$22 50, as shown in the following composite price tables:

Finished Steel Feb. 9 1926, 2.424c. Per Pound.

Based on prices of steel bars, beams, tank plates, plain wire, open-hearth rails, black pipe and black sheets. These prod'ts constit'g 88% of U. S. output.	(One week ago.....)	2.439c.
	(One month ago.....)	2.453c.
	(One year ago.....)	2.546c.
	10-year pre-war average.....	1.689c.

Pig Iron Feb. 9 1926, \$21.54 Per Gross Ton.

Based on average of basic and foundry irons, the basic being Valley quotation, the foundry an average of Chicago, Philadelphia and Birmingham.....	(One week ago.....)	\$21.54
	(One month ago.....)	21.54
	(One year ago.....)	22.50
	10-year pre-war average.....	15.72

	—1925—	—1924—	—1923—
Finished steel.....	High 2.560c. Jan. 6	2.789c. Jan. 15	2.824c. Apr. 24
	Low 2.396c. Aug. 18	2.460c. Oct. 14	2.446c. Jan. 2
Pig iron.....	High \$22.50 Jan. 13	\$22.88 Feb. 26	\$30.86 Mar. 20
	Low \$18.96 July 7	\$19.21 Nov. 3	\$20.77 Nov. 20

Heavy consumption proceeding steadily, but remarkably free of its usual accompaniment of flurry and tension, seems best to describe the iron and steel situation, remarks the "Iron Trade Review," this week. The key continues to be the rapid dispatch of material from producer to user. The

volume of new business is not spectacular but good and constant. Expressions of disappointment as to the amount now being placed leave doubt as to whether any of these expectations were not unwarranted. Compared with one year ago, the tonnage is better spread out, and the high pressure then that was to fade out sharply by the end of March, is absent, adds the "Review," giving further details regarding the status of the industry as follows:

Various steelmakers continue to emphasize the fact that their order books and January's high record of steel output serve to register the scope of present demand, especially since there is no evidence of much material going into stock. Ingot production then rose to the highest point for any January in history or within 1.2% of the greatest month on record. It approximated 89% of the country's theoretical capacity. This meant, on an annual basis, a rate of 49,680,000 tons, which compares with an annual rate of 47,550,000 tons in December or a gain of 4.4%. On a daily basis January this year showed a gain of 2.8% over January, 1925.

Advances of 5 to 10% in the wages of day men in sheet and tin plate mills posted Feb. 1 by the American Sheet Tin Plate Co. interject a new element into the disturbed sheet situation, where independent companies have been struggling among themselves with conditions of severe price competition. The advances have been granted, it is believed, to offset the more attractive wages being offered by the building and other trades. A number of the independent companies making tin plate have met the rise. Should the sheet mills generally follow this action the question of wages for the tonnage men, which by agreement are based on current selling prices, premises to be raised.

Automobile builders, it now is clear, have won their fight against advances in full finished sheets for the first quarter. The market is openly 4.40c. Pittsburgh, at which a number of mills have booked tonnage, most of which went in this week. The leading producer reports the largest January sheet shipments in its history.

An iron ore inquiry for 275,000 tons, put out by the Ford Motor Co., is expected to bring about the establishment of the season's Lake ore prices at an early date. Well informed opinion looks for an advance of at least 25 cents a ton.

Coke conditions continue to produce wide price swings. After having sold at \$12 50 a ton the middle of last week the market on furnace fuel is down 50 cents to \$1 this week. Crushed coke has sold up to \$14.50 in the week.

The composite price on the fourteen leading iron and steel products this week is \$38 92. This compares with \$39 00 last week and \$39 01 the week previous.

Steel Production in January Larger.

January steel ingot production reached the largest figure since March last. The American Iron & Steel Institute in its monthly report, issued Tuesday, Feb. 9, placed the production of steel ingots in January 1926 by companies, which in 1924 made 94.43% of the steel production, at 3,922,193 tons, of which 581,683 tons were Bessemer, 3,326,846 tons open hearth and 13,664 tons all other grades. On this basis the calculated production for all companies during January was 4,153,545 tons, which, as already stated, is the largest output for any month since March 1925. This compares with the calculated production in January 1925 of 4,198,564 tons, and with 3,649,913 tons the year previous. In the following we show the details of production back to 1924:

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF STEEL INGOTS, JANUARY 1925 TO DECEMBER 1925.

Reported by companies which made 94.43% of the steel ingot production in 1924.

Months	Open-Hearth.	Bessemer.	All Other.	Monthly Production Companies Reporting.	Calculated Monthly Production All Companies.	No of Working Days.	Approximate Daily Production All Companies. Gross Tons.
1924.							
January ..	2,766,534	667,032	12,577	3,446,143	3,649,913	27	135,182
February ..	2,902,641	695,905	14,085	3,612,631	3,826,246	25	153,050
March	3,249,783	706,801	15,260	3,971,844	4,206,699	26	161,796
April	2,575,788	573,381	12,356	3,161,525	3,348,466	26	128,787
May	2,060,896	425,099	6,648	2,492,643	2,640,034	27	97,779
June	1,637,660	310,070	2,622	1,950,352	2,065,676	25	82,627
July	1,525,912	241,880	5,162	1,772,954	1,877,789	26	72,223
August	2,042,820	361,781	5,764	2,410,365	2,552,891	26	98,188
September ..	2,252,976	409,922	6,864	2,669,762	2,827,625	26	108,755
October	2,505,403	438,468	7,058	2,950,929	3,125,418	27	115,756
November	2,479,147	459,349	8,403	2,946,899	3,121,149	25	124,846
December	2,811,171	546,506	11,707	3,369,384	3,569,251	26	137,279
Total 1.....	28,811,331	5,836,194	108,506	34,756,031	36,811,157	312	117,984
1925.							
January ..	3,262,748	689,996	11,960	3,964,704	4,198,564	27	155,502
February ..	2,931,964	602,042	13,014	3,547,020	3,756,243	24	156,510
March	3,336,169	614,860	13,633	3,964,662	4,198,520	26	161,482
April	2,857,802	515,715	14,182	3,387,699	3,587,524	26	137,982
May	2,754,130	497,708	13,790	3,265,628	3,458,253	26	133,010
June	2,538,988	476,945	12,490	3,028,423	3,207,566	26	123,348
July	2,444,969	457,095	13,547	2,915,611	3,087,590	26	118,753
August	2,696,667	523,734	12,914	3,233,315	3,424,034	26	131,694
September ..	2,737,251	547,121	13,977	3,298,349	3,492,904	26	134,342
October	3,075,995	584,567	15,624	3,676,186	3,893,028	27	144,186
November	3,091,361	581,347	17,085	3,689,793	3,907,437	25	156,287
December	3,169,224	569,304	15,843	3,754,371	3,975,824	26	152,916
Total	34,897,268	6,660,434	168,059	41,725,761	44,186,977	311	142,080

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF STEEL INGOTS, JANUARY 1926.
Reported for 1926 by companies which made 94.43% of the steel ingot production in 1924.

Month	Open Hearth.	Bessemer.	All Other.	Monthly Production Companies Reporting.	Calculated Monthly Production All Companies.	Number of Working Days.	Approx. Daily Production of Co., Gross Tons.	Per Cent of Operation
1926.								
Jan.....	3,326,846	581,683	13,664	3,922,193	4,153,545	26	159,752	89.00

The figures of "per cent of operation" are based on the "theoretical capacity" as of December 31 1925 of 56,000,000 gross tons of ingots.

Unfilled Orders of United States Steel Corp. Decline.

In its monthly statement issued Wednesday (Feb. 10), the United States Steel Corp. placed unfilled orders on books of subsidiary corporations as of Jan. 31 1926 at 4,882,739 tons. This is a decrease of 150,625 tons from the orders on hand Dec. 31 1925, and also the first decline reported since August last. On Jan. 31 1925 the unfilled tonnage stood at 5,037,323 tons and on Jan. 31 1924 at 4,798,429 tons, but on Jan. 31 1921 the unfilled orders totaled 7,573,164 tons, the highest figure reached for the past five years. In the following tabulation we show the figures back to the beginning of 1922. Figures for earlier periods may be found in our issue of April 14 1923, page 1617.

End of Month—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
January	4,882,739	5,037,323	4,798,429	6,910,776	4,241,678
February	—	5,284,771	4,912,901	7,283,989	4,141,059
March	—	4,893,564	4,782,807	7,403,332	4,494,148
April	—	4,446,568	4,208,447	7,288,509	5,096,917
May	—	4,049,800	3,628,089	6,981,851	5,254,228
June	—	3,710,458	3,262,505	6,385,261	5,635,581
July	—	3,539,467	3,187,072	5,910,763	5,776,161
August	—	3,512,803	3,289,577	5,414,663	5,950,105
September	—	3,717,297	3,473,780	5,035,725	6,601,607
October	—	4,109,183	3,525,270	4,672,825	6,902,287
November	—	4,581,780	4,031,969	4,368,584	6,840,242
December	—	5,033,364	4,816,676	4,445,339	6,745,703

Bituminous Coal and Anthracite Production Gains Somewhat—Coke Output Recedes a Trifle.

A gain of 171,000 net tons in bituminous coal was reported for the week ended Jan. 30 by the United States Bureau of Mines. During the same week the output of anthracite reached 34,000 tons and of coke, 338,000 tons, according to the estimates given in the Bureau's report, parts of which we append:

Total production of bituminous coal during the week ended Jan. 30, as indicated by the number of cars loaded for shipment, amounted to 12,602,000 net tons, a gain of about 1% over that in the preceding week. Compared with output in the corresponding week last year, the increase is about 14%.

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

	1925-26		1924-25	
	Week.	Coal Year to Date.	Week.	Coal Year to Date.
January 16	13,069,000	423,021,000	12,044,000	371,858,000
Daily average	2,178,000	1,731,000	2,007,000	1,526,000
January 23	12,431,000	435,452,000	11,588,000	383,446,000
Daily average	2,072,000	1,739,000	1,931,000	1,536,000
January 30	12,602,000	448,054,000	11,073,000	394,519,000
Daily average	2,100,000	1,747,000	1,846,000	1,543,000

a Original estimates corrected for usual error, which in past has averaged 2%. b Minus one day's production first week in April to equalize number days in the two years. c Revised. d Subject to revision.

During the present coal year, total output is now 448,054,000 net tons, approximately 14% greater than during the same period in the year 1924-25. Production for similar periods in other recent years is given below:

1918-19	485,670,000	net tons	1921-22	353,449,000	net tons
1919-20	404,860,000	net tons	1923-24	472,559,000	net tons
1920-21	471,419,000	net tons	1924-25	394,519,000	net tons

ANTHRACITE.

Production of anthracite during the week ended Jan. 30, as indicated by the number of cars loaded for shipment, amounted to 34,000 net tons, a slight gain over the preceding week. Total output during the present coal year, 1925-26, now amounts to 40,654,000 tons, less by 31 million tons, or 43%, than for the corresponding period in the year 1924-25.

Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons).

	1925-26		1924-25	
	Week.	Coal Year to Date.	Week.	Coal Year to Date.
January 16	37,000	40,573,000	1,803,000	68,517,000
January 23	47,000	40,620,000	1,740,000	70,257,000
January 30	34,000	40,654,000	1,730,000	71,987,000

a Minus one day's production in April to equalize the number of days in the two years.

BEEHIVE COKE.

Production of beehive coke during the week ended Jan. 30 is estimated at 338,000 net tons, a decrease of but 5,000 tons from the revised estimate for the preceding week.

Total output of beehive during the present calendar year up to Jan. 30 amounts to 1,379,000 tons, with a daily average of 53,000 tons. Compared with the 1925 output for the same period, 1926 shows a gain of 251,000 tons, or 22%. The table below, which gives production for the several groups of States during the two years, shows that the increase was largely in the Pennsylvania-Ohio group, or, more specifically, in the State of Pennsylvania.

The Connellsville "Courier" states that production in the Connellsville region during the week ended Jan. 30 amounted to 232,880 tons, as against 234,870 in the week ended Jan. 23. During the later week there was a net decrease of 28 ovens in blast, 25 at furnace and 3 at merchant plants.

Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

Region—	1926			1925		
	Jan. 30	Jan. 23	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 23	Jan. 31
Pennsylvania and Ohio	281,000	285,000	197,000	1,141,000	897,000	897,000
West Virginia	15,000	16,000	11,000	63,000	56,000	56,000
Ala., Ky., Tenn. & Ga.	22,000	22,000	25,000	91,000	93,000	93,000
Virginia	11,000	10,000	9,000	42,000	43,000	43,000
Colorado and New Mexico	5,000	6,000	4,000	24,000	19,000	19,000
Washington and Utah	4,000	4,000	4,000	18,000	20,000	20,000

United States total—338,000 343,000 250,000 1,379,000 1,128,000
Daily average—56,000 57,000 42,000 53,000 43,000

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

Total Value of Imports and Exports of Merchandise by Grand Divisions and Principal Countries.

The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce at Washington has issued its

report showing the merchandise imports and exports by grand divisions and principal countries for the month of December and the 12 months ending with December for the years 1924 and 1925. The following is the table complete:

TOTAL VALUES OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY GRAND DIVISIONS AND PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES.

Imports from—	Month of December.		12 Months Ended December.	
	1924.	1925.	1924.	1925.
<i>Grand Divisions—</i>	\$	\$	\$	\$
Europe	110,654,212	115,641,948	1,096,087,463	1,237,831,843
North America	69,216,735	79,337,765	995,155,751	981,449,307
South America	44,127,069	47,928,693	456,073,844	518,990,917
Asia	93,355,214	139,893,597	930,708,488	1,319,771,147
Oceania	4,009,686	5,153,677	48,944,804	77,807,810
Africa	11,829,143	9,989,300	72,992,231	92,143,967
Total	333,192,059	397,944,978	3,609,962,579	4,227,995,091
<i>Principal Countries—</i>				
Belgium	5,379,148	5,065,496	65,559,015	68,981,536
Denmark	419,110	291,605	6,167,728	4,327,503
France	14,436,622	15,256,577	147,636,347	157,431,546
Germany	12,793,693	21,386,600	139,258,435	164,251,523
Greece	2,366,776	517,741	27,728,750	25,186,500
Italy	9,073,209	9,452,032	75,010,813	102,204,930
Netherlands	7,600,032	9,166,830	74,044,125	92,590,826
Norway	2,194,866	1,638,556	21,391,602	23,296,535
Russia in Europe	1,477,058	1,003,498	8,144,373	12,787,731
Spain	3,149,435	3,250,756	28,992,107	32,924,960
Sweden	3,494,158	3,451,394	40,031,185	40,998,857
Switzerland	3,494,406	3,945,838	35,582,024	40,301,754
United Kingdom	39,337,833	36,745,982	366,465,553	412,315,859
Canada	36,569,746	42,675,819	399,148,113	454,762,560
Central America	2,269,174	3,133,971	37,261,325	42,625,011
Mexico	14,729,817	14,046,832	167,087,309	178,835,454
Cuba	13,138,968	15,239,345	361,720,542	261,672,858
Dominican Republic	352,565	540,342	5,325,167	7,046,953
Argentina	6,293,877	7,145,924	75,297,795	80,169,993
Brazil	21,838,684	22,526,141	179,336,802	221,787,803
Chile	6,764,633	4,764,193	98,284,628	88,978,286
Colombia	3,820,037	7,596,264	57,728,893	63,376,084
Ecuador	1,076,024	1,033,315	6,697,533	8,700,627
Peru	2,233,514	2,239,970	22,892,195	17,278,278
Uruguay	931,868	812,671	7,069,613	16,100,470
Venezuela	953,530	1,680,658	16,462,636	19,584,027
British India	12,173,917	13,296,431	103,276,588	144,484,375
Straits Settlements	11,753,452	44,729,426	147,633,725	313,940,948
China	10,855,406	13,351,001	117,888,104	169,610,726
Hongkong	739,495	899,308	16,490,360	17,789,033
Dutch East Indies	6,926,738	11,185,125	57,520,320	64,827,954
Japan	39,625,723	39,176,682	340,061,320	384,112,167
Philippine Islands	5,318,900	7,536,237	97,088,444	111,837,748
Australia	3,091,722	3,735,762	32,867,924	55,110,266
New Zealand	579,830	598,114	13,524,998	19,733,618
British South Africa	1,217,666	988,259	7,727,037	9,214,858
Egypt	6,195,065	5,226,459	30,995,404	41,045,099
Total	445,748,393	468,645,043	4,590,983,845	4,909,396,342
<i>Principal Countries—</i>				
Belgium	12,178,487	11,527,105	116,001,235	120,257,911
Denmark	4,851,838	5,495,954	43,413,028	55,731,871
France	27,861,784	28,217,564	281,663,972	280,299,439
Germany	50,672,526	35,983,071	440,417,951	470,344,233
Greece	3,764,488	860,584	16,721,827	16,633,212
Italy	23,913,901	17,479,012	187,146,205	205,149,578
Netherlands	15,285,723	11,092,099	151,764,178	141,518,240
Norway	2,843,375	1,155,268	23,236,926	26,199,708
Russia in Europe	129,066	2,442,499	41,314,355	68,195,686
Spain	7,893,995	8,555,098	71,162,469	79,202,892
Sweden	4,060,480	3,382,018	42,325,524	42,564,446
Switzerland	703,616	822,791	8,908,892	8,812,648
United Kingdom	116,791,787	114,233,723	982,941,892	1,031,876,748
Canada	38,988,414	51,648,585	624,031,188	650,776,818
Central America	4,991,959	6,973,304	64,835,170	72,780,764
Cuba	12,173,191	12,720,343	135,074,960	144,718,520
Dominican Republic	15,261,515	17,815,816	199,777,856	198,655,032
Argentina	1,326,175	1,622,938	15,642,268	17,763,969
Brazil	10,702,184	16,870,909	117,093,366	148,758,606
Chile	6,722,934	8,246,920	65,206,712	87,461,021
Colombia	2,804,068	4,387,740	31,376,932	39,273,692
Ecuador	2,693,621	4,531,863	27,763,876	41,376,571
Peru	399,698	764,620	5,537,621	6,807,624
Uruguay	1,251,267	2,251,920	23,836,804	23,029,779
Venezuela	1,633,659	3,104,509	18,222,114	21,269,743
British India	3,723,677	3,972,602	34,640,844	35,157,087
Straits Settlements	589,998	1,164,745	7,500,968	8,281,698
China	6,954,518	11,805,889	109,188,791	1,220,718
Hongkong	1,594,347	1,523,495	17,476,124	19,537,434
Dutch East Indies	991,684	1,900,587	14,479,165	19,204,364
Japan	26,451,461	26,801,195	250,306,452	227,707,264
Philippine Islands	4,529,825	6,023,440	59,518,674	61,061,644
Australia	2,561,972	13,783,447	125,177,672	148,523,955
New Zealand	2,171,960	3,857,536	29,306,357	38,362,658
British South Africa	3,633,805	4,859,985	36,020,286	46,161,706
Egypt	579,759	675,891	5,865,625	7,381,169

Weather is Main Factor in Coal Markets—Anthracite Strike Continues.

Developments in the coal markets of the country the first week of February intensified the factors which have been dominating the situation since the beginning of the calendar year, reports the "Coal Age" on Feb. 11. The breaking up of the third anthracite wage conference at Philadelphia was immediately reflected in increased demand for prepared bituminous coals and other substitute fuels all along the Atlantic seaboard and indirectly as far inland as the Indiana-Ohio state line. This demand was given a sharper edge by the cold wave that pressed on the heels of the dissolution of the wage negotiations. Weather demand for domestic coals also was felt in the Middle Western fields. There the situation was accentuated slightly by the fact

that eastern demand cut down the tonnage of prepared sizes of West Virginia coals normally offered to western buyers, continues the "Age," adding further details as to market conditions, from which we quote:

Steam coals, on the other hand, suffer both from the marked absence of active spot buying by the big industrial consumers and from the fact that the eagerness of the producers to book every possible ton of prepared coal while the domestic trade is ready to pay the price has resulted in a surplus of smaller sizes. Industrial purchasing agents are thoroughly cognizant of this state of affairs and they are using that knowledge to their own advantage. That explains why some high-volatile slack from Kentucky is to be had at 50c at the mines and why some distress tonnage has sold at half that price. Such quotations, of course, do not represent the average range, but the price list has generally weakened.

The only real cloud on the horizon of the steam coal buyer is the possibility of a breakdown in transportation. Service, on the whole, has been maintained on a remarkable plane of efficiency. Local congestion in Pennsylvania, however, has warned the cautious purchaser that there are limits to all things—even transportation.

The "Coal Age" index number of prices on bituminous coal for Feb. 8 was 177 and the corresponding price was \$2.14. For Feb. 1 the index was 178 and the corresponding price was \$2.16.

Dumpings at Hampton Roads the week ended Feb. 4 dropped to 388,265 net tons, as compared with 440,522 tons the preceding week. Heavy seas were in part responsible for the sharp decline; export business was the principal sufferer.

There has been no check to the rising quotations on coke moving to the retail trade. In the case of the Connellsville field, which is the worst offender, oven have quoted \$12 and \$13 on yard crushed coke for sales direct to the dealer. Where the middleman has intervened, some quotations at New York and Philadelphia have gone to \$14 and \$15, but little coke has moved at the last named figures.

The breaking off of the negotiations of the joint anthracite committee gave an impetus to the retail buying throughout the East and substitutes were in great demand, declares the "Coal Trade Journal" this week. Calls for coke became so heavy that the beehive ovens were hard pressed to supply the call and prices went up to new high levels. Dealers were cautious about buying this high priced fuel and turned to prepared bituminous and, to some extent, to mine-run of the better coals. Prices on these were stronger in consequence and smokeless prepared production was well sold up, continues the "Journal's" review of conditions in the market, from which we quote further as follows:

The demand for steam and domestic coals in New England showed a marked expansion last week and prices were stronger. Domestic prepared showed the greatest gains. West Virginia smokeless was scarce and the central Pennsylvania low volatile coals profited by this condition. Coke went up to new high levels and although demand for this fuel was great, not much was moved at the high prices and dealers were reluctant to buy foreign coke far ahead even though price inducements were made. The tidewater bituminous situation at Boston was stronger than during the preceding few weeks but conditions at Providence showed no change.

Last week the prepared grades of high volatile were in greatest demand in New York on account of the extremely high prices of coke and the scarcity of low volatile prepared coals. The breaking off of the strike negotiations stimulated the retail trade. Coke fell off in demand but New River and Pocahontas increased in popularity as did central Pennsylvania mine-run. Very little coal was available in the harbor and prices were high. A small amount of nut and stove reclaimed anthracite was sold locally.

The heavy snowfall interfered with the movement of coal and coke from origin and caused prices in Philadelphia to go up. Retailers were resigned to the fact that they would probably get no anthracite in time for this season so were actively in the market for prepared bituminous and coke, which were never before in better demand. Some of the prepared coals were out of the market and all grades were way up in price. Some of the pool coals showed substantial price gains while others held firm.

Export from Baltimore, while consisting of only two cargoes since the first of the year, were better for that period than for the same stretch in 1925. The coal and coke market there showed little change over previous weeks.

Prices at the Virginia Piers showed no change and dock interests there were under no pressure to sell, standing tonnage being normal.

Cold weather and congestion on the railroads due to the heavy snow accelerated the boom in the central bituminous fields causing all coals to rise in price. Records for coal shipments on the Middle division of the P. R. R., set in 1907 were broken last week.

Demand for coal from the Pittsburgh field fell off slightly last week resulting in softening of prices, particularly for slack. By-product coal was in steady demand, most of it moving under contract. The Connellsville coke field was hard driven to meet the demand from the East in spite of the high prices prevailing on furnace grades, but production was not increased. Spot foundry prices, however, were weaker on account of less favorable market conditions.

The Fairmont district of northern West Virginia reported an increase in the demand for run-of-mine but a falling off in nut, egg and lump. A good amount of coal was moving from this district to New York and vicinity. Railroads were buying sparingly. Production was below that of the preceding week.

Smokeless prepared, particularly the smaller sizes, was firm and in good demand although slack was weak due, probably, to the large production of prepared grades and an effort on the part of consumers to beat down the price. On account of excessively large production the high volatile coals were off in demand and price. Logan, Coal River and Kanawha fields curtailed their production last week but Williamson, New River, Winding Gulf, Pocahontas and Tug River fields maintained their output at former levels.

Output in the Upper Potomac and western Maryland fields was ample to take care of existing demands and consequently prices were unchanged. The demand for prepared grades as substitutes for anthracite was good. Local coke was very high in price. In Virginia territory the

same conditions prevailed. In this field egg was the most sought after size and brought good prices.

1926 National Foreign Trade Convention to Be Held at Charleston, S. C., April 28-30.

The preliminary program of the 1926 National Foreign Trade Convention, to be held at Charleston, S. C., April 28, 29 and 30, was announced on Feb. 1 by James A. Farrell, Chairman of the National Foreign Trade Council. The coming convention will be the first to be held on the South Atlantic Coast since the inauguration of these conventions in 1914. The Council has held its annual gatherings twice previously on the North Atlantic, twice on the Pacific, twice on the Gulf and at six cities in the interior. In his call for the convention Mr. Farrell declares that "this is the period which bids fair to see the restoration of international trade to the volume it held before the outbreak of the World War." "The world did more work last year than it did the year before," Mr. Farrell says, "and its trade grew correspondingly. Expanded production and importation of raw materials by the great industrial nations of both hemispheres indicate further expansion of production and consumption for this year. Every step of this recovery and advance carries with it its own problems, demanding continued study and thoughtful examination." According to the estimates of the Council, the world's export trade for the current year will exceed \$28,000,000,000, thus equaling in volume, accounting for the decreased real value of money, the export trade of \$19,322,000,000, done in 1913, the last year before the Great War.

The program of the Charleston convention lays special emphasis on accelerating American exports. The general and group sessions are planned to promote intensive attention to foreign trade in Southern products, and especially to exports originating in the Southeast, where foreign trade in recent years has been increasing more rapidly than in any other part of the country. An announcement to this effect by the Council continues:

An outstanding example is the foreign trade of Charleston, which has increased from \$20,500,000 to \$43,500,000 between 1922 and 1925, a growth of 110% in three years. Charleston and Savannah are also to-day the two largest shipping points in the world in the key industry of fertilizer products. From Norfolk to Miami, the South Atlantic ports are increasing their business in foreign trade tonnage by more than 20% per year.

Behind these strides in foreign commerce is the industrialization of the New South, represented in the comparison which showed the surprising total of last year of roughly 17,000,000 active spindles in Southern cotton mills, beside 16,000,000 in the North, where in 1900 there were only 4,000,000 spindles in the South beside 14,400,000 in the North. Cotton consumption in Southern manufacturing has correspondingly increased twenty-fold since the Civil War, from 200,000 bales in 1860 to 4,000,000 bales in 1925, so that to-day one-quarter of the cotton grown in the South is manufactured virtually in sight of the cotton fields.

The American Manufacturers Export Association, the National Association of Credit Men, the Export Managers Club of New York, and national banking, advertising and importing organizations will co-operate with the National Foreign Trade Council in the convention, and group sessions will cover all these phases of foreign trade, as well as export problems of the Southwest, education for foreign trade and modern policies in export salesmanship.

Out of the 1,500 delegates to the National Foreign Trade Convention last year at Seattle about 1,075 delegates were presidents and other executives of firms, representing most of the important business houses of 32 States actively engaged in foreign trade. This percentage of business leadership is expected to be fully as great at Charleston, a convention city convenient to the great foreign trading centres of the country and in the midst of the awakening Southern area.

The preliminary program of the convention calls for addresses of welcome on Wednesday, April 28, by Thomas G. McLeod, Governor of South Carolina, and Thomas P. Stoney, Mayor of Charleston; an address on "The Foreign Trade Outlook," by James A. Farrell, President United States Steel Corporation, New York City, and an address on the "Commercial Possibilities of the South Atlantic." At the group sessions that day the following discussions are scheduled:

- Group I.—"Education for Foreign Trade."
- Group II.—"Importing Problems."
- Group III.—"Banking Facilities for Foreign Trade."

On Thursday, April 29, the session topic will be "Foreign Trade Transportation," with addresses as follows:

1. Address—"Inland Rail."
1. Address—"Inland Water."
3. Address—"Deep Sea."
4. Address—"Marine Insurance."
5. Address—"Bills of Lading."

The following group sessions have been arranged for April 29:

- Group IV.—(In co-operation with the American Manufacturers' Export Association.)
- Group V.—"Foreign Credits" (in co-operation with the National Association of Credit Men).
- Group VI.—"Export Problems of the South Atlantic."

For April 30 group sessions are scheduled as follows:

Group VII.—"Special Export Problems" (in co-operation with the Export Managers' Club of New York).

Group VIII.—"Advertising for Foreign Trade" (in co-operation with National Advertising Associations).

At the third general session on April 30 the following program is proposed:

1. Address—"Building Trade Through Foreign Loans."
2. Address—"The Problem of Our Raw Material Supply."
3. Address—"Making American Competition Effective."
4. Report of General Convention Committee.

On Saturday, May 1, there will be an excursion about the harbor of Charleston, including Forts Moultrie and Sumter, and inspection of port developments and facilities, under the auspices of the Mayor's Convention Committee.

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on Feb. 10, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the results for the twelve Federal Reserve banks combined, shows an increase of \$45,600,000 in holdings of discounted bills, partly offset by decreases of \$16,600,000 and \$1,700,000, respectively, in holdings of Govt. securities and of acceptances purchased in open market. Total bills and securities went up \$28,100,000, and Federal Reserve note circulation \$5,300,000, while cash reserves remained practically unchanged and non-reserve cash declined \$6,600,000.

Discount holdings of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York increased \$31,100,000, those of Boston \$16,600,000, of Cleveland \$11,500,000, and of Philadelphia \$6,900,000. The San Francisco Bank reports a decrease of \$10,600,000 in discount holdings, and Richmond and Atlanta decreases of \$5,400,000 and \$3,500,000, respectively. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Open-market acceptance holdings of the New York bank increased \$15,600,000, while the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston shows a reduction of \$8,900,000 in this item and the Atlanta bank a reduction of \$5,400,000. Treasury notes on hand declined \$15,800,000, Treasury certificates \$700,000 and United States bonds \$100,000.

The Cleveland bank reports an increase of \$4,900,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation, while the remaining banks show relatively small changes for the week.

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 856 and 857. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending Feb. 10 1926 follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) During	
	Week.	Year.
Total reserves.....		—\$101,700,000
Gold reserves.....	+ \$2,900,000	—101,500,000
Total bills and securities.....	+28,100,000	+117,900,000
Bills discounted, total.....	+45,600,000	+201,600,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	+12,000,000	+119,600,000
Other bills discounted.....	+33,600,000	+82,000,000
Bills bought in open market.....	—1,700,000	—24,100,000
U. S. Government securities, total.....	—16,600,000	—56,900,000
Bonds.....	—100,000	—15,300,000
Treasury notes.....	—15,800,000	—105,900,000
Certificates of indebtedness.....	—700,000	+64,300,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	+5,300,000	—45,800,000
Total deposits.....	+13,600,000	+53,600,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	+23,900,000	+64,500,000
Government deposits.....	—14,200,000	+1,600,000

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

The Federal Reserve Board's statement of condition of 716 reporting member banks in leading cities as of Feb. 3 shows increases of \$26,000,000 in loans and discounts, of \$19,000,000 in time deposits and of \$44,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks. Member banks in New York City reported increases of \$23,000,000 in loans and discounts of \$10,000,000 in investments, and of \$58,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve bank. It should be noted that the figures for these *member banks* are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves.

Loans on corporate stocks and bonds went up \$18,000,000, the larger increase of \$30,000,000 reported by banks in the New York district being offset in part by comparatively small declines in most of the other districts. All other loans and discounts were \$7,000,000 larger than the previous

week, an increase of \$12,000,000 in the Chicago district being partly offset by nominal reductions in most of the other districts. Further comment regarding the changes shown by these *member banks* is as follows:

Holdings of U. S. securities were \$13,000,000 larger and of other securities \$11,000,000 smaller than a week ago, most of the changes occurring at reporting banks in the New York district.

Increases in net demand deposits of \$11,000,000 in the Chicago district and of \$8,000,000 in the Cleveland district were nearly offset by reductions of \$9,000,000 and \$7,000,000 in the Boston and Philadelphia districts; respectively.

The principal changes in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks include an increase of \$53,000,000 by banks in the New York district and a reduction of \$3,000,000 by those in the Chicago district.

The statement for this week carries the new item "Loans to brokers and dealers (secured by stocks and bonds) made by 61 reporting member banks in New York City, (a) for their own account, (b) for account of out-of-town banks, and (c) for account of others." A statement regarding the item, together with weekly figures beginning with January 6, the first date for which they were reported, appears in the Federal Reserve "Bulletin" for February.

On a subsequent page—that is, on page 857—we give the figures in full contained in this latest weekly return of the *member bank* of the Reserve System. In the following is furnished a summary of the changes in the principal items as compared with a week ago and with last year:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) During	
	Week.	Year.
Loans and discounts, total.....	+ \$26,000,000	+ \$862,000,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	+1,000,000	—21,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	+18,000,000	+782,000,000
All other.....	+7,000,000	+101,000,000
Investments, total.....	+2,000,000	+25,000,000
U. S. bonds.....	+14,000,000	+94,000,000
U. S. Treasury notes.....	+3,000,000	—187,000,000
U. S. Treasury certificates.....	—4,000,000	+32,000,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	—11,000,000	+86,000,000
Reserve balances with Fed. Res. banks.....	—13,000,000	—20,000,000
Cash in vault.....	—7,000,000	—4,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	+2,000,000	—3,000,000
Time deposits.....	+19,000,000	+504,000,000
Government deposits.....	+1,000,000	+67,000,000
Total accommodation at Fed. Res. banks.....	+44,000,000	+131,000,000

Weekly Digest of Cables Received from Foreign Offices of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

The summary of foreign cablegrams received by the Department of Commerce at Washington, released for publication to-day, follows:

FRANCE.

Business men and industrialists in France are still extremely cautious in view of the indefinite financial situation and the rise in material, labor and transportation costs. Industries which are relatively independent of foreign materials have profited by the stimulus to export sales, derived from franc depreciation, but those which are obliged to import raw materials and those dependent on domestic sales are encountering restricted demand.

The textile industries are suffering from higher production costs and a restricted demand. Metallurgy and coal are making new records for total output, with prices advancing. Crop planting has been delayed by excessive rains. The cost of living has increased by continued advance in retail foodstuffs prices.

GERMANY.

The opinion of reliable German observers seems to be that the end of the depression period is not far away. Great hopes are placed in the revival of the building industry with the coming of spring and in the anticipated increase in agricultural labor employment. The deflation is also serving to eliminate unsound organizations and to cause the formation of important combines such as the new German steel trust which was organized in Essen on Jan. 14 under the name of Vereinigte Stahlwerke A. G.

The founders of this organization are the Rhine-Elbe Union, including the Deutsche-Luxemburgischen Bergwerks und Huetten A. G., the Bochumer Verein, and the Gelsenkirchen; the Thyssengruppe; Phoenix, with the Vereinigte Stahlwerken von der Zypen-Wisnon; and Rhein Stahl. Despite the fact that the adverse trade balance for the year 1925 would amount to approximately 3,600,000,000 marks, there has been of late a marked tendency toward materially reducing imports, and as a result the December trade figures showed a favorable balance of some 34,000,000 marks, the first time that this had happened since the inauguration of the Dawes Plan. There was a slight but sustained improvement in the stock exchange and the critical agricultural situation is expected to be greatly relieved by the new credit of from 200,000,000 to 300,000,000 marks which has been extended to German agriculture by the Gold Discount Bank.

SPAIN.

The volume of business continues to be subnormal in Spain. Bank clearings were lower in January than in December, and, in spite of increased activity on the stock exchanges, financial transactions were hampered by uncertainty as to government plans for the flotation of a new loan. No definite announcement of this loan has been made, but, in view of the disappearance of the working credit balance with the Bank of Spain and the need for current funds, a new issue is believed inevitable. The business situation at Barcelona is unchanged, but a renewed tendency toward dullness in the textile industries is being manifested. Iron and coal mining are depressed despite government subsidies to the latter, but lead and copper mining activity is sustained.

Demand for Spanish olive oil is slack and local consumption has been restricted by the use of substitutes. The Valencia orange crop was seriously damaged by frost and demand for higher priced undamaged fruit is restricted. Exportation of early potatoes and onions is improved and activity in rice and almonds is above normal.

FINLAND.

Improvement in the financial situation is the outstanding development in Finland during the past month. The money market has eased perceptibly, Government finances are becoming stabilized, and the foreign exchange holdings of the Bank of Finland are increasing. Bankruptcies and the number of protested bills are steadily diminishing. Lumber sales during January were quite brisk, although prices remained depressed. Other export industries report sustained activity. Finnish foreign trade during 1925 resulted in a small favorable balance.

Offering of \$3,800,000 Bonds of Bavarian Palatinate Consolidated Cities.

Ames, Emerich & Co., together with the Federal Securities Corporation and Strupp & Co., offered on Feb. 9 \$3,800,000 7% external serial gold bonds of the Bavarian Palatinate Consolidated Cities (Germany), representing the loan which this syndicate has made to these German cities, to which reference was made by us last week, page 686. The issue was offered at prices ranging from 100½ and interest to 93¾ and interest, to yield from 6.50% to 7.65%. The bonds will be dated Jan. 1 1926 and mature serially, in varying amounts each year, beginning Jan. 1 1927 to Dec. 31 1945. They will not be callable prior to Jan. 1 1932. As to the details of the issue, the prospectus says:

Callable as a whole on two months' published notice on Jan. 1 1932 and Jan. 1 1933, at 103 and interest, and thereafter on any Jan. 1, the premium decreasing ½ of 1% for each year elapsed thereafter. Interest payable Jan. 1 and July 1. Principal and interest payable in New York City in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, without deduction for German taxes of any nature, past, present or future, at the office of Ames, Emerich & Co., fiscal agents. The cities covenant to pay principal and interest of this loan, irrespective of war or peace or of the nationality of the bondholder. Coupon bonds. Denominations, \$1,000 and \$500.

It is announced that the issuance, purpose and terms of this loan have been approved by the Bavarian Government and by the Council for Foreign Loans of the German Ministry of Finance, Berlin. From the offering circular we take the following information:

The Bavarian Palatinate Consolidated Cities consist of seven important communities of the Bavarian Palatinate, a Governmental division of the Free State of Bavaria situated in southwestern Germany. Their combined 1925 population was 259,280. The cities included are Ludwigshafen-am-Rhein, Kaiserslautern, Frankenthal, Neustadt-am-Haardt, Speyer, Zweibruecken and Landau.

These bonds are the direct, joint and several obligations of the Bavarian Palatinate Consolidated Cities, which covenant to apply thereto all of their property and entire taxing power. They further covenant that if, while any of these bonds are outstanding, they or any of them shall issue any secured loan, the same security shall apply to these bonds.

Assets and Indebtedness.

The estimated value of all privately-owned land and buildings in the seven cities exceeds \$177,000,000. City-owned assets, including real estate, forests, water works, electric light plants, gas works and other profitable utilities, after giving effect to this financing, are valued at about \$37,780,000. The total external and internal debt, including this loan and after allowing for the revaluation of the paper mark debt in accordance with the law of July 16 1925 is reported at \$6,286,832.

Revenues and Expenditures.

The ordinary budget for the fiscal year ending March 31 1926 provides for total revenues of \$11,990,003 and total expenditures of \$11,804,102, or a surplus of \$185,901. Public utilities alone supply about one-third of total revenues and yield a substantial net profit, which for 1925-1926 is officially estimated at \$663,000, which is considerably in excess of interest and amortization on the entire funded debt to be presently outstanding. Such total annual service charges are estimated to be less than 5% of ordinary revenues for the present fiscal year.

Purpose.

Proceeds of this issue will be used for income-producing utility improvements, including water works, gas works, electric light plants and similar betterments, which are expected to result in further increases in revenues.

Dawes Plan Charges.

Under the operation of the Dawes plan, in order to assure reparations payments under the Versailles Treaty (Article 248) charges will be imposed upon municipally-owned works similar to those on private industrial enterprises. Payments for this purpose by the municipally-owned utilities of the Bavarian Palatinate Consolidated Cities are officially estimated at \$17,317 for the first year in which such payment is required, \$29,878 for the second year and \$39,806 as the maximum in any year thereafter.

All conversions from German to United States currency have been made at 4.20 gold marks to the dollar. Pending delivery of definitive bonds, interim receipts countersigned by the Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, will be deliv-

ered. The bonds were offered when, as and if issued and received and subject to the approval of counsel.

Offering of Capital Stock of Barmer Bank Verein.

A limited amount of the stock of the Barmer Bank Verein, of Barmen, Germany, was offered on Feb. 8 by Horwitz & Co. and Jerome B. Sullivan & Co., of this city, at \$18¾ per share of 100 reichsmarks par value, equivalent to 79¼%. This price includes the coupon which entitles the holder to the 1925 dividend. The present price in Germany, it is stated is about 80½%. It was announced before the close of the day that the books on the offering had been closed. The Barmer Bank Verein was established in 1867 (succeeding Fischer Bros., bankers, organized 1810). It has a capital stock (without liability) of 20,800,900 reichsmarks and 199,100 reichsmarks management shares, making the total capital 21,000,000 reichsmarks. It has reserves of 10,000,000 reichsmarks. The bank's business consists of commercial banking, particularly in the Rhineland and Ruhr. The principal offices of the bank are located in Duesseldorf and Barmen, with branches in over 40 cities, mainly in the Ruhr district. The bank holds an interest in the following banks and banking firms:

Disconto & Effectenbank, Amsterdam; Heydt, Kersten & Sons, Elberfeld; S. & H. Goldschmidt, Frankfurt on Main; H. Schirmer, Cassel; Hardy & Co., Munich; Siegfried Falk, Dusseldorf and Cologne; German General Credit-Anstalt, Leipzig; Bayer. Hypotheken & Wechsel Bank, Munich; Ullman & Co., Vienna.

Its comparative balance sheet is furnished as follows:

	Dec. 31 1924.	Oct. 31 1925. (Approximated)
Assets—		
Cash—Balances in Govt. & clearing banks.....	14,269,957	17,000,000
Bills receivable and Treasury bills.....	22,842,869	33,000,000
Balance with other banking institutions.....	35,980,711	18,000,000
Loans—Against Stock Exchange collateral.....	2,984,875	4,000,000
Against merchandise & shipment of merch'se.....	449,851	1,500,000
Securities—Owned.....	2,991,400	1,000,000
Participation—In syndicates.....	1,447,518	2,000,000
In banks.....	5,740,865	5,500,000
Current loans.....	46,063,211	50,000,000
Real estate—Bank buildings.....	10,000,000	10,000,000
Other real estate.....	1	1
Inventory.....	1	1
Total.....	Rmk. 142,771,262*	Rmk. 142,000,000
Liabilities—		
Capitalization.....	21,000,000	21,000,000
Reserves.....	10,000,000	10,000,000
Credits.....	8,954,573	8,900,000
Deposits—By other banks.....	11,510,894	9,000,000
Deposits—(Customers' & other funds on call).....	87,323,162	83,000,000
Acceptances.....	1,822,838	20
Checks.....	20	7,400,000
Reserves—Dividends.....	1,680,000	
Directors' bonus.....	274,851	(Not given)
Balance carried forward.....	204,920	
Total.....	Rmk. 142,771,262*	Rmk. 139,300,000

* Difference in totals of assets and liabilities are due to this being an interim balance sheet compiled before the final closing of the books.

It is stated that with the exception of the year 1923, which marked the culmination of German post-war inflation, the bank has paid dividends in every year since 1879, the rate for 1924 being 8%. Dividends are declared annually during the first half of the year covering the preceding calendar year. It is expected that for 1925 the dividend rate will again be 8%.

Germany in Position to Obtain Loans in American Market at Lower Rates Than in 1925 According to R. C. Schaffner.

According to Robert C. Schaffner, head of A. G. Becker & Co., who has just returned from a three-month business trip to Germany, that country is now in a position to obtain loans in the American market for its municipalities and industries at moderately lower interest rates than in 1925 as a result of new developments in the German financial situation.

Germany's progress is attested, he said on Feb. 8, by the unflinching maintenance of the Reichsmark on a gold basis, the balancing of the National Budget, the favorable turn in her foreign trade balance and the easing of German interest rates. He stated that a study of German conditions by bankers, including that of the A. G. Becker & Company party, made up of Mr. Schaffner, Jay Dunne, head of the firm's Research Department, and Dr. David Friday, nationally known economist, has been the cause of much optimism. Mr. Schaffner stated:

Conditions in Germany are comparable to those in the United States during 1921, and in many respects make the present time as desirable an investment period for German securities as 1921 was for American stocks and long-term bonds. Of particular interest to American investors, it seems to me, is the pronounced easing of money rates in Germany. Dr. Friday has just cabled me that some German money has even found its way to the New York call money market within the last day or two. High interest rates were unquestionably the most striking feature of the German financial and industrial situation during the year 1925. Call money which opened in January, 1925, at 11½% fluctuated around 10% during the year. Time money between 10%

and 13% during most of 1925, and the private discount rate at the banks was around 9%. During the first week of January, 1926, the money market rectified a markedly different tone. Call money fluctuated between 6% and 8%, time money averaged 8.58%, and the private discount rate stood at 6 3/4% and, finally on January 12, 1926, the Reichsbank lowered its rediscount rate from 9% to 8% and its rate on collateral loans from 11% to 10%.

According to Mr. Schaffner, the desire on the part of the Reichsbank to maintain the Reichsmark on a gold basis has led to a credit policy which is forcing a downward revision of production costs and prices. The new capital which is being brought into Germany is permitting an improvement in productive efficiency which together with the lower costs of production will enable Germany to have a sufficient volume of exports to cover her reparations payments and imports. In conclusion Mr. Schaffner said:

It should be remembered that Germany is a nation with more than \$50,000,000,000 of property which is burdened with an interest obligation on account of public and private indebtedness far below normal. She has over 63,000,000 people and they have a national income from their productive efforts of about \$12,500,000,000. The maximum reparations payments are only 5% of this national income. Furthermore, it is estimated that interest on the amount of German public and private indebtedness which was wiped out in the inflation period is approximately equal to the total annual reparations charge.

Investments Abroad Billion Annually—Treasury Experts See Export Gold Movement and Larger Raw Material Imports in 1926.

From its Washington Bureau the "Wall Street Journal" reported the following on Feb. 9:

For many years to come the United States will continue to furnish annually \$1,000,000,000 for investment in foreign fields.

This is the consensus among economic experts at the Treasury, after a general survey of world financial conditions to determine domestic and foreign capital requirements, tendencies of money rates, general stability of commerce and the probable movement of American gold.

The following were salient indications of this survey:

1. Continued pressure for capital abroad will result in the public offering of more than \$1,000,000,000 in foreign securities.
2. Private investors will send an additional \$250,000,000 abroad for backing of oil, mining, rubber and other raw material and manufacturing projects.
3. American bankers are buying into German and other foreign banking houses. Manufacturers in the United States are establishing plants abroad to avoid tariff and other trade barriers.
4. About \$6,000,000,000 will be required this year to meet the needs of domestic commerce and industry.
5. Belief is expressed American money rates and price levels will remain comparatively firm this year.

Imports to Increase.

Business and industry are going strong in United States, a high official informed "The Wall Street Journal." Imports of raw materials and foodstuffs will continue to increase this year, owing to domestic prosperity and the high consumption power of the American market.

Several factors probably will work to reduce our excess of exports over imports. We are starting a prosperous year, with a tremendous demand for raw materials, much of which must come from abroad.

There is more competition promised abroad. Germany is slowly coming back and Great Britain is adjusting prices to gold standards. We can't look for a big increase in exports. It seems likely the favorable balance of trade will be less than the \$670,000,000 reported in 1925. In 1924 the favorable balance was nearly \$1,000,000,000.

Experts said American money rates will be firm through the year. As there still is a sufficient margin between domestic and foreign rates to stimulate investments abroad, they believe an outward movement of gold from the United States may be resumed soon. While there was some loss of gold in 1925, there was no decided movement either way in November and December.

U. S. Gold Strength.

It has been stated frequently the United States can safely lose \$1,000,000,000 in gold, over a period of years, without upsetting the credit situation. Some New York bankers feel the United States will not lose any of the gold stock this year, but this view does not conform to the belief of most of the federal authorities.

Interest rates here are not likely to exceed those of last year as a general rule," the official declared. There is a great productivity of capital in this country and a better balance between stocks and bonds in industry and trade.

Our domestic capital requirements are unlikely to exceed those of 1925; from \$5,000,000,000 to \$6,000,000,000 probably will be invested in productive enterprise during the coming year.

Electric utilities will be heavy consumers of domestic capital. The manufacturing industry should not need much more than in 1925, although heavy issues of common stock are contemplated in connection with a number of important projected business mergers.

British Industry Better.

It was stated investors in the United States last year obtained \$500,000,000 or more as a return on American capital "working" abroad. Some of this money is being invested in domestic enterprise, but in the opinion of experts a greater proportion is going back as investment into the countries from whence it came.

From the foreign standpoint British industry is said to be "looking up." Sterling is going up, with the grain and cotton bills out of the way, bringing back the pre-war normal spring sterling strength. Sterling also has benefited from enhanced prices for tin, rubber and a number of other raw materials with which Britain largely provides the world market.

Signs show British industry as a whole on a better footing and adjusting itself to gold prices, it was stated.

Shipbuilding and coal are still in a slump but other productive industries are picking up.

Bankers here are reported to be in a better position to lend money for industry and trade than ever before.

With railroads moving goods faster there is a smaller tendency here to build up big stocks of raw materials, lessening the possibility of industries being caught in a falling market with a big stock of high priced goods.

Burr & Co. to Offer German Bank Stock Issue.

George H. Burr & Co. confirmed on Feb. 11 reports that they, with Hardy & Co., of Berlin, had acquired a block of capital stock of the Bayrische Hypotheken & Wechsel Bank, of Munich. Public offering of the shares will probably be made next week. Acquired holdings have been purchased from German stockholders and the transaction does not involve new financing, but merely a transfer in ownership. The amount approximates 5,000,000 gold marks. The Bayrische Hypotheken & Wechsel Bank was established in 1835, has capital and surplus of over \$36,000,000 gold marks, and, for the full year 1925, paid a dividend of 8%. Its shares are listed on the Berlin Boerse. Purchase of the stock represents the fifth in two months in which American interests have bought stocks in German banks, the others being the Disconto Gesellschaft, the Dresdner, the Hamburg Verein and the Barmer Verein banks.

Plans of State Commission of Russian Soviet Union for Increasing Gold Production.

The State Planning Commission of the Soviet Union has adopted a three-year plan for increasing gold production, involving an expenditure of \$8,500,000 by the State mines for new equipment, according to advices received by the Russian Information Bureau. Production will be brought up to between 60 and 70% of that of the United States, the Bureau reports, adding:

Production in the Soviet Union during the past fiscal year ending Sept. 30 1925, was about 61,200 pounds avoirdupois. During the current fiscal year it is planned to produce 72,540 pounds, in 1926-27 to produce 84,789 pounds, in 1927-28 to produce 92,384 pounds, which is 77% of the production of 1913.

The state mines are expected to furnish this year 51% of the output, private enterprises, 49%. This year's output of the Lena Goldfields, recently leased to an Anglo-American concessionary, is expected to be about 16,200 pounds.

Internal Trade of Soviet Union for Year Ending Sept. 30 1924 Over 13 Billion Dollars.

The total internal trade of the Soviet Union for the Soviet fiscal year ending Sept. 30 last was \$13,494,000,000, as compared with \$9,310,000,000 for the fiscal year 1923-24, an increase of 45%, according to a bulletin received by the Russian Information Bureau. The trade was divided as follows:

	1924-25.	1923-24.
State trading enterprises.....	\$5,552,000,000	\$3,347,000,000
Co-operatives.....	2,714,000,000	1,466,000,000
Private trade.....	2,737,000,000	2,621,000,000
Peasant trade.....	2,491,000,000	1,876,000,000
Total.....	\$13,494,000,000	\$9,310,000,000

Hungarian Government Purchases for Cancellation Part of Reconstruction Loan of 1924.

The Hungarian Government has purchased for cancellation through the sinking fund \$242,500 bonds of its \$9,000,000 7 1/2% reconstruction loan of 1924. The bonds were bought in the market by Speyer & Co., fiscal agents for the loan.

Greece to Pay 1925 Interest on Old Debt.

An Associated Press dispatch was reported as follows from Athens, Feb. 9, by the New York "Journal of Commerce":

The Finance Minister to-day ordered the payment in full of interest for 1925 on all Greece's old gold loans under the authority of the Commission of Financial Control. This is the first time interest has been paid on these loans since 1920. It is expected to benefit Greek credit abroad.

President Machado Approves Cuban Tariff Law Giving Him Special Powers.

The following Havana advices, Feb. 10, appeared in the New York "Journal of Commerce":

The proposed modifications of the customs tariffs as finally approved by President Machado are as follows:

"Clause I.—For three years, counting from the date of the approval of this law, the Executive of Cuba is granted full powers to revise the customs tariffs now in force, to set new schedules of duties, to cancel existing rates, to create new items or clauses of any kind, and to burden or protect especially certain foreign products by reason of their origin, with only the obligation of giving account in special message to Congress of what the President does in this matter.

"Clause II.—In order to exercise the powers granted in the preceding clause, the Executive will consult in all cases with the Tariff Commission to be appointed by the Executive after submitting the names of appointees to the Senate for approval, which committee must be made up of five Cuban citizens of known technical expertness in tariff matters."

J. P. Morgan & Co. Asks Tenders for Argentine Government Bonds of 1909.

J. P. Morgan & Co. announce that they are prepared to receive tenders for the amortization on or before March 31 for \$551,000 Argentine gold pesos, or £110,200 nominal of the Argentine Government 5% internal gold loan 1909. Tenders for sale of bonds with coupons due Sept. 1, 1926, and subsequently, at a price to be stated in the tender, must be lodged not later than 3 P.M. on Feb. 15, 1926, with J. P. Morgan & Co., 23 Wall Street, New York. Tenders will be received also in London by Baring Brothers & Co., Limited, and in Buenos Aires by the Credito Publico Nacional. Each £200 bond has a par value of \$973 U. S. Gold Dollars, and tenders must be made at a flat price under par expressed in dollars per bond. Tenders must be accompanied by a deposit of bonds at the rate of not less than \$97.30 per \$973 nominal capital tendered. In the event of the bonds tendered not being lodged with Baring Brothers & Co., Limited, by April 30, 1926, the deposit will be forfeited.

Offering of \$1,500,000 Bonds of Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank.

A new offering of 5% bonds of the Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Banks, totaling \$1,500,000, was announced on Feb. 8 by Harris, Forbes & Co., New York; William R. Compton Co., New York; Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., New York; the Mercantile Trust Co. of California; the First Securities Co. of Los Angeles, and the Security Co. of Los Angeles. The bonds were offered at 103 and interest, to yield about 4.60% to the redeemable date (1935) and 5% thereafter to redemption or maturity. A portion of the issue is dated June 1 1925, is due June 1 1955 and is optional June 1 1935, while a part is dated Sept. 1 1925, will mature Sept. 1 1955 and will be redeemable at par and accrued interest on any interest date after ten years from the date of issue. These bonds are the obligations of the following banks of issue:

\$1,000,000 Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of San Francisco 5s, due June 1955-35. Bank operates in California and Nevada. John Drum, President, also President of the Mercantile Trust Co. of California, San Francisco.

\$250,000 Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of Los Angeles 5s, due Sept. 1 1955-35. Bank operates in California and Arizona. J. F. Sartori, President, also President of the Security Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles.

\$250,000 Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank of Salt Lake City 5s, due Sept. 1 1955-35. Bank operates in Utah and Idaho. Heber J. Grant, President, also President of the Utah State National Bank, Salt Lake City.

Principal and semi-annual interest are payable in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles or Salt Lake City. They are coupon bonds, fully registerable and interchangeable, in denomination of \$1,000. The above Land banks are owned or controlled by the stockholders of the following Pacific Coast banks and trust companies:

- Security Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles.
- The First National Bank, Los Angeles.
- Pacific-Southwest Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles.
- The First National Bank, Portland.
- Walker Brothers, Bankers, Salt Lake City.
- The National Copper Bank, Salt Lake City.
- The Utah State National Bank, Salt Lake City.
- Deseret National Bank, Salt Lake City.
- Mercantile Trust Co. of California, San Francisco.

The Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Bank at San Francisco has a paid-in capital of \$500,000, the Los Angeles Bank \$400,000 and the Salt Lake City Bank \$250,000. Each bank is a member of the Association of Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Banks, a voluntary association organized for the purpose of co-ordination and the establishment of uniform practices of the banks so affiliated. As of Dec. 31 1925, the bank at San Francisco reports \$8,025,000 of bonds outstanding, the Los Angeles bank \$5,620,000 and the bank at Salt Lake City \$3,550,000. The following is the statement of the Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land Banks as officially reported Dec. 31 1925:

	San Francisco.	Los Angeles.	Salt Lake.
Acres of real estate security loaned upon.....	209,344	67,065	96,650
Total amount loaned.....	\$8,683,300	\$5,742,800	\$3,519,200
Appraised value of real estate security.....	\$20,851,437	\$13,701,881	\$9,632,400
Average appraised value per acre.....	\$99.60	\$204.31	\$98.65
Average amount loaned per acre.....	\$41.47	\$85.70	\$36.41
Percentage of loans to appraised value of security.....	41.64%	41.91%	36.9%

Offering of \$250,000 Bonds of New York Joint Stock Land Bank.

Clark Williams & Co. offered on Feb. 9 \$250,000 5% farm loan bonds of the New York Joint Stock Land Bank of New York City at 103 and interest, to yield 4.60% to 1935 and 5% thereafter. The bonds are part of the \$1,000,000 issue of-

ferred by the same banking house on Jan. 5 and details of which appeared in these columns Jan. 9, page 153.

Half Million More for the Land Bank of the State of New York—State Comptroller Murphy Arranges for Investment of Sinking Fund Bonds.

The following is from the New York "Times" of Feb. 7:

State Comptroller Vincent B. Murphy of Rochester, N. Y., has again given evidence of his desire to relieve the housing situation and his recognition of the Land Bank of the State of New York by arranging for the investment of a half million dollars additional sinking funds in bonds of the Land Bank. Manager-Director David B. Hutton of the Land Bank immediately sent out notices to the member associations that these funds were available. The result was that a request for funds aggregating \$3,000,000 was received from the associations of the State of New York. After very careful consideration the Land Bank has allocated the half million dollars to best meet requirements of the associations requesting the money. The fact that requests were made for over \$3,000,000 indicates that if funds were available the associations of the State of New York could make far greater use of the facilities of the Land Bank. These funds were advanced to the savings and loans associations at 4 1/2% interest and pending distribution the Manufacturers Trust Co. of 139 Broadway, New York City, has made temporary loans to many of the associations requiring funds immediately at the rate of 5% interest.

Changes Sought in Ruling of Federal Farm Loan Bureau Governing Joint Stock Land Banks.

The following from Washington appeared in the Feb. 11 issue of the "Wall Street Journal":

The Federal Loan Bureau has received numerous appeals from bankers and others interested for modification of the Bureau's regulations governing Joint Stock Land banks. The Bureau is considering the appeals, and Secretary Mellon believes changes will no doubt be satisfactorily worked out.

Annual Report of War Finance Corporation—Making of New Loans Discontinued—In Process of Liquidation.

Giving an account of the year's operations, the annual report of the War Finance Corporation for the year ended Nov. 30 1925 points out that under the amendment of Feb. 20 1924 the Corporation ceased to receive applications for new loans on Nov. 30 1924 and discontinued the making of new loans on Dec. 31 1924. It entered upon the period of liquidation on Jan. 1 1925, as provided by the law, and since that date the only advances that have been made are those designated as "expense advances"; that is, advances necessary for the care and preservation of the Corporation's security in connection with the orderly liquidation of its assets and the winding up of its affairs. The report shows that from Dec. 1 1924 to Nov. 30 1925 repayments received by the Corporation on its agricultural and live stock loans aggregated \$27,118,000, of which \$16,307,000 was repaid by banking institutions, \$10,256,000 by live stock companies and \$555,000 by co-operative marketing associations. The report also states that since the creation of the Corporation in 1918 it has made advances aggregating \$689,715,000—\$306,771,000 under its war powers, \$85,001,000 for export purposes and \$297,943,000 for agricultural and live stock purposes. Of the total advanced \$36,812,000 (principal amount) was outstanding on the Corporation's books on Nov. 30 1925, compared with \$62,623,000 on Nov. 30 1924. The report also says:

The closest estimate that can be made at this time of the result of the Corporation's operations is that, when its business has been finally liquidated, it will have returned to the Treasury the original capital and a sum which will approximately equal the cost to the Government of the money used by it; in other words, the Corporation's income from interest on loans and investments in Government securities will, after deducting operating expenses and losses, approximately reimburse the Treasury for the costs of the funds furnished by it.

We quote the following from the report:

On Jan. 5 1925 the Corporation, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, canceled and retired \$499,000,000 of its capital stock leaving \$1,000,000 outstanding. This was accomplished by the delivery of a check for \$499,000,000 drawn by the War Finance Corporation on its account with the Treasurer of the United States and payable to the Treasurer of the United States.

The operations of the Corporation to Nov. 30 1924, inclusive, were set out in the last annual report. From that date until Dec. 31 1924 the Corporation approved 84 applications for new agricultural and live stock loans in an aggregate amount of \$792,000. Of the sum approved, \$20,000 represented advances authorized to a banking institution and \$772,000 to seven live stock loan companies. Under these commitments, as well as under commitments made prior to Nov. 30 1924 \$69,000 was actually advanced to banking institutions and \$1,167,000 to live stock loan companies during the month of December 1924.

During the same period—that is, from Dec. 1 to Dec. 31 1924—expense advances made by the Corporation totaled \$27,000, and similar advances from Jan. 1 to Nov. 30 1925 amounted to \$892,000, making a total for the year of \$919,000. Altogether, the expense advances of the Corporation, including \$51,000 advanced prior to Nov. 30 1924, aggregated \$970,000, of which \$955,000 represented advances in connection with agricultural and live stock loans under the Act of Aug. 24 1921, as amended, and \$15,000 in connection with loans on live stock made under the war powers of the Corporation.

In addition to loans and expense advances, the corporation approved during the year ended Nov. 30 1925 536 applications from banks and 111 applications from live stock loan companies for the renewal of outstanding loans totaling \$13,456,000. It also approved applications for the renewal and substitution of notes held as collateral in the face amount of approximately \$33,069,000 and for the release to borrowers through live stock loan companies of the proceeds of the sale of live stock and wool totaling \$1,794,000.

From Dec. 1 1924 to Nov. 30 1925 repayments received by the corporation on its agricultural and live stock loans aggregated \$27,118,000, of which \$16,307,000 was repaid by banking institutions, \$10,256,000 by live stock loan companies and \$555,000 by co-operative marketing associations. In addition, expense advances were repaid to the extent of \$860,000, while \$2,000 was repaid on the corporation's war loans, bringing the total repayments for the year of amounts advanced to \$27,980,000.

On Nov. 30 1925 the loans and expense advances outstanding on the Corporation's books totaled \$36,812,000 (principal amount), as follows: War loans, \$16,969,000; agricultural and live stock loans, \$18,843,000 (including expense advances of \$97,000). As stated in the last annual report, all the Corporation's export loans have been liquidated.

In many instances, renewals of outstanding agricultural and live stock loans were included in new applications, and the funds advanced under the latter were used, in whole or in part, to retire the outstanding balances. For example, a bank or loan company owing the Corporation \$25,000 would apply for a new loan of \$50,000, of which \$25,000 would be used to retire the existing indebtedness. The transaction, therefore, would represent, in effect, a renewal of \$25,000 and a new advance of \$25,000. In this report the statistics have been revised and adjusted so as to exclude all amounts representing renewals and to include as new advances only the net additional amounts approved or advanced.

Orderly Liquidation of Outstanding Loans.

The amendment of Feb. 20 1924 provides that the time for the payment of any advance "shall not be extended beyond Jan. 1 1926 if such advance was originally made on or before Jan. 1 1923, or beyond three years from the date upon which such advance was originally made, if such advance was originally made after Jan. 1 1923." Under this provision a number of the outstanding advances, having been made prior to Jan. 1 1923, cannot be renewed beyond Jan. 1 1926. In view of the general improvement in the agricultural and banking situation, many of the advances will be retired at or before the expiration of the time limits, either through repayment of the collateral securing them or from other assets or by transfer to other channels. As the corporation is a temporary organization in the process of liquidation, the going banks and loan companies have been encouraged and assisted in many instances to make arrangements with permanent agencies for financing their operations as soon as it is possible to do so, utilizing the regular banking channels or the facilities of the Federal intermediate credit banks, the permanent organizations created by the Congress to assist in financing the agricultural and live stock industries.

It has been, and will continue to be, the policy of the corporation to conduct its business during the period of liquidation without hardship to applicants and their borrowers; and in cases where advances cannot be repaid or refinanced within the prescribed periods because of unsatisfactory local conditions or the inability to obtain funds from other sources, and where the condition of the advances justify such action, the Corporation will carry the remaining balances past due for such reasonable length of time as may be required to retire them in an orderly way. This situation will arise with respect to some bank loans in certain sections of the South, Middle West and Northwest and particularly with respect to live stock loans in the Southwest.

The bulk of the Corporation's outstanding live stock loans represent advances made through loan companies to stockmen in the Southwest. That section of the country has suffered from a severe drought extending over a period of four years, and as a result it would not be possible to retire many of the advances in the immediate future without undue sacrifice. Fortunately, in recent months, the cattle situation in the Southwest, as well as generally, has been improving, and the outlook for the coming year appears encouraging. The drought has been broken, and the ranges are getting in better shape than they have been for several years. Cattle prices have been tending upward, bringing better returns to the stockmen, and there has been an increased demand for range cattle, both breeding animals and feeders. While many cattle raisers are laboring under a heavy burden of debt which they will not be able to overcome, others are making steady progress and, if conditions continue to improve, should succeed in working out of their difficulties. The Corporation has been satisfied by the situation, and in cases where the borrowers have a reasonable chance to work out, where other credit facilities are not available, and where repayment could be made only through the sacrifice of breeding herds or other security, it will continue to carry the loans until they can be liquidated in an orderly manner out of the proceeds of sales, or until they can be financed through other sources.

Total Agricultural and Live Stock Loans.

Under the Agricultural Credits Act of Aug. 24 1921, as amended, the Corporation approved 8,749 advances for agricultural live stock purposes in the aggregate amount of \$478,926,000—\$188,519,000 to banking institutions, \$93,080,000 to live stock loan companies and \$197,327,000 to co-operative marketing associations.

Of the amount approved, \$297,943,000 was actually advanced to Nov. 30 1925—\$172,083,000 to banking institutions, \$87,335,000 to live stock loan companies, and \$38,525,000 to co-operative marketing associations.

The total repayments received by the Corporation to Nov. 30 1925 on account of these advances aggregated \$278,100,000, which represents 93.3% of the amount advanced. Of the total, \$162,860,000 was repaid by banking institutions, \$77,381,000 by live stock loan companies and \$37,859,000 by co-operative marketing associations, leaving a balance outstanding on Nov. 30 1925 of \$19,843,000, as follows: Banking and financing institutions, \$9,223,000; live stock loan companies, \$9,954,000; co-operative marketing associations, \$666,000. The advances made by the Corporation in eight States—Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Michigan, Nevada, Ohio, Utah and Virginia—have been repaid in full.

The figures given above, as well as those which appear subsequently in this report, include not only the original loans but also expense advances in connection therewith.

Loans to Banks.

In all, the corporation made loans for agricultural and live stock purposes to 4,317 banking institutions in 37 States. Of these, 674, or 15.6%, were national banks and 3,643, or 84.4%, were State banks. Of the State banks, 213 were members of the Federal Reserve System. The advances to national banks, amounting to \$33,761,000, constitute 19.6% of the whole, and the advances to State banks, totaling \$138,322,000, equal 80.4%. Of the 4,317 banks to which advances were made, 720 (82 national and 638 State) subsequently closed, and 57 of these (3 national and 54 State) have reopened or have had their obligations assumed by solvent institutions.

On Nov. 30 1925 3,659 banks (617 national and 3,042 State), to which a total of \$143,488,000 was advanced, had fully repaid their indebtedness to the Corporation. Of these, 3,351 were going banks, to which \$131,691,000 was advanced; 272 were closed banks which prior to suspension received advances amounting to \$10,495,000; 32 were banks which closed and subsequently reopened and to which \$1,180,000 was advanced, and 4 were banks which took over the balances due from closed banks on advances aggregating \$122,000.

In addition, advances totaling \$564,000 to 20 banks which closed had been liquidated, the Corporation receiving in these cases the full amount advanced, together with all interest and reimbursable expenses with the exception of \$2,273. In the case of 17 other closed banks, the full amount of the principal, totaling \$602,000, has been paid, leaving only interest or reimbursable expenses outstanding.

The remaining banks, numbering 621 (53 national and 568 State), to which advances aggregating \$27,429,000 were made, had repaid \$18,206,000 on Nov. 30 1925. Of this amount, \$7,882,000 was repaid by going banks which received advances totaling \$11,875,000, and \$10,324,000 by closed banks out of total advances of \$15,554,000, leaving a balance outstanding of \$9,223,000—\$3,993,000 to 267 going banks (14 national and 253 State), including 21 banks which closed and subsequently reopened, and \$5,230,000 to 354 closed banks (39 national and 315 State).

In many instances, the outstanding balances to closed banks have been reduced to small amounts, which probably will be taken up by the receivers in the near future; and in others repayments during the current liquidating season of the collateral pledged as security will be sufficient to retire the balances due.

The number of banks indebted to the Corporation was reduced by 633, including 199 closed banks, during the year, and the amount outstanding on Nov. 30 1925 represents 5.4% of the amount originally advanced to all banks.

Live Stock Loans.

In addition to the loans to banks, 114 live stock loan companies in 20 States received advances from the War Finance Corporation. On Nov. 30 1925, 78 loan companies, to which a total of \$29,659,000 was advanced, had repaid their indebtedness to the corporation in full, and the remaining companies, numbering 36, had repaid \$47,722,000 out of total advances to them of \$57,676,000, leaving a balance outstanding on Nov. 30 1925 of \$9,954,000, which represents 11.4% of the amount originally advanced to all loan companies.

During the year 20 loan companies, to which a total of \$10,264,000 was advanced, retired the outstanding balances of their indebtedness to the Corporation.

In the fall of 1922, as previously reported, the Livestock & Agricultural Loan Co. of New Mexico, through which the Corporation had made large advances, moved a considerable number of cattle to ranches leased by it in Chihuahua, Mexico. This action was taken by the loan company, with the consent of the borrowers and of the Corporation as holder of the mortgages on the cattle, on account of the severe drought in the Southwest and the consequent lack of feed and water. In the fall of 1924 approximately 12,700 head were returned to the home ranges where conditions were satisfactory and approximately 5,000 steers were brought back and sold. At the same time it was necessary, on account of the continued drought in sections of New Mexico, Texas and Arizona, to move across the border a large additional number of cattle against which the Corporation had made advances through the company named and other companies. In order to provide range for these animals and better grazing facilities for the cattle already in Mexico, two other ranches were leased at a substantial saving in rental and the old leases were terminated. The movement from the United States, as well as from the old ranches to the new, was begun in December 1924 and completed in March 1925.

In the fall of 1925 approximately 7,000 steers from the Mexico ranches were sold against payment upon delivery at El Paso, and it is estimated that there are now around 35,000 cattle on the ranches. The percentage of death loss among the cattle shipped to Mexico has been high, due largely to the weakened condition of the animals when they were moved.

The Livestock & Agricultural Loan Co. of New Mexico was placed in the hands of a receiver on May 16 1924 by the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico. With the court's approval, there has been close co-operation between the receiver and the Corporation—the company's only creditor—in the administration and protection of its loans, and the Corporation has advanced the necessary funds to the receiver against his certificates issued under court order. Under the supervision of the court, the receiver is in immediate charge of all matters affecting the cattle on the two ranches in Mexico against which advances were made through the company, and also, with the consent of the court, of the cattle on the same ranches which were mortgaged to the Corporation through other companies.

Loans to Co-operative Marketing Associations.

From Jan. 1 1921 to Dec. 31 1924 the Corporation authorized advances totaling \$202,590,000 to 33 co-operative marketing associations in 20 States to finance the orderly marketing of wheat, cotton, tobacco, rice and other staple agricultural commodities. Of this amount, \$5,262,000 was authorized under the Corporation's export authority prior to the passage of the Agricultural Credits Act of Aug. 24 1921 and \$197,327,000 under the provisions of that Act. Altogether, the associations actually used only \$41,162,000 of the commitments from the Corporation, as they were able to finance the greater part of their requirements through the normal banking channels.

During the season of 1921-22 the Corporation approved loans totaling \$64,340,000 to co-operative marketing associations and \$19,198,000 was used. For the season of 1922-23 the loans approved amounted to \$126,250,000, of which \$19,412,000 was utilized, while for the season of 1923-24 the loans authorized aggregated \$12,000,000, of which \$2,552,000 was actually advanced.

Of the \$41,162,000 advanced to co-operative marketing associations, \$666,000, or 1.6%, was outstanding on Nov. 30 1925.

Loans for Export Purposes.

The export loans approved by the Corporation after it resumed operations in January 1921 totaled \$58,374,000—\$43,379,000 to banking and financing institutions, \$9,733,000 to exporters, and \$5,262,000 to co-operative marketing associations.

Of the amount approved \$5,778,000 represented advances authorized on grain, \$3,246,000 on tobacco, \$40,759,000 on cotton, \$3,120,000 on other agricultural products, and \$5,471,000 on manufactured articles.

There was actually advanced against these commitments a total of \$38,654,000—\$28,469,000 to banking and financing institutions, \$7,547,000 to exporters, and \$2,638,000 to co-operative marketing associations. The entire amount has been repaid with the exception of \$345,45, charged to profit and loss.

The loans made under the Corporation's export authority prior to the suspension of activities in May 1920, amounting to \$46,348,000, were paid in full before Nov. 30 1922.

Summary of Operations Since January 1921.

Since the corporation resumed operations in January 1921 it has approved advances aggregating \$478,926,000 for agricultural and live stock purposes and \$58,374,000 for export purposes, making a total of \$537,300,000.

Of the amount approved, \$336,596,000 was actually advanced—\$297,943,000 for agricultural and live stock purposes and \$38,654,000 for export purposes.

The repayment on these loans to Nov. 30 1925 totaled \$316,753,000. Of this amount \$278,100,000 was repaid on the agricultural and live stock loans and \$38,653,000 on export loans. In addition, the Corporation has received since January 1921 repayments totaling \$57,992,000 on the loans made under its war powers and \$35,636,000 on the loans made under its export authority prior to the suspension of operations in May 1920, bringing the total repayments on all loans since the resumption of operations to \$410,381,000.

Exhibit A, attached to this report, includes a summary of advances for export and agricultural and live stock purposes under Sections 21, 22 and 24 of the War Finance Corporation Act, as amended, from Jan. 4 1921 to Nov. 30 1925, inclusive.

Loans Under the War Powers.

Of the loans made by the Corporation under its war powers, \$16,969,000 (principal amount) was outstanding on the books of the Corporation on Nov. 30 1925. Of this amount \$16,544,000 represents an advance made in 1918 to a public utility which passed through receivership, and was reorganized in 1923. In the reorganization the Corporation received securities of the new company which, on Nov. 30 1925, had a market value of approximately \$18,882,000. Of the remainder \$400,000 represents the face amount of the security taken by the Corporation in the reorganization of an industrial company which received an advance during the war, while \$25,000 represents the unliquidated balance of loans on live stock under Section 9 of the War Finance Corporation Act.

The expense advances in connection with live stock loans under the war powers, amounting to \$15,000, were repaid prior to Nov. 30 1925, with the exception of \$400, which was charged to profit and loss.

The repayments during the year on the war loans and expense advances in connection therewith aggregated \$17,000.

Reduction of Operating Expenses.

As the outstanding loans have declined, the Corporation has steadily curtailed its operating expenses and adjusted its organization and personnel to the reduced volume of business. At the peak of the work under the Act of Aug. 24 1921, the staff in Washington numbered 406. On Dec. 1 1922 the force had been reduced to 378, on Dec. 1 1923 to 265, on Dec. 1 1924 to 159, and on Dec. 1 1925 to 98. The rate of expenditure per annum in Washington on the basis of the November 1925 operating expenses, was approximately \$207,000 less than the rate per annum on the basis of similar expenses for November 1924, \$385,000 less than for November 1923 and \$800,000 less than for November 1922.

Steady adjustments and reductions also have been made in the field organization and personnel. When the work under the Act of Aug. 24 1921 was begun, 33 agricultural loan agencies were established in the various sections of the country. On Nov. 30 1925 the number had been reduced to 15, the remaining 18 having been discontinued and the supervision of the unpaid loans, if any, transferred to adjacent agencies or to Washington. During the year, two agencies, those at Oklahoma City and Kansas City, were discontinued. The outstanding loans through the Oklahoma City agency were transferred to the Kansas City agency on Dec. 31 1924, and the business of the latter was transferred to the Des Moines agency on June 30 1925. Arrangements had been made to discontinue the agencies at Cheyenne and Omaha on Dec. 31 1925 and the agency at Helena on Jan. 15 1926, and to transfer their outstanding loans to the agencies at Denver, Des Moines and Minneapolis, respectively.

At Minneapolis and Atlanta the agencies have taken over the custodian work formerly performed by the Federal Reserve banks, the former on March 14 1924 and the latter on Sept. 15 1925. The custody of the collateral securing the outstanding loans in Wisconsin was transferred from the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago to the Minneapolis agency on June 30 1925, and in several instances the work of one custodian has been combined with that of another. Plans are now under way for the consolidation of the work of the custodian and the agency at Santa Fe, N. M. These changes, in addition to facilitating the work, have resulted, or will result, in a substantial saving to the corporation. At Minneapolis, Atlanta and Denver space has been obtained for the agencies in the Federal Reserve Bank buildings free of rental, reducing the corporation's expenditures for rent at the rate of nearly \$8,000 per annum.

The field staff, other than the members of the local committees who served without compensation, numbered 143 on Dec. 1 1925, compared with 237 on Dec. 1 1924, 298 on Dec. 1 1923 and 273 on Dec. 1 1922. The rate of expenditure per annum outside of Washington on the basis of November 1925, operating expenses was approximately \$348,000 less than the rate per annum on the basis of similar expenses for November 1924, \$375,000 less than for November 1923 and \$252,000 less than for November 1922. These figures are based upon the total field expenses—the expenses incurred by the Federal Reserve banks and other custodians for the account of the Corporation as well as the expenses of the agencies, including those which are reimbursable. The reimbursable expenses represent, for the most part, expenses incurred by the field force in connection with closed bank advances. Formerly they were carried in a separate account, but on June 25 1925, when the outstanding balance totaled \$296,100, of which \$233,000 represented items incurred prior to Jan. 1 1925, the entire amount was transferred to the account "Expense of agricultural loan agencies." Since that date, all reimbursable expenses incurred have been charged, and all payments received on account of such expenses have been credited, to this account. The collections of such expenses during the year aggregated \$95,586, and the total amount outstanding on Nov. 30 1925 was \$318,000.

Personnel.

Eugene Meyer, whose term as Director expired on March 13 1925, was renominated by the President on March 11 1925 and was confirmed by the Senate on March 12 1925. He took the oath of office on March 14 1925 and was again elected Managing Director. Frank W. Mondell resigned as Director on July 15 1925 and Floyd R. Harrison was appointed by the President to succeed him, taking the oath of office on July 16 1925.

Gerard C. Henderson, General Counsel, resigned on Sept. 30 1925 and was succeeded by the Assistant General Counsel, Chester Morrill.

Conclusion.

Since its creation in 1918 as a part of the program of war finance, the Corporation has made advances aggregating \$689,715,000—\$306,771,000 under its war powers, \$85,001,000 for export purposes, and \$297,943,000 for agricultural and live stock purposes. Of the total advanced, \$36,812,

000 (principal amount) was outstanding on the Corporation's books on Nov. 30 1925, compared with \$62,623,000 on Nov. 30 1924.

The Corporation's earnings on Nov. 30 1925 aggregated \$63,170,000, but it must not be assumed that this represents a profit to the Government. The capital of the Corporation was furnished by the Treasury and in determining the result of the Corporation's operations it is proper to take into account the cost to the Government of these funds for, if the Treasury had not been called upon to supply them, its current borrowings in the market would have been correspondingly less. The cost of administering and collecting the outstanding loans, as well as the losses that will be sustained on these loans, also must be considered. Under a program of orderly liquidation, it necessarily will require some time to determine with any degree of accuracy what the total expense will be or what losses will be sustained. That the losses will be small, however, in comparison with the total loans made by the Corporation seems clear, as 94.6% of the aggregate amount advanced had been repaid on Nov. 30 1925 and much the greater part of the outstanding balance of \$36,812,000 undoubtedly will be collected.

The closest estimate that can be made at this time of the result of the Corporation's operations is that when its business has been finally liquidated, it will have returned to the Treasury the original capital and a sum which will approximately equal the cost to the Government of the money used by it; in other words, the Corporation's income from interest on loans and investments in Government securities will, after deducting operating expenses and losses, approximately reimburse the Treasury for the cost of the funds furnished by it.

This result, if accomplished, will be gratifying, particularly in view of the demoralized conditions that existed when the Corporation was authorized to extend assistance on a large scale to the agricultural and live stock industries. The expenses incurred in rendering this assistance necessarily have been much greater, proportionately, than those incurred in connection with the other business of the Corporation. It is estimated that the expense of making, administering and collecting its agricultural and live stock loans to Nov. 30 1925 equaled from 85 to 90% of all the Corporation's operating expenses since its establishment in 1918. The nation-wide scale on which the operations under the Act of Aug. 24 1921 were conducted, the large number of transactions involved, and the nature of the business itself necessitated expenditures considerably in excess of those required in handling the Corporation's war loans and other activities.

The report is signed by A. W. Mellon, Chairman; Eugene Meyer, Managing Director, and George R. Cooksey, Fred Starek and Floyd R. Harrison, Directors.

**Farming Readjustments in the Northwest, 1920-1925—
Bankruptcy Among Farmers.**

From the monthly review of agricultural and business conditions in the district, issued Jan. 29 by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, we take the following:

The number of farms increased 6-10 of 1% between 1920 and 1925 in the four States of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana, according to the preliminary results of the 1925 Census of Agriculture. The trend in these States has been contrary to the trend for the United States as a whole, which was a decrease of 1% in the five-year interval. Analyzing the figures by States, Minnesota and South Dakota showed increases in the number of farms, and North Dakota and Montana showed declines. The increases occurred largely in the northern counties of Minnesota, where much new land is being put under the plow, and in southern Minnesota and eastern South Dakota, where the farms are being broken up into smaller units. Decreases in the number of farms occurred very generally throughout Montana, in western North Dakota and in northwestern South Dakota.

NUMBER OF FARMS.

	1925.	1920.	% 1925 of 1920.
Minnesota	188,215	178,478	105.5
North Dakota	75,969	77,690	97.8
South Dakota	79,536	74,637	106.6
Montana	46,901	57,677	81.3
Four States	390,621	388,482	100.6
United States	6,372,263	6,448,343	98.8

There has evidently been a more careful selection of farm land. The acreage of all land in farms in 1925 in these four States was 5% smaller than in 1920. In spite of an increase in the number of farms, the reduction in acreage was most pronounced in South Dakota, but was very nearly as great in Montana and North Dakota. The reduction of land in farms in Minnesota, however, was very slight, showing that the addition of new farm land in the northern part of the State very nearly offset abandonment of land in other parts of the State.

ACREAGE OF ALL LAND IN FARMS.

	1925.	1920.	% 1925 of 1920.
Minnesota	30,040,933	30,221,758	99.4
North Dakota	34,326,905	36,214,751	94.8
South Dakota	32,006,898	34,636,491	92.4
Montana	32,740,442	35,070,656	93.4
Four States	129,115,178	136,143,656	94.8

The size of the average farm was reduced very greatly in South Dakota between 1920 and 1925, and smaller reductions occurred in North Dakota and Minnesota, but the average farm in Montana was much larger in 1925 than in 1920.

AVERAGE ACREAGE PER FARM.

	1925.	1920.	% 1925 of 1920.
Minnesota	159.6	169.3	94.3
North Dakota	451.9	466.1	97.0
South Dakota	402.4	464.1	86.7
Montana	698.1	608.1	114.8

The number of farms in these four States operated by tenants increased 25% during the five-year period. In Montana there was an increase of more than half in the number of tenant farmers, and in North Dakota and South Dakota, the number of tenant farmers increased more than one-fourth. In Minnesota the number of tenants increased only one-sixth.

NUMBER OF FARMS OPERATED BY TENANTS.

	1925.	1920.	% 1925 of 1920.
Minnesota	51,081	44,138	115.7
North Dakota	26,096	19,918	131.0
South Dakota	33,046	26,041	126.9
Montana	10,027	6,507	154.1
Four States	120,250	96,604	124.5

The percentage of farms in Montana operated by tenants increased from 11% in 1920 to 21% in 1925. Increases in percentage of tenant farmers for the other States were as follows: South Dakota, from 35 to 42%; North Dakota, from 26 to 34%; Minnesota, from 25 to 27%.

The average value of land and buildings per acre in Minnesota declined from \$109 in 1920 to \$80 in 1925; in North Dakota from \$41 to \$30; in South Dakota from \$71 to \$45, and in Montana from \$22 to \$14. This decline in farm values was almost entirely in the value of land, for the value of farm buildings increased during the five-year interval in Minnesota and declined very slightly in North Dakota and South Dakota, although more seriously in Montana. The value of farm land, exclusive of buildings, on the other hand, declined more than one-third in the four States.

VALUE OF FARM LAND.
(Excluding Buildings)

	1925.	1920.	% 1925 of 1920.
Minnesota	\$1,798,470,419	\$2,750,328,432	65.4
North Dakota	812,160,391	1,279,313,627	63.5
South Dakota	1,200,741,574	2,231,431,723	53.8
Montana	387,089,818	691,912,265	55.9
Four States	4,198,462,202	6,952,986,047	60.4

VALUE OF FARM BUILDINGS.

	1925.	1920.	% 1925 of 1920.
Minnesota	\$597,534,909	\$550,839,893	108.5
North Dakota	206,383,281	209,207,868	98.7
South Dakota	236,176,643	241,461,958	97.8
Montana	66,255,825	84,855,264	78.1
Four States	1,106,350,658	1,086,364,983	101.8

This great reduction in the value of farm land has been accompanied by financial distress among those farmers of this district whose land was most heavily mortgaged. A rough index of this is to be found in the figures for bankruptcies among farmers. The following table of bankruptcies among farmers has been compiled by the United States Department of Agriculture from annual reports of the Attorney-General of the United States. It will be seen that the number of farmer bankruptcies was very small in each of the four States until 1920, and that from 1920 to 1924 the number of such bankruptcies increased rapidly to very large proportions. However, the large crops of 1924 and the high prices received for these crops caused a notable reduction in the number of farm bankruptcies in every State, except South Dakota. For the six-year period from June 30 1919 to June 30 1925 the percentage of bankruptcies to the total number of farms in these States in 1920 was 3% for Montana and North Dakota and 1% for Minnesota and South Dakota. It should be noted that the number of bankruptcies by no means measures the extent of the financial distress, for many farmers abandoned their land without bankruptcy proceedings, and many others were allowed to effect a composition with their creditors without bankruptcy proceedings being instituted.

BANKRUPTCY AMONG FARMERS.
(Cases Concluded in Fiscal Years Ending June 30.)

	Minne- sota.	North Dakota.	South Dakota.	Mon- tana.	Four States.
1910	60	67	30	9	166
1911	28	41	11	9	89
1912	29	54	19	20	122
1913	32	92	25	38	187
1914	29	105	42	55	231
1915	16	111	33	71	206
1916	19	90	16	81	209
1917	59	60	50	90	259
1918	49	61	17	38	165
1919	16	37	6	52	111
1920	42	50	18	63	173
1921	57	93	24	82	256
1922	189	237	58	215	679
1923	291	615	148	366	1,420
1924	430	782	236	551	1,999
1925	369	629	352	460	1,810
Bankruptcies, 1920-25	1,378	2,406	816	1,737	6,337
Per cent which bankruptcies in the six years 1920-25 are of number of farms in 1920	.8	3.1	1.1	3.0	1.6

N. Y. Cotton Exchange Retracts Charges Against A. H. Lamborn—Cancellation of Suspension and Restoration to Rights of Full Membership.

The New York Cotton Exchange publicly retracted on Feb. 5 the charges against Arthur H. Lamborn, of 7 Wall Street, this city, which resulted in his suspension for a period of six months beginning June 5, 1922. The vindication was announced from the rostrum of the Exchange and posted on its bulletin board as follows on the 5th inst.:

On June 1, 1922, after a trial, the Board of Managers found Mr. Arthur H. Lamborn guilty of conduct detrimental to the best interest of the Exchange and suspended him from all rights and privileges as a member for a period of six months commencing June 5, 1922. This was announced from the rostrum of the Exchange.

Mr. Lamborn then applied to the Special Term of the Supreme Court for an order directing the Exchange to cancel his suspension and to restore him to full privileges of membership. The Special Term denied his application, and he thereupon appealed to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court for the First Department, which, on Dec. 1, 1922, reversed the decision of the Special Term and decided that Mr. Lamborn was entitled to the relief sought by him. The Appellate Division decided that Mr. Lamborn had been suspended for acts of employees of his firm committed without his knowledge and against his orders and that he could not be held guilty of conduct detrimental to the Exchange for acts of his employees which he had not authorized, but, on the contrary, had expressly forbidden. The Appellate Division held that the action of the Board of Managers in convicting and suspending Mr. Lamborn was wrong and that the Board did not have the right to take this action.

Because of a request received by the Board of Managers from Mr. Lamborn, this further notice is published and announced from the rostrum for the purpose of making public announcement of the result of the legal proceedings taken by him to cancel his suspension and restore him to the rights of full membership. A copy of the opinion of the Appellate Division will be posted with this notice on the bulletin board in order that the members may understand its full scope.

Mr. Lamborn's request for retraction of the charges was contained in the following letter addressed to the Exchange on February 3:

GENTLEMEN:

On June 1st, 1922, after what you termed a trial pursuant to the By-Laws of the Exchange, the Board of Managers unlawfully suspended me from all rights and privileges as a member for a period of six months commencing June 5, 1922, and directed that their findings

and the penalty imposed by the Board in the case be read from the rostrum at the opening of the Exchange on Thursday, June 1st, and posted upon the bulletin of the Exchange. This was done to my grave injury and extreme humiliation.

Subsequently I made an application to the Supreme Court for a peremptory mandamus order, which after a hearing was denied by the Special Term, but on appeal taken by me to the Appellate Division that tribunal unanimously reversed the decision of the lower court with costs and disbursements and granted the peremptory mandamus order with \$50.00 costs, the Court holding that the attempted suspension was void *ab initio*.

In the opinion of the Justice writing for the Appellate Court, it is said:

That we cannot review the evidence and reverse the decisions of the Governing Body of the Exchange unless there is no evidence tending to support the charge; and again—

If we were to decide this question on the weight of evidence, I would unhesitatingly hold that the decision of the Committee and of the Board of Managers was contrary to the weight of evidence; and further—

That it must be shown clearly that the dereliction charged against a member comes within the scope of the By-Laws and that it cannot be extended by implication to include anything that is not clearly within its content; and further—

This respondent has been warned it can take nothing by implication. Forfeitures depend upon clear and explicit language. (Peo. ex rel Elliott vs. New York Cotton Exchange, 8 Hun. 216); and further—

He had placed one of his partners in charge and had given orders forbidding the doing of the act for which he has been held personally responsible and for which he has been stigmatized by the reading of the order for his suspension from the rostrum of the Exchange stating that after due trial he had been found guilty of conduct detrimental to the best interests of the Exchange. and further—

We are in thorough sympathy with the efforts of the Exchange to suppress bucketshops; but however laudable may be their desire in this regard, it is not permissible to punish the innocent or to inflict penalties not authorized by the By-Laws. We hold, therefore, that appellant could not be disciplined upon the evidence adduced for a violation of the By-Laws as now framed. and further—

It is not a case of holding the master civilly liable for damages caused to innocent third persons by the negligence of wrongful act of a servant; but it is holding the master liable to forfeiture of his proprietary rights in his seat in the Exchange, depriving him of the pursuit of his business, and therefore subjecting him to consequences highly penal, for the act of a servant committed, not alone without his knowledge or consent, but against his express orders. all to my great loss and humiliation.

You have never undone the wrong inflicted upon me. When advised of the order of the Appellate Division on December 2nd, 1922—as you informed me in your letter of November 24th, 1925, you announced from the rostrum that "Lamborn & Company are restored to trading privileges."

Upon advice of my Counsel, I now respectfully request and demand that upon due notice given to all of the members of the New York Cotton Exchange, you make public announcement from the rostrum and post upon the bulletin of the Exchange, that you were wrong in your action in suspending me; that you did not have the right to do so, and that you insert in your records that the judgment of suspension was null and void from the beginning and was illegal and unwarranted, and that you send me a letter advising me that you have so acted.

Unless this is done by you within the next ten days, I shall consider your failure so to act as a refusal and as further proof of the malice with which your whole proceeding against me was charged, and I shall take such course as I am advised to protect my rights and defend my good name.

The suspension, which was referred to in our issue of June 3, 1922 (page 2422), was said to have grown out of alleged telephoning of quotations by employes in technical violation of the rules. The verdict of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court nullifying the suspension was reported in these columns Dec. 2, 1922, page 2433, and Mr. Lamborn's reinstatement by the Exchange was noted in our issue of Dec. 9, 1922, page 2525.

Steps for Formation of Inter-State Cotton Acreage Reduction Association Taken at Memphis—J. S. Wannamaker's Proposals That State Bonds Stand Behind Protection of Cotton.

A resolution, presented by Harvie Jordan of Atlanta, and said to have been adopted at Memphis, Tenn., on Feb. 3, by a practically unanimous vote, calls for the creation of an Inter-State Cotton Acreage Reduction Association, and urges "a drastic reduction in cotton acreage for 1926 and a corresponding increase in the food, feed and forage crops of the cotton States." The resolutions, which were adopted at a conference of planters, bankers and agricultural commissioners, read:

"Whereas, it is imperative that immediate steps be taken to regulate the cotton acreage of the south so as to restrict production of the staple within the legitimate needs of consumption, and to increase food and feed crops so as to make the cotton farms of the south self-sustaining, thereby promoting the welfare and prosperity of the entire south, be it resolved

"That this committee recommend the creation of an Interstate Cotton Acreage Reduction Association.

"That state associations be at once organized, composed of representative farmers, bankers, merchants, affiliated associations and state and federal agencies.

"That the convention elect an interstate commissioner and he be directed to call state meetings at the earliest opportunity to perfect organization and to devise ways and means to carry out the objects and purposes of this movement. But it further resolved

"That this convention, after giving full consideration to the present raw cotton situation, urges a drastic reduction in cotton acreage for 1926 and a corresponding increase in the food, feed and forage crops of the cotton states. Be it further resolved

"That we appeal to the entire business interests of the south to give full co-operation and support to the success of the recommendations set forth."

According to the Memphis "Commercial Appeal," Clarence Ousley has been asked to serve as Director General of the movement. In its account of the meeting that paper announced the receipt of a message at the conference from Senator Heflin, as follows:

"I am in hearty sympathy with the campaign now being waged throughout the south for the reduction of cotton acreage this year," Senator Heflin said in a telegram to the conference expressing his regret at being unable to attend.

"The cotton crop of 1924 of 13,500,000 bales at 24 cents a pound, or \$120 a bale, sold for \$1,620,000,000," the telegram continued. "The 15,000,000 bale crop of 1925 at 20 cents a pound, or \$100 a bale, will bring \$1,500,000,000, which is \$120,000,000 less than the 1924 crop, and the 1924 crop was smaller by 1,500,000 bales than the 1925 crop."

"A 12,000,000 bale crop this year at 25 cents a pound, or \$125 a bale, would bring \$1,500,000,000, while a 15,000,000 bale crop at 20 cents a pound, or \$100 a bale, would bring the same amount."

"Then why should we make a 15,000,000 bale crop which requires more money, more labor and more land to produce? Would the steel corporation spend the money necessary and use the extra amount of material required to produce and sell 1,500,000 tons of steel rails for the same amount it could get for 1,200,000 tons? Would any sensible man agree to go into the forest and cut 1,500 trees when he knew in advance that he could get the same amount of money for cutting 1,200 trees of the same size?"

Farmers Should Fix Prices

"A reduction of 25% in the cotton acreage of 1926 would be a distinct blessing to the cotton farmers of the south. I also think it would be a good plan for the American Cotton Association and the commissioners of agriculture of the south to meet in Memphis or some other place about the first of next August and suggest a scale of prices for the 1926 cotton crop. I am at your service to aid in any way that I can the cotton producers of the country."

The same account says:

J. S. Wannamaker, president of the American Cotton Association and whose home is in St. Mathews, S. C., was in the chair. In opening the conference Mr. Wannamaker said, in part:

"Records of 30 years present convincing proof that every effort made by the southern cotton farmer to increase food, feed and forage crops, and money crops other than cotton, have resulted in not only making the farm self sustaining, bringing a source of revenue from other money crops to the farmer, but also, without exception since 1877, every such movement, in which we have taken part, numbering some 20 odd, have resulted in higher prices for cotton the following fall."

Planters Free of Losses.

"Of course, we recognize the law of supply and demand is immutable; and the benefit has always been in proportion to the extent to which we carried out the plan."

"It is a popular belief that under the leadership of bankers, merchants and credit sources of the south, the cotton grower will make these resolutions in the fall, when they are suffering as result of cotton selling for less than the cost of production, and in the spring of the year when he begins his operations he forgets all about these resolutions of increasing his food, feed and forage and again plants all the cotton that he can."

"A cotton factor who is vitally interested in the success of the cotton grower recently told one of our representatives that you could do nothing with the cotton grower toward reforming his tendency to plant all cotton until he is prone on his back. The average cotton grower is not prone on his at the present moment, but according to reports made by hundreds of practical farmers who conducted demonstration farms for the American Cotton Association show that the cotton industry as a whole lost around \$300,000,000 last year."

"We would dislike to see a situation where there would not be an ample supply of cotton for American mills at reasonable prices but frankly we would dislike more to see the farmer cotton grower further cripple himself by supplying that cotton if he cannot get the most of production plus a reasonable profit. For viewing it as an industry and looking ahead 20 years, the sooner we can educate the consumers of cotton to the wisdom of paying cost plus a reasonable profit, the better it will be for all concerned, for it is inevitable that the variability in production and in price will eventually destroy the American cotton industry and put it altogether in the hands of the Asiatic and African countries."

Favors Cotton Commission.

"A joint cotton commission should be provided for whose duty it would be to decide each year the amount of cotton to be retired from time to time. This cotton to be warehoused and receipts to be deposited with the designated officials and handled very much in the same manner as papers are handled by the intermediate credit system today. In other words, debentures could be issued against these receipts, which debentures could be sold on the open market. There would be no lack of financial means for carrying this machinery through based on cotton stored in bonded warehouses."

"Legislation could either permit the chartering of the joint corporation with state divisions or with one central head for the entire belt to be worked through existing banks or state divisions. The capital should be subscribed by individuals and institutions."

"Would it be going too far to say that the state bonds might stand behind the protection of their cotton to the end that foreign countries may be required to do for cotton what we have had to do for their products? If it is economically wise for England, Brazil and Egypt to do this, why is it not wise for us to do it and remove the cotton grower from economic slavery and put him and his property on a fair and economical basis with other sections of the country."

"We put state bonds behind good roads for the social and economic advancement of the people. Is it wrong to ask that state bonds be put behind the nation's greatest products which belongs to the south and which action will enure to the benefit of the south."

"It would follow as a matter of course, that the commission which will have been established jointly under this plan, would have the power to decrease cotton acreage for the coming year under the law automatically requiring a certain part of the lands to be planted in food, food and other money crops."

Universal Cotton Standards Favored Abroad.

Practical use of the universal cotton standards in Europe is meeting with general satisfaction among brokers and merchants, says William I. Holt, Department of Agriculture cotton expert, who has recently returned to Washington from abroad. Universal standards for grades of American cotton have progressed far beyond the perfunctory agreement stage in Europe," Mr. Holt says. "They have been accepted in fact by the cotton exchanges and cotton associations and put into daily use in transactions." Mr. Holt, the Department states under date of Jan. 20, was sent abroad to facilitate the general use of the standards, following the signing of agreements between the Department of Agriculture and the cotton exchanges of Europe to use the standards in connection with American cotton going to Europe. He says there is growing interest in the standards throughout the trade from brokers to spinners. He adds:

The trade appreciates the advantage of moving cotton from the producer to the consumer under the same class designation and description. This means getting away from the old system under which the same bale of cotton was frequently called one grade when it left the hands of the farmer in the primary market in America, and another when it had reached the spinner. The trade wants standards that can be used continuously without change, and the present ones seem to meet that requirement.

Cotton Co-operatives Make Rapid Growth.

Fifteen State-wide or regional co-operative cotton marketing associations, having a total membership in 13 States of more than 280,000 growers, handle approximately 10% of the American cotton crop. The organization and operation of this group of generally similar associations is one of the most interesting of contemporary achievements in the history of the co-operative marketing movement in American agriculture, says the United States Department of Agriculture, under date of Jan. 29, adding:

The first important effort to organize cotton growers for co-operative marketing occurred in the period of depression and reconstruction following the Civil War. Comparable conditions following the World War influenced the movement which resulted in the organization since 1920 of the present large-scale associations that cover the cotton belt.

These associations are organized on the non-stock, non-profit plan. Pooling is practiced, each grower receiving his pro rata share of the average price received for all cotton of the same grade and staple as his own, less the cost of marketing. By operating annual pools and distributing sales throughout the year, they plan to receive approximately the season's average price.

United States Department of Agriculture Bulletin No. 1392, "Co-operative Marketing of Cotton," by G. O. Gatlin, just issued, describes the conditions preceding the organization movement in the cotton-producing States; gives a brief history of the development of each association, including the American Cotton Growers' Exchange; discusses the generally adopted principles and policies, and describes operating methods and practices.

Copies of Department Bulletin No. 1392 may be obtained without charge from the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., as long as the supply for free distribution is available; or they may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, at 10 cents per copy.

General Expansion in Agricultural Production Not Advisable, According to Department of Agriculture.

Although the farming industry is now in the best general position since 1920, any general expansion in production this year would tend to place farmers in a less favorable economic position than at present, the Department of Agriculture points out in its farm outlook report issued on Feb. 8. The Department states:

There is little likelihood of increased domestic and foreign demand for farm products, the Department says, the situation indicating a possible decrease in demand the latter part of the year.

No reduction in farm wages may be expected, and the cost of farm equipment will probably remain at present levels. Sufficient funds will be available for agricultural credit in most regions at about the same rates as in 1925.

A slightly smaller world crop of wheat is indicated, with world stocks at the beginning of the new crop year not burdensome. Domestic stocks are likely to be smaller. If an acreage of hard spring wheat equal to that of last year is planted and average yields are secured, export and domestic prices may be expected to be more in line with those in other exporting countries than at present.

Corn acreage the same as in 1925 with average yields will be sufficient to meet feeding and commercial requirements as fully as in 1925. If last year's oats acreage is maintained, relatively low prices are likely to continue unless yields are greatly reduced.

The immediate and long time outlook for cattle is favorable. A reasonably constant demand for beef is anticipated. The number of steers is the lowest in many years, but present breeding stocks are apparently large enough to supply as much beef as it will pay cattle producers to raise.

The outlook for the hog industry appears favorable, with prices maintained at high levels. The number of hogs in areas of commercial production is the smallest since 1921, and for the entire country the smallest in many years. The present strong domestic demand for pork products seems likely to continue through most of the year.

Indications are that 1926 will be a good year for the sheep industry, although profits are likely to be less than during the past two years. There may be a gradual slackening in the demand for lambs and wool in late 1926, but further increases in production may be undertaken profitably in some sections, as contrasted with alternative enterprises.

A cotton crop as large as that of 1925 would sell for reduced prices. World production has exceeded the rate of world consumption the past two seasons, and stocks have increased. Further material increases in stocks might easily make them burdensome. There is no marked indication that the mill demand will exceed that of the present season.

The dairy industry as a whole is in a relatively strong position, and some slight increase in numbers of young stock during the next two years may be desirable. Should the present trend in foreign production continue upward, however, and consumption in Europe fail to increase, foreign competition in our markets will be an important price factor.

Some increase in flax acreage may be undertaken inasmuch as domestic production is much below domestic requirements, even though the price may be lower. Both the export and domestic demand for barley next year seems likely to be less than in the past year, except for high quality malting types produced on the Pacific Coast.

There is danger that potato growers in the late producing States may plant too heavily. Increased acreage of more than 10% is inadvisable.

Sugar cane and sugar beet producers may see some improvement in prices for the 1926 crop. There is a tendency toward increased rice acreage in leading countries, and the present domestic demand may not continue next year.

Increasing consumption of cigarettes is maintaining prices for cigarette types of tobacco at a fairly high level which, in the absence of increased production, should continue for the 1926 crop. Chewing, snuff, and dark export types are bringing unremunerative prices, and readjustment in acreage is advisable.

The market for poultry during the first six months of 1926 will probably be better than during the same period in 1925, but prices for eggs may be lower due to increased production.

Further plantings of citrus fruit should not be made without serious consideration, inasmuch as, barring freezes, a very material increase in production is likely. A gradual improvement in the apple industry may be expected. New plantings of commercial peach orchards are inadvisable except under the most favorable conditions of production and marketing. New plantings of grapes is undesirable.

Sweet potato growers are cautioned not to over-plant, and additional acreage of truck crops should be taken on only after careful study of accessible markets. There is danger that present high prices of cabbage will induce growers in the late States to increase acreage too much. The market outlook for onions during the next few months is discouraging.

Movement Toward Revival of Copper Export Association—Availing of the Webb-Pomerene Act.

A movement is under way which may result in the creation anew of the Copper Export Association. Stating that leaders in the copper industry have arranged to revive the Association, which was dissolved several years ago because of dissension among its leading interests, the New York "Times" of Feb. 10 had the following to say regarding the movement:

Representatives of the major copper companies have been considering a plan of revival for some several weeks, and have submitted one to a committee representing the producers whereby the new association will be organized under the terms of the Webb-Pomerene act.

The committee has decided to submit the plan to producers individually for their approval, and an official statement regarding the producers' reaction is expected soon, according to C. F. Kelly, President of the Anaconda Mining Company.

Although definite information on the plans for the new organization are still lacking, it is reported that a credit will be arranged to finance copper exports. It is understood that this may be along lines similar to those established shortly after the World War, when producers had large stocks on hand. Financing then was arranged by the sale of \$40,000,000 Copper Export Association notes, for which the collateral was 400,000,000 pounds of copper at 10 cents a pound, earmarked for export.

The action of the leading companies in getting together was the subject of much favorable comment in copper trade circles yesterday. It is expected to bring about control and stabilization of the export market through the pooling of sales for foreign account, which is permitted under the Webb-Pomerene act. While the old association was not entirely satisfactory to all concerned, it is believed that the new arrangement will profit by its experience and be more satisfactory.

One copper authority said yesterday that a difficulty of such an organization was the willingness of some producers to ride along with it when conditions were favorable and shade prices when conditions were less favorable. Under the old organization, it was said, steps were taken to eliminate such practices, but with little success.

Producers pointed out yesterday that because of the great potential productive capacity of the copper mines in this country and South America, consumers for some time have bought only for immediate needs. Long-term contracts are rare. Producers believe that if the price situation is stabilized long-term contracts may be developed.

Rubber Exchange of New York, Inc., to Begin Operations February 15.

The Rubber Exchange of New York, Inc., at 31 South William Street, this city, will open for trading in crude rubber and rubber futures at 10 a. m. on Monday next, Feb. 15. Trading will be confined to rubber exclusively. Reference to the Exchange was made in these columns Sept. 26, page 1518, and Jan. 30, page 558.

Brokers Loans Outstanding of \$3,513,174,154 Revealed in Reports to New York Stock Exchange—Views in Washington Regarding Figures.

Brokers loans outstanding of \$3,513,174,154 are revealed in the reports made to the New York Stock Exchange by members. These figures, which were made public by the

Exchange on Saturday last, Feb. 6, are the first official figures to come from it regarding the volume of these loans; they exceed by something like a billion dollars the figures which had been reported from time to time from unofficial sources, through Dow, Jones & Co., but properly interpreted confirm these figures. Last month both the Exchange and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York made known their intention to institute measures for making available information regarding these loans, and the figures made public by the Exchange are the first resulting from this move. Of the \$3,513,174,154 loans shown as outstanding, \$2,516,960,500 consist of demand loans while \$996,213,555 are time loans. The figures were made public as follows:

Total net loans by New York Stock Exchange members, on collateral contracted for and carried in New York as of the close of business in January, 1926, aggregated \$3,513,174,154.

Of this total, \$2,516,960,599 (or 71+) were "call" or demand loans, and \$966,213,555 (or 28+) were time loans. Loans to the extent of \$3,043,044,309 (or 86+) were obtained from New York banks and trust companies while the remainder, \$470,129,845 (or 13+), were obtained from private bankers, brokers, foreign bank agencies, and other lenders in the City of New York. The detailed tabulation follows:

	Time Loans	Demand Loans
(1) Net borrowings on collateral from New York Banks or Trust Companies	\$2,122,914,934	\$920,129,375
(2) Net borrowings on collateral from Private Bankers, Brokers, Foreign Bank Agencies or others in the City of New York	394,045,665	76,084,180

Totals \$2,516,960,599 \$996,213,555
 Combined Total of Time and Demand Loans..... \$3,513,174,154

In order to avoid duplications in the above amounts, net rather than gross loans were requested by the Exchange. Loans carried outside New York were not requested by the Exchange, and therefore are omitted from the present tabulation. Of the total \$3,513,174,154 of loans above reported, approximately \$1,310,729,012 was borrowed through out-of-town branch and correspondent offices. This latter figure, however, does not include a large aggregate of loans contracted for out-of-town customers who deal through New York offices directly, rather than through their branches and correspondents in other parts of the country. In addition to loans obtained by Stock Exchange members to carry securities for customers, the amounts listed in the table given above also include loans obtained to carry securities for investment distribution.

In giving out the figures the following statement was made by E. H. H. Simmons, President of the Exchange:

Since the war there has been a marked tendency for partnership enterprises to convert into corporate form, and to list their securities on the Exchange. Many financial authorities have likewise called attention to still another interesting and recent tendency in the security loan markets which the present figures perhaps reflect—namely, the increasing corporate practice since 1921 of obtaining working capital by the sale of securities rather than through recourse to banking loans and advances. The loans contracted upon Stock Exchange collateral have thus come to possess both a more completely national usefulness to American business, and a wider variety of important economic and financial functions.

The collateral of loans by Exchange members as above reported includes securities not listed on the New York Stock Exchange, but in what proportion it is impossible exactly to determine. Since the war, however, the securities listed on the New York Stock Exchange have experienced a notable increase. Listed stock issues on Jan. 1st, 1919, numbered only 612 against 1,045 on Jan. 1st, 1926—an increase of 433 stock issues, or 70%. Similarly, listed bond issues have increased between these same two dates from 1,131 to 1,368 issues—an increase of 20%. At the beginning of this year, the market value of issues listed on the New York Stock Exchange totaled approximately \$70,000,000,000. Exclusive of U. S. Government bonds (whose outstanding amounts on January 1, 1926, have not yet been reported by the U. S. Treasury), the market value of listed issues amounted to \$52,118,807,999, consisting of \$34,480,257,125 tocks and \$17,638,550,874 bonds.

In consequence, Stock Exchange member loans in New York as currently reported constitute less than 6% of the total market value of securities listed on the Exchange, about 7% of the market value of listed stock issues alone—a significant indication of the efficiency and economy with which credit is employed to facilitate the ordinary merchandising of securities through the New York Stock Exchange market. If American business continues to prosper as it has in the past few years, not only the market value of Exchange listings, but also the loans extended on their collateral must inevitably continue to show a proportionate expansion.

Reference to the movement of the Reserve Bank and the Stock Exchange to collect and make available information relative to brokers' loans appeared in these columns Jan. 23, page 431. We also published therein the letter of Governor Crissinger of the Federal Reserve Board to Pierre Jay of the New York Federal Reserve Bank containing the request for the inclusion of figures of brokers' loans in member banks' weekly reports. In our issue of Jan. 30, page 558, we gave details of the call made upon members of the Stock Exchange for the information. Treasury officials are reported as not viewing with alarm the figures shown in the reports to the Stock Exchange. One account from Washington on Feb. 8 as to the views of the Administration,—that appearing in the New York "Journal of Commerce" stating:

Three and a half billion dollars in brokers' loans, as reported on Saturday by the New York Stock Exchange do not necessarily indicate a high degree of speculation nor can the figure quoted be considered as accurately representing the amount of credit being devoted to security trading purposes, according to opinions expressed by high Treasury officials this afternoon.

In fact, it was stated, the \$3,500,000,000 recorded for demand loans of New York Stock Exchange members cannot rightfully be considered as the amount being used for such purposes. Although a difference of opinion was expressed on this point in other quarters, several details concerning the probable makeup of the total figures were outlined.

Purposes of Loans.

While recognizing that the total seemed large, the question was raised as to whether or not it was unusually large, there being no real basis for comparison existing. It was then stated that an analysis of the situation would indicate that only a part of the total could be considered as representing loans for carrying stocks. A great amount, it was stated, represents funds for investment, that is, funds advanced to corporations during organization or reorganization periods before the actual securities are in the hands of investors. A second class of these loans which are not for speculative purposes, it was declared, are those made for carrying securities on which payments are deferred.

Another factor of importance, it was pointed out, is that of borrowings in anticipation of corporation mergers when it is frequently necessary to carry new projects over an extended period. The point was raised that borrowings on securities by business men in need of new credit probably enter into the situation. In this particular Treasury officials do not agree, as it was stated by other officials that such transactions are not among the normal functions of brokerage houses.

Business Expansion.

High officials who discussed the situation leaned to the opinion that there was nothing alarming in the Stock Exchange report. This is in line with the belief expressed previously by officials that little if any inflation exists in stock market prices. The point was raised to-day that large numbers of corporations are doing business on a much larger scale than heretofore and, it was stated, with a larger capacity for doing business it was to be expected that increases in the finances involved should be reflected in such reports as that issued by the Stock Exchange.

The report of the Federal Reserve Board, which will include brokers' loans negotiated through the sixty-one member banks of the New York Federal Reserve District, is now expected to be made in conjunction with the Federal Reserve statement for this week. Accompanying the report this week, according to Federal Reserve authorities, will be an analysis of the brokers' loans situation since the first of the year, it being planned to include reports as of the close of each week since the beginning of the year.

The Federal Reserve report will be comparable to the Stock Exchange report under certain limitations. It will not include borrowings from private banking institutions or borrowings through foreign banking correspondents located in New York. It will, however, be itemized to show time and demand loans separately, making a distinction between loans by banks for their own account and loans from out-of-town correspondents.

Hearing on Temporary Injunction Issued by the State Supreme Court Against Consolidated Stock Exchange of New York Postponed for One Week—

Thomas B. Maloney Resigns as President and H. M. Betts as Treasurer.

Argument on the motion of the State Attorney-General of New York for a temporary injunction restraining the Consolidated Stock Exchange of New York from certain practices and for the appointment of a receiver, scheduled to take place on Thursday, Feb. 11, before Justice John Ford in the State Supreme Court, was postponed for one week from that day by consent. According to the New York "Evening Post" of Feb. 11, Thomas B. Maloney, President of the Consolidated Stock Exchange, on that day confirmed a report that he had resigned as head of the Exchange and also revealed that H. M. Betts, the Treasurer of the Exchange, had also resigned and that the affairs of the organization were in the hands of an executive committee of five members of the Board of Governors with Roger Dunsecomb as Chairman of the Committee. Both Mr. Maloney and Mr. Betts, it is said, refused to give any explanation for their action. Mr. Maloney was quoted by the "Evening Post" to the effect that his resignation was to become effective on Feb. 15; that he had submitted it to the Board of Governors about a week previously and it was accepted immediately, and that his resignation was "absolutely voluntary."

Reference was made to the temporary injunction issued against the Consolidated Exchange in our issue of last week (Feb. 6), page 692.

Sub-Committee of Senate to Begin Hearings on McFadden Banking Bill on Feb. 16.

Hearings on the McFadden banking bill which was passed by the House on Feb. 4, will begin before a sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency on Feb. 16, says the Washington "Post" of Feb. 6, which added:

The sub-committee is composed of Senators Pepper, of Pennsylvania, who is sponsoring the bill in the Senate; Edge, of New Jersey, and Glass, of Virginia. The committee is familiar with the bill as it was before them during the last session of Congress and reported out of committee, but opponents were able to keep it from coming to a vote.

As passed by the House, the bill differs in only one particular from the form in which it came out of committee, the difference being in the language used in permitting banks to conduct a safe deposit business. As amended the bill was made to read that the safe deposit business of a bank should be located on the banking premises, thus preventing an institution from seeking outside quarters.

The opinion was expressed in the financial district yesterday that the vote in the House for passage of the bill, 292 to 90, should indicate to the Senate that it is desirable to enact it at the present session.

Tax Revision Bill in Senate.

A vote by the Senate on Feb. 12 (Lincoln's Birthday—a holiday) on the passage of the tax revision was forecast on Feb. 11 by Senator Smoot, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. Chief among the provisions of the bill, disposed of by the Senate this week, were the publicity provisions, the estate tax, and the provisions imposing taxes on automobile passenger cars and theatre tickets. The Senate's action, in repealing on Feb. 10 the admission and automobile taxes will increase by nearly \$100,000,000 the tax reductions proposed in the Senate Committee bill; it is likewise pointed out that the tax cuts in the Senate bill exceed by \$125,000,000 the reductions which the House bill would effect. The repeal of the estate tax by the Senate on Feb. 10 was in line with the action of the Senate Committee on Finance. The Senate's approval, by a vote of 49 to 26, was registered by 31 Republicans and 18 Democrats; those voting in opposition were 16 Republicans and 10 Democrats. The Senate at the same time accepted a provision for a retroactive cut in inheritance and gift taxes in effect since the present revenue act became law, June 2, 1924. The New York "Herald-Tribune" in its Washington account of the Senate's action on the 10th said:

While the Finance Committee won a victory in this respect, the so-called "coalition" of Republican and Democratic leaders of the Finance Committee suddenly broke apart and in quick succession the Senate knocked out the taxes on admissions and dues, the 2% tax on automobile trucks and the 3% tax on automobiles.

The effect of this action, greatly surprising to Senator Smoot and the Finance Committee chiefs, is to increase the tax reduction carried in the bill from \$352,000,000 to about \$451,000,000. While the changes made will not all stand in conference, there is no doubt the bill when it passes the Senate will provide for a largely increased reduction over the Finance Committee bill in its original form.

Three Big Slashes Total \$99,000,000.

The wiping out of the taxes on admissions and dues cuts off about \$24,000,000 as compared with the Finance Committee bill, the abolition of the tax on trucks cuts off over \$6,000,000 and cutting out the automobile tax lops off over \$69,000,000.

The turn of events late to-day was caused in large part by the attacks on the Democratic Finance Committee chiefs from other Democrats and Senators Norris and Lenroot over their "coalition" with the Republicans.

According to the "Associated Press" advices from Washington on the 10th when adjournment was taken that day Chairman Smoot of the Finance Committee announced he would ask for reconsideration of some of the actions of that day. The following is from the same advices:

"Go ahead and ruin your bill," Senator Smoot shouted when repeal of the automobile passenger car tax, involving an additional reduction of \$70,000,000 to the bill, was proposed by Senator King, Democrat, Utah.

The proposal was approved, 42 to 21, sixteen Republicans joining with 25 Democrats and the one Farmer-Labor Senator in supporting it. Senator Reed, Republican, Pennsylvania, then appealed for a recess "in view of the storm," and the Senate quit after nearly eight hours of discussion.

Repeal of the levies on admissions and dues, also proposed by Senator King, was accepted by a vote of 36 to 34. The Finance Committee had voted to cut \$9,000,000 in revenue annually from this tax by increasing exemptions of tickets costing 50 cents and less to tickets costing 75 cents and less. Repeal of the tax adds \$24,000,000 to the total reduction.

The committee also had voted to restore to the bill a 2% tax on automobile trucks, which it was estimated would bring in \$6,000,000 annually, but this was voted down, 54 to 12. The House also has voted to repeal the present 3% tax on trucks.

The bill, as it stood to-night, provides for total tax reduction of \$452,000,000 or \$125,000,000 more than provided in the House measure and the limit of tax reduction set by Secretary Mellon.

The elimination of the tax publicity provision of the existing law was approved on Feb. 8 by the Senate when it accepted without a roll call the Senate Committee's provision for the repeal of the provision, but making the information available to Congressional Committees. The Senate's acceptance of this provision followed the rejection by it, by a vote of 49 to 32, of the Norris amendment proposing to open all income tax returns to public inspection. The Washington "Associated Press" advices of that day stated:

In the voting on the Norris amendment, 15 Republicans, 16 Democrats and one Farmer-Labor voted for publicity, while 33 Republicans and 16 Democrats opposed the provision.

Those voting for publicity were:

Republicans: Borah, Capper, Couzens, Frazier, Gooding, Howell, Johnson, Jones of Washington, La Follette, Lenroot, McMaster, McNary, Norbeck, Norris and Nye—total, 15.

Democrats: Ashurst, Blease, Bratton, Dill, Ferris, Harris, Heflin, Kendrick, King, McKellar, Neely, Reed of Missouri, Sheppard, Smith, Trammell and Walsh—total, 16.

Farmer-Labor: Shipstead—total, 1. Grand total, 32.

Those voting against were:

Republicans: Bingham, Butler, Cameron, Dale, Deneen, Edge, Ernst, Fernald, Fess, Gillett, Goff, Hale, Harrell, Keyes, McKinley, McLean, Metcalf, Moses, Oddie, Pepper, Reed of Pennsylvania, Robinson of Indiana, Sackett, Schall, Shortridge, Smoot, Stanfield, Wadsworth, Warren, Watson, Weller, Williams and Willis—total, 33.

Democrats: Bayard, Broussard, Bruce, Copeland, Edwards, Fletcher, George, Gerry, Glass, Harrison, Overman, Pittman, Randsdell, Simmons, Stephens and Swanson—total, 16. Grand total, 49.

The vote removed one of the main stumbling blocks in the Senate consideration of the tax reduction bill and followed four days of debate on the question of publicity.

Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, offered the amendment to make all income tax returns open to public inspection and spoke for six hours to-day in support of it, citing alleged corruption and fraud in the Internal Revenue Bureau, which he said would be prevented by publicity.

The bill as it now stands provides that tax returns shall be opened to investigation by special Congressional committees and also provides for the appointment of a joint Congressional committee of ten to investigate and keep in touch with the administration of the Internal Revenue Bureau at all times.

The latter committee would have power to inspect all returns, and those opposing full publicity regarded this as a compromise on the present law allowing publication of the amounts of tax payments.

The present law permitting publication of income tax payments was condemned by both advocates and opponents of the full publicity amendment. Senator McKellar, Democrat, Tennessee, who had drafted an amendment proposing continuation of the present system, did not present it for a vote. Two years ago the Senate, by a vote of 48 to 27, adopted the amendment it defeated to-night.

Offering full publicity of tax returns as a safeguard against "fraud and corruption" in the Internal Revenue Bureau, Senator Norris led the fight for adoption of his amendment in a speech which took up more than half of the eleven-hour session. He declared it was not the intent of the Senate in voting for publicity two years ago to make it mandatory that just the amounts of tax paid should be published.

Opposing his proposal for full publicity, Senator Simmons, Democrat, of North Carolina, protested against the right of curiosity seekers to inspect income tax returns.

Senator Norris discussed at length certain tax cases investigated by the special Senate committee, declaring "collusion" had been shown between the Standard Oil Company of California and Internal Revenue Bureau employes.

In a dispute between the United States Steel Company and the Government, he declared, \$25,000,000 had been saved the Government because "the sunlight of publicity got in on the case."

"Secrecy in governmental affairs," he continued, "will ultimately and surely result in corruption. It is bound in the end to destroy a free government."

The Senate went into its first night meeting of the session before reaching a vote on the publicity provision, which was regarded as one of the most controversial points in the bill.

Determined to get a final vote on the measure before the end of the week, both Republican and Democratic leaders are prepared to continue the day and night sessions.

On the 5th inst., when the tax publicity provision was under consideration, the likelihood of a filibuster was evidenced in the action of Senator Couzens of Michigan and Senator McKellar of Tennessee in delaying action through lengthy arguments against the repeal. From the advices to the New York "Journal of Commerce" from Washington that day we quote the following:

"Collusion, dishonesty and favoritism" had been discovered in the administration of the bureau, Senator Couzens told the Senate to-day supporting an amendment by Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, opening income tax returns to public inspection.

Senator Couzens said he could not tell whether any fraud had been perpetrated with respect to the individual cases his committee investigated because they had not gone that far into the matter. Conditions now, he added, "are as bad, if not worse, than when the committee began its investigations."

Two Amendments Adopted.

By an amendment adopted by the Senate to-day, the United States Board of Tax Appeals will be precluded from finding in favor of the Government in an amount in any case exceeding the contentions of the Government. Under the provisions of the bill as reported by the committee it would have been possible for the board to make an award for the Government above the amount of the alleged deficiency in tax payment.

Another amendment relieves the Government from the payment of interest upon amounts refunded to taxpayers under the provision which would reduce the gift tax rates paid in 1924 or 1925.

Instructions to Taxpayers.

Methods are being devised by the Treasury Department whereby the Government will be enabled to use existing blank tax reports. It is now proposed to prepare, if the bill is passed by the Senate not later than Wednesday or Thursday next, instruction sheets to enable taxpayers to inform themselves of the changes in the present law.

Should the bill become deadlocked either in the Senate, in conference or in the House, it might be necessary for the two or three million taxpayers whom it is proposed to relieve from all temptation to pay their taxes according to the present law and seek refunds later.

It is confidently expected, however, that the tax bill will be accepted by both Houses and signed by the President by February 20.

On the 6th inst. the Senate deferred action on the publicity provision until Monday, the 8th. The New York "Times" account of the 6th said:

After Senator Ernst read a minority report on the Couzens committee investigations, Senator Couzens announced that he must have

time to prepare an answer to this dissenting opinion. Senator Smoot consented to this delay, and stated that publicity would not be discussed until Monday.

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Senator Smith won a victory when he persuaded the Senate to exempt farmers' mutual fire insurance companies from all taxes. The House had made such an exemption, but the Finance Committee decided that the farmers' companies should be tax-free only if 85 per cent. of their income was money collected from members to pay losses and expenses. The House provision was approved yesterday, but Senator Smith forced a reconsideration by a roll-call vote of 50 to 14, and a few minutes later the exemption was approved.

Many Administration Senators voted for the farmers, including Chairman Butler of the Republican National Committee, who first voted against the agriculturists and then changed his vote.

By a roll-call vote of 48 to 9, the Senate approved the Finance Committee's recommendation to strike out a House provision permitting unmanufactured leaf tobacco to be sold direct to the consumer at a manufacturers' tax of 8 cents a pound. The tax on the manufacturers is 18 cents when the tobacco is sold through a middleman.

Senator Copeland was defeated on a viva voce vote when he tried to have dues to athletic clubs exempted from tax.

These three actions constituted all of to-days work on the bill, important matters, such as the depletion allowances on oil wells, going over for the time being. Senator Couzens, it is understood, has agreed that 25% is a fair depletion allowance, but insists that good-will shall not be included in the values to be depleted.

Incidental to the proposal for the repeal of the inheritance taxes the Treasury Department on Feb. 8 made public statistics showing the estate tax produced in 1925 a total of \$110,758,984, as against \$106,381,220 in 1924, while the corporation capital stock tax produced \$102,773,054 in 1925, as against \$82,989,103 in 1924. With regard thereto the "Associated Press" said:

Of these totals New York produced more than one-third of the estate taxes, and just under one-third in 1925, and just under one-quarter in 1924 of the corporation capital stock taxes.

Following are the figures for the districts of New York, New England, New Jersey and Pennsylvania:

Connecticut: 1924—Estate tax, \$2,972,026.24; corporation capital stock tax, \$1,254,159.58. 1925—Estate tax, \$3,461,133.70; corporation capital stock tax, \$1,309,537.94.

Maine: 1924—Estate tax, \$3,595,614.63; capital stock tax, \$482,545.87. 1925—Estate tax, \$620,609.68; capital stock tax, \$444,572.67.

Massachusetts: 1924—Estate tax, \$8,266,245.91; capital stock tax, \$2,238,323.86. 1925—\$5,700,015.24; capital stock tax, \$5,876,067.17.

New Hampshire: 1924—Estate tax, \$431,342.91; capital stock tax, \$177,675.15. 1925—Estate tax, \$432,262.53; capital stock tax, \$193,341.45.

New Jersey: 1924—Estate tax, \$5,978,035.81; capital stock tax, \$2,605,113.12. 1925—Estate tax, \$5,773,676.32; capital stock tax, \$2,883,725.05.

New York: 1924—Estate tax, \$36,452,040.67; capital stock tax, \$20,992,468.21. 1925—Estate tax, \$44,018,420.89; capital stock tax, \$30,985,720.31.

Pennsylvania: 1924—Estate tax, \$12,751,703.34; capital stock tax, \$9,626,372.81. 1925—Estate tax, \$10,037,158.19; capital stock tax, \$10,620,699.07.

Rhode Island: 1924—Estate tax, \$616,328.95; capital stock tax, \$651,005.69. 1925—Estate tax, \$1,110,041.55; capital stock tax, \$661,150.19.

Vermont: Estate tax, \$139,409.88; capital stock tax, \$115,915.05. 1925—Estate tax, \$547,132.66; capital stock tax, \$118,326.63.

Debate on Feb. 9 centered entirely on the proposal to repeal the inheritance levy, which the House has voted to retain with reduced rates and with a provision increasing from 25 to 80% the credit to be allowed for payments of State inheritance taxes. In stating this the New York "Journal of Commerce" added:

Declaring the inheritance field should be left entirely to states and that terms of the House bill constituted a "confession that only 20% of the revenue from this source is needed," Senator Simmons of North Carolina, ranking Democrat of the Finance Committee, led the fight for the committee amendment.

Senator Lenroot of Wisconsin described the tax as "the fairest and least burdensome ever levied," and predicted if the federal levy were repealed that, within ten years, states also would repeal their inheritance taxes "to keep up with Florida and Alabama."

Senators King, Norris and Borah, Idaho, held the same view, but Senators Fletcher of Florida, Caraway of Arkansas and Bruce of Maryland, all Democrats, urged repeal.

State Rights Up.

Senator Caraway characterized the present law as an invasion of State rights. The credit provision, he said, would make the States raise their taxes to take advantage of it. He added that the principle of "coercion" could be used to bring any State "to its knees on any question on which it differed from the Federal Government."

"That there is a conflict between two jurisdictions over the power to impose a tax," Senator Lenroot argued, "is no reason why this great amount of wealth should go scot free. One by one, the States will repeal this tax after we have done so."

Senator Wadsworth, of New York, insisted his State would never repeal its levy, and Senator Simmons did likewise, adding if the Federal Government would repeal the tax, the States could take more advantage of it and thereby cut other State taxes.

The effect of the inheritance tax on the estate of Henry Ford was discussed by Senator Copeland, of New York.

"If Henry Ford should die," he said, "we would confiscate 40% of his estate, and if his widow then should die in six months, we would almost confiscate about 75% of the original estate."

Senator Lenroot replied the average tax on the Ford estate would amount to only 25%.

"In the five years allowed for payment of this tax," he said, "the earnings of the Ford plant would pay every cent of the Federal tax. There would be no confiscation in any sense."

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Senator Reed Seeks Information from Internal Revenue Bureau Regarding Filing of Tax Returns by Mellon Banks.

According to Associated Press dispatches from Washington, Feb. 9, the Bureau of Internal Revenue was asked that day by Senator Reed (Republican) of Pennsylvania to explain a decision whereby three Pittsburgh banks in which Secretary of the Treasury Mellon was a stockholder were permitted to file separate rather than consolidated tax returns. The dispatches further state:

Senator Reed was a director in the banks—the Mellon National Bank, the Union Trust Co. and the Union Savings Co.—when the Bureau ruled on the case in 1921, but said he was ignorant of the settlement. He also was a member of the law firm which represented the banks in the dispute, although he explained that he had taken no personal part in the action.

The attention of the Senate was called to the case yesterday by Senator Norris, Republican, of Nebraska, who read an affidavit signed by Daniel F. Hickey, a former employee of the Bureau.

Senator Norris first had declared the banks saved \$91,000 by making consolidated returns, and Senator Reed replied that they should have made consolidated returns. Senator Norris then corrected the statement, declaring the saving was made because of the failure of the banks to show affiliation and to make consolidated returns.

"I am no tax expert," Senator Reed said to-day, "but I do think the banks should have been made to file consolidated returns."

The Pennsylvania Senator said he did not believe it was a case of favoritism, since he understood other affiliated banks had been granted similar privileges.

In its reference to the matter the New York "Times" reported the following from Washington, Feb. 8:

The story of the Mellon banks was misunderstood the other day by both Senators Norris and Reed of Pennsylvania, it was learned to-day. At that time Mr. Norris argued that the banks, through making a consolidated return, saved \$91,000, and Mr. Reed, whose law firm represented the banks and who was a director in them, countered with the statement that a consolidated return was perfectly proper in the circumstances.

What actually happened was that the three banks first filed a consolidated return, which was accepted by the Internal Revenue Bureau, but later got permission to file separate returns, and it is said the latter procedure saved them \$91,000.

Secretary of Treasury Mellon Looks for Lower Surtaxes Than Those Proposed By Him Several Years Ago.

At a dinner given in his honor at the Lotos Club in New York on Feb. 6 Secretary of the Treasury Andrew W. Mellon took occasion to refer to the Treasury Department's plan of two years ago for the reform of taxation, involving particularly a reduction in surtaxes, and in alluding to the reception accorded his proposals in Congress, he observed that a complete reversal of sentiment had since developed, and that "both parties in Congress seem ready to reduce these surtaxes even below the figures originally suggested by me." Secretary Mellon spoke as follows:

I am deeply grateful for the warm welcome which you have given me and for the generous words in which your eloquent and distinguished President has spoken of my work in the Treasury. Notwithstanding a keen sense of inadequacy and undeserving, it is especially pleasant and gratifying to hear them in the present congenial surroundings. It is delightful to come here and for one evening at least to lose one's self in a place of such brilliant good-fellowship and precious hospitality.

I have been in the Treasury now five years, although I can scarcely realize that it has been so long. The Treasury, as you know, is a pretty big organization. We have some 52,000 employees and we do everything from settling foreign debts and collecting taxes to enforcing prohibition and running public health and public buildings. We are actually trying to enforce prohibition. It is a job which requires not only continuity of attention, but the frequent determination of difficult questions of long-time policy upon which the prosperity of our country so much depends.

There seems to be more obstacles to overcome and greater obstructions to contend against in the conduct of public business than private. I remember at a dinner which I attended in London when several members of the British Cabinet were present, some one asked the question: "Why is it that business men manage their affairs so much more successfully than politicians?" "Oh, that is easily explained," the gentleman sitting at my side answered. "It is because the business man has only business men to compete with."

This is true. We do not function as smoothly in public life as in private life. The machine is more complicated, conditions more complex and the factors with which we deal more uncertain. While these difficulties do not add to the ease of the job, they do increase its interest. Under a handicap one often feels greater incentive to get results.

And results are possible in this great country of ours. Let me give you an illustration of what can actually be accomplished along the line of sound policy: Some two and a half years ago the Treasury presented a plan for the reform of taxation, the essential feature of which was a reduction of the excessive surtaxes to more reasonable figures. Here was a subject, economic in its nature, difficult at first to understand, and with the popular appeal presumably in favor of imposing the highest possible taxes on the wealthy. You will recall the reception this plan had in a former Congress. Yet through public discussion and the fairness and innate intelligence of the average American citizen, we have had a complete reversal of sentiment. The futility of imposing such taxes and the advantage to every one of a proper taxing system are now generally recognized. Both parties in Congress seem ready to reduce these surtaxes even below the figures originally suggested by me. We approach results.

With such responsive understanding among the people the handicap of public service is indeed an incentive. If handling public business is like running a race in a sack, at least all other nations competing

with us have similar obstructions to rapid progress, and I think that we in America have the best sack to run in. We can have confidence in the basic soundness of our people and of our institutions.

I left a good job to take public office. When I was in business I was master of my own time. I could meddle with business more or less as I chose, or could sit at the fireside and mold bullets for use of those in the firing-line, but now I find myself over in the front trenches. Freedom of thought and of action are restricted.

But when I came into the friendly atmosphere of the Lotos Club among men who are, to some extent at least, masters of their own time, I appreciate your good fortune. However, I have no cause to complain. Public office must have its drawbacks as well as its many compensations. The work is interesting and there are gleams of fun now and then. Yes, there are many compensations, and among them the opportunity I am afforded of seeing my friends from New York who are at times obliged to visit Washington.

Addresses were also delivered at the dinner by Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, and Samuel Harden Church, President of the Carnegie Institute of Pittsburgh.

Bill Appropriating \$3,186,500 for Philadelphia's Sesqui-Centennial Ordered Reported by House Committee.

On Feb. 10 the bill carrying appropriations of \$3,186,500 for the Philadelphia Sesqui-Centennial celebration was ordered reported to the House of Representatives by the Rules Committee, with recommendations for immediate action. The Philadelphia "Ledger" in a Washington dispatch on the 10th inst. regarding the Congressional appropriation said in part:

Federal participation in the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition, though on a somewhat less scale than anticipated, progressed rapidly to-day.

There were these developments:

The appropriation of \$4,186,500 for Governmental aid and participation was slashed \$1,000,000.

The House Steering Committee gave its moral support to the project and recommended to the Rules Committee that it report a special rule to enable speedy consideration of the appropriation bill by the House.

Senator Pepper offered an amendment to the deficiency appropriation bill naming \$3,186,500 as a lump sum to be expended by the Exposition Commission.

Under the present plan, if it is eventually agreed to by Congress, the exhibit projects of the various Government departments would be placed entirely in the hands of the Exposition Commission. It is planned in fixing the sum as a lump sum not to segregate exhibit items.

Virtual agreement was reached among House leaders to give early consideration of the appropriation measure, but the agreement was not gained until the \$4,186,500 appropriation had been cut by \$1,000,000. The Steering Committee's action forecasts early ratification by the Senate and House. It followed a series of conferences throughout the day between House members from Philadelphia and Senator Pepper and Senator Warren, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Government Sues to Prevent Merger of Baking Companies—Alleges Ward and Others Conspire to Control Bread—Companies Through Formation of Ward Food Products Corp.

A suit to prevent the formation of the \$2,000,000,000 Ward Food Products Corporation, which was incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland Jan. 30, 1926, was filed by the Department of Justice in the Federal District Court in Baltimore Feb. 8. The petition asks an injunction to prevent formation of "a huge combination in the baking industry." The suit was filed by the Government, acting under the Sherman Anti-Trust act and the Clayton act, against the Ward Food Products Corporation, the Ward Baking Corporation, the Ward Baking Company, the General Baking Corporation, the General Baking Company, the Continental Baking Corporation, the United Bakeries Corporation, William B. Ward, Howard B. Ward, William Deininger, Paul H. Helms, J. W. Rumbough, B. E. Peterson, George G. Barber and George B. Smith.

The purpose of William B. Ward and the other defendants concerned in the formation of the Ward Food Products Corporation, the Government alleges, "is to cause that corporation to acquire, in exchange for its shares of capital stock, or for cash realized from sale of its capital stock, all, or at least a controlling interest, in the outstanding capital stocks of the defendants of the Ward Baking Corp., the General Baking Corp., the Continental Baking Corp., and of such other baking companies engaged in production and sale of flour, milk, yeast and other ingredients used in the production of baked goods, including all manner of baking machinery and equipment, as may be available. The result of such stock acquisitions by the Ward Food Products Corp. will be to eliminate all competition between the other corporate defendants, the largest, best organized and best equipped wholesale baking concerns in this country, and create a virtual monopoly of the wholesale baking business in the United States."

It was said at the Department of Justice that the Government had been investigating for months develop-

ments in the baking and related industries, and several mergers made from time to time convinced the department that plans were under way to place several merged baking companies eventually under the control of one gigantic corporation. The formation of the Ward Food Products Corporation, the petition alleges, was for the evident purpose of consummating that plan.

The Government aims to prevent the formation of a proposed trust before it can be consummated—an unusual procedure—and also acts under the Clayton act to compel the Continental Baking Corporation to dispossess itself of control of competing baking plants and thereby restore competition in the baking industry.

The Government petition is that the defendants be adjudged to have violated both the Sherman and the Clayton acts, and it asks that the defendants be enjoined from any act in furtherance of the alleged combination. It asks the court at Baltimore to decree as follows:

(a) That the combination and conspiracy in restraint of interstate trade and commerce hereinbefore alleged and the attempt to monopolize such interstate trade and commerce, and all acts done or to be done to carry out the same, or any part thereof, are in violation of the Act of Congress of July 2, 1890, commonly called the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

(b) That the stock acquired and to be acquired by the corporate defendants in competing companies, in pursuance of the alleged combination, conspiracy, and attempt to monopolize, has and will have the effect of substantially lessening competition between such companies in violation of Section 7 of the Act of October 15, 1914, commonly called the Clayton Act.

(c) That the defendants and each and every one of them, and the officers, directors, stockholders, and agents of the corporate defendants, and each and every one of them, be perpetually enjoined from doing any act in furtherance of, or for the purpose of carrying out the aforesaid combination conspiracy, or attempt to monopolize.

(d) That the defendants—Ward Baking Corporation, Continental Baking Corporation, General Baking Corporation, and Ward Food Products Corporation—be perpetually enjoined and restrained from acquiring the whole or in part of the stocks, bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness, or the physical assets, of each other.

(e) That the Ward Baking Corporation, Continental Baking Corporation, General Baking Corporation, and Ward Food Products Corporation, severally, be perpetually enjoined from having any director, officer, agent or employee in common with each other, and from entering into any contracts, agreements or understandings with one another for joint purchases of materials, supplies and equipment or for a common policy in the sale of their output.

(f) That the corporate defendants and each and every one of them be perpetually enjoined from acquiring directly or indirectly the whole or any part of the stocks, bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness, or the physical assets, of any competing company.

(g) That the corporate defendants and each and every one of them be required to dispossess themselves of the stocks, bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness, or physical properties, of any competing companies heretofore acquired by them, to the end that competition may be fully restored in the baking industry.

(h) That writs of subpoena issue, directed to each and every of the defendants, commanding them to appear herein and answer, but not under oath (answer under oath being hereby expressly waived), the allegations contained in the foregoing petition, and to abide by and perform such order or decree as the court may make in the premises.

The petition of the government in part follows:

Jurisdiction to Grant the Relief Asked.

This suit is brought under Section 4 of the Sherman Anti-trust Act, as modified by Sections 289, 290 and 291 of the Judiciary Code (Act of March 3, 1911, chapter 231) investing District Courts of the United States with jurisdiction to prevent and restrain violations of that Act; and under Section 15 of the Clayton Act which invests District Courts of the United States with a like jurisdiction to prevent and restrain violations of that Act.

Jurisdiction of the Subject Matter and the Parties.

Certain acts in furtherance of the herein alleged combination, conspiracy and attempt to monopolize interstate trade and commerce, and of the several violations of Section 7 of the Clayton Act, have been and are being committed in the State and District of Maryland and within the jurisdiction of this Court.

The defendants, Ward Food Products Corp., Ward Baking Corp., General Baking Corp., and Continental Baking Corp., were organized under the laws of the State of Maryland as steps in the consummation of the unlawful plan herein alleged. Each of those defendants has its home office in the City of Baltimore, State of Maryland, the resident agent of each being J. Bannister Hall, Jr., Baltimore.

The defendants, Ward Baking Co. and General Baking Co., operate bakeries in the State of Maryland from which bread, cake, and other baked goods are shipped and delivered in interstate trade and commerce into surrounding States and the District of Columbia. The defendants, Continental Baking Corp. and General Baking Co., also control and operate plants in the District of Columbia, delivering and shipping baked goods into the State of Maryland.

Description of the Wholesale Baking Industry.

The wholesale baking industry includes those establishments which are engaged in baking bread, biscuit, crackers, cake, pastry, and other similar products. Wholesale bakeries produce fully one-half of all the baked goods produced in the United States. The industry embraces two main classifications: (a) the manufacturers of biscuit and crackers, (b) the manufacturers of other baked goods. The corporate defendants come under class (b).

Large scale baking was begun about 1880, when Robert B. Ward, father of the defendants, William B. Ward and Howard B. Ward, opened bakeries in Pittsburgh, Providence, Chicago and Cambridge. Between 1890 and 1910, machinery was invented which made possible the substitution of factory methods for the hand processes of the past. During the past 25 years there has been development in method and

devices. Among the new devices are the travelling oven, the automatic proofer, and machines for blending, mixing, sifting, kneading, molding, rounding, panning and wrapping. With each new invention there has been a resultant decrease in the number of necessary employees until it is now possible to operate an extensive wholesale bakery with but a small force.

Continued improvements and new inventions have cut down the cost of production and have increased profits. Such economies, however, have not benefited the consumer by lowering the price of bread, but have been absorbed by the great baking companies.

Trend Towards Concentration.

In 1923, there were in the United States 18,739 wholesale bakeries doing a business of over \$5,000 per annum. In 1919, there were 21,988. The decrease between 1919 and 1923 was due in part to the consolidation of bakeries previously independent, and in part to withdrawals from business. The same two causes have resulted in further decreases since 1923. The wholesale baking business is thus being brought gradually into the control of a few great corporations, notably the corporate defendants to this suit.

The bakeries doing business in 1923 fell into the following classes:

Annual value of business	Number of bakeries	Percentage of total production
(a) \$5,000 to \$20,000	9,756	10.2%
(b) \$20,000 to \$100,000	7,474	26.4%
(c) \$500,000 to \$1,000,000	1,178	21.3%
(d) \$1,000,000 and over	147	30.5%

The value of the products of class (d) in 1923 was \$342,248,482. It has since greatly increased. As the percentage of the total controlled by this class has increased, the percentage of the other classes has correspondingly shrunk. This process not only is continuing, but is being accelerated by the unlawful operations of the defendants. All four of the corporate defendants are in class (d). Three of them (the General Baking Co., the Ward Baking Corp., and the Continental Baking Corp.) have each an annual output of upwards of \$40,000,000, which is being rapidly increased. The majority of this represents sales of bread.

Description of Combination, Conspiracy, and Attempt To Monopolize and of Violations of the Clayton Act.

For a number of years last past, and more particularly since 1921, when the defendant, the United Bakeries Corp. was formed, as hereinafter alleged, it has been the plan and purpose of certain of the defendants hereto, principally the defendants William B. Ward and Howard B. Ward, to bring all, or substantially all, of the wholesale bakeries in the United States under the control of a single gigantic corporation, or some other form of common control, and thereby to eliminate all competition between the baking companies so brought under a common control in the sale of bakery products both locally and in interstate trade and commerce; to eliminate all competition between such bakeries in the purchase of ingredients and equipment and eventually to acquire milling companies, yeast companies and other producers of such necessary ingredients and equipment.

A further object of the defendants in seeking by the formation of huge corporations to acquire control of all or substantially all of the wholesale baking concerns in the United States, and of suppliers of materials and equipment, was and is to reap large profits from commissions and promotion fees and in the sale of immense amounts of corporate securities for which the public will be expected to subscribe in order that the defendants may carry out their unlawful plan.

This unlawful plan for restraining and monopolizing interstate trade and commerce in bakery products and the ingredients and equipment used in the manufacture thereof originated with the defendants, W. B. Ward and Howard B. Ward. The other defendants, individual and corporate, entered into the plan from time to time as they came into relation with those defendants or were brought into existence by them. The defendant, W. B. Ward, is today the most powerful single personage connected with the baking industry. Closely allied with Ward are the defendants Helms and Barber, who have been associated with him for many years and who with Ward constitute a triumvirate controlling and directing the fortunes of the baking industry.

Numerous steps have been taken in this district and in other parts of the United States in furtherance of the plan and to bring it to fruition, the particulars of which are alleged under succeeding headings. The first aggressive step was the formation of the defendant, United Bakeries Corp. This was followed by the organization of the Ward Baking Corp. to take over the pre-existing Ward Baking Co. Shortly thereafter came the formation of the Continental Baking Corp. to take over the United Bakeries Corp. and numerous independent baking companies. Then came the formation of the General Baking Corp. to take over the pre-existing General Baking Companies and such other baking companies as could be acquired. The culminating step in the plan was taken in this District on Jan. 30, 1926, when the defendant, Ward Food Products Corp. was formed to take over, directly or indirectly, all the other corporate defendants, together with numerous manufacturers of materials, supplies and equipment.

Acts in Furtherance of Combination, Conspiracy and Attempt to Monopolize, and of Violations of the Clayton Act.

(a) *Organization of the United Bakeries Corp.* Was organized in Delaware Sept. 14, 1921, as a holding company to acquire and hold the stocks and other securities of numerous concerns engaged in the baking and related businesses. The Ward Brothers, the defendants William B. Ward and Howard B. Ward, were the prime movers in the organization of this company and dominated and controlled it down to the time when such control was transferred to the defendant, Continental Baking Corp., through its acquisition of the majority shares of the United, as hereinafter set forth.

The nucleus of the concerns acquired by the United Bakeries Corp. on its formation were Ward Brothers Co., a baking concern organized by the Ward Brothers in Rochester, N. Y., in 1922, and Ward & Ward, Inc., a similar concern organized by the Ward Brothers in Buffalo, N. Y., in 1913.

By the winter of 1924, when its majority shares were acquired by the defendant, Continental Baking Corp., the United Bakeries Corp. had acquired a controlling interest in ten companies operating 39 bakeries in 31 cities.

(b) *Organization of the Ward Baking Corp.* Was organized by the defendant, William B. Ward, and his associates, on Feb. 18, 1924. It was organized in Maryland as a holding company for the stock of the defendant, Ward Baking Co., a corporation organized in 1912 in New York. The Ward Baking Corp. now owns practically all of the outstanding capital stock of the Ward Baking Co.

The Ward Baking Co. upon its formation in 1912 merged the properties and plants of 5 baking concerns operating 8 bakeries in 7 cities, and has steadily extended its business ever since.

This company was under the control of another branch of the Ward family until sometime in 1923 when the defendants William B. Ward and Howard B. Ward came into the control thereof. It has an authorized capital stock of 150,000 preferred shares, and 150,000 common, each of the par value of \$100 per share. Of these there are now outstanding approximately 88,630 shares of preferred and 114,371 of common.

The formation of the defendant, Ward Baking Corp., to acquire control of the Ward Baking Co., was the second step in the consummation of aforesaid unlawful combination and conspiracy in restraint of interstate trade and commerce in bakery products, and attempt to monopolize such trade and commerce, contrary to the Sherman Law and the Clayton Act.

The Ward Baking Corp. has an authorized capital stock of 500,000 preferred 7%, par \$100, and 1,000,000 shares of common stock, no par value. The common stock is divided equally into Class A and Class B.

The stockholders of the Ward Baking Co., in the acquisition of its stock by the Ward Baking Corp., were offered payment either by an exchange of stock, or by cash, at the rate of \$100 a share for preferred, and \$200 a share for common. They chose an exchange, which was made on the following basis: For each share of Ward Baking Co. preferred, they received 1 share of Ward Baking Corp. preferred and 1 share of Class B common. For each share of Ward Baking Co. common they received 2 shares of preferred and 1 share of Class A common.

Through its ownership of the stock of the Ward Baking Co., the Ward Baking Corp. now controls the following companies, all of whose stock is owned by the Ward Baking Company: (1) Busse Baking Co. of South Bend, Ind.; (2) British-Arkady Co., Ltd., of England; (3) Bronx Equipment Co., of N. Y. City (not operating); (4) Research Products Co., a Delaware corporation (not operating); (5) Ward Baking Co., Ltd., of Can. (not operating); (6) Ward Baking Co., of Virginia (not operating); (7) International Developing Co., of Santo Domingo (not operating); (8) South Bend Bread Co., of South Bend, Ind. (now in process of dissolution).

The Ward Baking Corp. (through the Ward Baking Co.) is also in direct control of 18 wholesale bakeries in 10 states, serving more than 2,500 towns, as follows:

Massachusetts—Boston, serving 197 towns in Massachusetts; 153 in Maine; 54 in New Hampshire; 18 in Vermont; 4 in Connecticut.

Rhode Island—Providence, serving 37 towns in Rhode Island; 29 in Massachusetts; 10 in Connecticut.

New York—(1) Bronx, N. Y. City, serving 243 towns in New York; 164 in Connecticut; 43 in New Jersey; 111 in Pennsylvania; 1 in Rhode Island; (2) Brooklyn, serving 189 towns in New York; 33 in New Jersey; 174 in Pennsylvania; (3) Syracuse, serving 21 towns in New York.

New Jersey—Newark, serving 190 towns in New Jersey; 1 in New York.

Maryland—Baltimore, serving 58 towns in Maryland; 90 in Virginia; 19 in Delaware; 32 in Pennsylvania; 37 in North Carolina; 16 in South Carolina; 16 in West Virginia; 5 in New Jersey; and Washington, D. C.

Pennsylvania—Pittsburgh (No. 1), serving 60 towns in Pennsylvania; 4 in West Virginia; 2 in Ohio; 1 in Maryland; Pittsburgh (No. 2), serving 43 towns in Pennsylvania.

Ohio—(1) Cleveland, serving 137 towns in Ohio; 8 in Pennsylvania; 2 in New York; (2) Youngstown, serving 23 towns in Ohio; 14 in Pennsylvania; (3) Columbus, serving 73 towns in Ohio.

Michigan—Detroit, serving 5 towns in Michigan.

Illinois—Chicago (No. 1), serving 37 towns in Illinois; Chicago (No. 2), serving 75 towns in Illinois; 33 in Indiana; 12 in Wisconsin; 2 in Michigan; Chicago (No. 3), serving 51 towns in Illinois; Chicago (No. 4), serving 84 towns in Illinois; 70 in Indiana; 55 in Michigan; 19 in Wisconsin; 9 in Iowa; 11 in Kentucky; 1 in Nevada; 1 in Oklahoma; 1 in Montana; 1 in Missouri.

Indiana—South Bend, serving 42 towns in Indiana; 40 in Michigan.

The estimated annual sales of the Ward Baking Corp. are \$23,403,108 for bread, and \$17,253,266 for cake—a total of \$40,656,374. But as before alleged, its business is rapidly expanding.

Organization of the Continental Baking Corp. was organized in Maryland on Nov. 6, 1924, largely through the efforts of the defendant, William B. Ward. The company has the following authorized capital stock: 2,000,000 shares 8% cumulative preferred, par value \$100; 2,000,000 shares non-cumulative Class "A" common, no par value; 2,000,000 shares Class "B" common. Its charter is of the omnibus variety granting it almost unlimited power to engage in almost all kinds of business. Among the objects for which it was established and for which perpetual powers were granted to it by the State of Maryland are these:

To manufacture, buy, sell and deal in flour, bread, biscuits, cakes, pies, crackers, ice cream, Italian paste, candies, confectionary, and other food articles of all kinds.

To purchase, lease and operate stores, bakeries, factories, elevators and food plants.

To manufacture, repair and deal in all kinds of machinery, appliances and plants incidental to the business of this corporation.

To deal in shares of capital stock of this or any other corporations created under the laws of any state or country, and to exercise all the rights, powers, and privileges which natural persons could exercise in connection therewith.

To acquire, hold, sell or otherwise dispose of any securities or evidence of debt created by this or any other corporation or any individual in the same manner as natural persons could.

To acquire the good will, rights, property and assets of all kinds, and to undertake the whole or any part of the liabilities of any person, firm, association, or corporation engaged in a similar line of business, and to pay for the same, in cash, stock, bonds, debentures, or other securities of this or any other corporation, or in any manner permitted by law.

To promote, finance, aid and assist financially or otherwise, any corporation or association formed under the laws of the United States or any State or of the District of Columbia or of any foreign country, in which this corporation has any interest or with whom it has business dealings.

To erect, repair and maintain buildings or works of every description necessary or convenient for carrying on the business of said corporation.

To dispose of leases, buildings and other property of the corporation. To apply for, obtain, register, sell or otherwise dispose of formulas, processes and distinctive marks used in connection with or secured under patents of the United States or otherwise.

To license same.

To do and transact all business and things incidental to the above. To carry on all or any of its operations in business and without restriction or limit as to amount.

Immediately upon its incorporation it acquired a controlling interest in the stock of the United Bakeries Corp. (incorp. in Delaware on Sept. 14, 1921). The United Bakeries Corp. is a holding company which controls 39 bakeries in 31 cities. Subsequently, all the stock of the United Bakeries Corp. was acquired by the Continental by exchange of stock on the following basis: For each share of United Bakeries preferred

Dominating Position of Defendants.

The corporate defendants are the largest, best organized, and best equipped wholesale baking concerns in the United States. They have enormous financial resources and unlimited charter powers. They are authorized to issue capital stocks in amounts heretofore unheard of in corporate organizations in the United States. Each is capable of acquiring additional competing plants to an indefinite number, thereby increasing its percentage of the total wholesale business and strengthening their joint control of the industry. Acquisitions of competing plants have been made in the past by all of the defendant corporations, such acquisitions are now being made, and unless prevented by this honorable Court, will continue to be made with the evident purpose on the part of said defendants of eliminating all competition and of controlling the wholesale production in the United States.

Interstate Commerce Directly Affected.

Bread and cake, to be salable, must be placed promptly on the market. Ordinarily, fresh bread should be in the hands of the retailer within six hours from the time it leaves the wholesale bakery. This fact, in the past, tended to restrict the sales territory of wholesale bakeries to the towns in which they operated. Distant deliveries were impracticable. In recent years improved facilities of transportation, together with improved devices for the air-tight wrapping of loaves, have operated to extend the sphere of delivery to a very wide area. All large wholesale bakeries including the corporate defendants and their operating subsidiaries now maintain fleets of motor trucks, and make deliveries of bread over a radius of from 50 to 75 miles from their ovens, and of cake over a radius up to 150 miles. In a large number of cases, the spheres of delivery extend over state lines; and a single plant in many instances supplies towns in three or four states. By the use of express companies, moreover, the corporate defendants are able to and do actually make deliveries of bread across state lines at a distance of 100 miles or more and of cake at much greater distances from their ovens. Shipments in interstate commerce therefore constitute an important and growing item in the business of the defendants.

In addition, the corporate defendants purchase enormous amounts of flour, sugar, yeast, milk and other ingredients used in the production of baked goods, as well as baking machinery, pans and other equipment used in the production of baked goods, from a large number of milling and manufacturing companies engaged in the production and sale of such articles in interstate commerce. The consummation of the hereinafter described plan of these defendants would eliminate all competition between them and their controlled companies, and the companies to be acquired by them, in the production and sale of baked goods. Such consummation, by reason of placing said corporate defendants in a position of domination in the purchase of necessary baking ingredients and equipment, would unduly and unreasonably restrain the interstate trade and commerce of companies engaged in the manufacture and sale of such ingredients and equipment.

The holder received 1 share of Continental preferred, and 1 share of Class B common. For each share of United Bakeries common, the holder received 1 share of Continental Class A common, and 2 shares of Class B.

Through its ownership of the stock of the United Bakeries Corp., the defendant Continental Baking Corp. now controls the following 10 baking companies, having total estimated yearly sales of bread and cake to the amount of \$34,598,932.61:

Campbell Baking Co., incorporated in Delaware, May 13, 1920, with bakeries at Kansas City and St. Joseph, Mo.; Des Moines, Waterloo and Sioux City, Ia; Wichita and Topeka, Kans.; Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Okla.; Dallas, Tex.; Shreveport, La. Estimated annual sales \$8,585,176.97.

Shultz Bread Co., incorporated in New York, Mar. 24, 1910, with bakeries at West New Brighton, Mount Vernon, Brooklyn and Jamaica, N. Y.; Hoboken, N. J. Estimated annual sales, \$9,698,472.46.

Ward & Ward, Inc., incorporated in New York, Aug. 14, 1913, with bakery at Buffalo, N. Y. Estimated annual sales \$2,301,676.82.

Ward Bros. Co., incorporated in New York, Sept. 13, 1913, with bakeries at Rochester, N. Y.; Dayton, Toledo, Cincinnati, Youngstown and Columbus, O.; Gary, Ind., and Oak Park, Chicago, Ill. Estimated annual sales, \$9,735,270.64.

Crescent Baking Co., incorporated in New York, May 4, 1922, with bakery at Utica, N. Y. Estimated annual sales, \$531,289.77.

Memphis Baking Co., incorporated in Delaware, May 27, 1902, with bakery at Memphis, Tenn. Estimated annual sales, \$1,439,468.62.

Crescent Baking Co., incorporated in Mississippi, May 27, 1922, with bakery at Clarksdale, Miss. Estimated annual sales \$211,324.69.

Stroehmann Baking Co., incorporated in West Virginia, April 1, 1922, with bakery at Wheeling, W. Va. Estimated annual sales \$1,249,020.27.

Atlas Bakeries, Inc., incorporated in Delaware, Nov. 1, 1923, with bakery at Milwaukee, Wis. Estimated annual sales \$1,246,016.74.

Bakeries Service Corp., incorporated in Delaware, July 27, 1922. This corporation has charge of operating, buying, accounting and advertising for all companies acquired by the Continental Baking Corporation.

In addition to the above companies (controlled through the United Bakeries Corp.), the defendant Continental Baking Corp. has also acquired a direct controlling interest in the following companies, either by purchase of their stock for cash, or by exchange of its own stock for that of the companies controlled, or by both of these methods.

American Baking Co., incorporated in Missouri, Feb. 14, 1907, with 7 bakeries at St. Louis, Mo. Estimated annual sales \$2,636,663.

Livingston Baking Co., incorporated in Illinois, June 26, 1923, with 3 bakeries at Chicago, Ill. Estimated annual sales \$3,520,224.

Wagner Baking Co., incorporated in Michigan, July 1, 1890, with bakery at Detroit, Mich. Estimated annual sale, \$2,270,071.

Standard Bakeries Corp., incorporated in Delaware, Jan. 8, 1923, with bakeries at Long Beach and Los Angeles, Calif.; Denver and Pueblo,

Colo.; Hammond, Ind.; El Paso, Tex.; Omaha, Neb.; Akron, O. (1923 net earnings \$381,084.44).

During 1925, the Continental Baking Corp. has further acquired a controlling interest in the following companies:

(1) Massachusetts Baking Co., with bakeries in Boston, Mass.; Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven and Waterbury, Conn.; (2) Consumers Baking Co., with bakeries in Paterson and Harrison, N. J.; (3) Occident Baking Co., with bakeries in Minneapolis, Minn.; Madison, Wis.; (4) Spokane Bakery Co., Spokane, Wash.; (5) Perfection Bread Co., Sacramento, Cal.; (6) Log Cabin Baking Co., Portland, Ore.; (7) Washington Bakeries Co., Seattle, Wash.; (8) Buttercrust Baking Co., Salt Lake City, Utah; (9) Ogden Baking Co., Ogden, Utah; (10) Northern Bakeries, Ltd., 10 bakeries in 7 Canadian cities; (11) Corby Baking Co., with bakeries in Richmond, Va.; Washington, D. C.; (12) R. B. Ward & Co., Inc., with bakeries in Los Angeles, San Diego, and Berkeley, Cal.; (13) New England Bakery Co., with bakeries in Somerville, Haverhill, Lawrence, New Bedford and Springfield, Mass.

The aggregate annual sales of the companies controlled by the Continental Baking Corp. of bread and cake were estimated in 1923 at approximately \$43,000,000. That was an estimate based on only a part of a year's business. Since then the company has acquired some 13 companies operating 32 bakeries. Wherefore, petitioner, on information and belief, alleges that the aggregate annual sales of the companies controlled by the Continental Baking Corp. are between \$80,000,000 and \$100,000,000 annually.

Petitioner further alleges that many of the bakeries controlling interest in the stock of which was acquired by the Continental Baking Corp. were engaged in competition with each other in interstate trade and commerce and that the purpose and effect of such stock acquisition was and is to substantially lessen competition between such companies.

Organization of General Baking Corp.—Having organized and placed under his domination the Ward Baking Corp. and the Continental Baking Corp., William B. Ward ostensibly withdrew from connection with those companies, but left them under the management of men who had been his employees and were personally loyal to him and were committed to his plans and policies. Ward then turned his attention to the defendant, General Baking Co., the largest independent baking company in the United States.

The General Baking Co. was organized on June 6, 1911, in the laws of the State of New York. It has an outstanding capital stock of 100,000 shares, 8% cumulative preferred, of no par value, and 429,719 shares common. Ninety-nine percent of the outstanding common stock is now owned by the defendant, General Baking Corp.

During 1911 the General Baking Co. acquired control, either by purchase or exchange of stock, or by purchase of assets, of 25 wholesale bakeries operating in 13 States, as follows:

Massachusetts—J. G. & B. S. Ferguson Co., Boston; George G. Fox Co., Boston.

Rhode Island—Arnold-Alhaus Co., Providence.

New York—Fleischmann's Vienna Model Bakery, Inc., New York City; Deininger Bros. Co., Rochester; Rochester Baking Co., Rochester; Grocers Baking Co., Rochester; Ontario Biscuit Co., Buffalo; Collins Baking Co., Buffalo; Brunner Baking Co., Buffalo.

New Jersey—C. Martin Co., Jersey City; Weber Baking Co., Newark.

Pennsylvania—Feihofer Vienna Baking Co., Philadelphia; Haller Bread Co., Pittsburg.

Ohio—United Baking Co., Toledo; Canton Baking Co., Canton; Cleveland Bread Co., Cleveland; Julier Baking Co., Cleveland.

Michigan—Morton Baking & Manufacturing Co., Detroit.

Wisconsin—Atlas Bread Factory, Milwaukee.

Indiana—Bryce Baking Co., Indianapolis.

Missouri—McKinney Bread Co., St. Louis.

West Virginia—Juergens Baking Co., Wheeling.

Louisiana—Vories Baking Co., New Orleans.

District of Columbia—Boston Baking Co., Washington.

On December 29, 1911, the General Baking Co. acquired the entire common stock of the Kolb Bakery Co., of Philadelphia, amounting to \$2,000,000. In 1922 the Kolb Company was merged with the General Baking Co. During 1915, the General Baking Co. purchased a bakery at Rochester, N. Y., and constructed 2 new bakeries, one at Steubenville, O., and the other at Wheeling, W. Va. During 1920, the General Baking Co. purchased the entire capital stock of the Dillman Bakery Co. of Brooklyn, N. Y.

During 1923, the General Baking Co. acquired the entire stock and assets of Dexter's Bakeries, operating plants at Springfield, Mass., and Waterbury, Conn. Later in the same year the Dexter Bakeries were merged with the General. During the same year the General Baking Co. purchased the entire assets of the S. S. Thompson Baking Co., of New Haven, Conn., constructed a new bakery, with 12 ovens, in the Bronx, New York City, acquired a bakery with 5 ovens in New Haven, Conn., and sold the Ontario Biscuit Co.

During 1924, the General Baking Co. acquired the entire assets of Gardner Bakeries, Inc., with plants at Baltimore, Md.; Norfolk, Va.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Newark, N. J.; Richmond, Va., and Washington D. C. As a result of these and other acquisitions, the General Baking Co. at the present time owns and operates 26 wholesale bakeries located in 21 cities in 13 states, as follows:

Massachusetts—Charlestown, serving 98 towns in Massachusetts; 13 in New Hampshire; 13 in Maine. Roxbury, serving 68 towns in Massachusetts. Springfield, serving 159 towns in Massachusetts; 120 in Connecticut; 40 in Vermont; 17 in New Hampshire; 3 in N. Y.

Connecticut—Hartford, serving 33 towns in Connecticut; 14 in Massachusetts. Waterbury, serving 137 towns in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York.

New York—3 bakeries in New York City, serving New York City, about 200 other towns in New York; 28 in Connecticut. Syracuse, serving 61 towns in New York. Rochester, 2 bakeries, serving 120 towns in New York. Buffalo, serving 118 towns in New York, 7 in Pennsylvania.

New Jersey—Newark, serving 77 towns in New Jersey.

Pennsylvania—Philadelphia, 3 bakeries, serving 456 towns in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland.

Michigan—Detroit, serving 30 towns in Michigan.

Ohio—Steubenville, serving 21 towns in Ohio; Toledo, serving 25 towns in Ohio; 7 in Michigan. Cleveland, serving 22 towns in Ohio.

Louisiana—New Orleans, serving 47 towns in Louisiana; 42 in Mississippi.

Missouri—St. Louis, serving 38 towns in Missouri; 20 in Illinois.

West Virginia—Wheeling, serving 30 towns in West Virginia; 48 in Ohio; 6 in Pennsylvania.

Virginia—Norfolk, serving 28 towns in Virginia; 32 in North Carolina.

District of Columbia—Washington, serving Washington, 12 towns in Maryland; 19 in Virginia.

The General Baking Company thus serves a total of over 2,500 towns in 20 states.

The company has prospered exceedingly. Its first balance sheet showed the total value of land, machinery and buildings to be hardly more than the par value of its bonds. Over \$12,000,000 of securities were issued to balance less than \$6,000,000 worth of tangible property and the enormous item of nearly \$7,000,000 for good will. The company earned \$365,000 during its first year of operation.

During its first ten years of operation the company paid out in dividends over \$6,500,000 on property valued at a little over \$3,000,000 at the time of incorporation. By the beginning of 1922 it had made enough profits not only to pay all annual interest and preferred dividends, but also to place a market value of \$150 per share on its common stock notwithstanding the fact that depreciation charges had been entered in good years and profits thus concealed. It had added nearly \$3,000,000 to its undivided surplus and had increased the value of its tangible assets so that the factor of good will was minimized.

In 1922 the directors ordered a reorganization and issued stock of no par value. After payment of preferred dividends, a net profit remained equal to 117% on the \$100 par value of the stock outstanding before the reorganization. The original stock issue sold for \$2 a share in 1916. It has since been expanded five times by stock dividends, so that the holder of one share in 1916 now holds six shares. In the present merger, the stockholders of the General Baking Co. are offered by the General Baking Corp. \$225 per share.

Acquisition of the General Baking Co., in view of its demonstrated earning power, would be a notable step in the consummation of the unlawful plan hereinbefore alleged. But William B. Ward, and the defendant Paul H. Helms, whom he associated with him in the transaction did not plan merely the acquisition of that company. Instead, they planned the organization of a gigantic corporation with broad powers and well-nigh unlimited authorized capital stock to acquire not merely the General Baking Co. but any other baking companies or companies engaged in the production of related commodities which it might fit in with their plans to acquire.

Accordingly, on Oct. 3, 1925, they caused to be incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland the defendant, General Baking Corp. with an authorized capital stock of 10,000,000 shares of no par value. Assuming, as is provided in the case of the preferred shares, constituting one-half of the total issue, that the shares will be expected to earn a fair return on a par value of \$100 a share, this would be a \$1,000,000,000 corporation.

Its corporate powers are stated in the certificate of incorporation in the exact language of the powers of the defendant Continental Baking Corp.

The stock of the General Baking Co. was acquired through the defendant William B. Ward in accordance with an offer made by him on Sept. 29, 1925, to the defendant William Deininger, Pres. of the General Baking Co. Ward's offer, which was to remain open until Oct. 10, 1925, was \$225 per share for the common stock, provided the holders of at least 51% of the common stock should deposit the same subject to his offer. The offer was accepted by the officers, directors, and by stockholders representing a majority of the outstanding stock of the General Baking Co. The same persons approved of the name "General Baking Corp." Each of the remaining stockholders was advised of these proceedings by letter by the defendant Deininger. Ward's offer was not acted upon; but the General Baking Corp. itself acquired the stock. It is in complete control of all the latter company's activities.

On Nov. 23, 1925, the General Baking Corp. contracted to purchase, and since that date has actually purchased, the entire outstanding capital stock of the Smith Great Western Baking Corp. of Kansas City, Mo., operating 7 plants in 3 states: Missouri—Kansas City; Kansas—Kansas City, Wichita, Hutchinson; Oklahoma—Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Enid.

The Smith Great Western Baking Corp. is the principal competitor of the Campbell Baking Co., 83% of whose stock is owned by the defendant Continental Baking Corp. The Smith Great Western makes annual sales of about \$6,000,000. The Campbell Company makes annual sales of about \$7,000,000.

Formation of Ward Food Products Corporation.—On Jan. 30, 1926, in this District, the defendant, William B. Ward, and his associates, filed articles of incorporation for the defendant, the Ward Food Products Corp. It was their purpose to bring to fruition their unlawful plan through the instrumentality of that corporation.

The Ward Food Products Corp. has an authorized capital stock of 20,000,000 shares without par value, of which 10,000,000 shares are 7% cumulative preferred and 10,000,000 are common. Assuming that the corporation will be expected to earn the equivalent of a 7% dividend on the common stock as well as the preferred, this would be a \$2,000,000,000 corporation.

The powers conferred on the Ward Food Products Corp. are even broader than those conferred on the other corporate defendants. It is authorized to produce, raise, manufacture or otherwise acquire, prepare for market, sell, import, export, distribute and generally deal in food and food products and by-products thereof of every class and description; and articles, materials, equipment, supplies, tools, machinery, and everything capable of being used in connection with the business of the company. Especially broad powers are conferred in respect of the acquisition and holding of the stocks, bonds and other evidences of indebtedness of other corporations, or their physical assets, and the payment therefor in the securities of the Ward Food Products Corp. or cash realized from the sale of such securities.

The directors are authorized, before declaring dividends on the common stock, to set aside funds from the earnings of the corporation for charitable uses. This is a mere authorization and imposes no obligation upon the directors or the corporation; and the uses mentioned are, for the most part, so vague and general as to be meaningless.

Petitioner alleges on information and belief that it was and is the purpose of William B. Ward and the other defendants concerned in the formation of the Ward Food Products Corp. to cause that corporation to acquire, in exchange for its shares of capital stock, or for cash realized from the sale of its shares of capital stock, all or at least a controlling interest in the outstanding capital stocks of the defendants, the Ward Baking Corporation, the General Baking Corporation, and the Continental Baking Corporation and of such other baking companies and companies engaged in the production and sale of flour,

milk, yeast, and other ingredients used in the production of baked goods, including all manner of baking machinery and equipment, as may be available.

The result of such acquisitions of stock by the defendant the Ward Food Products Corporation will be to eliminate all competition between the other corporate defendants, the largest, best organized and best equipped wholesale baking concerns in this country, and the companies and properties controlled and owned by them, and to create a virtual monopoly of the wholesale baking business in the United States. The defendants, the Ward Baking Corp., the General Baking Corp., the Continental Baking Corp., and the companies and properties owned and controlled by them are in many parts of the United States actual competitors in interstate trade and commerce in bread, cake and other bakery products, except to the extent that the keen edge of their competition is dulled by the community of interests existing between said corporate defendants. In many instances bakeries owned or controlled by the corporate defendants are located in the same city, or in cities adjacent to each other, and are competing for the business in those cities and in the surrounding territories, which territories frequently include portions of two or more states.

Community of Interest Between the Several Defendants.

The principal corporate defendants, Ward Baking Corp., Continental Baking Corp., General Baking Corp. and Ward Food Products Corp., were organized by the defendant, William B. Ward, and his associates in pursuance of the hereinbefore alleged combination and conspiracy in restraint of interstate trade and commerce, and attempt to monopolize such trade and commerce, and to effect the objects of the same.

Substantially the same persons acted as incorporators in the formation of those corporations; Ward and his associates were represented by the same counsel in each instance; Ward, the Continental and General Corporations all have their offices in the same building and are in constant communication with each other; the certificates of incorporation of the Ward, Continental and General Corporations are almost identical and the certificate of the Ward Food Products Corp., while broader, is similar; the minute books of these defendants are kept by the same person; and the four corporations all have the same resident agent in Maryland.

This community of interest is further shown by the connections of the several individual defendants.

William B. Ward entered the baking industry in 1907, when he became connected with the Ward-Mackey Co. in Pittsburgh. In 1912 he and his brother, Howard B. Ward, organized the Ward Brothers Co. in Rochester, N. Y. In 1913 they organized Ward & Ward, Inc., of Buffalo, N. Y. In 1918 William B. Ward organized the W. B. Ward Co., Inc., of Toledo, O., the Gary Baking Co. of Gary, Ind., and the Crude Baking Co., of Dayton, O. In 1919 he organized the Oak Park Co., of Oak Park, Chicago. After this he organized the Ward Brothers, Inc., which purchased the three last-named companies. In 1921 he and his associates organized the United Bakeries Corp. which he continued to dominate down to the time it was acquired by the Continental Baking Corp. In 1923 he organized the Ward Baking Corp. to take over the Ward Baking Co. and remained president of that corporation until he resigned to form the General Baking Corp. In 1924 he was mainly responsible for the organization of the Continental Baking Corp., of which he became the largest individual stockholder. In 1925 he organized the General Baking Corp. and in 1926 the Ward Food Products Corp., as hereinbefore alleged.

Howard B. Ward is a brother of the defendant, William B. Ward, and has been associated with him in all his enterprises since 1912. He is vice-president of the defendant Continental Baking Corporation.

William Deininger is a former President of the defendant General Baking Co., and is now Chairman of the board of directors of the defendant General Baking Corp.

Paul H. Helms has been associated for many years in the business enterprises of the defendants William B. Ward and George B. Smith. He is a former Secretary-Treasurer of both the Ward Baking Co. (of New York) and the Ward Baking Corp. He is now president of the defendant General Baking Corp.

J. W. Rumbough is a director of the defendant General Baking Corporation.

R. E. Peterson is a former Assistant Secretary and Treasurer of the General Baking Co. He is now Secretary and Assistant Treasurer and a director of the defendant General Baking Corp.

George G. Barber has been associated for many years with the defendant William B. Ward in various baking enterprises. He was connected with Ward & Ward, Inc., of Buffalo, N. Y. Later he was with the Ward Motor Vehicle Co., manufacturer of electric vehicles, a corporation owned by Robert B. Ward, but not affiliated with the baking company. In February, 1917, he became Secretary-Treasurer of Ward & Ward, Inc., and of Ward Bros., Inc. He was also an officer in the subsidiary companies of each. In 1921 he became associated with the defendant William B. Ward in the United Bakeries Corp. He is now Sec.-Treas. of all the companies affiliated with the defendant Continental Baking Corp., and has served as its President since it was organized.

George B. Smith has also been closely associated with the defendant William B. Ward for many years, as chairman of the Board of Directors of the United Bakeries Corp., and as an officer of many of its subsidiaries. He actively assisted the defendant George C. Barber in promoting the Continental Baking Corp. He succeeded the defendant William B. Ward as President of the Ward Baking Corp., and now holds that office.

The defendant William Deininger was never associated with Ward enterprises prior to the creation of the General Baking Corp. William B. Ward, however, was formerly a large stockholder and chairman of the Board of Directors of the General Baking Co.

Suit Based on a Misapprehension of Facts, Says Ward—“Trust” Not Contemplated—The Plan Outlined.

With regard to the Government suit against the various baking companies and the proposed Ward Food Products Corporation, William B. Ward says:

The proceedings instituted by the Government against Ward Food Products Corp., with a declared purpose of preventing a monopolistic combination of food companies is based on a misapprehension of the facts. In causing the formation of Ward Food Products Corp. I never contemplated building up a so-called “trust.” Such a “trust” would be impossible because of the nature of the business.

Furthermore, it is not my purpose to combine the business of the baking companies whose names have been mentioned. Each is in the hands of competent, successful management, and would not be likely to give up its independence. My purpose does contemplate having Ward Food Products Corp., if conditions warrant, consider taking over the properties of Ward Baking Co., or some other one of the companies engaged in producing bread, and also other representative companies, each engaged in the production of a different kind of food product.

Plans for the consummation of the idea embodied in the charter of the Ward Food Products Corp. recently filed in Baltimore have advanced no further than this. I feel certain that such a plan will meet with the approval of the public and of any judicial body.

The fullest examination of the Ward Food Products Corp. is welcomed, and complete cooperation will be accorded in placing before the public the facts as they actually exist.

The formation of the new company was the result of experience in the baking industry that the cost of distribution, which is ultimately borne by the consumer, is greater than it need be. Too large a part of the cost of food is represented by the expense of getting it to the people. The aim of the new company is to develop such an organization that the distribution cost will be materially lessened, which will result in wholesome food products at a fair cost to the American public.

The general public will sooner or later get the real facts. Then they will realize that the merit of any proposed industrial enterprise exists in the result which may be expected to be accomplished, and that such an enterprise should not be condemned merely because it is large.

The huge baking project with Ward as head and its philanthropic aims were originally outlined as follows in a dispatch to The New York Times from Baltimore under date of Jan. 30:

Incorporation papers of the Ward Food Products Corporation, which apparently means the merger of the largest baking concerns in the East into a gigantic corporation, were placed on record and approved here today by the Maryland State Tax Commission. Douglas H. Ross 2d, E. H. Frost and R. Dorsey Watkins are named in the incorporation papers, their office being in the Calvert Building with the firm of Piper, Carey & Hall, attorneys.

The Board of Directors, the papers provide, shall have power to sell, lease or exchange all property and assets of this corporation upon terms and conditions and for such consideration as the board deems expedient.

From time to time the board is to make contributions from surplus or net profits of corporation for the purpose of erecting or maintaining one or more hospitals, infirmaries or homes for invalid or aged employes of the corporation, or for procuring healthful surroundings for employes recovering from diseases or in infirm health, and for the establishment and maintenance of a sanitarium for convalescent employes or those suffering from temporary debility.

The total amount of authorized capital stock is 20,000,000 shares without par value, of which 10,000,000 shares are 7 per cent, cumulative preferred stock and 10,000,000 common.

Provides for Welfare Fund.

Whenever the full dividend upon the preferred stock has been paid in, it is provided the Board of Directors should set aside out of the surplus or net profits such sums as to it may seem proper to be used for advancement of the right of every child to be born well to grow to maturity physically and mentally fit for American citizenship and generally for the advancement of health and welfare of the American people, and dividends upon the common stock may then be declared out of the remainder of surplus or net profits.

The preferred stock shall be redeemable in whole or part on any quarterly dividend date at \$110 share plus amount accumulated dividends. In event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary, the preferred stockholders shall be entitled before any assets shall be distributed or paid to holders of common stock, to be paid \$100 per share plus accumulated dividends.

A notable feature of the financial provision is that “each holder of any class of stock of this corporation shall be entitled at stockholders meetings to one vote for every share of such stock in his name.”

In the eyes of the State Tax Commission, which reckons every share of stock where par value is not specified at an arbitrary par value of \$100, the concern is a billion-dollar corporation. In the interests of conservatism the Tax Commission's assessment has been cut in half.

The concern is one of the largest ever incorporated under the laws of Maryland.

Bonus Tax, \$40,700.

Bonus tax paid by the corporation was \$40,700, enough to pay the expenses of the Tax Commission for a year. This tax is graduated according to the capitalization of the company incorporated. Previously the biggest bonus tax paid in Maryland was that of the General Banking Corporation, chartered last year. This concern paid \$20,700.

W. B. Ward of New York, head of the Ward Baking Corporation, was quoted in an Associated Press dispatch from Washington, Oct. 31, 1925, as having told Chief Examiner M. F. Hodson of the Federal Trade Commission that he had made an offer for common stock of the General Baking Company, and if required this would be held by a holding company to be known as the General Baking Corporation, but that no attempt would be made to acquire capital stock of any other company, any other acquisition, he explained, according to the Chief Examiner in that report, would be by purchase of assets. While at that time declaring there “was no truth in press reports” of a baking merger, Mr. Ward said, “It was not possible to say what might take place in the future.”

Francis J. Carey Jr. of the law firm of Piper, Carey & Hall, said tonight they had no further information to give out at this end than what was contained in the incorporation papers, which state that the corporation is found to produce, raise, manufacture or otherwise acquire for market, sell, import, export, distribute and generally deal in, food products and by-products thereof of every class and description.

This corporation shall also have the power to carry on the business of manufacturers and dealers in all kinds of machinery appliances and plants, and particularly those incident or necessary to business

which this corporation has power to engage in; also to buy, sell, manufacture, let or hire and deal in all such machinery appliances and plants.

Has Wide Powers.

The corporation is empowered to purchase, acquire, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage or otherwise deal in shares of capital stock of this or any other corporation in this or any State or country, and to exercise all rights and privileges, including the right to vote thereon, except on the stock of this corporation, and to purchase, acquire, hold, transfer any securities or evidences of debt created by this or any other corporation, to undertake liabilities of any firm or corporation engaged in similar line of business, and to pay for same in cash, stock, bonds, debentures or other securities of this or any other corporation; to aid in any manner any corporation or firm or individual of which this corporation is a creditor or of which stock, bonds, mortgages, &c., are held or owned by this corporation; to sell, assign or otherwise dispose of formula, secret process, distinctive marks, improvements and produce secured under letters patent.

In general the corporation is to carry on business in connection with the foregoing objects, and to perform any act permitted by law, to the end that the American people may hope and enjoy wholesome food at fair prices.

The principal office of the corporation in Maryland will be located in the Calvert Building in Baltimore. J. Bannister Hall, is named as resident agent of corporation.

No holder of stock of any class shall have any preemptive or preferential right of subscription to any shares now or hereafter authorized.

The directors are empowered to authorize issuance from time to time of no par value stock and securities converting into no par shares of any class whether now or hereafter.

It is provided the corporation shall have three directors, which number may be changed from time to time.

Alexander W. Jack, Hortense C. Wordeman and Clara Nulle shall act as directors until the first annual meeting or until their successors are chosen.

Expected in Wall Street.

Incorporation in Baltimore yesterday of the Ward Food Products Corporation was considered last night to be a step in the formation of a cartel or combine of interests producing all ingredients used in bread which has been rumored for several weeks in Wall Street. The companies mentioned as probable partners in the reported merger produce milk, salt, sugar, yeast and flour. William B. Ward is supposed to head the merger. He was not reached last night.

Distribution last week of securities in the United Milk Corporation, a \$50,000,000 concern, to former owners of forty-five milk properties in all parts of the country was taken as another initial step in the formation of a bread cartel. Companies which have been discussed in connection with the merger are the United Milk Products Corporation, Ward Baking, Southern Baking, Fleischmann Company, Carnation Milk and Pillsbury Flour.

Officials of companies mentioned in the reports have held frequent meetings lately, but have denied that negotiations looking toward a merger were in progress. It was understood that one proposal was for the formation of a corporation of at least \$1,000,000,000 capital, which would exchange stock for that of the merged companies on a ratable basis. The Ward interests already own one flour mill in Canada.

Details regarding the merger will also be found in the bill of complaint of the Government which we give at length under a separate heading.

Associates in Baking Merger All Favor Philanthropic Project, Declares Wm. B. Ward.

The huge consolidation in the bread industry under the Ward Food Products Corporation will succeed because it is "starting out with the idea of service," according to William B. Ward, who is quoted as follows in the New York "Times," Feb. 1:

There is no doubt in my mind that when an individual or a corporation starts out with the idea of service success is bound to come. The best example of that is Henry Ford.

Continuing, the New York "Times" says in part:

The German cartel, or combination of different basic industries contributing to a finished product, was not the inspiration of Mr. Ward's consolidation, he said "If I have followed the cartel idea I did it unconsciously."

Do you expect any difficulty in placing your common stock among investors who have been informed that a preferred stock dividend and a distribution to philanthropies come before the common dividend? he was asked.

Not the slightest, said Mr. Ward. What financing we have done has been done along these lines already. We give a share of common stock as a bonus with a preferred share for \$100. Under the plan I should think that the common stock in this undertaking would be better off than that in the old undertaking.

Whatever I am I owe to my good father and mother. The idea which I have endeavored to bring to fruition was really originated by my father, Robert Boyde Ward. If he had lived, it would have been in operation years ago. I have heard my father say that if it was all right for an individual to tithe, it was all right for a corporation to do the same thing.

Mr. Ward was asked if he meant that the Ward Food Products Corporation intended to give a tenth of its net profits to philanthropies under the plan of making philanthropic distributions after payment of the dividend on the 7% preferred stock and before payment of the dividend on the common stock. He said that he and some of those who would be associated with him in the merger had already followed that biblical practice and found it most satisfactory.

I don't like the word charity, said Mr. Ward, when reference was made to the prospective distributions of the corporation as such. He said that the plan of turning profits back to the public in the form of beneficence to childhood and other philanthropies was not a new one among corporations.

I know of companies today which have been doing that, said Mr. Ward. We have a company in Pittsburgh which for ten years has been supporting welfare work among children. In order to make this corporation do it legally we have put it into the charter.

When Mr. Ward was asked if all those associated with him in the merger of the scores of bakery, milk, sugar, yeast and other plants were in sympathy with his plan to make philanthropic distributions before payment of a dividend on the common stock of the corporation, he said:

This is a 100% proposition. I haven't talked to any one, not only among my associates but in every walk of life, who hasn't said:

Why has it not been done before now? I expect to have the fullest cooperation of my associates. We are putting a soul into the business.

Our plan is a fundamental plan. For all we know, it may be a pattern for the corporations of the future.

In discussing his plans to turn part of the profits into philanthropies, Mr. Ward said that the distributions would not necessarily be limited to the communities in which the new corporation has plants.

We shall make those distributions wherever there seems to be the best field, he said.

Wall Street Men Give Ideas on Mergers.

Wall Street, in the midst of participation in big business consolidations, has some definite ideas about limitations of such organizations. These limitations are characterized as preservation of competition, efficiency, economy, consideration of conduct rather than size, and even keeping intact the joy of living, so that people may not become standardized to the point of monotony. These beliefs were expressed to The Associated Press Feb. 8 by financial authorities in a round table of opinions drawn forth by the reports of consolidations in railroads, power, food and other business, while Congress was considering merger problems from the Government's point of view.

Francis H. Sisson, Vice-President of the Guaranty Trust Company, said:

Economy in production, small margins of profit, quick turnover of capital and, hence, lower cost to the consumer are becoming more and more the watchwords of business men. It is perfectly obvious to men of natural intelligence that these ends can better be attained through efficient operation on a big scale. The American people are gradually being convinced that so far as harmful practices are concerned, the size of a concern bears no relation to its business ethics.

If there is to be governmental oversight in the conduct of business, it would be much easier to watch a few big business men than thousands of small dealers.

Clarence Dillon, head of Dillon, Read & Co., who has had the limelight recently through his financial operations, said:

The greatest thing in business, large or small, is competition. The element of keen competition, which is that intangible zest, the very essence of alert life, must be preserved in big operations, even if there is need of constant watchfulness to prevent machine-like, impersonal administration. Individual merit must be quickly recognized and rewarded. The minute a corporation grows beyond its ability to do this it ceases to be a healthy economic factor in the community. Low production cost is not everything. The joy of living, even if it costs more, is the principal thing we must preserve. It would be a drab, monotonous world if everybody wore standardized suits, even if they cost less and were better than clothes that revealed individuality."

George E. Roberts, Vice-President of the National City Bank, said:

We have clung too long to the economic absurdity that large corporations are bad for the community just because they are large. If a great business genius, through operation on a big scale, is able to accumulate millions of dollars, what of it, if he has contributed at the same time toward the betterment of his community? Who can say he is worse off today because Henry Ford has amassed greater wealth? He is the outstanding example of what large-scale operation can do. We might have had many more such examples if it had not been for the long period of anti-trust hysteria that blinded us for so many years.

There is absolutely no limit to the necessities and desires of people, he said, and pointed his meaning with this remark: We may reach a time when automobiles will come with the rent, like built-in bath tubs.

Several men said that consolidation could not be applied to all lines of business. One of these was Harold Roberts, of Mulliken & Roberts, investment bankers, who for many years was an associate of the late J. B. Duke. He said:

I do not believe the merger idea can be applied to the cigar business, because it has been impossible, and, so far as can be foreseen, will be impossible in the future to manufacture cigars by machinery. Thus nothing can be saved by introducing labor-saving devices, the principal reason for mergers. I believe in Roosevelt's slogan—Penalize conduct, not size.

John C. Cowdin, member of Blair & Co., said:

Whatever America has gained in her standing as the home of men of business acumen, has been gained through the operation of big business. I see absolutely no limit to which it can be carried, with profit to the country as an economic factor in world trade, so long as these corporations are run on sound, economic principles.

Coal Miners and Operators Again Gather in Philadelphia.

Announcement of the unexpected arrival in Philadelphia on the 11th inst. of leaders of the anthracite coal miners and operators gave rise to reports that a new move to effect a settlement of the coal strike was under way. The Associated Press advices from Philadelphia that day had the following to say:

The negotiating committee of the operators and the sub-scale committee of the miners are in Philadelphia, but not in communication. The operators are in the Ritz Carlton Hotel, while the miners are in the Bellevue-Stratford across the street.

Both sides deny there is anything directly pending between them. In fact, each gave the same reason for assembling here—"legislative matters."

The negotiating committee of the operators, with a number of other coal company representatives, arrived yesterday. John L. Lewis, President and Thomas Kennedy, national Secretary-Treasurer, came in early to-day and later the other four members of the miners' committee arrived.

If anything develops toward a settlement, it is believed it will come from the operators' side.

If some new basis of settlement is decided upon among the coal companies, it is expected it will be at once made known to the miners. The union leaders are here to consider anything that might come from the mine owners.

No engagements, so far as can be learned, have been made for Mr. Lewis and W. W. Inglis, Chairman of the operators' negotiating committee, to meet, nor for the full committee of the two sides to confer.

Alvan Markle, neutral chairman of the joint wage conference of miners and operators, is registered at the Union League Club. Thus the machinery for a conference is ready.

United States Senate Adopts Senator Copeland's Resolution for Intervention by President Coolidge in Coal Strike—Robinson Bill and Other Congressional Proposals.

The third effort within a week by Senator Copeland of New York to secure the adoption by the U. S. Senate of his resolution seeking intervention by President Coolidge in the coal strike resulted in the adoption of the resolution on Feb. 9. On Feb. 5 (as we indicated last week, page 702) the Senate by a vote of 48 to 28 refused to consider the resolution. The Senator then made known his intention to press the resolution until its adoption. On Feb. 6 his attempt to secure the passage of the resolution was again defeated by the Senate by a vote of 43 to 38. The vote, said Associated Press accounts, was taken after considerable debate which revolved around a bill offered by Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the Democratic floor leader, proposing creation of a Federal board of industrial adjustments charged with fixing responsibility for coal strikes. Further advices from these accounts stated:

Robinson Bill.

This measure was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor after Senator Robinson had urged for speedy action in committee so the Senate might take it up after the tax bill has been passed.

At the end of the debate Senator Copeland (Democrat, New York) moved that the Senate consider his resolution for a White House conference which would have had the effect of displacing the tax bill. Senator Edge (Republican, New Jersey) countered with a motion to lay the Copeland motion on the table, but that was voted down, 41 to 38.

On the direct vote on the Copeland motion, which followed, 10 Republicans joined with 27 Democrats and the one Farmer-Labor Senator in support and 3 Democrats joined with 43 Republicans in opposition.

Senator Robinson's measure, which was offered after a number of Democratic leaders had conferred on the coal situation as well as other questions, has as its primary purpose the invoking of public opinion for the protection of anthracite consumers against controversies between operators and miners.

The proposed board would function when the President on his own initiative, or Congress by a concurrent resolution which would not require Presidential approval, had declared the existence of an emergency in which the public health or safety is endangered because of interference with the production or distribution of coal.

The board would be composed of the Secretaries of Labor and Commerce and the chief of the Bureau of Mines, together with two citizens not engaged or interested in the production or distribution of coal. It would have authority to conciliate differences, encourage arbitration and ascertain the causes of an emergency and recommend adjustments.

While the coal question was engaging the attention of the Senate, Representative Waters, Republican, Pennsylvania, introduced a resolution in the House inviting conferences of the miners and operators with the Secretary of Labor sitting in as a mediator.

The Copeland resolution, before its adoption by the Senate on Feb. 9 by a vote of 55 to 21, was modified, at the suggestion of Senator Reed of Pennsylvania. We give here-with its text as adopted, showing in italics the portion inserted at the instance of Senator Reed:

Resolved, That the President be requested to invite to the White House at such time as he thinks best the committee of operators and miners in order that he may urge upon them the national importance of an immediate settlement of the anthracite coal strike.

Of the 55 votes in favor of the resolution, 26 came from Republicans, 28 from Democrats and one from a Farmer-Labor member of the Senate, 19 Republicans and 2 Democrats cast the votes against the resolution. The New York "Times" in reporting the Senate action on the 9th inst. said in part:

Senator Curtis of Kansas, the Republican leader, finally gave consent for its adoption, his thought being that much time would be saved for considering the tax bill if the Copeland resolution were out of the way and not daily injected into the proceedings.

The roll call disclosed some interesting combinations, the measure being approved on the one hand by Senators Butler of Massachusetts, Chairman of the Republican National Committee; Curtis, the majority leader, and Frazier, Howell and La Follette, and opposed on the other by Borah, Couzens, Gillette, Smoot and Warren.

In the line-up against it the name of Senator Wadsworth of New York was most prominent, inasmuch as Senator Copeland had linked him with Governor Smith for the Presidential campaign of 1928, raising the question

as to how Senator Wadsworth would be able to get New York's vote after opposing such a resolution.

With the resolution adopted, plans were being made for early action in the Senate Committee on Education and Labor to bring up the Robinson bill providing for a Federal Board of Industrial Adjustments.

Glass Against Presidential Action.

Senator Glass of Virginia, explaining his opposition to the Copeland resolution, said:

"I voted against it because I have an absolute conviction that the interference of President Roosevelt in the 1902 coal strike, when he threatened to seize and operate the coal mines by the Government, has largely been responsible for these controversies and outbreaks ever since.

"The President of the United States has no legal authority to intervene in such controversies, and I am morally certain that President Coolidge has no intention whatsoever to be drawn into the dispute.

"Therefore, I regard Senator Copeland's resolution as perfectly futile and as an attempt by the Senate to escape its own responsibility and to pass it on in a perfectly harmless but ineffective way to the President.

"Mr. Coolidge could just as readily call the disputants to a conference at the White House without the Copeland resolution as he could with it."

Secretary Hoover declared to-day that the Commerce Department was not responsible for delays to coal legislation, saying the department stood ready to provide Congress and its committees with all available information. The question of the Department's responsibility had been raised by Senator Copeland with reference to the Oddie bill.

The Associated Press in indicating that the President would not intervene in the matter said:

The Senate's action, it was said officially, had not convinced Mr. Coolidge that there was any change in conditions would justify a change in his policy.

He does not consider the Senate's advice in any way binding upon the Federal Government, although he regards it as a valuable expression of opinion. He also feels that passage of the coal resolution was more or less necessary in order to have the time of the Senate and permit it to centre attention on the pending tax bill.

The President was described at the White House as most anxious to see a termination of the anthracite suspension, but unable to see any method by which the Federal Government if injected into the situation could lend effective assistance toward a solution.

On the 8th inst the House Republicans with a view to initiating coal hearings addressed a letter to Representative Tilson, of Connecticut, the Republican leader, asking that they be given a hearing before the Republican Steering Committee to discuss the advisability of the Commerce Committee getting to work on the coal situation. The letter was signed by Representative Treadway of Massachusetts, Wainwright, Tolley and Fish of New York, and Gibson of Vermont, urged consideration by the committee of the recommendations set forth by the President in his message to Congress on coal, the recommendations of the old United States Coal Commission and a number of bills designed to settle the anthracite difficulties now pending on the committee's calendar. The letter was as follows:

Washington, Feb. 8.

Hon. John Q. Tilson,
Majority Leader,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir

We, the undersigned, being convinced that further delay in considering possible legislation upon the subject of coal is politically injudicious and will lead to extreme hardship among the people, request a hearing before the Steering Committee upon the advisability of the Committee on Inter-State and Foreign Commerce holding hearings upon the general subject of coal as contained in the following:

1. The two recommendations contained in the two addresses to Congress upon the subject by the President of the United States.
2. The report and recommendations made by the United States Coal Commission.
3. Various bills pending before the Committee on Inter-State and Foreign Commerce upon the subject matter of coal.

Yours very truly,

ALLEN T. TREADWAY of Massachusetts.
J. MAYHEW WAINWRIGHT of New York.
HAMILTON FISH JR. of New York.
E. W. GIBSON of Vermont.
HAROLD TOLLEY of New York.

On the same day Representative Sol Bloom (Democrat) of New York in a letter to President Coolidge asked that he make known just what his position is in the strike situation, and what legislation he considers necessary. The following is Representative Bloom's letter:

Feb. 8 1926.

The President,
The White House.

My dear Mr. President:

I have introduced in the Congress a resolution and a bill with reference to the present coal situation, and there have been introduced in the Senate and the House numerous bills representing every kind of thought of the legislators of both branches of the Congress.

Each and every thought is to devise some immediate and lasting solution of the present coal situation by giving to the President of the United States some authority in this coal situation and future authority to deal with like conditions effectively if the influence of your leadership is insufficient.

Coming from a district absolutely dependent upon anthracite coal; being myself interested in property that imperatively demands anthracite coal, due to the health regulations; knowing the situation to be even worse than has been represented in the newspapers throughout the country; having communicated with you on several occasions concerning this subject, and with my constituents pleading to me for some kind of relief; in view of the active demands of the people of my district that their anxiety be relieved by some word of hope from the Executive and legislative bodies of our country, I appeal to you, Mr. President, not only in the name of the people of my district, but of the millions in the area affected, for some word, some statement, that the people who are suffering from this terrible coal condition may

know just where the Government of the United States stands with reference to this drastic condition.

If there is a definite thought in your mind as to how the situation can be relieved by Federal legislation, if the influence of your leadership is powerless, I have no doubt, Mr. President, that the necessary Federal legislation would be given unanimously within twenty-four hours after you request it.

The Senate and House of Representatives, irrespective of political affiliations, are anxious to relieve this situation for humane reasons only, and one definite word from you would, I know, be welcomed by all the people who are now suffering from this terrible condition.

One motive that prompts me to write this letter is that I have only very recently found it necessary to give the following authority to my tenants in the City of New York:

"In view of the present emergency, and my inability to provide at any cost an adequate supply of coal, you are hereby authorized to buy coal at any price, if you can get it, and charge same to my account."

Trusting that you will find it expedient to give this very pressing matter your immediate attention, and, as you have no doubt been studying the situation and are well informed as to the conditions not alone of the strike but of the strikers and the operators, it should not be a very difficult duty for you to tell the people just what your position is in the matter and the Congress just what legislation is necessary.

Sincerely yours,

SOL BLOOM.

According to Associated Press dispatches from Washington on the 10th inst. in the House on that day, the New York Democratic delegation took steps to place the party membership on record as favoring action by Congress to relieve the fuel shortage. The dispatches added:

The New York members announced that they had obtained sufficient signatures to a petition to call a caucus of their party, and that when it was convened they would press for the endorsement of some form of legislation to end the suspension. Just what form the proposal will take has not been discussed, but two bills now pending before Congress are receiving careful consideration.

One, sponsored by Representative Boylan, Democrat, of New York, and similar to several other measures, would give to the President authority to seize and operate the anthracite mines during an emergency. The other, introduced by Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the Democratic leader, would create a Federal Board of Adjustment to be composed of the Secretaries of Labor and Commerce and three citizens to be appointed by the President who are not interested in the production or distribution of coal.

Robinson Bill.

The Robinson bill will come up to-morrow before the Senate Committee on Education and Labor, Chairman Phipps having summoned his group to meet to decide whether it shall hold hearings on the measure.

Copeland Resolution.

Meanwhile a copy of the Senate resolution requesting the President to take action was received at the White House and forwarded to the Labor Department for consideration. This is the usual course, although it was made clear by President Coolidge yesterday that he was not in sympathy with the proposal.

In the House, Representative Brumm, Republican, of Pennsylvania, made a plea that the President use the police powers vested in him to end the strike, while Representative Black, Democrat, New York, charged the President with taking a stand of non-intervention "to break the miners' union."

Gov. Pinchot of Pennsylvania Renews Demand for Public Regulation of Anthracite Industry—Criticises Mines Committee for Failure to Act—Points to Large Dividends of Coal Companies.

A statement in which he scathingly criticised the Pennsylvania Legislature's Committee on Mines and Mining for its action in killing the administration's two anthracite bills, thus "ignoring the pleas of 40,000,000 anthracite users in the Eastern section of the United States and of the stricken Northeastern section of Pennsylvania," was issued by Gov. Pinchot on Feb. 6. In it he referred to the Committee as "the gang-controlled Legislative Committee," and said he doubted "whether there ever was a more perfect example of the betrayal of the public rights." He declared that in his opinion "the time has come to take the anthracite monopoly in hand, and to show it that in a contest of power the people of this Commonwealth are stronger than any hard-boiled monopoly whatsoever." Taking the operators to task, he asserted that "their attitude is in effect that the strike must be settled upon their own terms, or the public must take the consequences." "During the past decade and more," he continued, "the operators have pushed over upon the public not only all of their increased labor costs, and all of their increased cost of supplies, but they have also helped themselves to substantial portions of the consumer's dollar for increased margins to themselves. The information we have as to the dividends paid by these companies fully justifies the conclusion that the profits of some at least of the anthracite companies are exorbitant and extortionate as compared with profits in other industries." Figures of dividend payments were presented by the Governor, tending to show that in eight years a total of 377.5% was paid by the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, and payments by other coal companies were likewise cited. His statement as given in the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Feb. 7 follows:

The gang-controlled Legislative Committee on Mines and Mining, on Tuesday, once more slammed the door in the face of the public

and refused to afford any relief in the present anthracite strike. Ignoring the pleas of 40,000,000 anthracite users in the eastern section of the United States and of the stricken northeastern section of Pennsylvania, this committee devoted two minutes to this vital question and put an end to all hope of public relief by killing the two Administration anthracite bills.

I doubt whether there ever was a more perfect example of the betrayal of the public rights.

The two anthracite bills were drawn to protect the anthracite users—particularly the poor, who buy their coal by the bucket—from further extortion by a hard-boiled monopoly.

My recommendation that the production of anthracite be declared a public utility is supported and emphasized by the whole history of the anthracite industry in its relation to the public and, most of all, by the tremendous losses which this industry, now free from public control, is daily inflicting upon the mining communities of Northern Pennsylvania, upon the Commonwealth as a whole, and upon the anthracite-using people of the United States.

Harding Commission Quoted.

This Administration is not alone in urging that the anthracite monopoly be subjected to public regulation. In 1921 President Harding appointed the United States Coal Commission. That body in making its report in 1923 found that there is and can be no free competition in anthracite "because the supply is limited and controlled."

This present control of the supply by an economic combination founded on a community of interest brought it to the conclusion that the mining and marketing of anthracite should be "regarded as affected by a public interest," and regulated as a public utility.

Declares Issue Perfectly Clear.

The issue before us is perfectly clear. We can let matters go on as they are going, and then prepare to face the same situation over and over again, or we can assert our unquestioned rights, and apply to this particular monopoly the same kind of regulation which the general experience of mankind has long since approved for other monopolies.

What relief can the people expect from regulation of anthracite as a public utility?

First. Under regulation we can get all the facts concerning a monopolized industry essential to the public welfare.

Second. Under regulation strikes will be far less frequent than they have been in the past. Full publicity of all the facts in other industries has proved most helpful in preventing industrial disputes from arising, and in settling them when they have arisen. One of the basic causes of strikes in the anthracite industry has been the unwillingness of the operators to give to the public or to the miners' representatives information without which a fair judgment on wages and working conditions is impossible.

Third. Publicity of all the facts by a public tribunal will shape the judgment of the consumer as to the fairness of the price he is required to pay. Anthracite users in Pennsylvania and elsewhere will have at hand facts upon which to base a fair judgment as to whether they have been the victims of extortion, and to what extent.

Fourth. Public regulation will assure fair trade practices. That means that the public will get the kind and size of coal it pays for, and especially that it will get clean coal.

The Resizing Plan.

There could be no better example of the need for such assurance than the resizing plan unanimously adopted by the operators and made effective April 1, 1925. By this plan the meshes of the screens used for sizing the coal were changed from the generally accepted old standard to a new standard. In addition, larger amounts of unburnable slate and bone were permitted, and a larger percentage of smaller sizes were allowed to remain in the larger sizes.

Worth Millions to Operators.

There is no question, moreover, that this resizing plan is worth many millions of dollars to the operators in higher price secured for lower-priced products. The Secretary of Mines of Pennsylvania estimates that pea coal is adulterated with 30% of buckwheat and chestnut coal with 30% of pea, and that together with the increased adulteration with slate and bone, the resulting gain to the operators on the basis of 1924 production would be more than \$18,000,000 a year. These additional millions are collected at the very time the operators are proclaiming over and over again their determination to protect the public against any rise in the price of anthracite.

Fifth. Under public regulation the properties of the companies and a fair return thereon are amply protected by constitutional provisions as interpreted by the courts, and so they should be. Those anthracite companies, therefore, that are ready to stand for fair prices and fair practices have nothing to fear from public regulation. We know that public regulation has helped and not hindered public service corporations that deal fairly with the public. Opposition to this measure, therefore, is likely to come only from those who desire to exact extortionate prices, or who wish to perpetuate unfair trade practices.

Finally. Justice in a democracy after all must rest upon full publicity of all the facts. All the facts as to anthracite can be secured only from the investigation of a public tribunal. The best and easiest way toward the avoidance of industrial disputes through industrial co-operation and mutual understanding is by the means of fact-finding public tribunals.

Tells of Miners' Position.

Without public intervention we cannot expect in the future such prompt and reasonable settlements of disputes in the anthracite field as will avoid the suffering and loss to the public which are so widespread today and of which we have had so much experience before. In the present dispute the miners, in order to reach a settlement, have made very substantial concessions from their original position, and have shown themselves willing to waive any increase of wages unless such increase can be granted without raising the price of coal to the public.

Asserts It Is Rule or Ruin Policy.

The operators, on the contrary, have refused to make any important concession whatever from their original position. Their attitude is in effect that the strike must be settled upon their own terms, or the public must take the consequences. No clearer illustration of the rule-or-ruin policy could be presented. To speak with moderation, the operators have left the welfare of the public wholly out of account.

During the last decade and more the operators have pushed over upon the public not only all of their increased labor costs, and all of their increased cost of supplies, but they have also helped themselves to substantial portions of the consumer's dollar for increased margins to themselves.

The information we have as to the dividends paid by these companies fully justifies the conclusion that the profits of some at least of the anthracite companies are exorbitant and extortionate as compared with profits in other industries.

For example, the Lehigh Valley Coal Company paid dividends of about 25% in 1917, 21% in 1918, 8.5% in 1919, 134% in 1920, 72% in 1921, 21% in 1922, 73% in 1923, 23% in 1924—a total of 377.5% in eight years or an average of 47% a year. Coxe Brothers & Co. in 1920 paid a dividend of 91.7%, and this was before the high margin of later months. In the three years previous to 1920, this company paid dividends of 9%, 10% and 24.5%, respectively. In 1921 its dividends were 83%. The Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company paid dividends on common stock previously outstanding at the rate of 13% per annum from December 30, 1909, to June 30, 1921. In 1922 it paid 42%, and in 1923, 192%. On March 1, 1924, it paid a dividend of 40%. On April 1, 1924, a stock dividend of 200%, consisting of one share of common and one share of preferred was paid to each share of capital stock outstanding.

The Pennsylvania Coal Company paid dividends of 59% in 1920, 137% in 1921 and 168% in 1922. The Hillside Coal and Iron Company paid 70% in 1920, 205% in 1921 and 190% in 1922. Reports of dividends for 1925 have been strangely impossible to find. Trade journals which published fully the reports of previous years are this year wholly without information.

Worth In Tons of Coal.

How much the dividends of these companies amount to per ton of coal mined is worth noting. Taking 1921 for illustration, we find that the dividend of 137% of the Pennsylvania Company amounted to \$1.37 per ton, the dividends of 205% of the Hillside Coal and Iron Company to \$1.51 per ton, the dividends of 72% of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company to \$1.03 per ton, the dividend of 83% by Coxe Brothers and Company to \$1.52 per ton, the dividend of 226.5% by the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Company amounted to \$4.10 a ton.

What are fair dividends and what is a fair price for anthracite? A public tribunal after full investigation of all the facts can and should find out and let the public know.

Of importance second only to price is the question of service. The service given by anthracite producers to retailers in times of shortages of supply determines the sort of service retailers can give the consumers. Public regulation can set up standards of service for this natural monopoly comparable to those set up for other public utilities.

Protection of the people requires regulation of the anthracite producing industry. Such regulation, even if not at the beginning under ideally perfect conditions, would be infinitely better than the present condition of no regulation at all. It would be foolish to refrain from supply determines the sort of service retailers can give the consumer taking a real step in advance merely because that step could not yield at once all the returns for which we may ultimately hope.

Only Way to Get Relief.

Moreover, public regulation offers the only practical promise of relief. If we refuse it we must either forego all hope of relief or pass beyond regulation to the next step. If public regulation fails the next popular demand will be for something far more drastic. I advocate regulation, and one of the reasons why I do is because regulation offers the best means of resisting the pressure of those who demand steps far more vigorous.

When all is said, the essential fact remains that if the bill for public regulation which I advocate had been law last summer the present strike would never have taken place. While reasons of various other sorts have been given in plenty, from first to last the true reason why this strike has not been settled lies in the refusal of the operators to open their books so that the miners and the public might cease to guess about the profits and the justice of the present wage, and reason from officially ascertained facts instead.

The miners said "We want more wages!" The operators said, "We cannot pay them." The miners said, "Show us your books!" The operators said, "We refuse!" The public has been paying the price of that refusal ever since.

Under public regulation the secrecy which is the heart of the present strike and of every other strike of recent years in the anthracite region, would be impossible.

To declare anthracite a public utility and subject it to public regulation in Pennsylvania will go far to protect the users of anthracite in this Commonwealth. But if the users outside of Pennsylvania are likewise to be protected, and there are six of them to one of us, something more is required. As things stand now, no State can exercise control over interstate trade in anthracite. It can do so only under a compact with Pennsylvania, when approved by Congress. That is why I ask for authority to negotiate such a compact with other States under Section 10 Article I of the Constitution of the United States. Under such a compact the legitimate interests of those who buy anthracite can be protected against extortion. It is of prime importance to safeguard our markets in this way, and there is no other legal method known to me by which it can be done.

There is to my knowledge no other monopoly in America so defiant of public opinion, so scornful of the public interest, so utterly unaffected by the progress of modern industrial thought as the anthracite monopoly. Its central idea is that the anthracite business is exclusively its own business. It holds that any consideration of the public interest is an impertinence, and it proposes to do as it likes with anthracite without reference to the welfare of the 40,000,000 Americans who have been taught to depend upon it.

In my opinion the time has come to take the anthracite monopoly in hand and to show it that in a contest of power the people of this Commonwealth are stronger than any hard-boiled monopoly whatsoever. In dealing with anthracite, as in dealing with gas, electricity and transportation, the men who have so long defied the interests of the people should be made to recognize that in Pennsylvania the public good comes first.

S. D. Warriner of Anthracite Operators in Answer to Gov. Pinchot Disputes Latter's Figures of Profits.

In answer to the allegations made by Gov. Pinchot on Feb. 6 regarding the profits of the anthracite operators,

Samuel D. Warriner, Chairman of the Anthracite Operators Conference and President of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, issued on Feb. 8 a statement in which he described the Governor's statement as "a mass of misrepresentation, half truths, and distorted economic reasoning." Referring to the huge dividend payments of coal companies which figured in the Governor's statement, Mr. Warriner says:

He does not say that for years no dividends were paid by these companies and that every dollar earned was put back into lands, plant, and equipment. He does not say that the present value of these properties is many times their original capital. To make the misrepresentation worse, he does not say that the abnormal dividends paid by a few companies were the result of distribution of surplus and made prior to segregation of coal companies from railroad companies under decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States.

The Governor's statement appears under another head in this issue. Mr. Warriner's reply follows:

The most casual reader must naturally question the sincerity of the Governor's statement on the anthracite industry, coming as it does immediately following his interview with Mr. Lewis and coincidentally with the launching of the miners' campaign for his candidacy for the United States Senatorship. To those who are acquainted with the facts, however, the statement is a mass of misrepresentation, half truths and distorted economic reasoning.

In an attempt to justify his demand that the anthracite industry be placed under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission, the Governor has accused the industry of malpractice, citing as an instance that the operators have mulcted the public of \$18,000,000 by a change made last spring in its standards of preparation. No statement could be further from the truth. As a matter of fact, the industry received less per ton for its product after standardization than it did before. Instead of resulting in a gain of \$18,000,000 as charged by the Governor, the realization on the same tonnage as 1924, at the prices received by the operators after the standardization took effect, would have amounted to \$7,500,000 less than was actually realized for the 1924 production.

The Governor gives figures of earnings of the more prosperous coal companies and attempts to show inordinate profits in certain years based on percentage on capital and on profits per ton. He does not say that his figures represent an investment of 50 or more years ago. He does not say that for years no dividends were paid by these companies and that every dollar earned was put back into lands, plant and equipment. He does not say that the present value of these properties is many times their original capital. To make the misrepresentation worse, he does not say that the abnormal dividends paid by a few companies were the result of distribution of surplus and made prior to segregation of coal companies from railroad companies under decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States.

The Governor must have been acquainted with the figures that have been made public recently by the United States Treasury Department in answer to Senate resolution No. 99, which showed that out of 139 anthracite producing companies, 47 earned net income amounting to approximately \$28,000,000 in 1924, while 92 companies suffered losses amounting to approximately \$7,000,000, the net result for the industry being a net income of about \$21,000,000, or less than 3% on the valuation of the anthracite industry as given by the United States Coal Commission.

The Governor quotes the miners as saying: "Show us your books," and the operators as saying: "We refuse." That statement, as far as the operators are concerned, is absolutely untrue. The public records of the present strike controversy, with which the Governor must be familiar, shows that the operators from the very first have repeatedly offered to show their books and to present to any arbitration body all the facts necessary to a proper determination of the matters in controversy.

Finally, the Governor says that "under regulation strikes will be far less frequent than they have been in the past." Industrial history of public utilities does not indicate that because of regulation by a public service commission strikes of employees have been prevented.

The partisan attitude which the Governor has assumed from the start has obstructed the settlement of the strike, and the responsibility for its continuance must in large measure be charged to him.

World Miners Seek U. S. in Coal Production Pact—Surplus in Europe Threatens Drastic Price Cut or Sharp Curtailment.

An effort will be made, it was learned tonight, to associate the United States, which is described by Frank Hodges, of the International Miners' Federation, as "the greatest potential disturber of the world's coal industry," in a world-wide coal production agreement, says a copyright cablegram from Geneva, Feb. 7, to the New York "Herald-Tribune," which goes on to say:

A move in this direction will be made by the executive committee of the International Miners' Federation at the coming economic conference to be held here, probably in October, under the auspices of the League of Nations.

Confronted with what is described as a "desperately critical" situation, European miners have decided to seek a radical solution of their difficulties at this conference. With a glut in the market, due to the accumulation of coal in the Ruhr and elsewhere, the industry in continental Europe faces the alternative of a drastic price-cut or a sharp curtailment in production.

Several plans have been suggested to meet this situation, the most radical of which is an international agreement to regulate the output all over the world. The benefits arising from a European agreement could not be consolidated, it is said, in support of the effort to obtain American co-operation, unless the United States came into some international arrangement.

**Foreign Holdings of United States Steel Corporation
Common Shows Further Decrease.**

According to the figures for Dec. 31 1925, just made available, foreign holdings of preferred shares of U. S. Steel Corporation show a slight increase over last year, while on the other hand, a large decrease is reported in the holdings of common shares. On Dec. 31 1925 the holdings abroad of preferred stock totaled 113,843 shares, which compares with 112,679 shares as of Sept. 30 1925 and with 111,800 shares on June 30 1925. Preferred stock held abroad as of Dec. 31 1924 totaled 111,759 shares and on Dec. 31 1923 113,155 shares. Foreign holdings of common shares, which on June 30 1925 stood at 127,335 shares and on Sept. 30 1925 at 127,078, on Dec. 31 1925 was down to 119,414 shares. On Dec. 31 1924 foreign holdings of common stock stood at 198,010 shares and for the corresponding date 1923 at 203,109 shares. Contrasted with the period before the war, the shrinkage in these foreign holdings is, of course, very striking. While the foreign holdings of common now, as stated, amount to only 119,414 shares, on March 31 1914 (eleven years ago) aggregated no less than 1,285,636 shares, and the preferred holding abroad, which at present totals 113,843 shares, on March 31 1914 stood at 312,311 shares. Below we furnish a detailed statement of the foreign holdings at various dates since Dec. 31 1914 to the latest time:

FOREIGN HOLDINGS OF SHARES OF U. S. STEEL CORPORATION.

Common Stock—	Dec. 31 1925.	Dec. 31 1924.	Dec. 31 1923.	Dec. 31 1922.	Dec. 31 1921.	Dec. 31 1920.	Dec. 31 1914.
Africa	125	139	190	135	116	73	2
Algeria	—	—	—	—	—	—	340
Argentina	—	45	90	77	87	76	8
Australia	121	120	107	104	96	86	3
Austria	2,364	2,080	1,636	2,472	4,438	3,049	690
Belgium	2,388	2,346	2,318	2,214	2,279	2,264	3,509
Bermuda	200	196	191	190	124	97	46
Brazil	126	162	142	143	144	79	18
British India	—	—	—	—	—	—	17
Bulgaria	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Canada	23,966	22,838	23,422	24,948	30,885	31,311	54,259
Central America	322	243	226	75	56	34	382
Chile	165	230	209	187	174	145	3
China	46	141	172	76	179	119	13
Colombia	1	1	1	1	7	—	—
Denmark	26	26	26	16	16	16	—
Ecuador	2	2	2	2	2	—	—
Egypt	—	—	60	60	60	60	—
England	26,217	100,689	101,118	160,876	167,752	159,613	710,621
Finland	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
France	9,990	10,921	11,203	10,499	13,210	13,939	64,537
Germany	632	520	291	1,281	1,395	1,015	2,654
Gibraltar	—	—	—	—	—	—	100
Greece	—	5	5	5	5	5	—
Holland	40,285	45,606	51,054	48,827	50,741	73,891	342,645
India	147	93	127	106	70	60	—
Ireland	184	228	399	353	356	256	2,991
Italy	386	461	317	273	274	269	146
Japan	23	19	66	62	56	55	5
Java	—	11	15	41	28	16	—
Luxembourg	1	1	1	21	1	1	—
Malta	40	40	40	40	40	40	75
Mexico	211	225	340	338	320	125	300
Norway	60	60	60	60	65	65	70
Peru	—	5	33	20	14	6	—
Poland	405	503	3	—	—	—	—
Portugal	—	—	—	—	—	—	190
Rumania	7	8	8	8	8	5	—
Russia	3	3	8	14	8	—	10
Scotland	2,781	2,489	2,199	2,197	797	103	4,203
Serbia	8	8	8	8	8	8	—
Spain	642	561	232	340	330	302	1,225
Sweden	157	104	178	165	31	14	1
Switzerland	3,409	2,793	2,473	1,980	2,180	1,860	1,470
Turkey	199	197	197	197	200	200	16
Uruguay	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Venezuela	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wales	—	—	—	—	—	33	623
West Indies	3,765	3,888	3,942	3,367	3,502	3,590	1,872
Total	119,414	198,010	203,109	261,768	280,026	292,835	119,306
Preferred Stock	339	89	116	47	47	67	53
Africa	—	—	—	—	—	—	75
Algeria	—	—	—	—	—	—	11
Argentina	15	15	15	15	15	15	—
Australia	90	90	113	113	123	123	484
Austria	422	428	28	—	4,770	2,566	2,086
Azores	120	120	120	120	120	120	—
Belgium	257	192	292	287	287	117	697
Bermuda	349	476	430	430	430	285	21
Brazil	174	168	36	29	23	20	31
British India	—	—	—	—	—	—	61
Canada	28,280	28,069	27,794	27,652	29,136	32,580	34,673
Central America	74	182	140	127	21	24	146
Chile	15	15	41	45	23	23	12
China	139	106	100	92	119	119	42
Colombia	5	5	5	5	16	4	—
Denmark	55	50	70	58	58	58	40
Egypt	—	—	—	—	—	—	140
England	44,693	45,444	46,513	54,201	54,282	31,306	174,906
France	16,317	14,170	15,644	15,675	17,036	18,649	36,749
Germany	1,134	1,374	1,101	4,131	4,152	4,142	3,252
Greece	5	5	5	5	5	5	33
Holland	10,210	10,616	10,742	9,150	9,555	13,935	29,000
India	302	302	290	325	323	305	—
Ireland	971	989	939	1,049	995	505	4,119
Italy	1,834	1,880	1,958	1,791	1,867	1,811	1,678
Japan	1	1	1	1	1	1	81
Luxembourg	23	23	23	23	23	23	—
Malta	50	50	50	50	50	50	405
Mexico	114	56	116	96	25	25	235
Morocco	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Norway	12	12	12	12	12	2	27
Poland	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peru	22	4	—	6	6	6	5
Portugal	—	—	—	—	—	—	120
Russia	15	15	15	15	26	14	43
Scotland	1,438	1,318	1,448	1,468	937	78	13,747
Serbia	—	—	—	—	—	—	230
Spain	877	975	1,065	1,148	1,160	1,270	432
Sweden	102	84	84	74	79	283	1,137
Switzerland	3,139	2,745	2,772	2,128	2,167	2,174	2,617
Turkey	105	105	115	115	115	100	1,068
Uruguay	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Venezuela	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wales	—	—	—	—	—	—	874
West Indies	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	113,843	111,759	113,155	121,308	128,818	111,436	309,457

COMMON.		PREFERRED.	
Date—	Shares. Per Cent.	Date—	Shares. Per Cent.
Mar. 31 1914	1,285,636 25.29	Mar. 31 1914	312,311 8.67
June 30 1914	1,274,247 25.07	June 30 1914	312,832 8.67
Dec. 31 1914	1,193,064 23.47	Dec. 31 1914	309,457 8.59
Mar. 31 1915	1,130,209 22.23	Mar. 31 1915	308,005 8.55
June 30 1915	957,587 18.84	June 30 1915	303,070 8.41
Sept. 30 1915	826,833 16.27	Sept. 30 1915	297,691 8.26
Dec. 31 1915	696,631 13.70	Dec. 31 1915	274,588 7.62
Mar. 31 1916	634,469 12.48	Mar. 31 1916	262,091 7.27
Sept. 30 1916	537,809 10.58	Sept. 30 1916	171,096 4.75
Dec. 31 1916	502,632 9.89	Dec. 31 1916	156,412 4.34
Mar. 31 1917	494,338 9.72	Mar. 31 1917	154,757 4.21
June 30 1917	481,342 9.45	June 30 1917	142,226 3.94
Sept. 30 1917	477,109 9.39	Sept. 30 1917	140,039 3.59
Dec. 31 1917	484,190 9.52	Dec. 31 1917	140,077 3.88
Mar. 31 1918	485,706 9.56	Mar. 31 1918	140,198 3.90
June 30 1918	491,464 9.66	June 30 1918	149,032 4.13
Sept. 30 1918	495,009 9.73	Sept. 30 1918	147,845 4.10
Dec. 31 1918	491,580 9.68	Dec. 31 1918	148,225 4.11
Mar. 31 1919	493,552 9.71	Mar. 31 1919	149,832 4.16
June 30 1919	465,434 9.15	June 30 1919	146,478 4.07
Sept. 30 1919	384,543 7.76	Sept. 30 1919	143,840 3.99
Dec. 31 1919	368,895 7.26	Dec. 31 1919	138,566 3.84
Mar. 31 1920	348,036 6.84	Mar. 31 1920	127,562 3.54
June 30 1920	342,567 6.74	June 30 1920	124,346 3.46
Sept. 30 1920	323,438 6.36	Sept. 30 1920	118,212 3.28
Dec. 31 1920	292,835 5.76	Dec. 31 1920	111,436 3.09
Mar. 31 1921	289,444 5.69	Mar. 31 1921	106,781 2.96
June 30 1921	288,749 5.68	June 30 1921	105,118 2.91
Sept. 30 1921	285,070 5.60	Sept. 30 1921	103,447 2.87
Dec. 31 1921	280,026 5.50	Dec. 31 1921	128,818 3.58
Mar. 31 1922	280,132 5.51	Mar. 31 1922	128,127 3.55
June 30 1922	275,096 5.41	June 30 1922	123,844 3.43
Sept. 30 1922	270,794 5.32	Sept. 30 1922	123,710 3.43
Dec. 31 1922	261,768 5.15	Dec. 31 1922	121,308 3.36
Mar. 29 1923	239,310 4.70	Mar. 29 1923	119,738 3.32
June 30 1923	207,041 4.07	June 30 1923	117,631 3.27
Sept. 30 1923	210,799 4.14	Sept. 30 1923	118,435 3.29
Dec. 31 1923	203,109 3.99	Dec. 31 1923	113,155 3.10
Mar. 31 1924	201,636 3.96	Mar. 31 1924	112,521 3.14
June 30 1924	203,059 3.99	June 30 1924	112,191 3.12
Sept. 30 1924	201,691 3.97	Sept. 30 1924	111,557 3.01
Dec. 31 1924	198,010 3.80	Dec. 31 1924	111,759 3.19
Mar. 31 1925	195,689 3.85	Mar. 31 1925	111,463 3.10
June 30 1925	127,335 2.50	June 30 1925	111,800 3.19
Sept. 30 1925	127,078 2.50	Sept. 30 1925	112,679 3.12
Dec. 31 1925	119,414 2.35	Dec. 31 1925	113,843 3.16

In the following table is shown the number of shares of the Steel Corporation distributed as between brokers and investors on Dec. 31 1925 and Dec. 31 1924:

	Dec. 31 1925.	Ratio.	Dec. 31 1924.	Ratio.
Common—				
Brokers, domestic and foreign	1,402,754	27.60	1,332,113	26.21
Investors, domestic and foreign	3,680,271	72.40	3,750,912	73.79
Preferred—				
Brokers, domestic and foreign	167,675	4.65	172,493	4.79
Investors, domestic and foreign	3,435,136	95.35	3,430,318	95.21

The following is of interest, as it shows the holdings of brokers and investors in New York State:

	Dec. 31 1925.	Ratio.	Dec. 31 1924.	Ratio.
Common—				
Brokers	1,327,288	26.11	1,189,461	23.40
Investors	1,178,278	23.18	1,156,940	22.76
Preferred—				
Brokers	141,763	3.93	145,173	4.03
Investors	1,489,501	41.34	1,511,183	41.94

Bills Before Pennsylvania Legislature for Solution of Coal Strike—J. L. Lewis Opposed to Arbitration by Legislature.

According to "Associated Press" advices from Harrisburg the Pennsylvania Legislature on Feb. 9, in seeking a way out of the maze of resolutions and bills before it for the solution of the anthracite problem swept most of them aside and started out anew. The accounts stated:

It was informed in a letter from John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers, read before a House committee by Representative Burd P. Evans, that the anthracite miners do not care to have the Legislature or any committee representing it act in the capacity of arbitrator in the present dispute.

At the same time Mr. Evans told the committee he had been notified by Major W. W. Inglis, Chairman of the Operators' Negotiating Committee, that he agreed absolutely and unqualifiedly to a plan proposed by the Representative for a State Mediation Commission to consist of United States Senators Pepper and Reed and former Governor Edwin S. Stuart.

The House attempted to deal with the situation directly by adopting a resolution proposing a joint session of both branches of the Legislature for next Tuesday to hear miners and operators and seek a way out. The Senate received the resolution and sent it to its Committee on Mines.

An effort to revive the bill backed by Governor Pinchot to make anthracite a public utility failed in the House, which also sent to committee a resolution of Representative George A. Hricko calling upon President Coolidge to intervene.

The House Mines Committee decided that in view of the action of the United States Senate today in adopting the resolution of Senator Copeland, calling for Presidential intervention, it would attempt to work out a solution of its own. Then it adjourned until tomorrow to give to a subcommittee of five opportunity to draft a single resolution for presentation to the General Committee.

On the 8th inst. a bill was reported by the Legislature's Senate Committee on Mines proposing control of the anthracite industry by a State Commission to be created in case of any shut-down continuing more than three months. The bill was introduced by Senator Charles Steele, of Northumberland County. As to its provisions the "Associated Press" stated:

The proposed commission, which would be known as the "Anthracite Coal Supply Commission," would be made up of the Lieutenant Governor, the State Auditor General and the State Secretary of Mines. It would automatically

regulate and control production of coal and its preparation for sale. The bill provides, however, that the commission would not assume actual management or control of the mines, which would remain in the hands of the original owners or operators.

Use of the state's police powers to bring about resumption of operations is proposed by the terms of the measure, which would authorize the commission to "order and direct" owners and operators to prepare their mines for work, to provide for payment of wages in effect at the time of the cessation of operations and to provide for the sale of coal "at a price not in excess of that prevailing prior to such suspension."

Provision for conciliating the differences between the miners and operators also is embodied in the bill. Both parties would be required to lay their contentions before the commission, which would within a year formulate a plan of settlement for submission to the employers and workers. Neither side would have the right to appeal to court from this decision.

Secretary Work Opens Public Hearings on Petroleum —750 Million Barrels of Oil Produced and Consumed in 1925.

The public hearings by the Federal Oil Conservation Board, held at Washington on Feb. 10 and 11 were opened by Secretary of the Interior, Herbert Work, who as Chairman of the Board spoke of the Board's work and the problems which confront the country incident to the conservation of the Nation's oil supply. Secretary Work indicated that our oil fields in 1925 yielded 750 million barrels of crude petroleum and that the consumption during the year reached the same figure, viz.: 750 million barrels; 10 billion gallons of gasoline were produced and 9 billion gallons were burned. "How long at this rate," he asked, "can we as a Nation maintain our equilibrium in manufacture? The hearings were arranged by the Board to enable representatives of the oil industry to be present and express their views relative to national petroleum conditions. Secretary Work stated that the two days would be devoted to hearing the industry's representatives, and that those desiring to submit lengthy arguments, statistical and other data, would be invited to render such extended views in writing within 10 days immediately following the public hearings. After the formal hearings have been completed, an opportunity will be given for limited discussion outside of the arranged program. It is the desire of the Board, the Chairman said, to hear from all schools of thought in the industry.

The full Board was present at the hearings, as was also the members of the Board's Advisory and Technical Committee, and the members of the Naval Oil Reserve Commission. Following the set addresses at each session, an "open forum" was permitted, but of such duration as not to interfere materially with the subsequent observance of the regular program. It was the intention of the chairman of the Board to ask former Secretary of State, Charles Evans Hughes, counsel for the American Petroleum Institute, to preside at one of the Board's sessions, but Mr. Hughes, by reason of previous engagements, was unable to be present at the hearings. It is likely, however, that if the hearings are reopened, Mr. Hughes will be accorded the courtesy originally determined on by the chairman.

On Jan. 30 Secretary Work made public correspondence which recently passed between the President's Oil Board and Mr. Hughes, who at the January annual meeting of the American Petroleum Institute in Los Angeles, California, was selected to represent the Institute before the Oil Board in connection with the Board's inquiry into national petroleum conditions. Secretary Work, in replying for the Oil Board to a suggestion by Mr. Hughes that the public hearings announced by the Board for Feb. 10 and 11 be postponed to a later date to enable a more comprehensive study by Mr. Hughes and the Institute, of petroleum conditions, stated the original dates for the open hearings would be adhered to, but that the Board would be willing to reopen the hearings at a later date to enable Mr. Hughes or others if interested to appear. Secretary Work said:

The Board appreciates Mr. Hughes' personal and official interest in the inquiry being conducted by the Government, and will be glad to accord every courtesy and consideration to the American Petroleum Institute. I am confident that the Board and the counsel for the Institute will be much more fully acquainted with actual conditions in the industry following the proposed open hearings, than is the case at present, and by appearing before the Board a month hence, and previous to consideration by the Board of its final report to the President and Congress.

Secretary of Commerce Hoover presided at the morning session Feb. 11 and Secretary of the Navy presided at the afternoon session that day. For the Feb. 10 sessions the following addresses were scheduled.

Amos L. Beaty, President, The Texas Co., New York City, on "The Opportunity for State Legislation in Aid of Oil Conservation."

W. C. Teagle, President, Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, New York City, "The Economic Use of Petroleum Products."

Henry L. Doherty, New York City, "Conservation of Oil and Gas by Control of Gas Pressure."

C. F. Kettering, President, General Motors Research Corp., Dayton, Ohio, on "How Soon We Can Expect More Ton-Miles to the Gallon."

George S. Davison, President, Gulf Refining Co., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, "Possible Changes in Refinery and Marketing Practices."

James O. Lewis, Consulting Petroleum Engineer, Tulsa, Oklahoma, "The Rejuvenation of Depleted Fields."

The evening session on the 10th was presided over by Secretary of War, Davis. The program was somewhat different from the morning and afternoon sessions, in that a motion picture was presented depicting the actual operation of vast oil fields in the United States and abroad.

The speakers scheduled for Feb. 11 were:

J. Edgar Pew, Vice-President, Sun Oil Co., Dallas, Texas, who discussed "The Oil Industry's Public Relations."

Thomas A. O'Donnell, Associated Oil Co., Los Angeles, California, "How Neighbors Should Co-operate."

Earl Oliver, Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Mark Requa, San Francisco, California, who spoke on "The Oil Industry's Opportunity."

L. V. Nicholas, President, National Petroleum Marketers Association, Chicago, "Whether the Consumer is Best Served by the Present System of Transportation and Distribution."

At the evening session on the 11th W. S. Farish, President of the American Petroleum Institute, presided and the regular meeting was preceded by a motion picture portraying various phases of the oil industry. Speeches were also planned by E. W. Marland, President, Marland Oil Co., Ponca City, Oklahoma; Karl C. Schuyler, Denver, Colorado; and R. H. Smith, the Oklahoma Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

Preliminary to the hearing an announcement by Secretary Work, said:

The Board has an open mind, the industry has willingly and fully responded to the Government's request for specific data relating to petroleum conditions. The views expressed are divergent, the statements supplied conflict in some instances, and the conclusions arrived at represent apparently two distinct schools of thought. The Board, however, is not inclined at this time to accept any of the expressions as conclusive, but rather is hopeful for further elucidation from those who may be willing to amplify or submit additional basic facts.

The Government is a large producer of petroleum, the custodian of great tracts of actual and potential oil lands, and the Government wishes to benefit, constructively and lastingly, by the facts to be eventually adduced from the present inquiry. At the same time the industry itself can perform a duty to its own pioneers and those executives who now control enormously valuable oil lands.

From the governmental inquiry much good may come to the Government and to the industry, and when this Board has rendered its report, based upon official and unofficial data, it wants to feel that it has performed a service not only for the industry but to the Nation as well. In the final analysis it is desired that all branches of the industry may feel they have been accorded full and free opportunity to present their 'side of the matter'. The hearings will be held in the office of the Secretary of the Interior, beginning at 11 a. m. and will be open to the public.

Speaking at the opening of the hearings on Feb. 10, Secretary Work, said:

The Federal Oil Conservation Board, in its inquiry into national petroleum conditions, is appreciative of the generous interest manifested and the helpful assistance rendered by the oil industry.

In extending you welcome, on behalf of the Government and members of this Board, I ask your indulgence a moment while I read a letter addressed to this Board by President Coolidge, under date of December 19, of last year. This communication sets forth somewhat in detail the purposes of this Board. In observing the course of action therein suggested, the Federal Oil Conservation Board—consisting of the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Secretary of the Interior—has sought to elicit fundamental facts, to work frankly, along practical lines, with every branch of the oil industry, to open up the way for a free exchange of views. Within the governmental sphere itself, the best information and advice has been sought from men and agencies whose contact with and knowledge of national petroleum conditions have been wide and practical.

The President in his letter to this Board, which many present doubtless are familiar stated:

"It is evident that the present methods of capturing our oil deposits is wasteful to an alarming degree in that it becomes impossible to conserve oil in the ground under our present leasing and royalty practices if a neighboring owner or lessee desires to gain possession of his deposits."

"Developing aircrafts indicate that our national defense must be supplemented, if not dominated, by aviation. It is even probable that the supremacy of nations may be determined by the possession of available petroleum and its products."

"I am advised that our current oil supply is kept up only by drilling many thousands of new wells each year, and that the failure to bring in producing wells for a two-year period, would slow down the wheels of industry and bring about serious industrial depression. The problem of a future shortage in fuel and lubricating oil, not to mention gasoline, must be avoided, or our manufacturing productivity will be curtailed to an extent not easily calculated."

"We are not today, however, facing an under supply of oil. The production of our 300,000 wells is in excess of our immediate requirements. That overproduction in itself encourages cheapness, which in turn leads to wastefulness and disregard of essential values. Oil, of which our resources are limited, is largely taking the place of coal, the supply of which seems to be unlimited, but coal can not take the place of oil in most of its higher uses, on land or sea or in the air."

"For the purpose of giving this responsibility of Government in all of its aspects the consideration it demands, I have constituted a Federal Oil Conservation Board consisting of the Secretaries of War, Navy, Interior, and Commerce, to study the Government's responsibilities and to enlist the full co-operation of representatives of the oil industry in the investigation. The Government itself is at present one of the largest lessors of oil lands, and the public domain still includes large undeveloped reserves of oil, so that the administration of oil resources is a practical question with the Department of the Interior."

I would express the desire that these conferences may be open and exhaustive. The oil industry itself might be permitted to determine its own future. That future might be left to the simple working of the law of supply and demand but for the patent fact that the oil industry's welfare is so intimately linked with the industrial prosperity and safety of the whole people, that Government and business can well join forces to work out this problem of practical conservation."

Last March I appointed a commission to advise me on the special subject of the best policy to insure the future supply of oil for the Navy. That Commission will continue to function in its limited field ad might to advantage sit with the Conservation Board in the conferences I expect will be between these four Secretaries directly concerned, and the outstanding producers of petroleum. Similarly, the members of the Conservation Board will call upon their technical advisers in the bureaus to contribute to the full

discussion of ways and means of safeguarding the national security through conservation of our oil."

For the past year this Board has been in intimate communication with the leaders of the oil industry, working in line with the President's thought that the Government and business might well join forces in coping with this practical petroleum problem which has assumed national proportions. Questionnaires asking specific data relating to production, refining, distribution, possible substitutes, manufacture and consumption of petroleum products were addressed to the heads of great oil corporations, to engineers, economists, oil technologists, to co-ordinated branches of the Government, in fact, to every one who seemingly was in a position to contribute to a full and complete survey and analysis of present petroleum conditions. Responses were prompt, informative, and co-operative.

In the crucial days of the World War, the American oil industry unselfishly responded to a nation's needs. The Government was appreciative then, and the Government is appreciative today of the fine spirit of co-operation in this comprehensive national survey which the Federal Oil Board has under way, and which may mean so much to posterity.

The story told by the industry to this Board, in its own language, in its own way, of its own problems, is enlightening and helpful. Together with the information gathered by the Government itself from its archives and from its own technicians at home and abroad, and to be presented here now, this Board will formulate its final report in response to the instructions contained in the President's letter.

In inviting you gentlemen to come to Washington at this time and present your individual views, the Board believed that, already having before it the written views of some two hundred of the country's ablest oil company executives, some of the speakers possibly could fill in or bridge some of the gaps in the virtually completed chain of evidence which is to furnish the foundation for the ultimate Government report.

The Federal Oil Board hopes for views of its guests concerning the present actual conditions of the industry; whether there is sound reason for presuming there is, or is not, an inexhaustible supply of petroleum in the United States, whether the industry and Government are, through haste and waste, squandering our natural resources; whether consumption and production are economically regulated; whether there is or may be practical substitutes at reasonable prices; whether present statutes should be repealed, liberalized, or made more restrictive in so far as they relate to public lands, pipe lines, common carriers, &c.; whether the oil industry itself forsee the day when it will be possible, through legal, co-operative, or other means, to restrict production and reduce consumption with a view to prolong the country's known and potential deposits of petroleum without seriously disturbing national economic conditions.

Some of these questions the industry debated fully and freely. Many of the constructive minds of the industry are inclined to the theory that the petroleum deposits of the country are being drawn upon too liberally; that the future is not considered in the avaricious scramble by the whole world for petroleum; that overproduction of crude oil is an outstanding fact that oil pools constantly and hurriedly are drilled far in excess of current needs.

In its capacity as the largest landowner, the Federal Government is committed to a policy of protection and practical conservation of the country's raw mineral materials, which, once exhausted, are irreplaceable, and to the protection of the public estate, the guidance of its development and natural resources. The promotion of the best use of these products of the national domain, constitute an obligation both sacred and inescapable.

All governments ever have been confronted with problems; some susceptible of solution, some beyond solving. In attempting to solve the problem of how best to deal, nationally, with present petroleum conditions, we are confronted with a natural mobile mineral product, of unknown distribution or volume. Since the first recorded production, more than 12 billion barrels petroleum have been taken from the earth. This vast deluge of oil has come from the virgin territory of the United States, Russia, and Mexico, with the United States producing about 70% of the entire volume.

The amount of petroleum now being taken from the public and Indian lands represents one-tenth of this country's annual petroleum recapture, a fact which suggests that the Government itself is no negligible factor in the current production of petroleum. At the present time there are outstanding 457 leases on Government oil and gas lands. These leases were made obligatory by the enactment five years ago by Congress of the general leasing law, and its administration was reposed in the Secretary of the Interior.

At the date of the passage of the leasing act, March 3 1921, there were approximately 1,000,000 acres of land in the Osage Reservation alone, unleased for oil, and to comply with this law, approximately 100,000 acres must be offered for lease annually, irrespective of the economic conditions of the oil industry or the necessities of the Indians.

It is unwise to attempt measures for the conservation and orderly development of the oil resources of the country, with mandatory provisions of law forcing a disregard of the best interests of the Indians, the general public, the oil producers, and the oil industry. We have twice asked Congress to repeal or modify this statute and to vest discretion and authority in the Department of the Interior.

The most productive areas of these Government oil and gas lands have passed, through the process of governmental lease, to the control of industrial leaders who have exploited and developed them with amazing thoroughness and speed, at a time, too, when petroleum production in this country was at a peak. The Government itself is not without blame in this exploitation.

The result is that in 1921, a trifle more than 2 million barrels of petroleum were produced from our Naval Reserves. Production from this same source increased steadily until 1924, when the peak of production was reached—13 million barrels for the year. Then, in 1925, a decline set in—a decline which registered a million barrel decrease for the year.

The same condition characterized the productivity of the Indian Oil Lands. In 1921, 30 million barrels were produced, and in 1923 came the peak, with 54 million barrels, which declined to 48 million barrels in 1925.

On the Public Domain, production figures tell the same story. In 1921 nearly 10 million barrels of petroleum were produced. The peak came in 1923, with a 36½ million barrel recovery. Again the decline, first in 1924, with a full million barrel decrease, then, in 1925, with a 7 million barrel decrease as compared with the 1923 production.

This is the story briefly, of the Federal Oil Lands.

What the potential wealth of the remaining unleased governmental acreage is, no one can prophesy with accuracy. With the richest units of these known mineral lands already under lease, explored, and largely drained, geologists are inclined toward the theory that the remaining unleased lands hold a relatively limited supply of the wealth already captured. What if this should prove to be true?

The oil industry is supplying the world with indispensable products in enormously expanding volume and value.

In the year 1883, there were drilled in this country approximately 2,800 wells, and in 1923 we drilled, not 28 hundred, but 28 thousand, and the cost of completing these wells was 600 million dollars.

The transportation systems of the civilized world now depend largely upon petroleum products. The automobile, the locomotive, the battleship, the factory, the home, have turned to oil.

Speaking in rounded terms, our oil fields in 1925 yielded 750 million barrels of crude petroleum, and the consumption was 750 million barrels. We produced 10 billion gallons of gasoline and burned up 9 billion gallons. This is a common ratio. From these figures it would seem that we are proceeding along much the same line as the man who earns \$100 a month and spends \$100 a month. How long, at this rate, can we, as a nation, maintain our equilibrium in manufacture? It seems a serious problem; one that should command at least reflection, if not indeed a decided hesitation, on the part of the Government and Industry, until a balance may be struck and stock taken, if only from a purely basic economic viewpoint.

I am informed that 24% of all the wells completed in the United States were dry and did not produce oil. Thirty-one States produce no crude oil. Ten additional States do not produce enough to meet their respective gasoline requirements. The three States of California, Texas, and Oklahoma, furnish 74% of the crude production of this country.

Out of 6,320 producers of petroleum in the country, 70 companies produced two-thirds of the total output and no single company produced as much as 7% of the total.

Is petroleum being judiciously and economically utilized nationally as a fuel, or is oil supplanting coal as a universal fuel?

The United States owns approximately 30,000,000 acres of coal lands with estimated coal deposits of more than 200 billion tons.

In a single year, the railroads of this country use approximately 50 million barrels of fuel oil; our merchant vessels consume another 50 or more million barrels; the United States Navy uses about 7 million barrels; electric light plants burn 15 million barrels; gas manufacturers use another 25 million barrels; while 140 million barrels additional are utilized by other industries, and the millions of barrels of oil which today are being used in connection with the nation-wide introduction into private homes of oil heating appliances, have never been computed. Gentlemen, the time of the Board, its sub-committee of technical advisors, and the facilities of the Department, all are at your disposal.

Midwest Regional Savings Conference in Kansas City March 4-5.

The Midwest Regional Savings Conference will be held in Kansas City on March 4 and 5. This conference is an annual affair, under the auspices of the Savings Bank Division of the American Bankers Association. The States in this conference are as follows: Arkansas, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Missouri, Arizona and Indiana. It is hoped to have an attendance of between five hundred and seven hundred delegates.

National Safe Deposit Convention May 7-8 in New York City.

The National Safe Deposit Convention will be held this year at the Hotel Roosevelt, New York City, on Friday and Saturday, May 7 and 8. It is expected that on Thursday, May 6, meetings of the National Safe Deposit Advisory Council and committees will be held. Visits to places of interest in New York City will be arranged for Thursday and Friday afternoons. The opening session of the convention proper will be held Friday morning at 9.30. The convention will be held under the auspices of the New York State Safe Deposit Association. The Committee of Arrangements consists of the following: Louis V. Ennis, President New York State Safe Deposit Association; Walter J. Barrows, Chairman Committee of Arrangements; H. T. Magruder, Chairman Program Committee.

Midwinter Trust Conference to Be Held at Waldorf-Astoria Feb. 17-18—Annual Banquet Trust Companies of United States Feb. 18.

The seventh Midwinter Trust Conference will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York, on Feb. 17 and 18. Edward J. Fox, Vice-President of the Trust Company Division of the American Bankers Association, and President of the Easton Trust Co. of Easton, Pa., will preside. Dramatic presentation of the work of trust companies in dealing with human problems will feature the conference. The sketch will illustrate how a trust company takes the financial and other detailed technical problems of settling and managing an estate off the hands of a widow untrained in such matters. The conference will consist of four regular sessions, to be held on Feb. 17 and 18. These will be supplemented by additional sessions on Feb. 19, for the further consideration of insurance trust agreements and business building methods and practices if called for. All sessions will be held in the Astor Gallery. On Feb. 17 they will continue from 10.30 a. m. to 12.30 p. m. and 2 p. m. to 5 p. m., and on Feb. 18 from 9.30 a. m. to 12.30 p. m. and 2 p. m. to 4.30 p. m. The program will consist of short addresses on a wide range of fiduciary matters and the open forum method will be followed throughout for a free discussion of subjects presented. At one o'clock each day there will be a luncheon. A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trust Company Division will be held during the week of the conference. W. S. McLucas, President Commerce Trust Co., Kan-

sas City, and Chairman of the committee, will preside. Meetings of several sub-committees will also be held.

The fifteenth annual banquet of the Trust Companies of the United States will be held in the Grand Ball Room of the Waldorf on the evening of Feb. 18 at 7.30 o'clock. A reception will be held in the Astor Gallery from 7 to 7.30. Francis H. Sisson, President of the Trust Company Division of the American Bankers Association and Vice-President of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, will preside at the banquet and will act as toastmaster. George H. Moses, United States Senator from New Hampshire, will be the chief speaker. Communications relative to the conference or banquet, or reservations for hotel, railroad or entertainment, should be addressed to Leroy A. Merston, Secretary, 110 East 42d Street, New York City.

Regional Savings Conferences in February and March.

Three regional savings conferences will be held during February and March under the auspices of the Savings Bank Division, of the American Bankers Association. The first will be at Portland, Ore., February 25 and 26. Representatives of middle west banks will gather in Kansas City, Mo., March 4 and 5, while there will be a southern meeting at Atlanta, Ga., March 11 and 12. Thomas F. Wallace, Treasurer Farmers and Mechanics Savings Bank, Minneapolis and President Savings Bank Division, will preside at all conferences. The object of the meetings is to present definite and detailed information on savings bank operations that can be applied by the institutions sending their representatives to the gatherings. Costs and improvements in mechanical facilities for handling savings accounts will be among questions discussed. At Portland departmental banking providing segregation of savings deposits from the other assets in commercial banks, as now called for by the Oregon state law, will be considered. A discussion of handling loans on soldier bonus certificates, which may be made in 1927, is scheduled, as well as protection of guileless savings depositors from the promoters of questionable investments. The continuous growth in time deposits and its effect upon the investment policies of savings funds are also to have a place on the programs, as well as forms and methods for figuring interest on savings accounts. John F. Daly, President of the Hibernia Loan and Savings Bank, of Portland, is chairman of the executive committee in charge of the Pacific regional conference, while Henry C. Brent, President of the Fidelity Savings Trust Company of Kansas City, Mo., is similarly identified with the mid-western meeting. Thomas I. Miller, Vice President of the Citizens and Southern Bank of Atlanta, is chairman of the southern regional conference.

C. B. Hazlewood Logical Candidate For Second Vice-President of A. B. A. at Los Angeles Convention.

The Executive Committee of the State Bank Division of the A. B. A. makes public the following, dated New Orleans Jan. 25.

According to the custom established at the Chicago convention seven years ago whereby the presidency of the American Bankers' Association goes alternately to representatives of the various divisions of the Association, the Second Vice-President to be elected this year will be a representative of the State Bank Division.

The Executive Committee of the State Bank Division at its mid-winter conference held in New Orleans last week made a careful canvass of the available candidates for this high honor, and reached the unanimous conclusion that Mr. C. B. Hazlewood, Vice-President of the Union Trust Company, Chicago—one of the organizers of and an ex-president of the State Bank Division—is the logical candidate who should be proposed for election at the Los Angeles convention.

In reaching this conclusion the Executive Committee of the Division expressed not only its own unanimous views but also relied on the expression of opinions of some of the former officials of the Division present at the meeting and the judgment of the membership at large, which has long looked upon Mr. Hazlewood as one of its ablest leaders.

Mr. Hazlewood is an outstandingly successful banker, who has contributed substantially to the constructive financial and commercial development of the country.

He has been active in various ways as a member of the Executive Council from Illinois, Chairman of the A. B. A. State Legislative Committee, Member of the Administrative Committee, the Economic Policy Commission, and other special committees.

He is also an ex-president of the Bankers Club of Chicago, and the Association of Reserve City Bankers.

Course in Retail Credit Practice at New York University School of Retailing.

A pamphlet has been issued describing a course in Retail Credit Practice which is being given at New York University School of Retailing by members of the Associated Retail Credit Men of New York City, Inc. The course opened at the second term of the night division on Feb. 1.

The lecturers in this course have been selected from a group of experienced credit managers in the retail field, the

purpose being to give the most practical instruction possible to the students. The Retail Credit Profession is occupying such an important position in the retail trade today that the course commands special interest.

Railway Taxes Increase 500% in Twenty Years.

"During the last twenty years, and also during the last ten years," says the "Railway Age," "the taxes of the railroads have increased more in proportion than any other form of their income or outgo. This is shown strikingly by the following statistics: In 1905 taxes consumed \$1 out of each \$35.47 of total earnings; in 1915, \$1 out of each \$21.55; and in 1925, \$1 out of each \$17.14. In 1905 the carriers paid \$1 in taxes for each \$23.69 of operating expenses; in 1915, for each \$15.17; in 1925, for each \$12.71. In 1905 they paid \$1 in taxes for each \$14.31 they paid in wages; in 1915, for each \$9.28; in 1925, for each \$8.06. In 1905 they paid \$1 in taxes for each \$14.31 net operating income they had available for interest and dividends; in 1915, for each \$5.13; and in 1925, for each \$3.14.

"Between 1905 and 1915 taxes increased from \$58,712,179 to \$133,276,330, or 127%, and in 1925 they were about \$360,000,000, or about 500% greater than twenty years before and 170% greater than ten years before."

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &c.

New York Stock Exchange membership were reported posted for transfer this week as follows: That of Caleb F. Fox to Richard P. Loasby for \$150,000; that of Edward W. Gould to Winton G. Rossiter for \$149,000; that of James P. Cahill to Enrico N. Stein for \$149,000; that of Jacob Field to Bernard E. Smith for \$149,000; that of Henry K. McHarg to Thomas C. Eastman for \$148,000; and that of Edward L. Worthington to David V. Morris for a nominal consideration. The last previous transaction was for \$145,000.

At a regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Lawyers Title and Guaranty Company of this city on Feb. 10, Joseph Bostwick and George P. Millard were appointed Assistant Secretaries of the company.

The Chase National Bank of this city and the Mechanics and Metals National Bank are to consolidate. Formal announcement of the event was made Thursday night by Albert H. Wiggin, Chairman and President of the Chase National, at his home, 630 Park Avenue. The directors of both institutions have approved the plan and it remains only for the stockholders, who meet on March 18, to give their ratification. The amalgamated bank is to be known as the Chase National Bank of the City of New York, and will be second in size to the National City Bank. The combined resources of the Chase National and the Mechanics and Metals on Dec. 31 were \$1,025,943,818, while the resources of the National City Bank were \$1,215,033,702. On that date the deposits were \$896,616,157, as against \$921,573,498 for the National City. Capital, surplus and undivided profits of the merging institutions were \$73,312,401, while the corresponding figure for the National City was \$115,032,497. Under the terms of the amalgamation, the capital surplus and undivided profits will be raised to \$79,000,000. Albert H. Wiggin will be Chairman of the board of directors in the new Chase National Bank. Gates W. McGarragh, Chairman of the board of the Mechanics and Metals, will become chairman of the executive committee. John McHugh, President of the Mechanics and Metals, will be President of the consolidated bank. The main office will continue to be at 57 Broadway, the building now occupied by the Chase National. The present offices of the Mechanics and Metals, at 20 Nassau Street, will be a branch.

The terms of the amalgamation were approved by the directors of the Chase on Wednesday and by those of the Mechanics and Metals on Wednesday. The Chase National Bank and its subsidiary, the Chase Securities Corporation, are to increase their capital stock from 200,000 to 400,000 shares. Of this increase 100,000 of the additional shares of each institution are to be issued to the shareholders of the Mechanics and Metals Bank in the form of Bankers' Trust Company receipts, representing an equal number of shares in the Chase National Bank and the Chase Securities Corporation. The remainder of the additional shares will be offered pro rata to the present holders of Bankers' Trust Company receipts for shares of the two institutions on the basis of \$105 for a share of the bank and a share of the securities corporation, \$100 of which will be received by the bank and \$5 of which will be received by the securities corporation.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the National City Bank of New York this week, the resignation of Paul Grosjean as a Vice-President of the bank was accepted with regret.

Gayer G. Dominick, of the firm of Dominick & Dominick, has been elected a member of the Executive Committee of the Bank of America of this city.

Norborne P. Gatling, Vice-President of the Chatham-Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. of New York, has left for Pinehurst for a two weeks' vacation.

C. J. Stephenson has been made First Agent in New York City of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, to succeed S. H. Logan, who was recently made General Manager of the bank, in Toronto. John Morton has been appointed Second Agent, P. H. Powers, Third Agent, and N. J. H. Hodson, Assistant Agent.

Herman Klein has been appointed head of the Travel Department of the Trade Bank of New York.

W. Kingsland Macy has been elected a member of the board of trustees of the Seamen's Bank for Savings of this city. Mr. Macy is a member of the well-known family of that name which has been identified with the institution for many years. He is a son of George H. Macy, who became a member of the board of trustees in 1885 and served as Vice-President from 1906 until the date of his death in 1918. The first member of the family identified with the institution was William H. Macy, who became a member of the board in 1848 and served as President from 1863 to 1867, and, having been re-elected to that office in 1872, served until his death in 1887. V. Everit Macy, a member of the same family, is also a trustee of the institution.

The stockholders of the Bank of Rockville Centre Trust Co. of Rockville Centre, L. I., on Jan. 15 approved plans to increase the capital from \$100,000 to \$200,000. The new shares are being offered to stockholders at \$100 a share pro rata. Stockholders have until Feb. 15 to make payment. The stock of the bank is on a 20% dividend basis. The increased capital will become effective Feb. 15, when the capital, surplus and profits will be \$400,000.

Officers for the new Eastside National Bank of Paterson, N. J., were selected recently and twelve directors appointed to hold office until the next annual meeting of the institution. The officers are J. Barclay Cooke, President; Alfred W. Greenwood, Vice-President and Acting Cashier; Joseph V. Bergin, M. D., Vice-President. The directors are:

Louis F. Auger, National Silk Dyeing Co.; Leonard J. Tynan, Counsellor-at-Law; J. Barclay Cooke, President Paterson Bridge Co.; Whitfield W. Smith, President First National Bank; Thomas Hand, silk manufacturer; Frank Strehl, druggist; David Fullerton, of D. Fullerton & Co.; Senator Henry A. Williams, Attorney-at-Law; Frederick D. Bogert, Cashier First National Bank; Joseph V. Bergin, physician; Alfred W. Greenwood, stocks and bonds; William Giger, Archbold-Giger Co.

The capital of the Eastside National Bank is \$200,000 and its surplus account \$50,000.

Richard J. Scoles, President of the Passaic National Bank & Trust Co., died suddenly on Feb. 7 in the Passaic General Hospital. Mr. Scoles had undergone a slight operation the previous week, and his death resulted from hemorrhages. Mr. Scoles, who was in his 59th year, was born in Millbrook, N. Y. Locating in Westfield, he became connected with the Bank of Westfield in Westfield, N. J. From there he went to Passaic with Brigadier-General Bird W. Spencer and became Vice-President of the Peoples Bank & Trust Co. Later he was made President of the Passaic Trust & Safe Deposit Co. With the death of Charles M. Howe, Mr. Scoles was elected President of the Passaic National Bank, and he became head of the consolidated institution in 1922.

The new Pacific Avenue National Bank of Atlantic City, N. J., will open for business about March 15 1926 at Mount Vernon and Pacific avenues. Herbert W. Hemphill, Vice-President of the Marine Trust Co., has been elected President of the new bank, which has a capital of \$200,000, and surplus of \$50,000. The stock, in shares of \$100, is being placed at \$125 per share. The bank's organization was completed Feb. 5. Victor S. Fisher is Vice-President.

Stockholders of the Atlantic National Bank of Boston on Feb. 1 voted approval of the issuance of 10,000 shares of new stock, to be sold at \$200 each, which will bring the institution's capital up to \$6,000,000 and its surplus and

undivided profits to approximately \$5,000,000. The proposed increase, in connection with the bank's taking over of the Massachusetts Trust Co., was referred to in these columns in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 12 last.

The Security Trust Co. of Rochester, N. Y., has completed the remodeling of its main banking room and is occupying the seven-story building adjoining, which was formerly the Post-Express Building. The latter, which was acquired by the trust company in March 1923, has also been completely remodeled; both buildings are strictly fireproof. The growth of the trust department, established in 1901, necessitated the acquiring of the adjoining building—seven stories and basement. Two of the floors and part of another are occupied by the trust department. The building has a river frontage on the west and street frontage on the east, which will always assure abundance of daylight and excellent ventilation. A large safe deposit vault is located on the ground floor with spacious customers' space and coupon rooms adjoining. Pictures of the trust company's quarters featured the gravure section of the Rochester "Democrat and Chronicle" of Jan. 31. The company began business on Nov. 17 1892 with a capital stock of \$200,000 and deposits of \$148,569. On Jan. 1 1926 the assets of the banking department were \$35,026,836, in addition to which the total assets of the trust department were \$68,444,280, a total in excess of \$100,000,000, with a capital of \$300,000, surplus in banking department, \$1,698,204, and an additional surplus in the trust department of \$963,127.

John W. Frank has been appointed Assistant Cashier of the Union National Bank of Philadelphia, Pa.

Allard Smith, Vice-President of the Union Trust Co. of Cleveland, addressed the Cleveland Retail Credit Men's Association at their annual dinner at the Hotel Cleveland on Feb. 3. Mr. Smith's subject was "Cleveland as an Industrial City—To-day and To-morrow."

Oliver S. Bond, dean of Toledo bankers, died at his home in that city on Jan. 16 in his ninety-fifth year. Up to Jan. 1 last Mr. Bond was Chairman of the Board of the Merchants Savings Bank & Trust Co. (until recent years known as the Merchants & Clerks Savings Bank), which he had founded. On that date his institution was consolidated with the Security Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Toledo, and a few days previous to his death Mr. Bond was elected a director of the new institution. The Toledo "Blade" of Jan. 16, in reviewing the late banker's career, said in part:

Mr. Bond was not only one of Toledo's oldest, but one of its best-known citizens. No history of Toledo banking could be complete without a record of the part he played in its development.

Born on his father's farm near Richmond, Ind., June 28 1831, Mr. Bond came to Toledo in 1856 and had been a resident of this city since, building up one of its strong-financial institutions, the Merchants & Clerks Savings Bank.

Mr. Bond received his early education in the district schools of Indiana, supplementing this training with two terms of study in the Whitewater College. Mr. Bond, after serving as Clerk in the Quaker Meeting House in his home town, left to seek his fortune at the age of nineteen. He went to Peru, Ind., where he became a clerk, selling to early settlers and the Miami Indian tribe.

In 1854 Mr. Bond left what was then the western frontier and went to New York City. He spent two years in the metropolis in the wholesale dry goods and notions business and traveled extensively through the Western country.

The pioneer banker moved to Toledo in 1856 and for two years was a salesman and collector for the firm of Bell, Deveau & Co. On July 15 1858, with William B. Messinger, Mr. Bond opened the boot and shoe house of Messinger & Bond. During the twelve years that Mr. Bond operated this business, he became interested in banking as a director of the Northern National, now a part of the Toledo Trust Co. After selling his boot and shoe business, he was elected Vice-President of the Northern. He then developed the plan to build his own banking institution. In 1871 the Merchants & Clerks bank was born. The bank, with Mr. Bond as Treasurer, was opened in a small room in the rear of 99 Summit Street.

Toledo then was a city of 30,000. Sound and conservative policy won friends for the bank. The panic of 1873 proved a test of the bank's strength and it came through unscathed. The bank then took a larger room at 78 Summit Street, having increased its deposits to more than \$200,000. In 1888 Mr. Bond was elected President of the institution.

In 1891 the building at 338 Summit Street was purchased. The bank moved into its new quarters in the fall of 1891, opening a commercial department. Through the panic of 1893 the bank passed with flying colors.

For the fifth time in 25 years the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit, Mich., has outgrown its quarters and plans are nearly completed to enlarge its building two and one-half times by an addition of 100 feet to the present quarters. The new home of the company will be one of the largest banking institutions in the city and will have 64,000 square feet of floor space. The building will be of limestone, with bronze windows and will have a row of eight monolithic columns 40 feet high along the front. Upon entering the

building one will find a room 140 feet long by 100 feet deep. On each side of the room will be a marble railing behind which the officers will have desks. In the centre will be an ornamental marble stairway giving access to the safe deposit boxes. At the rear will be another marble stairway leading to the mezzanine floor, which will be occupied by the mailing and bond departments, switchboard and library. Large vaults will extend from the basement to the mezzanine. The corporation, mortgage, stock transfer and insurance departments will be located on the second floor, as will the directors' and special meeting rooms. The third floor will have unassigned space, bookkeeping, auditing, trust accounting and other departments. When the company began business in 1901, there were four employees. Its first piece of business was to act as trustee for an issue of bonds secured by four steamships built to operate from Chicago to the Atlantic by way of the Welland Canal and the St. Lawrence River. Constant growth necessitated larger quarters and the company in 1915 erected a building for its exclusive use. Now the present building is inadequate to accommodate its expanding business and the fifth home of the company will be erected during this, the 25th anniversary year. The growth of invested capital has been from \$1,000,000 in 1901 to \$7,800,000 in 1926. Unusual interest centres in the location, which is part of the old English fort erected in 1778, as a defensive against the Americans. It was subsequently called Fort Shelby, in honor of Governor Isaac Shelby of Kentucky, and was demolished in 1826. The evacuation of the fort by the British at 12 o'clock noon, June 11 1796, was the closing act of the War of Independence. On that day the American flag was for the first time raised over the soil, all of which was then known as the Eastern Territory, becoming at that time part of the Federal Union. Timbers from the fort, it is said, were discovered in excavating for the present building of the Detroit Trust Co. The Detroit Trust Co. announces the appointment of William J. Thomas Jr., formerly Auditor of the institution, as Treasurer, to succeed the late F. J. Wixson, whose sudden death occurred recently.

Fred A. Wixson, Treasurer of the Detroit Trust Co., Detroit, died suddenly of heart disease at the 25th anniversary dinner of the institution in the Book-Cadillac Hotel, on the evening of Jan. 30. Mr. Wixson had spoken briefly about his long association with the company, had been tendered hearty applause at the close of his remarks, and was seated listening to one of the other speakers when he collapsed. He was born in New York State Feb. 6 1868, and went to Detroit in 1894. When the Detroit Trust Co. began business in 1901, Mr. Wixson entered its employ and had been with the institution continuously since that time. In Aug. 1919 he was elected Treasurer. He was a member of the Detroit Board of Commerce, Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

George W. Curtiss, President of the Dime Savings & Trust Co. of Peoria, Ill., died of heart disease on Feb. 5, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Peoria on that date appearing in the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of Feb. 6. Mr. Curtiss was 77 years of age.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Continental & Commercial National Bank, Chicago, held on Feb. 2, \$5,000,000 was taken from undivided profits and added to surplus. Accordingly, capital remains the same, \$25,000,000, surplus is increased from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000, and the undivided profits item is something over \$2,000,000.

The death of Louis Rathje, President of the Chicago City Bank & Trust Co. on Feb. 10 was announced in a special dispatch from Chicago on that day to the New York "Times." Mr. Rathje, who was 70 years of age, had been ill for several weeks. He had been President of the City Bank & Trust Co. since the foundation of the institution in 1893.

A. G. Wells, Vice-President of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, has been elected a director of the Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, according to a press dispatch from that city printed in the "Wall Street Journal," of Feb. 9.

The officers and directors of the Second War Securities Co. of Milwaukee announce the opening of a real estate loan department in charge of William H. Bennett, formerly of Hackett, Hoff & Thierman, Inc. This department will be

organized to handle conservative first mortgage loans and bond issues on all types of real estate.

On Feb. 3 the board of directors of the Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis, elected James A. Weaver, Dan W. Jones and J. Gates Williams, formerly Assistant Secretaries of the bank, Vice-Presidents, and appointed Edgar L. Roy Assistant Bond Officer, while continuing his duties as Sales Manager. The following brief outline of the business careers of the promoted men is taken from the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of Feb. 4:

Vice-President Weaver began his business career with the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. 23 years ago. He steadily advanced to positions of greater importance and assumed the responsibility of chief clerk of the financial department. In 1918 he was elected Assistant Secretary and placed in charge of the bank personnel.

Jones, who is a son of Breckinridge Jones, Chairman of the Board, has been connected with the trust company since 1914, when he entered as a junior clerk following graduation from Centre College. During the World War, Jones was an Ensign in the United States Navy. Upon returning to the bank after the war, he worked in various departments, and was elected Assistant Secretary in 1920.

J. Gates Williams is one of the best known of the young business men in St. Louis. He is a native St. Louisan, and a son of the late Eugene F. Williams, one of the founders of the Hamilton Brown Shoe Co. and a director of the Mississippi Valley Trust Co.

Williams is a graduate of Princeton University, Class of 1918, and of the Harvard Law School. During the war he was an Ensign in the navy. He entered the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. in 1922 and served in various departments. In 1925 he was elected Assistant Secretary and became active in the new business department.

Edgar L. Roy, the new Assistant Bond Officer, has held the position of Sales Manager of the Bond Department for several years with marked success. He is a graduate of the St. Louis University School of Commerce and Finance. In 1919 he entered the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. as a bond salesman, and very early took the lead among the sales force in the volume of business obtained. His promotion to the official staff of the trust company came as a recognition of exceptional service. Roy will continue as formerly in charge of the sales division of the bond department.

Stockholders of Industrial Finance Corporation at their annual meeting at Norfolk, Va., on Feb. 8, re-elected all the old directors, and added to their number William L. Bertles, of the firm of Howe, Snow & Bertles, New York. At a special meeting held immediately afterwards, the stockholders, by a vote largely in excess of the necessary two-thirds, authorized the issue of a new 7% preferred stock to refund the present 6% preferred stock and fund the accumulated dividends thereon.

The annual meeting of the directors of the Southside Banking Co. of Birmingham, Ala.—an institution which began business about eighteen months ago—was held on Jan. 26 at which Walter Brower was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors, John W. Maynor, was elected President, and John D. Elliott, Vice-President and Cashier. It was voted at the meeting to change the name of the institution from the Southside Banking Co. to the South Side Bank, subject to the approval of the State Superintendent of Banks. Announcement was made that the institution will shortly move to its new home in the Pioneer Building at South 20th Street and Avenue C. The new quarters will contain up-to-date equipment, safety vaults and other banking accommodations. Since it started business the institution, it is understood, has been very successful.

The statement of condition of the Citizens Bank & Trust Co. of Tampa, Fla., at the close of business Dec. 31 1925 shows total resources of \$36,093,045 and deposits of \$33,677,799 and total capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$2,285,065. The increase in deposits from Dec. 31 1924 to Dec. 31 1925 was no less than \$18,351,011. The officers of the Citizens Bank & Trust Co. are as follows: Dr. Louis A. Bize, President; W. W. Trice, Vice-President and Trust Officer; D. H. Laney, Vice-President and Cashier; Isaac Maas, D. C. Gillett, L. L. Buchanan, Vice-Presidents; C. E. Hester, Assistant Cashier and Credit Manager; W. W. Blount, John T. Bize, R. W. Clapp, D. B. Renfro, Ashby Gibbons and S. W. McCord, Assistant Cashiers; A. M. Edwards, Auditor, and K. M. Kruse, Contact Man. The following Florida banks are associated institutions of the Citizens Bank & Trust Co.: Franklin Bank, Tampa; First Bank of Port Tampa City; Bank of Ybor City, Bradentown Bank & Trust Co., Bank of Pasco County, Dade City; First State Bank, Fort Meade; Bank of Fort Myers & Trust Co., First National Bank of St. Petersburg, First Bank & Trust Co., Sarasota; Bank of Plant City and Citizens Nebraska Avenue Bank, Tampa. The combined resources of these institutions, including the Citizens Bank & Trust Co. stand at \$72,881,518.

In giving his views of Florida in a discussion of the State, which appeared in the New York "Sun" of Jan. 2,

Dr. Louis A. Bize, the President of the Citizens Bank & Trust Co., and also President of the Tampa "Morning Tribune," said:

When asked the question as to the permanency of Florida's prosperity, the solidity of its growth, there can be but one answer. Florida will be prosperous, Florida will grow and develop, as long as it retains its natural advantages—and they are certainly permanent and abiding. Climate and location—the only place in the Union, within convenient reach of the great masses of the population, where one may live in comfort the year round, where one may escape the rigors of winter, where one may enjoy the great outdoors every day of the year.

Productivity—a soil which is the nation's sole source of convenient supply of winter fruits and early vegetables, which is capable of growing every product known to the Temperate or Tropic zone, which holds the world's available supply of phosphate, its waters teeming with edible fish, its forest products practically unlimited—and with only 7% of its land under cultivation.

Attractions—its far famed resorts stretching along Gulf and Atlantic coasts and throughout a picturesque interior, with every opportunity and facility for winter sports on land and water, accommodations to please both the rich and the poor, where the man of moderate means may share equally with the millionaire the benefits and joys of the world's greatest pleasure ground, and where those who come to work rather than to play may find everything conducive to the making of a living under the most favorable circumstances and with the least exertion and deprivation.

These are Florida's advantages—and they will always be here. As long as people seek an inviting place to play or work, as long as Florida has its sunshine, its fruit and flowers, its soil and location, just so long will people and money come to it, and just so long will it prosper and progress.

Within the past two years advertising has given Florida the impetus which is evident throughout the State to-day. The coming of men of national note and great wealth, controlling spirits of big business and big capital, to this State, and their large investments here, naturally aroused nation-wide interest. The general public said there must be something out of the ordinary in Florida to attract men and interests of such importance. Added to this was Florida's very wise action in the matter of taxation—the demonstration given of the State's conservatism in the prohibition by popular vote and constitutional amendment of the objectionable income and inheritance taxes. This gave the whole country a most favorable impression of Florida. "Here is a State," said the people, "which does not propose to burden its citizens with unnecessary taxation." This appealed not only to the rich but to those of all stations and conditions of life.

Florida has only to guard against the depredations of the dishonest and the unreliable exploiter—and this it is now doing through the vigilance of its Chambers of Commerce, its real estate boards, its newspapers and its individual citizens. The crooked dealer finds early discovery and speedy exposure in Florida. In no so-called "boom" that has ever occurred on earth has there been such a small percentage of complaints of unfair or illegitimate operations. Florida proposes to keep eternally awake on this line, and to keep itself clean before the eyes of the world.

Every city and community in Florida is intent in the purpose of making a greater State. The State spirit and the community spirit are alike aroused and active in planning and building for the future. A noted writer recently referred to Florida as "the headline of America." But with the headline Florida has a "story"—a story of wonderful resources, of a prosperous present and a brilliant future.

Plans to increase the capital stock of the American Colonial Bank of Porto Rico from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 were ratified by the stockholders of the bank on Jan. 11. In a letter to the stockholders under date of Jan. 16 F. M. Welty, Vice-President of the institution, says:

The stockholders of this bank at the special meeting held on Jan. 11 1926 approved the amendment to the bank's amended certificate of incorporation, providing for the issue of 5,000 additional shares of Common stock of the par value of \$100 each, and the certificate of amendment effecting such increase has been filed in the office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia. At the stockholders' meeting, the recommendations of the board of directors for the offer of the new stock to the present stockholders at \$200 per share, in the ratio of one new share for each two shares now held, were approved.

In accordance with the arrangements made by the board of directors with its fiscal agents, William Schall & Co., holders of stock of the bank, of record at the close of business on Jan. 11 1926, have the privilege of subscribing to the new stock on or before 3 p. m. Feb. 3 1926 at \$200 per share, upon the terms and conditions stated in the warrants hereinafter mentioned.

Warrants not surrendered to William Schall & Co. at their office, 160 Broadway, New York City, with the subscription form thereon duly signed and accompanied by payment of the full subscription price, by 3 p. m. Feb. 3 1926, will become wholly void, and the privilege of subscription will thereupon terminate.

Subscriptions may be made only to full shares. Combinations of rights for fractional shares, to permit of subscription for full shares, may be made through the purchase or sale of rights evidenced by fractional warrants. No subscription may be made on fractional warrants, unless so combined and exchanged for full-share warrants.

Purchase or sale of fractional warrants and rights may be made through William Schall & Co., or at the office of the bank in San Juan, Porto Rico.

Advices from H. L. Cochran, Vice-President of the bank, state:

Upon completion of this operation our capital, surplus and undivided profits will stand around \$2,700,000.

Dividends in the past have been paid semi-annually but in the future will be paid quarterly and a quarterly dividend of 2% regular and 2% extra has therefore been declared payable Jan. 30 1926.

The American Colonial Bank of Porto Rico was founded in 1899 largely through the efforts of William Schall & Co., 160 Broadway, formerly Muller, Schall & Co. The bank now has branches in Arecibo, Mayaguez, Caguas, Ponce and Santurce.

The present officers of the bank are William Schall, President; F. M. Welty, Vice-President; H. L. Cochran, Vice-President; R. Cabrera Torres, Assistant to the Vice-President; Humberto Bozzo, Assistant Cashier; Eduardo E. Perez, Assistant Cashier; E. A. Todd, Assistant Cashier; D. P. Campbell, Assistant Cashier; R. Torres Ramis, Manager Foreign Department; E. A. Thayer, Credit Manager; Julio L. Porrata, Auditor; M. H. Balzac, Manager Arecibo Branch; Angel Sanz, Manager Mayaguez Branch; Jul. Umbach, Manager Ponce Branch; R. A. Garcia Cabrera, Manager Caguas Branch; and R. Lazaro, Manager Santurce Branch.

The bank's statement of date Oct. 31 1925 shows total deposits of \$8,246,147 and aggregate resources of \$10,710,644.

The 25th annual report of the Provincial Bank of Canada (head office Montreal) covering the fiscal year ended Nov. 30 1925, was presented to the bank's shareholders at their general annual meeting on Feb. 3 and makes a very favorable showing. Net profits for the period, after deducting charges of management, interest due to depositors, rebate on current discounts (\$79,591) and provision for losses and doubtful debts, were \$407,259, which when added to \$22,738, the balance to credit of profit and loss brought forward from the preceding twelve months, made \$429,997 available for distribution. Out of this the following appropriations were made: \$270,000 to pay four quarterly dividends at the rate of 9% per annum; \$50,000 to take care of Dominion Government taxes and \$84,534 for amortization in full of the cost of installation and maintenance of new branches and written off "bank premises," "other real estate" and "furniture and fixtures" accounts, leaving a balance of \$25,463 to be carried forward to the current fiscal year's profit and loss account. Total assets are shown in the statement as \$45,219,594, an increase of \$4,573,032 during the period under review. Liquid or quick assets are shown at \$26,398,685, or over 65% of the bank's liability to the public; \$7,872,690 of these liquid assets consists of cash and bank balances. Total deposits are given as \$36,564,840, of which \$29,659,589 are interest-bearing deposits. During the year eight new branches of the bank were opened and three branches closed, the total number of branches now being 133 in the Provinces of Quebec, Ontario, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Sir Hormisdas Laporte is President and Tancrede Bienvenu, Vice-President and General Manager.

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings continue their upward movement, though the further addition the present week 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, Feb. 13) bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will aggregate 2.2% more than in the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$8,591,903,230, against \$8,406,849,000 for the same week in 1925. At this centre there is an increase for the five days of 0.2%. At the Northern cities Lincoln's Birthday, a holiday, came in to reduce the clearings, but the same was true last year too. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended February 13.	1926.	1925.	Per Cent.
New York.....	\$3,530,000,000	\$3,523,542,798	+0.2
Chicago.....	445,947,970	483,128,681	-7.7
Philadelphia.....	354,000,000	335,000,000	+4.3
Boston.....	254,000,000	322,000,000	-21.1
Kansas City.....	87,508,847	107,388,496	-18.5
St. Louis.....	101,900,000	120,600,000	-15.5
San Francisco.....	137,233,000	128,700,000	+6.6
Los Angeles.....	113,069,000	109,888,000	+2.9
Pittsburgh.....	112,137,645	134,639,151	-16.7
Detroit.....	92,681,155	91,512,757	+1.3
Cleveland.....	71,698,481	74,503,250	-3.8
Baltimore.....	69,387,837	75,763,981	-8.4
New Orleans.....	39,514,969	56,984,401	-30.7
Thirteen cities, five days.....	\$5,409,078,904	\$5,563,649,515	-2.8
Other cities, five days.....	1,224,443,680	1,076,675,840	+13.7
Total all cities, five days.....	\$6,633,522,584	\$6,640,325,355	-0.1
All cities, one day.....	1,858,380,646	1,766,523,645	+5.2
Total all cities for week.....	\$8,591,903,230	\$8,406,849,000	+2.2

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 Feb. 6. For that week there is an increase of 3.9%, the 1926 aggregate of the clearings being \$10,689,118,925 and the 1925 aggregate \$10,286,328,876. Outside of New York City the increase is 8.7%, the bank exchanges at this centre recording a gain of only 0.7%. 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 only 0.8%, in the New York Reserve District (including this city) by 0.9%, but in the Philadelphia Reserve District by 14.2%. The Cleveland Reserve District has a gain of 5.3%, the Richmond Reserve District of 7.6%

and the Atlanta Reserve District (chiefly by reason of the increase by the Florida points, the gain at Jacksonville being 83.5% and at Miami 80.5%) of the 17.7%. The Chicago Reserve District has an improvement of 8.8%, the St. Louis Reserve District of 4.0% and the Minneapolis Reserve District of 11.5%. In the Kansas City Reserve District the totals are better by 1.0%, in the Dallas Reserve District by 4.5%, and in the San Francisco Reserve District by 19.8%.

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

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week Ended Feb. 6 1926.	1926.	1925.	Inc. or Dec.	1924.	1923.
Federal Reserve Districts.	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
1st Boston.....12 cities	540,282,805	535,862,136	+0.8	440,957,913	363,901,404
2nd New York.....10 "	6,344,275,425	6,279,208,225	+0.9	4,669,713,075	4,054,792,488
3rd Philadelphia.....10 "	811,474,576	535,311,606	+14.2	490,208,295	466,854,710
4th Cleveland.....8 "	410,754,689	390,151,686	+5.3	351,605,113	343,001,936
5th Richmond.....6 "	210,132,836	195,113,284	+7.6	191,726,830	162,186,428
6th Atlanta.....13 "	262,256,730	222,809,463	+17.7	132,311,625	170,570,008
7th Chicago.....20 "	1,020,380,068	937,243,300	+8.8	763,576,731	530,534,879
8th St. Louis.....8 "	240,482,607	231,232,426	+4.0	209,656,984	168,511,020
9th Minneapolis.....7 "	114,886,051	129,801,602	+11.5	103,208,065	106,803,428
10th Kansas City.....12 "	251,494,946	249,068,857	+1.0	213,850,409	220,932,329
11th Dallas.....5 "	88,130,107	84,312,795	+4.5	65,175,473	56,826,891
12th San Francisco.....17 "	594,588,045	496,214,516	+19.8	464,943,523	384,122,219
Grand total.....129 cities	10,689,118,925	10,266,328,876	+3.9	8,156,379,236	7,180,037,740
Outside New York City.....	4,481,513,747	4,123,027,999	+8.7	3,598,721,178	3,235,231,435
Canada.....29 cities	336,621,111	324,484,415	+3.7	419,800,152	276,578,171

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

Clearings at—	Week Ended February 6.				
	1926.	1925.	Inc. or Dec.	1925.	1923.
First Federal Reserve District—Boston	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Maine—Bangor.....	808,938	804,755	+0.5	702,627	770,883
Portland.....	3,696,522	3,863,500	-4.3	3,153,159	3,108,382
Mass.—Boston.....	482,000,000	479,000,000	+0.6	391,000,000	318,000,000
Fall River.....	2,217,907	2,376,649	-6.7	2,190,719	2,204,123
Holyoke.....	a	a	a	a	a
Lowell.....	906,869	995,658	-8.9	1,119,695	1,136,000
Lynn.....	a	a	a	a	a
New Bedford.....	1,402,031	1,455,610	-3.7	1,330,114	1,795,929
Springfield.....	5,541,229	5,900,378	-6.1	5,263,051	4,545,570
Worcester.....	3,812,050	3,654,537	+4.3	3,388,000	3,303,000
Conn.—Hartford.....	18,090,823	15,977,097	+13.2	13,022,759	10,735,692
New Haven.....	7,479,934	7,624,178	-1.9	6,154,979	6,118,807
R.I.—Providence.....	13,509,700	13,457,100	+0.4	12,908,500	11,452,800
N.H.—Manchester.....	816,802	752,674	+8.5	724,310	730,218
Total (12 cities)	540,282,805	535,862,136	+0.8	440,957,913	363,901,404
Second Federal Reserve District—New York	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
N. Y.—Albany.....	6,123,307	7,692,272	-20.5	5,565,862	5,546,507
Binghamton.....	1,611,300	1,603,000	+0.5	1,177,700	1,321,300
Buffalo.....	49,980,829	46,485,759	+7.5	40,934,599	39,967,545
Elmira.....	1,259,591	1,173,056	+7.4	818,399	590,276
Jamestown.....	c1,503,486	1,419,780	+5.9	1,742,411	1,126,118
New York.....	6,207,605,178	6,163,300,877	+0.7	4,557,658,058	3,944,806,325
Rochester.....	17,758,679	15,026,779	+18.2	12,603,037	9,692,325
Syracuse.....	8,326,091	7,046,974	+18.1	6,388,500	5,171,029
Conn.—Stamford.....	c3,272,027	3,172,304	+3.1	3,403,797	2,753,785
N. J.—Montclair.....	786,956	576,139	+36.6	464,949	418,708
Northern N. J.....	36,047,981	31,711,285	+13.7	39,055,763	43,398,595
Total (11 cities)	6,334,275,425	6,279,208,225	+0.9	4,669,713,075	4,054,792,488
Third Federal Reserve District—Philadelphia	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Pa.—Allentown.....	1,483,139	1,539,897	-3.7	1,242,902	1,257,677
Bethlehem.....	4,531,337	3,749,554	+20.8	3,500,000	3,744,878
Chester.....	1,487,465	1,310,716	+13.5	1,163,102	1,157,770
Lancaster.....	2,370,132	2,329,700	+1.7	2,994,191	2,813,246
Philadelphia.....	581,000,000	503,000,000	+15.5	462,000,000	441,000,000
Reading.....	3,567,381	3,255,985	+9.6	3,394,586	2,844,886
Scranton.....	5,774,078	6,392,556	-9.7	5,336,441	5,848,375
Wilkes-Barre.....	3,070,414	4,234,045	-27.5	4,636,261	3,555,705
York.....	1,821,353	1,738,526	+4.7	1,492,400	1,275,159
N. J.—Trenton.....	6,369,277	7,760,351	-17.9	4,448,412	3,357,014
Del.—Wilmington.....	a	a	a	a	a
Total (10 cities)	611,474,576	535,311,606	+14.2	490,208,295	466,854,710
Fourth Federal Reserve District—Cleveland	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Ohio—Akron.....	5,555,000	4,709,000	+18.0	6,629,000	7,387,000
Canton.....	4,216,468	4,149,992	+1.7	4,400,313	4,187,240
Cincinnati.....	81,059,314	69,226,597	+17.1	61,318,635	59,307,961
Cleveland.....	112,657,119	107,227,624	+5.1	99,019,673	91,812,354
Columbus.....	17,091,100	15,149,500	+12.8	14,369,000	15,600,000
Dayton.....	a	a	a	a	a
Lima.....	a	a	a	a	a
Mansfield.....	d2,055,100	1,637,738	+25.5	1,164,300	1,570,922
Springfield.....	a	a	a	a	a
Toledo.....	a	a	a	a	a
Youngstown.....	4,482,552	5,612,507	-20.1	5,884,296	3,993,526
Pa.—Erie.....	a	a	a	a	a
Pittsburgh.....	183,638,046	182,438,728	+0.7	156,819,896	159,182,333
Total (8 cities)	410,754,689	390,151,686	+5.3	351,605,113	343,001,936
Fifth Federal Reserve District—Richmond	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
W. Va.—Hunt'g'n.....	c1,625,033	1,665,748	-2.5	2,043,544	2,110,068
Va.—Norfolk.....	d8,566,827	9,257,774	-7.5	8,704,616	8,528,458
Richmond.....	56,644,000	56,758,000	-0.2	63,863,000	46,571,612
S. C.—Charleston.....	d3,292,717	2,424,974	+35.8	2,520,840	2,401,993
Md.—Baltimore.....	11,145,115	98,736,559	+12.6	90,897,830	81,760,074
D. C.—Washington.....	28,589,344	26,270,209	+9.8	23,697,000	20,814,223
Total (6 cities)	210,132,836	195,113,264	+7.6	191,726,830	162,186,428
Sixth Federal Reserve District—Atlanta	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Tenn.—Chatt'g'n.....	d7,251,620	6,427,412	+12.8	5,817,575	5,531,739
Knoxville.....	*4,200,000	3,888,913	+8.0	3,060,860	2,695,579
Nashville.....	22,158,371	20,321,893	+9.0	18,679,597	17,148,152
Ga.—Atlanta.....	70,676,498	59,935,484	+17.9	52,813,188	47,872,003
Augusta.....	2,307,374	2,394,791	-14.9	2,573,473	1,935,988
Macon.....	1,808,258	1,515,288	+19.3	1,582,111	1,435,350
Savannah.....	a	a	a	a	a
Fla.—Jacksonville.....	36,881,877	20,097,389	+83.5	13,536,611	12,939,327
Miami.....	27,222,953	11,205,716	+80.5	3,728,797	2,433,232
Ala.—Birmingham.....	27,222,541	27,805,056	-2.1	27,886,179	27,433,232
Mobile.....	2,374,275	2,295,904	+3.4	b	b
Miss.—Jackson.....	1,935,608	1,617,000	+19.7	1,419,526	1,083,007
Vicksburg.....	636,605	677,736	+10.2	561,147	315,195
La.—New Orleans.....	64,845,750	64,726,381	+0.2	60,652,761	52,360,436
Total (13 cities)	262,256,730	222,808,463	+17.7	192,311,825	170,570,008

Clearings at—	Week Ending January 23.				
	1926.	1925.	Inc. or Dec.	1924.	1923.
Seventh Federal Reserve District—Chicago	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Mich.—Adrian.....	269,899	290,149	-7.0	226,553	196,863
Ann Arbor.....	1,466,791	1,216,569	+20.6	790,191	609,085
Detroit.....	154,657,214	132,126,959	+17.0	116,252,450	107,368,803
Grand Rapids.....	8,305,315	7,418,534	+11.9	6,360,487	5,809,443
Lansing.....	*3,100,000	2,850,734	+7.7	2,359,923	1,803,017
Ind.—Ft. Wayne.....	2,460,644	2,548,665	-3.5	2,607,057	1,879,478
Indianapolis.....	22,870,000	17,520,000	+30.5	17,458,000	18,199,000
South Bend.....	3,030,500	2,646,600	+14.5	2,396,507	2,232,273
Terre Haute.....	5,432,942	5,057,631	+7.4	5,591,014	a
Wis.—Milwaukee.....	46,604,570	42,967,041	+8.5	33,906,406	36,355,612
Iowa—Ced. Rap.....	2,698,594	2,630,045	+2.6	2,261,685	2,218,170
Des Moines.....	11,495,691	11,350,212	+1.3	9,557,203	9,941,560
Sloux City.....	7,538,156	7,696,340	-2.1	7,391,160	6,113,194
Waterloo.....	1,159,442	1,452,912	-20.2	1,258,017	1,398,571
Ill.—Bloomington.....	1,531,182	1,564,867	-2.2	1,181,716	1,159,232
Chicago.....	734,946,307	685,288,653	+7.2	543,912,970	567,847,450
Danville.....	a	a	a	a	a
Decatur.....	1,397,647	1,470,220	-5.0	1,158,538	1,160,847
Peoria.....	5,189,281	5,445,866	-4.0	4,233,266	4,082,500
Rockford.....	3,302,938	2,639,696	+25.1	2,399,796	2,093,066
Springfield.....	2,902,985	3,058,607	-5.1	2,273,792	2,156,725
Total (20 cities)	1,020,380,098	937,243,300	+8.8	763,576,731	772,534,879
Eighth Federal Reserve District—St. Louis	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Ind.—Evansville.....	4,861,366	6,108,924	-20.4	4,147,179	4,140,141
Mo.—St. Louis.....	155,800,000	150,800,000	+3.3	140,800,000	128,809,855
Ky.—Louisville.....	36,030,144	32,715,091	+10.0	29,758,477	28,109,855
Owensboro.....	576,722	648,383	-11.1	485,971	776,973
Tenn.—Memphis.....	27,211,000	25,455,702	+6.9	20,817,941	21,780,160
Ark.—Little Rock.....	13,985,286	13,315,831	+5.0	11,361,084	11,210,567
Ill.—Jacksonville.....	456,970	421,236	+8.1	341,406	326,044
Quincy.....	1,561,119	1,767,259	-11.7	1,383,926	1,467,275
Total (18 cities)	240,482,607	231,232,426	+4.0	209,095,984	68,511,020
Ninth Federal Reserve District—Minneapolis	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Minn.—Duluth.....	d5,837,996	7,471,050	-21.9	6,306,530	5,389,372
Minneapolis.....	72,441,884	86,363,904	-16.1	60,967,442	64,210,915
St. Paul.....	30,024,495	29,449,123	+1.9	29,993,384	30,947,049
No. Dak.—Fargo.....	1,979,100	1,800,875	+9.9	1,578,733	1,768,289
S. D.—Aberdeen.....	1,427,445	1,416,410	+0.8	1,123,426	1,122

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The stock market has been unsettled the greater part of the present week and much of the time depressed, particularly on Monday when food stocks moved sharply downward, on the suit begun by the Federal Government under the Anti-Trust Law against the projected combination of the Ward Baking concerns. It happened at the same time that the banks called loans and the call loan rate stiffened. Price movements were somewhat irregular in the short session on Saturday, though some of the high-priced specialties and speculative stocks registered sharp gains in the final hour. Rubber stocks were in the foreground, United States Rubber advancing 2 points to 85 $\frac{7}{8}$ and Goodrich Rubber improved one point. New high records were established by Associated Oil and Pacific Oil and substantial advances were made by United Fruit and American Snuff, the latter becoming unusually active and shooting upward 8 points to 158. The market was unsettled on Monday and food stocks and industrial issues suffered sharp losses. Baking shares, particularly, were under severe pressure during the greater part of the day, Ward Baking B receding 14 points to 66 $\frac{1}{2}$. California Packing and Postum Cereal also were weak then and have so continued because of the withdrawal of the offer of the latter to purchase the stock of the former. Railroad stocks improved, Missouri-Kansas-Texas com. reaching a new top. American Telephone & Telegraph crossed 146 $\frac{5}{8}$ for the first time. The market improved on Tuesday, many stocks advancing from one to as high as 15 points. High-priced specialties and some of the more active speculative issued lead the upward movement, American Can standing out conspicuously with an advance of 15 points to 304. Another prominent feature was American Snuff, which moved briskly forward 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ points to 165, though it lost part of its gain later in the day. Following early irregularity railroad shares also developed strength, and St.-Louis Southwestern reached a new peak at 74 as its high for the day. Numerous other stocks displayed marked improvement, including United States Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry, United Fruit, National Lead, Remington Typewriter, Nash Motor, Sloss-Sheffield Steel and General Electric. Motor stocks were all lower early in the day, but rallied somewhat in the closing hour. Irregularity again characterized the trading on Wednesday and declines of from 3 to 9 points occurred in some of the food stocks. Motor stocks were in brisk demand and were bought on a large scale. Jordan Motors led the upswing with a new high at 63, followed by Hudson Motors, Mack Trucks and White Motors. Railroad stocks were again in demand, speculative interest centering on Delaware & Hudson, Baltimore & Ohio, New York Central and Ches. & Ohio. High-priced industrials were the big feature of the day, General Electric making a sensational jump of more than 18 points to a new high record at 363. American Can at its high surged forward 10 points to a new top at 314 and new peaks were reached by Allied Chemical and Texas Gulf Sulphur. American Smelting also was in strong demand at improving prices. Confused price movements again characterized the market on Thursday, stocks moving widely in both directions. Food stocks continued their downward swing, California Packing breaking into new low ground. On the other hand, high-priced specialties made further progress to new high levels, American Can gaining five points to 317 $\frac{1}{2}$ and Allied Chemical spurring forward 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ points to 140 at its high for the day. General Electric continued its spectacular forward movement with a net gain of 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ points to 367 $\frac{1}{2}$. Motor stocks were in strong demand at advancing prices and railroad issues made further gains. The final tone was good.

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

Week Ended Feb. 12.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.	
					Sales at New York Stock Exchange.
		Week Ended Feb. 12.		Jan. 1 to Feb. 12.	
		1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Saturday	952,586	\$4,677,000	\$2,195,000	\$426,500	
Monday	2,136,545	7,633,000	2,468,000	1,275,300	
Tuesday	1,957,442	8,119,500	2,409,500	1,074,850	
Wednesday	1,931,060	9,024,000	2,224,000	316,500	
Thursday	1,929,700	8,407,000	2,454,000	717,000	
Friday			HOLI DAY		
Total	8,907,333	\$37,860,500	\$11,750,500	\$3,810,150	
		Week Ended Feb. 12.		Jan. 1 to Feb. 12.	
		1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Stocks—No. of shares.	8,907,333	6,844,360	56,910,514	57,329,136	
Bonds.					
Government bonds	\$3,810,150	\$6,426,550	\$38,002,800	\$63,378,800	
State & foreign bonds	11,750,500	11,872,000	77,949,750	84,276,500	
Railroad & misc. bonds	37,860,500	59,353,500	299,697,500	382,253,300	
Total bonds	\$53,421,150	\$77,652,050	\$415,650,050	\$529,908,600	

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended Feb. 12 1926.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	36,433	\$15,000	21,863	\$23,100	*1,531	\$7,100
Monday	45,461	48,000	35,471	40,400	*2,698	33,300
Tuesday	51,675	39,000	32,236	51,200	*3,000	80,900
Wednesday	44,656	35,500	44,776	72,500	*3,466	28,000
Thursday	38,580	54,000	35,031	31,000	*4,149	45,000
Friday			HOLI DAY		HOLI DAY	
Total	216,805	\$191,500	172,377	\$218,200	14,838	\$194,300
Prev. week revised	295,236	\$190,700	254,323	\$299,400	20,794	\$ 94,600

*In addition sales of rights were: Saturday, 1,313; Monday, 575; Tuesday, 423; Wednesday, 421.

THE CURB MARKET.

The Federal investigation into the proposed Ward Baking merger caused a heavy selling of baking stocks this week and consequent slump in prices. This affected stocks in general for a time, but except for the baking shares, there was some recovery, though the market followed an irregular course. Baking issues made some recovery to-day. Continental Baking Class A dropped from 121 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 108 and recovered to 112. Class B stock weakened from 26 $\frac{5}{8}$ to 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ and sold back finally at 21 $\frac{3}{4}$. General Baking Class A was off from 75 to 64 and closed to-day at 68 $\frac{3}{4}$. Class B lost 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ points to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ and finished to-day at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$. Glen Alden Coal was an exception to the rule, advancing from 147 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 163 and closing to-day at 162. Elsewhere prices show only slight changes. Public utilities as a rule are lower, but losses are small. Oil shares were active, but here also price movements were limited. Humble Oil & Ref. fell from 96 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 89 $\frac{1}{2}$, recovered to 94 $\frac{3}{4}$ and closed to-day at 93. Carib syndicate sold down from 17 $\frac{7}{8}$ to 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ and at 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ finally. Gulf Oil was off from 90 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 88 $\frac{1}{2}$. Engineer Gold Mining was conspicuous for an advance from 13 $\frac{5}{8}$ to 18 $\frac{3}{4}$, though it reacted to 17 $\frac{1}{4}$. A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 873.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET.

Week Ended Feb. 12.	STOCKS (No. Shares).			BONDS (Par Value).	
	Ind. & Mts.	Oil.	Mining.	Domestic.	For'n Govt.
Saturday	122,825	176,560	85,420	\$304,000	\$807,000
Monday	287,870	213,550	66,250	498,000	1,228,000
Tuesday	269,340	161,180	66,850	480,000	1,256,000
Wednesday	318,700	177,065	101,020	350,000	1,184,000
Thursday	229,050	187,220	108,730	208,000	1,028,000
Friday			HOLI DAY		
Total	1,227,785	915,575	428,220	\$1,840,000	\$5,503,000

Volume of Correspondence Entailed in Collecting and Delivering Mail in U. S.

The business of collecting, dispatching and delivering twenty-five billion pieces of mail annually to America's hundred odd million people requires considerable correspondence according to a check-up made at the request of Postmaster General New. Under date of Feb. 6 the Department supplies the following information regarding the results ascertained:

The figures cover mail receipts at the Post Office Department for a four-day period, January 25, 26, 27, and 28. They disclose that average of 15,315 letters were received on each of the four days. These figures do not include the receipt of dead letter consigned to the Dead Letter Office which ranged during the four-day period from 22,710 to 46,350.

Of the total mail received that addressed to the Third Assistant Postmaster General is the heaviest. For the four days this office averaged 7,233 pieces of mail. The First Assistant Postmaster General's bureau for the same period averaged 3,727 letters. The Chief Inspector came next with 1,480 while the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General averaged 1,112 letters. The count was made during the last week of the month which is the lightest period in a number of divisions of the Department.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Jan. 20 1926:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes on the 13th inst. amounted to £142,592,810 as compared with £142,945,550 on the previous Wednesday.

The amount of gold on offer in the open market this week was only about £120,000. It was, however, more than sufficient to meet the demand, the Continental inquiry not being maintained owing to the exchange with Java having risen above parity, and India being only a small buyer.

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

	Jan. 14.	Jan. 15.	Jan. 16.	Jan. 18.	Jan. 19.	Jan. 20.
Received				£500,000	£141,000	£20,000
Withdrawn	£5,000	£524,000		£8,000	£600,000	£22,000

The receipt of £500,000 on the 18th inst. was announced as sovereigns released on account of the South African Reserve Bank, and that of £141,000 on the 19th inst. as £100,000 sovereigns released on account of the Crown Agents for the Colonies Straits Settlements Note Guarantee

Fund, and £41,000 bar gold for which no origin was given but which was generally understood to be South African. The destination of the £1,159,000 sovereigns withdrawn were given as follows: £600,000 set aside for account of the Crown Agents for the Colonies on account of the note issue of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, £500,000 set aside for account of the South African Reserve Bank, £24,000 to Singapore, £22,000 to India, £8,000 to Holland and £5,000 to Brazil. During the week under review £498,000 on balance has been withdrawn from the Bank, increasing the net efflux since the resumption of an effective gold standard to £12,360,000.

The United Kingdom imports and exports of gold during the week ending the 13th inst. were:

Imports—		Exports—	
Belgium	£303,607	Germany	£17,940
Belgian Congo	38,514	Netherlands	151,000
British South Africa	640,711	British India	81,853
Other Countries	4,766	Straits Settlements	77,140
		Ceylon	10,450
		Other Countries	11,350
Total	£987,598	Total	£349,733

SILVER.

Buyers of silver have been little in evidence during the week and there was no offset to the offerings made following the weak advices from China. As a consequence prices fell sharply during the week until 31 1-16d., for both positions was reached on the 18th inst. This was the lowest price fixed for cash since the 22nd of May and for forward since the 21st of May last. A reaction of 1/4d. occurred yesterday as a result of inquiry from the East, mostly to cover bear positions. Orders, however, were limited as to price and the majority were not executable at the higher level. The price thus reached—31 5-16d.—proved to be overstrained and to-day prices again fell to 31 1-16d. and 31 1/4d. for cash and two months' delivery respectively on further selling on China account.

Falling demand for silver for shipment to India, supplies in this market are ample and aided by the desire on the part of bulls to prolong their positions, the premium on cash silver disappeared, and that delivery was to-day quoted at 1-16d. discount as compared with forward.

The United Kingdom imports and exports of silver during the week ending the 13th inst. were:

Imports—		Exports—	
Poland	£20,500	Germany	£7,430
United States of America	43,093	France	7,475
Mexico	148,860	Chile	93,000
British West India Islands	20,000	British India	550,033
(excluding Bahamas)	15,424	Other countries	9,121
Other countries	15,424		
Total	£247,877	Total	£667,059

According to the Bureau of the United States Mint the preliminary estimate of the United States silver production for the calendar year 1925 is 65,722,720 ounces, exceeding the production of 1924 by about 315,000 ounces.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

(In lacs of rupees.)	Dec. 31.	Jan. 7.	Jan. 15.
Notes in circulation	19176	19167	19088
Silver coin and bullion in India	8333	8324	8245
Silver coin and bullion out of India	-----	-----	-----
Gold coin and bullion in India	2232	2232	2232
Gold coin and bullion out of India	-----	-----	-----
Securities (Indian Government)	5711	5711	5711
Securities (British Government)	2900	2900	2900

The silver coinage during the week ending 15th inst. amounted to 3 lacs. The stock in Shanghai on the 16th inst. consisted of about 49,400,000 ounces in sycee, 67,500,000 dollars and 550 silver bars as compared with about 49,900,000 ounces in sycee, 67,000,000 dollars and 740 silver bars on the 9th inst.

Quotation during the week:

	—Bar	Silver,	Per Oz.	Std.—	Bar Gold
	Cash.	2 Mos.		Per Oz.	Fin.
Jan. 14	31 1/4d.		31 7-16d.	84s 11d.	
15	31 5-16d.		31 5-16d.	84s 11d.	
16	31 3-16d.		31 3-16d.	84s 11d.	
18	31 1-16d.		31 1-16d.	84s 11 1/4d.	
19	31 5-16d.		31 5-16d.	84s 10 1/4d.	
20	31 1-16d.		31 1/4d.	84s 10 1/4d.	
Average	31.239d.		31.239d.	84s. 10.9d.	

The silver quotations to-day for cash and two months' delivery are respectively 1/4d. and 1/4d. below 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:

London.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Week ending Feb. 11.	Feb. 6.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	Feb. 10.	Feb. 11.	Feb. 12.
Silver, per oz.	30 1/2	30 15-16	30 15-16	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Gold, per fine ounce (s. & d.)	84.11 1/2	84.10 1/4	84.10 1/4	84.11 1/2	84.11 1/2	84.11 1/2
Consols, 2 1/2 per cents.	56	55 15-16	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2
British, 5 per cents.	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
British, 4 1/2 per cents.	95 3/4	95 3/4	95 3/4	95 3/4	95 3/4	95 3/4
French Rentees (in Paris) - fr.	48.30	46.75	45.50	46.50	46.50	46.50
French War Loan (in Paris) - fr.	56.85	55.80	55.30	55.62	55.62	55.62

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been: Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.): Foreign 67 67 67 67 66 66

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

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

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED.

Feb. 2—The Union National Bank of Carnegie, Pa. Correspondent, F. O. Reed, 615 Beechwood Ave., Carnegie, Pa.	Capital. \$100,000
Feb. 6—The First National Bank of Fontana, Calif. Correspondent, A. B. Miller, Fontana, Calif.	50,000
Feb. 6—The Interborough National Bank of Audubon, N. J. Correspondent, Arthur J. Leupold, Audubon, N. J.	100,000

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE APPROVED.

Feb. 6—First National Bank in Tuckerman, Ark. Correspondent, Stephen J. Graham, Tuckerman, Ark. Succeeds the Citizens Bank of Tuckerman, Ark.	\$30,000
Feb. 6—The First National Bank of Newton, Texas. Correspondent, C. S. Mitchell, c-o North Texas N. B., Dallas, Texas. Succeeds the Newton County State Bank, Newton, Texas.	\$30,000

APPLICATION TO CONVERT RECEIVED.

Feb. 6—The Carey National Bank of Pickens, S. C. Conversion of The Keewee Bank of Pickens, S. C.	\$50,000
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APPLICATION TO CONVERT APPROVED.

Feb. 6—The First National Bank of Roscoe, Texas. Conversion of The Farmers State Bank, Roscoe, Texas.	\$25,000
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CHARTERS ISSUED.

Feb. 1—12882—The First National Bank of Milton, Del. President, J. C. Wiltbank; Cashier, Thomas H. Douglass.	\$25,000
Jan. 27—12880—The American National Bank of Bradenton, Fla. President, R. J. Faust, Jr.; Cashier, Harold P. Munck.	\$150,000
Jan. 27—12881—Citizens National Bank in Slouss Falls, S. D. President, W. E. Stevens; Cashier, R. G. Stevens.	100,000

CHANGES OF TITLE.

Feb. 1—9367—The First National Bank of Ramsey, New Jersey, to "The First National Bank and Trust Company of Ramsey."	
Feb. 1—11768—Community-South Side National Bank of Buffalo, New York, to "The Community National Bank of Buffalo."	
Feb. 4—11830—New First National Bank of Hartford, Arkansas, to "First National Bank in Hartford."	

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

Feb. 1—5211—The Bloomsburg National Bank, Bloomsburg, Pa. Effective Feb. 1 1926. Liquidating Agent, A. Z. Schoch, Bloomsburg, Pa. Absorbed by Columbia County Trust Co., Bloomsburg, Pa.	\$125,000
Feb. 1—12445—The Riverside National Bank of Buffalo, N. Y. Effective at close of business Jan. 22 1926. Liquidating Agent, Kenneth MacDonald, Buffalo, N. Y. Absorbed by Manufacturers and Traders Trust Co. of Buffalo, N. Y.	200,000
Feb. 2—7203—The Coal & Iron Nat'l Bank of the City of New York, N. Y. Effective 3 p. m. Feb. 1 1926. Liquidating Agent, Fidelity-International Trust Co., New York, N. Y. Absorbed by Fidelity-International Trust Co., New York, N. Y.	1,500,000

CONSOLIDATION.

Feb. 6—1546—The Aquidneck National Bank of Newport, R. I. and 1565—The National Exchange Bank of Newport, R. I. Consolidated under the Act of Nov. 7 1918, under the charter of "The Aquidneck National Bank of Newport," (No. 1546), and under the title of "The Aquidneck National Exchange Bank and Savings Co. of Newport," with capital of \$300,000.	\$200,000 100,000
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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.	\$ per sh.	Shares.	Stocks.	\$ per sh.
\$1,000 Mexican Nor. Ry. Co. 1st mtge. ext. 6s, 1930; June 1924 and subsequent coup. attached.	lot	\$119	1,500 Consolidated Steel & Iron Co., common, no par.	lot	\$51
10 The Booklover's Library, par \$10	lot	\$10	100,000 Shubert Film Corp.	lot	\$50
1,100 Lime & Stone Products Corp., pref., par \$10	lot	\$66	50,000 The William A. Brady's Picture Plays Inc.	lot	\$175
700 Lime & Stone Products Corp., common, par \$10	lot	\$10	Per Cent.		
Sundry notes aggregating approximately \$78,000	lot	\$350	\$600 Interborough Metropolitan Co. coll. tr. 4 1/2% bond scrip.	lot	\$21
			\$7,000 Consol. Steel & Iron Co. 6 1/2% conv. gold notes, 1929	lot	\$101

By Wise, Hobbs, & Arnold, Boston:

Shares.	Stocks.	\$ per sh.	Shares.	Stocks.	\$ per sh.
5 Boston National Bank	112		13 First National Stores, Inc., pref. 103 1/2		
10 National Shawmut Bank	256		2 Plymouth Cordage Co.	147	
15 Essex Co., par \$50	204-205		237 Lowell Elec. Light Co., par. 64-64 1/2		
1 Troy Cotton & Woolen Mfg. Co., par \$500	127 1/2		29 units First Peoples Trust	75 1/2	
1 Richard Borden Mfg. Co.	65 1/2		4 Laconia Car Co., 1st pref.	\$175	
3 Ludlow Mfg. Associates	180 1/2		4 Laconia Car Co., 2d pref.	lot	
50 Nashua Mfg. Co., common	59		10 D. C. Heath & Co., pref.	101	
4 Central Vermont Ry.	3		36 North Boston Ltg. Props., common	95 1/2	
6 Suncook Valley RR.	4		100 North Boston Ltg. Props., preferred	102 1/2-102 1/2	
10 New England Power Assn. 6% preferred	87 1/2		15 Graton & Knight Mfg. Co., pref.	36 1/2	
20 Puget Sound P. & L., prior pref. 103	103		7 Collateral Loan Co.	13 9-16	
10 American Glue Co., common	44 1/2		4 Massachusetts Ltg. Cos., 6% pref.	97	
6 Fall River Elec. Light Co., par \$25 51 1/2	51 1/2		7 units First Peoples Trust	75 1/2	
100 New Bedford Gas & Edison Light, par \$25	80 1/2-80 1/2		4 special units First Peoples Trust	5	
20 Greenfield Tap & Die Corp., pf. 94 1/2	94 1/2		25 Manitoba Power Co.	40	
16 Amer. Glue Co., common	44 1/2		Rights.		
10 Hood Rubber Co., pref.	105		25 Old Colony Trust Co.	33	
5 Fall River Gas Works, par \$25	62 1/2		8 Atlantic National Bank	13 9-16	
1 Boston Athenaeum, par \$300	850		447 Atlantic National Bank	13 9-16	
10 Boston Chamber of Commerce Realty Trust, 1st pref.	55		25 Old Colony Trust Co.	33	
117 North Boston Ltg. Properties, common	95 1/2-96 1/2		250 North Boston Ltg. Prop., w. l.	4 1/2	
50 Amer. Mfg. Co., common	120 1/2		1228 Lynn Gas & Electric Co.	10 1/2	
2 Amer. Mfg. Co., preferred	82		106 Lynn Gas & Electric Co.	10-11-16	

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Shares.	Stocks.	\$ per sh.	Shares.	Stocks.	\$ per sh.
6 Webster & Atlas Nat. Bank	227 1/2		10 Northern Texas Electric Co.	40	
14 Atlantic National Bank	265		20 North Boston Ltg. Props. Co., preferred	103	
4 First National Bank	357 1/2		10-100 State Theater Co., pref.	82 1/2	
13 Nashawena Mills	104 1/2		98 Eastern T xas Electric Co.	100	
8 Quisset Mills	135 1/2		6 Collyer Insulated Wire Co.	120 1/2	
19 Saco Lowell Shops, 1st pref.	29 1/2		5 Greenfield Tap & Die, pref.	94 1/2	
70 Brookside Mills	85		2 Cleveland Elec. Ill. Co.	310	
10 Nashua Mfg. Co., pref.	97 1/2		25 North Boston Ltg. Props.	95 1/2	
80 Columbus Mfg. Co.	136		25 North Boston Ltg. Prop., pref.	95 1/2	
32 Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co.	175 1/2		25 Samoset Chocolate Co., pref.	50c.	
16 Farr Alpacas Co.	171		17 special units First Peoples Trust	5	
10 Arlington Mills	86 1/2-85 1/2		Rights.		
5 Massachusetts Cotton Mills	71 1/2		127 Atlantic National Bank	13 1/2	
6 units First Peoples Trust	75 1/2		14 Mass. B. & S. Co.	28 1/2	
5 E. E. Gray Co., preferred	8 1/2		10 New England Power Co., pref.	5 1/2	
8 State Theatre Co., pref.	90		25 Lynn Gas & Electric Co.	10 1/2	
2 U. S. Envelope Co., pref.	107		220 North Boston Ltg. Properties	4 1/2	
5 Duquesne Electric Co., pref.	94 1/2		Bonds.		
30 New England Power Co., pref. 100 1/2	100 1/2		\$300 Eastern Mfg. Co. 1st 7s, 1938	87 1/2	
10 Municipal Service Co., pref.	85		\$3,000 New England Mineral Co. 1st s. 1. 8s, 1938	\$3,000 lot	
10 Arkansas L. & Power Co., pref. 98	98				
10 Wm. Whitman Co., pref.	90 1/2				
3 Aetna Insurance Co.	636 1/2				

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

Shares.	Stocks.	\$ per sh.	Shares.	Stocks.	\$ per sh.
2,000 Baldwin Gold Mines	36		20 Northeastern Power	32	
25 Kansas & Gulf Oil	50c.		1,500 Barry Hollinger	41c.	
50 Wright Hargreaves	9.30		10 Kelter Qualitol	\$3.50 lot	
20 Buff. Niag. & East., pref.	34 1/2				

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Shares.	Stocks.	\$ per sh.	Shares.	Stocks.	\$ per sh.
7	Citizens Passenger Ry.	200 1/4	7	Miners Nat. Bk. of Pottsville, par \$50	180
5	Horn & Hardart Baking Co. of Phila., no par	275 1/4	5	West Jersey Title & Guaranty Co., Camden, N. J., par \$50	500
5	Kensington Nat. Bank, par \$50	197 1/2	10	Lansdowne Trust Co., no par	210 1/2
10	Kensington Nat. Bank, par \$50	196	50	Almar Stores Co., no par	22
2	Media Title & Tr. Co., par \$25	119	19	Phila. & Camden Ferry Co., par \$50	156
3	Hestonville Mantua & Fairmount Pass. Ry., pref.	40 1/4	1	membership Commercial Exchange, 1926 dues paid	50
15	Philadelphia Nat. Bank	545	5	Investment Bond & Mtge. Co. of Pa., voting trust certificates	125
20	Philadelphia Nat. Bank	543	6	Railway Equip. & Publication Co.	40
20	Nat. Bank of North Phila.	210	4	Phila. Bourse, common, par \$50	18
25	Union Nat. Bank	300	81	Octavia Hill Association	4 1/2
20	Girard National Bank	752	10	Whittier Centre Housing Co.	32 1/2
3	Penn Nat. Bank	568	5	Whittier Centre Housing Co.	32
2	Central Nat. Bank	663 1/2	12	Tatony Palmyra Ferry Co., par \$50	50
8	Central Nat. Bank	662	1	Abbotts Alderney Dairies, 1st pf. 101	50
1	First Nat. Bank as follows:		1	Abbott's Alderney Dairies, 2d pf. 94	100
4	at 436; 2 at 432; 10 at 435 1/4; 14 at 435 1/2	323	5	A. H. Geuting, 7% pref.	100
5	Tenth Nat. Bank	321 1/2	28	Hare & Chase, Inc., pref.	94 3/4
5	Tenth Nat. Bank	321 1/2	50	Hare & Chase, Inc., com., no par 27 1/2	27 1/2
1	Drovers & Merchants Nat. Bk.	324	99	Hare & Chase, Inc., com., no par 26	14
5	National Bank of Commerce	323	9	Philadelphia Life Insurance	130
9	Franklin Nat. Bank	675	10	Victory Insurance Co.	130
25	Jefferson Title & Tr. Co., par \$50	65	5	Northeast Title & Trust	70
2	Southwark Title & Tr. Co.	306	76	Colonial Trust	163 1/4
26	Olney Bank & Tr. Co., par \$50	196			
25	Mutual Trust Co., par \$50	125			
22	Aldine Trust Co.	275			
22	Aldine Trust Co.	273			
10	Aldine Trust Co.	271			
3	Aldine Trust Co.	271			
25	Bank of Nor. Amer. & Tr. Co.	364			
1	Girard Trust Co.	1542			
9	Finance Co. of Pa. 1st pref.	201			
10	Finance Co. of Pa. 2d pref.	200			
20	Republic Trust Co., par \$50	220			
20	Phoenix Trust Co., par \$50	65			

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.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
Railroads (Steam).			
Canadian Pacific, com. (quar.)	2 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Preferred	2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Delaware & Bound Brook (quar.)	*2	Feb. 20	*Holders of rec. Feb. 17
North Pennsylvania (quar.)	\$1	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Southern Pacific Co. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 26
Union Pacific, com. (quar.)	*2 1/4	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 27
Preferred	*2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 27
Public Utilities.			
Amer. Power & Light, com. (quar.)	25c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Amer. Superpower Corp., cl. A & B. (qu.)	*30c.	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 1
First preferred (quar.)	*\$1.50	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Central Indiana Power, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Cons. Gas, E. L. & P. Balt., com. (qu.)	*62 1/2c	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	*2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
6 1/2 per cent preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Six per cent preferred (quar.)	*66 2-3	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Empire Gas & Fuel, pref. (monthly)	*1 1/2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Georgia Railway & Power, com. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Laedle Gas & Light, prior lien (quar.)	*2	Mar. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 27
Middle West Utilities (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
North Carolina Pub. Serv., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Penna. Gas & Elec. Corp., Cl. A (No. 1)	*37 1/2c	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Philadelphia Electric Co. (quar.)	*50c.	Mar. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Phila. Suburban Water, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 18a
Portland Electric Power, 2d pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Rochester Gas & Elec., pref. B (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 13
Preferred D & E (quar.)	*1 1/2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 13
Standard Gas & Electric, pref. (quar.)	*2	Mar. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 28
Southwestern Power & Light, pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 13
West Penn Company, com. (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 25	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
West Penn Power Co., 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Six per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Wilmington Gas, preferred	3	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 18a
Wisconsin Public Service, pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 18
Miscellaneous.			
Abbotts Alderney Dairies, 1st pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Amer. Railway Express (quar.)	\$1.50	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a
American Sugar Refining, com. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 2	*Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 2	*Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Atlas Powder, common (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 10	Holders of rec. Feb. 26a
Beacon Oil, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 14
Bingham Mines (quar.)	*\$2	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Feb. 8
Bristol Manufacturing (quar.)	*\$1	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 8
Extra	*\$1	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 8
California Petroleum Corp., com. (quar.)	*50c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Carter (Wm.) Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 10
Casein Co. of America (Del.) (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 8
Casein Co. of Amer. (N. J.), pref. (qu.)	2	Feb. 11	Holders of rec. Feb. 5
Preferred (extra)	1	Feb. 11	Holders of rec. Feb. 5
Caterpillar Tractor (quar.)	*\$1.25	Feb. 25	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Stock dividend	*25		
Cleveland Stone (quar.)	*1 1/2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Extra	*1	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Cuba Company, com. (quar.)	*\$1	Mar. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Cuneo Press (quar.)	*\$1	June 15	*Holders of rec. June 1
Quarterly	*\$1	June 15	*Holders of rec. June 1
Dietaphone Corp., pref. (quar.)	2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Eastman Kodak, common (quar.)	*\$1.25	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 27
Common (extra)	*75c.	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 27
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 27
Famous Players-Lasky Corp., com. (qu.)	*\$2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
General Cigar, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Gould Coupler, class A (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	*2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Hood Rubber, common (quar.)	*\$1	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 19
Hood Rubber Products, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 19
Internat. Securities Trust, com. (quar.)	*95c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Interstate Iron & Steel, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 11
Preferred (account acum. dividends)	*\$3	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 11
Jaeger Machine, common (quar.)	62 1/2c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a
Jewel Tea, preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 18
Preferred (account acum. dividends)	*\$2 1/4	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 18
Kayser (Julius) & Co., pref. (quar.)	*\$2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 18
Kirby Lumber (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 10	*Holders of rec. Feb. 27
Quarterly	*1 1/4	June 10	*Holders of rec. May 31
Quarterly	*1 1/4	Sept. 10	*Holders of rec. Aug. 31
Quarterly	*1 1/4	Dec. 10	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Kresge (S. S.) Co., new common (quar.)	*30c.	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 31
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Kuppenheimer (B.) & Co., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 23
Mack Trucks, Inc., com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
First and second preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Manhattan Shirt, common (quar.)	37 1/2c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 19

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
Mahoning Investment (quar.)	\$1.50	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Marland Oil (quar.)	*\$1	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 24
Maytag Co. (quar.)	*50c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Quarterly	*50c.	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 15
Quarterly	*50c.	Sept. 1	*Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Quarterly	*50c.	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 15
McCahan (W. J.) Sugar Refining & Molasses Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
McCrary Stores Corp., com. A and B	*40c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Merrimack, manufacturing, preferred	2 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 4
Metro-Golwyn Pictures, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 27
National Sugar Refining (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 2	Holders of rec. Mar. 8
Newmarket Manufacturing (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 9a
Oil Well Supply (quar.)	*50c.	Apr. 15	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Oxy Hosiery, preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 19
Pines Winterfront Co., A and B (quar.)	*50c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Pitts. Term. Coal, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 18
Quaker Oats, common (quar.)	*75c.	Apr. 15	*Holders of rec. Apr. 1
Common (extra)	*\$2.50	Apr. 15	*Holders of rec. Apr. 1
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	May 29	*Holders of rec. May 1
Radio Corporation, original pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Remington Typewriter Co.—			
First pref. and Series 5 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Second pref. (quar.)	—2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Sherwin Williams Co. (Can.), com. (qu.)	1 1/4	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Steel Products, preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Sun Oil (quar.)	*25c.	Mar. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Tennessee Copper & Chemical (quar.)	25c.	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 27a
Texas Company (quar.)	75c.	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 5
Timken-Detroit Axle, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 20
U. S. Gypsum, common (quar.)	*40c.	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Vestaline Oil, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 17	Holders of rec. Mar. 13
Vesta Battery, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Wabash Cotton (quar.)	*\$1	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Wansuta Mills (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 9
Wesson Oil & Snowdrift, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Whitman Mills (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 2
Wright Aeronautical Co. (quar.)	25c.	Feb. 27	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Yale & Towne Mfg. (quar.)	\$1	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 23
Youngstown Sheet & Tube, com. (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
Railroads (Steam).			
Alabama Great Southern, preferred	3 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Ach. Topeka & Santa Fe, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 29a
Baltimore & Ohio, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
Preferred (quar.)	1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
Bellefonte Central (annual)	50c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 30a
Buffalo Rochester & Pltsh., common	3	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5a
Preferred (quar.)	3	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5a
Central RR. of N. J. (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 8a
Cleveland & Pittsburgh, guar. (quar.)	87 1/2c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a
Special guaranteed (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a
Cripple Creek Central, pref. (quar.)	1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 1a
Houston & Texas Central	2 1/2	Apr. 10	Holders of rec. Apr. 1
Hudson & Manhattan, pref.	2 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
Illinois Central, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 5a
Preferred	3	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 5a
Internat. Rys. of Cent. Amer., pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 30a
Maine Central, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Preferred (acet. acum. divs.)	47 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
New Orleans Texas & Mexico (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
N. Y. Chicago & St. Louis, com. (qu.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Norfolk & Western, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 19	Holders of rec. Feb. 27a
Adj. pref. (quar.)	1	Feb. 19	Holders of rec. Jan. 30a
Oswego & Syracuse	\$2.25	Feb. 20	Holders of rec. Feb. 8a
Pennsylvania (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 27	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
Reading Company, first pref. (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 11	Holders of rec. Feb. 19a
St. Louis-San Francisco, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 10a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 2	Holders of rec. July 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Wabash, pref. A (quar.)	\$1.25	Feb. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 23
Public Utilities.			
Amer. Electric Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5a
American Superpower, partic. pref. (qu.)	*60c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 23
American Telegraph & Cable (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 27
Amer. Water Works & Elec., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
Common (payable in common stock)	72 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
Public Utilities (Concluded).			
Philadelphia Company, preferred	\$1.25	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a
Public Service Corp., common (quar.)	\$1.25	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 5a
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 5a
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 5a
Six per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 5a
Public Service Elec. & Gas, 7% pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 5a
Six per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 5a
Southern Colorado Pow. com. A (quar.)	50c	Feb. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
South Pittsburgh Water, preferred	*5c	Feb. 19	Holders of rec. Feb. 5
Tampa Electric Co. (quar.)	2 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Tennessee Elec. Pow., 6% 1st pref (qu.)	\$1.50	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
7% first preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
7.2% first preferred (quar.)	\$1.80	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
6% first preferred (monthly)	50c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
6% first preferred (monthly)	50c	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
7.2% first preferred (monthly)	60c	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
7.2% first preferred (monthly)	60c	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
United Rys. & Elec., Balt., com. (qu.)	50c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 25a
United Utilities, pref.	\$3.50	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
West Penn Company, 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
West Penn Electric Co. 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
West Penn Rys., 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Winple Electric Co. com. (quar.)	1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Wisconsin Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	*\$1.75	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 28
Banks.			
Public National (payable in stock)	*12 1/2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Trust Companies.			
Fidelity-International (special)	\$40	Feb. 25	Feb. 17 to Mar. 2
Title Guarantee & Trust, extra	4	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Miscellaneous.			
Allis-Chalmers Mfg., com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 25a
American Art Works, com. & pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 31
American Can, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 30a
Common (extra)	3	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 30a
Common (payable in common stock)	50	Mar. 11	Holders of rec. Mar. 10a
American Chain, Class A (quar.)	50c	Apr. 1	Mar. 21 to Mar. 31
Amer.-La France Fire Eng., com. (qu.)	25c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
American Linseed, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 19a
American Metals, common (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 18a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 19a
American Multigraph (quar.)	*40c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
American Radiator, com. (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 30a
Amer. Rayon Prod. (quar.)	50c	Mar. 27	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Amer. Smelting & Refining, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 5a
American Soda Fountain (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
American Stores Corporation (quar.)	50c	Apr. 1	Mar. 17 to Apr. 1
Quarterly	50c	July 1	June 16 to July 1
Quarterly	50c	Oct. 1	Sept. 16 to Oct. 1
American Tobacco, com. & com. B (qu.)	\$2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a
Amer. Vitriol Products, com. (quar.)	\$1	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 5
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Amer. Window Glass Co., preferred	3 1/2	Mar. 1	Feb. 19 to Feb. 28
Anaconda Copper Mining (quar.)	75c	Feb. 23	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
Artloong Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 18a
Associated Dry Goods, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 13a
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 26	Holders of rec. Mar. 4a
Associated Oil (quar.)	50c	Apr. 26	Holders of rec. Mar. 4a
Babeock & Wilcox Co. (monthly)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Balaban & Katz, com. (monthly)	25c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20a
Monthly	25c	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20a
Bates Manufacturing, com. (No. 1)	*\$1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 13
Bethlehem Steel, 7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 6a
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 6a
Big Lake Oil	*17 1/2	Feb. 18	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Bond & Mortgage Guarantee (quar.)	4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 8
Borden Company, com. (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 16a
Common (extra)	25c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 16a
Botany Consd. Mills, Class 1 (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5a
Brill (J. G.) Co., common (quar.)	\$1.25	Mar. 1	Feb. 24 to Mar. 1
Brown Shoe, new com. (quar.) (No. 1)	50c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20a
Buckeye Pipe Line (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 19
Extra	50c	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 19
Butler Bros. (quar.)	*62 1/2c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 30
Burns Brothers, Class A (quar.)	\$2.50	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
Class B (quar.)	50c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
Butler Mill (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5
Cabot Manufacturing (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 4
California Packing (quar.)	\$1.50	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 27
Canada Cement, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Canadian Converters (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 30
Canadian Locomotive (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Case (J. I.) Threshing Mach., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 25a
Certain-tee Products Corp., com. (qu.)	\$1	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 16a
First and second preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 16a
Centrifugal Pipe Corp. (quar.)	25c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 6a
Century Ribbon Mills, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 6
C. G. Spring & Bumper, com. (quar.)	10c	Feb. 15	Feb. 9 to Feb. 15
Common (extra)	5c	Feb. 15	Feb. 9 to Feb. 15
Chicago Mill & Lumber, com. (quar.)	*1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 6
Chicago Flexible Shaft, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 18
Chicago Yellow S. B. (monthly)	33 1/2-3c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20a
Childs Co., com. no par value (quar.)	60c	Mar. 10	Holders of rec. Feb. 26a
Com. (extra, pay. in no par com. stk.)	(j)	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 26a
Com. (extra, pay. in no par com. stk.)	(j)	July 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 27a
Com. (extra, pay. in no par com. stk.)	(j)	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 27a
Com. (extra, pay. in no par com. stk.)	(j)	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 26a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 10	Holders of rec. Feb. 26a
Chill Copper (quar.)	62 1/2c	Mar. 29	Holders of rec. Mar. 3a
Cities Service, common (monthly)	* 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Common (payable in common stock)	* 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Preferred and preferred B (monthly)	* 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Cohn-Hall-Marx Co., com. (quar.)	70c	Apr. 5	Holders of rec. Apr. 5
Common (quar.)	70c	July 5	Holders of rec. July 5
Colorado Fuel & Iron, pref. (quar.)	*70	Feb. 25	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a
Commercial Credit, Baltimore, com.	*70	Feb. 27	Holders of rec. Jan. 18
Congoleum-Nairn, Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Consolidated Cigar Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Consolidation Coal (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 20	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a
Consumers Company, pref.	*3 1/2	Feb. 20	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Prof. (in full of all accum. divs.)	*7	Feb. 20	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Continental Can, com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5a
Common (extra)	\$1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5a
Continental Oil (quar.)	*25c	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 13
Coty, Inc. (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 19a
Curtis Aeroplane & Motor, preferred	4 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Cushman's Sons, Inc., com. (quar.)	75c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 11a
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 11a
Eight dollar preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20a
Decker (Alfred) & Cohn, Inc., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Deere & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Diamond Mach. Ltd. (quar.)	2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 27a
Domington Bridge, Ltd. (quar.)	1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 30
Eagle-Fisher Lead, com. (quar.)	40c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Estey-Welte Corporation.			
Class A (payable in Class A stock)	2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Class B (payable in Class A stock)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Euclid Oil (monthly)	1 1/2	Feb. 25	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Monthly	20c	Mar. 25	Holders of rec. Mar. 10
Fair (The), com. (monthly)	20c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 18a
Common (monthly)	20c	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20a
Common (monthly)	20c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Fairbanks, Morse & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 30
Famous Players Can. Corp., 1st pf. (qu.)	\$2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 30
Farwell Bleachery (quar.)	2 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 4
Farwell Mills (quar.)	1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 4

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Continued).			
Federal Mining & Smelting, com.	10	Mar. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 25a
Preferred (account accum. dividends)	h 1/2	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 6a
Preferred (account accum. dividends)	h 7 1/2	Mar. 9	Holders of rec. Feb. 25a
Firststone Tire & Rubber 7% pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 25a
First National Pictures, 1st pref. (quar.)	\$2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a
Flisk Rubber, 1st pf. (act. accum. divs.)	h 1 1/2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
Convertible preferred (No. 1)	*1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
General Asphalt, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 13a
General Development Co. (quar.)	25c	Feb. 20	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a
General Outdoor Advertising, Cl. A (qu.)	\$1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5a
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5
General Petroleum Corp., com. (quar.)	75c	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Gillette Safety Razor (quar.)	75c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Extra	25c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Glidden Co., common (quar.)	*50c	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Prior preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Goodrich (B. F.) Co., common (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Goodyear Tire & Rubber, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Prior preferred (quar.)	*2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Gossard (H. W.) Co., com. (monthly)	33 1/2-3c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 18a
Gotham Silk Hosiery, 1st & 2d pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. April 15a
Great Lakes Dredge & Dock (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 6
Extra	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 6
Greenfield Tap & Die Corp., 6% pf. (qu.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	2 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Guenter Publishing, pref. (quar.)	h 2 1/2	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Preferred (act. accumulated div.)	2 1/2	May 16	Holders of rec. Apr. 16
Preferred (act. accumulated divs.)	h 2 1/2	May 16	Holders of rec. Apr. 16
Preferred (quar.)	2 1/2	Aug. 16	Holders of rec. July 16
Preferred (act. accumulated divs.)	h 2 1/2	Aug. 16	Holders of rec. July 16
Preferred (quar.)	2 1/2	Nov. 16	Holders of rec. Oct. 16
Preferred (act. accumulated divs.)	h 2 1/2	Nov. 16	Holders of rec. Oct. 16
Hamilton Bank Note & Engraving	6c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Harbison-Walker Refrac., com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 19a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 20	Holders of rec. Apr. 10a
Hartman Corporation (quar.)	62 1/2c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 17a
Hart, Schaffner & Marx (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 27	Holders of rec. Feb. 13
Extra	75c	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 23a
Hayes Wheel, common (quar.)	25c	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 23a
Common (extra)	25c	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 23a
7 1/2% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 23a
Hazeltine Corporation (quar.)	25c	Feb. 24	Holders of rec. Feb. 4
Extra	25c	Feb. 24	Holders of rec. Feb. 4
Hercules Powder, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5
Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co. (m'thly)	35c	Mar. 26	Holders of rec. Feb. 19
Monthly	35c	Mar. 26	Holders of rec. Mar. 19
Extra	20c	Mar. 26	Holders of rec. Mar. 19
Hires (Chas. E.), Class A (quar.)	*50c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Class B (quar.)	*15c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Hollander (A.) & Son, common	62 1/2c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Hollings & Gold Mines, com.	5c	Feb. 25	Holders of rec. Feb. 9
Honolulu Mining (monthly)	50c	Feb. 25	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Hosac Cotton Mill (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5
Household Products Corp. (quar.)	75c	Mar. 1	Feb. 12 to Mar. 8
Houston Oil, preferred	*3	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 19
Hudson Motor Car (quar.)	75c	April 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Illinois Brick (quar.)	*2.4	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 5
Quarterly	*2.4	July 15	Holders of rec. July 5
Quarterly	*2.4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5
Imperial Oil, Canada (quar.)	25c	Mar. 1	Feb. 16 to Feb. 127
Independent Oil & Gas (quar.)	25c	Apr. 12	Holders of rec. Mar. 31a
Indiana Pipe Line (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 22
Indian Motorcycle, com. (quar.)	50c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Ingersoll-Rand Co., new com. (No. 1)	75c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 30
Indiana (quar.)	62 1/2c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Internat. Agricultural Corp., prior pref.	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Internat. Combustion Eng. (quar.)	50c	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Internat. Harvester, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a
International Petroleum, Ltd.	*25c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 11
International Shoe, com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a
Common (quar.)	\$1.50	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Common (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Intertype Corporation, com. (quar.)	25c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
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Miscellaneous (Concluded)			
Orpheum Circuit, com. (monthly)	16 2-3c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20a
Common (monthly)	16 2-3c	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a
Owens Bottle, com. (extra)	75c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 16a
Preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 16a
Pacific Oil	\$3	Mar. 6	Holders of rec. Jan. 28a
Special (two-fifths share Ass'd Oil stk.)		Mar. 6	Holders of rec. Jan. 28a
Pan American Petroleum of California	2 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Pathe Exchange, preferred (quar.)	2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 8
Peabody Coal, pref. (monthly)	*58c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 18
Preferred (monthly)	*58c.	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Penmans, Limited, com. (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5
Pennock Oil (quar.)	*50c.	Mar. 25	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Phillips-Jones Corp., com. (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20a
Phoenix Hosiery, 1st & 2d pref. (quar.)	*1 3/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 17a
Pittsburgh Plate Glass (quar.)		Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Extra	*5	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 30
Pittsburgh Steel, pref. (quar.)	1 3/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Plymouth Oil & Gas	*50c.	Feb. 20	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
F Pratt & Lambert Co., common (quar.)	*75c.	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Pressed Steel Car, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 17	Holders of rec. Feb. 24a
Procter & Gamble, com. (quar.)	*\$1.25	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Pro-phy-lac-tie Brush, com. (extra)	*50c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Pullman Company (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 30a
Pure Oil, common (quar.)	37 1/2c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a
Common (extra)	12 1/2c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a
Quaker Mills, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 27	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
Quislet Oat (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5
Radio Corp., pref. A (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 1a
Radio Corp., pref. B (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Republic Iron & Steel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Mar. 16 to Apr. 14
Reynolds Spring, pref. A & B (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
St. Joseph Lead Co. (quar.)	25c.	Mar. 20	Mar. 10 to Mar. 21
Extra	25c.	Mar. 20	Mar. 10 to Mar. 21
Quarterly	50c.	June 21	June 10 to June 21
Extra	25c.	June 21	June 10 to June 21
Quarterly	50c.	Sept. 20	Sept. 10 to Sept. 20
Extra	25c.	Sept. 20	Sept. 10 to Sept. 20
Quarterly	50c.	Dec. 20	Dec. 10 to Dec. 20
Extra	25c.	Dec. 20	Dec. 10 to Dec. 20
Savage Arms Corp., common	\$1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
First preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Second preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
Schultz Retail Stores, com. (In com. stk.)	*2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. May 1
Scotten-Dillon Co. (quar.)	*3	Feb. 17	*Holders of rec. Feb. 8
Extra	*7	Feb. 17	*Holders of rec. Feb. 8
Shell Union Oil, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 26a
Sherwin-Williams Co., common (quar.)	*50c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Common (extra)	*25c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Shredded Wheat Co. (quar.)	*2 1/2	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 21
Simon (Franklin), Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 18a
Sinclair Consolidated Oil, pref. (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
Skelly Oil (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Smith (A. O.) Corp., com. (quar.)	25c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Common (extra)	25c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Soule Mills, common (quar.)	*\$2	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 5
Southern Acid & Sulphur, com.	75c.	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 10
Southern Pipe Line (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Spalding (A. G.) & Bros., 1st pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 13a
Second preferred (quar.)	2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 13
Spear & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Standard Oil (California) (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 20a
Standard Oil (Indiana) (quar.)	*62 1/2c	Mar. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Extra	*25c.	Mar. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Standard Oil of N. Y. (quar.)	*35c.	Mar. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Standard Oil (Ohio), pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 29
Standard Sanitary Mfg., common (quar.)	\$2	Feb. 20	Holders of rec. Feb. 4
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 20	Holders of rec. Feb. 4
Stewart-Warner Speedometer (quar.)	\$1.50	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 30a
Studebaker Corporation, com. (quar.)	*\$1.25	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 10a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a
Swift International	60c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Thompson (J. R.) Co., com. (monthly)	30c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 23a
Thompson Starrett, preferred	*4	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Tide-Water Oil, preferred (quar.)	\$1.25	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 8a
Timken Roller Bearing (quar.)	75c.	Mar. 5	Holders of rec. Feb. 20a
Extra	25c.	Mar. 5	Holders of rec. Feb. 20a
Tobacco Products Corp., Cl. A (qu.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a
Union Tank Car, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
United Biscuit Co. A (No. 1)	*\$1	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
United Drug, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 5a
Extra	2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 5a
U. S. Cast Iron Pipe & Fdy., com. (qu.)	2 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 1a
Common (quar.)	2 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1a
Common (quar.)	2 1/2	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 1a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
U. S. Hoffman Machinery, com. (qu.)	75c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 18a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 18a
U. S. Rubber, first pref. (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
U. S. Steel Corp., common (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 30	Feb. 27 to Mar. 2
Common (extra)	1 1/4	Mar. 30	Feb. 27 to Mar. 2
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 27	Jan. 31 to Feb. 3
U. S. Stores Corp. prior pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 18a
Vacuum Oil (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 20	Holders of rec. Feb. 27
Extra	50c.	Mar. 20	Holders of rec. Feb. 27
Vanadium Corp. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
Van Raalte, Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Weber & Helbronner, common (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 30	Holders of rec. Mar. 16a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 16
Welch Grape Juice, com. (quar.)	25c.	Feb. 27	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
White (J. G.) & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
White (J. G.) Engineering, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
White (J. G.) Manag't Corp., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
White Motor (quar.)	*\$1	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 10
Will & Baumer Candle, com. (quar.)	25c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Willcox & Gibbs Sewing Machine	3	Feb. 15	Feb. 3 to Feb. 16
Woolworth (F. W.) Co., com. (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a
Common (extra)	\$1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10a
Wrigley (Wm.) Jr. & Co. (monthly)	25c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20a
Monthly	25c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20a
Wurlitzer (Rud.) Co., 8% pref. (quar.)	2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Youngstown Sheet & Tube, com. (qu.)	*\$1	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15

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a Transfer books not closed for this dividend. b Correction. c Payable in stock. f Payable in common stock. g Payable in scrip. h On account of accumulated dividends. m Payable in preferred stock. n Payable in Canadian funds.
† Payable to holders of record Jan. 31.
j Childs Co. stock dividends are one share of no par value common stock for each 100 shares held.
k Dividend payable either in cash or in Class A stock at rate of 5 1/4 hundredths of one share of Class A stock for each share of \$6 pref. and six one-hundredths of Class A stock for each share of \$6 pref.
l Payable to holders of coupon No. 5.
m N. Y. Stock Exch. rules Nash Motors shall be quoted ex the last div. on Feb. 23.
n Payable in cash or in Class A stock at the rate of one-fortieth of a share for each share held.

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 Feb. 6. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily results. In the case of the grand totals, we also show the actual figures of condition at the end of the week.

NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.
(Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three (000) ciphers omitted)

Week Ending Feb. 6 1926. (000 omitted.)	New Capital/Profits.		Loans, Discounts, Investments, &c.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Depositaries.	Net Demand Deposits.	Time Deposits.	Bank Circulation.
	Nat'l. State, Tr. Cos.	Dec. 31, Nov. 14, Nov. 14.						
Members of Fed. Reserve Bank of N. Y. & Trust Co.	d. Res. \$	Bank. \$	Average \$	Average \$	Average \$	Average \$	Average \$	Average \$
Bk of Manhat'n	10,000	14,732	158,944	2,899	17,790	130,949	25,209	348
Mech & Met Nat'l	10,000	16,134	184,081	3,378	23,095	174,239	11,019	549
Bank of America	6,500	5,223	75,656	1,729	11,903	89,871	4,421	---
National City	50,000	65,032	592,004	5,596	63,775	*638,667	70,500	850
Chemical Nat'l	4,500	18,000	130,338	1,315	16,419	120,046	4,174	348
Am Ex-Pac Nat'l	7,500	12,547	156,054	2,171	19,989	145,278	11,443	4,962
Nat Bk of Com.	25,000	40,935	355,334	1,091	40,548	309,779	13,530	---
Chat Ph NB&T	13,500	12,571	222,145	2,689	24,404	174,014	42,144	5,970
Hanover Nat'l	5,000	25,505	125,696	559	14,753	112,417	---	---
Corn Exchange	10,000	14,558	201,061	6,460	24,702	176,053	31,437	---
National Park	10,000	3,843	192,671	891	20,836	158,125	9,530	3,486
Bow'y & East Riv	3,000	3,071	49,856	1,479	5,152	35,733	14,746	995
First National	10,000	73,804	315,494	619	24,842	186,044	21,961	4,835
Irving Bk-ColTr	17,500	13,735	295,634	2,684	37,270	279,949	27,665	---
Continental	1,000	1,161	7,919	120	1,068	6,805	420	---
Chase National	20,000	27,184	379,208	4,163	46,920	*370,444	16,059	991
Fifth Avenue	500	2,905	26,983	769	3,493	26,237	---	---
Commonwealth	600	1,089	13,655	496	1,487	10,353	4,772	---
Garfield Nat'l	1,000	1,731	17,611	419	2,333	17,383	317	---
Seaboard Nat'l	6,000	9,764	115,521	1,129	15,122	115,300	2,810	42
Coal & Iron Nat'l	1,500	1,543	19,638	328	2,299	16,751	1,879	73
Bankers Trust	20,000	30,391	347,548	771	38,203	*314,406	44,498	---
U S Mtge & Tr.	3,000	4,750	64,338	751	7,754	57,220	6,688	---
Guaranty Trust	25,000	21,538	422,017	1,259	46,205	*412,291	62,484	---
Fidelity-InterTr	2,000	2,209	21,881	417	2,623	19,382	1,816	---
New York Trust	10,000	20,018	174,936	500	20,201	148,827	18,501	---
Farmers L & Tr	10,000	18,520	145,495	454	14,359	*110,508	25,004	---
Equitable Trust	23,000	12,852	268,156	1,530	30,137	*291,863	32,904	---
Total of averages	310,100	508,215	5,155,266	47,152	585,428	c4,353,585	504,682	23,101
Totals, actual condition	Feb. 6	5,139,619	48,267,616	333	c4,325,433	502,911	23,063	---
Totals, actual condition	Jan. 30	5,142,736	48,129,531	104	c4,310,849	509,915	23,299	---
Totals, actual condition	Jan. 23	5,105,183	48,773,604	50	c4,331,568	503,561	23,131	---
State Banks Not Members of Fed'l Reserve Bank								
Greenwich Bank	1,000	2,594	24,089	1,933	2,180	23,371	1,830	---
State Bank	3,500	5,867	107,747	4,700	2,620	40,014	63,950	---
Total of averages	4,500	8,462	131,836	6,633	4,800	63,385	65,780	---
Totals, actual condition	Feb. 6	132,234	6,786	4,853	63,883	65,763	---	---
Totals, actual condition	Jan. 30	133,003	6,559	4,756	64,805	65,798	---	---
Totals, actual condition	Jan. 23	132,052	6,857	4,846	64,155	65,951	---	---
Trust Companies Not Members of Fed'l Reserve Bank								
Title Guar & Tr.	10,000	17,233	64,216	1,613	4,493	40,600	2,360	---
Lawyers Trust	3,000	3,204	26,714	934	2,444	22,670	1,112	---
Total of averages	<							

	Actual Figures.				
	Cash Reserve in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories	Total Reserve.	a Reserve Required.	Surplus Reserve.
Members Federal Reserve Bank	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
State banks *	6,786,000	4,853,000	11,639,000	11,498,940	140,060
Trust companies*	2,531,000	7,046,000	9,577,000	9,579,150	-2,150
Total Feb. 6	9,317,000	628,232,000	637,549,000	598,471,710	39,077,290
Total Jan. 30	8,930,000	592,821,000	601,751,000	596,470,820	5,280,180
Total Jan. 23	9,131,000	615,682,000	624,813,000	598,691,070	26,121,930
Total Jan. 16	9,311,000	619,006,000	628,317,000	603,106,440	25,210,560

* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank.
 a This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve Bank includes also amount of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: Feb. 6, \$15,087,330; Jan. 30, \$15,297,450; Jan. 23, \$15,106,830; Jan. 16, \$15,257,970; Jan. 9, \$15,272,490.

State Banks and Trust Companies Not in Clearing House.—The State Banking Department reports weekly figures showing the condition of State banks and trust companies in New York City not in the Clearing House as follows:

SUMMARY OF STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK; NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

(Figures Furnished by State Banking Department.)

	Feb. 6.	Differences from Previous Week.
Loans and investments	\$1,205,335,000	Inc. \$2,897,800
Gold	4,207,900	Dec. 102,600
Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York	23,680,600	Dec. 1,157,700
Total deposits	100,862,200	Dec. 478,900
Deposits, eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories and from other banks and trust companies in N. Y. City, exchange & U. S. deposits	1,189,594,300	Dec. 1,606,900
Reserve on deposits	171,499,100	Dec. 468,300
Percentage of reserve, 00.0%		

RESERVE.		
	State Banks	Trust Companies
Cash in vault	*\$36,821,600	15.84%
Deposits in banks and trust cos.	12,178,600	05.24%
Total	\$49,000,200	21.08%
	\$122,498,900	19.32%

* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on Feb. 6 was \$100,862,200.

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

COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK.

Week Ended—	Loans and Investments.	Demand Deposits.	*Total Cash in Vaults.	Reserve in Depositories.
Oct. 10	6,465,023,700	5,491,705,400	84,916,400	716,263,500
Oct. 17	6,463,163,200	5,550,463,800	84,365,300	727,858,400
Oct. 24	6,481,864,200	5,576,689,600	83,765,400	733,612,200
Oct. 31	6,502,188,400	5,629,110,200	83,583,400	735,006,800
Nov. 7	6,556,239,300	5,696,831,900	86,517,800	745,155,200
Nov. 14	6,531,007,500	5,682,852,100	88,814,300	743,772,000
Nov. 21	6,520,077,500	5,665,239,800	84,741,300	746,115,600
Nov. 28	6,522,283,800	5,625,087,400	88,401,000	734,901,500
Dec. 5	6,504,882,200	5,615,024,900	88,462,600	738,833,300
Dec. 12	6,498,683,800	5,602,113,700	91,125,200	732,709,200
Dec. 19	6,539,445,300	5,638,893,200	98,884,300	746,673,400
Dec. 26	6,584,447,000	5,619,923,800	105,692,300	734,118,200
Jan. 2	6,688,745,000	5,740,772,300	99,811,300	764,938,500
Jan. 9	6,713,047,300	5,770,909,300	95,988,600	762,004,500
Jan. 16	6,614,199,500	5,711,092,600	90,893,800	746,110,700
Jan. 23	6,557,007,300	5,657,830,000	87,033,900	736,989,600
Jan. 30	6,538,928,200	5,628,105,200	87,174,800	742,775,600
Feb. 6	6,583,367,000	5,669,834,300	84,220,500	740,775,600

New York City Non-Member Banks and Trust Companies.—The following are the returns to the Clearing House by clearing non-member institutions and which are not included in the "Clearing House Returns" in the foregoing:

RETURN OF NON-MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE.

(Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers [000] omitted.)

CLEARING NON-MEMBERS	Capital.	Net Profits	Loans, Discounts, Investments, etc.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Depositories.	Net Demand Deposits.	Net Time Deposits.
Members of Fed'l Res'v Bank.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Grace Nat Bank	1,000	1,856	12,756	35	985	6,572	3,899
Total	1,000	1,856	12,756	35	985	6,572	3,899
State Banks, Not Members of the Federal Reserve Bank							
Bank of Wash. Hts.	200	604	8,588	792	377	6,307	2,591
Colonial Bank	1,200	2,787	30,800	3,161	1,502	26,200	4,665
Total	1,400	3,392	39,388	3,953	1,879	32,507	7,256
Trust Company Not Member of the Federal Reserve Bank							
Mech Tr, Bayonne.	500	589	9,350	372	178	3,554	5,972
Total	500	589	9,350	372	178	3,554	5,972
Grand aggregate	2,900	5,838	61,494	4,360	3,042	a42,633	17,127
Comparison with pr ev. week			+2		-34	-134	+88
Gr'd agr., Jan. 30	2,900	5,838	61,492	4,360	3,076	a42,767	17,039
Gr'd agr., Jan. 23	2,900	5,838	61,769	4,433	3,149	a43,508	17,012
Gr'd agr., Jan. 16	2,900	5,736	62,148	4,566	3,275	a44,039	17,003
Gr'd agr., Jan. 9	2,900	5,736	61,017	4,670	3,412	a43,278	17,020

a United States deposits deducted, \$47,000
 Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$2,598,000.
 Excess reserve, \$1,440 increase.

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

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

	Feb. 10 1926.	Changes from previous week.	Feb. 3 1926.	Jan. 27 1926.
Capital	\$66,000,000	Inc. 200,000	\$66,800,000	\$66,800,000
Surplus and profits	89,058,000	Inc. 18,000	89,040,000	90,272,000
Loans, disc'ts & investments	1,010,181,000	Inc. 1,151,000	1,009,030,000	1,010,300,000
Individual deposits	677,067,000	Dec. 15,331,000	692,398,000	692,364,000
Due to banks	136,666,000	Dec. 5,132,000	141,798,000	138,286,000
Time deposits	212,429,000	Inc. 2,366,000	210,063,000	213,940,000
United States deposits	19,655,000	Dec. 16	19,657,000	19,660,000
Exchanges for Clearing House	27,490,000	Dec. 12,273,000	39,673,000	29,957,000
Due from other banks	70,619,000	Dec. 9,313,000	79,932,000	76,182,000
Reserve in legal depositories	80,254,000	Dec. 926,000	81,180,000	81,523,000
Cash in bank	10,265,000	Dec. 131,000	10,396,000	10,935,000
Reserve excess in F. R. Bk.	265,000	Dec. 844,000	1,109,000	376,000

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Feb. 6, 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 depositories" and "Cash in vaults."

Two Ciphers (00) omitted.	Week Ended February 6 1926.			Jan 30 1926	Jan 23 1926.
	Members of F. R. System	Trust Companies	1925 Total.		
Capital	\$42,275.0	\$5,100.0	\$47,275.0	\$47,025.0	\$47,025.0
Surplus and profits	129,436.0	17,137.0	146,573.0	146,573.0	146,573.0
Loans, disc'ts & investm'ts	849,415.0	48,198.0	897,613.0	896,796.0	898,941.0
Exchanges for Clear. House	36,957.0	786.0	37,743.0	39,783.0	41,420.0
Due from banks	107,523.0	16.0	107,539.0	108,692.0	118,464.0
Bank deposits	146,749.0	879.0	147,619.0	145,527.0	148,616.0
Individual deposits	590,155.0	30,171.0	620,326.0	629,631.0	644,228.0
Time deposits	125,904.0	2,116.0	128,020.0	124,548.0	132,109.0
Total deposits	862,799.0	33,166.0	895,965.0	899,706.0	914,947.0
U. S. deposits (not incl.)			14,461.0	14,461.0	13,502.0
Res'v with legal depositories		4,552.0	4,552.0	3,811.0	3,928.0
Reserve with F. R. Bank	65,497.0		65,497.0	65,728.0	65,679.0
Cash in vault *	9,706.0	1,573.0	11,279.0	11,638.0	11,845.0
Total reserve & cash held	75,203.0	6,125.0	81,328.0	81,177.0	81,452.0
Reserve required	65,013.0	4,642.0	69,655.0	70,088.0	70,894.0
Excess res. & cash in vault	10,190.0	1,483.0	11,673.0	11,091.0	10,558.0

* 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 Feb. 10 1926 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

	Feb. 10 1926.	Feb. 3 1926.	Feb. 11 1925.
Resources—			
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent	\$339,535,000	\$389,648,000	\$442,098,000
Gold redemp. fund with U. S. Treasury	10,527,000	6,974,000	7,230,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	350,062,000	396,622,000	449,328,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	215,915,000	188,261,000	141,343,000
Gold and gold certificates held by bank	384,173,000	379,591,000	297,195,000
Total gold reserves	950,150,000	964,474,000	887,866,000
Reserves other than gold	38,125,000	37,861,000	33,412,000
Total reserves	988,275,000	1,002,335,000	921,278,000
Non-reserve cash	21,337,000	24,896,000	18,980,000
Bills discounted—			
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	155,601,000	137,173,000	108,916,000
Other bills discounted	33,043,000	20,355,000	40,155,000
Total bills discounted	188,644,000	157,528,000	149,071,000
Bills bought in open market	52,492,000	36,852,000	75,884,000
U. S. Government securities—			
Bonds	1,934,000	1,934,000	12,461,000
Treasury notes	36,695,000	43,133,000	91,977,000
Certificates of indebtedness	14,120,000	11,182,000	9,752,000
Total U. S. Government securities	52,749,000	56,249,000	114,190,000
Foreign loans on gold	1,971,000	1,728,000	3,055,000
Total bills and securities (See Note)	295,866,000	252,357,000	342,200,000
Due from foreign banks (See Note)	660,000	660,000	642,000
Uncollected items	136,355,000	146,284,000	132,137,000
Bank premises	16,666,000	16,666,000	16,303,000
All other resources	4,288,000	4,253,000	7,551,000
Total resources	1,463,436,000	1,447,451,000	1,439,091,000
Liabilities—			
Fed'l Reserve notes in actual circulation	369,580,000	366,127,000	348,623,000
Deposits—Member bank, reserve acct.	862,032,000	838,748,000	850,215,000
Government	6,008,000	13,404,000	6,112,000
Foreign bank (See Note)	5,857,000	1,437,000	19,443,000
Other deposits	8,890,000	9,081,000	10,142,000
Total deposits	882,787,000	867,700,000	885,512,000
Deferred availability items	115,542,000	123,511,000	113,714,000
Capital paid in	33,177,000	33,098,000	30,372,000
Surplus	59,964,000	59,965,000	58,749,000
All other liabilities	2,386,000	2,081,000	2,321,000
Total liabilities	1,463,436,000	1,447,451,000	1,439,091,000
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and Fed'l Res'v note liabilities combined	78.9%	81.6%	74.6%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	23,996,000	22,883,000	12,198,000

NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption, "All other earning assets," now made up of Federal intermediate credit bank debentures, has been changed to "Other securities," and the caption, "Total earning assets," to "Total bills and securities." 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 herein.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Feb. 11, and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve banks at the close of business on Wednesday. In the first table we present the results for the system as a whole in comparison with the figures for the seven preceding weeks and with those of the corresponding week last year. The second table shows the resources and liabilities separately for each of the twelve banks. The Federal Reserve Agents' Accounts (third table following) gives details regarding transactions in Federal Reserve notes between the Comptroller and Reserve Agents and between the latter and Federal Reserve banks. *The Reserve Board's comment upon the returns for the latest week appears on page 822, being the first item in our department of "Current Events and Discussions."*

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS FEB. 10 1926

	Feb. 10 1926.	Feb. 3 1926.	Jan. 27 1926.	Jan. 20 1926.	Jan. 13 1926.	Jan. 6 1926.	Dec. 30 1925.	Dec. 23 1925.	Feb. 11 1925.
RESOURCES.									
Gold with Federal Reserve agents	\$ 1,433,149,000	\$ 1,450,287,000	\$ 1,511,514,000	\$ 1,517,010,000	\$ 1,472,351,000	\$ 1,424,473,000	\$ 1,356,807,000	\$ 1,327,438,000	\$ 1,712,410,000
Gold redemption fund with U. S. Treas.	51,702,000	46,135,000	49,604,000	49,159,000	49,711,000	58,526,000	52,699,000	49,343,000	48,298,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	1,484,851,000	1,496,422,000	1,561,118,000	1,566,169,000	1,522,062,000	1,482,999,000	1,409,306,000	1,376,781,000	1,760,708,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	650,384,000	633,596,000	578,327,000	573,852,000	608,492,000	638,643,000	701,455,000	729,256,000	576,593,000
Gold and gold certificates held by banks.	659,638,000	661,914,000	661,709,000	674,762,000	668,479,000	622,378,000	593,520,000	559,259,000	559,039,000
Total gold reserves	2,794,873,000	2,791,932,000	2,801,154,000	2,814,783,000	2,799,033,000	2,744,020,000	2,704,281,000	2,665,296,000	2,896,340,000
Reserves other than gold	144,422,000	147,328,000	152,053,000	152,069,000	150,846,000	138,046,000	117,852,000	91,983,000	144,693,000
Total reserves	2,939,295,000	2,939,260,000	2,953,207,000	2,966,852,000	2,949,879,000	2,882,066,000	2,822,133,000	2,757,279,000	3,041,033,000
Non-reserve cash	64,425,000	71,056,000	81,250,000	83,920,000	86,990,000	74,481,000	62,053,000	42,783,000	58,045,000
Bills discounted:									
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	310,096,000	298,089,000	258,227,000	251,872,000	305,962,000	363,832,000	466,014,000	441,479,000	190,515,000
Other bills discounted	223,276,000	189,707,000	190,330,000	201,310,000	199,801,000	229,635,000	283,658,000	322,644,000	141,291,000
Total bills discounted	533,372,000	487,796,000	448,557,000	453,182,000	505,763,000	593,467,000	749,672,000	764,123,000	331,806,000
Bills bought in open market	300,519,000	302,264,000	295,417,000	305,850,000	327,402,000	344,783,000	362,818,000	369,951,000	324,617,000
U. S. Government securities:									
Bonds	59,639,000	59,738,000	59,733,000	60,801,000	59,410,000	58,391,000	58,854,000	65,839,000	74,965,000
Treasury notes	168,673,000	184,435,000	182,873,000	183,595,000	184,022,000	185,906,000	192,077,000	190,037,000	274,539,000
Certificates of indebtedness	104,842,000	105,590,000	122,457,000	125,570,000	125,363,000	125,124,000	126,101,000	103,631,000	40,592,000
Total U. S. Government securities	333,154,000	349,763,000	365,063,000	369,966,000	368,795,000	369,421,000	377,032,000	359,507,000	390,096,000
Other securities (See Note)	3,150,000	3,150,000	3,150,000	3,150,000	3,158,000	3,205,000	3,205,000	3,205,000	2,559,000
Foreign loans on gold	7,299,000	6,399,000	6,500,000	6,500,000	7,000,000	7,502,000	8,100,000	8,300,000	10,500,000
Total bills and securities (See Note)	1,177,494,000	1,149,372,000	1,118,687,000	1,138,648,000	1,212,118,000	1,318,378,000	1,500,827,000	1,505,086,000	1,059,608,000
Due from foreign banks (See Note)	660,000	660,000	642,000	642,000	642,000	642,000	642,000	642,000	642,000
Uncollected items	613,554,000	628,838,000	635,749,000	719,719,000	750,502,000	787,184,000	717,509,000	766,088,000	589,040,000
Bank premises	59,366,000	59,322,000	59,323,000	59,308,000	59,308,000	59,239,000	61,632,000	61,629,000	58,057,000
All other resources	16,893,000	16,995,000	17,071,000	16,507,000	16,456,000	16,860,000	18,272,000	18,006,000	23,757,000
Total resources	4,871,687,000	4,865,503,000	4,865,929,000	4,985,596,000	5,075,895,000	5,138,850,000	5,183,158,000	5,151,513,000	4,830,182,000
LIABILITIES.									
F. R. notes in actual circulation	1,667,844,000	1,662,520,000	1,667,266,000	1,692,021,000	1,733,284,000	1,777,628,000	1,835,010,000	1,895,663,000	1,713,662,000
Deposits:									
Member banks—reserve account	2,239,050,000	2,215,193,000	2,216,882,000	2,242,730,000	2,279,741,000	2,278,123,000	2,308,614,000	2,219,373,000	2,174,546,000
Government	29,151,000	43,356,000	28,935,000	27,628,000	17,117,000	17,516,000	15,067,000	29,120,000	27,601,000
Foreign bank (See Note)	9,252,000	4,991,000	8,796,000	8,397,000	7,763,000	8,097,000	12,014,000	7,956,000	21,473,000
Other deposits	18,648,000	18,952,000	17,623,000	19,560,000	20,369,000	25,482,000	21,446,000	19,166,000	18,835,000
Total deposits	2,296,101,000	2,282,492,000	2,272,236,000	2,298,315,000	2,324,990,000	2,329,218,000	2,357,141,000	2,275,615,000	2,242,455,000
Deferred availability items	556,961,000	570,721,000	576,385,000	644,929,000	669,225,000	683,994,000	635,681,000	625,263,000	533,398,000
Capital paid in	118,411,000	118,121,000	118,251,000	118,211,000	117,277,000	117,287,000	117,042,000	116,978,000	112,328,000
Surplus	220,310,000	220,310,000	220,310,000	220,310,000	220,310,000	220,310,000	217,837,000	217,837,000	217,837,000
All other liabilities	12,060,000	11,339,000	11,481,000	11,810,000	10,809,000	10,413,000	20,447,000	20,157,000	10,502,000
Total liabilities	4,871,687,000	4,865,503,000	4,865,929,000	4,985,596,000	5,075,895,000	5,138,850,000	5,183,158,000	5,151,513,000	4,830,182,000
Ratio of gold reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	70.5%	70.7%	71.1%	70.5%	68.9%	66.8%	64.4%	63.9%	73.0%
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	74.2%	74.5%	75.0%	74.4%	72.7%	70.2%	67.3%	66.1%	76.9%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	84,656,000	83,543,000	83,647,000	83,756,000	81,042,000	79,063,000	65,049,000	58,739,000	43,210,000
Distribution by Maturities—									
1-15 day bills bought in open market	\$ 104,685,000	\$ 96,785,000	\$ 86,940,000	\$ 87,201,000	\$ 105,423,000	\$ 118,339,000	\$ 123,664,000	\$ 111,320,000	\$ 108,570,000
1-15 days bills discounted	424,195,000	373,858,000	332,309,000	338,215,000	393,006,000	463,256,000	616,325,000	613,605,000	264,095,500
1-15 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	21,000	—	—	36,000	—	397,000	1,105,000	904,000	617,000
1-15 days municipal warrants	—	—	—	—	8,000	55,000	10,000	—	8,000
16-30 days bills bought in open market	72,459,000	55,073,000	55,640,000	63,107,000	59,292,000	64,797,000	77,801,000	86,284,000	83,785,000
16-30 days bills discounted	32,047,000	32,329,000	31,428,000	29,941,000	26,942,000	34,030,000	35,816,000	40,829,000	18,976,000
16-30 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16-30 days municipal warrants	—	—	—	—	—	—	45,000	55,000	1,000
31-90 days bills bought in open market	81,930,000	86,264,000	90,439,000	89,620,000	94,319,000	87,951,000	85,094,000	93,019,000	75,542,000
31-90 days bills discounted	42,821,000	46,564,000	48,595,000	49,668,000	50,266,000	52,215,000	53,152,000	61,162,000	24,611,000
31-90 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	285,000
31-90 days municipal warrants	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
61-90 days bills bought in open market	36,847,000	57,182,000	52,939,000	56,862,000	57,779,000	62,753,000	64,571,000	67,643,000	52,488,000
61-90 days bills discounted	25,469,000	26,306,000	26,772,000	25,779,000	25,194,000	33,536,000	33,428,000	37,755,000	14,345,000
61-90 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
61-90 days municipal warrants	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Over 90 days bills bought in open market	4,598,000	6,690,000	9,459,000	9,060,000	10,589,000	10,943,000	11,688,000	11,735,000	4,262,000
Over 90 days bills discounted	8,840,000	8,739,000	9,453,000	9,579,000	10,355,000	10,430,000	10,851,000	10,772,000	9,779,000
Over 90 days certif. of indebtedness	104,821,000	105,590,000	122,457,000	125,058,000	125,363,000	124,727,000	124,996,000	102,727,000	39,690,000
Over 90 days municipal warrants	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
F. R. notes received from Comptroller	2,860,336,000	2,884,453,000	2,898,753,000	2,922,541,000	2,944,910,000	2,969,043,000	2,980,473,000	2,972,910,000	3,049,551,000
F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent	851,949,000	863,051,000	850,030,000	846,131,000	821,435,000	797,325,000	777,093,000	773,143,000	993,913,000
Issued to Federal Reserve Banks	2,008,387,000	2,021,402,000	2,048,723,000	2,076,410,000	2,123,475,000	2,171,718,000	2,203,380,000	2,199,767,000	2,055,638,000
How Secured—									
By gold and gold certificates	310,000,000	309,961,000	309,121,000	308,260,000	302,636,000	302,431,000	302,231,000	302,046,000	281,516,000
Gold redemption fund	114,853,000	106,916,000	95,989,000	102,619,000	98,181,000	104,883,000	112,443,000	101,359,000	108,767,000
Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board	1,008,296,000	1,033,410,000	1,106,044,000	1,106,131,000	1,071,534,000	1,017,159,000	941,933,000	924,033,000	1,322,127,000
By eligible paper	791,025,000	740,300,000	692,387,000	711,401,000	789,051,000	892,390,000	1,060,708,000	1,072,785,000	621,373,000
Total	2,224,174,000	2,190,587,000	2,203,901,000	2,228,411,000	2,261,402,000	2,316,863,000	2,417,315,000	2,400,223,000	2,111,000

NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption, "All other earning assets," now made up of Federal Intermediate Credit Bank debentures, has been changed to "Other securities," and the caption, "Total earning assets" to "Total bills and securities." 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 STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS FEB. 10 1926.

	Boston.	New York.	Phlla.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
RESOURCES.													
Gold with Federal Reserve Agents	\$ 84,311,000	\$ 339,535,000	\$ 130,245,000	\$ 191,177,000	\$ 61,203,000	\$ 124,694,000	\$ 129,522,000	\$ 17,404,000	\$ 64,162,000	\$ 49,937,000	\$ 25,330,000	\$ 215,629,000	\$ 1,433,149,000
Gold red'n fund with U. S. Treas.	9,715,000	10,527,000	12,353,										

RESOURCES (Concluded)— Two Ciphers (00) omitted.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis	Minneapolis.	Kan. City	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other securities.....			3,050.0							100.0			3,150.0
Foreign loans on gold.....	540.0	1,971.0	679.0	781.0	387.0	299.0	1,007.0	336.0	241.0	292.0	255.0	511.0	7,299.0
Total bills and securities.....	122,553.0	295,856.0	95,821.0	97,671.0	50,246.0	71,374.0	149,113.0	56,485.0	30,941.0	65,500.0	51,449.0	90,485.0	1,177,494.0
Due from foreign banks.....		660.0											660.0
Uncollected items.....	53,375.0	136,355.0	54,533.0	54,881.0	54,949.0	36,420.0	74,120.0	33,130.0	12,152.0	40,241.0	26,538.0	36,860.0	613,554.0
Bank premises.....	4,068.0	16,665.0	1,480.0	7,409.0	2,364.0	2,747.0	7,933.0	4,111.0	2,943.0	4,636.0	1,793.0	3,217.0	59,866.0
All other resources.....	85.0	4,288.0	230.0	1,137.0	372.0	1,186.0	2,344.0	573.0	2,428.0	449.0	455.0	3,346.0	16,893.0
Total resource.....	374,203.0	1,463,436.0	362,904.0	478,206.0	221,238.0	289,659.0	596,942.0	170,696.0	140,489.0	206,164.0	143,020.0	424,730.0	4,871,687.0
LIABILITIES													
F. R. notes in actual circulation.....	147,039.0	369,580.0	148,567.0	204,466.0	78,892.0	159,542.0	162,223.0	36,987.0	64,593.0	66,575.0	40,010.0	189,370.0	1,667,844.0
Deposits:													
Member bank—reserve acct.....	144,094.0	862,032.0	130,007.0	185,646.0	69,904.0	79,381.0	319,002.0	82,375.0	51,465.0	87,765.0	61,435.0	165,944.0	2,239,050.0
Government.....	4,769.0	6,005.0	1,530.0	1,996.0	2,148.0	4,433.0	564.0	1,745.0	1,375.0	2,305.0	1,010.0	1,268.0	29,151.0
Foreign bank.....	355.0	5,857.0	444.0	500.0	248.0	187.0	641.0	201.0	150.0	182.0	164.0	323.0	9,252.0
Other deposits.....	139.0	8,890.0	92.0	1,005.0	67.0	280.0	864.0	1,048.0	172.0	213.0	29.0	5,849.0	18,648.0
Total deposits.....	149,357.0	882,787.0	132,073.0	189,147.0	72,367.0	84,281.0	321,071.0	85,369.0	53,162.0	90,465.0	62,638.0	173,384.0	2,296,101.0
Deferred availability items.....	51,566.0	115,842.0	49,794.0	47,467.0	51,273.0	31,850.0	65,113.0	32,935.0	11,127.0	35,330.0	28,022.0	36,942.0	556,961.0
Capital paid in.....	8,627.0	33,177.0	11,624.0	13,173.0	6,020.0	4,828.0	15,859.0	5,119.0	3,174.0	4,244.0	4,270.0	8,296.0	118,411.0
Surplus.....	17,020.0	59,964.0	20,464.0	22,894.0	11,919.0	8,700.0	30,613.0	9,570.0	7,501.0	8,979.0	7,615.0	15,071.0	220,310.0
All other liabilities.....	594.0	2,386.0	382.0	1,059.0	767.0	458.0	2,063.0	716.0	932.0	571.0	465.0	1,667.0	12,060.0
Total liabilities.....	374,203.0	1,463,436.0	362,904.0	478,206.0	221,238.0	289,659.0	596,942.0	170,696.0	140,489.0	206,164.0	143,020.0	424,730.0	4,871,687.0
Memoranda													
Reserve ratio (per cent).....	63.6	78.9	74.4	79.7	71.4	71.4	73.4	59.2	77.2	59.0	58.3	79.2	74.2
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.....	6,350.0	23,996.0	7,938.0	8,940.0	4,428.0	3,342.0	11,447.0	3,593.0	2,674.0	3,259.0	2,924.0	5,765.0	84,656.0
F. R. notes on hand (notes received from F. R. Agent less notes in circulation).....	22,959.0	144,449.0	34,466.0	12,543.0	17,129.0	19,734.0	17,212.0	6,577.0	2,957.0	5,948.0	5,006.0	51,563.0	340,543.0

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE ACCOUNTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS FEB. 3 1926.

Federal Reserve Agent at—	Boston	New York	Phila.	Cleveland	Richmond	Atlanta	Chicago	St. Louis	Minneapolis	Kan. City	Dallas	San Fr.	Total
(Two Ciphers (00) Omitted.)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
F. R. notes rec'd from Comptrolr.....	232,998.0	740,389.0	207,673.0	280,499.0	123,211.0	225,663.0	418,772.0	68,144.0	85,583.0	122,013.0	61,025.0	294,433.0	2,860,336.0
F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent.....	63,000.0	226,360.0	24,640.0	63,420.0	27,190.0	46,387.0	239,337.0	24,580.0	18,033.0	49,490.0	16,012.0	53,500.0	851,949.0
F. R. notes issued to F. R. bank collateral held as security for F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bk.....	169,998.0	514,029.0	183,033.0	217,009.0	96,021.0	179,276.0	179,435.0	43,564.0	67,550.0	72,523.0	45,016.0	240,933.0	2,008,387.0
Gold and gold certificates.....	35,300.0	186,697.0	1,600.0	8,780.0	24,890.0	11,410.0	-----	11,045.0	13,052.0	-----	17,226.0	-----	310,000.0
Gold redemption fund.....	15,011.0	26,838.0	12,256.0	12,397.0	4,813.0	9,284.0	3,878.0	2,159.0	1,110.0	4,577.0	3,104.0	19,426.0	114,853.0
Gold fund—F. R. Board.....	34,000.0	126,000.0	116,389.0	170,000.0	31,500.0	104,000.0	125,644.0	4,200.0	50,000.0	45,360.0	5,000.0	196,203.0	1,008,296.0
Eligible paper.....	113,441.0	213,023.0	62,404.0	63,714.0	41,381.0	55,159.0	101,678.0	31,459.0	13,289.0	30,608.0	20,874.0	43,995.0	791,025.0
Total collateral.....	197,752.0	552,558.0	192,619.0	254,891.0	102,584.0	179,853.0	231,200.0	48,863.0	77,451.0	80,545.0	46,204.0	259,624.0	2,224,174.0

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 and liabilities of the 717 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 823.

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business Feb. 3, 1926. Three ciphers (000) omitted.

Federal Reserve District.	Boston.	New York	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis	Minneapolis.	Kan. City	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total
Number of reporting banks.....	40	99	54	75	71	36	100	33	24	69	49	66	716
Loans and discounts, gross:													
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations.....	\$ 484	\$ 53,890	\$ 10,893	\$ 22,611	\$ 5,492	\$ 7,506	\$ 24,012	\$ 12,136	\$ 2,415	\$ 4,053	\$ 3,093	\$ 7,380	\$ 162,965
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	336,727	2,491,272	406,736	502,906	140,680	97,225	815,407	211,253	71,540	110,591	80,868	262,405	5,527,610
All other loans and discounts.....	646,970	2,554,277	364,397	746,230	370,529	417,060	1,230,735	310,322	174,461	323,678	237,054	909,462	8,285,175
Total loans and discounts.....	993,181	5,099,439	782,026	1,271,747	516,701	521,791	2,070,154	533,711	248,416	438,322	321,015	1,179,247	13,975,750
Investments:													
U. S. pre-war bonds.....	9,684	39,338	9,486	32,993	24,964	14,881	20,270	12,957	7,372	8,833	17,239	24,752	222,769
U. S. Liberty bonds.....	86,717	619,613	50,523	163,047	31,326	15,100	172,432	25,618	26,750	57,242	19,811	142,618	1,410,797
U. S. Treasury bonds.....	17,914	208,539	18,029	35,476	7,910	5,769	53,817	10,201	12,102	17,678	4,741	50,415	442,559
U. S. Treasury notes.....	4,066	133,415	7,178	25,688	1,764	2,033	61,621	6,929	18,510	16,127	4,447	20,361	322,139
U. S. Treasury certificates.....	18,565	41,986	6,089	22,412	2,699	5,229	10,346	4,923	6,923	4,228	4,030	23,535	151,610
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	213,239	1,106,750	251,729	345,548	63,268	52,957	439,509	107,735	41,916	76,684	23,246	205,451	2,928,212
Total investments.....	350,185	2,169,641	343,634	625,164	131,931	95,969	757,995	168,408	113,573	180,790	73,694	467,132	5,478,116
Total loans and investments.....	1,343,366	7,269,080	1,125,660	1,896,911	648,632	617,760	2,828,149	702,119	361,989	619,112	394,709	1,646,379	19,453,866
Reserve balances with F. R. Banks.....	97,354	738,056	79,656	121,079	42,323	42,851	244,689	49,003	22,982	56,557	30,114	110,776	1,635,440
Cash in vault.....	19,299	79,486	15,498	30,684	12,782	10,948	48,414	7,596	5,648	12,529	10,514	20,897	274,295
Net demand deposits.....	893,228	5,678,429	767,609	1,007,277	375,058	365,051	1,734,533	428,211	225,396	491,397	230,735	789,343	13,036,344
Time deposits.....	392,078	1,202,604	222,245	760,678	202,179	216,557	1,028,322	219,191	113,069	143,475	100,305	803,482	5,404,185
Government deposits.....	19,598	56,627	18,908	19,472	6,125	10,006	25,659	5,864	3,065	1,781	7,567	26,265	200,937
Bills payable & rediscount with F. R. Bk.....	1,790	120,878	9,025	8,049	9,707	3,758	35,549	2,707	1,400	4,285	1,294	15,327	213,769
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations.....	9,320	9,401	5,536	12,703	11,475	14,826	15,379	6,781	-----	2,721	3,441	8,809	100,392
All other.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Banks' balance of reporting member banks in F. R. Bank cities:													
Due to banks.....	131,374	1,109,749	186,672	47,040	36,450	20,781	376,213	94,049	56,761	104,072	33,712	98,408	2,295,288
Due from banks.....	40,618	100,711	64,088	27,099	16,912	14,128	143,169	31,043	18,770	43,027	26,006	48,278	573,844

2. Data of reporting member banks in New York City, Chicago, and for the whole country.

	All Reporting Member Banks.			Reporting Member Banks in N. Y. City.			Reporting Member Banks in Chicago.		
	Feb. 3 1926.	Jan. 27 1926.	Feb. 4 1925.	Feb. 3 1926.	Jan. 27 1926.	Feb. 4 1925.	Feb. 3 1926.	Jan. 27 1926.	Feb. 4 1925.
Number of reporting banks.....	716	717	740	61	61	67	46	46	46
Loans and discounts, gross:									
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations.....	\$ 162,965,000	\$ 161,629,000	\$ 184,354,000	\$ 49,336,000	\$ 46,355,000	\$ 61,250,000	\$ 17,392,000	\$ 17,634,000	\$ 26,618,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	5,527,610,000	5,509,329,000	4,745,246,000	2,221,476,000	2,200,878,000	1,979,355,000	615,267,000	616,498,000	525,944,000
All other loans and discounts.....	8,285,175,000	8,278,261,000	8,183,713,000	2,234,922,000	2,235,938,000	2,277,4			

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Wall Street, Thursday Night, Feb. 11 1926.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 850.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

STOCKS. Week Ended Feb. 11.	Sales for Week.	Range for Week.		Range Since Jan. 1.				
		Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.			
Railroads.	Par.	Shares	\$ per share.	\$ per share.	\$ per share.	\$ per share.		
Eric etfs 1st pref. 100	200	44	Feb 10	44 1/4	Feb 11	41 1/4	Feb 4 1/4	Feb
Minn & St Louis etcs. 100	100	2 1/2	Feb 11	2 3/4	Feb 11	2 1/2	Feb	4 1/4
Morris & Essex. 50	5	80 3/4	Feb 9	80 3/4	Feb 9	79 3/4	Jan	80 3/4
Pae Coast 2d pref. 100	600	52	Feb 9	52	Feb 10	50 1/2	Jan	56
Pere Marquette etcs. 100	100	82	Feb 10	82	Feb 10	81	Jan	82
Reading Rts. 3,500	20	Feb 8	21 3/4	Feb 11	19	Jan	21 3/4	Feb
Twin City Rap Trsp 100	600	102	Feb 6	102 1/2	Feb 11	101	Jan	102 1/2
Industrial & Misc.								
Am Can Co. 100	61,400	287	Feb 8	317 1/2	Feb 11	275 1/2	Jan	317 1/2
Am Car & Foundry Rts. 100	50,940	3/4	Feb 10	1	Feb 6	3/4	Feb	3 1/4
Am Plano pref. 100	100	97	Feb 8	97	Feb 8	96 1/4	Jan	98
Barnet Leather. 100	500	53 1/2	Feb 6	55	Feb 8	52 1/2	Jan	55
Barnsdall Corp Rts. 40,050	1-16	Feb 6	3/4	Feb 8	1-16	Feb 7-16	Jan	26
Brown Shoe. 100	600	135	Feb 6	135 1/2	Feb 9	135	Feb	143 1/2
Chandler Motor, new. 300	26	Feb 11	26	Feb 11	26	Feb	26	Feb
Chicago Yellow Cab. 400	48	Feb 6	49	Feb 8	48	Jan	49	Feb
Com Credit 1st pref. 25	400	99	Feb 6	99	Feb 6	99	Feb	99
Com Inv Tr 6 1/2 % pf 100	500	97	Feb 10	98	Feb 8	98	Feb	100
Consolidated Cigar Rts. 10,200	2	Feb 6	2 1/2	Feb 6	1	Jan	3	Feb
Continental Can pref 100	200	118 1/2	Feb 10	118 1/2	Feb 11	117 1/2	Jan	118 1/2
Durham Hosery pf. 100	300	65 1/2	Feb 9	67	Feb 9	61	Jan	67
Eisenloher & Bros. 25	4,600	17 1/2	Feb 9	19	Feb 6	17 1/2	Feb	20 1/2
Electric Auto. 100	4,500	78	Feb 8	80 1/2	Feb 9	76 1/2	Jan	82 1/2
Electric Boat. 100	5,800	6 1/2	Feb 11	7 1/4	Feb 8	5 1/2	Jan	8 1/2
First Nat Pic 1st pref 100	100	106	Feb 8	106	Feb 8	102	Jan	106
Gen Cigar, new w. l. 1,100	57	Feb 10	59 1/2	Feb 11	57	Feb	59 1/2	Feb
Gen Motors pref. 100	100	99	Feb 11	99	Feb 11	99	Feb	99 1/2
Internat Rubber. 6,000	20 1/2	Feb 11	21 1/4	Feb 11	20 1/2	Feb	21 1/4	Feb
Island Cr Coal. 200	172	Feb 11	172 1/2	Feb 11	172	Feb	172 1/2	Feb
Kelsey Wheel, Inc pf 100	100	118	Feb 8	118	Feb 8	113	Jan	118
Life Savers. 5,200	20 1/2	Feb 8	21 1/2	Feb 6	20	Jan	21 1/2	Feb
Loose-Wiles 1st pf 100	200	115	Feb 10	115	Feb 10	112	Jan	115
Mack Trucks Rts. 52,453	6 1/2	Feb 8	7 1/4	Feb 11	6	Jan	7 1/4	Jan
Manati Sugar. 100	100	47	Feb 8	48	Feb 6	41	Jan	50 1/2
Preferred. 100	300	81	Feb 9	81	Feb 9	80	Jan	82
Millins Body pref. 100	200	85 1/2	Feb 8	90 1/2	Feb 10	88	Jan	90 1/2
Omnibus Corp. 93,600	19 1/2	Feb 8	21 1/4	Feb 10	17	Jan	21 1/2	Feb
Preferred. 100	700	98	Feb 6	98 1/2	Feb 6	94	Jan	98 1/2
Owens Bottle pref. 100	100	115 1/2	Feb 8	115 1/2	Feb 8	115 1/2	Feb	115 1/2
Panhandle P & R pf. 1,900	57	Feb 6	80 1/2	Feb 8	57	Jan	80 1/2	Feb
Pub Serv of N J Rts. 31,200	1/2	Feb 8	1/2	Feb 9	1/2	Jan	1	Feb
Reis (Rt) & Co 1st pf 100	100	82	Feb 8	82	Feb 8	80	Jan	82
Stand Plat Glass pf. 100	200	45	Feb 9	45	Feb 9	45	Feb	45
Vick Chemical. 800	51	Feb 11	51 1/2	Feb 11	51	Feb	51 1/2	Feb
Vivaudou pref. 100	300	100	Feb 6	103 1/2	Feb 10	94 1/2	Jan	103 1/2
Wells Fargo & Co. 100	100	3 1/2	Feb 11	3 1/2	Feb 11	3 1/2	Jan	3 1/2
Wilson & Co etcs. 25	100	4 1/2	Feb 9	4 1/2	Feb 9	4 1/2	Jan	4 1/2
Preferred etcs. 100	100	17 1/2	Feb 9	17 1/2	Feb 9	17	Jan	18 1/2

* No par value.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Banks—N.Y.	Bid.	Ask.	Banks.	Bid.	Ask.	Trust Cos.	Bid.	Ask.
America*	360	400	Hamilton	195	205	New York		
Amer Ex Pac	372	477	Hanover	1120	1135	American		
Amer Union*	210	225	Harriman	520	530	Bank of N Y	640	650
Bowery East R	365	375	Mech & Met.	235	239	Bankers Trust	642	648
Broadway Cen	330	360	Mutual*	500	460	Bronx Co Tr.	290	325
Bronx Boro*	1350	1437	Nat American	200	210	Central Union	875	885
Bronx Nat.	440	460	National City	612	618	Empire	390	396
Bryant Park*	210	230	New Neth*	265	275	Equitable Tr	297	302
Butch & Drov	175	185	Park	535	542	Farm L & Tr	575	582
Capitol Nat.	225	232	Penn Exch.	124	134	Fidelity Inter	320	320
Cent Mercan.	340	350	Port Morris.	215	215	Fulton	370	380
Chase	610	615	Public	735	745	Guaranty Tr	380	383
Chath Phenix	370	375	Seaboard	665	665	Irving Bank		
Nat Bk & Tr	230	240	Seventh	170	180	Columbia Tr	342	346
Chelsea Exch*	765	805	Standard	580	580	Lawyers Tr		
Chemical.	285	310	State*	650	650	Manufacturer	542	548
Coal & Iron.	5-0	1-0	Trade*	150	160	Mutual (West	220	230
Colonial*	380	394	United States*	340	350	N Y Trust.	555	570
Commerce	315	325	Wash'n Hts*	725	725	Title Gu & Tr	672	677
Com'nwealth*	275	285	Brooklyn			US Mtg & Tr	415	425
Continental.	585	593	Coney Island*	215	230	United States	1870	1880
Corn Exch.	225	225	First	450	450	Westches Tr		
Cosmop'tan*	2800	2850	Mechanics*	330	335	Brooklyn Tr	880	890
Fifth Avenue*	180	200	Montauk*	335	335	Kings County	2150	2300
First	385	400	Nassau	360	370	Midwood	350	380
Franklin	270	270	People's	525	525	People's	795	805
Garfield	328	335	Queensboro*	175	175			
Grace								
Greenwich*								

* Banks marked (*) are State banks (1) New stock. (2) Ex-dividend

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Alliance R'ty	Bid.	Ask.	Mtge Bond	Bid.	Ask.	Realty Assoc.	Bid.	Ask.
Amer Surety	180	185	Nat Surety	222	225	(Bklyn) com	480	500
Bond & M G.	330	335	N Y Title			1st pref.	92	98
Lawyers Mtge	245	250	Mortgage	470	415	2d pref.	90	95
Lawyers Title			U S Casualty	400	475	Westchester		
& Guarantee	328	335	U S Title Guar	316	325	Title & Tr.	425	

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfs. of Indebtedness, &c.

Maturity.	Int. Rate.	Bid.	Asked.	Maturity.	Int. Rate.	Bid.	Asked.
Mar. 15 1926	4 1/2 %	100 1/16	100 1/16	June 15 1926	3 1/2 %	99 3/16	100
Sept. 15 1926	4 1/2 %	100 3/4	100 1 1/16	Dec. 15 1927	4 1/2 %	101 1/16	101 1/16
June 15 1926	3 %	99 1/16	99 3/16	Mar. 15 1927	4 1/2 %	100 1/16	101 1/16
Dec. 15 1926	3 1/2 %	100	100 1/16				

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

Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices.	Feb. 6.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	Feb. 10.	Feb. 11.	Feb. 12.
First Liberty Loan						
3 1/2 % bonds of 1932-47	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
(First 3 1/2 %)	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
Total sales in \$1,000 units	35	46	139	35	130	
Converted 4 % bonds of 1932-47 (First 4 %)						
Total sales in \$1,000 units						
Converted 4 1/4 % bonds of 1932-47 (First 4 1/4 %)	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2
Total sales in \$1,000 units	13	16	39	8	18	
Second Liberty Loan						
4 % bonds of 1927-42	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
(Second 4 %)	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
Total sales in \$1,000 units	6					
Converted 4 1/4 % bonds of 1927-42 (Second 4 1/4 %)	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
Total sales in \$1,000 units	61	66	181	27	125	
Third Liberty Loan						
4 1/4 % bonds of 1928	101.00	101 1/2	101 1/2	101.00	101 1/2	101 1/2
(Third 4 1/4 %)	101.00	101.00	100 3/4	101.00	100 3/4	100 3/4
Total sales in \$1,000 units	121	375	220	28	123	
Fourth Liberty Loan						
4 1/4 % bonds of 1933-38	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2
(Fourth 4 1/4 %)	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2
Total sales in \$1,000 units	160	289	323	67	260	
Treasury						
4 1/2 %, 1947-52	107 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
(Low.)	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Total sales in \$1,000 units	6	183	143	5		
4 1/2 %, 1944-1954	104.00	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2
(Low.)	130 1/2	104.00	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2
Total sales in \$1,000 units	12	186	11	11	42	

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

19 2d 4 1/2 %	100 1/2	100 1/2	31 4th 4 1/2 %	102 1/2	102 1/2
36 3d 4 1/2 %	100 1/2	100 1/2			

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling exchange ruled dull but steady at a small fraction below the levels prevalent a week ago; trading was very light. The Continental exchanges were likewise inactive and somewhat irregular, with francs and guilders off and lire marked up.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 82 3/4 @ 4 82 1/2 for sixty days, 4 86 @ 4 86 for cheques and 4 86 1/2 @ 4 86 1/2 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight 4 85 1/2 @ 4 85 1/2, sixty days 4 82 1/2 @ 4 82 1/2, ninety days 4 81 1/2 @ 4 81 1/2, and documents for payment (sixty days) 4 82 1/2 @ 4 82 1/2. Cotton for payment 4 85 1/2 @ 4 85 1/2, and grain for payment 4 85 1/2 @ 4 85 1/2.

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Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1926; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925. Includes various stock listings like Ann Arbor, Atch Topoka & Santa Fe, etc.

* Bid and asked prices. x Ex-dividend. d Rx-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see second page preceding.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales for the Week.	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1926. On basis of 100 share lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925.	
Saturday, Feb. 6.	Monday, Feb. 8.	Tuesday, Feb. 9.	Wednesday, Feb. 10.	Thursday, Feb. 11.	Friday, Feb. 12.		Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest		
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares.	Par	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	
37 1/4 37 3/8	36 3/4 37	37 3/4 37	36 3/8 36 3/8	35 1/2 36 1/8	35 1/2 36 1/8	900	Western Pacific new	35 1/2 Jan 20	39 1/2 Jan 2	19 1/2 July	39 1/2 Dec	
80	79 1/2 79 1/2	*79 1/2 80	80	80	80	600	Do pref new	77 1/2 Jan 15	80 1/2 Jan 6	72 July	81 Dec	
28 28 3/4	27 1/2 28	28 1/2 28 3/4	28 1/2 28 3/4	28 1/2 28 3/4	28 1/2 28 3/4	3,100	Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry	27 Jan 25	32 Jan 2	10 1/2 Mar	32 Dec	
*48 1/2 49	47 1/2 48 1/2	*48 1/2 49	47 3/8 48	47 1/2 47 1/2		2,000	Do pref	47 1/2 Jan 5	50 1/2 Jan 4	22 Apr	53 1/2 Dec	
80 3/4 81 3/8	81 1/2 82 1/4	82 82 1/2	82 1/4 83 3/4	82 1/2 83		3,300	Abtibi Power & Paper No par	71 1/4 Jan 12	84 1/2 Feb 1	62 Jan	76 1/4 Dec	
*138	*140	*140	*140	*141		1,000	All American Cables	131 Jan 6	135 1/2 Feb 2	119 Jan	133 1/2 Oct	
*106 107 1/2	106 106	*105 1/2 107	104 3/4 106	105 106		1,700	Adams Express	103 Jan 22	109 Jan 6	90 Apr	117 1/4 Oct	
17 1/4 17 1/4	17 1/4 17 1/4	17 1/4 17 1/4	17 1/4 17 1/4	18 18 1/4		3,000	Advance Rumely	16 Jan 27	18 1/2 Jan 29	13 Apr	20 Oct	
60 60	58 1/2 59 1/2	59 59 1/2	59 60 1/2	60 60 1/2		3,500	Do pref	55 1/2 Jan 21	63 1/2 Jan 28	47 Feb	62 1/2 Oct	
8 3/8 8 3/8	8 1/4 8 1/4	8 1/4 8 1/4	8 1/4 8 1/4	8 3/4 8 3/4		2,200	Ahumada Lead	7 3/8 Jan 23	9 1/4 Jan 4	7 1/8 Oct	12 3/8 May	
113 1/2 113 1/2	111 1/2 113 1/2	113 113 1/2	112 1/2 113 1/2	111 1/2 112 1/2		111,400	Air Reduction, Inc. No par	107 3/8 Jan 16	114 1/2 Feb 4	86 3/4 Jan	117 3/8 Dec	
13 13 3/8	13 1/4 14	14 14	14 1/2 14 1/2	13 3/4 14 1/2		500	Do pref	16 Feb 10	16 Feb 10	9 3/8 Dec	15 1/2 Jun	
1 5/8 1 5/8	*1 1/2 1 1/2	*1 1/2 1 1/2	*1 1/2 1 1/2	*1 1/2 1 1/2		4,500	Alaska Juneau Gold Min.	1 1/2 Feb 1	1 1/2 Jan 4	1 Jan	2 1/2 Oct	
128 129 1/2	125 3/4 129 3/4	129 131 1/2	131 1/2 135	135 140		175,400	Allied Chemical & Dye No par	11 1/2 Jan 6	140 Feb 11	80 Mar	117 3/8 Dec	
120 1/2 120 1/2	120 1/2 120 3/4	*120 1/2 121	121 121	*121 1/2 123 3/4		400	Do pref	120 Jan 2	121 Feb 10	117 Jan	121 1/2 Nov	
91 91 3/4	90 1/2 91 3/4	91 92	92 92 3/4	91 3/4 93 3/8		15,000	Allis-Chalmers Mfg	90 Jan 26	94 3/8 Jan 14	71 1/2 Jan	97 1/2 Dec	
109 3/4 109 3/4	*109 1/2 109 3/4	109 1/2 109 1/2	*108 110	*109 1/2 110		200	Do pref	109 Jan 2	110 Jan 4	103 1/4 Jan	109 Dec	
30 3/8 31 3/8	30 1/4 32 1/4	31 1/2 32 1/4	31 1/2 32 3/8	31 1/2 31 3/8		10,530	Amer Agriculturals Chem	28 3/4 Jan 2	34 3/8 Jan 14	13 1/2 Mar	29 1/2 Oct	
91 91 3/8	89 90 1/2	91 91	*91 91 1/4	90 1/2 90 1/2		1,000	Do pref	80 Jan 2	96 1/2 Jan 14	36 1/2 Mar	82 1/2 Dec	
41 41	40 40 1/2	*40 41	40 40 1/2	40 40		1,500	Amer Bank Note, new	39 3/4 Jan 4	43 3/8 Jan 8	39 1/2 Jan	44 3/8 Dec	
*55 58	*55 58	*55 58	*54 58	*54 58		7,800	American Beet Sugar	55 Jan 15	57 Jan 9	53 1/2 Jan	58 1/2 Sept	
33 3/8 35	33 3/8 34 3/8	34 34 3/8	33 3/4 34	33 3/8 34 1/4		300	Do pref	76 Feb 2	80 Jan 8	78 Dec	87 1/2 June	
79 79	*79 80	80 80	80 80	*78 82		11,900	Amer Bosch Magneto No par	28 1/4 Jan 20	34 3/8 Jan 4	26 1/8 Mar	54 1/2 Jan	
30 1/4 30 1/2	29 1/4 29 1/2	29 3/4 31 3/8	31 3/8 32	30 1/8 31 1/2		17,200	Am Brake Shoe & F No par	150 Jan 5	180 Feb 2	90 1/4 Mar	156 Dec	
*113 117	*113 114 3/4	113 113	*112 116	*112 116		200	Do pref	112 3/4 Jan 12	115 Jan 5	107 1/2 Jan	114 3/8 Dec	
44 1/2 46	44 1/2 45	44 1/2 44 1/2	44 1/2 45 1/4	44 1/2 44 3/4		3,000	Amer Brown Boveri El. No par	43 1/2 Jan 21	48 1/2 Jan 9	47 3/4 Dec	53 3/8 Oct	
*96 94	*96 93	*96 93	*96 93	*96 93		400	Preferred	93 1/2 Feb 9	97 1/8 Jan 16	90 1/8 Nov	98 Dec	
49 1/4 49 3/8	48 1/2 49 1/4	48 1/2 49 1/4	48 1/2 49 1/4	48 1/2 49 1/4		258,100	American Can w l	49 3/4 Jan 15	53 3/8 Feb 11	47 1/4 Dec	49 3/4 Dec	
123 1/2 123 1/2	124 124	*123 124 1/2	*123 124 1/2	124 124		4,200	American Car & Fdy No par	108 1/4 Feb 9	114 7/8 Jan 12	115 Jan	121 1/2 Sept	
109 3/8 110	109 1/4 109 1/2	109 109 1/2	109 109 1/2	108 1/2 109 1/4		500	Do pref	124 Jan 7	127 1/2 Jan 12	97 1/2 Apr	115 3/4 Sept	
*126 1/2	*126 1/2	126 1/2 126 1/2	*126 1/2	*126 1/2 127 1/2		3,300	American Chain, class A	25 Jan 28	25 Jan 2	20 3/4 Apr	22 3/4 Sept	
24 25	24 25	24 24 1/2	24 25	25 25		900	American Chicle No par	45 3/4 Jan 21	51 Jan 4	22 1/2 Jan	27 Feb	
*46 1/2 49 1/4	47 47	46 46 1/2	46 46	*46 49 1/2		500	Do certificates	43 1/8 Feb 10	47 1/4 Jan 7	37 Jan	58 1/2 Apr	
44 1/2 45 1/2	44 44	*43 1/2 44	43 1/2 43 1/2	43 1/2 45 1/2		2,100	Amer Druggists Syndicate	41 Jan 5	5 1/2 Jan 15	4 1/4 Dec	6 3/4 Jan	
5 1/4 5 1/4	*5 1/4 5 1/4	5 1/4 5 1/2	5 1/4 5 3/8	5 1/4 5 1/2		600	American Express	131 Jan 27	140 Jan 6	125 Apr	166 Jan	
38 3/4 38 3/4	38 3/4 38 3/4	38 1/2 40 1/4	39 1/4 40 3/4	39 1/4 39 1/4		9,800	Amer & For'n Pow new No par	37 Jan 20	42 3/8 Jan 2	27 1/4 Apr	51 3/8 Sept	
93 1/4 93 1/4	93 3/4 93 3/4	94 94	94 94 1/2	95 1/2 95 1/2		1,300	Do pref	91 1/4 Jan 2	94 1/2 Feb 10	87 Jan	94 Feb	
14 1/8 14 1/8	15 1/2 16 1/4	16 1/2 17 1/2	16 1/4 17 1/2	16 3/8 17 1/2		11,600	American Hide & Leather	12 3/8 Jan 22	17 1/2 Feb 9	8 1/2 Mar	14 3/8 Dec	
61 1/2 63 1/2	64 1/2 67	66 1/2 67 1/2	64 64 3/4	65 66 3/8		7,600	Do pref	59 3/4 Feb 1	67 1/4 Feb 9	58 1/2 Sept	75 1/2 Jan	
*131 1/2 132	132 132	133 134	132 132 3/4	130 1/4 130 1/4		3,000	American Ice	125 3/4 Jan 20	135 3/4 Jan 7	83 Mar	139 Dec	
85 85	84 1/2 84 1/2	*84 85	84 84	84 84		600	Do pref	82 1/2 Jan 13	85 Feb 5	74 1/2 Mar	86 July	
44 44 1/2	43 1/4 44	43 3/4 45 1/4	44 44 3/4	43 3/4 44 3/4		15,200	Amer International Corp	42 3/8 Jan 19	45 1/2 Jan 15	32 1/2 Mar	46 3/8 Nov	
14 1/4 15	14 1/4 15 1/2	15 1/4 15 3/4	15 1/4 15 3/4	15 1/4 15 1/2		10,800	Amer Locomotive & Eng'g	13 1/8 Feb 1	15 3/8 Jan 4	11 1/4 Jan	20 Nov	
46 1/4 47	44 1/2 45 1/4	45 45 1/2	45 1/2 45 1/2	46 46		1,600	American Linseed	87 Jan 15	87 Jan 4	20 Mar	59 1/4 Nov	
84 84	84 84	*80 84	*80 84	*83 84		3,000	American Locom new No par	111 1/8 Jan 21	119 3/4 Jan 8	63 Jan	89 Oct	
114 1/4 114 3/4	113 1/4 114 3/4	114 114 3/4	114 114 3/4	112 114		400	Do pref	118 1/2 Jan 7	120 1/4 Feb 11	115 Feb	144 3/8 Mar	
*120 120 1/2	*120 120 1/2	120 120	120 120 1/2	120 120 1/2		15,400	American Metals No par	51 1/8 Jan 20	56 3/8 Feb 9	45 3/4 Mar	57 3/8 Oct	
54 5/8 54 5/8	54 1/2 55 1/2	54 5/8 56 3/8	55 5/8 56 1/2	56 1/2 56 1/2		1,000	Preferred	115 Jan 29	120 Feb 6	111 Mar	119 Nov	
120 120	119 120	119 119	*118 120	119 119		4,600	American Radiator	25 109 1/4 Jan 29	117 Feb 11	89 3/4 Jan	122 1/2 Nov	
113 113	113 114 1/4	*113 114	114 114	114 117		200	Amer Railway Express	77 1/2 Jan 21	78 1/4 Feb 8	27 6/8 Sept	84 Jan	
*77 1/2 78 1/2	78 1/4 78 1/2	78 1/2 78 1/2	*77 1/2 79	*78 79 3/8		300	American Republics No par	69 Jan 8	74 Jan 5	48 Jan	79 3/4 Dec	
*69 72	*69 71	70 71 1/4	*70 71	*70 71 1/8		3,300	American Safety Razor	55 1/4 Jan 4	63 Jan 8	36 3/8 Jan	76 3/4 Nov	
56 1/2 57	56 57 3/8	58 58 3/8	58 59 3/4	58 1/2 59		4,400	Amer Ship & Comm No par	5 1/2 Jan 2	6 3/4 Jan 5	5 1/8 Dec	14 1/2 Feb	
*61 61 1/2	61 1/2 61 1/2	61 1/2 61 1/2	61 1/2 61 1/2	61 1/2 61 1/2		59,000	Amer Smelting & Refining	130 1/4 Jan 20	144 3/4 Jan 7	90 3/8 Mar	144 1/2 Dec	
138 1/2 138 3/4	135 3/4 138 1/2	137 1/2 142 1/2	141 1/2 143 3/4	140 1/2 142 1/4		700	Do pref	113 Jan 4	117 1/2 Feb 30	105 1/2 Jan	115 1/4 Oct	
116 1/4 116 1/2	114 116 1/2	114 116 1/2	114 116 1/2	116 116 1/2		11,600	American Snuff	44 1/2 Feb 8	45 1/2 Feb 30	138 1/4 Apr	154 Nov	
150 158	152 1/4 156 1/2	159 165	159 163 1/2	159 160 1/2		5,500	Amer Stamping Foundries No par	44 Jan 20	46 3/8 Feb 2	37 1/2 June	47 1/2 Dec	
45 1/4 46	44 1/4 45 1/4	44 1/2 45 1/4	45 45 1/2	45 45 1/2		11,100	Do pref	113 Jan 7	113 1/2 Feb 11	108 Jan	113 1/2 Oct	
113 113	*113 113 1/2	113 1/2 113 1/2	*113 1/2	113 113 1/2		11,100	American Sugar Refining	73 3/4 Jan 21	82 3/4 Feb 5	47 3/8 Jan	77 1/4 Dec	
80 1/4 81 1/2	80 1/4 81 1/2	81 1/2 81 1/2	82 82 1/2	81 3/4 82 1/4		700	Do pref	102 Jan 6	104 Feb 5	91 1/4 Jan	104 1/4 Nov	
104 104	104 104	104 104	*103 1/2 104	103 1/2 103 3/4		600	Amer Sumatra Tobacco	11 Jan 2	14 3/8 Jan 11	6 May	24 1/2 Feb	
13 13	*12 1/2 13 1/2	12 3/4 12 3/4	11 7/8 12 1/2	*12 1/2 13		100	Do pref	40 Jan 16	41 1/2 Feb 10	28 Apr	20 1/2 Oct	
*89 1/2 113 1/2	*89 1/2 113 1/2	*89 1/2 120	*89 1/2 120	*89 1/2 119 3/4		100	Amer Telegraph & Cable	100 Jan 16	111 Feb 3	47 1/2 Feb	47 Dec	
*40 41 1/2	*40 41 1/4	*40 41 1/4	*40 41 1/4	*40 41 1/4		6,900	Amer Tele & Teleg	142 1/2 Jan 2	147 3/8 Feb 11	130 3/8 Jan	145 Feb	
146 1/4 146 3/8	146 3/8 146 3/8	146 3/8 146 3/8	146 3/8 147 3/8	146 3/8 147 3/8		8,100	American Tobacco	142 1/2 Jan 4	12 1/2 Feb 8	85 Feb	121 1/2 Oct	
120 121 1/2	119 121 3/4	119 120 1/2	115 1/2 117	116 1/4 118		300	Do pref	106 1/8 Jan 4	108 1/8 Feb 8	104 1/2 Jan	110 Nov	
107 1/2 107 1/2	108 1/2 108 1/2	107 1/2 108 1/2	*107 1/2 108 1/2	108 1/2 108 1/2		12,700	Do common class B	115 3/4 Jan 4	120 1/2 Feb 6	84 1/2 Feb	119 1/2 Oct	
119 1/2 120 1/2	118 1/2 119 3/4	119 120 1/2	115 1/2 117	115 3/4 116 3/4		1,500	American Type Founders	114 Jan 22	134 3/4 Feb 11	103 Apr	135 3/8 Nov	
129 129	129 130	129 129	130 130	131 134 3/4		4,100	Am Water Works & Elec	20 68 Jan 16	74 Jan 4	34 3/8 Jan	76 1/4 Dec	
70 70 3/8	69 1/2 70	69 3/8 70 3/8	70 71	69 1/2 70		500	Do 1st pref (7%)	102 1/2 Jan 6	108 1/2 Jan 27	97 1/4 Aug	103 Feb	
104 1/4 104 3/4	104 104	104 1/4 104 1/2	104 1/4 104 3/4	104 3/4 104 3/4		14,400	American Woolen	36 1/4 Feb 11	42 3/8 Jan 13	34 3/4 May	64 3/4 Jan	

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see third page preceding.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and price ranges for various stocks. Includes sub-sections for 'Stock', 'Exchange', 'Lincoln's', 'Holiday', and 'Birthdays'.

Sales for the Week.

Table listing various stocks under the heading 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for 'Indus. & Miscell. (Con.)' and 'Par'.

PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1926

Table showing price ranges for various stocks, with columns for 'Lowest' and 'Highest'.

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925.

Table showing price ranges for various stocks for the previous year (1925), with columns for 'Lowest' and 'Highest'.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. s Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fourth page preceding.

Table with columns for dates (Saturday to Friday), price ranges (Lowest, Highest), and stock names. Includes sub-sections for 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'PER SHARE' data.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. a Ex-new rights. n No par.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fifth page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday to Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1926; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925. Includes various stock listings like Motion Picture, Motor Meter, and National Lead.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. x Ex-dividend. c Ex-rights. Ex-50% stock dividend.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see sixth page preceding.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and price ranges for various stocks. Includes sub-sections for 'Stock', 'Exchange', 'Lincoln's', 'Birthday', and 'Holiday'.

Table titled 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for 'Sales for the Week', 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1926', and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1923'. Lists numerous stock companies and their price movements.

* Bid and asked prices no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights.

New York Stock Exchange—Bond Record, Friday, Weekly and Yearly 865

Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Feb. 12.										BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Feb. 12.									
		Interest Period	Price Thursday Feb. 11.	Week's Range or Last Sale	Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1			Interest Period	Price Thursday Feb. 11.	Week's Range or Last Sale	Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1						
			Bid	Ask	Low	High	Low	High			Bid	Ask	Low	High					
U. S. Government.																			
First Liberty Loan—																			
3 1/2% of 1932-1947 J D 100 1/2 Sale 100 1/2 100 1/2 385 99 1/2 100 1/2																			
Conv 4% of 1932-47 J D 100 1 101 1/2 100 1/2 101 1/2 26 100 100 1/2																			
Conv 4 1/2% of 1932-47 J D 102 1/2 Sale 102 1/2 102 1/2 93 101 1/2 102 1/2																			
2d conv 4 1/2% of 1932-47 J D 101 1/2 102 101 1/2 102 1/2 26 101 1/2 102 1/2																			
Second Liberty Loan—																			
4% of 1927-1942 M N 100 1/2 Sale 100 100 1/2 19 99 1/2 100 1/2																			
Conv 4 1/2% of 1927-1942 M N 100 1/2 Sale 100 100 1/2 456 100 1/2 100 1/2																			
Third Liberty Loan—																			
4 1/2% of 1928 M S 100 1/2 Sale 100 100 1/2 757 100 1/2 101 1/2																			
Fourth Liberty Loan—																			
4 1/2% of 1933-1938 A O 102 1/2 Sale 102 1/2 102 1/2 1099 101 1/2 102 1/2																			
Treasury 4 1/2% 1947-1952 A O 107 1/2 108 1/2 107 1/2 108 1/2 337 106 1/2 108 1/2																			
Treasury 4% 1944-1954 J D 104 1/2 Sale 103 1/2 104 1/2 261 102 1/2 104 1/2																			
State and City Securities.																			
N. Y. City—4 1/2% Corp stock 1960 M S 100 1/4 100 1/4 100 1/4 5 100 101																			
4 1/2% Corporate stock 1964 M S 101 1/8 100 1/8 100 1/8 26 100 101 1/2																			
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3 1/2% Corporate stock Nov 1954 M N 88 1/2 88 1/2 88 1/2 26 87 88 1/2																			
New York State Canal Im. 4 1/2% 1961 J J 101 1/2 101 1/2 101 1/2 26 101 101 1/2																			
4% Canal 1942 J J 101 1/2 101 1/2 101 1/2 26 101 101 1/2																			
4 1/2% Canal Impt. 1944 J J 110 1/4 110 1/4 110 1/4 26 110 110 1/4																			
4 1/2% Highway Impt. reg. 1953 M S 102 1/2 102 1/2 102 1/2 26 102 102 1/2																			
Highway Impt. 4 1/2% 1963 M S 108 1/2 108 1/2 108 1/2 26 108 108 1/2																			
Virginia 2-3% 1991 J J 64 1/4 76 1/2 76 1/2 25 101 101 1/2																			
Foreign Government.																			
Argentina (Nat. Govt) of 7% 1927 F A 101 1/4 Sale 101 1/4 102 57 101 1/2 102 1/4																			
S 1 6% of June 1925 temp. 1959 J D 98 1/2 Sale 98 98 1/2 197 96 98 1/2																			
Extr. S 1 6% of Oct. 25 temp. 1959 A O 98 1/2 Sale 98 98 1/2 127 95 98 1/2																			
Sinking fund 6% Ser. A 1957 M S 98 1/2 Sale 98 1/2 99 1/4 116 96 99 1/4																			
External 6% Ser. B Dec 1953 J D 98 1/2 Sale 98 98 1/2 127 95 98 1/2																			
Argentina Treasury 5% £ 1945 M S 87 1/2 Sale 87 1/2 87 1/2 50 86 87 1/2																			
Australia 30-yr 5% July 15 1955 J J 98 98 98 1/2 98 178 96 1/2																			
Austrian (Govt) s f 7% 1943 J D 101 1/2 Sale 101 1/2 102 1/2 74 100 102 1/2																			
Belgium 25-yr s f 7 1/2% 1945 J D 110 1/4 Sale 110 1/4 110 1/4 103 109 110 1/4																			
20-yr s f 8% 1941 F A 108 108 108 1/2 31 107 108 1/2																			
25-yr ext 6 1/2% 1949 M S 94 1/2 Sale 94 1/2 95 1/2 92 94 95 1/2																			
Extr. s f 6% int. repts. 1955 J J 87 1/2 Sale 87 1/2 87 1/2 52 85 87 1/2																			
Extr. s f 7% int. repts. 1955 J D 97 1/4 Sale 97 1/4 97 1/4 181 95 97 1/4																			
Bergen (Norway) s f 8% 1945 M N 114 1/2 114 1/2 115 4 113 115																			
25-yr sinking fund 6% 1949 A O 90 1/4 Sale 98 99 1/4 18 98 100 1/8																			
Berlin (Germany) 6 1/2% 1950 A O 87 1/2 Sale 87 1/2 87 1/2 115 86 87 1/2																			
Berne (City) of s f 8% 1945 M N 108 108 107 108 4 107 108																			
Bogota (City) extr. s f 8% 1945 A O 98 1/2 Sale 98 98 1/2 25 96 98 1/2																			
Bolyvia (Republic) of s f 8% 1947 M N 100 100 99 100 121 96 100																			
Bordeaux (City) of 15-yr 6% 1934 M N 85 1/2 Sale 85 1/2 86 20 82 86																			
Brazil U. S. external 8% 1941 J D 103 1/2 Sale 102 1/2 104 238 101 1/2 104																			
7% (Central Ry) 1952 J D 92 1/2 Sale 90 1/2 93 278 89 93																			
7 1/2% (coffee security) £ (flat) 1952 A O 105 1/2 106 106 1/2 26 105 107 1/2																			
Buenos Aires (City) ext. 6 1/2% 1951 J J 97 1/2 Sale 99 1/4 99 1/4 15 97 99 1/4																			
Canada (Dominion) of 6% 1935 A O 100 100 100 100 12 100 100 1/2																			
10-yr 5 1/2% 1929 F A 101 1/2 102 101 1/2 19 101 102 1/2																			
10-yr 5 1/2% 1929 F A 102 1/2 102 102 1/2 90 101 103 1/2																			
5% 1952 M N 103 1/2 103 103 1/2 115 102 104																			
Carlsbad (City) s f 8% 1954 J J 102 1/2 103 102 1/2 31 101 102 1/2																			
Chile (Republic) ext. s f 8% 1941 F A 109 1/4 Sale 109 109 1/4 136 107 109 1/4																			
External 5-yr s f 8% 1926 A O 102 1/2 102 1/2 102 1/2 2 102 102 1/2																			
20-yr ext 7% 1942 M N 102 Sale 101 1/2 102 1/2 59 100 102 1/2																			
25-yr s f 8% 1946 M N 108 1/4 Sale 108 1/2 109 19 108 109																			
Chile Mtk Bk 6 1/2% June 30 1957 J D 97 1/4 Sale 97 97 1/2 87 94 97 1/2																			
Chinese (Hukuang Ry) 5% 1951 J D 48 48 Sale 47 1/2 48 1/2 48 48 1/2																			
Christiana (Oslo) s f 8% 1945 A O 110 1/2 Sale 110 1/2 110 1/2 18 110 110 1/2																			
30-yr s f 6% 1955 M S 100 100 100 100 12 99 100																			
30-yr s f 6% 1955 M N 100 100 100 100 6 100 100 1/2																			
Columbia (Republic) 6 1/2% 1927 A O 100 100 100 100 10 100 100 1/2																			
Copenhagen 25-yr s f 5 1/2% 1944 J J 99 1/4 Sale 99 1/4 99 1/2 59 98 99 1/2																			
Cordoba (Proy) Argen 7% 1942 J J 99 1/4 Sale 98 1/4 99 5 95 99																			
Cuba 5% of 1904 M S 100 100 99 100 20 99 100 1/2																			
External 5% of 1914 Ser. A 1949 F A 99 99 99 25 98 100 1/2																			
External loan 4 1/2% 1949 F A 89 1/4 90 1/2 89 1/4 27 88 90 1/2																			
5 1/2% 1953 J J 102 1/2 102 1/2 102 1/2 27 100 102 1/2																			
Czechoslovak (Repub) of 8% 1951 A O 102 1/2 102 1/2 102 1/2 16 100 102 1/2																			
SINK fund 8% Ser. B int. cts. 1952 A O 102 1/2 102 1/2 102 1/2 132 100 102 1/2																			
Extr. s f 7 1/2% Ser. A 1945 A O 99 99 98 1/2 27 95 99																			
Danish Con. Municip. 8% 1946 F A 111 111 111 111 14 110 112																			
Series B s f 8% 1946 F A 111 111 109 1/2 4 110 112																			
Denmark external s f 8% 1945 A O 107 107 107 107 25 107 107 1/2																			
20-yr 6% 1942 J J 103 1/4 Sale 103 1/4 103 1/4 36 102 103 1/4																			
Dominican Rep. Con. Adm. s f 5 1/2% 1944 F A 101 1/4 101 1/4 101 1/4 33 101 103																			
Custom Admin. 5 1/2% 1942 M S 98 98 98 98 49 97 98																			
Dutch East Indies ext. 6% 1947 J J 104 1/4 Sale 104 1/4 104 1/4 27 104 105 1/4																			
40-yr 6% 1962 M S 104 1/4 Sale 104 1/4 104 1/4 43 104 105 1/4																			
30-yr ext 5 1/2% 1953 M S 103 1/4 Sale 102 1/2 103 1/4 4 101 103 1/4																			
30-yr ext 5 1/2% 1953 M N 103 1/4 103 1/4 102 1/2 11 102 103 1/4																			
French Repub. 25-yr ext. 8% 1945 M S 103 103 103 103 125 100 103 1/2																			
20-yr external loan 7 1/2% 1941 J D 99 1/4 Sale 97 1/4 99 224 97 1/4 99 1/4																			
External 7% of 1924 1949 J D 90 1/4 Sale 90 90 1/4 322 88 91																			
Finnish Mun. Ln 6 1/2% 1954 A O 91 1/2 Sale 91 1/2 91 1/2 9 90 92 1/2																			
External 6 1/2% Series B 1954 A O 91 1/2 Sale 91 1/2 92 5 90 92 1/2																			
Finland (Rep.) ext. 6% 1945 M S 89 1/4 Sale 88 1/4 89 1/4 25 87 89 1/4																			
External s f 7% 1950 M S 102 1/2 102 1/2 102 1/2 49 98 102 1/2																			
German external loan 7% 1949 A O 102 1/2 102 1/2 102 1/2 409 101 102 1/2																			
German Cent. Agric. Bk 7% 1950 M S 97 1/4 Sale 96 1/2 97 173 94 97																			
Gt. Brit. & Ire. (UK) of 5 1/2% s 1937 F A 106 106 106 106 52 104 106 1/2																			
10-yr conv 5 1/2% 1929 F A 118 1/4 Sale 118 1/4 118 1/4 30 117 118 1/4																			
Greater Prague 7 1/2% 1952 M N 97 1/4 Sale 97 1/4 97 1/4 40 93 97 1/4																			
Greek Govt 7% 1964 M N 87 87 87 87 80 85 87 1/2																			
Haiti (Republic) 6% 1952 A O 98 98 97 1/4 21 95 98 1/4																			
Hungary (Kingd) of s f 7 1/2% 1944 F A 95 1/2 Sale 95 1/4 97 1/8 18 94 98																			
Ind. Bank of Japan 6% note 1927 F A 100 100 100 100 32 99 100 1/2																			
Italy (Kingd) of ext. 7% 1921 J D 94 1/2 Sale 94 1/2 94 1/2 1030 94 94 1/2																			
Japanese Govt. Loan 4% 1931 J J 86 1/4 Sale 86 1/2 86 1/2 134 83 87																			
30-yr s f 6 1/2% 1954 F A 94 1/4 Sale 93 1/4 94 1/4 260 92 94 1/4																			
Oriental Development 6% 1934 M S 88 1/2 Sale 88 1/2 89 62 85 89																			
Lyons (City) of 15-yr 6% 1934 M N 85 1/2 86 85 1/2 15 82 85 1/2																			
Marseilles (City) of 15-yr 6% 1934 M N 86 86 85 1/2 86 22 82 86																			
Mexican Irrigation 4 1/2% 1943 M N 31 31 31 31 26 31 31																			
Assenting s f 4 1/2% 1943 Q J 31 1/2 32 1/2 31 1/2 10 29 34 1/2																			
Mexico (U.S.) ext. 5% of '99 £ 1945 Q J 43 1/2 42 1/2 42 1/2 13 39 43 1/2																			
Assenting 5% of 1899 1945 Q J 39 1/4 40 1/4 40 1/4 13 39 43 1/2																			
Assenting 5% large 1954 J D 25 25 25 25 26 27 1/4																			
Assenting 5% small 1954 J D 25 25 25 25 26 27 1/4																			
Gold deb. 4% of 1904 1954 J D 25 25 25 25 26 27 1/4																			
Assenting 4% of 1904 1954 J D 25 25 25 25 26 27 1/4																			
Assenting 4% of 1910 1954 J J 25 25 25 25 26 27 1/4																			
Assenting 4% of 1910 large 1954 J J 25 25 25 25 26 27 1/4																			
Assenting 4% of 1910 small 1954 J J 25 25 25 25 26 27 1/4																			
Treas. 6% of '31 assent (large) '33 J J 44 44 44 44 4 44 44																			
Small 1952 J D 98 1/4 Sale 97 1/4 98 1/4 45 96 98 1/4																			
Montevideo 7% 1943 F A 101 1/4 Sale 101 1/4 102 41 100 102																			
Norway 20-yr ext. 6% 1944 F A 101 1/2 Sale 101 1/2 102 1/2 43 100 102 1/2																			
20-yr external 6% 1952 A O 102 1/2 Sale 102 1/2 102 1/2 14 101 102 1/2																			
30-yr external 6% 1952 A O 96 1/2 Sale 96 1/2 97 19 95 97 1/2																			
40-yr s f 5 1/2% temp. 1965 J D 96 1/2 Sale 96 1/2 97 19 95 97 1/2																			
Railroad.																			
Ala. Gt. Sou. 1st cons. A 5% 1943 J D 100 102 102 102 Oct 25 101 Feb 26 101 101 1/2																			
Ala. Mid. 1st guar. gold 5% 1928 M N 80 100 102 101 Feb 26 84 1/2 Feb 26 84 1/2																			
Alb. & Susq. conv 3 1/2% 1946 A O 84 1/2 84 84 Oct 25 84 Oct 25 84																			
Alleg. & West. 1st g 4% 1948 A O 92 1/2 93 93 93 92 93																			
Allegh. Val. gen. guar. g 4% 1942 M S 92 1/2 93 93 93 92 93																			
Ann Arbor & S. E. Gen. g 4% 1955 Q J 78 78 78 78 68 75 78																			
Atch. & S. Fe. Gen. g 4% 1955 A O 91 1/4 Sale 90 1/2 91 1/4 42 89 91 1/4																			
Registered 1955 A O 90 90 Jan 26 88 90																			
Adjustment gold 4% July 1955 Nov 86 Sale 85 1/2 86 4 85 86																			
Stamped July 1955 Nov 85 1/2 Sale 85 1/2 85 1/2 13 85 86																			
Registered 1955 M N 82 1/2 83 1/2 Jan 26 83 1/2 83 1/2																			
Conv. gold 4% 1909 1955 J D 84 1/2 86 85 1/2 Jan 26 84 1/2 85 1/2																			
Conv. 4% 1905 1955 J D 84 1/2 85 1/2 85 1/2 2 84 86																			
Conv. g 4% issue of 1910 1960 J D 84 1/2 85 1/2 85 1/2 Jan 26 83 1/2 85 1/2																			
East Okla. Div. 1st g 4% 1928 M S 99 1/2 99 1/2 99 1/2 2 89 91 1/2																			
Rocky Mtn. Div. 1st g 4% 1965 J J 89 89 89 89 2 88 90																			
Trans. Con. Short L. 1st 4% 1942 M S 95 1/2 95 1/2 95 1/2 Jan 26 94 1/2 95 1/2																			
Cal.-Ariz. 1st & ref. 4 1/2% A. 1942 M N 95 1/2 95 1/2 95 1/2 3 90 1/4 91 1/4																			
Atl. Knox & Nor. 1st g 5% 1946 J D 102 1/2 103 103 103 Feb 26 103 103 1/2																			
Atl. & Charl. A. L. 1st A 4 1/2% 1944 J J 97 1/2 Sale 97 97 1/2 2 96 1/4 97 1/4																			
1st 30-yr 5% Series B 1944 J J 103 103 103 103 Feb 26 103 103 1/2																			
Atlantic City 1st cons. 4% 1951 J J 85 85 85 85 Feb 26 85 85 1/2																			
Atl. Coast Line 1st cons. 4% 1952 M S 93 1/4 Sale 92 1/4 93 1/4 7 92 1/4 93 1/4																			
10-yr secured 7% 1930 M N 106 106 105 106 20 105 107																			
General unfin. 4 1/2% 1964 J D 95 1/2 96 1/2 96 1/2 Feb 26 94 1/2 96 1/2																			
L. & N. coll. gold 4% Oct 1952 M N 93 1/4 Sale 92 1/4 93 1/4 92 91 1/2 94 1/4																			
Arl. & Danv. 1st g 4% 1948 J J 78 1/2 Sale 77 1/2 78 1/2 22 77 1/2 78 1/2																			
2d 4% 1948 J J 68 1/2 Sale 68 1/2 68 1/2 68 1/2 68 1/2																			
Atl. & Yad. 1st g guar. 4% 1949 A O 100 101 99 100 Dec 25 99 100																			
A. & N. W. 1st gu. 4% 1941 J J 100 101 99 100 Dec 25 99 100																			
Balt. & Ohio 1st g 4% July 1948 A O 89 89 89 89 Jan 26 88 89 1/2																			
10-yr conv. 4 1/2% 1933 M S 95 1/4 Sale 95 1/4 95 1/4 233 94 95 1/4																			
Refund. & gen. 5% Series A 1945 J D 95 1/4 Sale 95 1/4 95 1/4 114 93 1/2 97																			
1st g 5% int. cts. 1948 A O 103 1/4 Sale 103 1/4 103 1/4 171 103 104																			
10-yr 6% 1929 J J 103 1/4 Sale 103 1/4 103 1/4 60 102 103 1/2																			
Ref. & gen. 6% Ser. C temp. 1925 J D 106 106 105 106 107 97 104 107																			
P. L. E. & W. Va. Sys. ref. 4% 1941 M N 91 91 91 91 11 89 91 1/2																			
South Div. 1st 5% 1950 J J 99 1/4 Sale 98 1/4 99 1/4 259 98 99 1/4																			
Tol. & Cin. Div. 1st ref. 4% A. 1959 J J 77 1/4 Sale 77 1/4 77 1/4 37 74 1/4 78																			
Battle Cr. & Stur. 1st g 3% 1989 J D 60 62 62 62 May 25 60 62																			
Beech Creek 1st gu. g 4% 1936 J J 93 1/2 95 93 Jan 26 93 Jan 26 93																			
Registered 1936																			

BONDS										BONDS												
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE										N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE												
Week Ended Feb. 12.										Week Ended Feb. 12.												
Interest Period	Price	Ask	Low	High	N o.	Range Since Jan. 1.	Interest Period	Price	Ask	Low	High	N o.	Range Since Jan. 1.	Interest Period	Price	Ask	Low	High	N o.	Range Since Jan. 1.		
																					Thursday Feb. 11.	Thursday Feb. 11.
Chicago & East. Ill 1s 6s. 1934	A	106	106 1/2	106 1/2	451	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	451	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	451	106 1/2	
C & E Ill RR (new co) gen 5s. 1951	M	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	1	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	1	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	1	102 1/4	
Chic & Erie 1st gold 5s. 1952	M	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	1	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	1	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	1	102 1/4	
Chicago Great West 1st 4s. 1959	M	66 1/4	66 1/4	66 1/4	222	66 1/4	66 1/4	66 1/4	66 1/4	66 1/4	66 1/4	222	66 1/4	66 1/4	66 1/4	66 1/4	66 1/4	66 1/4	66 1/4	222	66 1/4	
Chic Ind & Louisv—Ref 6s. 1947	J	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	222	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	222	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	222	111 1/2	
Refunding gold 5s. 1947	J	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	222	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	222	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	222	101 1/2	
Refunding 4s Series C. 1947	J	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	222	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	222	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	222	84 1/2	
General 6s A. 1966	M	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	222	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	222	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	222	94 1/2	
General 6s B. May 1966	J	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	24	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	24	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	24	106 1/2	
Ind & Louisville 1st 4s. 1956	J	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	222	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	222	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	222	79 1/2	
Chic Ind & Sou 50-year 4s. 1956	J	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	222	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	222	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	222	94 1/2	
Chic L S & East 1st 4s. 1959	J	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	222	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	222	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	222	94 1/2	
C M & Puget Sd 1st 4s. 1949	J	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	21	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	21	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	21	51 1/2	
Certificates of deposit.																						
Ch M & St P gen 4s Ser A. 19189	J	80 1/4	80 1/4	80 1/4	32	80 1/4	80 1/4	80 1/4	80 1/4	80 1/4	80 1/4	32	80 1/4	80 1/4	80 1/4	80 1/4	80 1/4	80 1/4	80 1/4	32	80 1/4	
General gold 3 1/2s Ser B. 19189	J	72 1/4	72 1/4	72 1/4	31	72 1/4	72 1/4	72 1/4	72 1/4	72 1/4	72 1/4	31	72 1/4	72 1/4	72 1/4	72 1/4	72 1/4	72 1/4	72 1/4	31	72 1/4	
Gen 4 1/2s Series C. May 19189	J	90 3/4	90 3/4	90 3/4	27	90 3/4	90 3/4	90 3/4	90 3/4	90 3/4	90 3/4	27	90 3/4	90 3/4	90 3/4	90 3/4	90 3/4	90 3/4	90 3/4	27	90 3/4	
Gen & ref Series A. 4 1/2s. a2014	A	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	45	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	45	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	45	52 1/2	
Certificates of deposit.																						
Gen ref conv Ser B. 5s. a2014	F	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	76	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	76	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	76	52 1/2	
Certificates of deposit.																						
1st sec 6s. 1935	J	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	35	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	35	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	35	104 1/2	
Debenture 4 1/2s. 1932	J	52	52	52	67	52	52	52	52	52	52	67	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	67	52	
Certificates of deposit.																						
Debenture 5 1/2s. 1932	J	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	110	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	110	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	110	51 1/2	
Certificates of deposit.																						
25-year debenture 4s. 1934	J	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	18	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	18	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	18	51 1/2	
Certificates of deposit.																						
Chic & Mo Riv Div 5s. 1927	J	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	11	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	11	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	11	99 1/2	
Chic & N West Extds. 1886-1926	F	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	11	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	11	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	11	99 1/2	
Registered. 1886-1926	F	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	11	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	11	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	11	99 1/2	
General gold 3 1/2s. 1987	M	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	11	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	11	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	11	71 1/4	
Registered.	M	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	11	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	11	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	11	71 1/4	
General 4s. 1987	M	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	16	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	16	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	16	86 1/2	
Stamped 4s. 1987	M	87	87	87	16	87	87	87	87	87	87	16	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	16	87	
General 5s stamped. 1937	M	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	5	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	5	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	5	105 1/2	
Sinking fund 6s. 1879-1929	A	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	2	103 1/2	
Registered. 1879-1929	A	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	2	103 1/2	
Sinking fund 5s. 1879-1929	A	100 7/8	100 7/8	100 7/8	2	100 7/8	100 7/8	100 7/8	100 7/8	100 7/8	100 7/8	2	100 7/8	100 7/8	100 7/8	100 7/8	100 7/8	100 7/8	100 7/8	2	100 7/8	
Registered. 1879-1929	A	98	98	98	2	98	98	98	98	98	98	2	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	2	98	
Sinking fund deb 5s. 1933	M	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	8	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	8	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	8	100 1/2	
Registered.	M	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	8	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	8	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	8	100 1/2	
10-year secured 7s g. 1930	J	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	9	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	9	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	9	107 1/2	
15-year secured 6 1/2s g. 1936	M	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	3	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	3	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	3	112 1/2	
1st & ref g 5s. May 1937	J	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	21	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	21	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	21	100 1/2	
Chic R I & P—Railway gen 4s 1988	J	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	4	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	4	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	4	85 1/2	
Registered.	J	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	4	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	4	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	4	83 1/2	
Refunding gold 4s. 1934	A	89	89	89	236	89	89	89	89	89	89	236	89	89	89	89	89	89	89	236	89	
Registered.	A	89	89	89																		

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Due Jan. Due July. Due Nov. Option sale.

BONDS				N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE				BONDS				N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE						
Week Ended Feb. 12.				Week Ended Feb. 12.				Week Ended Feb. 12.				Week Ended Feb. 12.						
	Interest	Price	Week's		Interest	Price	Week's		Interest	Price	Week's		Interest	Price	Week's			
	Period	Thursday	Range		Period	Thursday	Range		Period	Thursday	Range		Period	Thursday	Range			
		Feb. 11.	Since			Feb. 11.	Since			Feb. 11.	Since			Feb. 11.	Since			
			Jan. 1				Jan. 1				Jan. 1				Jan. 1			
3 A & A Pass 1st gu g 4s	1943	J	85 1/4	Ask	Low	High	N o.	Low	High	Armour & Co 1st real est 4 1/2 1939	J	D	91 3/4	Ask	Low	High	N o.	
Santa Fe Pres & Phen 5s	1942	M	101 1/8	103	100 1/2	Jan 26	18	100 1/2	100 1/2	Armour & Co of Del 5 1/2 s	1943	J	J	95 1/2	Ask	Low	High	
Sav Fla & West 1st g 6s	1944	A	109		110	Jan 26	110	110	110	Associated Oil 6% gold notes 1935	M	S	102 3/4	Ask	Low	High	N o.	
1st g 5s	1934	A	102 1/2		101 1/4	Dec 25	18	87 1/2	87 1/2	Atlanta Gas L 1st 5s	1947	J	D	99 3/8		98 3/8	Jan 25	4
Scoto V & N E 1st gu g 4s	1939	M	88 1/2	90	88 1/2	Feb 26	2	79	82	Atlantic Fruit 7s cfs dep	1934	J	D	26 1/2		28	Jan 25	20
Seaboard Air Line g 4s	1950	A	87	88 1/2	82	Feb 26	2	79 1/2	82	Stamped cfs of deposit	1934	J	D	23 1/8	39 7/8	20 1/2	Jan 26	19
Gold 4s stamped	1950	A	81	81 1/2	81 1/8	81 1/2	2	84 1/2	87 1/2	Baldw Refg deb 5s	1937	J	J	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	19	99 1/2
Adjustment 6s	Oct 1949	F	84 1/4	Sale	84 3/4	85 1/2	190	84 1/4	87 1/2	Baragua (Coup A) 7 1/2 s	1940	M	N	104 1/4	Sale	104 1/4	104 1/4	10
Refunding 4s	1959	A	73 1/4	Sale	73 1/4	73 1/2	81	71 1/4	74	Barnsdall Corp s works conv 8%	1931	J	J	101 1/4	Sale	101 1/4	105 1/4	7
1st & cons 6s Series A	1945	M	95 1/4	Sale	95 1/4	96	165	94 1/4	96	Bell Telephone of Pa 5s	1948	J	J	103 1/2	Sale	103 1/2	102 3/4	37
Atl & Birm 30-yr 1st g 4s	41933	M	89 3/8	90 3/8	90 3/8	Feb 26	100	88 1/2	90 3/8	1st & ref 5s Ser C	1960	A	O	102 3/4	Sale	101 1/4	102 3/4	125
Seaboard & Roan 1st g 5s	1926	J	100 3/4		100 1/4	Feb 26	100	100	100 1/4	Beth Steel 1st ext s f 5s	1926	J	J	97 1/2		97 1/2	Dec 25	1
8 & N Ala cons g 5s	1936	F	103 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	July 25	105 1/4	105 1/4	106 1/2	1st & ref 5s guar A	1942	M	N	99 1/2	Sale	99 1/2	99 1/2	4
Gen cons guar 50-yr 5s	1963	A	106 1/4	108 1/4	106 1/8	Jan 26	105 1/4	86 1/4	87 1/4	30-yr p m & Imp s f 5s	1936	J	J	96 3/4	Sale	95 1/4	96 3/4	54
So Pac Col 4s (Cent Pac col)	1949	J	87	Sale	86 3/8	87	8	86 1/4	87 1/4	Cons 30-year 6s Series A	1948	F	A	99	Sale	98 1/2	99 1/2	237
Registered										Cons 30-year 5 1/2 s Series B	1953	F	A	92 1/4	Sale	92 1/4	93	126
20-year conv 5s	June 1929	M	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	100 3/4	46	100 1/2	100 3/4	Blng & Blng deb 5 1/2 s	1950	M	S	93	94 1/2	95	Feb 26	93
20-year conv 5s	1944	M	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 3/4	46	100 1/2	100 3/4	Booth Fisheries deb s f 6s	1926	A	O	90 1/8	Sale	90 1/8	92 1/2	10
20-year g 5s	1944	M	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 3/4	46	100 1/2	100 3/4	Botany Cons Mills 6 1/2 s	1934	A	O	90 1/8	Sale	90 1/8	94 1/2	29
San Fran Term 1st 4s	1950	A	90	Sale	90	90	2	87	90	Brier Hill Steel 1st 5 1/2 s	1942	A	O	102 1/4	Sale	102	102 1/4	19
Registered										B'way & 7th Av 1st c g 5s	1943	J	D	7 1/4	Sale	7 3/4	7 1/2	16
So Pac of Cal—Gu g 5s	1927	M	103 1/4		104	Aug 25	56	94 1/4	94 1/4	Cfs of dep stmpd Jun '25 Int	1941	J	J	71		71	Jan 26	5
So Pac Coast 1st gu g 4s	1937	J	94 1/8		94 1/4	Jan 26	21	90	92 1/4	Brooklyn City RR 6s	1941	J	J	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	71
So Pac RR 1st ref g 4s	1955	J	91	Sale	90 5/8	91 1/2	80	90	92 1/4	Bklyn Edison line gen 5s A	1949	J	J	103 1/2	Sale	103 1/2	103 1/2	15
Southern—1st cons g 5s	1994	J	105	Sale	104 3/4	105 1/4	21	104	105 1/4	General 6s Series B	1930	J	J	105 1/2		103 1/2	103 1/2	5
Registered										Bklyn-Man R Tr Sec 6s	1968	J	J	95 1/2	Sale	94 1/2	94 1/2	462
Develop & gen 4s Ser A	1956	A	82 1/4	Sale	82	82 1/2	74	81 1/4	82 1/2	Bklyn Qu Co & Sub con gtd 5 1/4	41	M	N	62	Sale	62	62	5
Develop & gen 6s	1956	A	108	Sale	107 1/2	108	9	107 1/2	108 1/2	1st 6s	1941	J	J	75	79	77 1/2	Feb 26	2
Mem Div 1st g 4 1/2 s	1990	J	103 1/2	Sale	103 1/2	103 3/4	74	112	114	Bklyn Un El 1st 4-6s	1950	F	A	91 1/2	92	91 1/2	91 1/2	5
St Louis Div 1st g 4s	1951	J	88 1/4	Sale	88 1/4	88 1/2	15	88 1/4	88 1/2	Stamped guar 4-5s	1950	F	A	91 1/2	92	91 1/2	91 1/2	5
Mob & Ohio coll tr 4s	1935	M	91	92	90 1/4	91	9	87 1/2	92	Bklyn Un Gas 1st cons g 5s	1945	M	N	102 1/2	Sale	102 1/2	102 1/2	14
So Car & Ga 1st ext 5 1/2 s	1929	M	101 1/2	Sale	101 1/4	101 1/2	15	101 1/4	101 1/2	1st lien & ref 6s Series A	1947	M	N	112 1/2	112 1/2	112	Nov 25	2
Spokane Internat 1st g 5s	1925	J	81	82 1/8	81	Feb 26	2	81	81 1/4	Buff & Susq Iron s f 6s	1932	J	D	92		92	Dec 25	2
Term Assn of St L 1st g 4 1/2 s	1939	A	97 1/8	97 3/4	97 1/8	Feb 26	2	96 7/8	97 1/2	Bush Terminal 1st 4s	1952	A	O	82 1/4	90 1/4	88 1/2	Jan 26	2
1st cons gold 5s	1944	F	102	Sale	102	102	2	101 1/2	102	Consol 5s	1955	J	J	97 1/2	Sale	97 1/2	92 1/2	9
Gen refund s f g 4s	1953	J	85 1/2	86 1/4	86 1/4	86 1/4	2	84 1/4	87	Building 5s guar tax ex	1960	A	O	97 1/2	Sale	97 1/2	98 1/4	19
Tex & N O con gold 5s	1943	J	99	Sale	99	99	5	99	99	Cal G & E Corp unif & ref 6s	1937	M	S	100 1/2	Sale	100 1/2	100 1/2	2
Texas & Pac 1st gold 6s	2000	J	103 1/2	105	103 3/8	103 3/8	6	103 1/4	104	Cal Petroleum s f g 6 1/2 s	1933	A	O	104	Sale	103 3/4	104 1/4	19
La Div B L 1st g 5s	1931	J	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/4	Feb 26	100	100	101 1/4	Camaguey Sug 1st s f 7 1/2 s	1942	A	O	96 1/2	Sale	95 1/2	97 1/2	24
Tex Pac-Mo Pac Per 5 1/2 s	1934	M	101 1/4	Sale	101 1/4	101 1/4	56	99 1/4	100 1/4	Canada SS Lines 1st coll s f 7 1/2 s	42	M	N	102 1/2	Sale	102 1/2	102 1/2	16
Tol & Ohio Cent 1st g 5s	1935	A	100 1/2		100 1/2	Feb 26	100	100 1/2	100 1/2	Cent Dist Tel 1st 30-yr 5s	1943	J	J	102 1/2	Sale	102 1/2	102 1/2	4
Western Div 1st g 5s	1935	A	100 1/2		100 1/2	Jan 26	100	100 1/2	100 1/2	Cent Foundry 1st s f 6s	1931	F	A	97	98	97 1/2	Feb 26	2
General gold 5s	1935	J	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	1	97 1/2	98 1/4	Cent Leather 1st lien s f 6s	1945	J	J	100 1/2	Sale	100 1/2	101 1/4	52
Toledo Peoria & West 4s	1917	J	35	37	37 1/2	Jan 26	1	34	37 1/2	Central Steel 1st s f 8s	1941	M	N	116	116 1/2	116	116 1/2	4
To St L & W pr llen g 3 1/2 s	1925	J	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	May 25	5	87 1/2	88 1/2	Ch G & Coke 1st gu g 5s	1937	J	J	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	Feb 26	2
50-year gold 4s	1950	A	88 1/4	88 3/4	88 1/4	88 1/2	5	87 1/2	88 1/2	Chicago Lys 1st 5s	1927	F	A	77 1/2	Sale	76 1/2	78	98
Tol W & O 4 1/2 s	1931	J	97 1/2	99 1/4	97 3/8	Jan 26	2	97 1/2	98	Chile Copper 6s Ser A	1932	A	O	109 1/4	Sale	107 1/2	109 1/2	460
Series B 4 1/2 s	1933	J	96 3/8	98	96 3/8	Dec 25	2	96 3/8	97 1/2	Cincin Gas & Elec 1st & ref 5 1/2 s	56	A	O	103	103	103	9	
Series C 4s	1942	M	91		90	Nov 25	1	92 1/2	94 1/2	5 1/2 Ser B due Jan 1	1961	A	O	104 3/4	Sale	104 3/4	104 3/4	3
Tor Ham & Buff 1st g 4s	1946	J	87 1/4	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	1	87 1/4	87 1/2	Clearfield Bit Coll 1st 4s	1940	J	J	77 1/2		82	Nov 25	2
Ulster & Del 1st cons g 5s	1928	J	76 3/4	77 1/4	76 3/4	77 1/4	2	76	77 1/2	Colo F & I Co gen s f 5s	1943	F	A	81 1/4	94	91 1/4	93	2
1st refunding g 4s	1952	A	43	43	46 1/2	Feb 26	42	44 1/4	47	Col Indus 1st & coll 5s guar	1934	F	A	84 1/2	Sale	83 3/4	84 1/4	81
Union Pacific 1st g 4s	1947	J	90 1/2	93 1/4	90 1/2	94 1/2	42	92 1/2	94 1/2	Col F & I Co gen s f 5s	1942	F	A	84 1/2	Sale	83 3/4	84 1/4	81
Registered										Col Indus 1st & coll 5s guar	1934	F	A	84 1/2	Sale	83 3/4	84 1/4	81
20-year conv 4s	1927	J	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	22	86	89	Columbia G & E 1st 5s	1927	J	J	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	6	
1st & refunding 4s	2008	M	88 1/2	Sale	87 5/8	87 5/8	22	86	89	Stamped	1927	J	J	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	6	
1st lien & ref 5s	2008	M	107 1/2	108 1/2	108	108	1	106 1/2	108	Col & 9th Av 1st gu g 5s	1933	M	S	99	100	99 1/2	Jan 26	2
10-year perm secured 6s	1928	J	102 1/2	Sale	102 1/2	103	9	102 1/2	103 1/4	Columbus Gas 1st gold 5s	1932	J	J	77	78	78	Feb 26	2
UN J RR & Can gen 4s	1944	M	92 1/2		92 1/2	Dec 25	100	100	100	Commercial Cable 1st g 4s	1937	Q	J	99	100	99 1/2	100	12
Utah & Nor gold 5s	1926	J	100	101	100	Jan 26	100	100	100	Commonwealth Power 6s	19							

Table with columns: BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Feb. 12., Interest Period, Price Thursday Feb. 11., Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Humble Oil & Refining 5 1/2s, Illinois Bell Telephone 6s, etc.

Table with columns: BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Feb. 12., Interest Period, Price Thursday Feb. 11., Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Pillsbury Fl Mills 20-yr 6s, Peasant Val Coal 1st g s f 5s, etc.

α Due Jan. δ Due April. ρ Due Dec. σ Option sale.

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday to Friday), stock names, prices, and ranges. Includes sections for 'STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925.'.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-rights. d Ex-dividend and rights. z Ex-stock dividend. a Assessments paid. q Price on new basis.

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "f."

Table of Sundry Securities including Standard Oil Stocks, Railroad Equipments, Public Utilities, Tobacco Stocks, Rubber Stocks, Sugar Stocks, and Short Term Securities.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Feb. 6 to Feb. 11, both inclusive (Friday, Feb. 12, being Lincoln's Birthday and a holiday on the Exchange):

Table of Boston Bond Record showing bond prices, sales, and ranges since Jan. 1.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange Feb. 6 to Feb. 11, both inclusive (Friday, Feb. 12, being Lincoln's Birthday and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Philadelphia Stock Exchange showing stock prices, sales, and ranges since Jan. 1.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange Feb. 6 to Feb. 11, both inclusive (Friday, Feb. 12, being Lincoln's Birthday and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists.

Table of Baltimore Stock Exchange showing stock prices, sales, and ranges since Jan. 1.

* Per share. † No par value. ‡ Basis. § Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. ¶ New stock. // Flat price. * Last sale. n Nominal. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. o Ex-stock dividend. s Sale price r Canadian quotation.

Stocks (Concluded) Par.	Thurs. Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.		
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	High.
Fin & Guar Co pref. 25	12	16 1/2	16 1/2	5	16 1/2	Feb 20	Jan
Finance Co of America A. 2	12	12	12	24	11	Jan 12	Jan
Finance Service, Class A 10	21	20 1/2	21	300	20 1/2	Jan 21	Feb
Preferred 10	10	10 1/2	10 1/2	5	10	Jan 10 1/2	Feb
Ga Sou & Fla 1st pref. 100	100	93 1/2	93 1/2	5	93 1/2	Jan 93 1/2	Jan
Houston Oil pr etfs. 100	100	85 1/2	85 1/2	75	85	Feb 89	Jan
Manufacturers Finance. 25	25	64 1/2	65	50	63	Jan 65	Jan
1st preferred 25	22	22	22 1/2	100	21 1/2	Feb 23	Jan
2d preferred 25	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	315	22 1/2	Jan 24	Jan
Trust preferred 25	22	22	22 1/2	138	20 1/2	Jan 23	Jan
Manufacturers Fin Blocks	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	6	105	Jan 109	Jan
Maryland Casualty Co. 25	100	99	100	346	98 1/2	Feb 102	Feb
Mercantile Trust Co. 50	400	400	400	43	400	Feb 400	Feb
Merch & Miners, new. 50	52 1/2	50	53 1/2	1,939	44 1/2	Jan 53 1/2	Feb
Mortgage & Accept com. 19	19	19	19	385	19	Feb 23 1/2	Jan
Preferred 50	45	44	45	407	42 1/2	Jan 45	Feb
Mt V-Wood Mills v tr 100	81 1/2	81 1/2	83	125	80	Jan 83	Jan
Preferred v tr 100	53 1/2	53 1/2	54	226	52 1/2	Jan 56 1/2	Jan
New Amsterdam Cas Co 10	80	80	80 1/2	156	78 1/2	Jan 81 1/2	Jan
Northern Central. 60	165	165	165	5	160 1/2	Jan 171	Jan
Penna Water & Power. 100	20	20	20	50	12	Jan 22	Jan
Silica Gel Corp. 50	17 1/2	18	18	310	17	Jan 18 1/2	Jan
United Ry & Electric 50	201	197 1/2	201	8	195 1/2	Feb 219 1/2	Jan
U S Fidelity & Guar. 50	19 1/2	19 1/2	21	2,762	18	Jan 18	Jan
Rights. 50	15	15	15	10	15	Feb 15 1/2	Jan
Wash Balt & Annap. 50	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	118	25 1/2	Jan 25 1/2	Jan
Preferred 50	113	113	113	100	94	Jan 114 1/2	Feb
West Md Dairy, Inc com. 50	54	54	54	10	53	Jan 54 1/2	Jan

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Feb. 6 to Feb. 11, both inclusive (Friday, Feb. 12, being Lincoln's Birthday and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists.

Stocks— Par.	Thurs. Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.		
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	High.
Alabama Co gen 6s. 1933	100 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	\$5,000	100 1/2	Feb 101	Jan
Commercial Credit 6s. 1934	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	1,000	99 1/2	Jan 100 1/2	Feb
Consolidated Gas 5s. 1933	102	102	102	2,000	101 1/2	Jan 102	Feb
Consol G E L & P 4 1/2s 1935	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	1,000	97 1/2	Jan 98	Feb
5 1/2 notes, ser A. 1952	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	1,000	104 1/2	Jan 105 1/2	Jan
6% notes, ser A. 1949	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	2,000	105 1/2	Jan 107 1/2	Feb
Consol Coal ref 4 1/2s. 1934	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	6,000	91	Jan 93 1/2	Jan
Danville Trac & P 5s. 1941	66 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/2	1,000	66 1/2	Jan 66 1/2	Jan
Davison Sul & Phos 6s 1027	101	101	101	4,000	101	Jan 101	Jan
Elkhorn Corn 6s. 99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	4,000	99 1/2	Feb 99 1/2	Feb
Fair & Clark Trac 5s. 1938	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	3,000	90 1/2	Feb 91 1/2	Jan
Fairmont Coal 6s. 1931	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	1,000	98 1/2	Jan 98 1/2	Jan
Ga Car & Nor 1st 5s. 1929	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	1,000	99 1/2	Jan 100	Jan
Houston Oil 6 1/2s. 1935	100	100	100	1,000	100	Jan 100	Jan
Md Electric Ry 1st 5s. 1931	95	95	95	3,000	94 1/2	Jan 95	Jan
6 1/2s. 1937	92	92	92	5,000	91 1/2	Jan 93	Feb
North Balt Trac 5s. 1942	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	2,000	99 1/2	Jan 99 1/2	Jan
United E L & P 4 1/2s. 1929	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	1,000	98 1/2	Jan 98 1/2	Feb
United Ry & E 4s. 1949	69 1/2	69	69 1/2	23,000	68 1/2	Jan 69 1/2	Feb
Income 4s. 1949	48	48	48 1/2	5,000	48	Jan 48 1/2	Feb
Funding 5s. 1936	70	69 1/2	70 1/2	7,900	67 1/2	Jan 70 1/2	Feb
6s, when issued. 1949	93 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2	18,000	91 1/2	Jan 93 1/2	Feb
Wash Balt & Annap 5s 1941	73	73	73 1/2	75,000	71 1/2	Jan 73 1/2	Feb
Will & Weldon 6s. 1996	102	102	102	2,000	101 1/2	Jan 102	Feb

*No par value.

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		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	High.
Kupfheimer & Co(B) Inc. 5	35	35	35	50	29 1/2	Jan 35	Feb
Preferred. 100	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	10	101 1/2	Jan 101 1/2	Feb
La Salle Ext Transit (Ill) 10	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	8,250	10	Jan 10 1/2	Feb
Libby, McN & Libby, new 10	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	2,350	8 1/2	Jan 10	Feb
Lindsay Light. 10	3	3	3	150	2	Jan 3	Feb
McCord Radlator Mfg A. 10	41	41	41	50	41	Jan 42	Jan
McQuay-Norris Mfg. 50	18	18	18	50	16 1/2	Jan 18	Feb
Maytag Company. 22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	222	21 1/2	Jan 22 1/2	Feb
Middle West Utilities. 131	130	134 1/2	134 1/2	4,925	115 1/2	Jan 134 1/2	Feb
Preferred. 100	110 1/2	105 1/2	111 1/2	4,150	97 1/2	Jan 111 1/2	Feb
Prior lien preferred. 100	121 1/2	115 1/2	123 1/2	1,910	106 1/2	Jan 123 1/2	Feb
Midland Steel Products. 46	46	46	46	200	45	Jan 48 1/2	Jan
Midland Util prior lien. 100	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	545	99	Jan 100	Jan
Preferred. 100	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	10	96	Jan 96 1/2	Jan
Morgan Lithograph Co. 63 1/2	61 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	9,050	56 1/2	Jan 63 1/2	Feb
Nat Carbon pref, new. 100	126	126	127	155	126	Jan 127 1/2	Jan
Nat Elec Pow A w i. 25	25	25	25 1/2	340	24 1/2	Jan 25 1/2	Jan
Preferred. 100	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	10	93	Jan 95 1/2	Jan
National Leather. 10	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	1,750	4 1/2	Jan 4 1/2	Jan
Nor West Util pr in pref 100	98	98 1/2	98 1/2	92	93	Jan 99	Jan
7% preferred. 100	94	93 1/2	94 1/2	150	93 1/2	Jan 95 1/2	Jan
Omni bus pref A w i. 100	97	97	97	60	93	Jan 97	Feb
Voting trust etfs w i a. 20	19 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	17,560	15	Jan 21 1/2	Feb
Penn Gas & El w i. 22 1/2	22	22	22	4,925	22	Feb 24	Feb
Pink Barth & Co pref a. 22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	650	22 1/2	Jan 22 1/2	Feb
Plum Interfront A. 5	39	42	42	1,600	39	Feb 59 1/2	Jan
Pub Serv of Nor Ill. 135	134	135	135	197	130	Jan 137	Jan
Pub Serv of Nor Ill. 100	133 1/2	133 1/2	134	57	130	Jan 135	Jan
Preferred. 100	114 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2	40	114 1/2	Jan 114 1/2	Jan
7% preferred. 100	134	134	134	100	128	Jan 134	Feb
Quaker Oats Co. 100	106	106	107	170	105	Feb 107	Feb
Preferred. 100	56 1/2	56 1/2	57 1/2	1,260	54	Jan 58 1/2	Jan
Real Silk Hosiery Mills. 10	24 1/2	24	24 1/2	560	23 1/2	Jan 25 1/2	Jan
Reo Motor. 25	16	16	16	100	15 1/2	Jan 16	Jan
Ryan Car Co (The). 25	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	50	25	Jan 25 1/2	Jan
So Colo Pow El A com. 25	96	96	96	10	96	Feb 96	Feb
South Gas & El 7% pf 100	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	35	64 1/2	Feb 64 1/2	Feb
Standard Gas & Electric. 50	56	56 1/2	56 1/2	25	54	Jan 56 1/2	Jan
Preferred. 50	85 1/2	83 1/2	87 1/2	10,800	82 1/2	Jan 93	Jan
Stewart Warner Speedom. 100	114 1/2	114	115	1,345	113	Jan 115 1/2	Jan
Swift International. 15	22	21 1/2	22 1/2	4,800	19 1/2	Jan 22 1/2	Jan
Thompson (J R). 25	46	45 1/2	46 1/2	1,625	44 1/2	Jan 47	Jan
Union Carbide & Carbon. 82 1/2	82 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	14,000	72 1/2	Jan 85 1/2	Feb
United Biscuit class A. 50	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	4,985	49 1/2	Feb 59 1/2	Jan
United Lt & Peom cl A w i a. 139	135	139 1/2	139 1/2	1,115	125	Jan 144	Jan
Common cl A w i a. 155	155	155	155	175	150	Jan 155	Jan
Preferred cl A w i a. 90	89	90	90	370	89	Jan 91 1/2	Jan
Preferred cl B w i a. 50 1/2	50	50	51	460	47 1/2	Jan 51	Feb
United Paper Board. 100	34 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	625	31 1/2	Jan 35 1/2	Feb
U S Gypsum. 20	151	146 1/2	153	3,160	138	Jan 161 1/2	Jan
Uni Theatres Conc cl A 13 1/2	12 1/2	14	14	450	4	Feb 7	Jan
Wahl Co. 75	75	75 1/2	75 1/2	1,975	70	Jan 81 1/2	Jan
Ward (Montgomery) & Co 100	115 1/2	116	116	105	115	Jan 117	Jan
Preferred. 100	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	100	109	Jan 110 1/2	Jan
Class A. 21 1/2	21 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	6,050	16 1/2	Jan 23 1/2	Feb
Williams Oil-O-Matic com. 10 1/2	10	10 1/2	10 1/2	1,025	8 1/2	Jan 10 1/2	Feb
Wolf Mfg Corp. 9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	100	8 1/2	Jan 10 1/2	Feb
Voting trust certificates. 7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	45	5 1/2	Feb 9 1/2	Jan
Wolverine Portland Cem 10	55	55	55 1/2	2,430	54 1/2	Jan 55 1/2	Jan
Wrigley Jr. 31 1/2	30 1/2	32	32	16,950	29 1/2	Jan 32	Feb
Yates Mach part pref. 10	31	29 1/2	33	8,550	28 1/2	Jan 33	Feb
Yellow Cab Mfg cl B. 100	94	94 1/2	94 1/2	102	93	Jan 95 1/2	Jan
Preferred. 100	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	8,475	47	Jan 50 1/2	Feb
Yellow Cab Co, Inc (Chic) 50 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	8,475	47	Jan 50 1/2	Feb

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		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	High.
Chicago City Ry 5s. 1927	76	75	76	\$31,000	75	Feb 79 1/2	Jan
Chic City & Con Rys 5s '27	53	50	53	15,000	49 1/2	Jan 53 1/2	Jan
Chicago Rys 5s ser A. 1927	52	52	52	5,000	52	Feb 56 1/2	Jan
4s series B. 1927	37	37	37	3,000	37	Jan 40	Jan
Commonw Edison 6s. 1943	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	1,000	102 1/2	Jan 102 1/2	Feb
Houston G G Cos gen 6 1/2s '31	99	99	99	5,000	98	Jan 99	Feb

*No par value.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Feb. 6 to Feb. 11, both inclusive (Friday, Feb. 12, being Lincoln's Birthday and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Stocks— Par.	Thurs. Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.		
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	High.
Am Vitrified Prod, com. 50	31 1/2	31 1/2	32 1/2	650	31	Jan 33 1/2	Jan
Am Wind Glass Co, pf 100	109	109	109	50	106 1/2	Jan 109	Jan
Arkansas Nat Gas, com. 10	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	1,655	6	Jan 7	Jan
Blair Knox Co. 35	53 1/2	54	54	300	53 1/2	Feb 56	Jan
Byers (A M) Co, pref. 100	99	99 1/2	99 1/2	235	99	Jan 100	Jan
Carnegie Metals. 10	20	17	20 1/2	3,742	16	Jan 20 1/2	Feb
Colonial Trust Co. 100	230	230	230	126	230	Feb 230	Jan
Devonian Oil. 10	16	16	16 1/2	349	16	Jan 17	Jan
Duquesne Light, pref. 100	114 1/2	114	114 1/2	120	112 1/2	Jan 114 1/2	Feb
Harb-Walk Refrac, com. 100	150	150	150	20	142	Jan 150	Feb
Houston Gulf Gas. 50	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2				

Table of stock prices for various companies including Amer Rolling Mill, Preferred, Baldwin, Buekeye Incubator, etc. Columns include Par., Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

New York Curb Market.—Official transactions in the New York Curb Market from Feb. 6 to Feb. 11, both inclusive (Friday, Feb. 12, being Lincoln's Birthday and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from the official lists.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Indus. & Miscellaneous, Abraham & Straus, Aero Supply Mfg, Class B, etc. Columns include Par., Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange Feb. 6 to Feb. 11, both inclusive (Friday, Feb. 12, being Lincoln's Birthday and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Bank Stocks, Merchants National Bank, Nat Bank of Commerce, etc. Columns include Par., Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

* No par value.

Stocks (Continued)	Par	Thurs. Last Sale Price			Week's Range of Prices			Sales for Week Shares	Range Since Jan. 1.		Thurs. Last Sale Price	Week's Range of Prices			Sales for Week Shares	Range Since Jan. 1		
		Low	High	High	Low	High	Low		High	Low		High	Low	High				
Federal Motor Truck	10	42 3/4	41 1/4	44 3/4	700	36 3/4	Jan 45 1/2	Feb	Richmond Radiator	100	16 1/2	16 1/2	100	15	Jan	18 1/2	Feb	
Federated Metals	10	21	21	21	300	20	Feb 22	Jan	Preferred	100	38 3/4	38 3/4	100	36 1/2	Jan	38 3/4	Feb	
Film Inspection Mach	100	85 1/2	85 1/2	86 1/2	800	5	Jan 7 1/2	Jan	Rickenbacker Motor	100	7 1/2	7 1/2	3,000	7 1/2	Jan	9 1/2	Jan	
Firestone T & R 7 1/2 pt	100	85 1/2	85 1/2	86 1/2	1,200	84 1/2	Feb 80 1/2	Feb	Royal Bak Powd com	100	190	196	160	190	Jan	213	Jan	
Fisk Rubber 1st pref	100	111 1/4	110 1/2	112 1/2	800	110 1/2	Feb 113	Feb	Preferred	100	103	103	10	102	Jan	103	Feb	
New conv 1st pref	100	611	618	618	90	611	Feb 629	Jan	Safety Car Heat & Ltg	100	124	128 3/4	90	123	Jan	128 1/2	Feb	
Ford Motor Co of Can	100	17 1/2	17	17 1/2	600	17	Feb 20	Jan	Reels Paper com	100	79 1/2	79 1/2	3,700	78 1/2	Feb	80 1/2	Jan	
Forban Co class A	100	38 1/2	37	42	6,700	37	Jan 55	Jan	Schulte Retail Stores new w1	100	54 1/2	54 1/2	2,000	53 1/2	Feb	56 1/2	Jan	
Foundation Co	100	30	29 1/2	31 1/2	9,100	29 1/2	Jan 33	Jan	Sears, Roebuck, new com	100	28	27 1/2	5,800	26 1/2	Jan	27 1/2	Jan	
Foreign shares Class A	100	32 1/2	31 1/2	32 1/2	700	31	Jan 33	Jan	Sharon Steel Hoop	50	29 1/2	29 1/2	300	25	Jan	29 1/2	Feb	
Fox Theatres Cl A com	100	85	85	85	50	82	Jan 85 1/2	Jan	Sherrin Wms Co com	25	42	42 1/2	200	42	Feb	42 1/2	Feb	
Franklin (H H) Mfg com	100	6 1/2	7	7	800	6 1/2	Feb 8 1/2	Jan	Shredded Wheat Co	100	204	210	150	204	Feb	210	Feb	
Preferred	100	24 1/2	24	24 1/2	21,300	17 1/2	Jan 24 1/2	Feb	Sierra Pac Elec Co com 100	100	25	25 1/2	300	25	Jan	28 1/2	Jan	
Freed-Eisenmann Radio	100	6 1/2	7	7	800	6 1/2	Feb 8 1/2	Jan	Silica Gel Corp com v t c	100	18	18	100	18	Jan	22 1/2	Jan	
Freshman (Chas) Co	100	68 1/2	64	75	35,900	64	Feb 79 1/2	Jan	Singer Mfg Ldg	100	375	378	20	375	Feb	385	Jan	
Garod Corporation	100	12 1/2	11 1/2	15	96,000	11 1/2	Feb 17 1/2	Jan	Sleeper Radio v t c	100	15	15 1/2	700	7 1/2	Feb	9	Jan	
General Bakins class A	100	54 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	100	43 1/2	Feb 49	Jan	Sola Viscosa, ord (200 lre)	15	15	15 1/2	4,000	15	Jan	2 1/2	Jan	
Class B	100	15 1/2	14 1/2	15 1/2	500	50 1/2	Jan 56 1/2	Jan	South Calif Edison com	100	135	133 1/2	138 1/2	135	Jan	142	Jan	
Gen Gas & El of Del Cl B	100	14 1/2	14 1/2	15 1/2	920	13 1/2	Jan 15 1/2	Feb	New com	25	34 1/2	33 1/2	6,500	33 1/2	Feb	35	Feb	
Gen'l Ice Cream Corp	100	140 1/2	139 1/2	142	100	69	Feb 75	Jan	6% pref Series B	100	98 1/2	98 1/2	100	98 1/2	Jan	98 1/2	Feb	
General Public Serv w l	100	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	300	23	Jan 24	Jan	South'n Cities Util v t c	100	28	28	200	28	Feb	33 1/2	Jan	
Georgia L P & Ry com 100	100	39	39	39	100	30	Feb 40	Jan	South Cities Class A	100	55 1/2	52 1/2	16,000	48	Jan	57 1/2	Feb	
Georgia Ry & Pow com 100	100	110	114	114	8,100	106 1/2	Jan 114	Feb	Class B	100	37 1/2	34 1/2	69,200	26 1/2	Jan	39 1/2	Feb	
German General Electric	100	162	147 1/2	163	13,300	138 1/2	Jan 166	Jan	S'eastrd Oil & Lt Com	100	39 1/2	38 1/2	15,600	38 1/2	Feb	40 1/2	Jan	
Gillette Safety Razor	100	36 1/2	36 1/2	38 1/2	5,700	33	Jan 38 1/2	Jan	Common new w l	100	39 1/2	38 1/2	12,200	38 1/2	Feb	41 1/2	Feb	
Glen Alden Co	100	73	73	76	1,100	71	Jan 85	Jan	Preferred	100	65	62 1/2	1,600	61	Feb	65 1/2	Feb	
Goodyear Tire & R com 100	100	4	3 1/2	4 1/2	8,700	3 1/2	Jan 7	Jan	Warrants	100	26 1/2	26 1/2	2,900	14 1/2	Feb	15 1/2	Feb	
Grand (F W) 5-10-25c St	100	7	7	8	2,500	7 1/2	Jan 8 1/2	Jan	Southern Ice & Utilities A	100	28	28 1/2	6,200	25 1/2	Jan	27 1/2	Feb	
Grimes R & Cam Rec	100	43 1/2	43 1/2	44	2,500	6	Jan 7 1/2	Jan	Southwest Bell Tel pref 100	100	112 1/2	113	1,300	24	Jan	28	Feb	
Happiness Candy St cl A	100	7	7	8	1,700	4 1/2	Jan 4 1/2	Jan	Sparks-Withington Co	100	26 1/2	26 1/2	300	11 1/2	Jan	11 1/2	Jan	
Founders shares	100	18	18	19	100	15 1/2	Jan 17 1/2	Feb	Spitford Beth Elec Co	100	41 1/2	41 1/2	600	38 1/2	Jan	38 1/2	Jan	
Havana Elec Util v t c	100	35 1/2	35 1/2	36 1/2	500	33 1/2	Jan 36 1/2	Feb	Stand Mot Construct	100	2 1/2	2 1/2	300	2 1/2	Feb	2 1/2	Jan	
Preferred	100	150	152	152	20	145	Jan 152	Feb	Stand Pow & Lt A	25	20 1/2	21	200	20 1/2	Feb	21	Feb	
Hazeltine Corporation	100	2	2	2 1/2	1,500	2	Jan 2 1/2	Jan	Stand Publishing Cl A	25	18 1/2	19	4,800	16 1/2	Jan	19	Feb	
Hellman (Rich) Inc com	100	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	2,700	24 1/2	Feb 26	Jan	Stand Tank Car com	100	12 1/2	12 1/2	200	12 1/2	Feb	14 1/2	Jan	
Hellman (Rich) Inc com	100	32	32	33	400	32	Feb 36 1/2	Jan	Stand Texile Prod com 100	100	49 1/2	49 1/2	100	49 1/2	Feb	50 1/2	Jan	
Hunt Bros Pack Class A	100	57 1/2	56	60	500	57 1/2	Feb 62 1/2	Jan	Steel Co of Can	100	14	14	100	14	Feb	14	Feb	
Imperial Tob of Canada	100	25	26	26	800	25	Feb 25	Feb	Strook (S) & Co Inc	100	44 1/2	43 1/2	900	40	Jan	44 1/2	Jan	
Industrial Rayon Class A	100	17 1/2	17	17 1/2	1,000	16	Feb 19 1/2	Jan	Swift & Co	100	114 1/2	115	9,400	29	Jan	37 1/2	Jan	
Intercarb Rubber (N J) 100	100	22	22 1/2	23 1/2	5,400	15 1/2	Jan 23 1/2	Jan	Swift International	15	21 1/2	21 1/2	200	113	Jan	115 1/2	Jan	
Intercarb Rub of Del new	100	20	20 1/2	21 1/2	12,800	18 1/2	Jan 21 1/2	Jan	Tampa Electric Co	100	310	302 1/2	313	4,200	19 1/2	Jan	22 1/2	Jan
Int Concrete Ind fns sh	100	7 1/2	7	7 1/2	400	7	Jan 8 1/2	Jan	Terre Haute I & E pref 100	100	35	35	35 1/2	300	30	Jan	31 1/2	Feb
Internal Utilities, Class A	100	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	100	37	Jan 39 1/2	Jan	Thermodyne Radio	100	1 1/2	1 1/2	2,700	1	Feb	3 1/2	Jan	
Class B	100	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	1,500	7 1/2	Jan 8 1/2	Jan	Thompson (John R) Co 25	25	45 1/2	46	400	45 1/2	Jan	46 1/2	Jan	
Johns-Manville, Inc	100	150 1/2	147	152	300	142 1/2	Feb 159	Jan	Thompson (RE) Radio v t c	100	3 1/2	3 1/2	300	3 1/2	Jan	5 1/2	Jan	
Jones (Jos W) Radio Mfg	100	50c	50c	50c	2,100	50c	Feb 1 1/2	Jan	Truiken-Detroit Axle	10	10 1/2	11 1/2	1,500	9 1/2	Jan	11 1/2	Jan	
Jones & Laughl St com 100	100	80	80	80	25	70 1/2	Jan 80	Feb	Web Prod Exports Corp	100	4 1/2	4 1/2	700	4 1/2	Jan	4 1/2	Jan	
Kelvinator Corporation	100	82 1/2	83	85	70 1/2	80	Jan 89 1/2	Feb	Todd Shipyards Corp	100	32	32	100	29	Jan	32	Feb	
Keystone Solther	100	260	260	260	1,000	240	Jan 450	Jan	Tower Manufacturing	5	12 1/2	9 1/2	12 1/2	3,400	7	Jan	12 1/2	Feb
Kraft Cheese	100	125	125	125	400	8 1/2	Jan 8 1/2	Jan	Trans-Lux Day Pict Screen	100	12	11 1/2	12 1/2	12,000	11 1/2	Feb	12 1/2	Jan
Kroger Grocery & Bak'g	100	20	20	20 1/2	5,000	20	Feb 20 1/2	Feb	Class A com	100	12	11 1/2	12 1/2	8,000	8 1/2	Jan	12 1/2	Feb
Kruskal & Kruskal Inc	100	40 1/2	40 1/2	45	400	40	Jan 47 1/2	Jan	Crumball Steel com	25	25	25	27 1/2	400	25	27 1/2	Jan	
Land Co of Florida	100	36 1/2	35	36 1/2	400	33 1/2	Jan 36 1/2	Feb	Trucon Steel	100	225 1/2	225 1/2	50	215	Jan	222 1/2	Jan	
Landover, Inc, Cl A	100	32 1/2	31 1/2	33	1,900	28 1/2	Jan 33	Feb	Tubeless Artif Silk Cl B	100	9 1/2	9 1/2	1,300	8 1/2	Jan	10 1/2	Jan	
Lehigh Coal & Nav	100	116 1/2	113	117	2,900	110	Jan 120	Jan	Tung Sol Lamp Works	100	20 1/2	20	20 1/2	4,300	19 1/2	Jan	20 1/2	Jan
Lehigh Power securities	100	20	19 1/2	20 1/2	45,300	19 1/2	Feb 22	Jan	Class B	100	83	82	84 1/2	8,900	77 1/2	Jan	85 1/2	Jan
New Cons Corp	100	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	75	80 1/2	Jan 86 1/2	Jan	United Carbide & Carbon	100	44 1/2	42 1/2	44 1/2	2,700	35	Jan	44 1/2	Feb
Lehigh Valley Coal Sales	100	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	22,300	17 1/2	Jan 17 1/2	Jan	United Fruit Co w l	100	62 1/2	62 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/2	Feb	117 1/2	Feb	
Lehigh Valley Coal cts new	100	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	240	17 1/2	Jan 21 1/2	Jan	United G & E com	100	62 1/2	62 1/2	63 1/2	2,500	56 1/2	Jan	66	Jan
Libby Owens Sheet Glass 2	100	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	240	17 1/2	Jan 21 1/2	Jan	Trust certificates	100	134 1/2	133 1/2	140	140	Jan	140	Jan	
Liberty Radio Ch Stores	100	50c	50c	50c	50c	50c	Feb 3 1/2	Jan	United Gas Improvmt	50	134 1/2	133 1/2	140	140	Jan	140	Jan	
Marconi Wireless of Can	100	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	500	1 1/2	Feb 1 1/2	Jan	United Lt & Pow com A	100	138 1/2	133 1/2	140	22,400	125 1/2	Jan	143 1/2	Jan
Marconi Wire Tel, Lond E1	100	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	100	5 1/2	Jan 5 1/2	Jan	United Profit Sharing	100	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	400	11	Jan	14 1/2	Jan
McCord Rad & Mfg v t c	100	23 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2	700	23 1/2	Jan 25 1/2	Jan	United Shoe Mach'y com 25	25	45	45	400	45	Jan	49 1/2	Jan	
McCroy Stores																		

Stocks	Thurs. Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.		Bonds (Concluded)	Thurs. Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range Since Jan. 1.	
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.			Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Other Oil Stocks.													
Amer Contr Oil Fields	5	6	6 1/2	5,100	5	Jan 6 1/2	Feb	95	95	95	18,000	95	Jan 96 1/2
Amer Maracaibo Co	5	9 1/4	8 3/4	55,300	8	Jan 14 1/2	Jan	109	109 1/2	20,000	108 1/2	Jan 109 1/2	
Arkansas Natural Gas	10	6 3/4	6 3/4	2,800	6	Feb 6 3/4	Jan	94 1/2	94 1/2	24,000	92 1/2	Jan 95 1/2	
Atlantic Lobos Oil com.	10	6 3/4	6 3/4	500	2	Jan 2 1/2	Jan	95 1/2	95 1/2	5,000	94 1/2	Jan 95 1/2	
Preferred	10	4	4 3/4	300	3 3/4	Jan 4 3/4	Feb	106	105 1/2	41,000	104 1/2	Jan 106	
Beacon Oil Co.	10	18 1/2	18 1/2	3,800	18 1/2	Feb 19 1/2	Jan	136 1/2	135	138 1/2	6,000	134 1/2	Jan 138 1/2
Cardinal Petroleum Corp	10	3 1/2	2	17,100	1	Jan 3 1/2	Feb	128	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Carib Syndicate	10	14 1/2	14 1/2	121,300	10	Jan 22 1/2	Feb	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Consol Royalties	1	9	8 1/2	1,000	8 1/2	Jan 9 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Creole Syndicate	5	14	13 1/2	2,300	13 1/2	Feb 15 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Crown Cent Petrol Corp.	10	4 3/4	4 1/2	3,500	4 1/2	Jan 7 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Darby Petroleum	10	4 1/2	4 1/2	400	4 1/2	Jan 4 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Derby Oil & Refg com.	10	2 1/2	2 1/2	200	2 1/2	Jan 2 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Eucild Oil	10	2 1/2	2 1/2	3,200	1 1/2	Jan 2 1/2	Feb	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Gibson Oil Corp.	10	5 1/2	5 1/2	17,200	5 1/2	Jan 6 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Granada Oil Corp.	10	56 1/2	56 1/2	100	48 1/2	Jan 1	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Gulf Oil Corp of Pa.	25	88 1/2	88 1/2	3,500	86 1/2	Jan 93 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
International Petroleum	10	34	33 1/2	20,100	32	Jan 37 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Kirby Petroleum	10	2 1/2	2 1/2	100	2 1/2	Jan 3 1/2	Feb	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Lago Oil & Tr Corp of A.	10	24 1/2	23 1/2	71,600	21	Jan 25 1/2	Feb	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Lago Petroleum Corp.	10	12 1/2	11 1/2	9,000	10 1/2	Jan 13	Feb	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Leonard Oil Developm't.	25	10 1/2	10	36,100	9 1/2	Jan 11 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Lion Oil & Refining	10	24 1/2	23 1/2	2,200	23 1/2	Feb 25 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Livingston Petroleum	10	1 1/2	1 1/2	800	800	Jan 1 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Margay Oil Corporation	10	1 1/2	1 1/2	500	1 1/2	Jan 1 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Mexican Panuco Oil	10	5 1/2	5 1/2	18,800	3 1/2	Jan 5 1/2	Feb	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Mexico Oil Corp.	10	10 1/2	10 1/2	30,000	10 1/2	Jan 12 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Mountain & Gulf Oil	10	1 1/2	1 1/2	300	1 1/2	Jan 1 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Mountain Producers	10	24 1/2	24 1/2	9,800	23 1/2	Jan 26 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
National Fuel Gas	100	149	159	440	135	Jan 159	Feb	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
New Bradford Oil	10	6 1/2	6 1/2	8,300	6 1/2	Jan 6 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
New York Oil	25	13	13 1/2	200	11 1/2	Jan 17	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Noble Oil & Gas com.	10	7 1/2	7 1/2	6,000	7 1/2	Jan 9 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
North Central Tex Oil	10	11 1/2	11 1/2	1,700	10 1/2	Jan 12 1/2	Feb	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Ohio Fuel Corp.	25	35 1/2	35 1/2	100	34 1/2	Jan 36 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Peer Oil Corp.	10	2 1/2	2 1/2	6,200	2 1/2	Feb 2 1/2	Feb	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Red Bank Oil	25	19 1/2	20 1/2	1,200	17 1/2	Jan 20 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Reiter-Foster Oil Corp.	10	21	20 1/2	7,300	14 1/2	Jan 24 1/2	Feb	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Royal-Can Oil Syndicate	10	40 1/2	45 1/2	2,000	32 1/2	Jan 66 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Ryan Consol Petroleum	10	5 1/2	5 1/2	4,600	9	Jan 10	Feb	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Salt Creek Consol Oil	10	9 1/2	9 1/2	5,700	31 1/2	Jan 36 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Salt Creek Producers	10	32 1/2	31 1/2	32 1/2	9 1/2	Feb 1 1/2	Feb	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Savoy Oil	10	1 1/2	1 1/2	900	1 1/2	Jan 1 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Venezuelan Petroleum	10	7 1/2	6 1/2	78,400	4 1/2	Jan 7 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Wilcox Oil & Gas new	10	25 1/2	25 1/2	700	25	Jan 27 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Woodley Petroleum Co.	10	5 1/2	5 1/2	200	5 1/2	Jan 6	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Mining Stocks													
Arizona Globe Copper	10	17 1/2	15 1/2	7,000	11 1/2	Jan 17 1/2	Feb	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Beaver Consolidated	10	90 1/2	82 1/2	1,500	45 1/2	Jan 90 1/2	Feb	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Calaveras Copper	10	3 1/2	3 1/2	1,500	3 1/2	Jan 4 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Calumet & Jerome Cop	10	14 1/2	14 1/2	5,000	10 1/2	Jan 16 1/2	Feb	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Chino Extension	10	5 1/2	5 1/2	1,000	3 1/2	Jan 6 1/2	Feb	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Consol Copper	10	1 1/2	1 1/2	12,100	1 1/2	Jan 2 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Cons M & Smet of Can.	25	220	220	10	181	Jan 220 1/2	Feb	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Copper Range Co.	10	19 1/2	20 1/2	200	17 1/2	Jan 20	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Cortez Silver Mines Co.	10	6 1/2	6 1/2	4,000	6 1/2	Jan 7 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Cresson Cons Gold M & M.	10	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,400	2 1/2	Jan 2 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Crown King Cons Mines.	10	50 1/2	50 1/2	1,100	50 1/2	Jan 1 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Divide Extension	10	4 1/2	4 1/2	1,000	4 1/2	Jan 5 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Engineer Gold Mines Ltd.	10	17 1/2	13 1/2	9,400	12	Jan 18 1/2	Feb	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Eureka Croesus	10	5 1/2	5 1/2	8,000	5 1/2	Jan 7 1/2	Feb	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
First Thought Gold Min.	10	9 1/2	8 1/2	38,000	6 1/2	Jan 10 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Golden Centre Mines	10	2 1/2	2 1/2	7,100	1 1/2	Jan 2 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Goldfield Consol Mines	10	5 1/2	5 1/2	1,000	5 1/2	Jan 5 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Goldfield Florence	10	13 1/2	12 1/2	7,000	9 1/2	Jan 13 1/2	Feb	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Hawthorne Mines, Inc.	10	25 1/2	23 1/2	43,000	17 1/2	Jan 32 1/2	Feb	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Hecla Mining	25	18 1/2	18 1/2	3,600	17 1/2	Jan 18 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Hollinger Consol G M.	10	19 1/2	19 1/2	6,100	17 1/2	Jan 19 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Jerome Verde Develop.	50 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	2,500	91 1/2	Jan 1 1/2	Feb	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Kay Copper Co.	10	2 1/2	2 1/2	3,400	1 1/2	Jan 2 1/2	Feb	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Kerr Lake	10	1 1/2	1 1/2	500	1 1/2	Jan 1 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Mason Valley Mines	10	2 1/2	2 1/2	900	1 1/2	Jan 2 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
New Cornelia Copper	10	21 1/2	20 1/2	2,000	19 1/2	Jan 21 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
New Jersey Zinc	100	205	205	200	202 1/2	Feb 210	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Newmont Mining Corp.	10	6 1/2	6 1/2	1,700	6 1/2	Jan 7 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Nipissing Mines	10	17 1/2	16 1/2	12,200	13 1/2	Jan 15 1/2	Feb	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Noranda Mines Ltd.	10	70 1/2	65 1/2	12,500	61 1/2	Jan 75 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Ohio Copper	10	33 1/2	33 1/2	1,000	25 1/2	Jan 35 1/2	Feb	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Parmae Porcupine Min.	10	11 1/2	11 1/2	2,000	8 1/2	Jan 13 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Plymouth Lead Mines	10	2 1/2	2 1/2	6,800	2 1/2	Jan 2 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Premier Gold Min. Ltd.	10	22 1/2	22 1/2	16,000	20 1/2	Jan 26 1/2	Feb	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
Red Warrior Mining	10	4	3 1/2	500	3 1/2	Feb 4 1/2	Jan	135	135	135	1,000	133	Jan 135
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Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the first week of February. The table covers 5 roads and shows 6.25% increase over the same week last year.

First Week of February.	1926.	1925.	Increase.	Decrease.
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh.	344,518	319,679	24,839	-----
Canadian National.	4,229,381	3,945,351	284,030	-----
Canadian Pacific.	3,083,000	2,758,000	325,000	-----
Minneapolis & St. Louis.	286,006	335,971	-----	49,965
St. Louis San Francisco.	1,749,867	1,763,657	-----	13,790
Total (5 roads)	9,692,772	9,122,658	633,869	63,755
Net increase (6.25%)			570,114	

In the table which follows we also complete our summary of the earnings for the fourth week of January:

Fourth Week of January.	1926.	1925.	Increase.	Decrease.
Previously reported (4 roads)	\$ 7,307,337	\$ 7,342,395	\$ 238,429	\$ 273,487
Canadian National	5,753,746	5,605,956	147,790	-----
Duluth South Shore & Atlantic.	139,490	159,848	-----	20,358
Georgia & Florida.	53,000	30,932	22,068	-----
Great Northern.	2,099,000	2,420,300	-----	321,300
Mineral Range.	9,342	16,155	-----	6,813
Mobile & Ohio.	526,117	533,100	-----	6,983
Nevada California & Oregon.	5,871	5,862	9	-----
St. Louis Southwestern.	698,400	781,232	-----	82,832
Southern Railway System.	5,305,788	5,143,390	162,398	-----
Texas & Pacific.	897,828	889,775	8,053	-----
Western Maryland.	626,766	536,414	90,352	-----
Total (15 roads)	23,422,685	23,465,449	669,099	711,863
Net decrease (0.18%)			42,764	

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

Week.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Increase or Decrease.	%
1st week Dec. (16 roads)	21,257,393	19,782,037	+1,475,356	7.46
2d week Dec. (16 roads)	21,115,174	18,890,134	+2,225,040	11.78
3d week Dec. (15 roads)	21,370,089	18,249,323	+3,120,766	17.10
4th week Dec. (14 roads)	19,905,020	17,955,644	+1,949,376	10.91
1st week Jan. (15 roads)	16,483,387	15,221,149	+1,262,238	8.29
2d week Jan. (15 roads)	16,801,718	15,778,084	+1,023,634	6.50
3d week Jan. (15 roads)	17,314,742	16,076,124	+1,238,618	7.71
4th week Jan. (15 roads)	23,422,685	23,465,449	-42,764	0.18
1st week Feb. (5 roads)	9,692,772	9,122,658	+570,114	6.25

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

Month	Gross Earnings.			Net Earnings.		
	1925.	1924.	Increase or Decrease.	1925.	1924.	Increase or Decrease.
Jan.	\$ 483,195,643	\$ 467,329,225	+15,866,417	\$ 101,022,458	\$ 83,680,754	+17,341,704
Feb.	454,009,669	478,451,607	-24,441,938	99,460,389	104,441,895	-4,981,506
Mar.	485,498,143	504,382,976	-18,884,833	109,230,086	114,677,751	-5,447,665
Apr.	472,691,665	474,287,768	-1,696,103	102,861,475	97,471,685	+5,389,790
May	487,664,385	476,549,801	+11,114,584	102,859,524	96,054,494	+6,805,030
June	506,002,036	464,774,329	+41,227,707	130,837,324	101,487,318	+29,350,006
July	521,638,604	480,943,003	+40,695,601	139,606,752	111,786,887	+27,819,865
Aug.	564,559,318	507,537,554	+57,021,764	166,658,666	134,737,211	+31,921,455
Sept.	564,443,591	540,063,587	+24,380,004	177,242,891	159,216,004	+18,026,887
Oct.	590,161,046	571,576,038	+18,585,008	180,695,428	168,640,671	+12,054,757
Nov.	531,742,071	504,781,775	+26,960,296	148,157,616	131,381,847	+16,775,769
Dec.	523,041,764	504,450,580	+18,591,184	134,445,634	124,090,958	+10,354,676

Notes.—Percentage of increase or decrease in net for above months has been: January, 20.73% inc.; February, 4.77% dec.; March, 4.74% dec.; April, 5.53% inc.; May, 17.49% inc.; June, 18.91% inc.; July, 24.88% inc.; Aug., 23.26% inc.; Sept., 11.32% inc.; Oct., 7.14% inc.; Nov., 12.77% inc.; Dec., 3.69% inc.

In January the length of road covered was 236,149 miles in 1925, against 235,498 miles in 1924; in February, 236,642 miles, against 236,031 miles; in March, 236,559 miles, against 236,048 miles; in April, 236,664 miles, against 236,045 miles; in May, 236,663 miles, against 236,095 miles; in June, 236,779 miles, against 236,357 miles; in July, 236,762 miles, against 236,525 miles; in August, 236,750 miles, against 236,546 miles; in September, 236,752 miles, against 236,587 miles; in October, 236,724 miles, against 236,664 miles; in November, 236,726 miles, against 235,917 miles; in December, 236,959 miles, against 236,057 miles.

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

Companies.	Gross from Railway		Net from Railway		Net after Taxes	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Central of Georgia—						
December.	2,704,072	2,364,175	784,724	429,040	683,189	397,471
From Jan 1.	30,229,408	27,173,209	7,491,927	6,102,158	6,142,643	4,737,113
Colorado Southern—						
Trinity & Brazos Valley—						
December.	297,593	561,161	62,274	257,149	54,557	245,521
From Jan 1.	2,652,732	2,665,372	33,929	266,668	-60,691	174,049
Figures corrected.						
Fonda Johnstown & Gloversville						
Dec '25		\$ 816,889		\$ 315,270		\$ 300,301
'24		\$ 61,553		\$ 31,544		\$ 30,009
From Jan 1 to Dec 31 '25		\$ 424,021		\$ 381,066		\$ 42,953
'24		\$ 432,886		\$ 377,588		\$ 55,298

* Includes other income.

Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Net Earnings.—The following table gives the returns of ELECTRIC railway and other public utility gross and net earnings with charges and surplus reported this week:

Companies.	Gross Earnings		Net Earnings	
	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Alabama Power Co.	Dec 1,125,080	816,889	*516,501	*409,816
12 mos ended Dec 31	11,724,117	8,995,820	*5,372,180	*4,325,182
Georgia Ry & Pow Co.	Dec 1,624,911	1,624,911	*696,900	*693,082
12 mos ended Dec 31	16,179,766	17,424,855	*5,314,099	*5,470,658

z Includes Atlanta Northern Ry. Co., Gainesville Ry. Co. and Atlanta Coach Co.

Companies.	Gross Earnings.	Net after Taxes.	Fixed Charges.	Balance, Surplus.
Cumberland City Dec '25	386,668	c195,356	89,698	105,658
Pow & Lt Co Cons Cos '24	382,648	c184,487	79,489	104,998
12 mos ended Dec 31 '25	4,160,485	c2,038,716	1,060,261	978,455
'24	3,877,708	c1,825,336	1,013,504	811,832
Havana El Ry, Lt Dec '25	1,373,659	*684,554	87,625	596,929
'24	1,313,550	*669,262	89,889	579,393
12 mos ended Dec 31 '25	15,309,372	*7,651,753	1,063,957	6,587,796
'24	14,357,901	*7,264,002	1,088,950	6,175,052

* Includes other income. c After depreciation.

FINANCIAL REPORTS.

Financial Reports.—An index to annual reports of steam railroads, street railway and miscellaneous companies which have been published during the preceding month will be given on the last Saturday of each month. This index will not include reports in the issue of the "Chronicle" in which it is published. The latest index will be found in the issue of Jan. 30. The next will appear in that of Feb. 27.

Republic Iron & Steel Co.

(26th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

The remarks of Chairman John A. Topping will be found at length on subsequent pages, together with the comparative income account, balance sheet and other tables.

UNFILLED ORDERS (IN TONS) DECEMBER 31.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Finished and semi-finished.	223,973	228,065	68,955	162,025
Pig iron.	64,463	67,874	72,956	57,923

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EARNINGS AND DISPOSITION OF INCOME FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross volume of business	\$53,907,959	\$43,982,523	\$59,043,131	\$39,123,708
Gross profits	\$6,669,702	\$4,414,657	\$9,267,796	\$2,520,862
Depreciation & charges.	2,856,218	2,496,721	3,015,578	2,102,550
Net profits	\$3,813,484	\$1,917,936	\$6,252,218	\$418,312
Preferred dividends—(7%)	1,750,000	(8)2,000,000	(13)3250,000	
Amt. carried to surp.	\$2,063,484	def\$82,064	\$3,002,218	\$ 418,312
Balance, surplus account	\$3,562,389	\$32,921,772	\$33,003,836	\$29,994,641

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—				
Property acc't.	106,876,698	106,056,132		
Investments	2,813,676	2,327,130		
Cash deposited with trustee for redemption of bonds, &c.	1,406,970	2,244		
Cash	2,564,379	1,466,557		
Inventories	12,901,750	14,295,950		
Ore at docks	1,325,112	2,718,206		
Investments in U. S. bonds & Treas. certifs.	4,040,208	989,896		
Notes and acc'ts receiv'le (less reserves)	6,168,630	5,481,277		
Deferred charges	1,975,500	2,584,879		
Total	140,072,925	135,922,271		
Liabilities—				
Pf. stk., 7% cum	25,000,000	25,000,000		
Common stock	30,000,000	30,000,000		
5% coll. tr. notes	4,000,000	4,000,000		
5% s. f. mtg. bds	10,906,000	11,428,000		
1st M. bonds of Bessemer mline	300,000	400,000		
R. & G. s. f. 5½%	8,924,000	9,478,000		
Potter Ore bds.	14,000	32,500		
Accounts pay' le.	3,103,351	3,117,643		
State, &c., taxes	1,121,738	827,355		
Accr. bond int.	490,735	415,496		
Div. pay. Jan. 2	437,500	437,500		
Res'v. for depr.	14,650,005	14,894,573		
Res. for exhaust' of minerals	5,275,387	5,032,581		
Reserve for contingencies, &c.	2,287,819	1,936,852		
Surplus	33,562,389	32,921,772		
Total	140,072,925	135,922,271		

Note.—For special information regarding items in balance sheet, see report published under "Reports and Documents" on a subsequent page.—V. 122, p. 493.

Pennsylvania Water & Power Co.

(15th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

The report of President C. E. F. Clarke, with profit and loss account and balance sheet, will be found on a subsequent page.

COMPARATIVE INCOME, PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross inc. (all sources)	\$2,960,436	\$2,686,466	\$2,124,428	\$2,003,478
Exp., maint., taxes, &c.	883,323	774,359	594,404	547,078
Net earnings	\$2,077,113	\$1,912,107	\$1,530,024	\$1,456,400
Interest on bonds	738,000	648,133	548,150	535,144
Dividends	(8%)859,696	(8)820,620	(7)639,250	(7)594,650
Balance, surplus	\$479,417	\$443,354	\$342,624	\$326,606
Total (incl. prev. surp.)	483,624	444,218	344,274	329,860
Deduct—Contingent fund	140,000	130,000	93,000	80,000
Depreciation fund	220,850	210,010	175,410	173,210
Sinking fund	100,000	100,000	75,000	75,000
Surplus Dec. 31	\$22,774	\$4,207	\$864	\$1,650

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—				
Property account	22,536,060	22,040,903		
Plant additions in progress	164,160	400,296		
Securs. of other cos	5,178,086	4,927,586		
Loose plant and equipment	185,497	130,243		
Bills receivable	25,000	25,000		
Accs. receivable	708,238	508,067		
Cash	843,857	1,141,952		
Cash for bond redemption	100,644	100,519		
Prepaid charges	17,773	9,922		
Total	29,759,315	29,284,487		
Liabilities—				
Capital stock	10,746,200</			

Stock.—On Nov. 12, \$15,000,000 of new stock was offered to stockholders of record. All of this stock was subscribed for. This issue was part of the increase authorized at the stockholders' meeting in Feb., 1924, and brought the total par value of the capital stock to \$75,000,000.

No. of Stockholders.—On Dec. 31 1924 there were 10,612 stockholders, while at the end of 1925, there were 11,066.

SALES—BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT.

Kilowatt Hours Sold.—The sales of current for the year amounted to 594,576,980 kwh., an increase of 93,924,236 kwh. or 18.7% over the previous year. Sales of kilowatt hours yearly from 1921 to 1925:

1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
325,764,518	381,232,300	444,996,313	500,652,744	594,576,980

Meters.—During the year company connected a net gain of 102,466 meters, making 601,257 meters connected on Dec. 31 1925.

The table below gives the number of meters on the system at the end of each year mentioned:

1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
105,309	114,864	142,222	180,422	220,209	278,214	356,269	498,791	601,257

Operating Plant.—Company's operating plant consists of 3 generating stations and 25 substations. The total capacity of the generating stations at the end of 1925 was 339,500 kw., which will be increased in 1926 to 419,500 kw. by the addition of the 80,000 kw. turbo generator at Hudson Avenue.

New Substations.—A new substation has been built at Tilden Avenue and Lott Street to serve the former customers of the Flatbush Gas Co. At Hicks and West Ninth Streets a 50,000 kw. substation, the largest so far planned by this company, is being built to provide adequate current supply for the rapidly growing industrial section of Erie Basin.

Johnson Street Building.—The 6-story office building and substation at Johnson and Pearl Streets is completed and the office section is occupied. The substation equipment is being installed and the station will be ready for operation in 1926.

General Service Building.—Property has been purchased on Fourth Ave., between First and Third Streets, for a general service building and garage. Construction plans are in course of preparation. This building, by centralizing stores, distribution, transportation, electrical construction and meter departments, will effect an appreciable saving in operation.

Pension Roll.—12 employees were added to the pension roll during the year, while one was removed by death. The roll totaled 23 on Dec. 31 1925, as against 12 at the end of 1924.

Profit Sharing Plan and Brooklyn Edison Investment Fund.—In 1910 company adopted a system of sharing its profits with its employees which has been followed ever since. The system is based on length of service, and provides that every employee who has at the end of the year, in addition to this regular pay, a percentage of his salary or wages, rising according to length of service, from one-quarter of the dividend rate paid on the capital stock to the full dividend rate. The total amount paid in profit sharing by the company in 1925 was \$368,419.

The sum allotted each year to profit sharing is paid to the Brooklyn Edison Investment Fund, which was established in 1910 to aid employees, who so desire, to invest their savings in the securities of the company. The fund credits each employee with the amount of his profit sharing and invests only in the stock, bonds or other obligations of the company. From the profits obtained from its investments, dividends are declared.

Employees may withdraw the sums standing to their credit and receive them either in cash or in the company's securities. The fund and all its proceeds are entirely for the benefit of the employees.

At the end of 1925, the fund held 6,135 shares of the stock of the company and bonds of a par value of \$439,000 for the benefit, as their rights might appear, of 4,710 employees. In addition, 1,247 employees individually owned 9,019 shares of the company's stock, making a total of 15,154 shares of stock held either directly by or for the benefit of employees. The par value of the shares so held is \$1,515,400.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross operating revenue	\$29,791,801	\$25,879,577	\$23,003,520
Gen. exp. & uncoll. bills	12,451,153	11,616,077	10,460,642
Maintenance	2,080,218	1,712,999	1,429,144
Retirement expense	2,090,634	1,153,715	1,620,198
Taxes	3,385,000	2,356,000	2,242,000
Net oper. income	\$9,784,796	\$9,040,785	\$7,251,535
Net non-oper. income	95,500	151,263	418,794

1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross income	\$9,880,296	\$9,192,049	\$7,670,329
Deduct—Int. on fund. dt	2,302,310	1,872,260	1,790,303
Int. on unfund. debt.	51,453	105,980	123,773
Bond disc. writ. off.	121,650	154,796	137,912
Dividends (8%)	4,791,978	4,084,307	3,171,518
Employees' profit shar.	368,419	294,855	224,095
Contingencies	595,836	496,897	1,355,263
Surplus for year	\$1,648,650	\$2,182,952	\$963,526
Net surplus deductions	118,570	1,372,020	—
Previous surplus	6,388,307	5,577,376	4,613,850
Surplus at end of year	\$7,918,387	\$6,388,307	\$5,577,376

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—		Liabilities—	
Fixed capital	124,868,913	Capital stock	74,010,200
Cash	10,922,759	Cap. stock sub-	59,754,400
Accts. receivable	3,034,762	scribed	908,800
Int. & divs. receiv.	21,395	Prem. on cap. stk.	10,542
Marketable secur's	100,000	Underlying mtg.	—
Materials & supp	2,141,435	bonds	11,951,000
Prepayments	133,421	Gen. mtg. bonds	33,500,000
Subscr. to cap. stk.	542,100	Conv. deb. bonds	245,000
Inv. in affil. cos.	404,460	Gen. mtg. bonds	—
Misc. investm'ts	6,270	called	37,612
Pension fund	498,385	Accts. payable	1,258,279
Ins. partle. fund	748,409	Consumers' de-	1,837,583
Sec. dep. with State	—	posit	767,111
Indus. com.	84,000	Mat. int. unpaid	965,075
Other funds	53,052	Divs. declared	1,036,393
Coup. int. & divs	984,321	Mat. debt unpaid	11,397
Cash depos. with	—	Taxes accrued	21,245
N. Y. City	42,701	Int. & ac. accrued	6,700
Redemp. & prem	37,612	Retirement res.	1,681,787
Miscellaneous	65,075	Retirement res.	5,348,084
Reacquired secur	35,000	Casualty & work-	—
Unamort. debt	—	men's comp. res.	539,387
disc. and exp.	1,885,479	Ins. part. res. fund	748,410
Miscell. suspense	203,349	Contingency res.	5,808,430
		Miscell. reserves	498,385
		Miscell. unadj.	456,263
		credits	16,252
		P. & L. surplus	54,346
			6,388,307
Total	146,812,902	Total	146,812,902

U. S. Tobacco Co. (formerly Weyman-Bruton Co.).
(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Net earnings	\$2,298,307	\$2,197,083	\$2,112,580
Pref. dividends (7%)	386,400	386,400	386,400
Common dividends	(\$31)1,144,626	1,144,626	1,096,879
Balance, sur plus	\$767,281	\$666,057	\$629,301
Previous surplus	3,276,803	2,610,746	5,160,945
Trans. from prov. ad-	—	—	—
vertising to surplus	—	—	—
Prem. on pref. stock	—	—	Cr1,000,000
Stock div. on common	—	—	Cr48,343
Balance, surplus	\$4,044,084	\$3,276,803	\$2,610,746

x After provision for all taxes including income tax, and charges and expenses of management.

BALANCE SHEET AS OF DEC. 31.

1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—		Liabilities—	
Real est., mach'y,		Preferred stock	5,520,000
fixtures, trade-		Common stock	11,128,300
marks, good-will,		Pref. div. pay. Jan	96,600
&c.	7,194,453	Com. div. pay. Jan	286,156
Leaf, md. stock,	8,191,257	Prov. for adv. in-	—
supplies, &c.	2,905,480	sur. discts. &c.	5,292,533
Secur. of other cos.	2,811,676	Accounts payable	64,956
Cash	2,943,075	Surplus	4,044,084
Bills & accts. rec.	5,198,364		3,276,803
Total	26,432,629	Total	26,432,629

x Represented by 381,542 shares of no par value (auth. 600,000 shares).
V. 120, p. 822.

Gillette Safety Razor Co.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

The remarks of J. E. Aldred, Chairman of the Board, will be given fully another week.

SALES—NET EARNINGS WITHOUT RESERVE FOR TAXES.

(The sales include the sales of subsidiaries in England, France and Canada.)
Tot. Sales (incl. Sub.Cos.)—Sales to U. S. Govt.—Company's
No. Razors. Doz. Blades. No. Razors. Doz. Blades. Net Earnings.

1925	1924	1925	1924
14,862,098	14,862,098	52,983,533	52,983,533
8,438,576	8,438,576	42,604,498	42,604,498
7,798,781	7,798,781	29,061,634	29,061,634
3,420,895	3,420,895	24,082,970	24,082,970
4,248,069	4,248,069	19,531,861	19,531,861
2,090,616	2,090,616	19,051,268	19,051,268
2,315,892	2,315,892	17,320,517	17,320,517
4,580,987	4,580,987	12,895,618	12,895,618
1,094,182	1,094,182	9,619,030	9,619,030
782,028	782,028	7,153,466	7,153,466
350,765	350,765	4,414,153	4,414,153

a After reserves for taxes, & b Packets of ten blades.

Record of Dividends Paid [Inserted by Editor].

1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Cash (regular)	7%	\$9	\$10	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$2.75
Cash (extra)	2	1	2	—	—	—	.75

* The shareholders on Oct. 6 1924 increased the authorized capital stock from 500,000 shares to 2,000,000 shares of no par value. Stockholders of record Nov. 1 1924 received on Dec. 1 1924 4.7 additional shares of stock for each share held, making 2,000,000 shares outstanding.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—		Liabilities—	
Real est. & bldgs.	4,403,191	4,156,873	Cap. & sur. (repre-
(after deprec'n)	3,843,970	3,475,376	sented shares of
Machinery & tools	3,439,500	4,239,500	no par value)
Patents	5,242,619	7,679,966	a39,099,864
Cash	9,777,823	6,305,605	86,430,317
Accts. & accept. rec.	34,922	34,507	104,216
Note receivable	6,931,294	6,325,008	Reserves
Inventories	9,179,905	8,913,202	3,803,375
Investments	174,014	112,443	For. drafts disc't.
Deferred charges	—	—	19,784
			315,184
			Acceptances disc't.
			1,793,220
			Surplus
			See a
			See a
			Total (each side)
			43,027,238
			41,242,480

a Capital stock and surplus represented by 2,000,000 shares common stock having no par value.—V. 122, p. 356, 221.

Underwood Typewriter Co., Inc.

(16th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

President John T. Underwood, New York Feb. 10, says: Results.—The net earnings for the year amounted to \$3,525,986, from which there has been set aside the sum of \$392,000 for Federal and other taxes, and after providing for depreciation, reserves for profit sharing to the employees, dividends of 7% on the preferred shares (par \$100) and four quarterly dividends of 3% each on the common shares (par \$25), together with an extra dividend of \$1 per share paid Dec. 23 1925 on the common shares, the balance amounting to \$854,004 has been added to the surplus account.

Preferred Stock Requirement.—In accordance with the charter provisions, \$100,000 of preferred stock heretofore acquired has been cancelled, making a total of \$1,500,000 thus far cancelled and leaving a balance outstanding at the present time of \$3,500,000.

Profit Sharing Plan.—Was again authorized for 1925 and \$188,501 has been set aside for distribution to employees eligible to participate on April 1 1926.

Sales, &c.—The year 1925 ranks among the most successful in the history of the company and in certain respects, all previous records have been broken. The production of typewriters for the year just closed, was the largest in the history of the company. Domestic sales were likewise the largest in our history. Sales of typewriters to foreign countries also reached satisfactory proportions, having been exceeded but once when the demand for replenishment following the war enabled us to establish a record in export sales. Sales also of the Underwood Standard Bookkeeping machines, both foreign and domestic, were the largest in the history of the company, having broken all previous records.

Outlook.—The outlook for the current year is most encouraging and we are optimistic enough to look for even increased results for 1926.

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT FISCAL YEARS ENDED DEC. 31.

1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Net earnings	\$3,314,580	\$2,355,587	\$2,881,968
Other net income (int. received, &c.)	211,406	203,407	219,937
	\$3,525,986	\$2,558,994	\$3,101,905
Deduct—Deprec. charged	244,731	263,784	250,112
off. &c.	244,731	263,784	250,112
Res. for empl. profit	188,501	90,972	218,209
sharing plan	188,501	90,972	218,209
Res. for Fed. &c., tax	392,000	286,600	350,000
Pref. divs. (7%)	246,750	250,750	260,750
Common dividends (16%)	1,600,000	(12)1,200,000	(11)1,050,000
	(12)1,600,000	(11)1,200,000	(10)900,000
Transf. to sur. acct.	\$854,004	\$463,888	\$972,835
	\$854,004	\$463,888	\$972,835

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—		Liabilities—	
Pats., good-will, &c.	7,995,720	7,995,720	7% cum. pref. shs.
Real est., bldgs.,	—	—	3,500,000
plant, &c.	4,823,551	4,770,711	Common shares
xStock in oth. cos.	593,349	248,481	10,000,000
Investment spec.	—	—	Notes payable
surplus cap. res.	105,600	135,500	1,500,000
Accts. & notes rec.	7,898,061	6,044,261	Res. for exp., pay-
(less reserve)	6,412,786	7,336,510	rolls, &c.
Cash	1,767,994	2,218,527	230,195
Mtgs. receivable	29,500	—	Res. for Federal
Govt. bds. & notes	64,999	64,999	&c. taxes
Office furniture, &c.	369,278	387,896	611,993
Prepaid ins., &c.	151,143	130,207	Res. for empl. prof.
			sharing plan
			188,501
			Pref. div., payable
			Jan. 2
			61,250
			Com. div., payable
			Jan. 2

Dividends declared amounted to \$427,422 more than in 1924, due to the raising of the dividend rate from 7% to 8% and to the issuance of additional capital stock.

After meeting dividend requirements and paying more on account of taxes and fixed charges, the amount carried to surplus is more than it was in 1924.

Sales of gas for the year increased to 32,500,782,000 cu. ft. Meters in service on Dec. 31 1925 numbered 824,397, an increase of 36,316 meters over the previous year.

In addition to these gains, the company finished the 12-month period with its physical property, and its facilities for doing business and getting additional business, in better condition than ever before.

Industrial Use of Gas Grows.—Sales of gas for strictly industrial (manufacturing) purposes amounted to 3,740,000,000 cu. ft. in 1925, an increase of 427,000,000 cu. ft., or 13% over the total of similar sales in 1924. December was the banner month of this department, with sales of 358,000,000 cu. ft.

Industrial sales were stimulated by an adjustment in the wholesale rate, which became effective in August, as well as by better selling methods. This added an average of 35,500,000 cu. ft. per month to the total sales for the year. On the basis of business already acquired and new installations reasonably assured, it is expected that sales in 1926 for strictly industrial purposes will continue to increase.

The agricultural implement industry, which alone took 125,000,000 cu. ft. of gas in 1924, used 195,000,000 cu. ft. in 1925 and the future gas requirements of this industry are expected to grow.

Brick manufacturing is another new outlet for gas. One yard used 40,000,000 cu. ft. in 1925 and prospects are good for further increase in this field.

Of 22 private gas manufacturing plants in Chicago a few years ago, 19 were shut down prior to 1925 and the gas their owners required has been purchased from this company. Of the three then remaining one was shut down in November, transferring to the company annual requirements of 60,000,000 cu. ft., and the closing of another is under consideration.

House Heating and Other Factors.—Use of gas for water heating, for auxiliary house (room) heating and for other domestic purposes besides cooking, long since overcame the loss of the lighting load to electricity. This outlet for the company's product grows. In 1925, 21,755 gas fired water heaters were sold in Chicago.

During 1925, more gas-fired central house heating plants were installed than in all previous years combined. These, together with other space heating appliances sold during the year, will be responsible for approximately 570,000,000 cu. ft. of continuous annual sales.

The incineration of household wastes is a new and interesting utilization of gas. It is a logical corollary of gas-fired house heating.

A thermostatically controlled garage heater, gas-fired, was put on the market during the year. This class of heating business should grow rapidly.

Domestic refrigeration promises to be an important accession to the gas business in the near future. Several types of gas-operated refrigerators are reported nearly ready for the market, all so economical in operation and so priced as to make them available to the average customer. Domestic refrigeration will be an especially valuable addition to the summer load.

Cooking Load Still Paramount.—Gas remains without a rival for cooking the daily meals of the entire population in large cities. Gas ranges in 675,000 home kitchens still absorb the major portion of the company's total annual output. Approximately 100,000 gas ranges were sold here in 1925. Conservation of the domestic cooking load continues to be an important company activity through the home service department, and otherwise. Home service operations were extended during 1925 to several convenient centers away from the Loop.

Up to 1925, a great number of combination ranges were still in use in unheated kitchens—gas-fired in summer for cooking only and coal-fired in winter for heating as well as cooking. These are being displaced by a unified cooking-and-heating gas range, developed at the instance of the company.

During the year, installations for large volume cooking in hotels and restaurants added 295,000,000 cu. ft. of gas to the annual output. All new hotel construction in Chicago will use gas for cooking.

Satisfactory progress was also made in the use of gas for large volume baking. Operation of the installation in the new Union Station was an effective demonstration.

Additions to Plant & Equipment.—The last section of the great 48-inch gas main, extending from 71st St. and Hamlin Ave. to Kedzie and North Shore Aves., was completed and put into service on Oct. 1 1925. The completed main is approximately 22 miles long and cost \$3,500,000. Of this, \$1,113,801 was expended in 1925.

This new line forms the backbone of the gas distribution system of Chicago. It is so inter-connected with production plants and reserve holders that its serviceableness can be expanded far beyond present needs.

Of other sizes of main—from the 36-inch down—89.67 miles were laid. There are now 3,440.07 miles of main in service.

There were 16,906 service pipes run from main to curb and 36,316 meters were added to the system.

A new gas holder of 10,000,000 cu. ft. capacity was built during the year at a cost of \$794,237 and put into service on Nov. 24 1925 at Crawford Ave. and 35th St. This doubles the holder capacity there.

Another holder of 15,000,000 cu. ft. capacity will be put into service in February at Kedzie and North Shore Aves. The estimated cost of this holder when completed is \$1,352,118. It is of the improved "waterless" type, developed in Germany. Adoption of it introduces important economies in both construction and operation.

A new "booster" at Crawford Ave. raised the pumping capacity there to 8,400,000 cu. ft. per hour; ultimately it will be 9,200,000 cu. ft. an hour. Pumping capacity at the 110th St. station was increased to 4,500,000 cu. ft. per hour. Since normal send out is seldom more than 4,000,000 cu. ft. per hour at Crawford Ave. and 2,000,000 per hour at 110th St., these additions should be sufficient for a number of years.

Enlarged Facilities—Better Service.—Company is now equipped to produce and distribute approximately 150,000,000 cu. ft. of gas every 24 hours. This figure includes the production capacity of the company's own plants and the Crawford Avenue plant of the Chicago By-Product Coke Co., operated exclusively for this company. In addition to this, there is a large quantity of surplus gas produced in steel industries which is purchased by the company.

As of Dec. 31 1925 the company had holder capacity of 73,000,000 cu. ft. Completion of the North Shore Ave. "waterless" holder in February will give a total holder capacity of 88,000,000 cu. ft., or 68% of the maximum 24-hour send out.

By these additions to its physical equipment in generating stations, holders and mains, large increases in business can be taken care of without extensive additions to manufacturing plants or distribution system.

Financial Operations.—On April 30 1925 directors directed that 38,500 shares of capital stock be offered at par (\$100) to stockholders of record on July 3, each stockholder being permitted to subscribe for an amount equal to 10% of his holdings. Subscriptions were received for 37,413 shares, leaving 1,087 shares in the treasury unsubscribed for.

Of the 37,413 shares subscribed for 35,271 shares had been fully paid for and issued and were outstanding as of Dec. 31 1925, making the total outstanding stock as of that date 420,271 shares. The funds derived from this issue were used for construction and for additional working capital.

On Dec. 31 1925, company had registered stockholders of whom 4,831 were residents of Chicago and 987 were residents of Illinois outside of Chicago. Of the total number of stockholders, therefore, 5,818 (66.89%) were residents of Illinois.

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by directors Jan. 13 1926 stockholders will be asked Feb. 23 to vote in favor of amending the articles of incorporation by increasing the company's authorized capital stock from \$50,000,000 to \$60,000,000.

A Helpful Refunding Operation.—The Chicago By-Product Coke Co., which owns and operates the gas and coke plant at Crawford Ave. and 35th St., is refunding its 7% 1st mtge. bonds with a new issue of 5% bonds secured by a new 1st & ref. mtge., effective as of Feb. 2 1926. The original first mortgage bonds were guaranteed by Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co.

The Peoples company has guaranteed the new issue of \$13,000,000 of 1st and ref. mtge. 5% gold bonds. This refinancing will result in immediate benefits to the Peoples Company, under the contract covering the construction and operation of the plant, and in permanent benefits when the Peoples company takes over the property of the Coke company.

The new mortgage on the property of the Coke company is so drawn that it may be made available to the Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co. for its future financing when it takes over the property, including the refunding of all present outstanding funded indebtedness of the Peoples company.

Clearing Up Old Litigation.—The appeal from the valuation order of the P. U. Commission which had been pending since Dec. 31 1920 was dis-

missed by the company in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County on June 22 1925.

The dismissal of the appeal involved the waiver of no rights on the part of the company. Because of the lapse of time during the pendency of the appeal no practical benefits could have been obtained by its further prosecution.

Negotiations between the company and the City in the so-called "refund suit" resulted on Nov. 18 1925 in the submission of an agreed case to Oscar M. Torrison, Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County for the determination of the legal questions involved. The case is now being held under advisement by Judge Torrison.

RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Statistics—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gas made (1,000 cu. ft.)	11,994,751	19,836,121	16,169,836	18,294,972
Gas bought " " "	21,811,703	13,527,200	15,130,507	11,414,897
Gas sold " " "	32,500,781	31,621,306	29,791,111	27,602,698
Income from gas	\$31,854,552	\$31,329,895	\$30,615,188	\$29,645,778
Income other sources	1,114,631	1,163,128	895,181	915,947
Total income	\$32,969,183	\$32,493,023	\$31,510,368	\$30,561,724
Deduct Expenses—				
Steam material	\$229,246	\$414,976	\$404,567	\$536,149
do cts. per M.	(1.91 cts.)	(3.09 cts.)	(2.50 cts.)	(2.93 cts.)
Fuel (gas making)	1,775,959	3,327,797	3,175,156	3,309,791
do cts. per M.	(14.81 cts.)	(16.77 cts.)	(16.83 cts.)	(21.37 cts.)
Oil	1,629,377	2,554,574	2,041,652	2,497,377
do cts. pr M.	(13.58 cts.)	(12.87 cts.)	(2.63 cts.)	(13.65 cts.)
Purifying material	38,209	83,312	76,012	95,268
Station supplies	79,125	114,685	109,099	135,825
Manufacturing labor	370,528	673,465	577,045	674,040
do cts. per M.	(3.09 cts.)	(3.39 cts.)	(3.57 cts.)	(3.68 cts.)
Maintenance and repairs	238,331	380,644	408,956	399,916
Superintendence	119,209	144,664	167,212	161,248
Engineering department	68,622	156,527	214,442	307,691
Gas bought	7,424,684	4,791,809	5,171,401	4,582,654
Gas prod. at exp. sta'n.		2,596		
Cost of gas in holder				
stock adjust.	394	812	329	757
Debit for residual prod.	Cr.205,811	Cr.291,135	Cr.191,399	Cr.265,966
Cost of gas	\$11,767,873	\$12,354,727	\$12,154,470	\$13,034,750
do cts. per M.	(34.81 cts.)	(37.02 cts.)	(38.83 cts.)	(43.87 cts.)
Transm. & distrib. exps.	\$2,249,563	\$2,471,619	\$2,188,723	\$2,295,879
Commercial expense	1,826,107	1,824,792	1,746,100	1,644,700
New business expense	635,493	571,488	438,813	358,312
Gen'l & misc. expense	2,845,884	2,714,150	2,699,890	2,303,591
Depreciation	1,321,033	1,297,679	1,232,020	1,155,332
Contingent	314,532	154,485	293,338	275,079
Uncollectible bills	2,400,000	2,259,324	2,289,238	2,001,895
Rent for leased plant and equipment	153,929	152,062	223,926	218,187
Int. on Ogden Gas Co. bonds	1,259,464	1,131,317	1,104,942	1,084,752
Amortized rents	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Miscell. deductions	204,637	204,637	204,637	204,637
	104,812	96,100	41,122	42,623
Cost of gas delivered to consumers	\$25,384,326	\$25,532,381	\$24,917,220	\$24,919,738
do cts. per M.	(78.10 cts.)	(80.75 cts.)	(83.64 cts.)	(90.28 cts.)
Interest on funded debt	2,702,850	2,643,433	2,357,885	2,357,850
Int. on unfunded debt	29,484	-41,860	36,785	22,140
Total cost of gas delivered to consumers	\$28,116,660	\$28,217,675	\$27,311,854	\$27,299,728
do cts. per M.	(86.51 cts.)	(89.24 cts.)	(91.63 cts.)	(98.90 cts.)
Net income	\$4,852,523	\$4,275,348	\$4,198,514	\$3,261,997
Previous surplus	18,657,711	17,231,680	16,073,796	14,808,122
Total	\$23,510,234	\$21,507,028	\$20,272,310	\$18,070,119
Sundry debits	389,256	58,067	56,880	71,343
Dividends (8%) 3,218,672 (7 1/4%) 2,791,250 (7 1/4%) 2,983,750 (6) 1,924,980				
Balance	\$19,902,306	\$18,657,711	\$17,231,680	\$16,073,796

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

1925.		1924.		1925.		1924.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Real estate				Capital stock	42,027,100	38,500,000	
plant, &c.	112,122,731	113,805,159		Subscribed	214,200		
Materials	1,254,246	1,203,805		Underlying prior			
Accts. receivable	2,182,027	596,921		lien bonds	23,911,000	23,911,000	
Loans and notes				Ref. mtge. bds.	20,554,000	20,554,000	
receivable	28,500	1,063,000		Gen. & ref. bds.	1,712,000	1,712,000	
Matured funded				6% gold notes	5,750,000	5,750,000	
d't int. depos.	308,610	360,315		Gas bill deposits	565,042	580,206	
Deferred charges	5,758,839	6,060,131		Acct's payable	987,014	1,053,649	
Gas bills receiv.		1,829,967		Taxes accrued	2,661,335	2,506,543	
Invests in affil.				Bond int. acer'd	598,194	596,400	
cos.	4,337,398			Retir. &c., res.	16,861,383	14,671,768	
Miscell. invests.	3,770,080			Div. declared	840,542	770,052	
Int. & Divs. rec.	62,417			Matured interest	308,610	360,315	
Subser. to cap.				Sundries	34,305	82,013	
stock	92,236			Deferred credits	27,299	31,938	
Cash	3,878,384	2,236,240		Surplus	19,902,306	18,657,711	
Sinking fund	12,009	12,009					
Reserve funds	2,435,811	2,540,312					
Sundry deposits							
& advances	711,040	29,734					
Total	136,954,329	129,737,594		Total	136,954,329	129,737,594	

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Cluett, Peabody & Co., Inc. (& Subs.)
(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Net sales	\$24,882,867	\$24,380,979	\$28,264,902	\$23,656,125
x Expenses, &c.	22,386,834	22,194,867	24,932,758	20,483,835
Interest	cr.27,590	90,908	136,165	113,644
Depreciation	280,925	271,991	281,312	307,205
Net income	\$2,242,699	\$1,823,213	\$2,854,666	\$2,751,441
Preferred dividends (7%)	590,935	572,813	582,190	588,665
Common dividends	(\$5)939,966 (5%) 900,000 (5%) 900,000			
Balance, surplus	\$711,798	\$350,400	\$1,372,476	\$2,162,776
Appropriation (deb.)		y 795,500		
Previous surplus	8,275,385	8,720,485	7,348,009	5,185,233
Total surplus Dec. 31.	\$8,987,183	\$8,275,385	\$8,720,485	\$7,348,009

x Including cost of raw materials, labor, supplies, operating expenses, general and selling expenses, all administrative expenses, reserves for taxes, &c.; interest and depreciation, and in 1923 \$275,000 reduction in good-will account. y Appropriated from surplus for settlement of patent suit.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

1925.		1924.		1925.		1924.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Real estate	3,924,677	3,825,572		Common stock	b 9,743,460	18,000,000	
Good-will, patent				Preferred stock	9,000,000	8,482,000	
rights, trade				Accounts payable	304,744	314,663	
names, &c.	9,000,000	18,000,000		Res. for taxes, &c.	536,945	457,161	
Cash	1,976,666	2,002,901		Res. for patent suit		795,500	
Accts. receivable	a 4,224,921	3,707,229		Prof. dividend pay-			
Misc. investments	100,065	90,367		able Jan. 2	146,461	141,437	
Merchandise	8,842,286	8,412,590		Sur for red of Pref	1,285,850		
Prof. stk. in treas.	650,178	427,487		Surplus	7,701,334	8,275,385	
Total </							

Continental Can Co., Inc. (of New York.)
(13th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

RESULTS FOR YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Net earnings	\$7,097,736	\$5,317,370	\$4,837,480	\$4,438,508
Depreciation	776,343	741,888	519,750	476,905
Res. for taxes & conting.	781,660	522,157	550,000	800,000
Preferred dividends (7%)	387,116	405,256	411,574	289,713
Common dividends	1,875,725	1,514,389	995,464	270,000
Surplus	\$3,276,892	\$2,133,680	\$2,360,692	\$2,601,890
Previous surplus	5,792,236	5,182,522	3,225,797	5,069,314
Preferred stock premium				Cr. 54,593
Total surplus	\$9,069,128	\$7,316,202	\$5,586,489	\$7,725,797
Stock expenses		206,349		
Write off book value of patents and good will	67,833	403,967	403,967	
Common stock divs (5%)	a 1,125,100	b 913,650		
Transferred to capital account (33 1-3%)				4,500,000
Profit & loss surplus	\$7,876,195	\$5,792,236	\$5,182,522	\$3,225,797

a Being 22,502 shares of no par value. b Being 18,273 shares of no par value. x Including \$2,026,500 represented by Preferred stock acquired for retirement.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—				
Real estate, build- ings, plant, &c.	\$19,973,998	18,757,763	Capital stock	b29,603,130
Patents & good will	2,777,326	2,649,617	Pur. money mtge.	16,000
Investments	25,889	64,274	Accounts payable	1,447,148
Inventories	7,292,429	6,042,669	Divs. payable Jan.	95,786
Accts. & bills rec.	3,746,986	1,309,923	Reserve for taxes & contingencies	1,136,867
Cash	4,280,482	5,967,806	Surplus	c7,876,195
U. S. securities	1,500,000	1,500,000		5,792,236
Emp. subs. to stk.	427,970	718,596		
Prepaid insurance	120,046	121,112		
Total	40,175,127	35,631,759	Total	40,175,127

a Appraised reproductive value plus additions to Dec. 31 1924. \$23,-629,906; net additions and betterments during 1925, \$1,953,216; less reserve for depreciation, \$5,609,124. b Represented by (a) 54,735 shares 7% cum. pref. stock (par \$100), out of an auth. issue of 75,000 shares, the balance having been acquired for retirement; (b) 476,552 shares of common stock of no par value (out of the authorized issue of 500,000 shares). c Including \$2,026,500 surplus represented by pref. stock acquired for retirement.—V. 122, p. 354.

National Cloak & Suit Company.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

Pres. Herbert C. Freeman, New York, Feb. 5, wrote in substance:

The volume of net sales for the year amounted to \$46,685,376, resulting in a net profit, after taxes, of \$905,622. After deduction of the amount required for the payment of dividends on the preferred stock, this net profit is equivalent to \$3.45 per share on the common stock.

The balance sheet again shows a strong financial position. Current assets and prepaid expenses amount to \$10,053,752, against current liabilities of \$2,095,803, a ratio of 4.7 to one, showing a net working capital of \$7,957,948. Cash in bank and call loans together amount to \$3,475,923. Company has no notes payable outstanding.

Merchandise inventories are in good condition, and have been valued on a conservative basis. The inventory at the close of the year was equivalent to 11.5% of the net sales for the year.

Due to changes in fashion, many articles of women's wearing apparel, which were formerly sold in large volume, are no longer in demand, and for this reason the sales in certain lines of merchandise carried by the company show a substantial decrease. To offset this trend in wearing apparel, the business of the company is being extended into other lines of merchandise. Directors are confident that the good-will which the company enjoys among its large number of customers permits of a profitable business being done in all classes of goods in demand in the home. Steps have also been taken to develop business in automobile tires and accessories.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDED.

	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 27 '23.	Dec. 28 '22.
Net sales	\$46,685,376	\$49,225,804	\$52,399,783	\$45,357,566
Profit before deducting bonus and taxes	1,054,122	2,332,090	2,764,666	2,047,473
Federal taxes	133,000	260,000	224,000	
Bonus	15,500	209,551	379,821	256,856
Sundry adjustments			60,022	59,089
Preferred dividends	491,379	508,266	480,419	292,600
Common divs. (4%)	480,000			
Discount on pref. stock	1,045	9,787		
Balance, surplus	def. \$66,802	\$1,344,486	\$1,620,404	\$1,438,929
Profit and loss, surplus	x\$5,309,436	\$5,376,239	\$4,012,179	\$3,007,522

x Whereof \$3,364,136 unappropriated and \$1,945,300 appropriated (par value of preferred stock cancelled). y After deducting cost of goods sold, operating and administrative expenses (less miscellaneous earnings) amounting to \$45,646,755 in 1925.

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—				
Plant & equip., less depreciation	531,099	557,306	7% cum. pf. stock	6,944,700
Good-will	12,000,000	12,000,000	Common stock	12,000,000
Leasehold lmpt.	107,001	105,645	Accounts payable	935,429
Inv. & adv. to Nat. Imp. Co.	1,463,828	1,458,158	Due to customers	907,374
Inv. & adv. to Car-aleigh Realty Corp.	2,190,247	2,190,447	Com. divs. pay.	120,000
Inventories	5,831,644	5,213,626	Res. for Federal income tax	133,000
Accts. rec., adv., &c.	266,619	162,549	Surplus	5,309,436
Marketable sec.	15,010	17,945		5,376,239
Cash	3,475,923	3,522,602		
Securities owned		1,013,784		
Co.'s sec. owned	4,013	112,577		
Deferred charges	461,554	567,711		
Total (ea. side)	26,349,940	26,922,351		

NATIONAL IMPROVEMENT CO., KANSAS CITY, MO.

The property occupied by National Cloak & Suit Co. in Kansas City, Mo., is owned by National Improvement Co., all of the capital stock of which, except directors' qualifying shares, is owned by Nat. Cloak & Suit Co.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT AS OF DEC. 31.

	1925.	1924.
Rent and bank interest earned	\$169,470	\$165,125
Expenses, incl. deprec., amort. of discount on gold notes, &c.	169,470	165,125

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—				
Real est. & lmpts. att K. C. at cost, less deprec.	\$2,207,332	\$2,277,255	Capital stock	\$600,000
Deferred charges	18,705	23,537	1st M. Real Est.	
Cash	436	557	6% Ser. g. notes	773,500
Prepaid expenses	10,855	11,809	Nat. Cloak & Suit Co. advances	863,828
Total	\$2,237,328	\$2,313,158	Total	\$2,237,328

CARALEIGH REALTY CORP., NEW YORK.

The property occupied by National Cloak & Suit Co. in N. Y. City is owned by Caraleigh Realty Corp., all of the capital stock of which is owned by National Cloak & Suit Co.

INCOME ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED DEC. 31.

	1925.	1924.
Rent and bank interest earned	\$350,320	\$14,628
Expenses (incl. depreciation)	293,146	12,273
Dividends (16%)	80,000	
Balance	def. \$22,826	\$2,355

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—				
Real est. & bldgs.	\$3,882,770	\$3,955,074	Com. stock (par \$100)	\$500,000
Deferred charges	22,861	26,659	1st Mtge. payable	1,783,875
Rents receivable	14,583	14,383	6% 2d M. gd. bds.	1,626,055
Cash	4,318	26,124	Res. for Fed. taxes	8,416
Surplus			Surplus	6,186
Total (each side)	\$3,924,532	\$4,022,240		29,012

—V. 122, p. 760, 224.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

STEAM RAILROADS.

Shippers Oppose Pending Bill to Abolish RR. Labor Board.—Shippers' Conference of Greater New York opposes Cummins-Parker bill to abolish U. S. Railroad Labor Board, on the ground that the Board of Mediation proposed to succeed the Labor Board does not adequately protect the public interest, because it has no representative of the public in its membership. New York "Times" Feb. 10, p. 31.

Detroit Street Ry. Shopmen Win Wage Increase of 5 Cents per Hour.—"Wa. I. Street Journal" Feb. 10, p. 9.

New York New Haven & Hartford RR. Reports Bus Lines Improved New Haven Service.—Motor coaches on 777 miles, serving as auxiliaries to rail service, have become factor in development of transportation, says President E. J. Pearson in summing up benefits derived from road's investment in new transportation facility. New York "Times" Feb. 7, Sec. 2, p. 1.

Pullman Porters and Maids Win Wage Increase.—New wage scale to become effective Feb. 15 will be 23.75% higher than during war and 141% higher than in 1913. Increases of 10% brings scale to following: \$72.50, \$79, \$85 and \$90.50 per month, increasing with service until maximum of \$83.50, \$90, \$97 and \$104 respectively is reached. New York "Times" Feb. 11, p. 3.

Repair of Locomotives.—Locomotives in need of repair on Jan. 15 totaled 10,736, or 17.0% of the number on line, according to reports filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. This was an increase of 967 locomotives compared with the number in need of repair on Jan. 1, at which time there were 9,769, or 15.4%, a decrease of 1,441 locomotives compared with the number in need of repair on Jan. 15 1925, at which time there were 12,177, or 18.9%. Of the total number in need of repair, 5,595, or 8.9%, were in need of classified repairs on Jan. 15, an increase of 447 compared with Jan. 1, while 5,141, or 8.1%, were in need of running repairs, an increase of 520 within the same period. Class I railroads on Jan. 15 had 5,121 serviceable locomotives in storage, a decrease of 45 compared with the number of such locomotives on Jan. 1.

Freight Car Repairs.—Class I railroads on Jan. 15 had fewer freight cars in need of repair than at any time in the past two years, according to reports filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. The total number in need of repair on Jan. 15 was 155,763 or 6.8% of the number on line. This was a decrease of 1,642 cars under the number reported on Jan. 1, at which time there were 157,405 or 6.8%. It also was a decrease of 31,547 cars compared with the same date last year. Freight cars in need of heavy repair on Jan. 15 totaled 117,618, or 5.1%, a decrease of 1,352 cars compared with Jan. 1. Freight cars in need of light repair totaled 38,145, or 1.7%, a decrease of 390 compared with Jan. 1.

Car Surplus.—Class I railroads on Jan. 22 had 264,781 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service, according to reports filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. This was a decrease of 45,175 cars under the number reported on Jan. 15. Surplus coal cars in good repair on Jan. 22 totaled 96,255, a decrease of 20,777 within approximately a week, while surplus box cars in good repair totaled 126,768, a decrease of 20,129 during the same period. Reports also showed 21,728 surplus stock cars, a decrease of 518 under the number reported on Jan. 15, while surplus refrigerator cars totaled 10,983, a decrease of 1,402 compared with the previous period.

Car Surplus.—Class I railroads on Jan. 30 had 250,935 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service, according to reports filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. This was a decrease of 13,846 cars under the number reported on Jan. 22. Surplus coal cars in good repair on Jan. 30 totaled 92,040, a decrease of 4,215 within approximately a week, while surplus box cars in good repair totaled 113,890, a decrease of 12,908 during the same period. Reports also showed 23,106 surplus stock cars, an increase of 1,378 over the number reported on Jan. 22, while surplus refrigerator cars totaled 11,728, an increase of 745 compared with the previous period.

Car Shortage.—Practically no car shortage is being reported. Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Week Ended Feb. 6.—(a) Demands of unions for wage increases. . 705.

Alabama Central RR.—Final Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$78,095 on the owned and used property of the company, as of June 30 1915.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Equipment Trusts.

The I.-S. C. Commission on Jan. 30 authorized the company to assume obligation and liability in respect of \$8,370,000 equip. trust series C certificates to be issued by the Girard Trust Co. under an agreement to be dated Feb. 1 1926, and sold at not less than 97% and divs in connection with the procurement of certain equipment. (See offering in V. 122, p. 345.)—V. 122, p. 744, 606.

Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry.—Tentative Valuation.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$48,827,821 on the total owned, and \$57,529,352 on the total used property of the company, as of June 30 1917.

William T. Noonan, President of the Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry., said:

In answering the tentative valuation the company will state that the proper amount representing the value of its property and right enjoyed by it will approximate \$100,000,000 as of June 30 1917.

The tentative valuation for rate-making purposes was placed by the I.-S. C. Commission at \$57,529,352, based on cost of reproduction now less depreciation as of June 30 1917.

In regard to tentative valuation placed by the I.-S. C. Commission as of June 30 1917 on the property of the Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry. and its leased lines, viz.: Clearfield & Mahoning Ry., Allegheny & Western Ry., Allegheny Terminal Co. and the Mahoning Valley RR., it will be of interest that, in common with tentative valuations heretofore issued, prices as of June 30 1914 have been applied to the property as it existed June 30 1917 without regard to cost of property created between those dates and price levels as of date of valuation.

The carriers' investment in road and equipment on that date amounted to \$60,505,000 and its outstanding stocks and bonds including those of subsidiary companies, \$52,785,915. Additions and betterments to the property made since June 30 1917, amounting to about \$13,000,000, are not included. Approximately 20% has been deducted for depreciation as determined theoretically by the so-called straight line method, although Government engineers found the property normally maintained and so reported to the Bureau of Valuation. Instead of the property being in a depreciated condition, it was actually in an appreciated condition, but no allowance has been made for appreciation. Nothing has been allowed for cost of development. Land values have been measured in part by the value of so-called similar and adjacent land, but apparently without adequate consideration being given to their adaptability for railroad use or the carriers' actual cost experience. Deductions have been made to represent so-called non-carrier use.

Nothing has been allowed to cover the cost of impounding reservoirs, four in number, located in Pennsylvania, which supply the major portion of water for transportation purposes in that State, and without which the carrier would at times be seriously affected.

The carrier's one-half joint ownership in the Ontario Car Ferry Co., Ltd., is not included in the valuation, although this property furnishes its principal outlet for freight and passengers of Canadian points.

Nothing has been included to cover the earning power of the carrier or its peculiar strategic position geographically.

An inadequate allowance has been made for coal support owned by the carrier in Pennsylvania, which has been acquired to insure the safety of its trains traversing coal territory, where there would otherwise be a considerable hazard if the coal were removed.—V. 122, p. 606.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.—Preferred Stockholders Reported Preparing to Oppose Merger With Nickel Plate.

The preferred stockholders, who offered no objection to the "Nickel Plate" merger while a committee representing the minority holdings of common stock was opposing it before the I.-S. C. Commission, are prepared to contest the plan in court, it is reported, if the decision by the Commission is favorable. The basis of their plea, it is said, will be that the preferred stock, which has equal voting power with the common in the Ches. & Ohio, is denied all voting rights in the new "Nickel Plate" system proposed by the Van Swearingens.—V. 121, p. 3127.

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.—Bonds.

The I.-S. C. Commission on Feb. 1 authorized the company to issue (1) \$1,000,000 gen. mtge. gold bonds, to be delivered to the trustee under the first & ref. mtge.; and (2) \$1,000,000 1st & ref. mtge. gold bonds, to be pledged and repaid, from time to time, until and including June 30 1928, as collateral security for any note or notes which may be issued under paragraph 9 of section 20a of the Inter-state Commerce Act.—V. 122, p. 606, 477.

Chicago & Western Indiana RR.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$266,000 additional consolidated mortgage 50-year gold 4% bonds, due July 1 1952, making the total amount applied for \$48,975,000 of a total authorized issue of \$50,000,000.

Income Accounts for 11 Months Ended Nov. 30 1925.

Operating revenues	\$5,101,969
Expenses	4,290,539
Net income	\$811,431
Applied to sinking and other reserve funds	6,531
Surplus for 11 months 1925	\$804,899
Surplus forward from 1924	149,906
Other credits	6,076
Total	\$960,882
Dividends paid	\$225,000
Debt discount extinguished through surplus	210,219
Other debits	312,403
Surplus Nov. 30 1925	\$213,259

—V. 121, p. 835.

Hocking Valley Ry.—Note Issue.

The company has asked the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$6,000,000 6 months' 5% secured gold notes and to pledge \$7,600,000 of general mortgage bonds as security. Proceeds will be used to retire \$6,000,000 of 2-year notes now outstanding.—V. 122, p. 744.

Lake Champlain & Moriah RR.—Final Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$700,000 on the owned and used property of the company, as of June 30 1916.—V. 120, p. 1087.

Marion & Rye Valley Ry.—Final Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$317,177 on the owned and used property of the company, as of June 30 1926.—V. 116, p. 2637.

Midland Valley RR.—To Distribute Stock.

A stock dividend has been declared on the common stock, payable in stock of the Third Creek Co. to common stockholders of record Feb. 15, on the basis of one Third Creek share for each share of Midland common stock held.—V. 121, p. 2634.

Mineral Point & Northern Ry. (Wis.).—Final Value.
The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$556,927 on the owned and used property of the company as of June 30 1917.

Minneapolis St. Paul & S. S. Marie Ry.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$8,136,000 additional 1st consol. 5% 50-year gold bonds, due July 1 1938 (guaranteed as to interest by Canadian Pacific Ry.), making the total amount applied for \$14,284,000 of 5% series and \$56,863,000 of 4% series (authorized, \$71,147,000).

Earnings—Calendar Years—11 Mos. 1925.

	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Operating revenues	\$28,266,940	\$28,957,095	\$28,724,694	\$26,929,303
Operating expenses	20,799,188	20,844,069	20,137,156	18,029,568
Net	\$7,467,752	\$8,113,026	\$8,587,537	\$8,899,734
Deprec. on equipment	978,712	1,045,036	1,124,146	1,050,517
Net earnings	\$6,489,040	\$7,067,990	\$7,463,391	\$7,849,217
Other income	1,549,707	1,59,963	808,924	2,296,454
Total income	\$8,038,747	\$8,677,954	\$8,272,315	\$10,145,671
Taxes—Federal	Cr. 9,075	Cr. 3,905	27,127	14,683
Interest	4,641,025	4,731,862	4,862,678	4,512,023
Other charges	2,907,750	2,608,568	2,538,068	3,772,706
Surplus	\$499,046	\$1,241,429	\$844,442	\$1,716,253

—V. 121, p. 2518.

Mountain Central Ry. (Ky.).—Final Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$58,005 on the owned and used property of the company, as of June 30 1917.

Pennsylvania RR.—Orders Equipment.

Orders for 100 locomotive tenders, each with a water capacity of 13,000 gallons were recently placed with the Baldwin Locomotive Works by the Pennsylvania RR. The new tenders will be used with heavy freight locomotives to reduce, through their enlarged capacity, the number of stops for water to a minimum.

Deliveries have commenced on orders placed last summer with a number of car building companies for 357 all-steel passenger equipment cars. These include 105 coaches, 15 combination passenger and baggage cars, 15 combination passenger, baggage and mail cars, and 222 baggage-express cars. All the new cars are of the standard 70-foot length except the baggage-express cars, which are 60 feet long.

Ten new all-steel dining cars are also under construction at the company's Altoona works, in addition to eight all-steel multiple unit electric cars for suburban service.—V. 122, p. 745.

St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.—Note Issue, &c.

The Guaranty Trust Co. has been appointed trustee for an authorized issue of \$5,000,000 2-year 5% secured gold notes, due Feb. 1 1928. (See Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry. in V. 122, p. 606.)

The directors have declared the regular semi-annual interest installment of 3% on the cum. adjustment bonds, for the 6 months ended Dec. 31 1925, payable April 1.

During this six-month period the balance available for interest on the adjustment bonds was \$7,009,913, or 5 1/2 times the amount required for interest, namely, \$1,215,992.—V. 122, p. 745, 607.

Seaboard-All Florida Ry.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$25,000,000 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds, series A, due Aug. 1 1935. The bonds are a joint and several obligation of Seaboard All-Florida Ry., Florida Western & Northern RR., East & West Coast Ry. and are guaranteed by Seaboard Air Line Ry. (See offering in V. 121, p. 583.)—V. 122, p. 607.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.—Earnings.

Income Account 11 Months Ended Nov. 30 1925.

Railway operating revenues	\$56,758,439
Railway operating expenses	42,579,527
Railway tax accruals	2,607,000
Uncollectible railway revenues	16,561
Railway operating income	\$11,555,352
Non-operating income	1,434,372
Gross income	\$12,989,724
Total deductions	10,295,063
Income applied to sinking and other reserve funds	19
Income balance	\$2,694,642

—V. 122, p. 745, 477.

Stoney Creek RR. (Pa.).—Tentative Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$382,225 on the owned and used properties of the company, as of June 30 1917.—V. 85, p. 532.

Southern Ry.—1925 a Year of Fulfillment.—Case, Pomeroy & Co., Inc., state:

For the year 1925, Southern Ry. set new high standards in earning power, operating efficiency, adequacy of railway plant and equipment, and service to its shippers and the general public. The excellence of the service given by Southern throughout the year demonstrated to the South the great economic advantage of a prosperous transportation system.

Earnings for December and Twelve Months (000 Omitted).

	1925	December	1924	1925	Twelve Months	1924
		% of Gross		% of Gross	% of Gross	% of Gross
Freight revenue	\$9,420		\$8,637	\$106,777	\$99,842	
Passenger revenue	3,030		2,858	30,952	31,083	
Tot. rev., incl. oth.	\$13,588		\$12,631	\$149,314	\$142,487	
Expenses—						
Maint. of Way & Str.	\$1,356	10.0	\$1,416	\$20,438	\$19,557	13.7
Maint. of equipment	2,126	15.6	2,059	25,702	25,512	17.9
Traffic	308	2.2	241	2,908	1,9	1.9
Transportation	4,487	33.0	4,154	32.9	49,849	33.4
Miscell. operations	117	0.8	94	0.7	1,172	0.7
General	361	2.6	358	2.8	3,871	2.6
Trans. for inv.—Cr.	28	0.1	7	—	128	—
Total oper. exp.	\$8,726	64.2	\$8,316	65.8	\$103,812	69.5
Net from railway	4,862	35.8	4,315	34.2	45,502	30.5
Taxes & uncollect.	891	6.6	714	5.7	9,490	6.4
Net after taxes	\$3,970	29.2	\$3,600	28.5	\$36,012	24.1
Equip. & jt. fac. rents	166	—	195	—	926	—
Net after rents	\$3,804	—	\$3,405	—	\$35,086	—
Other income	440	—	404	—	5,274	—
Total income	\$4,244	—	\$3,809	—	\$40,360	—
Fixed chgs. & deds.	1,482	—	1,460	—	17,781	—
Avail. for pref.	\$2,762	—	\$2,349	—	\$22,579	—
Pref. dividend	250	—	250	—	3,000	—
Avail. for common	\$2,512	—	\$2,099	—	\$19,579	—
Per share of common	\$2.09	—	\$1.75	—	\$16.31	—
Est. equity in undistrib. earnings of subsids.	.52	—	.39	—	4.77	—
Total	\$2.61	—	\$2.14	—	\$21.08	—

—V. 121, p. 746, 603.

Tennessee Central Ry.—Bonds Sold.—White, Weld & Co., New York and American National Co., Nashville, Tenn. have sold at 100 and int. \$3,000,000 6% 1st mtge. coupon bonds series A.

Dated April 1 1922; due April 1 1947. Interest payable A. & O. Dem. \$1,000 c*. Red. all or part on any int. date at 105 and int., upon 8 weeks' notice. Additional bonds may be issued in series for 80% of the cost of additions, betterments or new equipment. American Trust Co., Nashville, Tenn., trustee.

Data from Letter of H. W. Stanley, President of the Company.

Company.—Forms a direct route between east and west Tennessee, extending from Harriman, Tenn., to Hopkinsville, Ky., and comprising a system of about 295 miles of main track. Important interchange of traffic occurs with the Southern Ry. system at Harriman and Emory Gap, with the Louisville & Nashville system at Nashville and with the Illinois Central R.R. at Hopkinsville.

The territory served is rich in mineral and forest resources, naturally adapted to extensive agricultural development and is one of the most important manufacturing sections of Tennessee. Company's freight tonnage is well diversified, traffic conditions are uniform and more than 60% of the business handled originates on its own lines.

Company has leased the properties of Nashville Terminal Co. for 99 years from April 1 1911. The terminal properties are well located, being in close proximity to the business center, the important wholesale houses and industrial plants.

Valuation.—Based on a tentative valuation by the I.-S. C. Commission as of June 30 1918, plus the cost of subsequent additions and betterments, the properties have a present value equivalent to over \$36,000 per mile of main track, against which these bonds are now outstanding at the low rate of approximately \$10,170 per mile.

Earnings for Calendar Years.

Year.	Gross Revenues	Net Available	Bond Interest	Net Income
1923	\$3,055,803	\$326,258	\$157,195	\$169,046
1924	2,912,794	373,452	180,000	193,453
1925	3,197,233	373,954	180,000	193,954

Net earnings available for interest during each year of the above period have been over twice the interest on the outstanding First Mortgage Bonds.

Purpose.—This offering of \$3,000,000 1st mtge. bonds will not increase the company's outstanding funded debt, as \$1,500,000 is to be purchased from the company (which will use the proceeds in the retirement of a like amount of indebtedness to the U. S. Government) and the remaining \$1,500,000 is to be purchased from individual holders.

Capitalization.—Application is being made to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue and sell to interests controlling the company \$500,000 pref. stock; to change the present 30,000 shares of \$100 par value common stock into 60,000 shares of no par value; to authorize 10,000 shares additional no par value common stock (to be held in the treasury for conversion of the \$500,000 pref. stock) and for authority to sell the \$1,500,000 1st mtge. bonds included in this offering and now held as security for indebtedness to the U. S. Government. Upon receipt of the I.-S. C. Commission approval of the above and issuance of the preferred stock and the new common stock without par value, the company's capitalization will be as follows:

6% 1st mtge. bonds (this issue)	\$3,000,000
Cumulative pref. stock	500,000
Common stock (without par value)	\$60,000 shs.

*In addition, 10,000 shares are to be reserved for conversion of Preferred Stock.

General.—Interests controlling the common stock have contracted to purchase, subject to the approval of the I.-S. C. Commission, \$500,000 of preferred stock. The proceeds of this purchase will be used in carrying out the improvements and for expenditures recommended by Coverdale & Colpitts. The common stock is practically all owned by the management, directors and local interests and is valued at present quotations in excess of \$2,000,000.

Directors, comprising the principal stockholders, are: Paul M. Davis, Chairman; H. G. Hill, R. W. Hale, W. T. Hale, Jr., P. D. Houston, B. P. Morse, Robert Orr, H. W. Stanley, B. E. McCarthy, Walter Stokes, Nashville, Tenn.; F. K. Houston, Robert C. Hill, V. Everitt Macy, Norman

H. Davis, New York; and George G. Morse, Denver, Colo.—V. 121, p. 2872.

Wellington Grey & Bruce Ry.—Interest Payments.

The estimated earnings for the half-year ended Dec. 31 1925, applicable to meet interest on the bonds, admitted of the payment on Jan. 1 last of \$4 28. 11d. per \$100 bond, and this payment was applied as follows, viz.: \$2 28. 4d. in final discharge of coupon 83, due Jan 1 1912, and \$2 08. 7d. on account of coupon 84 due July 1 1912. A year ago \$3 198. 4d. was paid.—V. 120, p. 3310.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

American Public Service Co.—Bonds Offered.—Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc. and A. B. Leach & Co., Inc. are offering \$2,500,000 1st lien 5% gold bonds, series C of 1912, due Dec. 1 1942 at 93 and int., to yield about 5.65%.

Data From Letter of Pres. Martin J. Insull, Chicago, Feb. 5 1926.

Company.—Incorp. in Delaware in 1912. Controls, through ownership of all the capital stocks (except directors' qualifying shares) and all outstanding funded debt, 11 public utility operating companies. The subsidiary companies supply, without competition, 106 communities with one or more classes of public utility service, 105 with electric service, 55 with ice, 1 with street railway service and 6 with gas. The communities thus served are situated in eastern Oklahoma and central and eastern Texas and have an estimated combined population of 225,000. The varied resources and industries of the territory served offer excellent opportunities for securing large and profitable increases especially in the power and lighting business.

The physical property of the company includes electric generating plants having a generating capacity of approximately 49,000 k. w., and a combined daily ice capacity of 1,119 tons. The electric light and power transmission system consists of 1,177 miles of high tension lines. The 2 gas properties serve their respective localities with natural gas through 83 miles of mains.

Consolidated Capitalization.—Authorized, Outstanding, Preferred stock 7% cumulative..... \$10,000,000 \$6,971,500
Common stock..... 15,000,000 \$6,914,500
1st lien gold bonds (incl. this issue)..... (c) \$14,277,700

a Practically all controlled by the Middle West Utilities Co. b Of this amount \$8,417,500 bear 6%, \$1,295,200 bear 6½%, \$2,065,000 bear 5½% and \$2,500,000 bear 5% interest. c Issuance of additional bonds limited by restrictions of trust indenture.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for refunding (of \$474,500 coll. trust 8% notes due March 1 1941; called for payment March 1 1926 at 107½ and int. at Bankers' Trust Co., New York) and to partially reimburse the company for necessary improvements, betterments and extensions to its property and for other corporate purposes.

Security.—Secured by a first lien on all the outstanding bonds and capital stocks (except directors' qualifying shares) of the subsidiary companies, all of which are deposited and pledged with the trustee. No additional stocks or bonds may be issued by the subsidiary companies unless deposited as additional security under the first lien mortgage.

Consolidated Earnings (Company and Subsidiaries).

12 Months ended—	Dec. 31 '24.	Nov. 30 '25.
Gross earnings, incl. other income.....	\$4,290,347	\$4,687,834
Operating expenses, incl. taxes.....	2,716,639	2,750,214

Net earnings before depreciation..... \$1,573,808 \$1,937,619
Annual int. on the 1st lien bonds, to be presently outstanding requires..... \$827,813

Management.—Operations of the company are controlled by the Middle West Utilities Co.—V. 121, p. 1675, 1346.

American Super-Power Corp.—Initial Cash Dividends.

The directors have declared an initial cash dividend of 30 cents a share on the class "A" and class "B" stocks, and also the quarterly dividend of \$1.50 a share on the first preferred stock, all payable April 1 to holders of record March 1.

This is the first cash dividend to be declared on the company's common shares and declaration is made early in the year as contrasted with previous common dividends during 1924 and 1925 which were declared toward the end of each year and then in the form of participating preferred stock.—V. 122, p. 346.

Arizona Edison Co.—Bonds Sold.—Stroud & Co., Inc., have sold at 97½ and int., to yield about 6.22%, \$2,000,000 1st mtge. 20-year sinking fund 6% gold bonds, series A.

Dated Oct. 1 1925; due Oct. 1 1945. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable at Bank of North America & Trust Co., Philadelphia, or at office or agency of the company in Chicago. Red., all or part, with accrued int. on any int. date on 30 days' notice at a premium of 5% on or before Oct. 1 1940, and thereafter at a premium of 2½% on or before Oct. 1 1945. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100.* Bank of North America & Trust Co. and John H. Mason, Philadelphia, trustees. Company agrees to pay int. without deduction for Federal income taxes not exceeding 2% to refund to holders who are residents of any jurisdiction under the sovereignty of the U. S. A., any property taxes assessed not exceeding five mills per annum, and to residents of Mass. all taxes (other than inheritance) not in excess of 6% of the interest paid in any year.

Issuance.—Approved by the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Data from Letter of E. J. Condon, President of the Company.

Company.—Organized in Arizona. Does without competition, the entire commercial electric light and power, gas and ice business in Bisbee and Douglas, Ariz., and surrounding communities, and the entire commercial electric light and power, gas and water business in Yuma, Ariz. Company serves 11,581 customers in a territory which has shown a normal and steady growth over a period of years. Company's properties are so situated that transmission lines can be extended and additional communities served.

Security.—Direct first mortgage on entire physical property, rights, privileges and franchises in the United States now owned or hereafter acquired, except as to lines existing on property hereafter acquired at the time of acquisition.

Earnings of Properties Now Owned—12 Months Ended June 30.

	1924.	1925.
Gross revenue.....	\$677,657	\$791,388
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes.....	456,324	514,850

Net available for Federal taxes, int. & deprec.... \$221,333 \$276,538
Present ann. int. requirements of entire funded debt (this issue)..... 120,000

Net earnings, as shown above, for the 12 months ended June 30 1925, were 2.3 times present annual interest requirements of the entire funded debt.

Sinking Fund.—Company agrees to deposit cash with the trustee on Oct. 1 1926 and annually thereafter, in an amount equal to 1% of the principal amount of Series A bonds at the time outstanding in each of the years 1926-1935, both inclusive, and 2% of said principal amount in each of the years 1936-1944 inclusive. These funds will be applied to the purchase of series A bonds at not exceeding the then current redemption price or to their redemption on the following interest date.

Management.—Entire outstanding capital stock (except directors' qualifying shares) is owned by General Power & Light Co.

Berlin City Electric Co. (Berliner Stadtische Elektrizitatswerke Aktien-Gesellschaft), Germany.—Notes Sold.—Hallgarten & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co., Lehman Bros. and J. & W. Seligman & Co. have sold \$3,000,000 6½% notes. Unconditionally guaranteed as to payment of principal and interest, by endorsement on each note, by Berlin City Gas Co. (Berliner Stadtische Gaswerke Aktien-Gesellschaft). The 1928 maturity was offered at 99 and int. to yield over 7% and the 1929 maturity at 98½ and int. to yield over 7%.

Dated Feb. 1 1926; due \$1,000,000 Feb. 1 1928 and \$2,000,000 Feb. 1 1929. Principal and int. (F. & A.) payable in N. Y. City at office of

Hallgarten & Co., in U. S. gold coin, free from all present or future German taxes. Denom. \$1,000. Callable all or part on any int. date upon not less than 6 months' notice, at par and int., with a premium of ¼% for each unexpired year or fraction thereof. Bank of America, N. Y. City, registrar.

The two companies (Berliner Stadtische Elektrizitatswerke A.-G. and Berliner Stadtische Gaswerke A.-G.) were organized by the City of Berlin, Germany, in 1923, for the purpose of separately operating the electrical and gas works formerly operated by the City, all the stock of both companies being owned by the City of Berlin. The first installation of electrical Works was made in 1884, and of gas works in 1825. Berlin has a population of approximately 4,000,000 and is the third largest city in the world. The electric company supplies about 80% and the gas company about 75% of the total consumption of the city in their respective fields.

Electric Company.—Present capacity of plants over 205,000 kw. and it also purchases a substantial amount of additional current. Company is now engaged in expanding its plants and constructing an additional one to be ready by Oct. 1926, which will make the total generating capacity of 400,000 kw. The distribution lines have a total extent of about 6,600 miles. Current is supplied for domestic use as well as for the local street and underground railroad and for numerous industrial plants in the city and surrounding territory.

Sales in 1924 amounted to over 462,000,000 kwh., and for 1925 were over 662,000,000 kwh. The number of customers during 1924 increased from 216,333 to 273,787, a gain of 57,454 (25%), and in 1925 again increased to 358,669, a gain of 84,882 (30%).

Gas Company.—Supplies gas for domestic and industrial use, its plants having a daily capacity of over 64,000,000 cubic feet. Sales in 1924 amounted to about 11,200,000,000 cu. ft. and in 1925 to about 13,800,000,000 cu. ft.

Rates.—The City of Berlin (which owns all the stock of both companies) has agreed that rates for both services will be sufficient to cover operating expenses, rental (8% of gross), depreciation, interest and amortization of loans, and to provide necessary working capital.

Earnings.—Net earnings of the electric company in 1924 after all expenses, including heavy charges for depreciation, reserves, etc., were over \$4,500,000, and for 1925 are estimated to be about the same as in 1924. Such earnings were at the rate of over 7 times maximum interest requirements applicable to the guaranty were in 1924 over \$1,800,000 and for 1925 about \$2,000,000. No allowance for the introduction of this new money has been made in the above figures. It is expected that the additional facilities provided out of the proceeds of this loan and the European loan hereinafter referred to, will add substantially to earning power upon completion.

Funded Debt.—The gas company has no funded debt, but the electric company has recently secured a loan in Europe of 30,000,000 Swiss francs (about \$6,000,000), due in 1940, the proceeds of the European loan and of this loan being used only in the construction of additional generating capacity. The European loan is the obligation of the electric company and not secured by mortgage.

Taxes.—This 6½% loan is to be free of all German taxes, local, state and national, present or future, and the notes are to be payable, principal and interest, in United States gold coin at the office of Hallgarten & Co., New York City. The electric company has agreed that if during the life of this loan it shall pledge any of its revenues as security for any other loan, these notes shall be equally and ratably secured thereunder.

Daves Plan.—Neither of the companies is directly liable for payments under the Daves plan, but each shares with the other departments of the City of Berlin in the legal obligations for the execution of the plan. This obligation for the entire city for the year ending in Sept., 1926, amounts to \$475,000, increasing to a maximum annual payment in 1928 of \$1,150,000. This total is, however, divided among some 75 departments, including such income producing activities as waterworks, tramways, subways, harbor works, warehouses, markets, etc., in a proportion not yet determined.—V. 122, p. 746.

California Oregon Power Co.—Consolidation.

The arrangement for the consolidation of the California Oregon Power Co. with the California Power Corp. (the latter company being controlled by H. M. Byllesby & Co.) has become effective and the exchange of the stock owned by the stockholders of the California Oregon Power Co. for the securities of the new company has been made as of Feb. 1 1926. There has been no change in the corporate structure of the California Oregon Power Co. and no change in its operating personnel.

Paul B. McKee, vice-president and general manager of the latter company, together with the other members of the organization, who have been associated with him in the past will continue in the same capacity. J. D. Grant and John D. McKee have resigned as chairman of the board and president respectively, but will continue as members of the board of directors. J. J. O'Brien (president of H. M. Byllesby & Co.) has been elected president of the California Oregon Power Co.

A list of the directors as now constituted, is as follows: Halford Erickson; R. J. Graf; J. D. Grant; R. G. Hunt (Vice-Pres.); Samuel Kahn; J. J. O'Brien (Pres.); John D. McKee; Paul B. McKee (Vice-Pres. and Gen. Mgr.); and George N. Rooker. P. O. Crawford is Vice-President and Chief Engineer. W. M. Shepard is Vice-Pres. and Gen. Agent and Darwin G. Tyree is Secretary.

See also California Power Corp. below.

All of the outstanding 1st & ref. mtge. 7½% gold bonds, series A, due Feb. 1 1941, were redeemed as of Feb. 1 1926 at 110 and int.—V. 122, p. 746.

California Power Corp.—Organized.

This company was incorporated last month in California with an authorized capital of \$3,000,000, to acquire the stock of the California Oregon Power Co. Samuel Kahn, Executive Vice-President of the Market Street Ry. of San Francisco is President of the new company. See also California Oregon Power Co. above.

Cape & Vineyard Electric Co.—Par Value Changed.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities has authorized the company to increase its authorized capital stock from \$750,000 (all one class), par \$100, to \$750,000 common, par \$25, and \$550,000 6% preferred stock. The preferred stock is to be offered at par (\$100), the proceeds to be used to pay for capital expenditures, &c.—V. 120, p. 2814.

Catskill Power Corp.—Consolidation Approval.

See Orange County Public Service Co., Inc., below.—V. 120, p. 3312.

Central Crosstown RR.—Plan Operative.

The committee for the first mortgage 6% 40-year bonds announces that the plan of reorganization or readjustment has been consummated by the purchase in foreclosure of the mortgaged property, its transfer to New York Railways Corp. (the new operating company) and the issue of that company's \$250,000 6% central crosstown purchase bonds in part payment thereof.

Holders of certificates of deposit issued under the deposit agreement dated Oct. 30 1922 and holders of un deposited old Central Crosstown bonds upon surrender thereof, on or after Jan. 30 1926, to U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co., the depository of the committee, will be entitled to receive for each \$1,000 of old Central Crosstown bonds (accompanied by the coupon due Nov. 1 1922) so surrendered or represented by such surrendered certificates of deposit (1) \$800 New York Railways Corp. Central Crosstown purchase bonds bearing interest at rate of 6% per annum, and (2) \$404.50 in cash (being \$200 on account of principal and \$204.50 on account of interest). The new Central Crosstown purchase bonds are dated as of May 1 1925 are payable May 1 1940 and will bear coupon No. 2 maturing May 1 1926. The value of the first coupon on the new bonds, which matured Nov. 1 1925 is included in the \$404.50 cash item above mentioned.

The Seaboard National Bank of the City of New York has been appointed trustee under indenture securing Central Crosstown purchase bonds due May 1 1940 of New York Railways Co.—V. 121, p. 1675.

Cities Service Co.—Total Appliance Sales.

The new business departments' reports of the utility companies of Cities Service Co. for 1925 show total appliance and installation sales of \$7,731,842. These sales represent an increase of 35% over the sales of the previous year. The 1925 sales of appliances and installations were made on a basis of \$12.20 per customer.—V. 122, p. 747.

Citizens Gas Co. (of Indianapolis).—Pays One-Half of Deferred Dividends—To Reduce Gas Rates.

The directors in December decided to pay stockholders one-half of all the deferred Common dividends (which totaled \$6.50 a share), these dividends having accrued in the years 1921, 1922 and 1923. The directors

also declared a further dividend of 1% for 1925, which with the 9% previously declared, makes a total of dividend payments for the year of 10%, the limit which the Common stock is permitted to earn. These distributions were made on Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 15. The company has 80,000 shares of Common stock (par \$25) outstanding.

A voluntary reduction in gas rates amounting to an annual saving of \$168,000 to consumers was recently decided on by the directors, according to C. L. Kirk, Vice-President and General Manager. The reduction will be accomplished by making effective on March 1 1926 a discount of 10 cents for each 1,000 cu. ft. from the gross rate applicable to all steps for prompt payment of bills, instead of the present discount of 5 cents, which is applicable to only the first 10,000 cu. ft. of gas consumed.

This is the second time since Jan. 1 1924 that the company has voluntarily made a reduction in the gas charges to its consumers.—V. 122, p. 479.

Counties Gas & Electric Co., Philadelphia.—Merger.
See Philadelphia Suburban Gas & Electric Co. below.—V. 120, p. 3185.

Denver Tramway Co.—Proceeds of Sale.

Pursuant to a final decree of foreclosure made Aug. 7 1925, Henry A. Dubbs, special master, will on Feb. 15 at the office of International Trust Co., Denver, Colo., distribute the proceeds of the foreclosure sale made Sept. 11 1925 by payment in cash or credit on the purchase price as follows:

To the holders of interest coupons maturing Nov. 1 1920, May 1 1921, Nov. 1 1921, May 1 1922, Nov. 1 1922, May 1 1923, Nov. 1 1923, May 1 1924, Nov. 1 1924 and May 1 1925, respectively, on bonds each of \$500 principal amount, secured by the 1st & ref. sinking fund mtge. of the Denver City Tramway Co., dated Nov. 1 1908, and to holders of interest coupons maturing on the same dates, respectively, on bonds each of \$500 principal amount, secured by the 1st and collateral mtge. of the Denver & Northwestern Ry., dated May 1 1902, payments will be made or credit given on each such coupon in the consecutive order of maturity named in the amounts of \$16.15 69, \$15.38, \$15.07, \$14.74, \$14.44, \$14.13, \$13.82, \$13.50 and \$13.19, respectively. To the holders of interest coupons maturing on the aforesaid dates, respectively, on bonds each of \$1,000 principal amount, secured by either of said mortgages, payments will be made or credit given on each such coupon in the said consecutive order of maturity in the amounts of \$32.01, \$31.39, \$30.76, \$30.14, \$29.51, \$28.89, \$28.26, \$27.64, \$27.01 and \$26.39, respectively. On the principal of the bonds, including \$6,000 of scrip, of the Denver City Tramway Co., payments will be made or credit given at the rate of \$106.20 for each \$1,000 of principal amount, and on the principal of the bonds of the Denver & Northwestern Ry., payments will be made or credit given at the rate of \$106.84, for each \$1,000 of principal amount.—V. 121, p. 1568, 1460.

Eastern Massachusetts Street Ry.—Earnings.

[As filed with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities.]

Period	1925—3 Mos.	1924—12 Mos.	1925—12 Mos.	1924—12 Mos.
Ry. oper. revenue	\$2,354,277	\$2,398,360	\$9,403,889	\$9,745,762
Ry. oper. expenses	1,804,794	1,813,085	7,259,710	7,515,772
Net from operations	\$549,483	\$585,275	\$2,144,179	\$2,229,989
Net after taxes	455,473	491,513	1,795,851	1,881,220
Gross income	513,968	557,931	2,030,143	2,164,056
Deductions	318,963	333,521	1,291,820	1,362,658
Net income	\$195,005	\$224,411	\$738,322	\$801,398
Dividends	2,362	1,386	868,309	723,602
Balance, surplus	\$192,643	\$223,025	def\$129,986	\$77,797

—V. 121, p. 2749.

Electrical Securities Corp.—Bonds Sold.—Bankers Trust Co., Jackson & Curtis, and Parkinson & Burr, are offering at 96½ and interest, to yield about 5.23%, \$1,000,000 Collateral Trust Sinking Fund 5% gold bonds (20th series).

Dated Jan. 2 1926; due Jan. 1 1956. Denom. \$1,000 c*. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable without deduction for Federal normal income tax up to 2%, at Guaranty Trust Co., New York, trustee. Redeemable, all or part, at 103 and interest on any interest date upon 21 days' option. For details concerning corporation see V. 122, p. 609.

Freeport (Ill.) Gas Co.—Consolidation.
See Illinois Public Utility Co. below.—V. 121, p. 977.

General Gas & Electric Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Consolidated Income Account Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.

Operating revenue	\$20,982,563
Operating expenses and taxes	10,341,273
Maintenance and depreciation	3,384,633
Rentals	403,638
Operating income	\$6,853,019
Other income	479,569
Total income	\$7,332,588
Deduct—Int. on funded debt subsidiary companies	3,324,282
Int. on funded debt of Gen. Gas & Elec. Corp.	172,208
Other interest and miscellaneous	175,608
Amortization of debt discount and expense	262,477
Net income	\$3,398,013
Surplus Jan. 1 1925, incl. surplus of cos. acquired during year	\$5,258,063
Profit on sale of securities and miscellaneous	389,167
Total income	\$9,045,243
Deduct—Dividends, subsidiary companies	\$1,435,507
Dividends General Gas & Elec. Corp.	1,014,419
Additional depreciation	530,007
Miscellaneous deductions	606,995
Surplus Dec. 31 1925	\$5,458,315

The above statements are subject to adjustment, if necessary, in connection with final closing of books for the year 1925.—V. 122, p. 610, 213.

General Public Service Corp.—Listing.

The Boston Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 150,000 shares (authorized 1,000,000 shares), no par value common stock, with authority to add thereto, on notice of payment in full, 250,000 additional shares, and with further authority to add 156,250 shares as issued in exchange for convertible Preferred shares of the company.

Income Statement, 12 Months Ending Dec. 31.

	1925.	1924.
Dividends on investment stocks	\$366,651	\$347,960
Revenue interest	5,484	4,486
Interest record on bonds and notes owned	58,375	28,266
Total	\$430,511	\$380,713
Expenses	\$8,846	\$8,220
Taxes	11,203	9,657
Sundry interest	337	—
Net earnings	\$410,124	\$362,834

Compare also V. 122, p. 479.

Georgia-Alabama Power Co.—Sale.

The sale of the property of the company to the South Georgia Power Co., a subsidiary of the Columbus Electric & Power Co. was announced on Jan. 29. Payment for the property already has been made, and distribution of the proceeds among holders of the general mortgage 6-8% bonds will be made. Under the following terms the holder of each \$1,000 general mortgage bond (total outstanding issue being \$2,252,000) will receive \$802.66 in cash, in addition to which there may be some further small sum due, the amount of which cannot be ascertained until final figures as of Dec. 31 1925, are available.—V. 122, p. 213.

Harlem Valley Electric Corp.—Proposed Acquisitions.
The corporation has applied to the New York P. S. Commission for authority to acquire the Carmel Light & Power Co., the Chatham Electric Light, Heat & Power Co., the Lebanon Valley Lighting Co., Inc. of Canaan, the Morgan & Wyman Electric Light & Power Co. of Dover Plains, George Juengst & Sons of Croton Falls, the Katonah Lighting Co., and the Amenia

Electric Light & Power Co. The commission in May 1925 denied permission for the purchase of these companies by the Harlem Valley Electric Corp. because it was proposed to sell the stock of that company to the Consumers' Electric Service Corp., organized under the laws of Delaware.—See V. 120, p. 3064.

Hartford Electric Light Co.—Annual Report.

President S. Ferguson says in part: Directors are fully cognizant of the tendency toward mergers and consolidations which has prevailed in the industry during the past year, but none of the suggestions or proposals made to date would seem to offer any material advantage to the stockholders to offset the higher price of current to them and to the public which must result from the recapitalization of the company on a much larger scale by a possible purchaser if the sale were to be effected at or above the present market prices.

If, however, a minor mutual financial interest in each other's companies, of the same nature as exists between the Hartford Electric Light Co., and the Connecticut Power Co., could be arranged to a greater or less extent between companies interchanging power, the officers would look upon it with favor, as tending to promote harmony of operation between companies having such a community of interest.

By far the most important merger which has taken place during the past year, involved the reorganization of the New England Power Co. into the New England Power Association, and the acquiring of interest in the same by the Power Corp. of New York, the International Paper Co., Stone & Webster Co., and by the Boston Edison and various other New England utility companies.

The stock of the Power Corp. of New York, as well as that company's holdings in the New England Power Association (comprising a one-third interest) have in turn been combined with that company's holdings in the Mohawk Power Corp. and the Buffalo Niagara & Eastern Power Corp. to form a holding company under the name of the North Eastern Power Co. The North Eastern Power Co. thus owns a material interest in the securities of a series of operating companies, whose properties form an interconnected system reaching from Niagara Falls to Boston.

Directors could see no advantage to accrue to stockholders from becoming an integral part of such a combination; it did, however, seem very desirable that this company, the Connecticut Power Co., the United Electric Light Co. of Springfield, and the Turners Falls Power & Electric Co. of Turners Falls, Mass., should have an interest in it, since undoubtedly, very material exchanges of power between the New England Power Association and these companies will take place in the future. With this in view, a subscription on behalf of these four companies to the common stock of the New England Power Association, amounting to \$1,000,000, has been made. This subscription, while amounting to only a 4% interest in that company, is sufficient to entitle us to information relative to its future plans, and to a representation on the board.

Earnings for Calendar Years.

	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Total sales elec. current	\$4,676,700	\$4,724,400	\$4,718,000	\$4,066,200
Expenses	2,277,900	2,267,700	2,522,600	2,116,100
Taxes	370,000	385,000	340,000	276,000
Balance	\$2,028,800	\$2,071,700	\$1,855,400	\$1,674,100
Other income	144,300	128,500	162,000	162,600
Total income	\$2,173,100	\$2,200,200	\$2,017,400	\$1,836,700
Interest & dividends	1,381,900	1,350,100	1,341,600	1,397,700
Bal. for res. & surplus	\$791,200	\$850,100	\$675,800	\$439,000

*After returning to customers the sum of \$225,000 in the form of 50% reduction on their October bills.

Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Fixed capital	17,225,000	16,649,700	Common stock	10,000,000	10,000,000
Cash	1,457,600	558,100	Preferred stock	2,000,000	2,000,000
Other assets	3,437,800	3,546,700	Prep. on cap. stk.	750,000	750,000
			Notes	4,000,000	3,000,000
			Other liabilities	623,400	917,400
Tot. (each side)	22,120,400	20,752,500	Res. & surplus	4,747,000	4,085,100

—V. 122, p. 748.

Hartford & Springfield St. Ry.—Move to Foreclose.

Proceedings looking to the foreclosure of the property of the company, of which Harrison B. Freeman is receiver, were begun Feb. 1. State Treasurer Ernest E. Rogers, trustee for the holders of \$600,000 bonds, was given permission by Judge Marvin of the Superior Court, to make the receiver, who is an officer of the court, a party defendant to an action to foreclose the mortgage.

This action is part of a program suggested by Judge Allyn L. Brown of the Superior Court, to reorganize the road and put it on a more profitable basis. The company is at present engaged largely in a bus business, which is said to have proved profitable.

The company has failed to pay the semi-annual interest due on the bonds since July 1 1918 when the company went into receivership.—V. 121, p. 329.

Illinois Public Utility Co.—Proposed Consolidation.

The company has applied to the Illinois Commerce Commission for permission to consolidate and operate the following companies: the Albion Electric Light & Gas Co.; the Atwood Electric Light & Power; the Atlanta Electric Light & Power; the Bement Electric Light & Power; the Freeport Gas Co.; the Homer Electric Light & Power; the Philo Electric Light & Power; the Lincoln Water & Gas Co. and the Mt. Pulaski Light, Heat & Power Co.

The company also applied for permission to issue \$2,250,000 of bonds, with above properties as security, and to issue 20,000 shares no par capital stock.—V. 122, p. 748.

International Power Securities Corp.—Bonds Sold.

Aldred & Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., Bankers Trust Co., Minsch, Monell & Co., Inc., New York, and the First National Corp. of Boston, have sold at 100 and int. \$5,000,000 10-year 7% secured gold bonds, series D (with stock purchase warrants).

Dated Jan. 1 1926; due Jan. 1 1936. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable in U. S. gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness in Borough of Manhattan, N. Y. City. Red. all or part on any int. date, prior to maturity, on 30 days' notice, at 105 and int. on or before July 1 1930; at 102½ and int. after July 1 1930, and on or before July 1 1932; and thereafter until maturity at 101 and int. Denom. \$1,000 c*. Bankers Trust Co., New York, trustee.

Sinking Fund.—A sinking fund will be provided sufficient to retire over one-third of this issue by maturity, the company having the right to purchase bonds in the open market for this purpose or to call them by lot at the prices stated in the provisions for redemption.

Data from Letter of J. E. Aldred, President of the Company.

Company.—Incorp. in 1923 in Delaware. Was organized by prominent American interests primarily to acquire carefully selected securities and obligations of leading gas, electric light and power companies operating in the United States or foreign countries. Corporation's present authorized and subscribed capitalization is \$5,000,000, of which \$1,000,000 has been paid in cash, the balance being subject to call. In addition to the \$5,000,000 series D bonds constituting this issue, the company has outstanding \$4,000,000 series B 6½% bonds due Dec. 1 1954, and \$10,000,000 series C 6½% bonds due Dec. 1 1955.

Security.—These bonds will be a direct obligation of International Power Securities Corp. and will be specifically secured by the obligation of the Italian Gas Co. and three of its most important subsidiaries in the principal amount of \$5,000,000, payable in United States gold coin. The indenture evidencing the obligation of the contracting Italian companies will provide, as additional security, for the deposit with the trustee of certain shares of some of the contracting and other allied operating companies, the present market value of which shares is estimated by Italian bankers at \$10,380,000. The current dividends paid on the stock to be pledged are alone more than sufficient to cover the interest requirements on these bonds. All of the contracting companies and the companies whose stock will be pledged are, in the opinion of Italian counsel, free from mortgage debt; and the contracting Italian companies will covenant to place no mortgage on their properties while the obligation securing this issue is outstanding.

Italian Gas Co., Turin.—Organized in 1838 to manufacture and distribute gas in the City of Turin, but now both an operating and holding company.

the Italian Gas Co. is the largest and most successful in the gas and by-product chemical field in Italy. It has acquired controlling interests in most of the gas companies in the large industrial sections of northern Italy, operating in Milan, Turin, Venice, Florence, Savona, Alessandria and 22 other cities. Company also holds controlling interests in coke oven and by-product plants and other enterprises allied to the gas industry. The properties are well maintained and the equipment and machinery are adequate and efficient. The territory served in these cities and towns comprises a population of over 2,500,000.

Purpose.—As a result of this financing, the Italian Gas Co. will be supplied with funds to pay off its entire floating indebtedness, to extend its plants and for general corporate purposes.

Earnings.—Net earnings of the Italian Gas Co. for the fiscal year ending March 31 1926, available for interest will be, it is estimated, not less than 25,000,000 lire (\$1,000,000) based on actual figures up to Jan. 1 1926, or over 2.8 times total annual interest requirements.

Listed.—Bonds listed on Boston Stock Exchange.

Equity.—The capital stock of the Italian Gas Co. paid dividends in 1924 of 20% and is currently paying at the rate of 25%. It is listed on the Bourse in Milan, Genoa, Rome, and Turin, and at current quotations has an indicated valuation of more than \$17,800,000. Since May 1925 the price range in lire has been high 550, low 280, present 344.

Stock Purchase Warrants.—Each \$1,000 bond of this issue will bear a stock purchase warrant entitling the holder to purchase 20 shares (par 100 lire each) of the stock of the Societa Italiana per il Gas at 420 lire per share for stock subscribed for after March 31 1926 and through Dec. 31 1926; at 430 lire during 1927; at 440 lire during 1928; at 450 lire during 1929; and at 460 lire during 1930. For subscriptions before Jan. 1 1927 warrants must be presented with the bonds to which they were attached. All shares of stock so subscribed for will earn dividends from the first of April of the calendar year within which subscription and payment therefor are made.

Conversions made from lire to dollars at approximate prevailing rate of exchange of 4c. per lira. Par of exchange equals 19.3c. per lira.

Directors are: J. E. Aldred, A. W. Burchard, C. A. Coffin, Arthur V. Davis, J. W. Lieb, Sir Herbert S. Holt, Howard Murray, Comm. Carlo Orsi, Albert Petsche, F. P. Royce, Philip Stockton, A. A. Tilney, A. H. Titus, J. A. Walls, D. G. Wing.—V. 122, p. 748.

International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.—Bonds.
J. P. Morgan & Co. are now prepared to deliver definitive 20-year 5½% convertible gold debenture bonds, due Sept. 1 1945 in exchange for interim receipts now outstanding. (For offering, See V. 121, p. 977).—V. 122, p. 610.

Kentucky Light & Power Co.—Merger.—
See Kentucky Utilities Co. below.

Kentucky Utilities Co.—New Financing.—
The company has sold \$4,000,000 first mortgage lien 5% bonds, series G, due Feb. 1 1961, to Halsey, Stuart & Co. and A.B. Leach & Co., Inc. The company has purchased the properties of the Paducah Electric Co. and the Kentucky Light & Power Co. The two companies have heretofore been controlled by the latter organization. In connection with this financing two issues of bonds are to be called, viz.: \$1,281,000 Paducah Electric Co. first mtge. 6% bonds, due Jan. 1 1938, and the Kentucky Light & Power Co. first mtge. 6% bonds, due March 1 1931.—V. 122, p. 480.

Key System Transit Co., Oakland, Calif.—Bonds Offered.—The bankers named below are offering at 97½ and int., to yield 5.78%, \$2,500,000 1st mtge. 5½% gold bonds, series C, dated Oct. 1 1925, due July 1 1938.

Bankers Making Offering.—E. H. Rollins & Sons, National City Co. of California, Amercan Securities Co., Mercantile Securities of California, Blyth, Witter & Co., the Oakland Bank, Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc. Peirce, Fair & Co., Wm. Cavalier & Co., Anglo-London-Paris Co., Central National Bank of Oakland.—V. 122, p. 611.

Lehigh Power Securities Corp.—Transfer Agent.—
The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent for the 130,000 shares of \$6 preferred stock and 3,104,450 shares of common stock of no par value.—V. 122, p. 611.

Lower Austrian Hydro-Electric Power Co. (Newag).—Earnings, &c.—
F. J. Lisman & Co. have received the following statement from the head office of the company in Vienna:

	Sept. '25.	Oct. '25.	Nov. '25.
Power sold (k. w. h.)	2,313,621	2,597,400	2,601,117
Surplus sold to Vienna City	1,740,300	1,076,676	1,224,106
Total power sold (k. w. h.)	4,053,921	3,674,076	3,825,223
Statement of Revenue		Nov. '25.	11 Mos.
Gross operating income		\$70,838	\$598,210
Operating expense		27,091	316,362
Net applicable to interest		\$43,747	\$281,848
Bond interest		16,250	178,750

Middle West Utilities Co.—Prior Lien Stock Placed on an 8% Annual Dividend Basis.—The directors on Feb. 8 declared a quarterly dividend of 2% on the prior lien stock, payable March 15 to holders of record Feb. 27. While the prior lien stock, of which there is \$23,547,500 outstanding, is only a 7% cumulative preferred issue, it is entitled to 1% extra if the common receives more than \$5 per share in any calendar year. Chairman Samuel Insull recently announced that the company was in a position to pay \$6 per share on the common stock. The next payment on the latter issue will be made May 15. See V. 122, p. 480.

To Increase Capital Stock.—
The stockholders will vote March 30 on increasing the authorized capital stock from 900,000 shares to 1,750,000 shares. Of the increase 200,000 shares are to be \$100 par prior lien stock; 200,000 shares are to be \$100 par value preferred stock, and 450,000 shares no par common stock. The directors also decided to recommend that the calling price of the prior lien stock be increased to \$125 from \$115 a share and the calling price of the preferred stock be increased to \$120 from \$105 a share.—V. 122, p. 480.

Milwaukee Electric Ry. & Light Co.—Earnings.—

	1925.	1924.
Operating revenues	\$23,992,653	\$22,559,912
Operating expenses	14,415,619	14,169,176
Depreciation	1,847,078	1,627,102
Taxes	2,160,756	1,757,306
Net operating revenues	\$5,569,200	\$5,006,327
Non-operating revenues	357,675	252,884
Gross income	\$5,926,876	\$5,259,211
Interest charges	3,088,044	2,933,490
Net income	\$2,838,832	\$2,325,721

—V. 122, p. 611.

Minnesota Electric Distributing Co.—Acquisitions.—
The company absorbed on Jan. 1 last the properties of the Red River Valley Power Co., Crookston, Minn., and the Minnesota Electric Light & Power Co., Bemidji, Minn., and will operate these properties in conjunction with the present system. This consolidation gives the Minnesota Electric Distributing Co. two hydro-electric plants and a steam turbine plant at Crookston, Minn., one hydro-electric plant on the Mississippi River, near Bemidji, a new steam turbine plant at Bemidji and an oil engine plant at Hollock, Minn.—V. 119, p. 2878.

Minnesota Electric Light & Power Co.—Control.—
See Minnesota Electric Distributing Co. above.—V. 118, p. 2313.

Mississippi Power Co.—Listed.—
The Boston Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$4,000,000 1st and ref. mtge. gold bonds, 5% series, dated Sept. 1 1925, and due Sept. 1 1955. (See offering in V. 121, p. 979).

Income Account, 11 Months Ended Nov. 30 1925.

Operating revenue, \$1,117,536; operating expenses, \$567,550;	
net operating income	\$549,985
Non-operating income	141,433
Total income	\$691,418
Fixed & other charges	\$216,561
Preferred stock dividend accrued	109,376
Balance, surplus	\$365,483

—V. 121, p. 1102.

National Public Service Corp.—Pref. Stock Offered.—
A syndicate headed by Howe, Snow & Bertles, Inc., and H. E. Fitkin & Co. are offering \$1,250,000 7% cum. series A pref. (a. & d.) stock at 95 and div. to yield about 7.37%.

Fully paid and non-assessable. Exempt from the present normal Federal income tax. Dividends payable Q.-J. Red. 1 after three years from date of issuance all or part upon at least 30 days' notice at 115 and divs. Entitled to \$100 per share and divs. in the event of liquidation. Transfer agent: Equitable Trust Co., New York; Registrar: New York Trust Co., New York.

Data from Letter of Pres. A. E. Fitkin, Feb. 1 1926.
Corporation.—Owns the entire common stock of Jersey Central Power & Light Co., Virginia Western Power Co., Florida Power Corp., Waycross Ice & Cold Storage Co., Kennett Gas Co., Eastern Shore Gas & Electric Co. and Virginia Northern Power Co.; more than 90% of the common stock of Tide Water Power Co.; and more than 96% of the common stock of Municipal Service Co.

Jersey Central Power & Light Co. owns and operates electric power and light and gas properties in New Jersey, including a portion of the great metropolitan district tributary and suburban to New York City, as well as a section of the New Jersey coast communities, and through a subsidiary operates the water service in Lakewood.

Tide Water Power Co. operates the electric power and light, gas and street railway business in Wilmington, N. C., and surrounding territory, and through a subsidiary, the Pinellas County Power Co., operates electric power and light business in St. Petersburg and in various other rapidly growing communities in Florida.

Florida Power Corp. owns and operates a hydro-electric station of an installed capacity of 5,380 h. p. The surplus output of this plant is sold at wholesale to the Pinellas County Power Co.

Municipal Service Co. owns or controls local operating public utility companies serving with electric light and power, gas, ice and (or) steam, communities in Pennsylvania, Virginia and Georgia, and through its subsidiaries, operates profitably electric railway and bus systems in sections of Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Virginia Western Power Co. serves with electric light and power 15 communities in Virginia and West Virginia, including Charlottesville, Staunton, Clifton Forge and Hinton, with a total population of 69,100. It also operates a street railway system in Charlottesville. The plants of the company have an installed electric generating capacity of 22,295 h. p. Company operates 223 miles of high tension transmission lines.

Eastern Shore Gas & Electric Co. furnishes electric light and power and gas service to 38 communities with a combined population of 52,000 in the States of Delaware and Maryland.

Through these local operating companies, National Public Service Corp. furnishes electric light and power, gas, steam and (or) water to a population estimated at over 1,450,434 in 516 communities, serving 153,017 electric, 28,901 gas, 1,506 water, and 456 steam customers. The electric railway and bus systems serve a population of over 674,000.

Properties.—The electrical systems have installed generating capacity of 151,411 h. p., and transmission systems of 1,445 miles of high tension lines. The gas properties include generating plants of a daily capacity of 15,770,000 cu. ft., with 519 miles of gas mains. The water properties have a capacity of 5,384,000 gallons per day and a distributing system consisting of 29 miles of water mains. The electric railway properties consist of 315 equivalent miles of single track. During the year ended Nov. 30 1925 the total electric output of the properties was 279,291,712 k. w. h. and there were made 1,106,423,000 cu. ft. of gas.

Capitalization.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
6¼% sink. fund coll. trust gold bonds, series A	a	\$12,750,000
Pref. stock, 7% cum. particip. (par \$100)	\$5,000,000	3,923,300
Pref. stock, 7% cum. series A (par \$100)	15,000,000	5,250,000
Class A common stock (no par value)	500,000shs.	193,303shs.
Class B common stock (no par value)	500,000shs.	296,721shs.

The issuance of additional bonds is limited in accordance with the terms and restrictions of the trust indenture.

Upon completion of this financing the National Public Service Corp. and subsidiary companies will have outstanding in the hands of the public \$62,777,700 of bonds, and \$21,297,880 of preferred stocks in addition to less than 4% of the common stock of Municipal Service Co.; approximately 10% of the common stock of Tide Water Power Co. and 2,059 shares of other subsidiary company common stocks.

Earnings 12 Months Ended Nov. 30 1925.

Gross earnings of subsidiaries	\$19,786,939
Operating expenses, including maintenance, taxes, &c.	11,835,752
Net earnings	\$7,951,187
a Prior charges of subsidiary companies	5,511,308
Balance	\$2,835,879
Annual interest requirements of \$12,750,000 30-year 6¼% sinking fund collateral trust gold bonds	828,750
Balance after depreciation	\$2,007,129

a Comprising interest on funded debt in hands of public, dividends on preferred stocks in hands of public, minority common stockholders' interest and provision for depreciation.

b Not including interest on \$1,150,000 notes of Keystone Public Service Corp. and subsidiaries, which are non-interest bearing up to Jan. 1 1926. The balance of \$2,007,129 after depreciation but before preferred dividends, during the 12 months ended Nov. 30 1925, was in excess of 3.12 times the dividend requirements on the total preferred stock outstanding, including this additional issue.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used in partial payment for properties recently acquired for additional working capital.

Management.—The operations are under the supervision of General Engineering & Management Corp.—V. 122, p. 481.

Natural Gas & Fuel Corp.—Acquires Acreage.—
This corporation, a Cities Service Co. petroleum subsidiary, has acquired about 4,000 acres of oil and gas properties in La Salle and Winn Parishes, La., from the Urania Petroleum Co., Henry L. Doherty & Co., announces. While the purchase price was not made public, the property has been held at between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000.

In addition to the 4,000 acres just purchased, the Natural Gas & Fuel Corp. has about 200 acres in the Urania field. The company has recently brought in at 1,500 feet a well Tullon No. 3 which has made 6,000 barrels Coastal Grade A in the first 28 hours.

The Cities Service Co. last year acquired a two-thirds interest in the Natural Gas & Fuel Corp. from Col. T. H. Barton, of El Dorado, Ark., who retains a large interest and is President of the company.—V. 121, p. 75.

New England Public Service Co.—Acquisition.—
The company has purchased the Jones & Linscott Electric Co. at Lancaster, N. H. The property is being linked with that of the Twin State Gas & Electric Co. at Berlin and St. Johnsbury, Vt.—V. 122, p. 481.

North Boston Lighting Properties.—Rights.—
The preferred and common stockholders of record Feb. 9 have been given the right to subscribe for 48,104 additional shares of common stock (no par value) at \$80 per share, on the basis of one new share for each four shares now held. There is at present outstanding 114,040 shares of 6% preferred stock and 78,378 shares of no par common stock. The proceeds are to be used to pay indebtedness incurred in the acquisition of stock of the several companies in which the North Boston Lighting Properties has a controlling interest.—V. 122, p. 749.

Niagara Lockport & Ont. Power Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings
Consolidated Statement of Operations 3 Months & 12 Mos. Ended Dec. 31.

	1925—3 Mos.—	1924—3 Mos.—	1925—12 Mos.—	1924—12 Mos.—
Sales of electric energy	\$1,935,726	\$1,661,820	\$6,949,537	\$5,971,741
Cost of energy sold	602,598	547,721	2,268,537	2,040,707
Gross profit from sales	\$1,333,128	\$1,114,098	\$4,681,000	\$3,931,034
Operating expenses	321,776	235,191	1,124,916	879,589
Net earnings	\$1,011,352	\$878,907	\$3,556,085	\$3,051,445
Other income	34,476	17,248	129,769	81,009
Gross income	\$1,045,829	\$896,155	\$3,685,854	\$3,132,454
Taxes, rentals, &c.	137,060	75,181	591,376	515,207
Int. on long-term debt	239,750	221,987	968,297	944,248
Approp'ns to reserves	112,698	133,901	394,949	364,692
Surplus for period	\$556,321	\$465,086	\$1,731,232	\$1,308,308

—V. 121, p. 2157.

Northwestern Bell Telephone Co.—Probable Financing.
 It is reported that the company intends to issue, through its employees, \$5,000,000 of 6½% preferred stock. The company at present has no preferred stock outstanding and its \$65,000,000 of common stock is all owned by the American Telephone & Telegraph Co.—V. 120, p. 3188.

Omnibus Corp.—Passengers Carried by Subsidiaries.

	1925.	1924.	
<i>Fifth Avenue Coach Co., N. Y.—</i>			
Month of December	5,065,700	4,700,197	
Twelve months ended Dec. 31	70,728,236	61,514,840	
(Operation of 5.4 miles of route in the Bronx began Oct. 10 1924 and of 5.93 miles in Queens on July 9 1925.)			
<i>Peoples Motor Bus Co., St. Louis—</i>			
Month of December	1,827,358	1,775,816	
Twelve months ended Dec. 31	23,814,797	12,709,404	
(Forty-three miles of new routes were opened in 1925 in St. Louis.)			
<i>Chicago Motor Coach Co.—</i>			
Month of December	3,767,933	3,649,461	
Twelve months ended Dec. 31	57,547,816	49,318,448	
(Operation on the west side of Chicago began in March 1924 and in the Rogers Park section in July 1925.)			
<i>Number of Revenue Passengers Carried by Subsidiaries During January.</i>			
	<i>Fifth Ave. Co.</i>	<i>Chicago Co.</i>	<i>Peoples Co.</i>
1926	4,873,935	3,731,800	1,810,138
1925	4,293,045	3,723,400	1,865,993

—V. 122, p. 612.

Orange County Public Service Co., Inc.—Merger.
 The consolidation of this company, the Rockland Light & Power Co. and the Catskill Power Corp. under the name of the Rockland Light & Power Co. has been approved by the stockholders of the three companies. A letter to the stockholders says in part: "The new company proposes further to develop its hydro facilities on the Mongaup River and provide adequate transmission facilities from the Mongaup River to its Orange County and Rockland County districts. This construction is necessary to take care of the rapidly increasing power needs of the company."—V. 121, p. 2157.

Paducah Electric Co.—Merger.
 See Kentucky Utilities Co. above.—V. 121, p. 2403.

Pennsylvania Gas & Electric Corp.—Initial Dividend.
 The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 37½¢ per share class "A" stock, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 20. The stockholders will also be given the opportunity of taking in lieu of cash additional class "A" stock at the rate of 1-40 of one share of such stock for each share now held. See also offering of stock in V. 121, p. 2753.

Philadelphia Company.—Tenders.
 The Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Feb. 16 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st ref. & collat. trust mtge. 6% gold bonds, series A, due Feb. 1 1944, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$462,564, at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 122, p. 214.

Philadelphia Electric Co.—Listing.
 The Philadelphia Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$13,956,550 additional full paid common stock, being part of a total of \$14,634,000 subject to issue account of stock allotment authorized Oct. 27 1925, making the total amount of common stock listed at Feb. 6 1926, \$88,999,200, par \$25.—V. 122, p. 749, 612.

Philadelphia Suburban Gas & Electric Co.—Merger.
 A despatch from West Chester, Pa., states that a merger has been effected between this company and the Counties Gas & Electric Co., effective Feb. 1 1926.—V. 120, p. 958.

Public Service Electric & Gas Co.—Output.
 The company's output of gas January 29 totaled 90,184,000 cu. ft., the largest send-out for one day in the history of the gas department. The previous high mark was Dec. 27 1925, when 85,990,000 cu. ft. were sent out.—V. 122, p. 749.

Public Service Transportation Co.—Capital Increased.
 The company has filed a certificate increasing its authorized capital stock from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000 shares, no par value. The increase was approved by the stockholders on Jan. 26 last.—V. 122, p. 95.

Rochester (N. Y.) & Lake Ontario Water Co.—Bonds Sold.
 J. G. White & Co., Inc., and P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., have sold at 95 and int. \$1,250,000 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, dated March 1 1903; due March 1 1933. This offering does not represent new financing on the part of the company.

Company—Incorp. in New York Dec. 30 1902. Supplies water to a large part of the suburban districts of Rochester, as well as to the newer parts of the city itself, which were originally a part of the company's suburban territory. Also supplies water at wholesale to the Village of Charlotte (now part of the 23rd Ward of Rochester) and to the Villages of Pittsford, East Rochester and Penfield. It also serves at wholesale 14 separate water districts. Company's franchises are reported to be unlimited and perpetual.

Company secures its water supply from Lake Ontario, and is equipped with a well maintained plant including pumping stations, standpipes, &c. The water is filtered before being delivered to the company's distributing system.

Capitalization (Dec. 31, 1925).

1st mtge. 5% bonds	\$1,661,000	
Capital stock (no par)	25,000shs.	
335,000 additional bonds held in treasury. Mortgage closed at \$2,500,000.		
Earnings. —Company's gross and net earnings (before Federal taxes) for the past five years have been as follows:		
	<i>Gross</i>	<i>Net</i>
1920	\$240,110	\$104,594
1921	249,167	110,276
1922	277,434	121,406
1923	\$341,528	\$162,566
1924	353,957	164,210

Preliminary figures furnished by the company for 1925, with one month estimated, are: gross, \$404,750; operating expenses and taxes, \$225,600; net, \$179,150; interest and other deductions, \$89,350; balance for Federal taxes, depreciation and surplus, \$89,800.—V. 106, p. 1800.

Rockland Light & Power Co.—Consolidation.
 See Orange County Public Service Co., Inc., above.—V. 120, p. 3316.

San Francisco-Sacramento RR.—Refinancing.
 An offer has been made to holders of \$788,000 6% bonds for an exchange for an issue of 6½% bonds and the payment to each bondholder of \$20 in cash for each \$1,000 bonds. The authorized amount of bonds is to be reduced from \$3,000,000 to \$2,000,000. There will be issued \$988,000 of new bonds, \$788,000 to be exchanged for the 6% bonds mentioned above

and \$200,000 to be taken by the Western Pacific RR. The purpose of the exchange is explained as follows:

"Your company has been able to make a contract with the Western Pacific RR. and the Sacramento Northern Ry. (electric), owned by the Western Pacific, which provides construction by the Sacramento Northern, at a cost of about \$450,000, of a 13-mile branch line from Lisbon through the Holland district; this branch to be owned by the Sacramento Northern and leased to the San Francisco-Sacramento on the basis of 6% of cost.

"It is the intention of the company, with the assistance of the Western Pacific, to make other freight producing extensions, including extensions in the town of Pittsburg to serve the Columbia Steel Co., the Redwood Manufacturing Co. and several other industrial enterprises, and to construct industrial tracks at other points.

"The Western Pacific contract includes a trackage agreement over the San Francisco-Sacramento, which must be free from any danger of cancellation through foreclosure of the San Francisco-Sacramento bonds. This result can be brought about only by the surrender of the present bonds."—V. 118, p. 1666.

South Georgia Power Co.—Acquisition.
 See Georgia-Alabama Power Co. above.—V. 122, p. 215.

Southern Gas & Power Corp.—Acquisitions.
 Control of four additional gas properties has been acquired by the corporation, including the Sabine Utilities Co. which in turn controls the Peoples Gas Co. of Port Arthur, Texas. This company's distributing system serves Port Arthur and suburbs, Port Neches and Nederland, Texas. This is the first Texas property the Southern Gas & Power Corp. has acquired. The other acquisitions are the Waynesboro (Pa.) Gas Co., the Conewago Gas Co., Hanover, Pa. and the Chambersburg (Pa.) Gas Co. The total value of the newly acquired properties is said to be \$1,598,000.—V. 122, p. 750.

Spring Brook Water Supply Co., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—Bonds Sold.
 First National Bank, Marshall Field, Gloré, Ward & Co., Green, Ellis & Anderson and Graham, Parsons & Co. have sold at 99 and int. \$5,300,000 additional 1st ref. mtge. 5% gold bonds. Dated April 1 1925; due April 1 1965 (see description in V. 120, p. 533).

Company.—Incorporated in Pennsylvania in 1896. Operates under perpetual franchises. Owns or controls an extensive gravity system of water supply and reservoirs in and about the Wyoming Valley, Pa., supplying 64,000 customers in the cities of Wilkes-Barre, Pittston and the south side of Scranton, and more than 40 other municipalities in the same district. Total population served approximately 375,000. The aggregate capacity of the company's reservoirs is 11,300,000,000 gallons, and there are more than 690 miles of pipe lines.

Security.—Upon retirement on April 1 1926 of the company's \$5,000,000 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds these bonds will be secured by a direct first mortgage, subject to \$1,000,000 underlying bonds, on all the physical properties of the company, which are conservatively carried on the company's books at over \$18,900,000, or more than twice the total mortgage debt. Bonds of this issue are reserved to refund the \$1,000,000 underlying bonds, and additional bonds may be issued only in accordance with the conservative restrictions of the mortgage.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used in part to reimburse the company for the retirement of \$300,000 underlying bonds which matured Jan. 1 1926 and to retire \$5,000,000 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds which will mature April 1 1926.

Capitalization (As of April 1 1926).

North Mountain Water Supply Co. 1st Mtge. 5s, 1933	\$1,000,000			
1st ref. mtge. gold bonds (inco. this issue)	7,800,000			
Capital stock (par \$100)	7,500,000			
<i>Earnings Years Ended Dec. 31.</i>				
	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Gross income	\$1,250,974	\$1,418,453	\$1,450,668	\$1,416,172
Net avail. for int., deprec. & Fed. taxes	874,844	1,029,681	1,069,544	1,018,577
Int. requirements of total funded debt, incl. this issue				440,000
Margin over present int. requirements				578,577

Company has never failed to earn a profit in any year since its incorporation in 1896 and has paid dividends continuously since 1903.—V. 120, p. 583

Suburban Electric Securities Co.—Tenders.
 The Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Boston, Mass., trustee, will until Feb. 18 receive bids for the sale to it of 10-year 8% coll. trust bonds, due Feb. 1 1931, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$44,102,200. 2149.

Toho Electric Power Co., Ltd., Japan.—Earnings.
 [Translated into dollars at 45c. per yen, approximately the present rate of exchange].

	1924.	1925.
12 Months Ended Oct. 31—		
Gross operating earnings	\$17,128,499	\$17,910,608
Total operating expenses	11,273,975	11,035,179
Net operating income	\$5,854,524	\$6,875,429
Other income	2,531,651	2,554,474
Net earnings available for interest	\$8,386,175	\$9,429,903
Interest, discount, &c.		2,685,436
Balance for depreciation, dividends, &c.		\$6,744,467

—V. 122, p. 349.

Trenton (Mo.) Gas & Electric Co.—Definitive Deben.
 The Guaranty Trust Co. is prepared to exchange definitive 10-year sinking fund gold debentures for outstanding temporary debentures. For offering, see V. 121, p. 1910, 2754.

Twin State Gas & Electric Co.—Stock Increased.
 The company recently increased its authorized prior lien stock from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000, par \$100. The company also has an authorized issue of \$2,500,000 of preferred stock and \$2,500,000 of common stock, par \$100.—V. 121, p. 1103.

Ujigawa Electric Power Co., Ltd., Japan.—Bonds.
 Lee, Higginson & Co. announce that permanent bonds are now ready for exchange for interim receipts of the above company's 1st mtge. 7% sinking fund gold bonds, due March 15 1945. See offering in V. 120, p. 1748.

United Light & Power Co. (of Md.).—To Split Shares.
 The directors have issued a call for a special meeting of the stockholders to be held March 3 for the purpose of increasing the authorized Class A common stock from 500,000 shares to 3,500,000 shares and the class B common stock from 500,000 to 2,500,000 shares. The notice to the stockholders contains the additional information that the company has grown so rapidly that this increase in common capital stock is very desirable, both from the standpoint of the public served and the common stockholders of the company, in order that means may be provided for continued growth of the company and the service it renders.

It is furthermore stated that when the stockholders have approved the increase in the common capital stock, five shares of the new common capital stock will be issued to the class A common stockholder and the class B common stockholder in like form as that now held by them for each share now owned.

There are now outstanding 399,005 shares of class A common stock and 200,000 shares of class B common stock. There will, therefore, be issued in lieu thereof approximately 2,000,000 shares of new class A common stock and 1,000,000 shares of new class B common stock.

It is contemplated that the present form of dividends will be continued on the new classes of common stock, viz.: Cash dividends equivalent to \$2 40 on the present outstanding common stock and a stock dividend of 1-20 of one share, payable in the form of class A common stock on both classes of new stock and that there will be increases in the cash dividend from time to time as the earnings and business prospects of the company warrant it.

Company has closed the most prosperous year in its history with surplus earnings exceeding \$6,000,000 available, for dividends on the common stock and depreciation. The letter to the stockholders further advises them that a considerable amount of net revenue which was not included in the earnings for the year 1925 will be available to the company during the year 1926 and will be included in its receipts and earnings statements. There will be no change in either the authorized or issued amount of either of the classes of preferred stock, of which there is now outstanding 154,700 shares of class A and 81,000 shares of class B, the dividends on the class A having been earned over seven times during the year 1925 and the dividends on the class B over 19 times. Directors further report that the business conditions in all of the larger cities served and in the adjacent territories are excellent and that they look forward to a continued increase of business in all departments of the service rendered during the year 1926.—V. 122, p. 751.

Washington Water Power Co.—Earnings.—

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross revenue	\$5,807,432	\$5,299,927	\$5,087,336	\$4,993,794
Operating expenses	1,679,643	1,577,294	1,496,833	1,721,747
Taxes, incl. income tax	683,637	628,474	632,664	568,538
Interest	681,552	633,661	607,464	610,211
Retirement expense	903,525	793,756	733,349	700,792
Dividends (8%)	1,704,238	1,625,560	1,575,106	1,359,912
Balance, surplus	\$154,837	\$41,181	\$41,920	\$32,594

—V. 122, p. 215.

West St. Louis Water & Light Co.—Bonds Called.—
 All of the outstanding West St. Louis Pipe Line Co. 10-year 1st mtge. 8% gold bonds, dated Sept. 1 1921, have been called for redemption March 1 at 107½ and int. at the Mississippi Valley Trust Co., trustee, St. Louis, Mo., or at the Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y. City.
 All of the outstanding West St. Louis Water & Light Co. 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, due Aug. 1 1928, were redeemable as of Feb. 1 last at 105 and int. at the offices of the above trust companies.—V. 122, p. 752.

Western United Corp.—Bonds Offered.—E. H. Rollins & Sons and Spencer Trask & Co. are offering at 99½ and int., to yield over 6½%, \$3,000,000 30-year 6½% sinking fund collateral trust gold bonds, series A.

Dated Dec. 1 1925; due Dec. 1 1955. Red., all or part, on the first of any month on 30 days' notice at 105 and int. to and incl. Dec. 1 1936, and thereafter at par and int. plus a premium of ¼% for each year or portion of year of unexpired term. Int. payable J. & D. in Chicago or New York. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500c*. Bank of America, New York, trustee. Corporation agrees to pay int. without deduction for any normal Federal income tax, up to 2% and to reimburse the holders, if requested within 60 days after payment, for the Calif., Conn. and Penna. personal property tax not exceeding four mills, the Maryland personal property tax not exceeding 4½ mills, the District of Columbia personal property tax not exceeding five mills per annum and for the Mass. income tax on int., not exceeding 6% of such int. per annum.

Data from Letter of Ira C. Copley, President of the Corporation.
 Corporation.—Organized in Illinois, Controls Western United Gas & Electric Co., which (directly or through subsidiaries) serves a population of about 360,000 in 80 communities in Illinois, supplying gas in all of these communities, electric light and power in eight communities and water in one and the electric railway business in and between Aurora and Elgin and the steam heating business in Aurora. Corporation also owns a 50% interest in Western Public Service Co., which owns the distribution system furnishing electricity to Naperville, Hinsdale, Downers Grove, Westmont and Clarendon Hills. [For details regarding Western United Gas & Elec. Co., see V. 122, p. 349, 483.]

About 86% of the net earnings are derived from gas, electric light and power, 11% from transportation and 3% from miscellaneous sources.

Consolidated Statement of Earnings—12 Months Ended Dec. 31 1925.

Gross revenue and other income	\$6,047,443
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	3,475,164
Net earnings	\$2,572,279
Prior charges of subsid. company (int. on funded debt, div. on pref. stock in hands of public, and prov. for depreciation)	1,881,368
Balance	\$690,911
Ann. int. requirements on \$3,000,000 30-year coll. trust 6½% gold bonds (this issue)	195,000
Balance for dividends, &c.	\$495,911

The above balance available for interest on these bonds is over 3¼ times the annual interest and about three times the annual interest and sinking fund requirements of the bonds to be outstanding.
Sinking Fund.—Trust indenture provides for a semi-annual sinking fund payment to the trustee beginning Dec. 1 1926. This sum is to be applied to the retirement of Series A bonds by purchase in the open market, or by call. It is estimated that the operation of this fund will retire all outstanding series A bonds by maturity.

Security.—Bonds constitute the only funded debt of the corporation and are secured by deposit with the trustee of (a) 200,000 shares, being all of the common stock of Western United Gas & Electric Co. of Ill. (which owns in fee the property formerly owned by Western United Gas & Electric Co., Southern Illinois Gas Co. and Fox River Electric Co., and the electric property formerly owned by Aurora Elgin & Fox River Electric Co., and all of the stock and securities of Aurora Elgin & Fox River Electric Co. and Coal Products Mfg. Co.); (b) 1,250 shares, being one-half of the common stock of Western Public Service Co. (of Illinois).

Capitalization (upon Completion of Present Financing).

Collateral trust 6½% gold bonds, series A (this issue)	\$3,000,000
Preferred stock 6½% cumulative	6,000,000
Class A common stock (without par value)	60,000 shs.
Class B common stock (without par value)	131,250 shs.

Upon completion of this financing there will be outstanding in the hands of the public \$22,500,000 of bonds and \$6,500,000 of preferred stock of its subsidiary company (Western United Gas & Electric Co.).

Purpose.—These bonds are issued in part for the acquisition of Western United Gas & Electric Co. and for other corporate purposes.

Listed.—Bonds listed on Boston Stock Exchange.

Management.—The principal properties of the corporation and subsidiaries have been developed under the same executive management for over 36 years. The properties will be operated, under contract, by the General Engineering & Management Corp.—V. 122, p. 483.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Refined Sugar Prices.—On Feb. 9 Federal Sugar Co. reduced price 5 pts. to 5.25c. per lb. Practically all refiners will close on Saturdays, Feb. 13 and 20.

Wage Increases Granted Steel Mill Crews.—American Sheet & Tin Plate and Jones & Laughlin steel companies together with other large producers have voluntarily wiped out inequalities in wage rates of hot mill crews, increasing some rates from 5% to 10%. "Wall Street Journal" Feb. 10, p. 14.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Feb. 6.—(a) Opening of fall lines of suitings by American Woolen Co. with lower price scales, p. 678. (b) Anthracite coal strike; conference operators and of miners at Philadelphia adjourns without results; John L. Lewis describes controversy as "lock-out," p. 690. (c) Trade in anthracite region wrecked by strike; merchants forced to cut working forces, p. 701. (d) Cost of coal strike; loss in wages reported as \$142,450,000; duration established record, p. 702.

American Beet Sugar Co.—Production.
 The production in bags (100 lbs.) in 1925 and 1924 was as follows:

Mill	1925.	1924.
Oxnard, Calif.	306,208	324,292
Rocky Ford, Colo.	368,400	556,466
Grand Island, Neb.	110,805	117,415
x Mason City, Iowa	294,996	722,708
x Chaska, Minn.	232,810	
Total	1,313,219	1,720,881

x Purchased in 1924.—V. 121, p. 3006.

Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., Inc.—Earnings, &c.—

Month of—	Sales Billed		Net Profit after Federal &c. Taxes	
	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
January	\$2,419,833	\$2,252,104	\$276,836	\$283,567
February	2,413,802	2,279,596	281,455	275,977
March	2,297,317	2,287,631	288,762	271,637
Total first quarter	\$7,130,952	\$6,819,331	\$847,053	\$831,181
April	\$2,308,804	\$2,296,313	\$275,908	\$256,522
May	2,365,896	2,303,757	271,497	246,242
June	2,368,050	2,310,196	282,617	253,658
Total second quarter	\$7,042,750	\$6,910,266	\$830,022	\$756,423
July	\$2,433,004	\$2,243,631	\$289,297	\$260,397
August	2,419,341	2,346,452	274,511	277,506
September	2,446,225	2,336,246	262,299	286,659
Total third quarter	\$7,298,571	\$6,926,329	\$826,107	\$824,562
October	\$2,357,307	\$2,327,274	\$255,074	\$274,585
November	2,465,002	2,437,006	235,872	250,582
December	2,626,774	2,435,319	*233,239	283,768
Total fourth quarter	\$7,449,084	\$7,199,599	\$914,186	\$808,935
Total 12 months	\$28,921,357	\$27,855,524	\$3,417,368	\$3,221,101

* Includes a credit of \$181,842 for adjustment of 1925 realty and personal property taxes.

Unfilled Orders.—The unfilled orders on hand as of Dec. 31 1925 amounted to approximately \$10,147,072, against \$10,100,000 Dec. 31 1924 and \$12,000,132 Dec. 31 1923.

The 1925 results show an increase in profits over 1924 of \$196,268, or approximately 6.09%. The net profit for 1925, after allowance for pref. dividend of 7%, is equivalent to \$8.78 per share on the common stock as against \$8.01 in 1924.
 Bookings in 1925 totaled \$28,944,402 compared with \$25,979,420 for 1924, an increase of \$2,964,982 or 11.41%.
 A tabulation of the billing and net profit for the past 6 years follows:

	Billing	Net Profit		Billing	Net Profit
1920	\$31,516,209	\$3,564,249	1923	\$25,612,709	\$2,703,636
1921	24,685,258	2,215,468	1924	27,855,524	3,221,101
1922	20,794,046	2,208,549	1925	28,921,357	3,417,368

—V. 122, p. 484.

Alpine Montan Steel Corp., Austria.—Production, &c.

Production (in Tons)—

	Jan. 1926.	Mthly. Av. '25.
Coal	98,300	83,500
Raw iron ore	98,300	85,400
Pig iron	37,700	31,700
Steel ingots	34,700	25,800
Rolled iron	25,300	18,900
Workshop manufactures	1,200	1,100
Shipments (in Tons)—		
Coal to customers other than subsidiaries	38,900	35,400
Pig iron	5,500	5,100
Rolled iron	17,000	20,000

Orders Received (in Tons)—

Coal	23,100	36,100
Pig iron	3,800	7,800
Steel ingots	21,700	20,500
Total of outgoing invoices in January		\$1,058,000
Average monthly total in 1925		992,000

At the end of Jan. 1926 there were at work in the company's various plants 7,976 miners and 5,488 mill hands, a total of 13,464 people.—V. 122, p. 350.

Amerada Corp.—Capitalization Increased.

The corporation has filed a certificate at Dover, Del., increasing its authorized capital stock to 1,000,000 shares of no par value.
 The Amerada Petroleum Corp., a subsidiary, has increased its authorized capital stock from \$5,000,000 to \$7,500,000.—V. 122, p. 752.

American Bosch Magneto Corp.—Sells Its Starting, Lighting and Battery Ignition Business to the Electric Auto-Lite Co.

Subject to the approval of the shareholders, the company has accepted an offer of the Electric Auto-Lite Co. of Toledo for the purchase at full book value of its entire starting, lighting and battery ignition business. About \$2,500,000 cash is said to be involved.

Pres. Arthur T. Murray of the American Bosch Magneto Corp. states it is the intention of the directors, if the stockholders approve the proposed sale of the starting and lighting business to Electric Auto-Lite Co., to liquidate the Gray & Davis, Inc., sell the plants at Cambridge and Amesbury, Mass., and retire the outstanding Gray & Davis, Inc., 8% bonds. The proposed sale will result in a net increase in American Bosch working capital of \$1,250,000.—V. 121, p. 3134.

American Can Co.—Common Stock Increased—50 % Stock

Dividend.—The stockholders voted Feb. 9 (a) to change the authorized Common stock from 440,000 shares, par \$100 to 2,640,000 shares, par \$25; (b) to ratify the action of the directors authorizing the distribution to the Common stockholders of 824,666 shares of new common stock as a 50% stock dividend. The common stockholders will receive six shares of the new common stock of \$25 par in exchange for one present share. To preserve the equality of voting power between the preferred and common stocks, each share of preferred has been given six votes per share.—V. 122, p. 613.
 Payment of the 50% stock dividend will be made on March 11 to common stockholders of record March 10.

Results for Calendar Years.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Net earnings	\$21,423,903	\$15,906,756	\$15,423,202	\$14,898,925

Deduct—

Depreciation	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Int. on deben. bonds	33,867	414,825	440,101	465,575
Res. for Federal taxes	3,000,000	2,150,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Pref. dividends (7%)	2,886,331	2,886,331	2,886,331	2,886,331
Common dividend (8%)	3,298,664	(7)2,886,331	(6)2,473,998	(1½)515,416
Balance, surplus	\$10,205,041	\$5,569,269	\$5,622,765	\$7,031,603
Profit & loss	\$53,345,092	\$43,140,050	\$37,570,780	\$31,948,016

Maurice J. Sullivan has been elected a director to succeed the late Daniel G. Reid.—V. 122, p. 613.

American Chicle Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
x Gross profit	\$3,265,973	\$2,864,054	\$2,291,443	\$2,006,140
Selling & adm. exps.	1,857,477	1,656,858	1,513,427	1,652,600
Net earnings	\$1,408,496	\$1,207,196	\$778,016	\$353,539
Other income (net)	155,566	156,168	182,530	100,946
Gross income	\$1,564,062	\$1,363,364	\$960,546	\$454,485
Interest, discount, &c.	186,210	280,282	460,747	623,710
Income taxes	127,554			
Balance, surplus	\$1,250,298	\$1,083,082	\$499,799	loss\$169,215
Previous deficit	2,377,344	3,546,144	4,153,296	2,977,480
Adj. thru recapitulation	Cr3,445,274			
Total surplus	\$2,318,228	dfr\$2,463,062	dfr\$3,653,497	dfr\$3,146,695
Divs. prior pref. & pref.	149,391			
Adjust. & ext. losses	Dr10,711	(net)Cr85,718	Cr107,353	Dr1,006,601
Surplus	\$2,158,126	dfr\$2,377,344	dfr\$3,546,144	dfr\$4,153,296

x Gross profit from sales after deducting cost of material, labor and manufacturing expenses.—V. 121, p. 2041.

The class "A" stockholders will be given the option to convert at any time their holdings, share for share, into class "B" shares, which carry the voting control.

The stockholders have been requested by a committee authorized by the board of directors to deposit their stock in approval of the above plan. Negotiations which are now under way with prominent New York and Philadelphia banking houses for the sale of part of the new securities to be issued under the plan will be completed as soon as the present outstanding preferred and common stock has been deposited.

Gross business has grown from about \$3,900,000 in 1915 to over \$18,000,000 for 1925. It is stated.—V. 121, p. 1230.

Baldwin Co., Cincinnati.—Report.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Total sales.....	\$15,683,002	\$13,459,780	\$12,938,924	\$10,705,036
Earnings a.....	1,014,796	866,525	1,008,989	748,291
Preferred dividend.....	133,962	xab289,410	176,181	139,217
Common dividend.....	296,196	ab124,800	121,152	119,975
Added to reserves.....	193,979	153,849	241,003	171,944
Surplus.....	\$390,659	\$298,466	\$470,653	\$317,155
Profit & loss surplus.....	y\$3,670,415	y\$3,233,295	y\$2,915,511	\$2,524,859

a After deducting taxes and interest. x Includes dividends paid on 7% preferred, 6% preferred and 8% preferred stock. The outstanding 7% and 3% debenture preferred stocks, amounting to \$2,220,300, were retired late in 1924 and there has been issued in connection with this refund \$2,000,000 6% cum. preferred stock. y After deducting a 4% stock dividend on common stock in each year.—V. 120, p. 962.

Barnsdall Corp.—Listing.—
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$5,509,200 additional class A voting stock (par \$25) on official notice of issuance and payment in full; and \$25,000,000 additional of its class B non-voting stock (par \$25) on official notice of issuance on exercise of subscription privilege pertaining to outstanding stock purchase warrants, making the total amounts applied for: \$25,000,000 class A voting stock and \$29,250,000 class B non-voting stock.

The Exchange has also authorized the listing of \$25,000,000 15-year 6% sinking fund gold debentures, due Dec. 15 1940.
Stockholders of record Jan. 25 1926, have been given the right to subscribe on or before Feb. 15, to class A voting stock on the basis of one share for each 4 shares held, at \$30 per share. The total number of shares to be offered to stockholders amounts to 227,738, based on stock outstanding in hands of the public. Proceeds from the sale of this additional class A voting stock will be used to provide additional working capital and for the reduction of indebtedness. Any shares not subscribed for have been underwritten.

The class B non-voting stock is to be issued in exchange for outstanding stock purchase warrants attached to the \$25,000,000 15-year 6% sinking fund gold debentures.

Comparative Statements of Income—Waite Phillips Co.

	8 Mos. 1925.	Calendar 1924.	11 Mos. 1923.	1922.
Gross sales & earnings.....	\$4,670,338	\$5,745,895	\$6,752,529	\$13,408,159
Prod., oper., gen. & adm. exp. (incl. charges for dry holes, abandoned wells, &c).....	1,286,159	3,006,762	4,469,254	7,547,193
Net operating income.....	\$3,384,179	\$2,739,133	\$2,283,275	\$5,860,965
Interest rec. & oth. inc.....	deb150,395	946,162	deb30,710	50,828
Total earnings.....	\$3,233,784	\$3,685,295	\$2,252,565	\$5,911,794
Deductions.....	75,130	148,043	62,766	196,341
Depreciation reserve.....	775,947	846,700	669,540	1,094,295
Depletion reserve.....	2,480,272	1,563,963	724,698	(est.)454,119
Net income.....	\$97,565	\$1,126,589	\$795,561	\$4,167,039

See also V. 122, p. 485.

Belding Bros. & Co.—Changes Name, &c.—
The stockholders on Feb. 1 ratified a contract, dated Dec. 22 1925, between this company and the Heminway Silk Co., a Connecticut corporation, heretofore approved by the directors of each corporation whereby Belding Bros. & Co. may acquire the assets and business of the Heminway Silk Co. as a going concern, and, in connection therewith shall issue to the Heminway company for distribution among its stockholders, securities consisting of \$5,410,000 of 10-Year 6% Conv. Gold notes, of Belding Bros. & Co., such notes to be convertible into Common stock of Belding Bros. & Co. of no par value at the rate of 20 shares of stock for each \$1,000 of notes. The authorized Common stock was increased from 415,032 shares of no par value to 523,232 shares, the additional shares to provide for the conversion of the notes.

The stockholders also voted to change the name of the corporation to Belding Heminway Co.
The following have been elected officers of the new company: General E. C. Young, President; H. Morton Merriman, Chairman of the Board; F. N. Belding, Vice-President; E. J. De Boid, Treasurer, and George C. Cutler Jr., Secretary. M. M. Belding, the retiring President of Belding Bros., continues as a director of the company and as a member of the executive committee. The other members of the committee designated are: John W. Cutler, of Edward B. Smith & Co., Chairman; B. A. Tompkins, of Bankers Trust Co.; General E. C. Young, and H. M. Merriman.
The stockholders of the Heminway Silk Co. have approved the transfer of the assets of their company to Belding Bros. See also V. 122, p. 96.

Belding Heminway Co.—New Name, &c.—
See Belding Bros. & Co. above.—V. 122, p. 351.

(E. W.) Bliss Co.—Plan Operative.—
More than 94% of each class of stock of the company having been deposited with Equitable Trust Co. of New York, as depository, under the plan dated Jan. 7 1926, the reorganization committee has declared the plan operative. The committee consists of Clinton D. Burdick, Chairman, Acosta Nichols and G. Foster Smith, with Sewell T. Tyng, Secretary, 80 Broadway, N. Y. City.

Digest of Reorganization Plan Dated Jan. 7 1926.
New Company.—A new company called E. W. Bliss Corp. was created under the laws of Delaware Feb. 9 1926. All properties and assets of the E. W. Bliss Co. are to be acquired as a going concern by this new company. The management of new company is to be the same as the management of the old company.

New Stock.—New company is to issue all its authorized capital stock, consisting of 30,000 shares of 1st pref. stock (par \$50), 20,400 shares of 2d pref. stock class A (par \$50) and 30,000 shares of 2d pref. stock class B (par \$10) and 400,000 shares of common stock (without par value).

First Preferred Stock.—First preferred stock shall carry dividends from Jan. 1 1926 at rate of 8% per annum. Dividends payable only out of the net income or surplus of new company when declared by directors, and cumulative from Jan. 1 1926, but arrears of dividends shall not carry interest. Holders of 1st pref. stock shall not be entitled to any more than 8% per annum dividends. No dividends shall be declared or paid on 2d preferred stock or on common stock in any year unless all dividends on the 1st pref. stock accrued prior to such year shall have been paid or declared and set aside. In event of liquidation, dissolution or winding up of new company, before any amount shall be paid out of its assets to holders of 2d pref. stocks or common stock, holders of 1st pref. stock shall be entitled to be paid \$50 per share and div. Holders of 1st pref. stock as such shall not have any right to receive any stock div. or to subscribe for or to acquire from the new company any shares of stock which the new company may from time to time issue or sell, whether such stock shall be part of the stock to be originally authorized or of any increase thereof. Holders of the 1st pref. stock shall be entitled to one vote for each share of 1st pref. stock.

Second Preferred Stock Class A.—Shall carry dividends from Jan. 1 1926 at the rate of 7% per annum. Dividends payable only out of net income or surplus of the new company when declared by directors, and will be cumulative from and after Jan. 1 1926, but arrears of dividends shall not carry interest. Holders shall not be entitled to any other or further dividends. No dividends shall be paid on 2d pref. stock class B or on common stock in any year unless all dividends on the class A accrued prior to such year shall have been paid or declared and set aside. In liquidation, dissolution or winding up of new company, before any amount shall be paid out of its assets to the holders of class B or to the holders of common stock, holders of class A stock shall be entitled to be paid \$50 per share and divs., but the

holders of class A shall not be entitled to any other or further distribution of assets, and the holders of the class B and of the common stock shall be entitled to receive all amounts remaining after such payment to holders of class A. Holders of class A as such shall not have any right to receive any stock div. or to subscribe for or acquire from the new company any shares of stock which the new company may from time to time issue or sell, whether such stock shall be part of the stock to be originally authorized or of any increase thereof. Class A shall be without voting power except in the event of the failure to pay full dividends thereon for the period of one year, in which case and until such time as all dividends in arrears upon class A shall be paid in full, the holders shall be entitled to one vote for each share of Class A. Class A is redeemable all or part at any time on 30 days' notice at 105 and divs. While any class A stock is outstanding, new company will not, without consent of the holders of 75% in amount thereof, create any lien or charge upon its assets having priority over the class A stock.

Second Preferred Stock Class B.—Shall carry dividends from Jan. 1 1926 at the rate of 6% per annum. Dividends payable only out of the net income or surplus when declared by directors, and will be cumulative from and after Jan. 1 1926 but arrears of dividends shall not carry int. Holders shall not be entitled to any other or further dividends. No dividends shall be paid on common stock in any year unless all divs. on Class B accrued prior to such year shall have been paid or declared and set aside. In liquidation, dissolution or winding up of new company, before any amount shall be paid out of its assets to the holders of common stock, class B shall be entitled to be paid out of the assets of the new company the sum of \$10 and divs., but the holders of class B shall not be entitled to any other or further distribution of assets, and holders of common stock shall be entitled to receive all amounts remaining after such payment. Holders of class B shall not have any right to receive any stock divs. or to subscribe for or to acquire from the new company any shares of stock which the new company may from time to time issue or sell, whether such stock shall be part of the stock to be originally authorized or of any increase thereof. Holders of class B shall be entitled to one vote for each share of 2d pref. stock class B.

Common Stock.—The common stock shall be without voting power.
Deliveries of New Stock to Depositors Under Plan.

The preferred and common stock of the new company is to be disposed of as follows:

- (a) In respect of each share of 1st pref. stock represented by such certificates of deposit—1 share of new 1st pref. stock.
- (b) In respect of each share of the 2d pref. stock class A represented by such certificates of deposit—1 share of new 2d pref. stock class A.
- (c) In respect of each share of the 2d pref. stock class B represented by such certificates of deposit—1 share of new 2d pref. stock class B.
- (d) In respect of each 10 shares of common stock represented by such certificates of deposit—11 shares of new common stock.

New Money.—In order to provide the new money contemplated to be raised by the plan, officers and directors of the Bliss company have arranged for the organization of a syndicate which has agreed to underwrite the acquisition by the depositors of common stock of the Bliss company under the plan of 30,000 shares of the new common stock. No compensation or commission is to be paid by the Bliss company to the syndicate for its undertaking.

Offer to Common Stockholders.—Depositors of common stock of the Bliss Company may acquire common stock of the new company at the rate per 10 shares of common stock deposited of 1 share of the new common stock for the sum of \$20 for each share of new common stock purchased.

Depositors of common stock of the Bliss company desiring to exercise such right of acquisition must at the time of the deposit of their stock certificates under the plan make payment of the sum of \$1 per share in respect of each share of stock deposited. If such payment shall be then made but not otherwise the depositor shall be entitled to receive a participation warrant.

The participation warrants, which will be transferable will certify that the registered holder thereof on making, in accordance with such warrants and with the plan, the payments called for by such warrants, will on the consummation of the plan and on surrender of such warrants, be entitled to receive such certificates for shares of common stock of the new company as specified in the warrants and in the plan.

The participation warrants will call for the payment in respect of every share of the deposited stock of the sum of \$2, payable \$1 per share at the time of deposit, and the remaining \$1 per share upon the call of the committee therefor.

Calls for payments of the remaining installment upon participation warrants shall not be payable until 10 days after the first publication of the call therefor and no such call shall be made until the committee is prepared to cause deliveries to be made of new common stock certificates against the surrender of participation warrants in respect of which the final installment shall have been paid.

All payments must be made in New York funds at office of Equitable Trust Co., New York, depository.

The number of shares of common stock of the new company to be specified in the participation warrants will be at the rate per 10 shares of stock deposited of 1 share of new common stock.

Disposition of New Stock.

The plan contemplates the disposition of the stock of the new company upon the consummation of the plan as follows:

Existing Stock— No. shs. Class.	New 1st Pfd.		New 2d Pfd. B		New Com- mon.
	% No. shs (\$50 par)	% No. shs (\$50 par)	% No. shs (\$10 par)	% No. shs (no par)	
30,000 1st pref. (\$50 par).....	100-30,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
20,400 2d pref. A (\$50 par).....	-----	100-20,400	-----	-----	-----
30,000 2d pref. B (\$10 par).....	-----	-----	100-30,000	-----	-----
300,000 common (no par).....	-----	-----	-----	110-330,000	-----
Offered for sale to common stockholders, underwritten	-----	-----	-----	-----	30,000
Held in treasury.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	40,000

Total capitalization..... 30,000 20,400 30,000 400,000
No stock of the new company will be authorized or issued in respect of 19,600 shares of the 2d pref. stock class A of the Bliss company authorized but not issued.

General Balance Sheet.—The general balance sheet of the new company was given in V. 122, p. 485.

President James W. Lane in recommending the plan to the stockholders said in substance:

Company, after passing through a period of unexampled prosperity, later suffered from the depression which generally affected all industries in this country. During this period the directors, in the endeavor to increase the earning power of the company, and with the expectation of so doing, caused company to acquire interests in plants in the Middle West and, largely as a result of such acquisitions, operations during the last 2 years have shown a profit instead of a deficit, and there is every likelihood that the net earnings (after expenses, inventory adjustment and Federal taxes) for the current year will amount to some \$1,250,000 as contrasted with the net earnings for the preceding calendar year of \$357,235. Directors believe it to be in the interest of the stockholders to continue this policy of conservative expansion and now have under consideration further acquisitions which, if successfully negotiated on proper terms, should further increase the earnings of the company.

The conservative policy of expansion so inaugurated by the directors has been so limited as to keep the indebtedness incurred by the company, in the acquisitions referred to down to a manageable amount. In the judgment of the board it is advisable at this time first to place the company in a financial position to take advantage of opportunities as they arise for further acquisitions on advantageous terms and (or) to reduce its indebtedness; and second, to make provision so that a block of common stock will be available for use in future capital financing. To meet the views of the board in this respect the plan provides for \$600,000 of new money by offering to the holders of common stock the opportunity to purchase 30,000 shares of new common stock. As this offer has been underwritten (without any commission or other charge) by a syndicate which the directors have caused to be organized, the provision of the required amount of new money upon the consummation of the plan is assured. The plan likewise reserves in the treasury of the new company 40,000 shares of new common stock as a medium for future capital financing.

Company is now organized under laws of West Virginia, and at the time of its organization there were no inheritance tax laws in that State. Under the existing laws of West Virginia the Board has been advised that the estates of non-residents of West Virginia who die owning shares of stock in West Virginia corporations are subject to inheritance taxes which, as to some classes of beneficiaries, begin at a minimum of 10% and run as high as 35%. The possibility that the estates of the stockholders might be liable for

West Virginia taxes makes it most desirable that the new company provided for in the proposed plan should be organized under the laws of some State. There is a provision in the Delaware constitution prohibiting the levy of any kind of inheritance tax on the holdings of non-resident stockholders in Delaware corporations, and accordingly it is proposed to incorporate the new company in Delaware.

It is anticipated that with the continuance of normal business conditions the new company from the time of the consummation of the plan will declare and pay, or have fully paid, dividends on its various classes of preferred stock, but also dividends on its common stock at least at the same annual rate per share as is now being paid by the existing company on its common stock.—V. 122, p. 754, 614.

(The J. C.) Brill Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Total net sales billed.....	\$9,101,910	\$8,721,727	\$18,167,486	\$10,177,583
Cost of sales, oper., gen. & adm. exp. & depr. reserve.....	x8,447,850	8,212,337	15,525,021	9,103,291
Net profits.....	\$654,060	\$509,390	\$2,642,465	\$1,074,291
Miscellaneous income.....	See x	160,682	101,937	-----
Total income.....	\$654,060	\$670,072	\$2,744,402	\$1,074,291
Reserve for Federal taxes	\$2,791	-----	347,896	119,323
Special deprec'n reserve.....	-----	-----	150,000	-----
Res. for development of gas propelled vehicles.....	-----	-----	100,000	-----
Preferred divs. (7%).....	320,600	320,600	320,600	320,600
Common divs. (5%).....	240,510	240,510	240,510	-----
Balance, surplus.....	\$10,159	\$16,651	\$1,585,396	\$634,368
Previous surplus.....	4,905,309	4,985,196	3,582,971	2,904,252
Adjustments.....	Cr.1,200	Dr.96,538	Dr.183,171	Cr.44,351
Total surplus.....	\$4,916,668	\$4,905,309	\$4,985,196	\$3,582,971

x After deducting miscellaneous income.—V. 122, p. 754.

Broadway Motors Building Corp.—Bonds Sold.—P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc. have sold at 99½ and int. \$6,000,000 1st (closed) mortgage leasehold 6% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Feb. 1 1926; due Feb. 1 1948. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500*. Int. payable (F. & A.) at offices of P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., at N. Y. City and Chicago. Red., all or part, for sinking fund purposes on any int. date upon 30 days' notice, to and incl. Feb. 1 1928 at 105 and int.; thereafter to and incl. Feb. 1 1931 at 104 and int.; thereafter to and incl. Feb. 1 1935 at 103 and int.; thereafter to and incl. Aug. 1 1940 at 102 and int.; thereafter to and incl. Aug. 1 1947 at 101 and int. Int. payable without deduction of that portion of any Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Refund of Penna., Conn., Kansas and Calif. taxes not to exceed 4 mills, Maryland 4½ mills tax, Kentucky and District of Columbia 5-mills tax, Michigan 5-mills exemption tax, Virginia 5½-mills tax and Mass. income tax not to exceed 6% to resident holders upon timely and proper application. Bankers Trust Co., New York, trustee.

Location.—Under the terms of the lease of the upper 13 floors to the General Motors Corp., the building will be named "General Motors Building." It will occupy the entire block located between Broadway and 8th Ave. and 57th St. and 58th St., N. Y. City. This site is in the heart of "Automobile Row."

Building.—The building, which will have the unusual total street frontage of about 739 ft., will be a modern 25-story office structure with stores and showrooms on the entire street level. The present 3-story occupied building is so constructed that 22 additional stories may be erected thereon without the necessity of substantial foundation work or without termination of present tenancies. The completed building will have a total net rentable area of about 520,745 sq. ft. Being entirely surrounded by unusually wide streets, the building is permanently assured the maximum in light and air protection. The outline plans and specifications have been approved by the General Motors Corp. It will be of the best modern steel frame, fireproof construction and will be not only one of the outstanding buildings but the fifth largest in N. Y. City.

Earnings.—General Motors Corp. has leased the upper 13 floors for a period of 21 years from May 1 1927, extending beyond the maturity of these bonds, at an annual rental of \$700,000, or an aggregate rental of \$14,700,000. These rental payments rank as a direct operating charge on the General Motors Corp. and as such precede all dividend payments on its capital stock. Real estate experts advise that this is the largest single lease ever executed for office space. Cushman & Wakefield, Inc. has estimated the income of the building, including the rental received under the lease to the General Motors Corp., to be as follows:

Gross rental.....	\$1,703,500
Oper. exp., ground rent, insurance and allowance for vacancies.....	837,000
Balance.....	\$866,500
Maximum annual interest charges on this issue.....	360,000

The income from the space already occupied, plus that to be received from the General Motors Corp. lease, is in excess of \$1,000,000, and is alone an amount sufficient to pay all operating and maintenance charges of space so leased, present ground rent, taxes, and interest on this issue of bonds.

Security.—Secured by a closed first mortgage on the leasehold estate, extending about 216.1 ft. on Broadway, 121.2 ft. on 58th St., 200.8 ft. on 8th Ave., and 201.2 ft. on 57th St., and comprising a total ground area of about 32,360 sq. ft., together with the building thereon, and the contemplated addition.

The lease of the ground extends to Jan. 31 2004, the rental being a fixed amount until Jan. 31 1962, and thereafter the lease is renewable for two periods of 21 years each.

Valuation.—The leasehold estate and building erected thereon, have been independently appraised as having a value, upon completion, in excess of \$10,390,000, making this issue less than a 58% mortgage.

The General Motors Corp. covenants in its lease that in the event of a foreclosure under any mortgage on the fee, to which the mortgage leasehold shall be subordinate, it, General Motors Corp., will purchase the fee and thereafter hold, or cause to be held for the Bankers Trust Co., as trustee, the leasehold estate intact for the benefit of these bonds until maturity. Such a mortgage now exists upon the fee, in the amount of \$2,050,000.

Broadway-Barclay Office Building (Broadway Barclay Corp.).—Bonds Offered.—S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., are offering at par and int. \$6,750,000 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Feb. 1 1926; due Feb. 1 1941. Int. coupons due F. & A. Callable for sinking fund at 101 and int.; otherwise callable at 103 and int. Conn., Penn. and Vermont 4-mills taxes, Maryland 4½-mills tax, Dist. of Col. 5-mills tax, Virginia 5½-mills tax and Mass. State income tax not to exceed 6% refunded. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000.

Mortgaged Property.—The bonds are a direct closed first mortgage on land in fee fronting 100 ft. on Broadway and 163 ft. on Barclay St., together with the 42-story Broadway-Barclay Office Building to be erected immediately thereon. The building will contain stores on the street floor, commodious banking accommodations on the second floor, and offices above. Land and building when completed have been valued at \$8,938,000, giving a margin of equity above the amount of this bond issue of \$2,188,000. Total appraised value has been placed at \$9,119,000.

Location and Rental Demand.—The site is that of the old Astor House, directly across the street from the Woolworth Building and facing the Post Office. City Hall Park is only one block away. Transportation facilities by subway, elevated and street car lines are exceptionally convenient. Owing to the desirability of office and store space in a new, modern, Class A building such as this, it is anticipated that the building will be rented promptly on highly favorable terms.

Earnings.—The net annual earnings of the property, after taxes and operating expenses and with due allowance for vacancies, have been estimated by Crulikshank & Co. at \$850,500, more than \$325,000 in excess of the greatest annual interest and sinking fund requirements combined. This estimate is a conservative one, based on average rental lower than that now being obtained by many older and less modern nearby office buildings.

Ownership.—These bonds are the direct obligation of Broadway-Barclay Corp., of which Abraham Bricken, one of the leading builders and real estate operators in New York, is President.

Sinking Fund.—Under the operations of a sinking fund, \$1,949,000 of bonds will be retired in annual installments, leaving a balance maturing Feb. 1 1941 of \$4,801,000.

Burns Bros. (Coal).—Earnings Good.—President Sanders A. Wertheim says in substance: "Net earnings after all charges and reserves for the eight months ended Nov. 30 left a surplus after the full year's dividends on both the class A and class B stocks. As December and the last three months of the company's year are in the heaviest coal-consuming season of the year, we look forward to one of the best years the company has ever had."—V. 122, p. 485.

Butte & Superior Mining Co.—45th Quarterly Report.—The report covering the fourth quarter of 1925 shows:

Principal Features of Tonnage Production and Values for Four Quarters of 1925.

Zinc Operations—	4th Quarter.	3d Quarter.	2d Quarter.	1st Quarter.
Zinc ore produced, tons.....	71,272	55,750	67,747	70,839
Avg. silver content, ozs.....	3.91	4.29	5.07	4.64
Avg. zinc content, %.....	9.59	10.06	10.13	10.77
Total silver in ore, ozs.....	278,864	238,882	343,941	328,670
Total zinc in ore, lbs.....	13,670,666	11,214,114	13,726,369	15,209,412

Copper Operations—	4th Quarter.	3d Quarter.	2d Quarter.	1st Quarter.
Copper ore prod., tons.....	36,416	34,981	45,764	44,154
Avg. silver content, ozs.....	5.77	5.10	5.58	6.38
Avg. copper content, %.....	3.66	3.42	3.62	4.28
Total silver in ore, ozs.....	209,989	178,301	255,502	281,558
Total copper in ore, lbs.....	2,666,972	2,301,603	3,318,486	3,775,906

Financial Results for Quarter and 12 Months Ended Dec. 31.

Period—	—Quar. End. Dec. 31—	—12 Mos. End. Dec. 31—	—12 Mos. End. Dec. 31—	—12 Mos. End. Dec. 31—
	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Net value of ore.....	\$820,964	\$812,823	\$3,190,177	\$2,969,259
Miscellaneous income.....	11,304	10,332	46,499	40,679
Total income.....	\$832,268	\$823,155	\$3,236,676	\$3,009,938
Operating costs.....	670,205	621,026	2,584,780	2,580,674
Depreciation, taxes, &c.....	34,465	9,461	158,367	219,891
Net inc. before deplet.....	\$127,598	\$192,668	\$493,528	\$209,373

Average Metal Prices Used in Estimating Income.

	4th Quarter.	3d Quarter.	2d Quarter.	1st Quarter.
Silver, per ounce.....	69.71c.	70.53c.	67.86c.	68.23c.
Zinc, per pound.....	8.5c.	7.5c.	6.9c.	7.5c.
Copper, per pound.....	14.18c.	14.25c.	13.33c.	14.39c.

A distribution of 50c. per share was made on Dec. 31 1925 to stockholders of record Dec. 15 1925, making the total distribution for the year \$2 per share. [Signed, D. C. Jackling, President.]—V. 121, p. 2277.

By-Products Coke Corp.—Resumes Dividends, &c.—

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, payable March 20 to holders of record March 1. Dividends on the common were passed Oct. 21 1921.

The stockholders will vote Feb. 23 on increasing the common stock from 100,000 shares, par \$100, to 200,000 shares of no par value, two new shares to be given in exchange for each share of old stock. It is also proposed to decrease the preferred stock from 50,000 to 20,000 shares, par \$100.—V. 121, p. 1912.

California Packing Corp.—Merger Deal Off.—

Negotiations between this corporation and the Postum Cereal Co. looking toward a merger of the two corporations have been definitely abandoned.

President R. I. Bentley says: "During the last few weeks, while plans were reported under way for purchasing the corporation, the directors have been more or less in the dark as to what was going on in New York. We were notified that the offer was to be made on Monday (Feb. 8) and the directors were ready to act in good faith and give it consideration before making any recommendations to stockholders. We were told that all that was necessary to complete the transactions was for the directors to recommend to the stockholders that they vote their approval. Then out of a clear sky the offer was withdrawn."

Chairman J. K. Armsby is quoted: "I had no negotiations with the Postum Cereal Co. at any time. All advances were made by that company's representatives. All there is to the so-called collapse of the proposed merger was that Postum officials said they would pay the stockholders in our corporation \$185 a share if the directors decided to sell at that price. They asked us to call a meeting of our board Monday and as the price was satisfactory, the meeting was called. A half hour before the time set for the meeting, we were notified by wire that the offer was withdrawn. That is all we know about it, and that is absolutely all there is to it."

President Bentley is further quoted: "We deem it in order, however, to inform the stockholders that the directors have been considering for some time the question of increasing the stock and of doubling the holdings of each stockholder and of placing the stock on an \$8 basis for the present issue." Steps looking to the carrying out of this plan were to be taken on Feb. 11 by the directors. (See also Postum Cereal Co., Inc., below.)

A San Francisco dispatch says that the California Packing Corp. has purchased from Jones Madison, Sr., the two sardine canneries together with the good will and brands of the Pacific Fish Co.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of an additional 2,000 shares of common stock without par value, on official notice of issue in part payment for certain properties, making the total number of shares of common stock applied for 500,000 shares (total auth.).—V. 122, p. 614.

Calumet & Arizona Mining Co.—Production.—

Month of—	Jan. '26.	Dec. '25.	Nov. '25.	Oct. '25.
Copper output (lbs.).....	3,474,000	3,530,000	3,546,000	3,410,000

—V. 122, p. 353.

Canada Cement Co., Ltd.—Acquires Plaster Co.—

A dispatch from Montreal, Canada, states that the company has purchased the controlling interest in a plaster company situated in Chester, Pa.—V. 120, p. 708.

Casein Co. of America (N. J.).—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2% on the preferred stock and an extra dividend of 1%, both payable Feb. 11 to holders of record Feb. 5. On Nov. 13 last an extra dividend of 2¼% was paid on the preferred stock.

The Casein Co. of America, Delaware, has declared a quarterly dividend of 1½%, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 8. The previous quarterly rate was 1%, in addition to which a total of 2% extra was paid last year.—V. 121, p. 2277.

Caterpillar Tractor Co. (Calif.).—25% Stock Dividend.

The directors have declared a 25% stock dividend, in addition to the regular quarterly cash dividend of \$1.25 per share. The stock dividend is payable as soon as possible after the California Corporation Commission assents. The cash dividend is payable Feb. 25 of record Feb. 15.—V. 121, p. 2277.

Central Properties, Inc., Miami, Fla.—Bonds Offered.—

First National Co., St. Louis, is offering at prices to yield from 5½% to 6% according to maturity \$600,000 1st and ref. mtge. serial 6% real estate gold bonds.

Dated Dec. 15 1925; due serially Dec. 15 1926-1935. Int. payable J. & D. at First National Co., St. Louis, Mo., St. Louis Union Trust Co. and George G. Chase, St. Louis, Mo., trustees. Red. on any int. date on 60 days' notice at par and int., plus a premium of ¼ of 1% for each year prior to maturity. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000.

Security.—Direct obligation of Central Properties, Inc., which owns the Seybold Building and secured by a first mortgage (except for certain prior liens, aggregating \$175,000, which mature in June, 1926, sufficient funds having been retained from the proceeds of this loan and deposited with trustee, to be applied to the payment in full and release of said liens at maturity) on fee and buildings in Miami, Fla.

The ground area covers 27,250 sq. ft. The improvements consist in part of a new 10-story office building (130 x 150 ft.) of steel and reinforced concrete construction. The first floor has 30 stores (all of which are occupied). The upper floors are of standard office building construction. The building is modern in every way. The other improvements are a 3-story store and office building.

Value.—The fee and building securing this mortgage have been appraised by the Mortgage Loan Department of the First National Co. as follows: Ground, \$655,000; new building, \$946,000; old building, \$25,000; total, \$1,626,000.

Champion Paper Corp.—Bonds Called.—The company has called for redemption on March 12 \$17,500 of 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds, dated Feb. 1 1923, at 105 and int. Payment will be made at the Northern New York Trust Co., Watertown, N. Y.—V. 120, p. 963.

Chandler-Cleveland Motors Corp.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 70,000 shares of preferred stock (non-cumul. div. of \$4 per share per annum) without par value (out of a total auth. issue of 350,000 shares) with authority to add 280,000 shares of preference stock on official notice of issuance of such portion thereof as will be required for this purpose in exchange on a share for share basis for such of the outstanding 280,000 shares without par value of the capital stock of Chandler Motor Car Co.

The exchange also authorized the listing of 280,000 shares of its common stock without par value (total authorized issue of 1,000,000 shares) on official notice of issuance of such portion thereof as will be required for this purpose in exchange on a share for share basis for such of the outstanding 280,000 shares without par value of the common stock of Cleveland Automobile Co., and authority to add 350,000 additional shares of common stock on official notice of issuance on conversion of the corporation's preference stock for same, making the total amount of common shares applied for 630,000. See also V. 122, p. 353, 486, 615.

Cheney Brothers (Conn.).—Changes in Personnel.—Charles Cheney has been elected President, succeeding Frank Cheney, Jr., who has been elected chairman of the board, a new office. Horace B. Cheney has been elected 2nd Vice-President, also a newly created office.—V. 120, p. 708.

Chicago Mill & Lumber Co.—Notes Called.—The company has called for redemption May 15 its outstanding \$1,900,000 7% 10-year gold notes, due Nov. 15 1931, at 103 and int. See also V. 122, p. 615.

Childs Co. (Restaurant), N. Y.—Sales.—
 Month of January— 1926. 1925.
 Sales of meals, excl. other income. \$2,120,253 \$1,982,917
 Total number of meals served. 4,248,439 4,105,104
 —V. 122, p. 615, 218.

Cleveland (O.) Stone Co.—1% Extra Dividend.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 1% and the regular quarterly of 1½%, both payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 15. Like amounts were paid in the four quarters of 1925.—V. 120, p. 833.

Coca Cola Co.—Earnings for Year and Last Quar. 1925.—
 Calendar Years— 1925. 1924. 1923. 1922.
 Net sales \$28,553,425 \$25,444,197 \$24,320,064 \$21,053,834
 *Cost of operations 18,633,260 18,982,139 19,097,380 13,826,673

Operating profit. \$9,920,165 \$6,462,058 \$5,222,684 \$7,227,161
 Other income. 44,935

Total income. \$9,920,165 \$6,506,993 \$5,222,684 \$7,227,161
 Other deductions. 660,585 61,719
 Federal taxes. 1,360,000 806,000 648,000 897,000
 Preferred dividends (7%). 662,961 700,000 700,000 700,000
 Common dividends. 3,500,000 3,500,000 3,625,000 2,250,000
 Div. rate on common. (\$7) (\$7) (\$7¼) (\$4½)

Surplus. \$3,736,619 \$1,500,993 \$204,108 \$3,318,442
 Earn., surplus Dec. 31. 10,916,860 7,174,843 5,730,714 5,560,547
 * Includes cost of goods sold, incl. freight on sales, discount and allowances, selling branch, administrative and general expenses.

Three Months Ended Dec. 31— 1925. 1924. 1923.
 Gross receipts. \$4,873,300 \$5,256,982 \$4,459,091
 Mfg. & gen. expenses. 2,676,852 4,427,178 3,781,062
 Int. & discount, &c. 799,512 49,275

Net oper. income. \$1,396,936 \$829,804 \$628,754
 Other income. 125,232

x Net income. \$1,396,936 \$955,036 \$628,754
 x Before Federal taxes.—V. 121, p. 2161, 1105.

Columbia Steel Corp., San Francisco.—Rights, &c.—The stockholders on Feb. 8 increased the authorized common stock from 1,000,000 shares to 1,500,000 shares no par. The corporation will offer stockholders units of one share of preferred and 50 shares of common stock for \$300 a unit. The proceeds are to be used to retire \$1,500,000 floating debt.—V. 122, p. 615.

Columbus-McKinnon Chain Co.—Control.—Through exercise of an option, Julius F. Stone of Columbus, O., on Jan. 2 last acquired control of the above company.—V. 116, p. 1056.

Commercial Solvents Corp.—Earnings.—
 Calendar Years— 1925. 1924. 1923. 1922.
 Gross profit. Not reported *\$1,553,576 \$165,828 \$457,891
 Depreciation. 59,533 24,685
 Adm. expenses, &c. 317,425 114,152 185,168

Operating income. \$1,312,189 \$1,236,151 loss\$7,857 \$248,038
 Other income. 87,712 183,044 26,691 30,348

Total income. \$1,399,901 \$1,419,196 \$18,834 \$278,386
 Interest, &c., charges. 338,014 217,223 78,708 98,779
 Federal tax reserve. 171,622 158,000 22,600
 Preferred dividends. 80,000 62,736 15,652
 Class A dividends. 159,880 280,000 40,000 120,000

Balance. \$650,385 \$701,237 def\$115,526 \$36,989
 * After deducting production costs, laboratory expense, factory oper. exp., restitutions charges and returns and allowances (and depreciation in 1924).—V. 121, p. 335.

Conanicut Cotton Mills.—Receivership.—A Fall River dispatch states that the petition of six local banks for temporary receivers for the company has been granted and receivers have been appointed. The receivers have not yet decided whether to "wind up" the affairs of the company or keep the corporation intact.—V. 118, p. 1524.

Consolidated Cigar Corp.—Stock Sold.—The rights to subscribe to one share of common stock at \$55 per share for each three shares held, have all been exercised it is announced. The proceeds will be applied to the retirement of the \$2,500,000 3-year 6% notes, due Jan. 1 1928. See V. 122, p. 615.

Consolidated Distributors, Inc.—Meeting Adjourned.—The meeting of stockholders, which was to have been held Feb. 8, was adjourned until Feb. 15.

Consolidated Balance Sheet, Dec. 31 1925.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Investments. \$1,000	Capital stock & surplus. \$2,736,080
Furn., fixt. & autos. 195,924	Notes & trade acceptances. 99,815
Leaseholds. 523,000	Accounts payable. 142,785
Good will. 1,477,000	Accrued accounts. 2,917
Cash. 51,505	Res. for taxes &c. 50,000
Notes receivable. 2,493	
Accounts receivable. 51,046	
Merchandise. 632,217	
Deposits on leases, &c. 5,007	
Prep. & def. expenses. 92,405	
	Total (each side) \$3,031,597

x Represented by capital stock (no par value): 267,629 shares issued; 32,371 shares to be issued, the latter being specifically reserved for issuing in exchange for outstanding voting trust certificates representing first pref. stock and 2nd pref. stock of Times Square Auto Supply Co., Inc. (Del.). See also V. 122, p. 755.

Continental Baking Corp.—Inquiry Adjourned.—The inquiry being conducted by the Federal Trade Commission into the company's activities in connection with the consolidation of baking concerns, which began Feb. 8, was adjourned Feb. 9 until Feb. 23. See also suit against Ward Food Products Corp. and others under "Current Events" above.—V. 122, p. 755.

Continental Can Co., Inc.—Further Offering of Stock to Employees—To Increase Authorized Capital.—

President Thomas G. Cranwell, in his remarks to stockholders covering the operations of the company for 1925 (see under "Financial Reports" above) says: "The common stock which was sold to employees in February 1924, proved a complete success and has drawn the organization much more closely together. So marked has been this development that the directors have authorized the sale of the remaining authorized but unissued shares of the common stock, amounting to 23,448 shares, to employees on a favorable basis. The management is confident that this will result in great benefit to the company because every employee stockholder feels a keen interest in the welfare of the organization and shows it each day in his efforts to decrease waste and increase economy and efficiency. This sale to employees of 23,448 shares of stock exhausts the present authorized common stock. The board has recommended to the stockholders an increase of 250,000 shares of the common stock of the company, which will bring the total capitalization of common stock of the company to 750,000 shares. This additional common stock will be used for the purpose of providing funds for the expansion of company's facilities, for distribution among the stockholders, for sale to employees, or for other corporate purposes. The stockholders at the annual meeting Feb. 23 will be asked to ratify the increase in the common stock.—V. 122, p. 354.

Cornell Mills, Fall River, Mass.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 26 1925.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Mill bldg. & machinery. \$800,000	Capital stock. \$600,000
Stock on hand & in process. 98,003	Est. accr. taxes, city F. R. 6,500
Cash and accounts rec'd. 120,479	Deprec. & profit & loss. 411,983
Total. \$1,018,483	Total. \$1,018,483

Dividends of 4½% amounting to \$26,996 were paid during 1925.—V. 120, p. 3192.

Cushman's Sons Inc.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Bread & cake sales (net). \$8,212,901	\$7,220,657	\$6,536,036		
Baking & admin. exps. Not reported	6,841,869	6,094,578	5,440,424	
Interest. 18,257	15,942	25,913		
Operating profit. \$1,352,775	\$1,110,137	\$1,069,699		
Other income. 53,320	57,264	40,565		

Total income. \$1,275,763	\$1,406,095	\$1,167,401	\$1,110,264
Depreciation. 329,293	322,046	293,270	286,386
Federal taxes. 117,147	133,164	106,551	103,484
Preferred dividends. 313,100	311,275	270,863	93,331
Common dividends. 287,822	285,720	101,510	120,320

Surplus. \$228,400 \$353,890 \$395,207 \$506,743
 Profit & loss surplus. 2,406,106 2,177,706 1,809,964 1,427,823

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Land, bldgs., equip-ment, &c. 5,619,881	4,484,199	7% cum. pref. stock. 1,794,400	1,831,100		
G'd-will, formul., &c. 3,026,231	2,703,321	8% cum. pref. stk. y. 2,644,900	2,256,000		
Cash. 705,323	625,802	Common stock. 851,200	476,200		
Accts. & notes rec'd. 242,230	201,244	Notes payable. 891,475			
Invests. at cost. 6,200	291,199	Accts. payable, &c. 340,477	190,820		
Inventories. 520,353	331,429	Drivers' deposits. 36,997	33,404		
Lib. bds. depos. with Dept. of Labor. 18,664	18,664	Provision for taxes. 117,714	166,128		
Misc. investments. 26,600	7,787	Real estate mtges. 518,400	363,400		
Deferred charges. 247,735	174,358	Res. for conting'ies. 13,066			
		Minority int. in Hill Ware Co., Inc. 52,653			
		Surp. from appraisal of property, &c. 1,245,829	1,346,249		
		Earned surplus. 2,406,106	2,177,706		

Total. 10,413,218 8,841,006 Total. 10,413,218 8,841,006
 x Authorized, 200,000 shares of no par value, of a stated value of \$5 per share; issued, 100,240 shares. y 26,449 shares of no par value.—V. 122, p. 615.

(D. G.) Dery Corp.—Bonds Called.—Certain 1st mtge. 20-year 7% sinking fund gold bonds, due Sept. 1 1942, aggregating \$10,000, have been called for payment March 1 at 110 and int. at the New York Trust Co., trustee, 100 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 117, p. 2658.

Devoe & Reynolds Co., Inc. (& Subs.).—Balance Sheet Nov. 30.

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Plant, equip., &c., less deprec'n. \$2,668,783	\$2,629,271	Common stock. \$4,000,000			
Investments. 788,180	37,000	Cl. "A" com. stk. x3,191,667			
1st pref. stk. purch. 65,734	90,960	Cl. "B" com. stk. y1,333,333			
Cash. 436,550	649,277	1st pref. stock. 1,872,000	1,933,400		
Notes receivable. 144,698	204,919	2d pref. stock. 935,500	935,500		
Accts. receivable. 2,527,422	2,349,196	Accounts payable. 524,817	353,196		
Inventories. 2,662,718	2,604,662	Inst. of Fed'l tax. 180,099	35,354		
Deferred charges. 268,554	213,351	Reserve for taxes & accr. exp., &c. 4,650	164,025		
Fire loss claim. 49,122		Surplus. 1,849,145	1,630,875		
Prepaid insur., &c. 328,482	224,593				
		Total. \$9,891,121	\$9,050,350		

x Represented by 95,000 shares of no par value. y Represented by 40,000 shares of no par value.

A comparative income account was published in V. 122, p. 756.

(W. L.) Douglas Shoe Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Plant & fixtures. \$359,192	\$361,791	Preferred stock. \$3,800,000	\$3,800,000		
Good-will. 933,034	933,033	Common stock. 1,540,000	1,540,000		
Cash. 899,611	991,238	Accounts payable. 60,709	143,061		
Customers' accts & notes receiv. 232,677	284,987	Reserve for taxes, contingencies, &c. 151,814	162,279		
Materials & supp. 553,970	460,579	Surplus. 620,424	620,424		
Fin. goods—res'v'e do stores. 350,687	870,536				
Sundry assets. 873,779	284,819				

Total (each side) \$6,172,947 \$6,265,764
 During the past year the company paid the regular 7% div. on the pref. stock and in addition a substantial dividend on the common stock.—V. 120, p. 2555.

Earl Motors, Inc., Jackson, Mich.—Sale.—The buildings and real estate have been sold to Robert L. Kennedy, representing Continental & Commercial Bank of Chicago, and four Jackson banks, on his bid of \$300,000. (Chicago "Economist.")—V. 119, p. 2886.

Eastern Steamship Lines, Inc.—New Comptroller.—W. K. Baker, formerly comptroller of the Old Dominion Line, has been appointed Comptroller of the Eastern Steamship Lines.—V. 121, p. 2757.

Eastern Steel Co.—Drops Lease.—

Judge Dickinson in the U. S. District Court at Phila. has entered an order giving Edward L. Herndon, receiver for the company, authority to decline the acceptance of a 99-year lease on the Warwick Iron & Steel Co. foundries at Pottsville, Pa., which lease has 85 years to run. The rental is \$90,000 per annum. One of the terms of lease is that if the Eastern Steel Co. commits a forfeiture the Warwick shall be entitled to \$100,000 as liquidated damages. The action of the receiver in declining to accept the lease acts as a forfeiture so that the property reverts to Warwick and the latter company can enter its claim for damages as provided in the lease. At the same time the Eastern Steel Co. is relieved of rental and other obligations under the lease.—V. 122, p. 1616.

Eastman Kodak Co.—Extra Dividend of 75 Cents.—An extra dividend of 75 cents a share has been declared on the Common stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 both payable April 1 to holders of record Feb. 27. Extras of like amount were paid on the Common stock in the previous eight quarters.—V. 121, p. 2408, 2162.

Edmunds & Jones Corp.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Sales	\$5,056,232	\$4,593,024	\$5,700,000	\$4,200,000
Net income	\$293,508	\$290,665	\$524,839	\$444,638
Federal taxes	36,397	35,682	64,723	54,108
Preferred dividend	38,043	43,228	45,577	55,090
Common dividend	155,000	160,000	140,000	60,000
Balance, surplus	\$64,068	\$51,755	\$274,539	\$275,440

x Estimated.—V. 121, p. 3137.

Edwards Manufacturing Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Real est. & mach.	\$2,345,590	\$2,329,414	Capital stock	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
Investments	2,325	8,575	Accounts payable	80,167	15,790
Accounts receiv.	454,824	489,766	Notes payable	1,125,000	975,000
Cash	67,493	67,874	Depreciation res.	839,685	794,833
Interest prepaid	14,572	12,352	Interest accrued	168	—
Insurance prepaid	37,262	35,474	Surplus	1,408,567	1,384,361
Inventory	1,603,464	1,298,262			
Taxes unexpired	28,057	28,276			
Total	\$4,553,587	\$4,269,993	Total (each side)	\$4,553,587	\$4,269,993

Company reports a net loss of \$14,907 for the 6 months ending Dec. 31 1925, after depreciation and marking down inventories to Dec. 31 values. This compares with a net loss of \$60,297 the same period of 1924 and a profit of \$37,279 in the first 6 months of 1925. Excess profit taxes paid for the year 1918 were recovered from the U. S. Government amounting to \$45,832.—V. 121, p. 712.

Electric Auto-Lite Co.—Buys Starting, Lighting and Battery Ignition Business of American Bosch Magneto Corp.—See American Bosch Magneto Corp. above. The Electric Auto-Lite Co. is also reported to be negotiating for the properties of the De Jon Company.—V. 122, p. 616.

Electric Refrigeration Corp.—Plan Operative.—See Kelvinator Corp. below and V. 122, p. 355.

Endicott-Johnson Co.—Acquires Brownell Shoe Co.—The chain of 19 stores founded by the late R. E. Brownell has passed into the control of the Endicott-Johnson Co. of Endicott, N. Y. The stores will continue to operate under the name of the Brownell Shoe Co.—V. 122, p. 476.

(The) Fair (Department Store), Chicago.—Sales.—Fiscal Years Ended Jan. 31—

1926.	1925.	
Sales	\$26,957,858	\$25,355,926

—V. 121, p. 2526.

Famous Players-Lasky Corp.—Earnings, (Incl. Subs.).—

Quarter Ended—	9 Mos. Ended—	
Sept. 26, '25.	Sept. 27, '24.	
Net profit after all chgs. & res for Fed. & c. tax.	\$1,408,330	\$1,571,040
	\$3,459,863	\$2,921,842

—V. 122, p. 617, 219.

Fisk Rubber Co.—Trustee.—The Central Union Trust Co. has been appointed trustee for \$10,000,000 5-year 5½% sinking fund gold notes due Jan. 1 1931. (For offering, see ing, see V. 122, p. 488.)—V. 122, p. 617, 743.

Fox Film Corp. & Subs.—Financial Statement.—Results for Period Dec. 27 1924 to Nov. 28 1925.

Profits for the period to Nov. 28 1925	\$2,752,548
Provision for Federal income tax	225,307
Net income	\$2,527,241
Surplus as at Dec. 27 1924	10,766,905
Total	\$13,294,146
Expenses of issuing Fox Phila. Bldg., Inc., bonds	\$78,775
Expense of new stock issue	60,932
Dividends	750,000
Surplus as at Nov. 28 1925	\$12,404,439

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Assets—	Nov. 28 '25.	June 27 '25.	Liabilities—	Nov. 28 '25.	June 27 '25.
Land, bldg., mach. equip., &c.	\$7,862,263	\$7,788,356	Capital stock	\$7,600,000	\$7,600,000
Cash	4,267,529	3,566,194	Accts. pay. & acerr. expenses	886,141	769,265
Call loans	600,000	—	Fed. inc. tax (1924)	53,779	—
Marketable secur.	23,000	23,000	Purch. money ob. lig. for inv. in other cos.	1,624,400	—
Mortgages owned	101,679	98,447	Adv. pay. for film service	221,327	234,837
Accts. receivable	972,899	623,943	1st m. 7½% bds. of Fox Film R'ty. Corp.	973,300	1,012,400
Owing by bankers for cap. stk. & bds. issued (since paid)	—	4,680,293	1st m. 7% bonds of B'way Bldg. Co.	396,000	396,000
Inventories	\$,554,278	6,637,851	1st m. 6½% bds. of Fox Phila. Bldg., Inc.	1,800,000	1,800,000
Inv. in other cos.	3,236,312	—	Notes payable	—	12,300
Cash for ret. of bds. & pay of int.	82,321	95,089	Remit. fr. for. br. held in abeyance	—	421,773
Sundry investm.	26,344	22,968	Other mortgages	470,532	1,065,100
Life Ins. policies	93,593	84,068	Res. for Fed. inc. tax (1925)	225,307	112,771
Charges agst. for branches not reported by them	17,010	270,721	Surplus	12,404,439	11,591,898
Deferred charges	917,996	1,125,414			
Total	\$26,655,224	\$25,016,344	Total	\$26,655,224	\$25,016,344

x Consisting of 400,000 shares of class A, no par value, stock (900,000 shares authorized), and 100,000 shares class B no par value stock (authorized and issued).—V. 122, p. 756.

Flanner Co., Blackwell, Wis.—Bonds Offered.—Baker, Fentress & Co., Chicago, are offering at prices ranging from 98½ and int. to 100.60 and int. to yield from 5% to 6.22% according to maturity \$500,000 1st mtge. 6% serial sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Dec. 15 1925; due serially (semi-annually) June 15 1926-Dec. 15 1935. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Red. at 100 and int., plus a premium of ¼% for each year or part of year the bonds called have to run before their fixed maturity, such premium in no event to be less than ½%. Bonds and coupons (J. & D.) payable at Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago, Ill., or may be collected through any bank. Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago, and Calvin Fentress, Chicago, trustee. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Authorized, \$650,000.

Data From Letter of Frank F. Flanner, President of Company.—Company.—Is a large hardwood lumber concern specializing in the manufacture of a widely advertised brand of hardwood flooring, for which there has been built up an excellent name and a national distribution. Starting in 1904 with a capital of \$125,000, company's net worth has steadily increased from earnings and appreciation in value of its properties until at present its assets, after deducting all indebtedness except these bonds, are in excess of \$1,580,000. Company owns an efficient and favorably located plant at Blackwell, Wis. and approximately 100,000,000 ft. of choice timber accessible thereto.

Security.—Secured by first mortgage on the company's properties valued as follows: Timber and lands, \$800,556; plant, railroad and equipment, &c., \$351,059; or a total of, \$1,151,616.

After application of the proceeds of this bond issue, the company will also have net quick and other assets amounting to over \$390,000; thus the total assets back of this issue will be \$1,540,000 or over \$3,000 for each \$1,000 bond.

Operations & Income.—During the past 10 years, operating income available for the payment of interest and retirement of debt has averaged \$106,038 annually, and during the last 3 years has increased to an average of \$160,481 annually, or equivalent to over 4½ times the maximum interest charges on this issue and other interest bearing obligations.

Purpose.—Proceeds will provide funds for payments on timber recently acquired, and retire company obligations arising from the enlargement and improvements made to plant.

Sinking Fund.—Trust deed provides for sinking funds to be used for the retirement of the company's first mortgage bonds. These payments will be capable of producing a total of \$822,000 or over 1½ times the \$500,000 bonds outstanding.

(H. H.) Franklin Mfg. Co.—Earnings.—Net profit for the year ended Dec. 31 1925 after charges, depreciation, taxes and all adjustments, totaled \$2,019,170. This compares with a loss from operations of \$811,435 for 1924, after provision for depreciation of \$793,172.—V. 121, p. 2883.

Freeport Texas Co.—Earnings.

Period end. Nov. 30—	1925—3 Mos.—	1924.	1925—12 Mos.—	1924.
Gross sales	\$2,028,904	\$1,223,860	\$7,227,877	\$4,863,743
Cost and expenses	1,716,609	1,154,599	6,133,664	4,424,348
Operating profit	\$312,295	\$69,261	\$1,094,213	\$439,395
Other income	28,116	8,342	64,474	19,030
Total income	\$340,411	\$77,603	\$1,158,687	\$458,425
Res. for depr. & taxes	84,296	431,560	408,378	784,188
Net income	\$256,115	def\$353,957	\$750,309	def\$325,763

—V. 121, p. 2280, 336.

Gabriel Snubber Mfg. Co., Cleveland.—Annual Report Year Ending Dec. 31 1925.

Net profits from operations for the 8 months, after all charges, including depreciation and taxes \$842,886

Profits of the predecessor organization for 4 months to Apr. 30 1925, but adjusted for Federal taxes at rate for corporations 491,196

Total profits of business for year 1925 \$1,334,082

Dividends paid 500,000

Balance \$834,082

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1925.

Assets—	Liabilities—		
Land & buildings, &c.	\$365,372	Capital stock	\$1,000,000
Inventories	462,357	Accounts payable	144,498
Accounts receivable	277,532	Demonstrator deposits	18,129
Interest receivable	5,542	Acrr. county & excise taxes	26,718
Liberty Loan bonds	807,375	Acrr. Federal income taxes	119,744
Cash	29,982	Initial surplus	529,783
Patents	202,823	Surplus from operations	342,886
Goodwill	1		
Deferred charges	30,750	Total (each side)	\$2,181,769

a Authorized and issued: 198,000 shares of class A, no par value, and 2,000 shares of class B, no par value.—V. 122, p. 488.

General American Tank Car Corp.—Prelim. Earns.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Net after taxes, &c.	\$2,035,956	\$2,046,998	\$1,818,256	\$1,521,796

—V. 121, p. 2646.

General Baking Corp. of Md. (& Subs.).—Report.—[General Baking Co. and Smith Great Western Baking Corp.]

Statement of Profit and Loss Account, Year Ending Dec. 26 1925.

Profit from operations	\$3,588,645
Depreciation	1,053,908
Federal income taxes	919,145
Net profit	\$6,615,591
Net profit applicable to period prior to acquisition	4,249,331
Net profit applicable to period since acquisition	2,366,260
Dividend payable on Gen. Baking Co. 8% cumul. pref. stock	181,550
Minority interest	6,852
Div. payable Jan. 2 1926 on class A stock (\$1 25 per share)	1,292,044
Net surplus of earnings after dividends since acquisition	\$885,815

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 26 1925.

Assets—	Liabilities—		
Property and plant	\$20,187,460	Capital surplus	\$24,744,154
Cash in banks & on hand	12,394,972	Gen. Bak. Co. pref. stock	9,077,500
U. S. Liberty bonds	2,012,525	Minority int. in common stk.	60,451
Acc'ts receivable (less reserve)	792,325	of Gen. Baking Co.	60,451
Subscriptions receivable	206,800	Funded debt	387,657
Inventories	2,454,378	Accounts payable	360,991
Investments	398,295	Dividends payable Jan. 2	1,479,311
Deferred charges	538,900	Est. Fed. tax current year	919,145
Trade marks, good-will, &c.	1	Sundry accruals	91,228
		Reserve for contingencies	979,705
Total (each side)	\$38,985,957	Earned surplus	885,815

a Capital stock: Class A stock (no par value), having a value at liquidation of \$100 per share; authorized, 5,000,000 shares; issued, 1,045,757 shares; subscribed but not fully paid, 5,135 shares; total, 1,050,892 shares. Class B stock (no par value), authorized and issued, 5,000,000 shares; less held in treasury, 993,103 shares; 4,006,897 shares.—V. 122, p. 98.

General Motors Acceptance Corp.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net earnings for year	\$2,356,736	\$2,247,177	\$1,235,789
Undivided profits previous year	2,368,262	1,201,085	229,257
Total undivided profits	\$4,724,998	\$3,448,262	\$1,525,045
Dividends	1,350,000	1,080,000	480,000
Balance	\$3,374,998	\$2,368,262	\$1,045,045

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Cash in banks & on hand	\$13,870,952	\$11,424,921	\$6,729,781	\$4,429,847
Cash in trust	7,944,944	3,572,406	2,951,417	1,462,686
Notes & bills receivable (U. S. and Canada)	104,575,200	54,913,771	67,319,444	44,782,959
do foreign	11,711,559	7,952,255	7,051,488	2,685,776
Due from bks. on disc'ts	328,344	222,798	809,650	87,963
Accounts receivable	293,419	223,419	223,434	334,981
Int. earned not received	—	—	5,336	2,293
Furn. & eq. (less depr.)	353,411	341,404	331,361	319,375
Investments	906,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Cash & secur. pledged by for. custs. (contra)	—	85,063	80,506	192,283
Deferred charges	767,640	421,533	604,769	341,637
Total	\$140,458,051	\$79,233,569	\$86,113,186	\$54,645,800
Liabilities—				
Capital stock	\$13,500,000	\$9,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$4,800,000
Notes & bills payable	107,779,594	53,847,219	65,116,687	43,517,620
Foreign bills discounted	2,196,104	7,245,542	6,896,183	2,442,155
Accounts payable	3,423,810	817,526	1,809,811	193,542
Cash & secur. pledged by for'n custs. (contra)	—	85,063	80,507	192,283
Int. & chgs. rec. in adv.	—	1,979,135	2,361,873	1,117,984
Reserves	2,303,377	1,640,823	1,303,079	872,959
Unearned income	4,505,167	—	—	—
Surplus & undiv. prof.	6,749,998	4,618,262	2,545,045	1,509,256
Total	\$140,458,051	\$79,233,569	\$86,113,186	\$54,645,800

—V. 121, p. 3138.

General Electric Co.—Supplementary Compensation.—Supplementary compensation amounting to \$1,367,426 was paid by the company in February to 30,813 employees of its plants and offices who have been with it for 5 years or more. The sum paid each individual represents 5% of his earnings for the 6 months ending Dec. 31 1925. Payments were made in G-E Employees' Securities Corp. bonds or cash as the employees desired. Both the amount paid and the number of employees benefiting by this plan exceed those of June 1925.

During 1925 the company has paid to dependants of 283 employees a total of \$354,150 under the group life insurance plan. This insurance is provided free to employees who have been with the company for a year or more and ranges from \$500 to \$1,500, the latter amount for employees of 5 years' service.

Arthur R. Bush, manager of the industrial department of the company, died in Schenectady, N. Y., on Jan. 24.—V. 122, p. 756.

General Motors Corp.—To Lease 13 Floors of New Building for 21 Years at an Aggregate Rental of \$14,700,000.—See Broadway Motors Building Corp. above.—V. 122, p. 756.

General Outdoor Advertising Co., Inc.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31 1925.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Real estate, mach., & equip.	\$6,539,994	6% cumulat. pref. stock	\$2,847,933
Cash	3,335,091	Class A stock	6,250,000
Accounts receivable	3,576,811	Common stock	14,224,417
Painted displays not billed to customers, (est.)	1,050,004	Accounts payable	268,195
Advances to employees	333,143	Commissions payable	351,848
Materials & supplies	426,553	Acer. int. & expenses	575,202
Prepaid lease rentals	789,957	Am'ts pay on sublet contracts	1,930,331
Prepaid int., insur. & oth. exps	303,244	Prov. for Federal tax	369,928
Cash depts. with trustees	26,149	Funded debt	1,284,903
Mtges., notes & other rec'bles	270,159	Reserve for contingencies	1,000,000
Stocks & other securities	200,776	Res. for minor ints. outstand'g	122,290
Advertising display plants	13,404,004	Earned surplus	1,380,839
Organization expense	350,000		
		Total (each side)	\$30,605,887

x Comprised of 642,383 shares of no par value, recorded at \$20 per share and initial surplus.—V. 122, p. 757.

General Railway Signal Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Plant, fixtures, &c.	4,451,641	Preferred stock	2,575,900
Pats., good-will, &c.	3,670,931	Common stock	16,500,000
Good-will of Australian company	20,346	First mtge. 20-year 6 1/2%	2,000,000
Call loans	790,000	Min. stockholders' equity in stock of subsidiaries	40,000
Cash	246,699	Notes & acc'ts pay.	1,599,803
Acc'ts & notes rec.	1,871,385	Federal tax (est.)	240,000
Life insurance	46,970	Accrued dividends	444,888
Insurance deposit	18,395	Accrued int., taxes,	
Securities owned	15,943	Reserve	66,762
Invested in and due from subsidiaries	45,994	Surplus	3,542,677
Inventories	3,452,941		
Other curr. assets	367,617		
Bond disc't & tax being amortized	29,184		
Prepaid items	120,245		
		Total (each side)	15,129,896

x Represented by 325,000 shares of no par value. y Includes State taxes. A comparative income account was published in V. 122, p. 757.

General Tire & Rubber Co.—Capital Changed.—The stockholders have changed the authorized common capital stock from 50,000 shares, par \$50, to 100,000 shares, par \$25. Two shares of the new stock will be issued for each of the old.—V. 122, p. 221.

Giant Portland Cement Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—		1925.	1924.	1923.
Net profit from oper., after prov. for deprec., local and State taxes		\$536,498	\$458,491	\$438,566
Bank and other interest, rents, &c.		19,672	Cr12,046	Cr13,532
Total income		\$556,170	\$470,537	\$452,098
Deduct—Interest on bonds		8,149	15,410	21,750
Federal income tax for year		63,929	49,461	24,179
Int. on mortgages and notes			221	1,986
Amt. written off Norfolk property			148,181	237,560
Loss on dismantling mach'y, &c.		50,289		
Dividends paid		(17%)318,096	(14)261,892	(7)131,600
Balance, surplus		\$115,706	def\$4,629	\$35,023

Dividends on the preferred stock outstanding at present are in arrears to the extent of 19%.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Real est., bldgs., machinery, &c.	\$2,906,666	Preferred stock	\$1,871,150
Cash	290,565	Common stock	1,106,050
Notes & acc'ts rec.	85,839	1st mtge. 6%	121,000
Loaned on collat. demand notes	200,000	Accounts payable	95,962
Sundry debtors	2,252	Cust's credit bal.	2,119
Rents & int. rec.	1,309	Payroll and un-claimed wages	19,488
Inventories	360,436	Acer. int. & taxes	67,078
Deferred charges	8,046	Res. for contingencies, &c.	18,902
Fund for red. bds.	49,828	Surplus	610,335
Stock & mortgages owned	7,142		
		Total	\$3,912,083

Total \$3,912,083 \$3,787,570
—V. 121, p. 2758.

Good Hope Steel & Iron Works (Gutehoffnungshutte, Aktienverein fur Bergbau und Huttenbetrieb, Nurnberg, and Gutehoffnungshutte Oberhausen Aktiengesellschaft), Germany.—Bonds Sold.—Lee, Higginson & Co. and W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., have sold at 92 and int., to yield over 7.80%, an additional \$2,500,000 20-year 7% sinking fund mortgage gold bonds. Dated Oct. 15 1925, due Oct. 15 1945. (See description in V. 121, p. 2527.)

Capitalization to be Outstanding Upon Completion of Present Financing.

Obligations under Dawes plan \$3,260,000
20-year 7% sinking fund mortgage gold bonds: Auth. & issued, \$10,000,000 (closed); retired by sinking fund, \$125,000; outstanding, including this issue 9,875,000
Capital stock 19,040,000

Business.—Founded 1741. Company and its wholly owned Oberhausen subsidiary in Ruhr district, constitute one of larger iron and steel manufacturing companies in Germany. Including subsidiaries, group carries on processes from mining of coal and operation of blast furnaces to delivery of diversified general line of finished steel products, and manufacture of machinery, ships, bridges and railway equipment. Sales, two companies, year ended June 30 1925, over \$39,000,000.

Security.—Bonds will be the joint and several obligation of the two companies, secured, by mortgage to be a first lien (except only for \$3,260,000 Dawes plan obligations) on the principal plants of the Oberhausen company in Ruhr district, including 11 blast furnaces, 3 steel works of 1,000,000 tons aggregate annual capacity, rolling mills, drawing plant and other large metal working plants, coal properties and railroad lines.

Mortgaged properties appraised in Feb. 1925 by Works Manager of Dorman, Long & Co., Ltd., one of outstanding British iron and steel companies, at conservative valuation of more than \$75,000,000, or more than 5 1/2 times the principal amount of these bonds and total Dawes plan obligations.

Earnings.—Net earnings, after maintenance and renewals but before depreciation, depletion and interest charges, for year ended June 30 1925 were \$2,680,296, or more than 3 1-3 times the combined annual requirement of \$780,900 for interest on these bonds and charges for present year on Dawes plan obligations. Over 33% of year's total sales were for export, producing foreign exchange sufficient to cover interest on these bonds, to constitute entire present external funded debt, more than 16 times.

Financial Condition.—Total current assets as of June 30 1925 but including results of financing through issuance of total 20-year 7% sinking fund mortgage gold bonds now to be outstanding, amount to \$17,885,578, or more than 3 1/4 times total current liabilities of \$5,442,682, and net current asset amount to more than \$12,400,000.

Listing.—Bonds listed on Boston Stock Exchange and application will be made to list on the New York Stock Exchange. Compare also V. 121, p. 2527, 2646.

Gould Coupler Co.—Earnings.

	4th Quar. 1925.	3d Quar. 1925.	Total 12 Mos.
Gross manufacturing profit	\$234,322	\$120,063	\$957,397
Selling expenses	43,826	23,980	110,251
General and administrative expenses	50,631	39,300	158,708
Net profit from operation	\$139,865	\$56,783	\$688,439
Other income	36,972	5,458	50,882
Total income	\$176,837	\$62,241	\$739,321
Interest—First lien bonds	58,950	59,066	187,766
Interest—Notes payable	6,500	7,616	28,719
Miscellaneous	1,416	5,421	17,395
Net before Federal taxes	\$109,971	loss\$9,861	\$505,442

—V. 121, p. 2230.

(W. T.) Grant Co. (Mass.)—January Sales.

	1926.	1925.	1924.
Month of January	\$2,064,915	\$1,816,041	\$1,341,715

Sales —V. 122, p. 221.

Grasselli Chemical Co., Cleveland.—Rights.

The company has offered the stockholders the right to subscribe to nearly \$2,000,000 additional common stock at par (\$100). The proceeds will be used to expand plants mainly outside of Cleveland, O. There is at present \$19,618,800 common outstanding and \$10,724,200 6% preferred stock. The stockholders have the right to subscribe up to 10% of their present holdings.—V. 119, p. 203.

Greenfield Tap & Die Corp.—Report.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Calendar Years—				
Net profits before depreciation	\$550,245	\$317,970	\$613,690	\$159,183

—V. 120, p. 1466.

Hamilton Woolen Co.—Report.

Results for Year Ended Nov. 30 1925.

Sales	\$4,988,172
Operating costs	5,069,748
Operating loss	\$81,576
Other income	9,843
Net loss for year	\$71,733

Balance Sheet as of Nov. 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Plant	\$3,517,830	Capital stock	\$2,585,000
Mat's & supplies	1,791,801	Notes payable	1,800,000
Cash & acc'ts rec.	1,630,611	Accrued interest	21,650
Deferred charges	88,958	Surplus reserve	143,610
		Div. pay. Jan. 10	88,775
		Res. for deprec.	882,486
		Res. for taxes	7,000
		Surplus	1,596,454
Total (each side)	\$7,029,200	\$7,364,915	1,856,004

—V. 121, p. 467.

Harmony Mills, Inc.—Earnings.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Calendar Years—				
Net earnings after depreciation	loss \$223,504	loss \$482,719	\$387,101	

Balance Sheet as of December 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Real estate and machinery	\$4,915,326	Preferred stock	\$1,430,000
Inventory	1,533,501	Common stock	4,196,400
Cash & acc'ts rec.	408,109	Notes & acc'ts pay.	657,308
Marketable secur.	4,910	General reserve	6,613
		Surplus	571,525
Total	\$6,861,846	\$6,770,213	\$6,770,213

—V. 120, p. 2155.

(George W.) Helme Co., Inc.—Annual Report.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Calendar Years—				
x Net earnings	\$2,203,725	\$2,199,749	\$2,096,307	\$2,005,612
Pref. divs.	(7%) 280,000	280,000	280,000	280,000
Common divs.	(27%) 1,620,000	(27) 1,620,000	(19) 1,140,000	(9 1/2) 900,000

Balance, surplus	\$303,724	\$299,749	\$676,307	\$825,612
Previous surplus	3,529,847	3,230,097	2,553,790	3,728,179
Total surplus	\$3,833,571	\$3,529,847	\$3,230,097	\$4,553,791

Com. div. in stock (50%) 2,000,000

Profit & loss surplus \$3,833,571 \$3,529,847 \$3,230,097 \$2,553,791
x After deducting all charges and expenses of management, and making provision for the estimated amount of Federal tax on profits, and making suitable additions to the general funds for advertising, insurance, &c.—V. 121, p. 2758.

(A.) Hollander & Son, Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

Consolidated Income Account for Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.

Gross profit on sales, \$1,367,593; other income, \$452,530; total income	\$1,820,123
Operating expenses, &c.	904,374
Reserve for Federal income taxes	112,174
Net profit	\$803,575

x This compares with net profits of \$715,699 reported in 1924.

Consolidated Balance Sheet, Dec. 31 1925.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Land, buildings, &c.	\$957,604	Accrued 1925 income taxes	\$112,174
Cash	137,815	Rent deposits	1,125
Notes receivable	227,415	Capital stock and surplus	x2,322,374
Accounts receivable	1,034,831		
Inventories	78,008	Total (each side)	\$2,435,678

x Represented by 200,000 shares no par value common stock. Commenting on the outlook for business in 1925 Pres. Michael Hollander said in part: "Favorable reports emanate from every part of the country indicating a continuance of prosperous conditions in all industries. Naturally, such prosperity must reflect favorably in the fur industry, and from such investigations as I have been able to make I am assured that our business will continue prosperous during the fiscal year 1926."

In connection with the purchase of the fur-dyeing establishment of Bertram J. Goodman, Inc. on Jan. 5 1926, Mr. Hollander said: "Possession of the Goodman business was taken immediately upon consummation of the deal; the old organization was retained; Hollander policies of transacting business have been installed and the business will be strengthened wherever necessary. Altogether, I am very much pleased with having acquired the Goodman business and from every indication so far received, the trade is also highly pleased with this move and I entertain every hope that our stockholders will greatly benefit from this recent acquisition."—V. 122, p. 489.

Howe Sound Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of stamped voting trust certificates extended to Dec. 15 1935 (by voting trust agreement dated Dec. 15 1925), for 423,059 shares of capital stock (auth. 600,000

shares) without par value on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding voting trust certificates; with authority to add stamped voting trust certificates extended for 72,979 shares of stock on official notice of issuance in exchange making a total amount applied for, voting trust certificates extended for 496,038 shares of capital stock.—V. 122, p. 618.

Humble Oil & Refining Co.—To Increase Stock.—The stockholders will vote Mar. 1 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$43,750,000 to \$75,000,000, par \$25. It is the intention of the management to offer all but \$3,000,000 of the additional stock, which will be reserved for employees, to stockholders at \$25 a share, on the basis of approximately two shares of the new stock for each three shares held. The proceeds will be used to pay off loans extended to the Humble company by the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.—V. 122, p. 489.

Hupp Motor Car Corporation.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Sales	\$43,847,198	\$32,320,706	\$38,013,014	\$34,122,847
Net profits after taxes	\$2,919,464	\$1,095,160	\$2,646,438	\$3,763,984
Preferred dividends			37,822	58,873
Common dividends	913,809	685,357	786,603	519,210
Balance, surplus	\$2,005,655	\$409,803	\$1,822,013	\$3,185,901
Month of January—		1926.	1925.	1924.
No. of cars produced		4,334	2,599	3,152

—V. 121, p. 2759, 2411.

Independence Realty Bldg., Phila.—Bonds Called.—All of the outstanding \$800,000 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds, series A. of C. Benton Cooper, have been called for payment March 1 at 101 and int. at the office of the Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lives, &c., trustee, Philadelphia, Pa.—V. 118, p. 1399.

Industrial Finance Corp.—To Fund Accrued Dividends.—The stockholders on Feb. 8 approved a plan for the funding of the arrears of dividends on the 6% preferred stock by the refunding of the stock itself. When payment of the dividend on the preferred stock was resumed on Feb. 1, 1924, unpaid dividends to the amount of \$377,500 a share had accumulated. To care for this accumulation, the company will issue a 7% preferred stock in exchange for the present 6% preferred stock in the ratio of \$130 par value of the new stock to \$100 par value of the old stock. This will have the effect of increasing the annual dividend yield from \$6 to \$9 10 per share.—V. 122, p. 758.

Insurance Exchange Building (Pittsburgh Insurance Exchange, Inc.).—Bonds Offered.—The F. H. Smith Co., New York, are offering \$1,100,000 1st mtge. 7% coupon gold bonds at par and int.

Building.—The site of the building is on 4th Avenue between Wood and Market Sts., in the heart of Pittsburgh's downtown business and financial district. The land comprises approximately 7,200 sq. ft., fronting 60 ft. on Fourth Ave. by a depth of 120 ft. The building will contain 21 stories of rentable space, with basement. It will be of modern steel frame construction. The building is designed to afford the greatest amount of light and air to all offices.

The ground floor is designed for banking quarters and the 20 upper floors for office purposes. It will be one of the finest office buildings in the city.

Appraisal.—The property has been appraised by two of the leading realtors of Pittsburgh, C. C. McKallip & Co. and the Freehold Real Estate Co. C. C. McKallip & Co. appraise the property, upon completion and occupancy, at \$1,700,000 and the approximate annual gross income at \$340,000 fully rented. The Freehold Real Estate Co. appraises the property, upon completion and occupancy, at \$1,723,250 and the annual gross income at approximately \$350,000. Thus the income from the property as estimated will provide amply for the payment of interest and annual amortization.

Intercontinental Rubber Co. (Del.).—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 313,524 shares (auth. 604,000 shares) capital stock without par value, on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding capital stock and (or) in distribution of the assets of Intercontinental Rubber Co. (New Jersey), with authority to add on or before April 10 1926, temporary certificates for 58,060 shares of said stock, on official notice of issuance on conversion of outstanding series A and B convertible collateral trust gold notes, due Oct. 1 1932, of the Delaware company, with further authority to add on or before April 19 1926, temporary certificates for 232,240 shares of said stock, on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied for 603,824 shares of capital stock without par value.

Intercontinental Rubber Co. (formerly Intercontinental Rubber Products Corp.) was incorporated in Delaware Sept. 25 1922, with an authorized capital of 60,400 shares of capital stock without par value; 31,370 shares of such capital stock were issued to Intercontinental Rubber Co. (a New Jersey corporation now in dissolution) from which it acquired substantially all of the latter's assets as of June 30 1922. The then stated value of the assets so acquired was \$3,137,000 and included all of the outstanding securities of the New Jersey company's subsidiaries except 100 shares of stock of Continental Plantation Co., subsequently acquired by the Delaware company.

The name of the Delaware company was changed and its authorized capital increased to 604,000 shares of capital stock without par value by certificate duly filed on Jan. 8 1926 (as per reorganization plan dated Dec. 4 1925)—V. 121, p. 3012.

Consolidated Statement of Income Year Ended Dec. 31.

	1925.	1924.	1923.
Profit from operations	\$1,380,193	\$238,002	\$153,027
Depreciation	143,224	19,206	12,412
Discount and general expenses	159,625	85,560	57,294
Interest	43,241	41,531	24,807
Estimated Federal income taxes	116,250		
Net profit	\$917,854	\$91,699	\$58,515
Previous balance	110,673	18,974	def39,541
Total	\$1,028,527	\$110,673	\$18,974
Book value of development (Agricultural Products Corp.) abandoned and charged off	158,041		
Balance, Dec. 31 1925.	\$870,485	\$110,673	\$18,974

* Last quarter partly estimated.—V. 122, p. 758.

Interstate Iron & Steel Co.—3% Back Dividend.—The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on preferred and a dividend of 3% on account of accumulations, both payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 11. On Dec. 1 last, a dividend of 1 1/4% was paid on account of accruals and in Sept. last, 1 1/4%. A balance of 12 1/2% in back dividends will still be due on the preferred stock after payment of the above dividends.

Calendar Years—

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings	\$2,168,805	\$1,296,210	\$1,251,940	\$1,083,304
Deprec., taxes, int., &c.	1,060,701	865,043	900,880	851,730
Preferred dividends	209,963	36,053		
Balance, surplus	\$902,141	\$395,114	\$351,060	\$231,574

—V. 121, p. 2165.

International Securities Trust of America.—Common Stock Placed on \$3.80 Annual Dividend Basis.—The trustees have declared a quarterly dividend of 95 cents per share on the common stock, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 15. During 1925, the following distributions were made on the common stock: March, 60 cents; June, 65 cents; Sept., 70 cents; Dec., 85 cents.

The Trust's holdings at present comprise more than 650 different securities, representing 80 branches of industrial activity, including public utilities and railways; 27 countries of origin, besides the United States; 50 banks and financial institutions, and as many as 50 government and municipal obligors.—V. 121, p. 847.

Iron Cap Copper Co.—Stock Offering.—Pres. F. P. Knight, says in substance: The plan and offering of new preferred stock submitted to stockholders on Jan. 9 1926, is declared operative. An amount in excess of \$200,000 has been subscribed.

The U. S. Supreme Court has denied the application for appeal made by the Arizona Commercial Mining Co. The Arizona decision, therefore, stands in favor of Iron Cap. Because of this change in the affairs of the company it has been decided to extend the time under which subscriptions to the plan dated Jan. 9 will be received to the close of business on Feb. 15. See also V. 122, p. 358.

Jewel Tea Co., Inc.—\$2.25 Div. on Acct. of Arrearages on Pref. Stock.—The directors on Feb. 9 declared a dividend of \$4 a share on the preferred stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 18. Of the total dividend, \$2 25 will be credited to accumulated dividends due on this issue and \$1 75 will be in the form of a regular quarterly disbursement. After payment of the above, a total of \$27 50 a share in back dividends will still be due on the preferred stock. Dividends were resumed on this issue on April 1 1925 by the payment of a dividend of \$4 25 a share; this was followed on July 1 by the payment of \$1 75 a share and by the distribution of \$4 a share on Oct. 1 and Jan. 2 last.—V. 122, p. 489.

Johns-Manville, Inc.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.
Profits for year	\$2,725,661	\$2,523,047
Income tax reserve	300,000	300,000
Dividends	750,000	750,000
Balance, surplus	\$1,675,661	\$1,473,047

Balance Sheet December 31.

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Plant, equip't, &c.	9,274,945	8,683,143	Cap. stk. (no par)	12,500,000	12,500,000
Cash	1,566,192	1,633,334	Accts. payable	838,930	870,291
Accts & notes rec.	6,478,399	5,660,073	Wages comm'n's &c.	533,452	255,563
Inventories	4,776,686	3,621,435	Fgt., roy'y & exps.	187,500	167,472
Div.-paying securities	7,927,869	7,787,515	Dividend reserve	187,500	187,500
Due from sub. cos.	1,714,745	2,785,689	Income tax res.	300,000	300,000
			Surplus	17,378,953	15,890,362
Total	\$31,738,835	\$30,171,189	Total	\$31,738,835	\$30,171,189

* Represented by 250,000 shares of no par value.—V. 121, p. 2048.

Kawneer Co., Niles, Mich.—Listed.—The Detroit Stock Exchange has approved for listing of 125,000 shares of no par stock. Compare also V. 122, p. 619.

Kelly-Springfield Tire Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross profits	\$9,895,844	\$7,255,746	\$9,559,804	\$12,531,379
Admin., oper. exp., &c.	6,434,049	6,838,513	8,797,398	7,305,176
Net operating income	\$3,461,795	\$417,233	\$762,406	\$5,226,203
Other income	225,846	300,425	345,130	351,643
Total oper. income	\$3,686,641	\$717,658	\$1,107,536	\$5,577,846
Int. on 10-yr. 8% notes		\$690,000	\$770,000	\$800,000
Bond disc. & miscell.	2,234,064	301,033	354,062	464,465
Depreciation		1,252,374	1,149,759	1,168,832
Net income	\$1,452,577	def\$1,525,749	def\$1,166,285	\$3,144,549
Divs. on 6% preferred		\$44,250	\$177,900	\$181,113
Divs. on 8% preferred		105,294	424,376	437,186
Balance, surplus	\$1,452,577	def\$1,675,292	def\$1,468,560	\$2,526,250

—V. 121, p. 1916.

Kelvinator Corp.—Plan Operative.—A. H. Goss and H. A. Tremaine, as committee, issued a notice Feb. 11 to common stockholders of Kelvinator Corp. and to class B common stockholders of Nizer Corp. to the effect that the time for deposit of Kelvinator Corp. common stock and Nizer Corp. class B common stock under the plan and agreement dated as of Dec. 16 1925 for the acquisition of such stock by Electric Refrigeration Corp. in exchange for capital stock of the new company, share for share, will expire on Feb. 15. Electric Refrigeration Corp. has been formed in Michigan and pursuant to the plan and agreement has already acquired in excess of 74% of both the common stock of Kelvinator Corp. and the class B common stock of Nizer Corp. It has also acquired all of the outstanding preferred and common stock of Grand Rapids Refrigerator Co.

Stockholders of Kelvinator Corp. and Nizer Corp. who have not already done so, are urged to deposit their stock promptly, with either New York Trust Co., the New York depository, at 100 Broadway, or Detroit Trust Co., the Detroit depository, at 201 West Fort St., Detroit.—V. 122, p. 358.

Kincaid & Kimball, Inc.—Receivership.—This company, clothing manufacturers of Utica, N. Y., recently went into the hands of receivers in an equity action brought in Federal Court by Dykeman, Loeb & Co. of Philadelphia, creditors, claiming \$4,141. Liabilities are estimated at \$500,000 and assets \$630,000.—V. 108, p. 1515.

Knickerbocker Ice Co.—Sells Property at Rockland Lake.—This company, which owns considerable property at Rockland Lake, N. Y., has contracted to sell the same.—V. 121, p. 1797.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—New Common Stock Placed on 12% Annual Dividend Basis.—The directors on Feb. 10 declared a quarterly dividend of 30 cents per share on the new common stock, par \$10, payable Mar. 31 to holders of record Mar. 15. This places the new common stock on a 12% annual basis, equivalent to \$12 per share on the old \$100 par common stock, which heretofore received \$8 annually.

Dividends accruing to the common stockholders who have not sent in their certificates for conversion and are still holding the old \$100 par certificates will be held by the Equitable Trust Co. of New York until the old certificates are sent in for conversion.—V. 122, p. 758, 619.

(S. H.) Kress & Co.—January Sales.

Month of January—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Sales	\$3,046,025	\$2,796,130	\$2,152,521	\$2,059,962

—V. 122, p. 758, 620.

Lawyers Title & Guaranty Co.—Stock Taken.—The entire 20,000 shares of capital stock recently offered to the stockholders have been subscribed for, according to Secretary John A. Stoehr. See V. 121, p. 3012.

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$5,401,325 additional common stock B (auth. \$44,363,800), \$25 per share on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend, payable March 1 1926, making the total amount of common stock B applied for \$37,958,375.—V. 122, p. 476, 490.

Lima Locomotive Works, Inc.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Sales	\$4,490,028	\$14,577,135	\$20,286,867	\$6,476,953
x Expenses, &c.	5,540,095	13,068,399	17,495,031	6,221,214
Profit	loss\$1,050,067	\$1,508,736	\$2,791,836	\$255,740
Other income	Cr.205,675	Cr.216,307	Cr.110,769	
Interest on bonds				\$0,294
Reserve for Federal taxes		225,000	500,000	
Pref. dividends (7%)			30,326	130,985
Common dividends	844,228	844,228	809,570	189,211
Balance, surplus	def.\$1,688,620	\$655,815	\$1,562,709	def\$144,750
Profit and loss surplus	\$2,983,072	\$4,671,692	\$4,015,876	\$2,453,167

* Including manufacturing, administrative and other expenses (amounting to \$5,120,873 in 1925), and depreciation (to the amount of \$419,222 in 1925).

Balance Sheet December 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Land, buildings, machinery, &c., \$4,726,506	5,111,229	Common stock, \$10,552,850	10,552,850
Drawings, pat'ts, dies, &c. 1	1	Accounts payable, 1,024,262	688,896
Good-will— 2,687,716	2,687,716	Miscellaneous accrued liabilities, 169,390	180,177
Cash— 190,488	335,739	Reserve for Federal taxes & cont'g. 165,590	372,845
U. S. Govt. securs. 3,610,184	4,530,488	Accident Insurance reserve— 138,538	139,539
Other Investments. 170,379	204,629	Surplus— 2,983,072	4,671,692
Bills receivable— 27,019	76,552		
Accts. receivable— 855,050	1,605,625		
Inventories— 2,547,655	1,954,715		
Accident Ins. fund. 138,538	139,539		
Deferred charges— 80,165	59,764		
		Total (each side) 15,033,702	16,605,998

* After reserve for depreciation, 300,000 shares without par value authorized, 88,943 shares unissued, 211,057 shares outstanding.—V. 121, p. 2048.

Lehn & Fink Products Co.—Dividend No. 2.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend (No. 2) of 75c. per share on the outstanding common stock, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 15. An initial dividend of like amount was paid on Dec. 1 last. The following constitute the new board of directors: A. R. N. Boyle, W. H. Gesell, Jacob J. Newman, Waddell Catchings, Arthur Lehman, Maynard Baird, Edmund E. Wise and Isaac Lande.—V. 121, p. 2166.

Lord & Taylor (N. Y. City).—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Fixtures & equip't. a. 1,185,768	1,055,632	1st pref. stock— d. 2,385,000	2,385,000
Good-will— 3,000,000	3,000,000	2d pref. stock— 1,895,100	1,895,100
Cash— 1,129,405	1,190,400	Common stock— d. 2,998,000	2,998,000
Accts. receivable. b. 2,769,211	2,521,245	Trade creditors. 1,254,191	1,052,876
Notes receivable— 16,995	15,187	Accrued expenses and Federal tax reserve— 714,611	555,220
Due from affiliated foreign cos.— 12,582	9,586	2d pref. div., payable Feb. 1— 112,852	112,852
Inventories— c. 3,208,097	2,632,775	Surplus— 2,136,637	1,597,047
Prepd. & aff. chgs. 94,251	84,910		
Loans to defil. cos. 80,351	86,359		
		Total 11,496,391	10,596,097

* Fixtures and equipment, \$2,448,603, less reserve, \$1,262,835. b Accounts receivable, \$2,847,073, less reserve for doubtful accounts, \$77,862. c Inventories of merchandise after deducting \$169,514 in 1925 and \$141,790 in 1924 for unearned discounts. d First preferred stock, \$2,500,000, less in treasury, \$115,000; common stock, \$3,000,000, less treasury stock, \$2,000. During 1925 dividends were disbursed by the company as follows: Regular dividends on first pref. stock (6%), \$143,100; on second pref. stock (8%), \$151,608; and on common stock (15%), \$449,700.—V. 121, p. 2166.

(P.) Lorillard Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Real estate, mach. and fixtures— 9,194,907	9,289,110	Pref. stk., 7% cum. 11,307,600	11,307,600
Leaf tobacco, manufacturing stock and oper. supp. 30,425,459	30,773,558	Common stock— 32,169,075	30,305,550
Stock in other cos. 2,187,500	2,182,500	Com. stk. div. scrip. 870	870
Tr-mark, brands, &c.— 21,228,892	21,149,226	Gold bonds— 20,358,950	20,445,150
Cash— 9,195,852	8,401,726	Pref. divs. Jan. 2— 197,883	197,883
Accounts and bills receivable— 9,960,050	6,146,580	Com. divs. Jan. 2— 909,167	909,162
		Acct. int. on bonds— 391,673	393,182
		Reserve funds— 2,763,190	3,283,784
		Accts payable— 511,019	660,146
		Profit and loss— 13,586,233	12,440,373
Total 82,192,660	79,942,700	Total 82,192,660	79,942,700

The usual comparative income account was published in V. 122, p. 758

Louisiana Oil Refining Corp.—\$4,000,000 6 1/2% Cum. Pref. Stock Underwritten by Bankers.—

A syndicate managed by Spencer Trask & Co., F. S. Smithers & Co., Stevenson, Perry, Stacy & Co. and J. S. Bache & Co. has underwritten the issue of \$4,000,000 6 1/2% cumulative convertible preferred stock, to which common stockholders of record Jan. 29 1926 are entitled to subscribe at par (\$100) at the rate of 35-1,000ths of a share of preferred stock for each share of common then held. The subscription rights must be exercised and payment of the subscription price must be made in full on or before Feb. 16 1926. The corporation has agreed to make application for the listing of this preferred stock on the New York Stock Exchange. The stock is preferred as to assets to the extent of \$105 and div. in the event of dissolution or liquidation, whether voluntary or involuntary. It is convertible up to and including Feb. 15 1929 at the option of the holders, into common stock at the rate of 4 shares of common for each share of preferred.

Corporation has approximately 85,000 acres of land, of which 15,000 acres are fee and 70,000 acres lease land. It has production in the Louann (Smackover), Eldorado, Haynesville, Homer, Bellevue, Caddo, Urania and Cotton Valley fields in Arkansas and Louisiana and in the Humble field in Texas. The total daily production is approximately 6,000 barrels settled production. The corporation has 2 refineries in Shreveport, La., with a total daily refining capacity of 17,000 barrels. Corporation also has over 1,600,000 barrels of steel field storage in addition to 750,000 barrels of earthen storage pits, exclusive of storage for refined products at refineries, service stations, &c.

The corporation has begun an intensive drilling campaign in the new Urania field where it has large acreage holdings. Its present drilling activity is on a block of approximately 400 acres entirely surrounded by producing wells and it expects considerable production from this acreage.

The corporation has recently acquired a substantial interest in the common stock of the Beacon Oil Co., a refining and marketing concern with a large refinery at Everett, Mass., and retail distribution throughout New England. Both as an outlet for surplus petroleum products and as a profitable investment, the acquisition of an interest in the Beacon Oil Co. should prove of considerable value to Louisiana Oil Refining Corp. This new issue of preferred stock will be followed by 1,140,063 shares of no par value common stock which are listed on the New York Stock Exchange and which have a present market value in excess of \$20,000,000.—V. 122, p. 759.

McCrorry Stores Corp.—Common Dividend—Listed.—

The directors have declared a cash dividend of 40 cents a share on the common stock, payable March 1 to holders of record of Feb. 20. Previously the company had been paying quarterly dividends of 1% in common stock on this issue.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 372,391 shares (auth. 500,000 shares), common stock without par value.

Results for Calendar Years.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Sales—	\$30,078,186	\$25,223,344	\$21,367,824	\$17,123,253
Cost of sales—	20,708,998	17,635,526	14,888,936	11,797,154
x Gen exp., taxes, &c.—	6,679,350	5,598,830	4,807,849	4,141,029
Preferred dividends—	206,498	208,516	99,214	66,504
Common divs. (cash)—	164,545	177,916	104,509	36,731
Common divs. (stock)—	510,240	1,193,680	1,706,699	852,300
Retirem't of pref. stock—	3,681	—	93,832	54,970

Balance, surplus— \$1,804,875 \$408,876 def \$327,305 \$174,564
x Includes Federal taxes estimated at \$400,000 for 1925, \$287,839 for 1924 and \$240,383 for 1923. y Includes \$485,000 profit from sale of lease of real estate.—V. 122, p. 759, 620.

(R. H.) Macy & Co., N. Y.—New Vice-Presidents.—

William J. Wells, Adam Treu, Joseph Mayer, Raymond A. Kline, Jack Straus, Oswald W. Knauth, Edwin I. Marks and Ernest Katz have been elected executive Vice-Presidents. Louis J. Chamansky has been elected a director.—V. 122, p. 620.

Manhattan Oil Co. (of Del.).—Capital Increased.—

The company recently filed a certificate at Dover, Del., increasing its authorized stated capital stock from \$10,000,000 to \$73,000,000 (73,000 shares), of which 1,000 shares shall be class A preferred stock, par \$100,

29,000 shares shall be class B preferred stock, par \$100, and 700,000 shares shall be common stock of no par value.—V. 119, p. 1742.

Marland Oil Co.—Buys Texas Acreage—Annual Report.

The company is reported to have purchased leases covering 544 acres in Hutchinson County, in the Panhandle section of Texas, at a price averaging \$455 an acre, of which \$145,000 was paid in cash and the balance to be paid in oil.

Calendar Years—		1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross earnings—		\$64,718,281	\$33,205,451	\$32,937,410
Operating and administrative expense		48,607,235	27,952,940	30,432,962
Net earnings—		\$16,111,047	\$5,252,511	\$2,504,447
Dividends Comar Oil Co.—		7,900,000	3,750,000	5,000,000
Dividends Romarti Gasoline Co.—		—	—	12,033
Miscellaneous income—		612,684	255,507	127,609
Gross income—		\$24,623,730	\$9,258,017	\$7,644,090
Interest and amortization of bond disc—		974,283	1,148,574	1,418,583
Reserves for depreciation—		2,802,488	2,183,869	1,702,111
Reserves for depletion on cost—		3,071,594	1,573,795	648,398
Leased charged off—		1,540,374	1,752,407	801,796
Net operating income—		\$16,234,992	\$2,599,373	\$3,073,203
Red. of crude oil inventory to market—		—	1,077,166	1,350,203
Disc. & premium on bonds retired—		390,136	876,750	—
Investments charged off—		170,786	291,151	—
Provision for Federal taxes—		875,000	—	—
Dividend paid—		4,579,874	—	—
Surplus—		\$10,219,195	\$354,306	\$1,723,000

—V. 121, p. 2886.

Marmon Motor Car Co.—Results for 1925.—

The following are excerpts from the company's monthly statement as of Dec. 31 1925:
Cash on hand and in banks and motor car drifts not discounted—\$1,528,139
Notes and accounts receivable, net of reserves— 517,972
Inventory of automobile and mill materials, work in process, finished stock, manufacturing supplies, &c.— 2,507,695
Accounts payable and accrued items— 817,630
Notes payable to banks as at Dec. 31 amounted to \$1,350,000, which item was reduced during the month of January to the amount of \$900,000 by the payment during that month of \$450,000. This represents the only note indebtedness of the company.

Indebtedness on trade accounts as listed above represents only current purchases, it being the practice of the company to pay all accounts in cash strictly according to terms of purchase, taking advantage of all available cash discounts.

Earnings for the year ended Dec. 31 1925 amounted to more than \$2,250,000, after depreciation and all other charges, but before Federal income taxes.

Maryland Mortgage Co.—Stock Sold.—Robert Garrett & Sons, and Gillet & Co., Baltimore, have sold \$250,000 7% prior pref. and \$250,000 7% pref. stock in units of 5 shares each at \$98 per share. Subscribers to the preferred stocks were offered the privilege of subscribing, at the same time to 5 shares of common stock at \$15 flat per share for each unit of 10 shares of pref. stocks allotted.

The prior pref. stock is red. at \$105 per share and div., and the pref. stock at \$110 per share and div., upon 60 days' notice.

Company (incorp. under the laws of Delaware) upon completion of the present financing will have a capitalization of \$650,000 7% cum. prior pref. stock, \$650,000 7% cum. pref. stock (both of \$100 par value) and 23,020 shares of common stock (no par value). The company through its operating and wholly owned subsidiary The Mortgage Co. of Maryland, Inc. is engaged in the lending of money secured by first mortgages upon fee simple improved real estate consisting of residential and business properties.

The consolidated resources of the company as of Dec. 31 1925 were \$6,662,986 of which \$6,204,807 is represented by first mortgages, cash in bank and accrued int., \$257,810 by junior mortgages, and \$200,368 in other assets. For the 12 months ended Dec. 31, net earnings applicable to dividends on the average amount of prior pref. stock outstanding for the period were 3.86 times the amount required, after deducting which, they were 2.86 times the dividends on the pref. stock. The balance was equivalent to over \$1.90 per share on the no par value common stock outstanding. Full dividends on outstanding prior pref. and pref. stocks have been regularly paid since organization.—V. 120, p. 2277.

Marysville Dredging Co. (Mass.).—Liquidating Div.—

The directors last week voted that a partial liquidation dividend of \$5 per share be paid on Feb. 10 to holders of record Feb. 9.

The properties of this company are in Marysville, Calif., and at last accounts there was outstanding \$1,106,900 of capital stock, par \$100.

Maytag Co. (Del.).—Declares Dividends for Full Year.—

The directors have declared a dividend of \$2 per share for the full year, payable in four quarterly installments of 50 cents per share on March 1, June 1, Sept. 1 and Dec. 1 to holders of record Feb. 15, May 15, Aug. 15 and Nov. 15, respectively. An initial quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share was paid on Dec. 1 last.

The annual meeting has been adjourned until March 23, because of the inability of the auditors to get the 1925 report ready before March 1.—V. 121, p. 3013.

Mergenthaler Linotype Co.—To Change Par of Stock.—

The stockholders will vote March 16 on changing the authorized capital stock from 150,000 shares, par \$100 (of which there are outstanding 128,000 shares), to 300,000 shares of no par value. It is proposed to issue two new no par shares in exchange for each share owned.—V. 122, p. 359.

Metropolitan Chain Stores, Inc.—Earnings—Sales.—

Profits after deducting taxes and charges for the year ended Dec. 31 1925 were \$470,801. After deducting \$122,850 for dividends, the company added to surplus account \$347,951.

Month of January—	1926.	1925.	Increase.
Sales—	\$567,415	\$456,368	\$111,047

—V. 122, p. 359.

Miller Rubber Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 260,088 shares common stock (auth. 400,000 shares) without par value on official notice of issuance in exchange for present outstanding certificates, with authority to add 1,835 shares on official notice of issuance and payment in full on sales to employees, with further authority to add 17 shares on official notice of issuance in exchange for non-dividend fractional receipts subject to issuance as full shares, making the total amount applied for 261,940 shs.

Consolidated Income Account—9 Months Ended Sept. 30 1925.

Net earnings after deducting cost of production & all oper. exps.	\$2,921,531
Reserve for Federal taxes	365,200
Net profits—	\$2,556,331
Surplus first of year—	2,117,072

Total—	\$4,673,403
Dividends on Pref. stock—	338,893
Dividends on common stock—	234,009
Premium on preferred stock retired—	4,259

Balance, surplus at Sept. 30 1925—\$4,096,242
—V. 122, p. 101.

Mortgage Co. of Maryland, Inc.—Certificates Offered.—

Robert Garrett & Sons are offering \$445,000 1st mtge. guaranteed 5 1/2% certificates, maturing 1930, 1931 and 1935, at prices to yield 5.50%.

The certificates are secured by pledge with the trustee of first mortgages upon improved fee simple business and residential properties.—V. 121 p. 2886.

Nash Motor Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after Feb. 19 of 2,457,000 additional shares of common stock without par value (auth. 2,730,000 shares), upon official notice of issuance as a stock dividend, making the total amount of common stock applied for 2,730,000 shares.

The common stock applied for is to be issued pursuant to the following vote of the board of directors adopted Jan. 29 1926:
"That the company issue 2,457,000 shares of its common stock, without par value, fully paid and non-assessable, in consideration of the capitalization of surplus of the company equal to \$12,285,000, or \$5 per share of common stock so issued; that all the stock so issued be distributed pro rata to common stockholders of record Feb. 11 1926, each holder of record of common stock at that time to receive on account of each share of common stock then held, 9 shares of common stock."—V. 122, p. 760, 622, 605.

National Improvement Co.—Report.—

See National Cloak & Suit Co. under "Financial Reports" above.—V. 120, p. 838.

Nevada Consolidated Copper Co.—66th Quar. Report.—

The report covering the fourth quarter of 1925 shows:
Production.—Production of net refined copper for the year 1925 by quarters is as follows:

Quarter Ended—	Mar. 31.	June 30.	Sept. 30.	Dec. 31.
Net pounds copper produced	17,595,334	18,218,132	18,285,158	19,555,262
Average monthly production	5,865,111	6,072,711	6,095,053	6,518,421
A total of 594,835 tons dry weight of Nevada Consolidated ore, averaging 1.47% copper, and 23,254 tons dry weight of pit strippings, averaging 69% copper, were concentrated. A total of 5,371 dry tons of Ruth Mine direct smelting ore, averaging 2.61% copper was shipped and 50 dry tons of custom concentrates were smelted.				

The average recovery at the concentrator was 91.99% for Nevada Consolidated ores milled, making for an extraction of 27.01 pounds of copper per ton of ore, as compared with 92.01% and 22.66 pounds, respectively, for the third quarter.

The milling of the pit strippings resulted in an average recovery of 81.22%, corresponding to 11.18 pounds of copper per ton, as compared with 81.05% or 10.96 pounds of copper per ton of similar material treated during the preceding quarter. As the copper content of this material exists largely in the form of sulphides and can be saved by present concentrating methods, as described in last quarterly report, the treatment of same continues to prove economically advantageous. When and as it is necessary, therefore, in the course of shovel pit operations to mine and remove material of this class and grade, and provided surplus plant capacity is available, it is deemed advisable to continue the practice of milling same instead of discarding it on waste dumps.

The cost per pound of net copper produced from all sources, including charges for depreciation of plant and equipment and all fixed and general expenses and after crediting gold and silver and miscellaneous earnings, was 10.15 cents, as compared with a cost, similarly computed, of 10.81 cents per pound for the preceding quarter.

Financial Outcome of Operations—Quarter and 12 Months Ended Dec. 31.

	Quarter Ended Dec. 31, 1925.	12 Mos. Ended Dec. 31, 1924.	12 Mos. Ended Dec. 31, 1925.	1924.
Oper. gain from copper production	\$683,870	\$383,397	\$2,116,767	\$1,062,558
Gold & silver & misc. earnings	290,768	206,736	951,490	764,671
New North. Ry. division	75,000	100,000	300,000	450,000
Total income	\$1,049,639	\$690,133	\$3,368,258	\$2,277,229
Plant and equip. depreciation	167,863	150,430	671,449	601,720
Surplus	\$881,776	\$539,703	\$2,696,809	\$1,675,509

Earnings are computed on the basis of an average carrying price of 14.27 cents per pound of copper for the fourth quarter of 1925, as against 14.07 cents, 13.51 cents and 14.36 cents, respectively, for the third, second and first quarters of 1925.

A quarterly distribution of 25 cents per share was made to stockholders on Dec. 31 and amounted to \$499,864.
(Signed D. C. Jackling, Pres.; C. B. Lakenan, Gen. Mgr.)—V. 121, p. 2887.

New Britain Machine Co.—Plan Approved.—

The stockholders recently approved the plan of reorganization as outlined in V. 121, p. 2762.

The directors declared a dividend of 3 1/4% on the 7% class A preferred stock. The accumulated dividends on the class A preferred stock, after the aforementioned payment will amount to 31 1/4%.
The stockholders who have not deposited their stock for exchange may do so until April 1.—V. 121, p. 3140, 2762; V. 120, p. 1213.

New Cornelia Copper Co.—Production.—

Month of—	Jan. '26.	Dec. '25.	Nov. '25.	Oct. '25.
Copper output (lbs.)	7,328,120	5,856,640	5,514,580	6,226,340

New York Air Brake Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross profit	\$2,079,463	\$2,164,068	\$3,592,359	\$2,208,636
Other income	196,592	194,130	421,339	34,355

Total income	\$2,276,055	\$2,358,198	\$4,013,698	\$2,242,991
Admin., &c., expenses	466,319	467,307	458,397	353,278
Taxes, franchises, &c.	254,953	203,828	376,511	56,504
Royalties	130,141	246,879	413,428	437,997
Interest paid and disc't.	198,783	197,179	191,991	229,394
Bond interest and disc't.				200,787
Class "A" dividends	335,700	400,000	500,000	84,000
Common "B" dividends	600,000	800,000	600,000	
Sundry charges, &c.		3,606	46,883	6,288

Balance, surplus	\$290,159	\$39,398	\$1,426,488	\$874,741
Prev. cap. stock & surp.	11,682,301	11,390,924	11,080,202	11,457,457
Tr. fr. spec. res. account	190,615	314,100		

Total cap. stock & sur.	\$12,163,075	\$11,744,422	\$12,507,690	\$12,332,198
Adjustments	126,400	62,120	115,765	50,458
Net charge not applic. to oper., incl. fin'g cost.				701,539
Res'v'e for contingencies			500,000	500,000
Res'v'e for pur. of bonds			500,000	

Capital stock & surplus				
Dec. 31.	\$12,036,675	\$11,682,302	\$11,390,924	\$11,080,202

—V. 121, p. 3014.

New York Cannery, Inc.—Obituary.

Amos H. Cobb, of Rochester, N. Y., Secretary-Treasurer of the corporation, died at Louisville, Ky., on Feb. 8.—V. 122, p. 101.

Niles-Bement-Pond Co.—New Subsidiary Company.—

The Niles-Crane Corp., of Philadelphia, a subsidiary, was incorporated in New Jersey last month to take over and operate the Crane Works. The following were elected officers of the new corporation: James K. Cullen, Pres.; Sydney Buckley, V.-Pres.; Charles K. Seymour, V.-Pres. & Sec'y and Arlo Wilson, Treas.

J. V. Forrestal, of Dillon, Read & Co., has been elected a director of Niles-Bement-Pond Co., to fill a vacancy. Edward A. Deeds has been elected Chairman of the board, succeeding R. K. Le Blond.

Mr. Deed has also been elected Chairman of the Pratt & Whitney Co., a subsidiary, succeeding Mr. Le Blond. The latter will continue as director of both companies.—V. 122, p. 225.

Nizer Corp.—Plan Operative.—

See Kelvinator Corp. above.—V. 122, p. 360.

Nordyke & Marmon Co.—Name Changed.—

A certificate was filed on Feb. 2 with the Secretary of State of Indiana changing the name of the company to *Marmon Motor Car Co.*, to which will concentrate its attention on the production of motor cars.

The officials of the new company remain the same as those of the former Nordyke & Marmon Co.: W. C. Marmon, Chairman; G. M. Williams, Pres. & Gen. Mgr.; Hal L. Purdy, V.-Pres. & Asst. Gen. Mgr.; A. R. Heiskell, V.-Pres. & Sec.; Howard C. Marmon, V.-Pres.; Homer McKee,

V.-Pres.; C. J. Sherer, Treas., and E. C. Badger, Asst. Treas. The change in name is a step in the expansion program adopted two years ago, when G. M. Williams became President of the Nordyke & Marmon Co. The Marmon Motor Car Co. owns and operates two subsidiary companies, the Marmon Automobile Co. of New York, Inc., and the Marmon-Detroit Co. See also Marmon Motor Car Co. above.—V. 121, p. 1355.

North American Cement Corp.—Bonds Sold.—Hemphill, Noyes & Co., Dominick & Dominick, Hornblower & Weeks, Eastman, Dillon & Co. and Mitchell, Hutchins & Co. have sold at 99 and int. \$1,350,000 sinking fund gold deb., series A 6 1/2% (with stock purchase warrants.) Dated Sept. 1 1925; due Sept. 1 1940 (see description in V. 121, p. 986).

Stock Purchase Warrants.—Each series A debenture, upon issuance, will bear a detachable warrant entitling the holder thereof to purchase common stock at \$50 per share, at any time prior to Sept. 1 1935, in the ratio of 20 shares for each \$1,000 principal amount of debentures.

Listing.—The original issue of series A debentures listed on New York Stock Exchange and company has agreed to make application to list this additional issue.

Assets.—The attached balance sheet of the company as of Dec. 31 1925 with adjustments to give effect to the proceeds of the present financing and to the transactions incident thereto, as certified by Messrs. Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery, shows current assets of over 4.20 times current liabilities, and total net assets of over \$15,080,189 applicable to the series A debentures, equivalent to over \$1,982 for each \$1,000 debenture of series A presently to be outstanding.

Earnings.—For the year ended Dec. 31 1925 the combined productive capacity, net sales, and net income after depreciation and depletion on the present annual basis, of the properties now owned and to be acquired upon completion of transactions incident to the present financing were as follows:

Productive Capacity in Bbls.	Net Sales.	Net Income Available for Interest & Federal Taxes.
3,700,000	\$6,154,583	\$1,552,724

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of these additional series A debentures will be used to pay, in part, for the fixed assets of Acme Cement Corp., and to provide funds for the improvements now being made to the properties now owned and to be acquired by the Company. See also V. 122, p. 761.

North American Investment Corp. (of Calif.)—Pref. Stock Offered.—J. Barth & Co., San Francisco, are offering \$1,000,000 6% cumulative pref. stock at 92 and divs.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstand'g.
Preferred, 6% cumulative (par \$100)	\$3,000,000	\$1,000,000
Common (par \$100)	2,000,000	500,000

Corporation was incorporated in California in Oct. 1925. Operates as an investment trust and as such is engaged in the selection, purchase, and management of investment securities for the benefit of its stockholders. The preferred stock is surrounded by particular safeguards in that each share of preferred stock is protected by the added assets and earning power of at least a third of a share fully paid common stock. A minimum ratio of 1-3 share of common for 1 share of preferred has to be maintained at all times.

Not more than 10% of the total gross assets of the corporation shall at any one time be invested in the securities of any one corporation, firm or individual, or of any governmental or municipal corporation, except only securities issued by the United States of America.

Directors are S. Waldo Coleman, Pres.; Gustav Epstein, V.-Pres.; Selah Chamberlain, William Wallace Mein, Robert W. Miller, Charles C. Moore and Franklin A. Zane.

(The) Noxzema Chemical Co., Balt.—Rights, Etc.—

The stockholders have been given the right to subscribe on or before Feb. 15 for 15,000 shares of Class B common stock at par (\$10 per share) on the basis of 1 1/2 shares of class B stock for each share of original common stock held.

A 100% stock dividend (\$100,000) was recently declared payable Jan. 13 in class B common stock to stockholders of record Dec. 31.

Earnings Statement for Calendar Year 1925.

Net sales, \$114,191; int. on notes, &c., \$2,260; total	\$116,451
Cost of goods sold, \$25,026; oper., &c., expense, \$58,510; total	\$83,536
Depreciation	1,185

Net profit	\$31,730
Profit and loss surplus, Dec. 31 1925	\$35,600

Dividends Paid in Last 3 Years.—6% in 1923; 8% in 1924 and 10% in 1925.

Otis Steel Co.—January Shipments.—

During January the company shipped 43,013 tons of finished products, the best record of any month since the height of the war time activity, according to President E. J. Kulas. The January total is at the annual rate of nearly 500,000 tons.

President Kulas further says: "Earnings are showing uninterrupted improvement compared with the corresponding period last year. This is due to the larger volume of business and to the effect of the inauguration of important economies in operation."—V. 122, p. 622, 491.

Park Mortgage & Ground Rent Co., Baltimore.—

The stockholders will vote on Feb. 17 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, par \$50.

Of this additional stock 5,000 shares will be offered immediately to stockholders at \$70 a share in the proportion of one share of new stock for each two shares now held. Of the proceeds \$250,000 will be added to the outstanding capital and \$100,000 added to surplus and undivided profits, thus increasing the latter item from \$190,000 to \$290,000. Rights will expire on March 15.—V. 121, p. 1799.

(David) Pender Grocery Co.—January Sales.—

Month of January—	1926.	1925.	Increase.
Net sales	\$805,787	\$662,109	\$143,679

—V. 122, p. 622, 102.

Penick & Ford, Ltd.—Quarterly Report.—

	Quarter Ended—	Total
	Dec. 31 '25, Sept. 30 '25.	6 Months.
Gross earnings	\$853,777	\$1,619,754
Expenses	501,917	923,925
Depreciation	123,713	221,758
Interest	61,540	123,225

Net income before Federal taxes	\$166,607	\$350,847
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—V. 121, p. 2887.

Philadelphia Insulated Wire Co.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.—

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Plant & property	\$951,620	\$939,942	Capital account (25,000 shares)	\$1,393,642	\$1,393,641
Good-will			Res. inc. & prof. tax.	27,553	19,739
Cash	138,002	73,709	Res. for bad debts.	8,442	8,442
Notes & acc'ts rec.	201,205	232,303	Dividends declared	50,000	50,000
Inventories	337,544	352,306	Accrued wages	2,213	1,950
Liberty bonds and interest accrued	75,922	4,312	Bonus payable	8,115	
Prepaid ins. & tax.	4,754		Acc'ts payable	5,097	
			Surplus account	222,427	128,799

Total	\$1,709,046	\$1,602,572	Total	\$1,709,046	\$1,602,572
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—V. 121, p. 719.

Postum Cereal Co., Inc.—Merger Deal Off.—

The following statement was issued by the corporation on Feb. 11: "Our attention has been called to the reported statement of Mr. Armsby, Chairman of the board of directors of the California Packing Co., regarding the so-called Postum-California Packing deal. The facts are as follows: Some weeks ago the bankers for the California Packing Corp. approached officials of this company for the purpose of ascertaining if some merger or sale could be effected. Negotiations were handled between the bankers for both corporations. A basis of purchase was tentatively arranged under the expressed stipulation among others that it was subject to approval by

the board of directors and stockholders of the Postum Cereal Co., and steps were taken by the Postum Cereal Co. to call a meeting of directors for the purpose of considering the matter. A meeting of the directors of the California Packing Corp. was to be called to which the proposition with the conditions surrounding it was to be submitted. Before the meeting of directors of either company took place, fundamental differences arose between ourselves and the bankers representing the California Packing Corp. and the deal was called off. The inference in the press that the action was influenced by possible governmental interference is not based on fact. This company has not nor will it consider any plans which would lay it open to objection by the Federal authorities." (See also California Packing Corp. above.)

See California Packing Corp. above.
The Postum Cereal Co., Inc., has acquired Iglehart Brothers of Evansville, Ind. It is reported that the deal will be effected by the exchange of 95,000 shares of no par value capital stock of the Postum Cereal Co. for the assets and property of the Iglehart organization. The Iglehart company is one of the oldest organizations in the country, having been in business for more than 70 years. The company specializes in the manufacture of a cake flour, and it is reported that there will be no change in its management.—V. 122, p. 623, 361.

Pierce Arrow Motor Car Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Manufacturing profit.....	x\$2,152,078	x\$1,155,584	x\$952,564	\$571,991
Other income.....	y91,494	y37,194		
Total income.....	\$2,243,572	\$1,192,778	\$952,564	\$571,991
Deduct—Interest (net).....	393,791	441,718	579,852	561,182
Federal taxes.....	220,000			
Prior prof. divs.....	83,758	126,000	94,500	
Balance, surplus.....	\$1,546,023	\$625,060	\$278,212	\$10,809

x: After providing for depreciation of \$865,727 in 1925, \$737,931 in 1924 and \$779,827 in 1923. y Net profits of Pierce-Arrow Finance Corp.—V. 121, p. 2415.

Potomska Mills, New Bedford, Mass.—Omits Dividend.
The directors have decided to omit the quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% usually declared at this time. On Dec. 15 last a distribution at this rate was made.—V. 119, p. 1180.

Prairie Pipe Line Co.—Shipments.

Month of January—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Shipments of crude oil (bbls.)	4,187,390	4,441,289	3,942,645	5,085,840

—V. 122, p. 226.

Pratt & Lambert, Inc., Buffalo, N. Y.—Annual Report.

Period—	Six Months Ended—	Yr. End.	
	June 30 '25. Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '25.	
Operating profit.....	\$692,357	\$874,552	\$1,566,909
Int. divs. from invest. & other misc. income.....	80,419	166,135	246,554
Total income.....	\$772,776	\$1,040,687	\$1,813,463
Interest paid.....	\$6,463	603	7,066
Depreciation.....	29,804	42,094	71,898
Federal taxes—estimated.....	80,000	112,000	192,000
Addit. to reserves (other than depr.).....	50,000	155,842	205,842
Net profit.....	\$606,509	\$730,148	\$1,336,657

a This figure compares with \$1,144,443 for 1924, and \$1,144,328 for 1923.

Surplus Account.

Surplus—As adjusted Jan. 1 1925.....	\$1,171,238
Net profit for the year ended Dec. 31 1925.....	1,336,657
Total.....	\$2,507,895
Dividends paid and accrued.....	\$623,463
Surplus, Dec. 31 1925.....	\$1,884,432

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1925.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Plant, equipment, &c.....	Capital stock.....
Cash & cts. of deposit.....	Accounts payable.....
Notes & accept. rec.....	Div. payable Jan. 2 1926.....
Accounts receivable.....	Accr. U. S. & Can. taxes (est.).....
Inventories.....	Res. for gen. contingencies.....
Misc. acc'ts, invest., &c.....	Surplus.....
Deferred charges.....	
Total.....	Total.....

x Consisting of 202,500 shares of no par value.—V. 120, p. 1213, 594.

Quaker Oats Co., Chicago.—Special Dividend.—The directors on Feb. 9 declared a special dividend of \$2 50 per share and the regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the outstanding 450,000 shares of common stock, no par value, payable April 15 to holders of record April 1. In the previous three quarters regular dividends of 75 cents each were paid on this issue.—V. 122, p. 623.

Rand-Kardex Bureau, Inc.—Earnings.—Treasurer S. A. Knapp has issued the following statement: The total net earnings of the corporation and subsidiaries, after depreciation but before interest and Federal taxes, for the quarter ended Dec. 31 1925 amounted to \$921,752, which represents an increase of approximately 50% over the average earnings for the first three quarters of the year 1925. Earnings for the quarter ended Dec. 31 1925 after deducting all charges and preferred dividends, were at the rate of approximately \$7 77 a share per year. Due to the fact that the consolidation of the Rand Kardex Co. and Library Bureau became effective only in November 1925, the statement for the quarter does not reflect the economies which will be brought about as the result of the consolidation. These figures also do not include the earnings of the Safe Cabinet Co. of Marietta, Ohio, and the Globe Wernicke Co. of Cincinnati, for the reason that the details of the alliance with the former company and the consolidation of the latter were not completed by Jan. 1.—V. 122, p. 361, 102.

Renfrew Manufacturing Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Profits.....	loss\$144,268	loss\$307,406	\$87,247	\$233,096
Depreciation.....	101,313	101,313	121,746	116,513
Federal taxes.....				15,000
Exp. s. f. note issue.....	4,243	4,243	4,243	4,243
Miscellaneous.....	1,961			
Adj. of tax, depr., res., &c.....		1,919		
Preferred dividends (7%).....	28,000	28,000	28,000	28,000
Common dividends.....	(1 1/2%)19,387	(6)71,550	(6)71,550	(6)71,550
Balance, deficit.....	\$279,785	\$462,268	\$138,292	\$2,210
Profit & loss, surplus.....	\$47,510	\$321,422	\$760,072	\$889,384

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Real est. & mach.....	\$2,731,784	\$2,623,882	Preferred stock.....	\$400,000	\$400,000
Cash.....	141,023	242,472	Common stock.....	1,292,500	1,292,500
Accts. receivable.....	323,819	938,595	15-year 7% notes.....	953,425	1,000,000
Inv. acct.....	9,702	9,702	Depreciat'n res'v'e.....	1,095,111	993,454
Branch Wareh'g storage stock.....	15,000	15,000	Tax. & int. reserve.....	14,774	20,327
Inventory.....	1,408,031	1,622,089	Res. for conv. &c.....	19,996	
Prepaid insurance.....	60,263	55,393	Accts. payable.....	166,369	165,389
Deferred items.....	60,064	50,961	Notes payable.....	760,000	1,370,000
Total.....	\$4,749,686	\$5,563,093	Surplus.....	47,510	321,422

—V. 120, p. 714.

Rheinlbe Union (Gelsenkirchener Bergwerks A. G., Deutsch-Luxemburgische Bergwerks-und Huetten A.

G., Bochumer Verein fuer Bergbau und Gusstahlfabrikation) Germany.—Bonds Sold.

Dillon, Read & Co. have announced the receipt of cabled advices from Mendelsohn & Co., of Amsterdam, stating that the Dutch portion of the recent offering of \$25,000,000 bonds have been oversubscribed. In accordance with the banking custom of that country, subscription books were kept open until Feb. 5. Buying orders were substantially in excess of the amount of bonds available for the Holland market. See offering in V. 122, p. 623.

Schulte Retail Stores Corp.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after March 1 of 8,250 shares additional (auth. 1,250,000 shares) common stock without par value, on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend with authority to add to the list on or after March 17 1926, 631,125 shares of its common stock without par value, on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied for to date 1,051,875 shares.

On Jan. 26 directors declared a quarterly dividend of 2 shares of the common stock for each 100 shares of the common stock outstanding on Feb. 15, payable Mar. 1; that is, one-fiftieth of a share of the common stock will be issued for each full share of common stock held.

On Jan. 26 directors authorized offering for sale to the holders of the issued common stock, 631,125 shares common stock at the rate of \$1 for each share to such stockholders of record Mar. 2 on the following basis: 1 1/2 shares of common stock shall be offered to each holder of the issued common stock for each share held. On Mar. 2 1926, 420,750 shares of its common stock will be outstanding. The right to subscribe will expire March 17.—V. 122, p. 762, 624.

Shubert Theatre Corp.—Balance Sheet.

Assets—	Dec. 31 '25	June 30 '25	Liabilities—	Dec. 31 '25	June 30 '25
Real est. & equip.....	10,814,232	10,819,709	Cap. stk. & surp.....	17,490,444	6,118,415
Bldg. adv. & lease secur. dep.....	907,658	995,593	7% gold debts.....	2,901,000	3,000,000
Rights, tr.-names, good-will, &c.....	1	1	Real est. mtges.....	4,014,900	4,188,500
Cash.....	1,231,003	412,721	Notes payable.....	338,583	226,750
Accts. receivable.....	687,758	812,550	Mtge. payments.....	95,600	157,100
Productions.....	763,508	515,105	Accr. taxes, mtge. int., &c.....	135,271	153,063
Adv. pay. for prod. rights.....	68,372	71,157	Fed. taxes pay.....	170,710	73,526
Mat'ls & supplies.....	3,508	3,105	Deferred credits.....	162,368	267,542
Life ins. policies.....	27,653	27,653	Reserve for taxes.....	199,114	187,675
Cash in sink fund.....	900	980			
Investments.....	815,333	716,711			
Deferred charges.....	188,067	126,697			
Total (each side).....	15,507,991	14,502,28			

x Represented by 150,100 no par value shares.—V. 122, p. 624.

(Isaac) Silver & Bros. Co., Inc.—January Sales.

Month of January—	1926.	1925.	Increase.
Sales.....	\$217,767	\$200,243	\$ 17,524

—V. 122, p. 226.

South Penn Oil Co.—Split Up Shares.—The split-up of the stock approved by the stockholders Jan. 19 will become effective March 16 when the stockholders of record of that date will receive four \$25 par shares for each one of \$100 par held. No fractional shares will be issued, the stockholders entitled to such shares of South Penn on the basis of the value determined by the average price of South Penn stock on the New York Curb Market between Mar. 16 and Mar. 26. The average will be obtained by dividing the total amount paid for South Penn shares between Mar. 16 and Mar. 26 by the number of shares sold.—V. 122, p. 493.

Standard Oil Co. of California.—Merger Approved.—The stockholders on Feb. 10 approved the merger of the company with the Pacific Oil Co. into a new company, the Standard Oil Co. (Del.) of California, on a share-for-share basis. See V. 122, p. 361, 763.

Standard Oil Co., N. J.—Complaint Dismissed.—After the taking of testimony and the hearing of argument the Federal Trade Commission dismissed its complaint against the company. Commissioners Nugent and Thompson dissented. The complaint charged that the respondent's acquisition of one-half or more of the stock or share capital of the Humble Oil & Refining Co. was a violation of Section 7 of the Clayton Act, and resulted in substantially lessening competition between the two companies.—V. 122, p. 494.

Stromberg-Carlson Tel. Mfg. Co.—To Split Up Stock.—The stockholders will vote Feb. 25 on changing the authorized capital stock from 80,000 shares, par \$25 (66,820 shares outstanding) to 320,000 shares of no par value. It is proposed to issue four new no par shares in exchange for each share of \$25 par value now outstanding. The directors also recommend that the amount to be set aside in fixed capital account on the 267,280 no par value shares proposed to be issued in exchange for the shares now outstanding be fixed at \$2,672,800.—V. 115, p. 2914.

Studebaker Corp.—Export Sales.—With an increase of 63% over 1924, Studebaker reports a new high record established by its 1925 export sales. Studebaker's exports in 1925 were over 2 1/2 times greater than the overseas shipments of this company in 1922.—V. 122, p. 763, 362.

Superior & Boston Copper Co.—Bal. Sheet Sept. 30.

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Mach., equip., &c.....	\$364,749	\$326,247	Capital stock.....	\$2,978,270	\$2,978,270
Cash.....	34,261	138,245	Accounts payable.....	15,615	4,957
Inventories.....	35,856	31,440	Unpaid freight.....	2,694	3,107
Accts. receivable.....	871	871	Ore sales to date.....	2,664,866	2,501,384
Unpaid calls.....	124,674	201,067	Paid in surplus.....	455,101	455,101
Treas. stock purch.....	21,421	21,421	Profit and loss.....	67,525	63,306
Mining claims.....	775,328	775,328			
Patent expense.....	11,261	11,261			
Gen'l develop't.....	4,379,714	4,086,037			
General expense.....	435,936	414,208	Total (each side).....	\$6,184,071	\$6,006,126

A comparative income account was published in V. 122, p. 763.

Supertest Petroleum Corp., Ltd., London, Ont.—Pref. Stock Offered.—Housser, Wood & Co., Ltd., and Murray & Co., Toronto, are offering \$385,700 7% cumulative class A sinking fund pref. (a. & d.) shares at par (\$100), carrying a bonus of 1 share of common stock with every two shares of pref. stock.

Dividends payable M. & N. at any branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Canada. Red. all or part at any time upon 30 days' not. at 110 and div. or by purchase. Company's charter provides for a sinking fund for redemption of the class A preferred shares equal to at least 10% of the annual net earnings of the company, after payment of dividends on both classes of preference stock outstanding.

Capitalization—

	Authorized.	Outstand'g.
7% class A preferred.....	\$800,000	\$385,700
6% class B preferred.....	200,000	200,000
Common stock (no par value).....	25,000	25,000

Company.—Organized under Ontario charter. Was formed for the purpose, among others, of acquiring and consolidating several individual companies handling Supertest petroleum products, such as gasoline, lubricating oils, &c. Supertest first became known some three years ago through the development of local companies in different sections of the country, operating under one control. Since that time the growth and development has been consistent and profitable, until time the consolidation completed, the company owns and operates several well-equipped storage stations as well as controlling upwards of some 60 service stations located for the most part in the western sections of Ontario.

Earnings.—Combined earnings of constituent companies since inception have been particularly satisfactory, showing in excess of 25% per annum on the paid-up capital. Net earnings for 6 months ending Sept. 30 1925, after liberal charges for depreciation, amounted to \$44,362, and estimating the last 6 months of the year, should amount to \$70,000 for the year. Net

earnings for October and November considerably exceed the average estimate. With the new capital coming into the business, and the same average conditions prevailing, it is estimated that the earnings for 1926 should be in excess of \$110,000 or more than 4 times dividend requirements on the class A preferred shares to be issued and outstanding.

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be used for the purpose of extending the company's business by opening up new wholesale and retail units, while the balance of the issue is being used for the acquisition of the properties of the constituent companies. No money is being drawn out of the business.

(The) Symington Company.—Earnings for 1925.—

Quarter Ended—	Dec. 31 '25.	Sept. 30 '25.	June 30 '25.	Mar. 31 '25.
Gross mfg. profit.....	\$270,015	\$159,260	\$334,737	\$537,056
Shipping expenses.....	6,170	4,623	4,866	9,261
Selling expenses.....	128,440	107,300	133,998	139,828
General & admin. exp.....	39,616	33,111	42,808	35,688
Net profit from oper.....	\$95,789	\$14,227	\$153,065	\$352,279
Interest earned.....	4,190	4,301	7,329	1,354
Rent, disc. & misc. inc.....	4,254	4,609	1,590	2,230
Total income.....	\$104,233	\$23,137	\$161,985	\$355,863
Cap. stk. & franchise tax.....	3,365	585	599	599
Interest paid.....	1,216	985	4,448	7,419
Miscellaneous deductions.....	28,069	19,900	20,848	3,439
Federal income tax.....	8,948	208	17,086	43,051
Net profit after taxes.....	\$62,635	\$1,458	\$119,603	\$301,355

—V. 121, p. 2287.

Temple Townsite Co.—Bonds Offered.—The John R. C. Marble Co. and William R. Staats Co., Los Angeles, Calif., are offering at 100 and int. \$550,000 1st (closed) mtge. 6½% sinking fund bonds.

Dated Jan. 1 1926; due Jan. 1 1936. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Red, on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 102 and int. Interest payable J. & J. at California Trust Co., Los Angeles, Calif., without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. California Trust Co., Los Angeles, trustee. Exempt from California personal property tax.

Security.—Bonds are secured by first mortgage on property, located in Temple Townsite at the terminus of the Alhambra-San Gabriel car line. Company originally owned approximately 290 acres divided into 1,285 business and residence lots, of which approximately 965 have been sold for a total of \$1,022,257. Contracts and mortgages secured by property sold have an aggregate balance due the company of \$546,342.

These contracts and mortgages as well as all contracts created by future sales, will be assigned to the trustee as additional security for this issue of bonds. In addition to the above described property, the company is the owner of 30 acres of unimproved land adjoining Mission View Acres south of Temple Townsite and a short distance east of San Gabriel, which will be further security for the bonds. The property securing these bonds has been appraised for us at \$1,051,858.

Terminal Building (Hollywood Storage Co.).—Bonds Offered.—Cass, Howard & Sarford, Inc. and Bayly Brothers, Inc., Los Angeles, recently offered \$400,000 6½% 1st mtge. serial gold bonds (feehold-closed).

Dated Sept. 1 1925; due serially Jan. 1 1927 to 1944. Principal and int. J. & J. payable at Federal Trust & Savings Bank, Hollywood, Calif., trustee. Company agrees to pay normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Callable all or part on 30 days' notice at 102½ and int. Exempt from personal property tax in California.

These bonds are the direct obligation of the Hollywood Storage Co., which was incorp. in 1915 for the purpose of conducting a general storage, warehouse, trucking and freight forwarding business. This issue of bonds will be secured by a first (closed) mortgage on 2 adjoining parcels of land owned in fee, including one located immediately south of Santa Monica Boulevard, Hollywood.

The new Terminal Building with 14 floors and first floor mezzanine will be one of the most attractive structures of its kind in the West. It is so designed that the Hollywood Storage Co. may occupy as much as its requirements demand, enjoying the 340 ft. of terminal facilities and sublet any surplus space.

The land has been appraised in excess of \$100,000 established. The cost of the new Terminal Building, based upon contracts already let, will be in excess of \$560,000, which includes architects' fees, but makes no allowance for interest during the construction or other usual carrying charges. Total value \$800,000, making loan approximately 50% of the valuation.

(John R.) Thompson Co. (Chicago).—Annual Report.—

Years Ended Dec. 31—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Net profit.....	\$1,421,207	\$1,504,952	\$1,152,006	\$1,493,972
Provision for Fed'l taxes.....	175,461	167,500	150,000	190,000
Preferred divs. (8¼%).....	775,541	(7)63,281	(7)67,173	(7)79,627
Common dividends (13 1-5%).....	2,792,000	(12)720,000	(12)720,000	(10)600,000
Balance, surplus.....	\$378,295	\$554,171	\$214,833	\$624,345
Profit and loss surplus.....	\$2,898,258	\$2,796,607	\$2,280,764	\$2,138,932

x Net profit after deducting all expenses, including depreciation, &c.
y Includes accrued div. on pref. stock (\$14,823 or 1¼%) to Jan. 1 1926.
z Includes accrued div. (\$72,000 or 30c. per share) payable Jan. 1 1926.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Prop. & equipm't.....	\$5,317,750	4,111,931	Common stock.....	6,000,000	6,000,000
Good-will, &c.....	4,000,000	4,000,000	Preferred stock.....	847,000	900,000
Securities owned.....	53,590	1,183,395	Funded debt.....	740,000	480,000
Notes, acct's, mtge. receivable.....	161,774	147,193	Accts payable.....	181,966	135,700
Inventories.....	241,972	242,569	Res'v for inc. taxes.....	229,171	166,564
Cash.....	621,965	875,763	Res. for prem. on retr. of pref. stk.....	211,750	-----
Cash in deposit with Continental & Commer'l Tr. & Savings Bank.....	1,073,572	-----	Res. for accr. divs. on pref. stk.....	14,822	-----
Suspense accounts.....	108,472	-----	Insur. reserve.....	137,422	122,076
Deferred assets.....	76,649	52,435	Accr. com. divs.....	72,000	-----
			Accr. taxes, int. &c.....	201,109	120,631
			Deferred income.....	10,773	180
			Surplus.....	2,898,258	2,796,607
Total.....	\$11,544,272	\$10,721,758	Total.....	\$11,544,272	\$10,721,758

x After deducting \$2,737,430 for depreciation.—V. 121, p. 2889.

Trumbull Steel Co.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$13,000,000 15-year 1st mtge. sinking fund 6% gold bonds due Nov. 1 1940.—V. 122, p. 763, 495.

Truscon Steel Co., Youngstown, O.—To Increase Stock. The stockholders will vote Feb. 23 on increasing the authorized preferred stock from \$3,500,000 (\$2,500,000 outstanding) to \$5,000,000.—V. 122, p. 495.

Union Mills, Inc.—To Liquidate and Sell Assets.—The stockholders will vote Feb. 19 on approving the plan to sell all the assets of the company, except net quick assets in excess of \$1,275,000, to the Utica Knitting Co. It is also proposed that the latter change its name to *Utica-Union Corp.* and change its capitalization to 525,000 shares without par value, of which 125,000 shares will be \$4 preferred stock and the remaining 400,000 shares common stock, of which there will presently be issued 55,000 shares of preferred and 240,000 shares of common stock. The Union Mills, Inc., will be dissolved, the preferred stock retired and the common stockholders will receive \$25 a share in cash and one share of new common stock of the Union Utica Corp. for each share of common stock of Union Mills, Inc., owned. Of the cash disbursement on the common stock, \$20 will be made immediately after liquidation and the balance as soon as all obligations are calculated.—V. 115, p. 2058.

United States Steel Corporation.—Unfilled Orders.—See under "Indications of Business Activity" on a preceding page.—V. 122 p. 625, 603.

Union Oil Co. of California & Subs.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Sales.....	\$74,378,772	\$65,950,218	\$72,962,578	\$58,937,140
Total profits.....	\$27,082,278	\$27,334,032	\$24,357,393	\$25,419,981
*Expenses, taxes, &c.....	4,392,098	4,415,711	3,237,115	3,691,023
Net earnings.....	\$22,690,180	\$22,918,320	\$21,120,278	\$21,728,958
Interest.....	736,649	904,860	776,304	429,353
Deprec. & depl'n, &c.....	11,440,325	11,309,412	12,311,235	10,563,730
Net profit.....	\$10,513,206	\$10,704,048	\$8,032,649	\$10,735,875

—V. 122, p. 226.

U. S. Hoffman Machinery Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross sales.....	\$5,982,158	\$5,512,296	\$5,714,992	\$5,535,506
Operating costs, &c.....	4,285,963	4,295,139	4,435,039	4,181,657
Profit from operations.....	\$1,696,195	\$1,217,157	\$1,279,954	\$1,353,849
Interest, &c., income.....	151,551	137,017	191,235	143,819
Gross income.....	\$1,847,746	\$1,354,174	\$1,471,188	\$1,497,668
Interest, &c., charges.....	139,824	216,775	289,487	301,729
Debiture bond interest.....	-----	103,468	171,440	194,210
Debiture bond prem.....	-----	24,000	33,000	30,000
Preferred stock premium.....	Dec. 2,624	6,614	-----	-----
Fed'l & Dominion taxes.....	190,246	100,519	84,032	84,093
Amortization of patents.....	218,410	213,422	211,911	204,017
Losses.....	-----	-----	786,596	792,864
Dividends on pref. stock.....	60,896	22,750	-----	38,250
Preferred divs. accrued.....	1,035	7,583	-----	-----
Deb. prem. & misc. chgs.....	-----	204,279	-----	-----
Common dividends.....	433,125	90,000	-----	-----
Organization expenses.....	-----	-----	-----	41,469
Surplus.....	\$806,834	\$364,765	\$594,723	\$511,036
Profit and loss credit.....	-----	758	-----	-----
Previous surplus.....	1,470,924	1,105,403	510,680	def550
Profit & loss surplus.....	\$2,277,757	\$1,470,924	\$1,105,403	\$510,680

a Includes expenses, returns, depreciation, &c. b Net sales. y Losses of United States Hoffman Machinery Co. (predecessor company) originating prior to formation of the present corporation.—V. 122, p. 226.

U. S. Realty & Improvement Co.—Earnings.—

Nine Months Ended Jan. 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.
Income from investments.....	\$1,669,209	\$1,824,145	\$1,885,646
All other investments.....	1,392,579	1,006,366	611,106
Building contracts profits.....	1,376,092	817,034	1,067,840
Profit on sales of securities.....	193,429	65,766	46,756
Total income.....	\$4,631,309	\$3,713,311	\$3,611,348
Interest on mortgages.....	381,238	448,531	451,951
General and corporate expenses, x.....	892,094	819,420	874,515
Net income.....	\$3,357,977	\$2,445,360	\$2,284,882

x Includes provision for all Federal and State taxes and depreciation on buildings and equipment.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Jan. 31 '26		July 31 '25		Jan. 31 '26		July 31 '25	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Real est. & bldgs. a	23,456,639	23,116,923	Preferred stock.....	71,600	-----	-----	-----
Real estate, inv. & mtges. rec'd and invested in other stocks and bonds	7,537,377	6,997,529	Common stock.....	26,658,300	26,586,700	-----	-----
Leasehold dep. acct.	152,391	-----	Accounts payable.....	959,103	538,986	-----	-----
Building, plant, stores, &c.....	1,547,850	1,528,789	Taxes and interest accrued.....	601,665	679,005	-----	-----
Deferred chgs., &c.....	347,427	311,458	Rents received in advance, &c.....	746,337	294,559	-----	-----
Bills & acct's. rec'd	1,102,853	973,929	Dividends payable Res'v for possible losses or depreciation in value of capital assets.....	15,840	22,505	750,873	1,100,825
Cash.....	3,363,546	2,421,058	Minor'y interest in Plaza Oper. Co.....	1,152,958	1,577,999	-----	-----
Charges agst. bldg. contracts, less payments rec'd on account.....	1,001,911	1,122,239	Surplus.....	7,624,418	5,599,660	-----	-----
Total.....	38,509,994	36,471,930	Total.....	38,509,994	36,471,930	-----	-----

a Real estate and buildings at cost less reserve for depreciation of buildings and equipment therein, \$41,176,287; unimproved real estate, \$547,852; less mortgages thereon, \$18,267,500.

b The stockholders on Dec. 9 1925 voted to change the authorized common stock from 300,000 shares (par \$100) to 1,000,000 shares of no par value, and approved the issuance of the new stock for the old stock of \$100 par value on the basis of 2½ for 1. This makes approximately 666,457 shares of the new stock outstanding.—V. 122, p. 764.

United Verde Extension Min. Co.—Copper Output (Lbs.)

Jan. '26.	Dec. '25.	Nov. '25.	Oct. '25.	Sept. '25.	Aug. '25.
3,974,110	3,749,770	3,261,816	3,593,898	3,730,994	3,855,742

—V. 122, p. 362.

Universal Chain Theatres Corp.—Operating Co. Formed. The Universal Chain Theatrical Enterprises, Inc., was recently incorporated in New York as the operating company of the Universal Chain Theatres Corp.—V. 121, p. 3144.

Utah Copper Co.—71st Quarterly Report.

The report covering the fourth quarter of 1925 shows:
Production.—The total net production of copper from all sources by quarters for 1925 is as follows:

Quarter Ended—	March 31,	June 30,	Sept. 30,	Dec. 31.
Net lbs. copper produced.....	53,708,682	53,409,289	53,597,545	53,446,623
Aver. monthly prod.....	17,902,894	17,803,096	17,865,848	17,815,541

During the quarter the Arthur plant treated 1,468,300 dry tons of ore and the Magna plant 1,708,400 dry tons, a total for both plants of 3,176,700. The average grade of ore treated at the mills was .99% copper and the average mill recovery of copper in the form of concentrates was 88.24% of that contained in the ore, as compared with .99% copper and 86.76% recovery, respectively, for the previous quarter.

The average cost per pound of net copper produced, including depreciation of plant and equipment and all fixed and general expenses and after crediting gold, silver and miscellaneous earnings, was 8.6 cents, as compared with 8.7 cents for the preceding quarter, computed on the same basis.

Financial Results for Quarter and 12 Months Ended Dec. 31.

Results for—	Or. Ended Dec. 31—	12 Mos. End. Dec. 31—
	1925.	1925.
Net profit from copper production.....	\$2,812,490	\$2,261,361
Misc. income incl. gold & silver.....	651,737	566,989
Bing & Garfield Ry. div.....	75,000	2,609,738
Nev. Consol. Cop. Co. div.....	250,125	300,000
Total income.....	\$3,789,352	\$2,828,350
Depreciation.....	311,648	314,238
Surplus.....	\$3,477,703	\$2,514,112

Earnings for the fourth quarter of 1925 are computed on the basis of 14.52 cents per pound carrying price for copper, as compared with 13.95 cents, 13.53 cents and 14.27 cents for the third, second and first quarters of 1925 respectively.

A quarterly distribution to stockholders of \$1.25 per share was made on Dec. 31 and amounted to \$2,030,612.

The total capping removed during the 4th quarter of 1925 was 1,969,900 cu. yds., as compared with 1,978,018 cu. yds. for the previous quarter.

The ore delivery department transported a total of 3,338,864 tons of ore for the 4th quarter of 1925, being an average of 36,292 tons per diem, as compared with 3,376,503 tons total and 36,701 tons daily average for the previous quarter.

The Bingham & Garfield Railway transported a total of 416,811 tons of freight, or an average of 4,531 tons per diem.
 [Signed, D. C. JACKLING, President. L. S. CATES, Vice-Pres. & Gen. Mgr.]—V. 121, p. 2890.

Utah Metal & Tunnel Co.—Listing.

There will be added to the Boston Stock Exchange list on notice of issuance in conversion of convertible notes of the company on the basis of face value of notes and shares at \$1 per share, 100,000 additional shares, par \$1.—V. 119, p. 1966.

Utica Knitting Co.—To Acquire Union Mills, Inc.
 See Union Mills, Inc., above.—V. 106, p. 2661.

Viau Biscuit Corp., Ltd.—Bonds Offered.—H. B. Robinson & Co., Ltd., Montreal, are offering \$400,000 6½% first mtge. bonds at 99 and int., to yield 6.60%.

Dated Jan. 1 1926; due Jan. 1 1946. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable in Montreal or Toronto. Montreal Trust Co., trustee.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Issued.
6½% sinking fund bonds.....	\$400,000	\$400,000
7% 1st preferred stock.....	2,500,000	1,000,000
7% 2nd preferred stock.....	1,000,000	470,000
Common stock (no par value).....	50,000 shs.	25,000 shs.

Corporation.—Is a consolidation of Viau & Frere and J. Dufresne, Ltd., the 2 largest biscuit and confectionery manufacturers in Province of Quebec, with commodious well equipped plants, situated on valuable property, and capable of economical expansion. (See further details in V. 121, p. 2767).

Earnings.—The consolidated report for the 2 companies, shows a manufacturing profit for 1924 of \$150,626 after deducting \$57,184 for depreciation 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. The accountants estimate that with the savings that will be made by operation under a single management, annual net earnings will be \$273,723. Annual bond interest, \$26,000.

Sinking Fund.—Under the trust deed a sinking fund of 1½% per annum is provided, commencing Jan. 2 1927, for the purpose of retiring these bonds.—V. 121, p. 2767.

Vick Chemical Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 400,000 shares of capital stock without par value.—V. 122, p. 764.

Indicator Consol. Gold Mining Co., Denver, Colo.

The company under date of Nov. 10 1925 offered to purchase any and all outstanding stock of the company on the following basis, viz.: 3 cents cash per share, and also 1 share of United Gold Mines Co. stock for each 3 shares of Indicator delivered (dividend of 1c. per share paid on Jan. 20 1926 on United Gold Mines Co. shares to be added).

All stockholders who desire to avail themselves of this offer must mail their stock to the International Trust Co., Denver, Colo., on or before April 1 next.

Fractional shares of the United Gold Mines Co. stock will not be issued, but where desired the extra part of one share required to make up a full share will be furnished by the International Trust Co. at 5 cents for each one-third of a share required.

Approximately 86% of the outstanding stock has accepted the offer.—V. 106, p. 714.

Virginia Carolina Chemical Co.—Plan Approved by Court

Judge William Runyon in the Federal Court at Newark Feb. 5 entered an order approving the plan of reorganization agreed upon several months ago.—V. 122, p. 104.

Waldorf Syatem, Inc.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Total sales.....	\$12,832,053	\$13,552,401	\$13,910,056	\$12,118,597
Cost of sales.....	11,205,878	11,695,652	12,201,510	10,423,287
Income from operation.....	\$1,627,075	\$1,856,748	\$1,708,546	\$1,695,310
Income credits.....	143,435	83,200	127,404	114,391
Gross income.....	\$1,770,510	\$1,939,948	\$1,835,950	\$1,809,710
Depreciation, amortiz'n of leaseholds, Federal and State taxes, &c.....	734,657	836,939	685,407	642,602
Net income.....	\$1,035,853	\$1,103,009	\$1,150,543	\$1,167,108
First preferred dividends.....	35,631	43,080	50,536	62,540
Preferred dividends.....	69,246	69,246	68,882	66,710
Common dividends.....	548,160	545,762	514,411	401,610
Balance, surplus.....	\$382,815	\$444,920	\$516,713	\$636,248
Profit and loss surplus.....	2,415,013	1,911,087	1,498,296	980,149

Warren Bros. (Asphalt), Boston.—Orders Increase.

The company reports that 5,057,270 square yards of business were carried over Dec. 31 1925, compared with 3,280,157 square yards on Dec. 31 1924. During 1925 the company secured orders for 10,768,701 square yards and laid 8,991,588 square yards.—V. 121, p. 2767.

Warwick Iron & Steel Co.—Eastern Steel Co. Declines Acceptance of Lease—Sale Postponed—Officers Re-elected.

See Eastern Steel Co. above.

Hearing on the petition of Edward L. Herndon, receiver of the Eastern Steel Co., to prevent the sale of the Warwick Iron & Steel Co.'s blast furnaces at Pottstown, Pa., for taxes, has been postponed indefinitely by the U. S. District Court at Phila. The Eastern Company has been operating the furnaces under a 99-year lease, which has 85 years to run. It owes to the tax collector of Pottstown \$22,781 for borough, school and county taxes. The decision to postpone was reached by Judge Dickinson after it was agreed by interested parties to make efforts to terminate the lease, which calls for a yearly rental of \$90,000.

The stockholders at the annual meeting Feb. 9 re-elected without change the five members of the board of directors and left to their discretion the future disposition of the property, since it has been turned back to the company following the appointment of a receiver for the Eastern Steel Co., lessee of the Warwick plant.

Prior to the election Pres. William S. Pilling outlined to stockholders the present situation of the company. The only source of revenue at present, he said, was a few hundred dollars a month from rent of dwellings belonging to the property. He was unable to say as yet what solution would be found for the present difficulties as the property was turned back only a few days ago.

Besides Mr. Pilling, the directors re-elected were George E. Schlegelmilch, William H. Shelmerdine, Henry P. Brown and H. F. Hallman.—V. 122, p. 626.

Wellman-Seaver-Morgan Co.—Sale of Motor Division.

The company has effected an arrangement with the Sanderson Cyclone Drill Co., Orrville, O., under which the latter will take over the business of the motor division of the former, which has been carried on at Akron, O. Patterns, drawings, data and goodwill relating to marine and industrial types of gasoline motors are included in the transfer. Manufacture will be carried on at the plant of the Sanderson Cyclone Drill Co. at Orrville.—V. 121, p. 2288.

Whitaker Paper Co. (Cincinnati).—Pays Back Dividends

The company on Feb. 1 paid to Preferred stockholders of record Jan. 20 two quarterly dividends of 1¼% each on account of accumulations. This payment leaves accruals on the Preferred stock at 15¼%.—V. 120, p. 1341.

White Eagle Oil & Refining Co.—Sales.

Calendar Years—	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Value of gross sales.....	\$13,834,818	\$14,693,387	\$14,335,001	\$16,483,518
Station sales (in gallons).....	66,497,697	74,165,386	74,165,386	74,165,386
Total sales (in gallons).....	155,867,915	153,571,645	153,571,645	153,571,645

—V. 121, p. 2054.

White Motor Co.—To Increase Stock—20% Stock Dividend Proposed—Earnings.

The stockholders will vote Feb. 27

next on authorizing an increase of the capital stock from \$25,000,000 (all outstanding) to \$50,000,000, par \$25. This increase in capital stock is to provide for the expansion program of the company.

Of this proposed capital increase \$5,000,000 is to be issued as a 20% stock dividend to stockholders of record March 10; \$10,000,000 is to be offered to stockholders of record March 10 at par (\$50 per share), giving to each stockholder the right to subscribe for two-fifths of a share for each share of the present stock held on that date. The remaining \$10,000,000 is not to be issued until necessary for future requirements, subject to action by the directors and to the rights of stockholders to subscribe thereto.

Income Account for Calendar Years (1925 Preliminary).

Preliminary figures for the calendar year 1925 compare with the actual figures for previous years as follows:

	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross sales.....	\$57,500,000	\$46,574,737	\$48,876,007
Net before Federal taxes.....	6,000,000	4,709,248	7,814,666
Federal taxes.....	750,000	625,000	850,000
Dividends (8%).....	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000

Surplus..... \$3,250,000 \$2,084,248 \$4,964,666
 Profit and loss surplus..... 14,800,000 11,534,157 9,425,739

Balance Sheet December 31 (1925 Preliminary).	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Capital assets, less depreciation.....	7,900,000	10,166,046	Capital stock.....	25,000,000
Goodwill.....	5,388,000	5,388,910	Purch. money oblig.....	1,203,000
Current assets.....	30,862,000	28,522,448	Current liabilities.....	5,400,000
Other assets, incl. inv. in other cos.....	1,750,000	844,179	Fed'l tax estimate.....	625,000
			Res' ve for conting.....	700,000
			Surplus.....	14,800,000
Total.....	45,900,000	44,921,583	Total.....	45,900,000

—V. 121, p. 2651.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—George L. Ohrstrom announces his resignation as Vice-President in charge of the New York office of P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., and the formation of G. L. Ohrstrom & Co., Inc., to underwrite and distribute investment bond issues, with temporary offices at 15 Broad Street, New York. Howard M. Erskine, formerly Vice-President and Manager of the Sales Department of the New York office of P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., and Edward A. Sachs, formerly director of out-of-town distribution in the East for the same firm, are associated with the new company as Vice-Presidents.

—The "Marvyn Scudder Manual of Extinct or Obsolete Companies" is now ready for delivery at 15 William St., New York City. The book contains a record of approximately 100,000 companies which have ceased to exist for various reasons, such as through merger, reorganization, dissolutions, revoking of charters, failure to pay taxes, &c. The manual has been edited by C. P. Keane (Editor of "Poor's Manual," 1913-1918) and H. J. Emmerich.

—Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent for 120,000 shares preferred stock, par value \$100 each, and 280,700 shares of common stock without nominal or par value, of the International Products Corp.

—Harris, Ayers & Co., 100 Broadway, New York, announce that M. Neale, formerly with Prince & Whitely, and John F. Cree, formerly with the American Bond and Mortgage Co. have become associated with them in their sales department.

—R. F. De Voe & Co., Inc. of New York announce the extension of their activities to Buffalo, N. Y. with the opening of a branch office at 1001 Genesee Building, where a complete branch organization has been installed in charge of H. I. Perrine.

—Dobson & Company, Bankers, Baltimore, Maryland, announce that A. H. Elliott, who was formerly with Dobson & Co. in New York at 66 Broadway, in 1916 and 1917, has become associated with them as manager of the sales department.

—William P. Bonbright & Co., London, England, announce the removal of their offices on January 23rd from 8 King William Street to 24 Birch Lane, E. C. 3. Their telephone numbers have been changed to Avenue 9121, 9122 and 9123.

—E. W. Clucas & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, 11 Wall St., New York, announce that Hayward Wilson, formerly Manager of New England offices of Bonbright & Co. Inc., and Vice-President of Bonbright & Co., Inc., Massachusetts, has become associated with their firm as Manager of Sales.

—McWilliam, Wainwright & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, New York City, announce that Edward P. Patten, formerly with Earl A. Miller & Co., is now manager of their Public Utility Trading Department.

—H. D. Knox & Co., 44 Broad Street, New York City, formerly the New York office of Chas. A. Day & Co., Inc., announce telephone numbers as follows: New York, Hanover 1392 and Boston, Congress 4030.

—The Seaboard National Bank of the City of New York has been appointed Trustee under Indenture securing Central Crosstown Purchase bonds due May 1 1940 of New York Railways Company.

—Lebenthal & Company, specialists in odd lot municipal bonds, have prepared for free distribution a list of odd lots of municipal bonds yielding from 4.10% to 6%, showing ratings given by Moody.

—Herbert Herzenberg, formerly manager of the Bond Department of Newman Bros., has become associated with H. Cassel & Company, New York, in charge of their trading department.

—Lawyers Trust Company has been appointed Registrar of 350,000 shares (without par value) of the Capital stock of Congress Cigar Company, Inc., manufacturers of La Palina Cigars.

—George Leonard Chandler, Jr., formerly with J. R. Schmeltzer & Co., has become associated with R. W. Pressprich & Co. of New York City in their Municipal Bond Department.

—Guaranty Trust Co. of New York is now prepared to exchange definitive Trenton Gas & Electric Co., 10-Year Sinking Fund Gold Debentures for outstanding temporaries.

—Vought & Co., Inc., announce that Harry P. Engle has joined their sales organization and will represent them in southwestern New York and northern New Jersey.

—Bear, Stearns & Co. members New York Stock Exchange, announce that Leo F. Bokor has become associated with them in their branch office at 1359 Broadway.

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REPUBLIC IRON & STEEL COMPANY YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

TWENTY-SIXTY ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1925.

To the Stockholders of the

Republic Iron & Steel Company:

The Board of Directors submits herewith its Twenty-sixth Annual Report of operations for the fiscal year ending December 31 1925, together with a Financial Statement and General Report upon the condition of the property at the close of the year.

INCOME REPORT.

The year 1925 opened with an active demand for Iron and Steel, with the Industry operating close to a record output during the first quarter of the year. Demand and prices, however, weakened during the second quarter and a period of hesitation set in, which continued until about August 1, when market conditions, due to exhaustion of stocks on hand, became more active, with gradual improvement throughout the balance of the year. Average prices, however, for our products for the year 1925 were more than 10% below those of the preceding year, notwithstanding the fact that the country's total production of Steel for the year 1925 was the largest in the history of the Industry.

Demand for our particular products, while substantially improved in volume as compared with the preceding year, was not, however, of record proportion, as our average employment, based upon annual capacity, was only 78%.

As a result of expenditures made during the past two years for new devices and improved processes, which improvements only became operative during the year, large economies in operations were effected; likewise, benefits were derived from a substantial increase in the volume of business and in consequence Net Profits for the year were largely increased. The total Net Profits applicable to dividends for the year ending December 31 1925 being \$3,813,484 21.

During the year there was expended for Improvements \$3,534,317 81, and there remains to be expended on account of Appropriations heretofore authorized for Improvement purposes \$1,111,949 23. While further improvements of a minor character will be made during the year 1926, all major improvements have been completed and our manufacturing properties thoroughly modernized. Full benefits from these improvements were not realized during the year, but should be reflected in future operations.

The Funded Debt of the Company during the year was reduced through Bond purchases by the amount of \$1,076,000, and provision also made for the retirement of \$1,333,000 of Collateral Notes. The Cash Working Capital of the Company is ample for all ordinary purposes, the total being \$21,846,755 32, of which amount \$6,604,588 20 is represented by Cash and Government Securities.

During the year the Inland Iron Works at East Chicago, Indiana, was sold; two outlying blast furnaces were dismantled and the Bray-Gordon Ore Mine leases were surrendered, all for reasons set forth in detail under the proper captions in this report. These transactions bore no relation to Profit and Loss Account for the current year; therefore the amount involved was written out of Surplus and Reserve Accounts. After adding undivided profits for the year, the Surplus Account as of December 31 1925 is \$33,562,388 54.

INCOME ACCOUNT AND STATEMENT OF SURPLUS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1925.

Net earnings from operations after deducting Federal taxes and charges for maintenance and repairs of plants, amounting to \$4,370,845 71	\$6,252,400 61
Interest and income from investments	417,301 62
Total Profits for the Year	\$6,669,702 23
Less:	
Provision for depreciation and renewal of plants	\$1,232,293 52
Provision for exhaustion of minerals	345,527 67
Interest and discount on bonds and notes	1,278,396 83
	2,856,218 02
Net Profits for the Year	\$3,813,484 21
Surplus at December 31 1924	\$32,921,772 06
Less—Adjustment for abandonment and sale of properties	1,422,867 73
	31,498,904 33
	\$35,312,388 54
Deduct:	
Dividends—7% on preferred stock	1,750,000 00
Net Surplus Carried to Balance Sheet	\$33,562,388 54

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 1925.

ASSETS.	
Capital Assets—	
Property Accounts:	
Cost of properties at December 31 1924	\$106,056,131 55
Net additions for the year ending December 31 1925	820,566 23
	\$106,876,697 78
Investments:	
In Potter Ore Company	\$401,000 00
Investments in and advances to other companies	2,412,676 22
	2,813,676 22
Cash Deposited with Trustees—	
Cash resources held by Trustees for account of bond sinking funds and retirement of one-third of 5% Collateral Trust Serial Gold Notes January 2 1926	1,406,970 29
Current Assets—	
Inventories of manufactured products, materials and supplies on hand	\$12,901,749 85
Ore at docks	1,325,111 84
	\$14,226,861 69
Accounts and notes receivable after deducting reserve for doubtful accounts:	
Customers	\$5,157,832 54
Republic Supply Co.	1,010,797 49
	6,168,630 03
Investment in United States Bonds and Treasury Certificates	4,040,208 33
Cash in banks	2,564,379 87
	27,000,079 92
Deferred Charges—	
Expenditures for explorations, stripping at mines, advanced royalties, bond discount and expense, chargeable to future operations	1,975,500 33
	\$140,072,924 54
Net Current Assets	\$21,846,755 32
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock—	
Common—300,000 shares of \$100 each	\$30,000,000 00
Preferred 7% cumulative—250,000 shares of \$100 each	25,000,000 00
	\$55,000,000 00
10-30 Year 5% Sinking Fund Mortgage Gold Bonds—	
(Total authorized issue \$25,000,000 00)	
Total issued	\$20,869,000 00
Less: Bonds purchased for sinking fund	9,963,000 00
	10,906,000 00
Refunding and General Mortgage Sinking Fund 5½% Gold Bonds—	
(Total authorized issue \$15,000,000 00)	
Total issued	\$15,000,000 00
Less:	
Bonds purchased for sinking fund	\$1,076,000 00
Bonds held as collateral to \$4,000,000 5% collateral trust serial gold notes	5,000,000 00
	6,076,000 00
	8,924,000 00
5% Collateral Trust Serial Gold Notes—	
(Total authorized issue \$4,000,000 00)	
Total issued	4,000,000 00
First Mortgage 6% Serial Gold Bonds Outstanding on Bessemer Mines Nos. 1 and 2	300,000 00
Potter Ore Company Bonds—	
\$28,000 00 Outstanding First Mortgage 5% Bonds, guaranteed jointly with Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company, less that Company's proportion	14,000 00
Current Liabilities—	
Accounts Payable	\$3,103,351 35
Federal, State and Other Taxes	1,121,738 25
Accrued Bond Interest	490,735 00
Provision for Dividends payable Jan. 2 1926	437,500 00
	5,153,324 60
Reserves—	
For Exhaustion of Minerals and Mining Equipment	\$5,275,387 43
For Depreciation and Renewal of Plants	14,650,005 39
For Refining and Rebuilding Furnaces	939,620 08
For Fire and Accident Insurance	716,213 49
For Contingencies	631,985 01
	22,213,211 40
Surplus—	
Balance, December 31 1925, per attached statement	33,562,388 54
	\$140,072,924 54

WORKING CAPITAL.

The following statement covers items affecting Working Capital from organization of the Company to December 31 1925, and is followed by Comparative Statement of Net Working Assets, as shown by the books of the Company as at December 31 1923, 1924 and 1925:

Working Capital May 3 1899	\$6,500,000 00
Collateral Notes Issued October 1 1904	7,000,000 00
Bond Issue October 1 1904	10,000,000 00
Preferred Capital Stock sold	110,000 00
10-30 Year Bonds issued	20,869,000 00
Mortgage Notes on Haselton property	1,475,000 00
Additional Preferred Stock sold	4,583,100 00
Additional Common Stock sold	2,809,000 00
Refunding and General Mortgage Bonds issued	10,000,000 00
5% Collateral Trust Serial Gold Notes dated Jan. 2 1925	4,000,000 00
Amounts Reserved out of Profits for Depreciation and Renewals, Insurance and Contingencies	23,615,491 86
Net Profits May 31 1899 to December 31 1925	85,847,026 07
	\$176,808,617 93

EXPENDED.	
Dividends on Preferred Stock	\$43,293,936 87
Dividends on Common Stock	7,553,472 00
Collateral Notes Paid	7,000,000 00
Bonds Retired	21,239,000 00
Haselton Notes paid	1,475,000 00
Bond Sinking Fund	1,406,970 29
Investments, &c. (less Potter Bonds)	3,145,037 15
Prepaid Mining Expense, &c.	1,975,500 33
New Construction	59,519,381 21
Property and Plants	8,353,564 76
	154,961,862 61
Net Current Assets per Balance Sheet	\$21,846,755 32
Consisting of:	
Inventory	\$12,901,749 85
Ore at Docks	1,325,111 84
Accounts and Bills Receivable	6,168,630 03
U. S. Bonds and Treasury Certificates	4,040,208 33
Cash	2,564,379 87
	\$27,000,079 92
Less Current Liabilities	5,153,324 60
Net Current Assets	\$21,846,755 32

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NET WORKING ASSETS.			
	Dec. 31 1925.	Dec. 31 1924.	Dec. 31 1923.
Current Assets—			
Inventory	\$12,901,749 85	\$14,295,949 62	\$14,683,088 40
Ore at Docks	1,325,111 84	2,718,206 00	2,140,850 14
Accounts and Bills Receivable	6,168,630 03	5,481,277 15	4,912,245 51
U. S. Bonds and Treasury Certificates	4,040,208 33	989,895 83	4,470,625 00
Cash	2,564,379 87	1,466,557 46	3,968,630 97
	\$27,000,079 92	\$24,951,886 06	\$30,175,440 02
Less Current Liabilities	5,153,324 60	4,797,993 30	4,754,927 03
Net Current Assets	\$21,846,755 32	\$20,153,892 76	\$25,420,512 99

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME.			
	Year Ending Dec. 31 1925.	Year Ending Dec. 31 1924.	Year Ending Dec. 31 1923.
Net earnings from Operations after deducting charges for Maintenance and Repairs of Plants, amounting to:	\$6,252,400 61	\$3,769,353 86	\$8,600,792 32
Dec. 31 1925—\$4,370,845 71			
Dec. 31 1924—3,932,216 25			
Dec. 31 1923—4,533,727 51			
Interest and Dividends Received	417,301 62	645,303 25	667,003 64
Total Profits for the Year	\$6,669,702 23	\$4,414,657 11	\$9,267,795 96
Less—			
Provision for Depreciation & Renewal of Plants	\$1,232,293 52	\$1,133,130 64	\$1,404,578 97
Provision for Exhaustion of Minerals	345,527 67	240,957 83	384,358 89
Interest and Discount on Bonds and Notes	1,278,396 83	1,122,632 34	1,226,639 80
	\$2,856,218 02	\$2,496,720 81	\$3,015,577 66
Net Profits Applicable to Dividends	\$3,813,484 21	\$1,917,936 30	\$6,252,218 30
Add—			
Surplus Dec. 31 1924	*\$31,498,904 33		
Surplus Dec. 31 1923		\$33,003,835 76	
Surplus Dec. 31 1922			\$30,001,617 46
	\$35,312,388 54	\$34,921,772 06	\$36,253,835 76
Deduct—			
Dividends on Preferred Stock	1,750,000 00	2,000,000 00	3,250,000 00
Net Surplus Carried to Balance Sheet	\$33,562,388 54	\$32,921,772 06	\$33,003,835 76

* See Income Statement December 31 1925.

INVENTORIES.

In accordance with the usual policy of the Company, Inventory was taken at cost on all products mined, manufactured or purchased. For all classes of material, the Inventories are no higher than present market prices. The total value of Inventories shows a reduction as against previous years, which is accounted for by lower cost of production and by reduction in stocks on hand, resulting from greater concentration of operations.

Classification—	As at Dec. 31 1925.	As at Dec. 31 1924.	As at Dec. 31 1923.
Finished Product	\$4,166,207 06	\$4,698,071 51	\$4,054,170 75
Pig Iron	622,370 40	1,280,464 76	1,604,287 13
Puddle Mill Products		69,943 84	94,472 17
Billets, Blooms, Slabs	819,962 27	1,056,637 80	638,671 37
Ores	3,571,209 52	3,802,236 67	4,673,083 50
Scrap	857,346 19	720,701 67	370,808 73
Ferro-Manganese	184,467 69	79,872 59	54,907 64
Fuel	380,721 91	239,903 48	544,636 79
Rolls, Molds and Stools	135,956 31	152,521 22	164,325 16
Stores	1,699,793 32	1,793,274 13	2,072,542 30
Commissary Supplies	70,739 64	86,115 47	100,303 47
Miscellaneous	392,975 54	325,206 48	310,879 39
Total	\$12,901,749 85	\$14,295,949 62	\$14,683,088 40

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EARNINGS AND DISPOSITION OF INCOME.			
	Year Ending Dec. 31 1925.	Year Ending Dec. 31 1924.	Year Ending Dec. 31 1923.
Gross Profits	\$6,669,702 23	\$4,414,657 11	\$9,267,795 96
Depreciation and Charges	2,856,218 02	2,496,720 81	3,015,577 66
Net Profits	3,813,484 21	1,917,936 30	6,252,218 30
Dividends	1,750,000 00	2,000,000 00	3,250,000 00
Amount Carried to Surplus	640,616 48	*\$2,063 70	\$3,002,218 30
Balance Surplus Account	33,562,388 54	32,921,772 06	33,003,835 76

GROSS VOLUME OF BUSINESS.

Year ending Dec. 31 1925	\$53,907,959 39
Year ending Dec. 31 1924	43,982,523 20
Year ending Dec. 31 1923	59,043,130 76

* Deducted.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ANNUAL CHARGES TO COST OF PRODUCTION AND DEDUCTIONS FROM PROFITS FOR REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE, DEPRECIATION AND OTHER PROVISIONAL FUNDS.

	Year Ending Dec. 31 1925.	Year Ending Dec. 31 1924.	Year Ending Dec. 31 1923.
Repairs and Maintenance—	\$4,370,845 71	\$3,932,216 25	\$4,533,727 51
Charges for Depreciation and Renewals of Plants	1,232,293 52	1,133,130 64	1,404,578 97
Total	\$5,603,139 23	\$5,065,346 89	\$5,938,306 48
Provision for Exhaustion of Minerals	345,527 67	240,957 83	384,358 89

PROVISIONAL FUNDS.

Year Ending:	For Depreciation and Renewal of Plants.	For Exhaustion of Minerals.	For Relining of Furnaces.	For Fire and Accident Insurance.	For Contingencies.
Dec. 31 1925	\$15,916,285 85	\$5,275,387 43	\$939,620 08	\$716,213 49	\$631,985 01
Dec. 31 1924	14,894,572 55	5,032,580 92	721,227 26	635,687 64	579,937 52
Dec. 31 1923	14,704,415 53	4,791,623 09	1,248,926 00	693,902 05	635,310 04

NEW CONSTRUCTION AND PROPERTY ADDITIONS.

Additions to the Property Account during the year aggregated \$3,534,317 81. The total New Construction to date, December 31 1925, is:

Blast Furnaces	\$13,197,734 05
Steel Plants, Rolling Mills and Factories	27,617,722 57
Ore Mines, Coal Mines, Coke Ovens and Quarries	17,938,879 96
Miscellaneous	765,044 63
Total	\$59,519,381 21

SUMMARIZED COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

	Year Ending Dec. 31 1925.	Year Ending Dec. 31 1924.	Year Ending Dec. 31 1923.
New Construction	\$3,534,317 81	\$3,816,879 99	\$3,158,497 12
Property Additions	19,770 24	6,508 95	49,676 25
Property Sold	398,583 65	55,100 00	42,325 00
Unexpended Balance of Provision for Depreciation and Renewals for Year	1,021,713 30	190,157 02	984,897 09
Net Balance of Property Acct.	\$6,951,304 96	\$6,128,978 08	\$8,264,621 89

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.

No changes were made during the year in labor rates. A reduction in the usual or normal number of employees was made by the sale of the Company's Inland Works and by the concentration of operations and improvements to manufacturing facilities installed in the previous year, more particularly at the Company's Bessemer Steel Plant, but this was more than offset by larger operations entailing fuller employment, all due to a better demand for steel products.

The usual statistics follow:

AVERAGE NUMBER OF MEN EMPLOYED.

	Year Ending Dec. 31 1925.	Year Ending Dec. 31 1924.	Year Ending Dec. 31 1923.
North—			
Ore Mines	169	214	437
Coal Mines and Ovens	1,405	1,322	1,840
Furnaces	759	834	876
Works	6,834	6,757	7,319
Total North	9,167	9,127	10,472
South—			
Ore Mines	670	682	694
Coal Mines and Ovens	800	753	781
Furnaces	580	449	507
Commissaries	32	35	41
Total South	2,082	1,919	2,023
Grand Total	11,249	11,046	12,495

TOTAL EXPENDED FOR LABOR.

Year Ending—	Amount.	Average per Man.
December 31 1925	\$19,586,386 40	\$1,741 00
December 31 1924	19,280,523 79	1,745 00
December 31 1923	22,076,565 56	1,767 00

UNFILLED ORDERS AND BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

The year 1925 was ushered in with a substantial volume of business carried over from the year 1924, but, as stated elsewhere in this report, demand slackened during the second quarter of the year, but buying was resumed on a large scale during the fourth quarter, which again enabled us to accumulate a substantial backlog of orders for the year 1926.

As to the general outlook for 1926, it may be stated that business confidence is general, stocks normal, prices low; consequently less reason than heretofore exists for reaction, and if fair crops are realized the coming year's business should be satisfactory.

The balance of Unfilled Orders on Hand as of December 31 1925, as compared with previous years, is as follows:

Year Ending—	FINISHED AND SEMI-FINISHED.	Tons.
December 31 1925		223,973
December 31 1924		228,965
December 31 1923		68,955
Year Ending—	PIG IRON.	Tons.
December 31 1925		64,463
December 31 1924		67,874
December 31 1923		72,956

The Board of Directors takes pleasure in expressing its appreciation to the Officers and Employees of the Company for the loyal and efficient services rendered by them during the past year.

By order of the Board of Directors.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN A. TOPPING,

Chairman.

PENNSYLVANIA WATER & POWER COMPANY

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR 1925.

Submitted to the Stockholders of the Company at the Annual Meeting Held February 9 1926:

The Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Water & Power Company have pleasure in submitting to the Stockholders a statement of the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31 1925.

The total revenue for the year from all sources amounts to \$2,960,435 64. After making provision for interest charges, taxes, operation and maintenance, there remains a surplus of 1,343,319 89.

Which has been disposed of as follows:

Dividend of 2% for quarter ending March 31st	\$214,924 00
Dividend of 2% for quarter ending June 30th	214,924 00
Dividend of 2% for quarter ending September 30th	214,924 00
Dividend of 2% for quarter ending December 31st	214,924 00
Transferred to Depreciation Reserve	220,850 00
Transferred to Reserve for Sinking Fund	100,000 00
Transferred to Contingent Fund	140,000 00
Balance carried to Profit and Loss	22,773 89

A comparison of Gross Income for 1925 with 1924 shows a gain of \$273,969 65; a like comparison of Net Revenue shows a gain of \$75,138 95.

Your Company's Reserves (exclusive of \$825,000 00 in Sinking Fund) show an increase over 1924 of \$412,619 84 and now total \$2,823,416 05.

OUTPUT OF HYDRO ENERGY.

The summer of 1925 was marked by very low flow in the Susquehanna drainage area and in the Atlantic States generally. There was heavy rainfall, however, during the last two months of the year, so that much of the previous accumulated deficiency in energy output from your Holtwood hydro-electric plant was made up in the wet months of November and December. Instead of showing a withdrawal from Contingent Fund as a result of the dry year, your Company is able to build up that Fund to \$1,000,539 55 by appropriating \$140,000 from the surplus shown by your Company for its year's operations.

As contributing to the above result, must be mentioned the early completion of the first installation of 30,000 horse power in your new steam plant at Holtwood. This plant started in operation in less than thirteen months from breaking ground for its construction, which permitted it to be in service by midsummer, during the period of low river flow. For this creditable performance, thanks are due the Engineering Staff and officials of the Consolidated Gas Electric Light and Power Co., your customer company in Baltimore, who lent their services and gave their fullest co-operation in designing this steam plant, and to the employees of your company who enthusiastically supplemented the Consolidated Company's efforts and ably carried out the construction work.

SUPPLEMENTARY STEAM PLANT.

The station follows the best modern practice in its design and construction and is arranged for the use of pulverized fuel, either Bituminous or River Anthracite. Either variety of fuel may be brought in by rail to sidings convenient to the station. In addition, provision is made for bringing in by barge the River Anthracite which has accumulated in the slack water reaches above the dam of your Hydro-Electric development. The dredging experience has been recited in previous reports in connection with the River Coal. The steam station was located in close proximity to your hydro-electric generating station so that either station might act as a reserve to the other and that they might mutually benefit by the railway sidings, store houses, machine repair shops and community accommodations provided at Holtwood, and furthermore that they might be more effectively supervised and their operations more easily co-ordinated. The plans provide for a final steam station capacity of 135,000 horse power, when desired.

HOLTWOOD POWER COMPANY.

For the purpose of constructing, owning and operating this steam plant, your company organized the Holtwood Power Company, which provided for an issue of \$1,500,000 of common stock, together with \$25,000,000 of bonds, of which there has been issued to date against this first installation \$2,750,000 of Series A 6% bonds. All of the capital stock of the Holtwood Power Company is owned by your company. This financing was done during the year 1924.

HOUSING ADDITIONS.

To augment the housing accommodations for its employees at Holtwood, demanded for the operation of the steam station and for the growing importance of the hydro-electric generating plant, your company has continued with the building there of a number of detached dwellings and group houses of good quality and appearance and a special effort is made to maintain the grounds and community surroundings in keeping therewith.

OPERATING RESULTS.

The loads of your company's customers are steadily increasing, as is evident from the gain of \$273,969 65 in Gross Income. There has been set aside for Depreciation Reserve \$220,850. Operating costs have been held down reasonably without sacrificing quality of service and while maintaining the equipment of the plant up to its desirable high standard of condition.

Your Directors take this opportunity of making special mention of their appreciation of the efforts made and the results obtained by the employees during the past year, as reflected in the successful operations of your company.

CHARLES E. F. CLARKE,

President.

PENNSYLVANIA WATER & POWER COMPANY.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION DECEMBER 31 1925.

ASSETS.	
Plant, Property and Power Development	\$22,536,060 43
Plant Additions in Progress	164,160 17
Securities of other Companies	5,178,085 55
Loose Plant and Stores	185,496 95
Prepaid Charges	17,773 20
Accounts Receivable	708,237 89
Bills Receivable	25,000 00
Cash in Hands of Trustees for Bond Redemption	100,643 89
Cash in Banks and with Agents	843,857 19
	\$29,759,315 27
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock	\$10,746,200 00
First Mortgage 5% Bonds	\$12,500,000 00
Less Bonds Redeemed by Trustees or Canceled for Sinking Fund Investment	800,000 00
	11,700,000 00
First Refunding Mortgage Gold Bonds, 5½%	\$5,000,000 00
Less held in Treasury	2,000,000 00
	3,000,000 00
Premium on Capital Stock	122,112 50
Accounts Payable	478,562 83
Accrued Interest on 5½% Gold Bonds	41,250 00
Sinking Fund	825,000 00
Reserve for Sinking Fund	25,000 00
Reserve for Taxes	271,974 84
Depreciation Reserve	1,525,901 66
Contingent Fund	1,000,539 55
Profit and Loss Account	22,773 89
	\$29,759,315 27

Certified Correct,

JAS. L. RINTOUL, Treasurer.

Audited,

SHARP, MILNE & COMPANY,

Chartered Accountants.

January 12, 1926.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

By Income from All Sources	\$2,960,435 64
To Operating Expenses	\$203,947 90
To General Expenses	151,482 00
To Taxes	301,100 00
To Maintenance	226,793 08
	883,322 98
By Balance Brought Down	\$2,077,112 66
To Interest on First Mortgage Bonds	\$585,000 00
To Interest on First Refunding Mortgage Bonds	153,000 00
	738,000 00
Net Revenue	\$1,339,112 66
Balance from 1924	4,207 23
Total	\$1,343,319 89
Distributed as follows:	
Dividend 2% for Quarter ending March 31st	214,924 00
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The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS
PETROLEUM—RUBBER—HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

The introductory remarks formerly appearing here will now be found in an earlier part of this paper immediately following the editorial matter, in a department headed "INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY."

COFFEE on the spot was weaker; No. 7 Rio, 19 to 19½c.; No. 4 Santos, 23¾ to 24¼c.; Maracaibo Trujillo, 24¼ to 25¼c.; fair to good Cucuta, 26¼ to 27¼c.; Honda, 31¼ to 31¾c.; Medellin, 32¼ to 32¾c.; Robusta washed, 21¼ to 22¼c.; Harrar, 28½ to 29½c. Cost and freight offers on February 6th showed a very steady market in Brazil and offers included part bourbon 3s-5s at 23c.; 4s, part bourbon, 23.10f., 3s, 23.80c.; part bourbon, 2s-3s at 23.80c.; bourbon, 2s-3s at 23¾c.; bourbon, 3s at 23.60c.; bourbon, 4s at 23¾c.; bourbon, 5s at 22.80c.; bourbon, 3s-4s at 23.60c.; bourbon, 4s-5s at 23c.; bourbon, 5s-6s at 23.10c.; part bourbon, 2s-3s from one house ranging from 23¼ to 25c. and part bourbon, 3s-5s for March shipment at 23.20c. Rio, 7s and 8s were here from 18.40 to 18.55c. and Rio, 8s at 18.30c. No Victorias were being offered. On Feb. 8th, Santos bourbon, 4s-5s sold at 22.60c. Firm offers included prompt shipment bourbon, 2s-3s at 23¾c.; 3s at 23.60c.; 3s-4s at 23.40c. to 23.55c.; 3s-5s at 23.15c.; 4s-5s at 22.60 to 22.90c.; 5s at 22.80c.; 6s-7s at 22c. to 22.65c.; part bourbon, 2s at 24¾c.; 2s-3s at 23.80c.; 3s at 24.60c.; 3s-4s at 23.30c. to 23.65c.; 3s-5s at 22.90c. to 23½c.; 4s-5s at 22.80 to 23.45c.; Santos peaberry, 4s at 22.90c.; 3s at 23.90c.; 4s-5s at 22.80 to 23.20c.; Rio, 7s at 18.80c.; 8s at 18.70c.; Victoria, 7s and 8s at 18¾c.; March-April shipment, 3s-4s at 23½c. Spot trade has hesitated to follow the recent advance on cost and freight prices early in the week. Santos shippers therefore lowered their prices somewhat. They, however, did not stimulate trade. The influence on Santos of mild coffee prices is not as a rule great. Europe is a large consumer of the cheaper kinds of Brazilian coffee. That fact may act as a balance wheel. Not a few believe it will. On Thursday spot coffee was dull; Santos, No. 4, 22¾ to 24c.; No. 7 Rio, 19½ to 19¼c. with diminishing supplies. The New Orleans market was strong. Santos offers were 10 to 15 points lower; 4s, 22.75 to 23.50c.; Rio, 7s, 18.75 to 19c. Futures declined in a somewhat overbought market with selling of March by the trade. The cost and freight offers early were unchanged or slightly easier. Santos exchange was off ¼d. at 7½d. and the dollar up 10 reis. Rio exchange off ¼d. at 7½d. and the dollar rate 40 reis net higher. Santos cabled that large European business was done last week adding that the Federal government of Santos was negotiating for a loan of £30,000,000. Santos and Rio cables said that later that trade was quiet with buyers well supplied from recent purchases. It was pointed out that stocks in the interior warehouses in the State of Sao Paulo were last reported by the Defense Committee as 4,387,000 compared with 4,383,000 in December; that is at the peak of the receipts. From now on the stocks will in that case gradually diminish. Some very low estimates regarding the 1926-27 Brazil crops have recently been given out. Santos for instance was put at only 7,000,000 to 8,000,000, but these are very generally regarded as too low. The general opinion leans to 9,000,000 to 10,000,000 bags. Of Rio the crop is quite generally supposed to be in the neighborhood of 3,000,000 bags. A guess of 2,500,000 bags is not accepted as correct here. But even with a yield of 3,000,000 bags some feel that the statistical position is such as to preclude any serious decline in prices. On the other hand what about the competition of mild coffee? Spot Medellin and Medellin have been 3 cents apart. But bulls believe that the effect on Rio for instance of mild offerings will be slight. Rio prices make the quotations on the exchange here rather than those for other coffee. On Thursday futures declined 2 to 16 points with sales of 34,000 bags. Rio fell 150 to 250 reis and Santos 150 to

300 reis. Rio Exchange was 7½d; dollar rate 30 reis higher at 6\$670. Final prices show a net decline for the week of 8 to 12 points.

Spot unofficial	19	May	-----17.96a	-----	September	17.05a	-----
March	-----18.35a	July	-----17.47a	-----	December	16.80a	nom.

SUGAR—Cuban raws were firmer at 2¼c. for Porto Rico and 2½c. for Cuba; 6,500 tons of Dominican Cuban and Haitian centrifugals sold to the United Kingdom on the 6th inst. at 11s 10½d for February, and 12s for March. Galveston bought 20,000 Cuba prompt shipment at 2½c. Futures were dull and at times rather easy. Last week sales of domestic and Continental granulated were reported to the Far East of about 150,000 tons. Some venture the opinion that the Far East requires 100,000 tons more to make up the deficiency in the Java crop. China bought it, it was said, about 20,000 tons of Cuba recently for February-March shipment, at an estimated equivalent of 2.36c. f.o.b. Cuba. Refined was quiet at 5.30 to 5.50c. On the 9th inst. prompt raws sold to the extent of 80,000 to 100,000 bags to out of town refiners and operators at a rise of ½c., with Cubas 2¼c. or 4.30c. delivered. Futures were livelier. Wall St. bought May and July. Leading Cuban interests bought March. United Kingdom prices were firm with offers of Cuba and Domingos at 12s and last sales for February-March shipment at 11s 10½d. The heavy Cuban crop movement, over 200,000 tons last week, had a sobering effect. Some Wall St. longs sold March and took September. The Cuban long interest in March is supposed to be large. Operators sold May supposedly as a hedge against recent purchases of C & F. sugar. Sales of raw sugar to last week were about 225,000 bags. India's buying of sugar in this market has not been big, but it has bought on the Continent during the past month or so at least 100,000 tons, principally of Czecho-Slovakian and German sugars. India is also reported to be inquiring further for such sugars. There is still some demand for United States refined from India. Cuban sugar production is now more than 100,000 tons larger than last year and the crop is progressing favorably, according to the Federal Company. Up to January 31st, production totaled 1,154,000 tons, as against 1,050,233 tons at the corresponding date last year. Weather conditions in Cuba continue favorable. Some mills complain of not receiving cane as fast as they would like, and grinding is therefore reduced. This condition is caused by a scarcity of labor in the districts making complaint, principally Caibarien, Cienfuegos and some parts of Camaguey. The reason for this is the reduction in wages which it has been found necessary to adopt because the present conditions in the industry compel economies. Reports from separate localities show yields ranging from 10.60 to 12 per cent. It is proposed in some quarters to have refiners' sales offices and raw sugar brokers' offices closed on Saturdays, February 13th and 20th. New York financial institutions, it is said, will support a movement to bring about an orderly marketing of the Cuban sugar crop. Holders at one time asked 29/16c. for Cubas. Refiners are getting a large quantity of raw on old purchases and hold aloof. March requirements, however, it is pointed out, are still to be provided for. Cuban receipts for the week ended February 8th, were 192,274 tons, against 194,324 in previous week; 208,507 in same week last year and 168,849 two years ago; exports, 101,306 tons, against 97,081 in previous week; 118,358 in same week last year and 134,138 two years ago; stock, 446,552 tons, against 355,584 in previous week; 384,040 same week last year and 273,333 two years ago. The number of centrals grinding was 172, against the same number in the previous week and in the same week last year and 168 two years ago. Havana cabled: "Weather fine." H. A. Himely reported the export movement from Cuba for the week ending Feb. 8th, as 95,858 tons, including 52,347 tons north of Hatteras, 2,951 tons to New Orleans, 6,624 tons to Galveston, 6,421 to Savannah, 807 tons interior, 9,472 tons to England, 11,098 tons

to France and 6,938 tons to New Zealand. Details: On Thursday prompt raws were quiet at 29/16c. asked. There was an idea that that would be shaded 1/2c. Late on Wednesday it is said that some 80,000 bags of Porto Rico prompt and February shipment sold at 4.30c. or 2 1/4c. Cuban basis. British markets were easier; 1,000 tons nearby Cuba sold at 11s. 10 1/2d. British arrivals in January were 194,000 tons; consumption 122,000; stock on Feb. 1st 457,000. It is said that the French duty will probably be raised 30 per cent. Havana cabled that the Secretary of Agriculture stated that crop prospects were 10 per cent better than early in the season. Refined here was quiet at 5.25 to 5.40c. Quiet cutting was reported. Withdrawals were small. Prompt sugar was generally quoted at the close at 2 1/4c. or 1/2c. lower than last Friday. Futures on Thursday were 3 to 5 points lower for the day. For the week they are 1 point lower to 1 point higher net. Prices follow:

Spot unofficial	2 15-32	May	2.59a	September	2.79a	
March	2.50a	2.51	July	2.69a	December	2.83a

TEA—In London, on Feb. 8th, prices firm: offerings 31,000 pkgs. of India of which 30,000 sold at the following prices: Medium pekoe, 1s. 7 3/4d. to 1s. 9 1/2d.; fine pekoe 1s. 10 1/4d. to 2s. 11d.; medium orange pekoe, 1s. 8 1/4d. to 1s. 10 1/4d.; fine orange pekoe 1s. 11d. to 2s. 11 1/4d. In London, on Feb. 9th, Ceylon teas were firm. Offerings 16,600 pkgs. and sales 16,000 pkgs. Prices: Medium pekoe, 1s. 8d. to 1s. 10 1/4d.; fine pekoe, 1s. 10 1/4d. to 2s. 4 1/2d.; medium orange pekoe, 1s. 8 1/2d. to 1s. 10 1/2d.; fine orange pekoe, 1s. 11d. to 2s. 5d. In London, on Feb. 10th, offerings of Indian teas were 18,700 pkgs. of which 18,000 sold at the following prices: Medium pekoe, 1s. 7 3/4d. to 1s. 9 1/4d.; fine pekoe, 1s. 10 1/2d. to 3s.; medium orange pekoe, 1s. 8 1/2d. to 1s. 10 1/2d.; fine orange pekoe, 1s. 11d. to 3s.

LARD on the spot declined with export demand slow after the recent heavy exports. Home trade was also quiet. Prime western, 15.10 to 15.20c.; city, in tierces, 14 1/2 to 13 3/4c.; in tubs, 15c. Compound, carlots in tierces, 13 1/4 to 12 1/2c.; refined pure lard to Continent, 15 1/2 to 15 3/4c.; South America, 16 3/4c.; Brazil, 17 1/4c. Futures were also lower with hogs off 15 to 25 points and grain markets at the opening of the week sharply lower. Liquidation in lard set in and on the 8th inst. prices fell 20 to 25 points. The smallness of the cash demand was also a factor. So were large receipts of hogs and among grain markets the drop in corn especially. Hog receipts on the 10th were 117,000 at western points. Supplies of lard are growing. On Thursday, futures ended lower after an early advance of 7 to 15 points. Final prices show a decline for the week of 53 to 60 points.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
March delivery	14.90	14.65	14.72	14.50	14.45	-----
May delivery	15.20	14.95	15.00	14.77	14.77	-----
July delivery	15.40	15.20	15.25	15.05	15.05	-----

PORK steady but quiet; mess, \$36.50; family, \$40 to \$42; fat back pork, \$35.50 to \$38.50. Ribs steady; cash, 16.62c.; basis 40 to 50 lbs. average. Beef scarce and firm; mess, \$24 to \$26; packet, \$24 to \$26; family, \$26 to \$28; extra India mess, \$45 to \$47; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$3; No. 2, \$5.25; 6 lbs., \$18.50; pickled tongues, \$55 to \$60 nominal. Meats irregular; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 23 1/4 to 24 1/4c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 20 1/2 to 22c. Butter, lower to high, 40 to 45c. Cheese, flats, 26 to 29c. Eggs, fresh medium to extras, 28 1/2 to 38c.

OILS—Linseed has been quiet at 11.3c. for spot-April raw oil in carlots cooerage basis. It was rumored however that business was done at a shade under that price. Coconut oil, Ceylon, f.o.b. Coast, tanks, 9 1/2c.; Manila, tanks, coast, spot, 9 1/2c.; Corn, crude, tanks, plant, 9 3/4c.; China wood, N. Y., spot, bbls., 12 3/4c.; Olive, Den: gallon, \$1.20 to \$1.25; Soya Bean, coast, tanks, 10 1/2c. Lard, prime, 17 1/2c.; extra strained, winter, N. Y., 15c. Cod, domestic, 63 to 64c.; Newfoundland, 65 to 67c. Spirits of turpentine, \$1.01 to \$1.05. Rosin, \$13.40 to \$16.70. Cottonseed oil sales today including switches 5,500 bbls. P. Crude S.E., 9 1/4 to 10c. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	11.00a	April	11.10a	11.20	July	11.33a	11.34
February	11.00a	May	11.18a	11.19	August	11.37a	11.45
March	11.06a	June	11.20a	11.30	September	11.37a	11.40

One house pointed out that the average monthly consumption for the 5 months of the present season was 330,745 bbls. compared with a monthly average of 230,059 bbls. for the 12 months of the season 1924-25. Allow-

ing for a carryover of 500,000 bbls. at the end of the present season, this authority estimated the available supplies for distribution during the balance of the season for the next 7 months of about 1,625,000 bbls. which will allow for a monthly average of about 232,000 bbls. This is about 100,000 bbls. per month less available for consumption than the average monthly disappearance for the next 5 months and approximately the same as the average monthly consumption for all of the 12 months of last season.

PETROLEUM—A feature of the week was the advances in kerosene. The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey advanced the tank wagon price 1c. a gallon throughout its territory, and the Sinclair Co. put up the price 1/2 to 1c. for water white in tank cars at Atlantic Coast terminals. Later on the Standard Oil Co. of New York advanced the tank wagon price 1c. to 16c. a gallon. Bulk kerosene was firm at 9c. refinery for water white and 8c. for prime white. In the Gulf Section water white was quoted at 8c. and standard white at 7c. Gas oil was stronger at 6c. for 36-40 local refineries and for 28-34 5 1/2c. was asked. Domestic consumption is increasing. Gasoline was steady but quiet. U. S. motor in tank cars at local refineries was quoted at 12c. spot and 12 1/2c. for future delivery; in tank cars delivered to trade 13c. Bunker oil quiet but firm at \$1.75 for grade C at local refineries. Diesel oil quiet at \$1.75 a bbl. In the Gulf section grade C bunker oil was held at \$1.60 while at Tampico the price was \$1.45 a bbl. taxes included. Lubricating oils quiet but steady with Penn. 600 s. r. in bbls. New York held at 25 1/2c. Gasoline was in better demand from France and Spain. A cargo of 35,000 bbls. sold at 13 1/2c. for 61-63 gravity; also prime white kerosene at 7c. Gas oil was firm with more inquiry for export. Bunker oil consumption is increasing. U. S. Motor was 12c. spot and 12 1/2c. futures with less jobbing business. New York refined export prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, U. S. Motor specifications, deodorized 28.15c.; U. S. Motor bulk, refinery, 12c.; Kerosene, cargo lots, cases 18.40c.; Petroleum, refined, tanks wagon to store 16c.; kerosene, bulk, 46-46-150 W.W. delivered, New York tank cars 10c.; Motor Gasoline, garages (steel bbls.) 17c.; Up-State 17c.

Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas—	Elk Basin	2.15
28-28.9	Big Muddy	2.00
32-32.9	Lance Creek	2.15
39 and above	Homer 35 and above	1.95
Louisiana	Caddo	-----
35 37.9	Below 32 deg.	1.85
38 and above	32-34.9	2.00
	38 and above	2.20
Pennsylvania	Buckeye	3.30
Corning	Bradford	3.65
Cabell	Lima	2.23
Somerset, light	Indiana	2.00
Rock Creek	Princeton	2.12
Smackover, 27 deg.	Canadian	2.63
	Worham, 38 deg.	2.20
	Eureka	3.50
	Illinois	2.12
	Crichton	1.85
	Plymouth	1.65
	Mexia, 38 deg.	1.50
	Gulf Coastal A	1.50
	Wooster	2.25

RUBBER advanced rather sharply late last week with London up. American imports in January were said to be 8,000 tons more than actual requirements but this had no effect. First latex crepe, spot and February 69 1/2 to 70c.; Ribbed smoked sheets spot and Feb., 67 1/2 to 68c.; Brown, crepe thin, clean 65c. London was 32 1/4 to 33 1/4c. spot, Feb. and March. On the 8th inst. prices were firm with London steady and the reduction in the stock there for the week 389 tons which was double what was generally expected. But profit taking held back London in the end. Stocks were 9,554 tons against 9,943 in the previous week, 7,317 a month ago and 26,850 last year. At the Cocoa and Rubber Exchange on the 8th inst. trade was dull; only 3 lots sold including May at 67 1/2c., December at 62 1/4c. and January at 62c. All this business was done early. New York open market quotations on that day included First latex crepe, spot and Feb. 71 to 71 1/2c.; Ribbed smoked sheets, spot and Feb. 69 1/2 to 70c.; March 68 1/2c. to 69c.; April-June 68 to 68 1/2c. and July-September 64 1/2c. to 65 1/2c. Brown, crepe, thin, clean 66c.; specky 65c.; No. 1 rolled 63c.; Amber No. 2 67c. On the 9th inst. prices here fell in a dull market. Latex spot 66 1/2c. to 68 1/2c.; Ribbed smoked sheet spot and February 65 to 66 1/2c. London was off 3/4 to 1 1/4d.; spot 32 1/2 to 33d.; Singapore spot 31 1/2d. A rather bitter fight is on for the control of the trading in crude rubber futures between rival Exchanges. One is the Cocoa and Rubber Exchange of America which opened for business on February 2nd. The other is the Rubber Exchange of New York which will start trading on February 15th. As to which will emerge the victor in this case is puzzling the leaders in the rubber industry in this country. Not a few have adopted the expedient of buying memberships in both organizations. Among these is Jesse L. Livermore. On the 10th inst. trade was dull here and prices weaker. On the Cocoa and Rubber Exchange three lots of May sold at 64c. and later at 63c. One lot of July

sold at 62½c. and one at 62½c. Two lots of December sold at 61¾c. March and April offered at 64c. In the open market first Latex crepe, February 66 to 66¾c.; March 64 to 66c.; April-June 63½ to 65½c.; July-September 60½ to 62½c.; Ribbed smoked sheets, spot and February 64 to 64¾c.; March 63 to 64c.; April-June 62½ to 63½c.; July-September 59½ to 60¾c.; Brown, crepe, thin, clean 62c.; specky 61c.; No. 1 rolled 60c. According to an analysis of world production by Ray B. Prescott, based on a study made by David M. Figart, Special Agent of the Department of Commerce, the potential yearly world production of rubber will be approximately as follows: 1926, 606,000 tons; 1927, 623,000 tons; 1928, 633,000 tons; 1929, 637,000 tons and 1930, 641,000 tons. Smoked ribbed sheets on Thursday were quoted early at 62½c. for March, 64c. for April, May and June.

HIDES met with more demand in some cases and prices were said to be for the most part unchanged. Of River Plate frigorifico hides, 3,000 Swift Rosario cows sold, it was reported, to a European buyer at \$30.25 or 14c., also 5,000 La Blanca, 4,000 Armour and 4,000 Smithfield steers were sold on terms not disclosed. Here 1,400 January bull hides sold at 9c.; city packer hides dull and unchanged. For country hides the inquiry has been somewhat better. Common dry hides were dull; Antiquias, 25½c. nominally; Orinoco, 22c. City calf skins dull. Some sales were reported at \$1.80 for 5-7s recently.

OCEAN FREIGHTS—In the main European business was dull. Recent berth traffic now and then was fair for the moment; it did not last. Rates are low, that is 9 to 9½c. to the Continent for grain and 12½c. to West Italy. A fair business was done at times for sugar, coal, lumber and time charters at rates described as poor. It was that or nothing.

Charters included coal from Hampton Roads to Algiers \$2.65 March loading; time charters: 1,031 net tons, 6 months in Canadian West Indies trade \$1.65 delivery April; 3,000 tons round trip West Indies trade \$1.35 delivery New York, \$1.40 delivery north of Hatteras spot loading; 1,779 net, four months in West Indies trade \$1.10 delivery north of Hatteras end of Feb. loading; 2,818 net, round trip West Coast South American trade 90c. prompt loading; nitrate, from Chile to United States Gulf or Atlantic \$4 March loading; sulphur from Gulf to Buenos Aires \$5 February loading; oilcake from Gulf to Denmark \$5.75 Feb. loading; tankers: refined and (or) spirits, from Gulf to French Atlantic 27s. 6d. Feb.-March; from Black Sea to French Atlantic 26s., Feb.-March; from Gulf to Cettce and (or) Arzeu and (or) Casablanca, basis 31s. 3d one port, Feb. loading; from Gulf to French Atlantic 27s. 6d. one port 28s. 6d. two ports, Feb.-March; from North Atlantic to French Atlantic 24s. 6d. option Gulf 27s. 6d. March-April; from Abadan to United Kingdom-Continent 36s. 6d. March-April loading; solar and Russian engine oil from Batum to Dunkirk or Calais and Rouen 25s. two ports Feb.; from Batum to Hamburg 22s. 6d. Feb.-March; from Batum to Calais and (or) Dunkirk and (or) Rouen and (or) St. Louis du Rhone 26s. 6d. one, 28s. 6d. two ports Feb.-March loading; lumber from San Francisco range to Brisbane Sydney range \$14.50 basis two ports February 28th cancelling; coal from Hampton Roads to River Plate \$4 February loading; lumber 800 standards from Gulf to Belfast-Bristol Channel 111s. 3d March loading; clean oil from Gulf to two ports of French Atlantic 28s. 6d. April loading; sugar from Cuba to North of Hatteras 16c. prompt loading; coal from Hampton Roads to Buenos Aires 17s. 3d. March; coke from Grangemouth to north of Hatteras 14s. 9d. prompt; lumber from Gulf to River Plate basis \$14.50 April; grain from St. John to four ports West Italy 15c. prompt; lubricating oils from North Atlantic to United Kingdom-Continent, 23s. one port 25s. two ports March-April; 180,000 to 200,000 cases of case oil from Gulf to Australasia, basis 36c. with 1c. extra each additional port up to seven, February loading; agriculturals from New York to three ports of Russian Black Sea 8¾c. March; heavy grain from New York to Bremen 9½c.; barley 10½c. prompt loading; sugar from Guantanamo to New York 15c. part cargo prompt loading; coal from Hampton Roads to Rio de Janeiro \$3.50 February; from Hampton Roads to Montevideo direct \$4 February; from Atlantic Range to West Italy \$2.70 one port, \$2.80 two ports February 25-March 5th cancelling; lumber from Gulf to Buenos Aires \$14.50 March-April.

COAL has been very firm with a better demand due to cold and stormy weather. In the New York retail market, run of mine coal was sold at \$12.75 a ton mostly slack or gas coal, too small for further screening. Price ranged from \$8.50 to practically \$13. All the Pennsylvania low volatile coal offered at upward of \$6. New York tidewater sold promptly. Pool No. 1 sold at \$6.50. Fairmount-Pittsburgh prepared coal \$3.75 to \$4 for the larger and from \$4 to \$4.25 for the smaller sizes. High volatile steam coal at New York was \$5 to \$5.25. Coke was firm at \$12.50 for Connellsville run of oven. Crushed coke at Connellsville was from \$13 to \$14.

TOBACCO.—A fair business is reported in Java and Sumatra tobacco and prices are steady. The supply of Connecticut shade-grown is said to be only moderate, as the producing acreage last year is declared to have been only about 4,000 acres. There is a fair degree of activity in various parts of the country and prices are said to be sustained at the recent level.

COPPER—Early in the week there was a brisk demand. While some producers adhere to the 14¾c. level sales were very small at that price. The true price was 14¾c. For export, 14.45c. c.i.f. European ports was done and 14.20c. f.a.s. New York. An interesting feature of the week was the announcement by C. F. Kelley, of the Anaconda Copper Mining Co. that plans had been made for a new copper export association to take the place of the one which virtually disbanded about two years ago. Copper shares advanced on this announcement. Sentiment among producers seems to be better. Standard copper in London on the 9th inst. rose 5s to £59 17s. 6d. for spot and £60 17s. 6d. for futures. Latterly

the price has been firmer at 14¾c. though small sales were reported here and there at 14.32½c. There was further talk about the possibility of the copper export association being revived. On the 11th inst. in London standard copper spot was £60 5s.; futures £61 5s.; electrolytic spot £67; futures £67 10s.

TIN has been in better demand and higher. Prices on the 9th inst. advanced ¼c. A bullish factor was the news that stocks of tin in warehouses of the United Kingdom decreased 350 tons in January. Spot Straits here sold at 63½c., February at 63¼c. and March at 62¾ to 63c. Spot standard tin in London on the 9th inst. was unchanged at £284 10s., but futures declined 10s. to £279. Spot Straits was unchanged at £286 10s. Eastern c.i.f. London advanced 5s. to £285 5s. Later business was active. London sales were 1,000 tons. The Far East sold 325 tons and New York about 200 tons. London advanced on the 10th inst. £2 5s. to £3 5s. Spot Straits here sold at 64¼c., prompt at 64c., March at 63½c., April at 63c., May at 62¾c. and June at 62½c. The situation is regarded as tense after a rise within a fortnight of 3 cents. On the 11th inst. London spot was £287 12s. 6d.; futures, £281 8s. 6d.

LEAD still in fair demand. The American Smelting & Refining Co. was quoting 9.25c. New York and in the Middle West quotations ranged from 9.10 to 9.15c. Lead ore was quoted at \$120 per ton in the Joplin district. In London on the 9th inst. spot declined 2s. 6d. to £33 12s. 6d. for spot and £33 12s. 6d. for futures. Later on trading was small here. At the Central West it was said to be good. Mexican lead is coming into the Atlantic seaboard markets. London has recently been declining. On the 11th inst. spot and futures there was £33 10s.

ZINC, though quiet, has been steady. Prompt sold at 8.10c., February at 8.07½ to 8.10c. and March at 8c. to 8.05c. Zinc ore sold at \$53 per ton. London on the 9th inst. declined 2s. 6d. to £36 5s. for spot and £36 for futures. On the 10th inst. prices broke \$4 a ton. Prompt was obtainable at 7.85 to 7.90c. East St. Louis and futures not far from this level. Increasing stocks account for the weakness. In London on the 11th inst. spot £35 15s. According to the American Zinc Institute there was an increase of 5,005 tons in surplus stocks of slab zinc in January. Stocks on Jan. 31st were 14,300 tons as against 9,296 tons at the first of the year. Production totaled 56,389 tons, or an increase of 2,595 tons over the preceding month. Shipments were 51,384 tons, a decrease of 37 tons. Exports amounted to only 242 tons in January as contrasted with 5,000 to 6,000 tons monthly last year. Retorts operating numbered 96,229 at the end of the year, a gain of 1,200 over the previous month.

STEEL has been as a rule quiet. Railroads it is true are buying to some extent. It is stated that the New York Central has just released 50,000 tons of rails held under option. The Cotton Belt Railway, has it seems, ordered 14,000 tons of rails. Tie plates have been reduced \$2 per ton to \$45. The American Sheet & Tin Plate Co. has just advanced wages in its hot mills 10 per cent, the first wage advance in a long time. The steel industry was working at 89 per cent of theoretical capacity in January, according to the American Iron and Steel Institute. Most kinds of steel sheets are \$2 lower than at the opening of 1926. Automobile sheets are off to 4.40c. Pittsburgh. The composite price of steel is 2.424c. against 2.439c. a week ago. It is stated that the South Manchuria Railway has ordered 7,000 tons of American rails. An order for 55,000 boxes of tin plate for shipment to Japan was divided between two companies. Three Welsh firms have booked 70,000 boxes to be used for meat packing in Argentina. It is said that sales of structural steel last week totaled 25,000 tons or about 5,000 tons less than the previous week.

PIG IRON is naturally steadier from a rise in coke to \$13.50 to \$14 at Connellsville. Only a small business, however, is being done in iron. Eastern Pennsylvania is quoted at \$22.50 to \$23. Buffalo, \$21 to \$22; Virginia, \$23 to \$24; Chicago, \$22.50 to \$23. London advices say that Americans have bought heavily of iron concerns in France and Germany and they assert that Americans are trying to get the control of pig iron manufacture in Europe. Foreign iron it is said is being forced on the market to avoid heavy carrying costs including 80c. a ton at South Boston for the first month and 20c. thereafter. High silicon foreign sold, it is said, at \$20.50 duty paid at tidewater. Four furnaces at Pittsburgh and Youngstown have been banked owing either to the high cost of coke or to a preference for selling their supplies of coke at the current tempting prices.

WOOL has been quiet and steady. London prices have been unsettled. Australia and New Zealand have been irregular. Wool here is still marking time. Ohio and Penn. fine delaine 53 to 54c.; ½ blood, 52 to 53c.; ¾ blood, 52 to 53c.; ¼ blood, 51 to 52c. Territory, clean, basis, fine, staple, \$1.28 to \$1.30; medium, French combing, \$1.25 to \$1.27; fine medium clothing, \$1.16 to \$1.20; ½ blood, staple, \$1.18 to \$1.20; ¾ blood, \$1 to \$1.05; ¼ blood, 93 to 97c.; Texas, clean, basis, fine, 12 months, \$1.28 to \$1.30;

10 months, \$1.23 to \$1.25; 6 to 8 months, \$1.14 to \$1.17; pulled, scoured basis, A super, \$1.07 to \$1.12; B, 85 to 93c.; C, 70 to 75c.; domestic mohair, best combing, 75 to 80c. In London on Feb. 5th sales were 9,189 bales, mostly to the home trade and the Continent. Prices about the same as on the previous day. Details:

New South Wales 2,818 bales; scoured merinos 22 to 39½d.; crossbreds 14 to 31d.; greasy merinos 15 to 29½d.; crossbreds 8 to 18½d.; Queensland 958 bales; scoured merinos no sales; crossbreds no sales; greasy merinos 16½ to 28½d.; greasy crossbreds 12½ to 19½d.; Victoria 1,177 bales; scoured merinos 26 to 32d.; crossbreds 18½ to 29½d.; greasy merinos 14 to 27½d.; crossbreds no sales; South Australia 36 bales; scoured merinos no sales; crossbreds no sales; greasy merinos no sales; crossbreds 16 to 18d.; Tasmania 3,795 bales; scoured merinos no sales; crossbreds 18 to 28½d.; greasy merinos 16 to 25½d.; crossbreds 8 to 21½d.; New Zealand 135 bales; scoured merinos 30 to 35½d.; crossbreds no sales; greasy merinos 13 to 20½d.; crossbreds no sales; Cape Colony 270 bales; scoured merinos no sales; crossbreds no sales; greasy merinos no sales; crossbreds 12½ to 25½d.

In London on Feb. 8th the Colonial wool auction opened. Attendance large. Sales 7,655 bales. Home and foreign operators bought higher grades of greasy merinos and crossbreds. Inferiors and the crossbreds were put into the pool sale, which many of the operators favored. Withdrawals were numerous. Details:

New South Wales 1,183 bales, scoured merinos 19 to 23d.; crossbreds 13½ to 26½d.; greasy merinos 12½ to 26d.; crossbreds 11 to 20d.; Queensland 1,455 bales; scoured merinos no sales; crossbreds 19 to 37½d.; greasy merinos 16 to 25½d.; crossbreds 8 to 21½d.; Victoria 501 bales; scoured merinos 23 to 33½d.; crossbreds 18 to 29d.; greasy merinos 14 to 28½d.; crossbreds 12 to 21d.; South Australia 704 bales; scoured merinos 27 to 37d.; crossbreds 14½ to 30d.; greasy merinos 16 to 26d.; crossbreds 9 to 19½d.; West Australia 476 bales; scoured merinos 29 to 38d.; crossbreds 18½ to 26d.; greasy merinos 14 to 24½d.; crossbreds 6½ to 19d.; New Zealand 3,088 bales; scoured merinos 15 to 33d.; crossbreds 13 to 20d.; greasy merinos 14½ to 21d.; crossbreds 8½ to 20d.; Cape Colony 248 bales; scoured merinos 30 to 36d.; crossbreds no sales; greasy merinos 14 to 15d.; crossbreds no sales.

In London on Feb. 9th the auction sales closed. The small supply was readily sold and the tone was steady. As compared with December sales, greasy merinos were unchanged to 5 per cent lower, scoured merinos declined 10 to 15 per cent and fine crossbreds were about unchanged. Medium and coarse crossbreds dropped 5 per cent. During the series the home trade took 70,000 bales, the Continent 62,500 and America 6,000. About 41,000 bales were held over. At Adelaide, Australia, on Feb. 5th, 30,000 bales offered and 29,000 sold. Yorkshire and the Continent bought the most. Prices compared with those at the sale of Dec. 18th showed best merinos and lambs unchanged, but others par to 5 per cent lower. At Timaru, N. Z., on Feb. 6th, 16,200 bales offered of which 15,500 sold. Continental buying was good. Prices compared with the last sale of Dec. 16th showed merinos about unchanged and crossbreds 5 per cent lower.

COTTON.

Friday Night, Feb. 12 1926.

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 148,354 bales, against 173,227 bales last week and 171,156 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August 1925 7,608,016 bales, against 7,424,264 bales for the same period of 1924-25, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1925 of 183,752 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat	Mon	Tues	Wed.	Thurs	Fri	Total
Galveston	5,303	5,642	16,744	4,062	5,456	6,152	43,359
Texas City	—	—	—	—	—	15,453	20,105
Houston	2,705	1,490	—	—	457	5,535	50,529
New Orleans	9,336	5,003	12,285	9,146	9,224	469	2,545
Mobile	599	165	507	161	644	433	433
Jacksonville	—	—	—	—	—	41	41
Savannah	2,278	1,328	1,924	865	1,289	1,302	8,986
Charleston	743	1,299	2,051	1,755	1,518	5,725	13,091
Wilmington	62	197	139	131	536	—	1,111
Norfolk	1,291	628	2,600	607	1,639	—	6,765
New York	—	230	—	—	—	—	230
Boston	—	—	9	—	—	—	100
Baltimore	—	—	—	—	50	—	1,059
Totals this week	22,317	15,892	36,259	16,727	20,813	36,346	148,354

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1925 and the stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to Feb. 12.	1925-26.		1924-25.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1925.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1924.	1926.	1925.
Galveston	43,359	2,621,823	69,302	3,180,169	623,145	534,625
Texas City	—	18,084	1,956	58,518	17,970	29,839
Houston	20,105	1,339,349	50,700	1,365,253	—	—
Port Arthur, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Orleans	50,529	1,850,233	38,528	1,541,328	488,034	344,535
Gulfport	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mobile	2,545	191,072	2,544	118,307	20,238	12,758
Pensacola	433	15,470	—	9,181	—	—
Jacksonville	41	15,253	5	2,647	—	863
Savannah	8,986	726,869	12,832	500,214	77,646	58,118
Brunswick	—	400	—	539	—	130
Charleston	13,091	242,430	13,185	185,726	54,614	34,649
Georgetown	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wilmington	1,111	100,663	4,824	104,275	35,962	36,204
Norfolk	6,765	392,579	9,275	296,510	134,457	105,845
N'port News, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
New York	230	37,001	50	20,700	67,837	216,414
Boston	100	17,452	1,252	20,450	2,186	987
Baltimore	1,059	29,832	327	19,532	1,219	1,362
Philadelphia	—	9,506	208	978	6,882	4,321
Totals	148,354	7,608,016	204,982	7,424,264	1,530,761	1,380,650

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.	1920-21.	1919-20.
Galveston	43,359	69,302	38,838	27,411	31,898	37,093
Houston, &c.	20,105	50,700	21,564	8,128	441	2,363
New Orleans	50,529	38,528	22,691	31,309	14,268	24,766
Mobile	2,545	2,544	540	872	2,174	1,654
Savannah	8,986	12,832	6,739	6,690	7,569	6,602
Brunswick	—	—	—	—	50	—
Charleston	13,091	13,185	—	1,765	723	1,341
Wilmington	1,111	4,824	1,778	231	1,565	1,646
Norfolk	6,765	9,275	4,467	4,221	3,481	4,345
N'port N., &c.	—	—	—	—	—	47
All others	1,863	3,792	2,776	2,452	20,131	3,455
Total this wk.	148,354	204,982	101,244	83,079	82,273	83,292
Since Aug. 1.	7,608,016	7,424,264	5,541,793	4,681,208	4,036,847	4,301,589

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 82,060 bales, of which 27,629 were to Great Britain, 11,025 to France, 13,901 to Germany, 10,858 to Italy, 8,450 to Japan and China and 10,197 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 149,096 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 5,490,345 bales, against 5,689,759 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week and for the season.

Week Ended Feb. 12 1926. Exports from—	Exported to—							
	Great Britain	France	Germany	Italy	Russia	Japan & China	Other.	Total.
Galveston	—	—	8,503	—	—	—	4,451	12,954
Houston	8,206	5,722	2,705	1,525	—	—	1,496	19,948
New Orleans	13,999	—	50	8,633	—	—	2,662	25,344
Mobile	—	1,027	—	200	—	—	—	1,227
Pensacola	433	—	—	—	—	—	—	433
Savannah	10	1,776	2,100	—	—	8,125	154	12,165
Charleston	—	—	448	—	—	—	—	448
Norfolk	3,450	2,500	—	—	—	—	—	5,950
New York	708	—	—	100	—	—	1,440	2,248
Philadelphia	—	—	100	400	—	—	—	400
Los Angeles	823	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,248
Total	27,629	11,025	13,901	10,858	—	8,450	10,197	82,060
Total 1925	47,464	14,085	57,687	9,733	—	14,142	5,985	149,096
Total 1924	6,084	9,768	38,967	12,976	9,908	3,045	12,007	92,755

From Aug. 1 1924 to Feb. 12 1926. Exports from—	Exported to—							
	Great Britain	France	Germany	Italy	Russia	Japan & China	Other.	Total.
Galveston	466,023	238,410	312,528	138,932	6,000	143,065	218,629	1,523,587
Houston	370,973	238,874	305,147	91,812	97,573	89,046	120,746	1,314,207
New Orleans	378,508	138,686	191,223	137,909	—	220,392	138,351	1,205,069
Mobile	69,075	8,357	28,328	700	—	1,500	4,536	112,944
Jacksonville	8,346	—	4,400	—	—	—	1,924	14,670
Pensacola	7,447	755	1,980	449	—	4,400	436	15,470
Savannah	158,467	11,861	248,380	6,792	—	99,406	38,981	563,837
Brunswick	—	—	400	—	—	—	—	400
Charleston	52,505	—	70,689	—	—	35,250	13,691	172,135
Wilmington	4,000	—	25,770	23,000	—	—	3,400	56,170
Norfolk	88,430	2,500	81,655	—	—	9,950	6,028	188,563
New York	38,841	16,016	35,457	17,282	200	11,641	32,922	152,359
Boston	2,114	—	147	—	—	—	3,113	5,374
Baltimore	—	2,852	—	2,188	—	—	—	5,040
Philadelphia	167	—	—	1,000	—	—	—	302
Los Angeles	12,866	2,400	9,150	500	—	3,312	535	28,763
San Diego	2,200	—	—	—	—	—	1,500	3,700
San Francisco	675	—	100	—	—	—	86	70,274
Seattle	—	—	—	—	—	56,420	300	56,720
Total	1,660,637	660,714	1,315,532	420,594	103,773	743,795	585,480	5,490,345
Total '24-'25	2,003,105	676,378	1,280,001	454,570	773,345	643,856	554,504	5,689,759
Total '23-'24	1,416,159	546,229	809,476	364,857	9,958	443,547	416,873	4,007,090

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 Dominion comes overland and it is impossible to get returns concerning the same from week to week while reports from the customs districts on the Canadian border are always very slow in coming to hand. In view, however, of the numerous inquiries we are receiving regarding the matter, we will say that for the month of December the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 24,033 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 24,033 bales. For the five months ended Dec. 31 1925 there were 116,083 bales exported, as against 90,957 bales for the corresponding five 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:

Feb. 12 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.	
	Great Britain	France	Germany	Other Foreign	Coast-wise.		Total.
Galveston	16,400	11,200	12,000	26,600	7,500	73,700	549,445
New Orleans	7,948	6,373	10,868	14,105	313	39,607	448,427
Savannah	2,000	—	—	—	200	2,200	75,446
Charleston	—	—	—	—	1,214	1,214	53,400
Mobile	2,000	—	—	100	100	2,200	18,038
Norfolk	—	—	—	—	—	—	134,457
Other ports*	5,000	4,000	4,000	14,000	1,000	28,000	104,627
Total 1926	33,348	21,573	26,868	54,805	10,327	146,921	1,383,840
Total 1925	53,185	31,077	23,930	66,338	14,469	188,989	1,191,661
Total 1924	21,607	13,390	27,732	25,092	7,303	95,124	763,257

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery was quiet until the 9th inst., when liquidation of March enlivened it. It was said that two large spot houses here sold some 15,000 to 20,000 bales of March in all and prices at one time were nearly 20 points lower on that day. Most of it was recovered later on. The premium over May fell to 49 points. That was a decline of 10 points within a few days. But it was perhaps significant that the net decline in March on that day was only 4 points. Other months ended at a small net advance. New crop months showed more strength than any other deliveries. That was a fact in spite of reports of good weather at the South and rapid progress in field work; also, in spite of widespread skepticism as to the likelihood of a reduction in the acreage this season. Eng-

land and the Continent have been buying the new crop months, it is understood, for some little time past. Prices are much lower than for several years. And of course at this early stage of the season nobody knows anything about the prospective acreage, let alone the prospective crop. Moreover, the discounts on the new crop months below March are some 200 to 235 points. Some think that offsets anything in the way of any probable acreage if not of any probable crop this year, especially as the weevil hibernation as last reported was very heavy. It is true that the spring emergence of the pest is the thing that counts. But very many are skeptical about the South escaping the weevil this year as it has during the past two seasons, in which it has been remarkably immune from its ravages. The pest is there. Meanwhile some of the textile reports are favorable. Manchester's trade is said to be steadily growing, not only with the Far East, but also with Europe and South America, not to mention some of the African markets. Fall River mills are said to be running at 70 to 75%, as against 40 to 45 a year ago. Certain mills in Maine are running looms on full time for the first time in three years. At Manchester, N. H., the Amoskeag Co. is understood to be running on greater time than a year ago. Charlotte, N. C., mills are firm as to prices, and apparently not over-anxious to take new business at current quotations, to say nothing of anything lower. For the better grades of spot cotton there is still a steady demand. Exports make a fair showing. Later on they will compare with smaller exports for the corresponding period last season. On the 14th inst. the Census report of the January consumption in this country will, it is suggested, approximate 600,000 bales, or within about 10,000 bales of the high record for that month. It is contended that the tendency is towards an increase in the world's consumption. East India is in better shape, what with higher prices for rubber and jute than those which prevailed last year, and with political agitation in China apparently dying down, if it has not for the most part disappeared. Reports in regard to the Shanghai auction sales of piece goods have recently been favorable.

It is believed by some of the trade here that if certificated stock is tendered on notices to appear on Feb. 23 it will be promptly accepted by influential interests. The certificated stock here early in the week was 38,700 bales, against close to 75,000 on Jan. 7. The licensed warehouse stock approximated 43,000 bales, against 56,516 on Feb. 1, 190,890 a year ago and 156,624 in 1924. At times the firmness of the stock market has had more or less effect on cotton, even if it was indirect. Mills have continued to fix prices on every few points down. They have recently in some cases done this on every point decline. If Liverpool has at times sold the old crop it has bought the new. Japanese interests have to all appearances been buyers from time to time. And contracts as a rule have not been plentiful. In fact, they have often been scarce. Even the old crop months are much cheaper than they were at this time for a number of years past. The market has had a certain power of resistance. That has not escaped observation. Speculation has been quiet, but the trade hopes for better things later on.

On the other hand, there is a very general belief among the professional element that prices are too high. In any case they are not so low that they attract outside speculation. Grain trading has fallen off, but cotton has not derived any benefit from that fact, nor very much from the activity and strength of the stock market. The basis on the low grades is reported to be declining. Discounts on these grades are increasing here and there in the belt. Exports on the surface at any rate are not altogether unsatisfactory. Recent sales of print cloths at Fall River have been only fair at best. For two weeks in succession they were around 100,000 pieces. Three weeks ago the total was larger than this. Latterly new business at Manchester has seemingly fallen off somewhat. As to the new crop months, it is insisted that the acreage will not be reduced. Sales of mules and fertilizers are said to be large. Secretary of Agriculture Jardine said in substance early in the week that if the South should raise another big crop this year prices might decline very noticeably, as the world crop for two years past has exceeded the consumption in that time and world's stocks as a consequence have grown. Spot markets have continued quiet. In fact there has been no sign of real life either in spots or futures. People are wondering what will lift the market, speculative and otherwise, out of the rut, and are not at all clear as to what it will be.

On Thursday prices declined 9 to 13 points on the old crop and 2 to 7 on the new. Liverpool was selling both old and new crop months. Its market was rather weaker than due. On this side of the water there was also selling of March and May. Liverpool was selling the old crop, both in New York and its own market. The weather was favorable. The weekly report made it plain that the condition of the soil was very good. Spot markets were a little easier, with trade slow. The tendency of the basis was still said to be downward. Liverpool spot sales were only 6,000 bales. Before the close there was some recovery and net changes for the day were a decline of only 5 points on the old crop and 1 on October and January, with December unchanged.

Mills were calling. The Continent bought the new crop months at the prevailing big discounts in contrast with the premiums over March ruling a year ago of 40 to 50 points. Final changes for the week showed a net decline of 2 points on March with later months up 4 to 10 points. Spot cotton declined 5 points on Thursday, middling touching 20.80c. That was the same price as last Friday.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the Feb. 10 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 Feb. 18:

Middling fair.....	1.53 on	*Middling "yellow" stained.....	3.20 off
Strict good middling.....	1.24 on	*Good middling "blue" stained.....	2.06 off
Good middling.....	.96 on	Strict middling "blue" stained.....	2.73 off
Strict middling.....	.65 on	*Middling "blue" stained.....	3.60 off
Middling.....	Basis	Good middling spotted.....	.17 on
Strict low middling.....	1.25 off	Strict middling spotted.....	.50 off
Low middling.....	3.00 off	Middling spotted.....	.10 off
*Strict good ordinary.....	4.73 off	*Strict low middling spotted.....	2.31 off
Good ordinary.....	5.03 off	Low middling spotted.....	4.06 off
Strict good mid. "yellow" tinged.....	0.07 off	Good mid. light yellow stained.....	1.24 off
Good middling "yellow" tinged.....	.53 off	*Strict mid. light yellow stained.....	1.75 off
Strict middling "yellow" tinged.....	.96 off	*Middling light yellow stained.....	2.55 off
*Middling "yellow" tinged.....	2.18 off	Good middling "gray".....	.93 off
*Strict low mid. "yellow" tinged.....	3.50 off	*Strict middling "gray".....	1.36 off
*Low middling "yellow" tinged.....	5.25 off	*Middling "gray".....	2.09 off
Good middling "yellow" stained.....	2.03 off		
*Strict middling "yellow" stained.....	2.53 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:

Feb. 6 to Feb. 12—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland.....	20.85	20.75	20.75	20.85	20.30H	19.45

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Feb. 11 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1926	20.30c.	1918	31.50c.	1910	15.15c.	1902	8.69c.
1925	24.60c.	1917	15.55c.	1909	9.85c.	1901	9.62c.
1924	33.40c.	1916	12.10c.	1908	11.65c.	1900	8.75c.
1923	28.00c.	1915	8.65c.	1907	11.15c.	1899	6.50c.
1922	17.60c.	1914	12.75c.	1906	11.25c.	1898	6.25c.
1921	13.85c.	1913	13.05c.	1905	7.70c.	1897	7.19c.
1920	37.75c.	1912	10.65c.	1904	14.80c.	1896	8.12c.
1919	25.35c.	1911	14.35c.	1903	9.50c.	1895	5.62c.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader, we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr't	Total.
Saturday	Quiet, 5 pts. adv.	Steady			
Monday	Quiet, 10 pts. dec.	Steady			
Tuesday	Steady, 10 pts. adv.	Steady			
Wednesday	Quiet, 5 pts. dec.	Steady			
Thursday	Quiet, 5 pts. dec.	Steady			
Friday		HOLIDAY			
Total			nil	nil	nil

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Feb. 6.	Monday, Feb. 8.	Tuesday, Feb. 9.	Wednesday, Feb. 10.	Thursday, Feb. 11.	Friday, Feb. 12.
February—						
Range						
Closing	20.21	20.11	20.12			
March—						
Range	20.23-20.38	20.22-20.37	20.09-20.24	20.21-20.36	0.21-20.38	
Closing	20.36-20.38	20.26-20.28	20.22-20.24	20.34-20.36	20.29-20.30	
April—						
Range						
Closing	20.07	19.98	19.98	20.07	20.02	
May—						
Range	19.65-19.80	19.66-19.77	19.59-19.74	19.71-19.83	19.68-19.82	
Closing	19.77-19.80	19.70-19.71	19.73-19.74	19.81-19.83	19.76	
June—						
Range						
Closing	19.41	19.37	19.38	19.46	19.42	
July—						
Range	18.96-19.07	18.99-19.06	18.92-19.04	19.00-19.14	19.03-19.14	HOLIDAY
Closing	19.05-19.07	19.03	19.03-19.04	19.12-19.14	19.07-19.08	
August—						
Range				18.60-18.60		
Closing	18.70	18.68	1.868	18.73	18.68	
Sept.—						
Range			18.39-18.45			
Closing	18.35	18.32	18.39	18.47	18.46	
October—						
Range	18.17-18.23	18.18-18.27	18.15-18.25	18.22-18.32	18.27-18.37	
Closing	18.21-18.22	18.18-18.19	18.22-18.23	18.31	18.30-18.33	
Nov.—						
Range			18.15-18.15			
Closing	18.03	18.00	18.19	18.13	18.12	
Dec.—						
Range	17.82-17.90	17.81-17.88	17.79-17.88	17.88-17.97	7.92-17.96	
Closing	17.86-17.90	17.81-17.82	17.87-17.88	17.96	17.5-17.98	
January—						
Range	17.75-17.86	17.74-17.79	17.73-17.82	17.83-17.88	17.85-17.91	
Closing	17.77	17.74	17.81	17.87-17.88	17.86	

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Feb. 12 1926 and since trading began on each option:

	Range for Week.	Range Since Beginning of Option.
Feb. 1926		19.68 Nov. 11 1925 24.70 July 30 1925
Mar. 1926	20.09 Feb. 9	18.34 Oct. 31 1925 25.40 Apr. 27 1925
Apr. 1926		19.50 Jan. 7 1926 19.89 Nov. 12 1925
May 1926	19.59 Feb. 9	18.50 Oct. 31 1925 25.63 July 27 1925
June 1926		18.84 Oct. 31 1925 21.20 Sept. 12 1925
July 1926	18.92 Feb. 9	18.13 Oct. 31 1925 24.72 Aug. 17 1925
Aug. 1926	18.60 Feb. 10	18.38 Dec. 11 1925 22.00 Oct. 8 1925
Sept. 1926	18.39 Feb. 9	18.36 Dec. 7 1925 20.97 Oct. 14 1925
Oct. 1926	18.15 Feb. 9	18.32 Jan. 8 1926 19.70 Nov. 6 1925
Nov. 1926	18.15 Feb. 9	18.15 Feb. 2 1926 18.20 Feb. 5 1926
Dec. 1926	17.79 Feb. 9	17.99 Feb. 9 1926 18.50 Jan. 4 1926
Jan. 1927	17.73 Feb. 9	17.70 Feb. 1 1926 17.94 Feb. 5 1926

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, as well as afloat, are this week's returns, and consequently

all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

Feb. 12—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Stock at Liverpool.....	bales. 878,000	901,000	750,000	778,000
Stock at London.....	2,000	2,000	2,000	4,000
Stock at Manchester.....	79,000	108,000	126,000	69,000
Total Great Britain.....	957,000	1,011,000	878,000	851,000
Stock at Hamburg.....	295,000	219,000	2,000	2,000
Stock at Bremen.....	223,000	226,000	151,000	179,000
Stock at Havre.....	6,000	11,000	13,000	12,000
Stock at Rotterdam.....	107,000	88,000	111,000	116,000
Stock at Barcelona.....	33,000	73,000	51,000	39,000
Stock at Genoa.....	5,000	7,000	2,000	2,000
Stock at Antwerp.....	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,000
Stock at Ghent.....	664,000	624,000	411,000	437,000
Total Continental stocks.....	664,000	624,000	411,000	437,000
Total European stocks.....	1,621,000	1,635,000	1,289,000	1,288,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....	167,000	188,000	244,000	182,000
American cotton afloat for Europe.....	390,000	545,000	338,000	378,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Europe.....	113,000	96,000	70,000	137,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	297,000	233,000	237,000	293,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	724,000	508,000	674,000	697,000
Stock in U. S. Ports.....	1,530,761	1,380,650	858,831	810,051
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....	1,912,997	1,199,953	884,918	1,017,565
U. S. exports to-day.....	9,023	8,018	8,018	8,018

Total visible supply.....	6,764,781	5,715,603	4,603,767	4,725,616
Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:				
American—				
Liverpool stock.....	bales. 614,000	734,000	508,000	447,000
Manchester stock.....	69,000	94,000	97,000	48,000
Continental stock.....	625,000	585,000	301,000	378,000
American afloat for Europe.....	390,000	545,000	338,000	378,000
U. S. port stocks.....	1,530,761	1,380,650	858,831	810,051
U. S. interior stocks.....	1,912,997	1,199,953	884,918	1,017,565
U. S. exports to-day.....	9,023	8,018	8,018	8,018

Total American.....	5,141,781	4,518,603	2,995,767	3,301,616
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—				
Liverpool stock.....	264,000	167,000	242,000	331,000
London stock.....	19,000	14,000	29,000	21,000
Manchester stock.....	39,000	59,000	110,000	59,000
India afloat for Europe.....	167,000	118,000	244,000	182,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat.....	113,000	96,000	70,000	137,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	297,000	233,000	237,000	293,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	724,000	508,000	674,000	697,000
Total East India, &c.....	1,623,000	1,197,000	1,608,000	1,724,000
Total American.....	5,141,781	4,518,603	2,995,767	3,301,616

Total visible supply.....	6,764,781	5,715,603	4,603,767	4,725,616
Middling uplands, Liverpool.....	10.52d.	13.72d.	17.74d.	15.93d.
Middling uplands, New York.....	20.30c.	24.75c.	31.35c.	28.55c.
Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool.....	19.85d.	37.40d.	22.90d.	18.90d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool.....	22.00d.	20.75d.	24.50d.	18.75d.
Broach, fine, Liverpool.....	9.15d.	12.00d.	15.75d.	13.60d.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool.....	9.55d.	12.75d.	16.90d.	15.00d.

Continental imports for past week have been 142,000 bales. The above figures for 1926 show an increase from last week of 11,270 bales, a gain of 1,049,178 over 1925, an increase of 2,161,014 bales over 1924, and an increase of 2,039,165 bales over 1923.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year, is set out in detail below:

Towns.	Movement to Feb. 12 1926.				Movement to Feb. 13 1925.			
	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks Feb. 12.	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks Feb. 13.
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.		
Ala., Birmingham.....	973	83,716	2,016	9,130	372	56,856	1,334	7,845
Eufaula.....	24	21,007	245	6,427	93	18,094	889	5,181
Montgomery.....	767	92,310	1,524	23,909	1,222	76,557	2,291	17,399
Selma.....	296	84,328	611	21,883	365	61,424	1,964	16,057
Ark., Helena.....	1,826	88,351	2,019	34,770	500	62,570	2,000	11,897
Little Rock.....	3,173	209,566	2,469	62,261	3,900	195,630	4,599	29,861
Pine Bluff.....	2,298	161,703	4,131	67,184	459	99,703	4,803	25,288
Ga., Albany.....	7	7,865	3	2,364	4	3,875	—	2,582
Athens.....	568	24,492	374	13,080	1,000	41,494	1,500	15,542
Atlanta.....	3,027	179,416	4,264	54,382	3,950	183,795	6,267	43,595
Augusta.....	5,765	306,301	8,279	101,832	3,953	190,496	6,034	59,488
Columbus.....	1,392	68,642	1,307	6,727	2,086	61,426	1,451	8,924
Macon.....	1,058	60,178	1,333	24,037	1,433	37,220	437	9,292
Rome.....	387	48,524	1,150	16,068	469	40,748	1,450	13,572
La., Shreveport.....	2,446	167,408	4,449	27,050	300	95,300	1,300	19,000
Miss., Columbus.....	—	42,615	—	8,616	800	36,697	500	8,055
Clarksdale.....	6,316	194,422	3,816	68,919	250	108,243	2,152	21,902
Greenwood.....	3,135	59,939	6,029	64,931	213	133,002	5,175	25,150
Meridian.....	633	59,351	1,144	15,102	370	35,781	845	12,244
Natchez.....	755	44,889	1,230	14,203	397	39,415	851	6,215
Vicksburg.....	691	49,983	467	17,737	106	30,407	1,311	6,250
Yazoo City.....	350	51,515	376	17,333	39	32,914	620	3,384
Mo., St. Louis.....	19,470	533,323	20,007	15,404	20,816	568,694	20,225	3,384
N.C., Greensboro.....	2,154	47,632	1,455	15,557	2,067	46,721	2,111	16,867
Raleigh.....	123	15,451	1,373	12,816	76	6,255	150	733
Okl., Altus.....	3,551	129,709	4,815	19,677	6,632	185,371	8,128	19,700
Chickasha.....	2,776	106,217	3,278	17,854	3,650	132,962	3,735	11,841
Oklahoma.....	2,632	157,667	3,229	30,423	2,933	133,328	1,788	17,404
S. C., Greenville.....	10,094	218,349	10,825	55,361	9,387	154,699	4,865	43,668
Greenwood.....	—	4,912	—	3,705	189	12,318	291	5,917
Tenn., Memphis.....	62	1,453,735	59,134	292,563	47,871	1,031,651	53,868	95,982
Nashville.....	385	3,265	72	777	11	828	5	353
Tex., Abilene.....	824	81,718	894	938	2,424	67,081	1,581	1,850
Brenham.....	156	5,450	194	4,348	491	18,782	335	5,199
Austin.....	87	11,708	159	864	1,153	31,745	439	1,772
Dallas.....	1,588	142,711	1,967	20,984	3,069	180,390	4,504	16,406
Houston.....	65,885	4,275,403	72,897	722,212	80,778	4,232,582	110,507	567,948
Paris.....	481	110,283	649	4,747	2,007	91,279	3,015	4,439
San Antonio.....	187	24,992	435	1,458	529	61,209	510	1,624
Fort Worth.....	2,388	84,604	3,183	14,319	3,772	150,037	3,084	14,707
Total, 40 towns.....	211,157	9,728,590	231,802	191,299	219,171	8,747,599	267,140	119,953

The above totals show that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 17,290 bales, and are to-night 713,044 bales more than at the same period last year. The receipts at all the towns have been 8,014 bales less than the same week last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Feb. 12—	—1925-26—		—1924-25—	
	Shipped	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Via St. Louis.....	20,007	530,434	20,225	525,580
Via Mounds, &c.....	8,620	227,622	10,140	192,900
Via Rock Island.....	1,746	32,242	1,389	26,294
Via Louisville.....	1,137	46,853	1,008	38,502
Via Virginia points.....	6,520	146,072	6,238	146,883
Via other routes, &c.....	6,248	295,699	13,491	362,151
Total gross overland.....	44,278	1,278,922	52,491	1,292,310
Deduct Shipments				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.....	1,389	94,426	1,837	62,610
Between interior towns.....	617	15,762	675	16,612
Inland, &c., from South.....	35,213	419,585	21,613	376,402
Total to be deducted.....	37,219	529,773	24,125	455,624
Leaving total net overland *.....	7,059	749,149	28,366	836,686

* Including movement by rail to Canada. The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 7,059 bales, against 28,366 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits a decrease from a year ago of 87,537 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings.	—1925-26—		—1924-25—	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to Feb. 12.....	148,354	7,608,016	204,982	7,424,264
Net overland to Feb. 12.....	7,059	749,149	28,366	836,686
Southern consumption to Feb. 12.....	121,000	2,440,000	80,000	2,387,000
Total marketed.....	255,413	10,797,165	313,348	10,647,950
Interior stocks in excess.....	*17,290	1,757,575	*48,058	1,025,199
Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to Jan. 1.....	—	675,119	—	529,272
Came into sight during week.....	238,123		265,290	
Total in sight Feb. 12.....	13,229,859		12,202,421	
North spinners' takings to Feb. 12.....	41,749	1,355,037	41,563	1,278,881

* Decrease. Movement into sight in previous years: Week—Bales. | Since Aug. 1—Bales. 1924—Feb. 15.....196,377 | 1923-24.....9,487,402 1923—Feb. 16.....110,873 | 1922-23.....9,089,002

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Week Ended Feb. 12.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday, Feb. 6.	Monday, Feb. 8.	Tuesday, Feb. 9.	Wednesday, Feb. 10.	Thursday, Feb. 11.	Friday, Feb. 12.
Galveston.....	20.60	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50
New Orleans.....	20.22	20.13	20.13	20.23	20.18	20.05
Mobile.....	19.55	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50
Savannah.....	19.86	19.85	19.72	19.84	19.80	19.80
Norfolk.....	20.25	20.25	20.25	—	20.06	—
Baltimore.....	—	20.50	20.40	20.40	20.60	20.50
Augusta.....	19.69	19.63	19.56	19.63	19.56	19.56
Memphis.....	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Houston.....	20.35	20.25	20.25	20.35	20.30	20.30
Little Rock.....	19.85	19.85	19.25	19.35	19.50	—
Dallas.....	19.90	19.85	19.60	19.70	19.70	—
Fort Worth.....	—	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.70	—

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Feb. 6 to Feb. 12.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12 1/4 p.m.	12 1/2 p.m.	12 1/4 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	12 1/4 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	12 1/4 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	12 1/4 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	12 1/4 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
February	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
March	10.25	10.26	10.21	10.21	10.15	10.14	10.14	10.16	10.14	10.06	10.12	10.12
April	10.28	10.29	10.24	10.24	10.19	10.17	10.18	10.20	10.19	10.11	10.16	10.16
May	10.22	10.23	10.17	10.17	10.11	10.09	10.11	10.13	10.12	10.04	10.08	10.08
June	10.21	10.22	10.16	10.16	10.12	10.09	10.11	10.13	10.13	10.05	10.10	10.10
July	10.13	10.13	10.07	10.07	10.04	10.02	10.05	10.07	10.08	10.00	10.05	10.05
August	10.06	10.07	10.01	10.01	9.99	9.98	10.01	10.02	10.05	9.97	9.94	10.02
September	9.95	9.96	9.90	9.90	9.89	9.89	9.92	9.93	9.96	9.89	9.78	9.94
October	9.79	9.80	9.74	9.74	9.73	9.73	9.76	9.77	9.81	9.73	9.70	9.78
November	9.71	9.72	9.66	9.66	9.65	9.65	9.68	9.69	9.73	9.65	9.61	9.71
December	9.61	9.63	9.57	9.57	9.56	9.56	9.59	9.60	9.64	9.57	9.58	9.62
January	9.58	9.60	9.54	9.54	9.55	9.53	9.56	9.57	9.61	9.54	9.58	9.60

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Feb. 12 1926.

Flour business has kept to the old tenor, with sales in small lots and prices of spring patents and hard winter straights at one time openly 10c. lower. It is said that \$9 to \$9.50 had been really accepted for these grades before such quotations were openly acknowledged by the trade. It is intimated that even those prices have been shaded from time to time in the existing sharp competition for business. It is not the only instance, it seems, where quotations have been lowered in the stress of such pursuit of business in a slim market. Prompt deliveries by auto truck or railroad keep the buyer's mind easy on that score, and the eagerness of mills to sell does not lessen his sense of security in his policy of buying a little often rather than buying heavily at longer intervals. Exporters seem to imitate the home buyer, so far as can be seen. Exports from New York on the 5th inst. were 5,250 sacks to Great Britain. Some business has recently been done with Greece in American and Canadian second clears. The sales are estimated at from 50,000 to 100,000 bbls. The buying, it seems, has been going on for a couple of weeks and on Monday New York cleared 12,000 sacks for Greek ports. Chicago wired: "As far as one can learn, the leading flour consumers continue to hold off for a basis of about \$8.50 per bbl. before taking hold again in a large way, which to materialize would mean a level of \$1.60 or slightly more for wheat." According to the Department of Commerce, the flour output for December in mills grinding over 5,000,000 bbls. a year and representing approximately 88% of the total flour output of 1925 for such mills was 8,863,979 bbls. These consumed 41,232,000 bushels of wheat. These figures compared with 9,128,000 bbls. in November and 8,854,000 for December a year ago. The output of the mills for six months has been 57,788,000 bbls., against 58,376,000 for the corresponding period last year. That makes a better showing than some had expected. Chicago had advices on Thursday from the Northwest to the effect that sales during the previous three days were the largest in three or four months.

Wheat suddenly dropped 2 to 5 1/2c. on the 8th inst. on heavy liquidation in an overbought market. Winnipeg fell 3 1/4c. and Liverpool 1 1/2c. to 2 1/2c. Export sales were only 400,000 bushels, mostly Manitoba, despite the inviting decline. The Argentine markets were closed. Wall Street sold. The cash demand was small. Reports of deficient snow covering in the winter wheat belt went for nothing. Some did talk about statistics. The technical position was weak. That was the signal feature of the day. The American visible supply last week decreased only 237,000 bushels, against 1,901,000 in the same week last year. The total is only 43,998,000 bushels, against 75,709,000 bushels last year. That was merely so much burnt powder. Nobody gave it heed. World's wheat exports since Aug. 1 were 341,304,000 bushels, against 384,602,000 in the same time last season, and 374,688,000 two years ago. Wheat and flour on passage last week increased 3,768,000 bushels. The total was 38,500,000 bushels. A reduction of 8% in the first estimate for the 1926 Indian wheat acreage, as compared with the final 1925 estimate of 31,773,000 acres, has been reported to the Department of Agriculture from the Indian Bureau of Statistics. Liverpool on the 8th opened dull 1/4d. to 1/2d. lower, owing to larger shipments to England this week. World's shipments last week were 12,755,000 bushels, as compared with 14,898,000 a week ago; 18,760,000 last year and 21,275,000 two years ago at this time. On the 9th inst. came a rally, though Liverpool fell 2 to 2 1/4c. and Buenos Aires 3 3/4 to 4 1/4c. and export business was small. But the technical position was better. Some reports of damage to winter wheat in Kansas was received. More attention was given to the scanty snow covering. There is plenty of room for argument, it is declared, on both sides, of the world's wheat, it was argued, did not hold well in spite of all the cargo for local and New York account. Chicago people in some cases are bearish, having changed within a week. Wheat, it was argued, did not hold well in spite of all the

talk of shortage abroad and in this country. The failure of the market to hold advances made a bad impression at one time and caused long selling. Talk of a prospective world shortage of wheat has tended to brace prices. But the big supply on the ocean, the lack of a vigorous foreign demand, and the trifling decrease in the American visible supply were things that militated against the market. The Department of Agriculture issued a warning against increasing production of agricultural products. On the 10th inst. prices fell 2 1/2c. in Chicago and 1 1/4d. in Liverpool and 4 3/4 to 5 1/2c. in Buenos Aires, the latter in two days. Liverpool's decline was accompanied by threats of a general strike in the United Kingdom, larger offerings from Argentina and selling in the English market by Chicago. Winter wheat prospects were reported good over much of the territory west of the Mississippi. On Thursday prices ended 1/2 to 1 1/2c. higher in Chicago and 1 to 1 1/2c. higher in Winnipeg. Liverpool was somewhat better than due, closing, however, at a small loss. Buenos Aires was up 1 1/2c. Northwestern wires declared that business in flour within three days had been the largest since last October. Export demand was said to be somewhat better, even if the actual sales were estimated at only 300,000 to 400,000 bushels. Of this, however, more than 100,000 bushels was durum. Argentine shipments for the week were estimated at some 4,400,000 bushels, against 6,350,000 a year ago. Black Sea shipments were over 1,000,000 bushels. Of this 775,000 bushels was from Russia. London cabled that tonnage was booked for 21,000 tons of Australian wheat for Japan, with the probability that 40,000 tons more would be needed before April 1. On that date it is supposed a Japanese import tax will be levied. Most of the winter wheat belt is without snow covering. Last prices show a decline in Chicago for the week of 4 to 6 1/2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts.	202 1/4	197 3/4	199 3/4	195 3/4	197	---

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator	cts. 172 3/4	167 3/4	169 3/4	165 3/4	167 3/4	---
July delivery in elevator	153 3/4	151	152	149 3/4	150 3/4	---
September delivery in elevator	145 3/4	143 3/4	144 3/4	142 3/4	143 3/4	---

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator	cts. 159 3/4	156 3/4	158	155 3/4	156 3/4	---
July delivery in elevator	138 3/4	135 3/4	136 3/4	134 3/4	135 3/4	---
October delivery in elevator	139 3/4	136 3/4	137 3/4	135 3/4	136 3/4	---

Indian corn declined at the opening of the week 2c., partly owing to the sudden break of 2 to 5c. in wheat. Liquidation was heavy. Support was plainly lacking. The American visible supply increased last week 1,726,000 bushels, against an increase in the same week last year of 1,893,000 bushels. The total is now 29,818,000 bushels, against 29,464,000 a year ago. On the 9th inst. prices advanced 1 1/2 to 1 3/4c. with lessened long selling and more covering. Prices fell 1 1/4c. on the 10th inst. affected by wheat's weakness. The Argentine Government estimated the acreage at 10,522,000, as against 9,139,000 a year ago. World's corn exports since Nov. 1 are 66,255,000 bushels, against 58,613,000 in the same time last season and 40,945,000 two years ago. Corn on passage last week decreased 187,000 bushels. The total was 20,484,000 bushels. New Argentine corn in Liverpool on the 8th inst. was somewhat steadier on less favorable crop reports by private houses with connections in Argentina. Consumption remained small and nearby shipments were neglected. World's shipments last week aggregated 4,138,000 bushels, as compared with 5,076,000 in the previous week and 2,476,000 last year. Chicago wired that corn prices look cheap after the good decline of the last two weeks, but that is all there is at present to induce new speculative buying, with such a large portion of the crop still to come forward. Corn rallied sluggishly. Futures are selling far above cash corn. Perhaps a considerable long interest exists against hedges of the corn bought in the country. On Thursday prices closed 1c. higher after moderate trading. The undertone was better. Receipts were only moderate. Cash corn was steadier, with a fair demand. Unsettled weather was forecast. Some export inquiry was reported without actual business. Toward the close profit-taking caused something of a reaction. Last prices show a decline for the week of 1 to 1 1/4c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 yellow	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts.	95 3/4	93 3/4	94 3/4	93 3/4	94 3/4	---

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator	cts. 82 1/4	80 3/4	81 3/4	80 3/4	81 3/4	---
July delivery in elevator	85 3/4	83 3/4	84 3/4	83 3/4	84 3/4	---
September delivery in elevator	86 3/4	84 3/4	86 3/4	84 3/4	86	---

Oats fell 2 to 2 1/4c. on the 8th inst., largely because other grain declined sharply and because in oats there was drastic liquidation. It was so heavy as to attract wide attention. All the grain markets were to all appearance "long" and top heavy. The American visible supply last week decreased 1,359,000 bushels, against an increase of 72,000 in the same week last year, but the total is still 62,711,000 bushels, against 73,644,000 a year ago. The big supply of oats and corn at terminal points tended to undermine prices and shake the confidence of operators in the stability of the market. But on the 9th inst. prices rallied some 1 1/2c. as wheat and corn swung upward again. After all, oats do little on their own initiative, or rather nothing at all. Prices oscillate with other grain. On the 10th inst.

prices dropped 1/2 to 1c., with the weakness in wheat the paramount factor. Oats on passage last week increased 1,270,000 bushels. The total was 7,010,000 bushels. On Thursday fluctuations were narrow, as usual, ending, however, with a net advance of 1/4c. Receipts were moderate. The cash demand was fair. Indications point to some falling off for the week in the visible supply. Last prices show a net decline for the week of 1 3/4 to 2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white	Sat. 52	Mon. 50	Tues. 50 1/2	Wed. 50	Thurs. 50	Fri. 50
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May delivery in elevator	Sat. 43	Mon. 40 1/2	Tues. 42	Wed. 41 3/4	Thurs. 41 1/2	Fri. 41 1/2
July delivery in elevator	43 3/4	41 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/4	42 1/4
September delivery in elevator	44	41 3/4	43	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

May delivery in elevator	Sat. 48 1/2	Mon. 46 3/4	Tues. 47 1/4	Wed. 46 3/4	Thurs. 46 3/4	Fri. 46 3/4
July delivery in elevator	49 1/2	47	48 1/4	47 1/4	47 1/4	47 1/4

Rye declined 3 1/2 to 3 3/4c. early in the week in sympathy with a severe break in wheat. Liquidation was something of a feature. No export demand appeared. The American visible supply decreased last week 36,000 bushels, against an increase in the same week last year of 202,000. The total is now 13,528,000 bushels, against 23,681,000 a year ago. Later came a rally. Prices broke some 5 1/2 to 6 3/4c. on the 10th inst., with no export business and liquidation due to the break in wheat. Barley on passage last week decreased 181,000 bushels; total, 5,387,000 bushels. On Thursday prices ended at a fractional advance. But irregularity was one of the outstanding features of the day. At one time there was quite a noticeable decline on selling by commission houses. New lows were reached, with May 95 1/2c., July 97 1/2c. and September 97c. But from this there was a rally of 1 1/2 to 2c., leaving net changes for the day 1/4c. lower on September to 1/2c. higher on July. For the week there is a net decline, however, of 9 1/2c. to 10 3/4c. May, at the new low of 95 1/2c., was 15c. lower than the recent high level. It was said that a prominent New York speculative interest was selling rye futures on Thursday.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May delivery in elevator	Sat. 106	Mon. 102 1/2	Tues. 102 3/4	Wed. 97 1/2	Thurs. 97 1/2	Fri. 97 1/2
July delivery in elevator	106 3/4	103 1/4	104 1/4	98 1/2	99	99
September delivery in elevator	105 3/4	102 1/4	103 1/2	99	98 3/4	98 3/4

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN.

Wheat, New York—	Oats, New York—
No. 2 red f.o.b. 1.97	No. 2 white 50
No. 1 Northern None	No. 3 white 49
No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b. 1.92	Rye, New York—
Corn, New York—	No. 2, f.o.b. 1.07 1/2
No. 2 mixed	Barley, New York—
No. 2 yellow (new) 94 1/2	Malting 82 1/4 to 85 1/4

FLOUR.

Spring patents \$8 65a\$9 25	Rye flour, patents \$6 00a\$6 50
Clears, first spring 7 50a 8 00	Seminole No. 3, lb 5 3/4c.
Soft winter straights 8 25a 8 75	Oats goods 2 75a 2 85
Hard winter straights 8 65a 9 25	Corn flour 2 45a 2 55
Hard winter patents 9 25a 9 75	Barley goods—
Hard winter clears 7 50a 8 00	Nos. 2, 3 and 4 4 25
Fancy Minn. patents 10 45a 11 10	Fancy pear, No. 2, 3 and 4 7 25
City mills 10 60a 11 10	

The statements of the movements of breadstuffs to market indicated below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	bbls. 196lbs	bush. 60 lbs	bush. 56 lbs	bush. 32 lbs	bush. 48lbs	bush. 56lbs.
Chicago	253,000	238,000	2,678,000	614,000	174,000	37,000
Minneapolis	—	1,492,000	331,000	332,000	252,000	77,000
Duluth	—	356,000	—	352,000	3,000	116,000
Milwaukee	32,000	31,000	299,000	119,000	146,000	28,000
Toledo	—	106,000	159,000	75,000	—	—
Detroit	—	20,000	60,000	10,000	—	14,000
Indianapolis	—	21,000	471,000	138,000	—	—
St. Louis	108,000	604,000	501,000	756,000	10,000	—
Peoria	35,000	23,000	571,000	138,000	27,000	2,000
Kansas City	—	687,000	535,000	164,000	—	—
Omaha	—	256,000	642,000	152,000	—	—
St. Joseph	—	156,000	193,000	38,000	—	—
Wichita	—	287,000	56,000	20,000	—	—
Sioux City	—	34,000	73,000	60,000	2,000	—
Total wk. '26	428,000	4,311,000	6,569,000	2,768,000	614,000	274,000
Same wk. '25	539,000	6,774,000	6,057,000	4,730,000	1,144,000	495,000
Same wk. '24	389,000	3,950,000	8,828,000	4,550,000	672,000	424,000
Since Aug. 1—						
1925	12,533,000	243,720,000	134,449,000	151,634,000	56,068,000	17,601,000
1924	13,077,000	402,373,000	151,218,000	190,306,000	47,614,000	48,542,000
1923	11,740,000	142,061,000	160,753,000	147,197,000	27,736,000	19,626,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, Feb. 6, follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	215,000	812,000	29,000	464,000	124,000	12,000
Philadelphia	49,000	184,000	28,000	35,000	16,000	1,000
Baltimore	12,000	144,000	91,000	92,000	216,000	24,000
N'port News	1,000	—	—	—	—	—
Norfolk	—	—	17,000	—	—	—
New Orleans*	57,000	—	136,000	21,000	—	—
Galveston	—	13,000	—	—	—	—
Montreal	40,000	202,000	9,000	78,000	—	23,000
St. John, N.B.	51,000	488,000	9,000	99,000	25,000	—
Boston	31,000	18,000	5,000	2,000	1,000	—
Total wk. '26	456,000	1,861,000	324,000	791,000	382,000	60,000
Since Jan. 1 '26	2,666,000	19,365,000	4,394,000	3,521,000	3,282,000	800,000
Week 1925	469,000	1,914,000	153,000	451,000	802,000	504,000
Since Jan. 1 '25	3,082,000	16,954,000	928,000	3,017,000	2,989,000	4,204,000

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Feb. 6 1926, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	704,328	—	39,983	182,710	383,875	103,850
Philadelphia	448,000	—	2,000	—	—	—
Baltimore	490,000	163,000	3,000	—	—	150,000
Norfolk	—	17,000	—	—	—	—
Newport News	—	—	1,000	—	—	—
New Orleans	8,000	513,000	16,000	10,000	1,000	—
Galveston	—	—	1,000	—	—	—
St. John, N. B.	488,000	9,000	51,000	99,000	—	25,000
Total week 1926	2,138,328	702,000	113,983	291,710	384,875	278,850
Same week 1925	3,925,228	123,000	316,812	318,430	332,750	1,521,932

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1925 is as below:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—	Flour.		Wheat.		Corn.	
	Week Feb. 6 1926	Since July 1 1925.	Week Feb. 6 1926	Since July 1 1925.	Week Feb. 6 1926	Since July 1 1925.
	Barrels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
United Kingdom	62,512	2,281,938	687,000	67,407,659	86,000	1,588,204
Continent	30,321	3,463,715	864,655	86,903,954	436,000	4,280,752
So. & Cent. Amer.	4,000	241,467	296,673	2,012,617	118,900	1,553,000
West Indies	12,000	549,529	—	134,925	62,000	1,224,900
Brit. No. Am. Colon.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Countries	5,150	575,261	290,000	1,536,234	—	2,355
Total 1926	113,983	7,111,910	2,138,328	157,995,399	702,000	8,647,211
Total 1925	316,812	10,830,583	3,925,268	213,718,897	123,000	1,935,501

The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, Feb. 5, and since July 1 1925 and 1924, are shown in the following:

	Wheat.			Corn.		
	1925-26.		1924-25.	1925-26.		1924-25.
	Week Feb. 5.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.	Week Feb. 5.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
North Amer.	9,156,000	248,129,000	299,616,000	321,000	7,032,000	765,000
Black Sea	504,000	16,984,000	3,088,000	1,054,000	17,224,000	18,951,000
Argentina	2,084,000	40,085,000	71,340,000	2,312,000	100,904,000	134,990,000
Australia	—	36,663,000	39,716,000	—	—	—
India	3,256,000	5,768,000	27,800,000	—	—	—
Oth. Countr's	—	—	—	451,000	33,842,000	962,000
Total	15,000,000	347,629,000	441,560,000	4,138,000	159,002,000	155,668,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Feb. 6, were as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.

United States—	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
New York	787,000	84,000	863,000	40,000	103,000
Boston	—	24,000	63,000	4,000	14,000
Philadelphia	768,000	385,000	318,000	16,000	59,000
Baltimore	793,000	1,081,000	124,000	61,000	24,000
Newport News	—	—	31,000	—	—
New Orleans	232,000	538,000	96,000	—	—
Galveston	384,000	—	—	14,000	—
Buffalo	4,238,000	1,128,000	2,232,000	93,000	277,000
" afloat	1,753,000	—	1,969,000	661,000	267,000
Toledo	899,000	370,000	479,000	25,000	2,000
" afloat	965,000	—	586,000	—	—
Detroit	165,000	55,000	170,000	28,000	—
Chicago	3,166,000	15,327,000	8,076,000	2,964,000	477,000
" afloat	—	58,000	1,603,000	185,000	93,000
Milwaukee	395,000	1,317,000	1,671,000	111,000	148,000
" afloat	205,000	92,000	128,000	166,000	—
Duluth	8,279,000	—	10,685,000	5,113,000	623,000
" afloat	150,000	—	—	63,000	—
Minneapolis	9,168,000	428,000	20,501,000	2,471,000	4,337,000
Sioux City	240,000	255,000	586,000	8,000	25,000
St. Louis	1,248,000	1,680,000	962,000	22,000	47,000
Kansas City	4,752,000	4,174,000	5,239,000	130,000	80,000
Wichita	2,348,000	61,000	200,000	—	—
St. Joseph, Mo.	1,484,000	445,000	44,000	6,000	4,000
Peoria	1,000	65,000	1,405,000	—	—
Indianapolis	380,000	673,000	498,000	—	—
Omaha	1,195,000	1,580,000	4,188,000	358,000	22,000

Total Feb. 6 1926	43,998,000	29,818,000	62,717,000	13,528,000	6,602,000
Total Jan. 30 1926	45,235,000	28,092,000	63,076,000	13,564,000	6,952,000
Total Feb. 7 1925	75,709,000	29,464,000	73,644,000	23,681,000	3,718,000

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 255,000 bushels; Philadelphia, 191,000; Baltimore, 104,000; Buffalo, 425,000; Buffalo afloat, 372,000; Duluth, 110,000; total, 1,457,000 bushels, against 928,000 bushels in 1925. Barley, New York, 498,000 bushels; Boston, 251,000; Philadelphia, 59,000; Baltimore, 40,000; Buffalo, 1,288,000; Buffalo afloat, 357,000; Duluth, 152,000; total 2,645,000 bushels, against 1,188,000 bushels in 1925. Wheat, New York, 2,318

The first part of the week brought further substantial rains to much of the Pacific coast area, and the middle and latter parts had frequent precipitation over the Pacific Northwest.

Mild weather persisted in most sections of the country throughout the week. At the beginning temperatures were above normal quite generally, but near the middle there was a rather sharp drop over sections from the upper Mississippi Valley eastward. In the meantime, however, it had become much warmer over the Northwestern States where temperatures as much as 25 or 30 degrees above the seasonal average prevailed during the latter part of the week. In immediate Gulf districts the minima were about 50 degrees or higher during nearly the entire week.

The temperatures for the week was above normal everywhere, except in the North Atlantic States where the greatest deficiency was 6 degrees in Northern New York and Vermont. Over the Upper Ohio Valley and the South Atlantic and Gulf coasts the plus departures were slight, but increased steadily toward the Northwest to a maximum of 24 degrees in northern Montana. The average plus departure for the Missouri Valley was about 15 degrees. From Texas westward and along the Pacific coast the temperature averaged about 8 degrees above normal.

The precipitation table shows heavy rains over the entire Pacific coast districts, and in the northern portion good precipitation as far eastward as Montana. From this region eastward to the Mississippi River there was very little moisture during the week, and over the central and southern portions of this district most stations reported an inappreciable amount. East of the Mississippi River rain or snow was quite general, increasing from 0.1 or 0.2 inch in the Mississippi Valley to more than 1 inch at many points on the north Atlantic coast, while over 2 inches was reported from the central Gulf coast. The average for the Ohio Valley was about 0.4 to 0.5 inch. The percentage of sunshine was high over the Gulf States and the Southwest, and averaged close to 60 over the Missouri Valley. Over the Lake region and the Northeast, except some Atlantic coast districts, sunshine was deficient, some stations reporting as low as zero. There was also very little sunshine on the north Pacific coast.

In the Southwest States, from the lower Mississippi River westward, the mild temperatures and general absence of precipitation made ideal conditions for field work, and preparations for planting corn and cotton made excellent progress. Planting of early gardens advanced, and some spring oats were sown in southern districts. Farm work is well along in this area. To the eastward some field work was accomplished on drier soils, but in most cases it was still too wet, as precipitation was rather heavy during the first part of the week. In Florida, however, conditions were better and corn and melon planting advanced favorably over much of the peninsula. Potato planting has been nearly finished in that state, and harvesting of the early crop is in progress in the southern districts. But little outside work was possible in the Middle Atlantic States northward because of heavy snows which drifted badly in many sections, blocking highways in many places. At the close of the week, however, the ground over the main wheat area was practically bare with only a light snow cover remaining over the more northern sections. There was very little field work in the Ohio and central Mississippi Valleys. Over the Great Plains area the warm, sunshiny, and springlike weather which prevailed was very favorable for livestock, and permitted much outside work. Stock grazed freely over the northern Plains and little feeding was necessary.

The weather was unusually favorable for the range and livestock from the Rocky Mountains westward, as well as for other agricultural interests. Chinook winds removed much snow from the range in Wyoming where large areas had been inaccessible, but, at the same time, considerable feeding was still necessary. The further generous rains in the Pacific coast area caused continued improvement in conditions, and additional good snows were reported in the high mountains. Vegetation is unusually forward in the Pacific Northwest where moisture from melting snows has freely penetrated the soil. In California, where severe drought had prevailed, recent rains have been of very great benefit.

SMALL GRAINS.—There has been very little change in the winter wheat situation during the past week. In the principal producing areas west of the Mississippi River this crop is in good to excellent condition and greening a little, though moisture is still needed in Kansas and northwest Oklahoma, and the late-planted is thin in Missouri. In the central portion of the Wheat Belt conditions are not quite so favorable. In Illinois there is some freezing and thawing and wheat condition is somewhat problematical, while in Indiana, though the snow cover is gone and late-sown is small, injury has been slight. Farther east wheat is generally in a satisfactory condition and was protected by snow during the cold of last week. Farther south winter grains are generally doing fairly well and are improving in South Carolina and Alabama. Plowing for spring oats has begun in the South Atlantic and Gulf States and some oats have been sown in Texas and Louisiana. Wheat is largely unprotected in Montana; it is in good condition in Idaho and excellent in Washington.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Temperature moderate; precipitation general and copious, favorable for winter grains and improved flow of streams. Favorable for fruit trees. Some progress of farm work in interior, but no work in east.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Heavy rain Wednesday in most sections; fair and mild thereafter. Cleaning fields and some plowing, but work mostly two weeks behind. Sowing tobacco beds in southeast. Some land prepared for planting potatoes. Hardy truck and small grains doing fairly well.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Rainy at beginning, followed by raw weather; week closed dry and pleasant. Winter cereals improved and cabbage, onions, turnips and spinach doing well. Some spring plowing was done; but soil mostly too wet for much advance.

Georgia.—Atlanta: General rains first of week; balance mostly fair with last half quite warm, threatening premature development of fruit buds. Spring plowing commenced actively over southern half. Planting truck and potatoes and preparation of tobacco beds begun in extreme south.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Except rain on first day, weather dry, sunshiny, and warmer and farm work advanced, except some lowlands still wet. Corn and melons planted in much of peninsula; berries improved. Oats fair to good. Tomatoes up in central division; potato planting nearly finished in north and active in west; harvesting early crop in south. Shipping cabbage increased. Much tender truck in market. Citrus made much new growth and bloom. Most favorable week of season.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Rain on beginning and closing days; remainder fair; temperature much above normal latter part. Soil continues too wet for much plowing and farm work generally backward. Oats improving slowly in south. Truck crops mostly poor. Preparations for planting spring crops made good progress locally in southwest portion and in some other scattered areas. Cabbage crop on coast region reviving, but crop much behind. Few peach trees beginning to bloom in coast region.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Generally fair, except light precipitation in north on Wednesday and Friday and moderate to heavy in south on Wednesday. Trucking and farming operations hindered by wet soil in extreme south, but fair to good progress elsewhere.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Excellent weather for spring work; much plowing for rice, corn and cotton under way. Some cane and spring oats planted. Strawberries in excellent condition. Winter truck doing well; large acreage of potatoes planted.

Texas.—Houston: Warm, dry, sunshiny weather ideal for farm work, which made excellent progress except near the coast, where soil is still too wet to work. Farm work well advanced, except near coast. Progress of truck, wheat, oats and pastures very good; condition good and ranges greening. Some spring oats sown during week. Truck shipments large.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Favorable for preparation of ground for spring planting and work well advanced. Winter grains made some growth and good to excellent condition, except in extreme northwest where soil moisture scant. Pastures poor to fair, but livestock generally good condition.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Continued moderate temperatures, light precipitation and adequate sunshine favorable. Spring farm work beginning and soil drying; considerable plowing done and early gardens planted in southern and central sections. Livestock good condition. Roads improving. Winter grains good condition.

Tennessee.—Nashville: First of week cloudy with rain, followed by dry, but mostly cloudy weather. Winter grains looking well, as a whole. Clover improving; pastures continue dry. Roads in good condition in west; unimproved in east.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Temperature moderate to high; precipitation light. Soil draining and settling. Freezing somewhat unfavorable for wheat, but roots mostly well imbedded and little seriously lifted, except on heavy clays. Favorable for movement of tobacco, which was hindered by soft condition of roads.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

Friday Night, Feb. 12 1926.

Although a great many retailers were in this city attending a national conference, business in the markets for textiles failed to develop any great amount of activity during the past week. As a rule, however, a steady undertone prevailed. Interest has diverted but little, and demand continued to be centred more in certain classes of goods and was not of a general character. For instance, a steady call was noted for silk goods, with taffetas, crepes, prints and miscellaneous fine fancies making up the bulk of the business. Illustrative of the large consumption has been the report issued by the Silk Association of America for the month of January. This document showed that deliveries of silks to mills increased while on the other hand, imports and stocks decreased. Deliveries of silk to mills during the past month totaled 46,148 bales, compared with 42,484 bales in December. Stocks on hand Feb. 1 amounted to 47,326 bales, against 49,824 bales on Jan. 1. Imports for the month were 43,650 bales, against 45,495 during December. Practically all of the above figures were in line with the expectations of manufacturers and it would not be surprising if the February rate will prove to be much higher, owing to the fact that consumption will doubtlessly be maintained. During the past week the fifteenth annual convention of the National Council of the National Retail Dry Goods Association was held from Monday until Friday. Many important questions were brought up for discussion which, it is hoped, will prove of mutual benefit to all. It is expected that a better buying movement will develop from now on owing to the approach of Easter.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS: Markets for domestic cotton goods generally maintained a steady undertone during the week. Although buying continued of a hand-to-mouth character, the total volume of orders was somewhat in excess of that for the preceding week. A fair number of retailers were in the market shopping around and buying in a limited way. Demand seemed to settle more in the higher grades of specialties and novelties. Converters of high grade goods, such as silk and cotton and rayon and cotton and other specialties of a like nature, reported that business had been steadily improving. Likewise, practically all descriptions of bleached cottons were moving in a fairly satisfactory volume. It was believed that this was stimulated by the recent price reductions in these fabrics. For instance, spot deliveries and March-April deliveries of print cloths were bought in fairly large quantities. A moderate amount of filling-in business was noted in the latter goods. Other houses reported a good demand for some of the branded lines of sheetings, sheets and pillow cases which have sold rather freely at the new price basis. Wash goods and other dress fabrics sold well for prompt shipment. It was reported that a fair volume of business was contracted for export in cotton goods. Although there was nothing spectacular about it, the demand being more or less for limited amounts, there was a steady improvement in the quality of merchandise purchased. Among those countries with whom the most business has been transacted were Manila, Porto Rico, Argentina, Cuba and the countries situated on the west coast of South America. Not much has been done with the Red Sea district nor the Far East. Print cloths, 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction, are quoted at 6 1/2c., and 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 6c. Gray goods in the 39-inch, 68 x 72's construction, are quoted at 10 1/4c., and 39-inch, 80 x 80's, at 12 1/2c.

WOOLEN GOODS: Buying in the markets for woollens and worsteds failed to come up to expectations after the previous week's opening of fall goods. While some independents opened their new lines, producers generally were following a waiting policy. The latter claimed that buyers were not ready yet and it would be useless to force goods upon operators when they were in no mood to consider purchases. However, some sample orders were placed on those lines already opened. Competition for business has been keen. In regard to the opening of the fancy lines, while no official information has been obtainable, it was believed that the American Woolen Co. would abandon its precedent of opening the new lines two weeks after the showing of the staples. Thus the fancy lines are not expected to be shown for some ten days or so.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS: Although activity subsided somewhat, a steady undertone prevailed in the markets for linens. A feature of the week was the noticeably increasing use of Czechoslovakian linens. It was claimed that practically every importer and wholesaler had added some of these lines to his stocks. The development was the more interesting owing to the fact that Irish linen houses have come to handle these goods because of their price and ready salability. In regard to decorative linens, importers and wholesalers claimed that they were finding a much better demand emanating from department and variety stores. Napkins and towels in various new and fancy designs were said to have had an excellent turnover. Burlap quotations have advanced sharply, following Calcutta reports that mills may curtail production owing to their inability to operate at a profit. Light weights are quoted at 8.15c. and heavies at 11.00c.

State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN JANUARY.

We present herewith our detailed list of the municipal bond issues put out during the month of January, which the crowded condition of our columns prevented our publishing at the usual time.

The review of the month's sales was given on page 776 of the "Chronicle" of Feb. 6. Since then several belated January returns have been received, changing the total for the month to 69,732,345. The number of municipalities issuing bonds in January was 258 and the number of separate issues 316.

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
374	Aberdeen S. D., Wash.	4 1/2		28,000	100	4.50
642	Acadia Parish, La.	5 1/2	1926-1935	70,000		
642	Adams County, Ind.	4 1/2	1927-1936	20,800	101.11	4.29
642	Alabama (State of)	4 1/2	1933-1976	1,100,000	100.24	4.24
776	Alamosa Co., Colo.	4 1/2	1931-1950	730,000	98.68	4.13
507	Alex. Okla. (2 issues)			51,000		
642	Allison, Iowa	5	1927-1935	76,650		
507	Ann Arbor, Mich. (2 iss.)			59,363		
776	Arapahoe Co. S. D. No. 1, Colo.	4 1/2		85,000	97.53	
914	Arripe Cons. S. D., Ia.	4 1/2	20 years	57,000	100.07	
374	Astoria, Ore.	6		110,000		
776	Atlantic County, N. J.	4 1/2	1927-1941	531,000	100.92	4.37
642	Atlantic Gulf Spec. Road & Bridge Dist., Fla.	6	1930-1942	500,000	95.30	6.62
507	Avon Twp. S. D. No. 5, Mich.	5	1926-1935	18,000	100.57	4.88
642	Auburn, N. Y.	4 1/2	1927-1936	163,720	100.18	4.22
776	Austell, Ga.	5	1929-1950	25,000		
374	Baker County, Ore.	5	1944	150,000	103.68	4.70
374	Baltimore County, Md.	4 1/2	1947-1954	500,000	103.01	4.30
374	Baltimore County, Md.	4 1/2	1949-1953	750,000	102.93	4.31
241	Bayonne, N. J.	4 1/2	1927-1956	475,000	100.86	4.42
241	Bayonne, N. J.	4 1/2	1927-1966	58,000	100.19	4.47
241	Bayonne, N. J.	4 1/2	1927-1966	324,000	101.15	4.41
776	Beaufort, No. Caro.	5 1/2	1927-1966	35,000	100.04	5.49
507	Beaver Dam, Wis.	4 1/2	1930-1939	10,000	100.05	
241	Bedford Village S. D., Ohio	5	1926-1950	36,100	102.33	4.75
776	Bent & Prowers Counties Jt. S. D. No. 13, Colo.	4 1/2		r14,900		
642	Benton County, Ind. (2 issues)	4 1/2	1927-1935	32,200	100.90	4.32
374	Biloxi, Miss.	5 1/2		345,500	100	5.25
241	Bloomfield, Troy, Royal Oak and Southfield Twp. Frac. S. D. No. 1, Mich.	4 1/2	1926-1936	54,500	100.02	4.49
776	Bloomington, Ind.	5		17,932	102.31	
508	Boise City, Idaho.	4 1/2	d1935-1945	115,000	100.06	4.49
777	Brevard Co. Spec. Rd. & Br. Dist. No. 10, Fla.	4 1/2		24,000	97.50	
508	Bridgeport, Conn. (3 iss.)	4 1/2	1927-1966	1,080,000	100.21	4.24
777	Bridgeville, Pa.	4 1/2	1956	20,000		
777	Brunswick and Topsham Water Dist., Me.	4	20 yrs.	r55,000	97.79	
642	Burlington, Iowa (2 iss.)	4	1927-1932	26,500	100.18	
777	Butler S. D., W. Va.	5 1/2	1928-1942	185,000	100	5.25
375	Calcasieu Par. Rd. Dist. No. 1, La.	5	Serially	150,000	100.05	
777	Calhoun County, Ala.	5		100,000	100	5.00
915	Carlsbad, N. Mex.	6	1-16 years	40,000		
375	Cary, No. Caro.	5 1/2	1928-1957	30,000	100.52	5.71
241	Cass County, Minn.	5 1/2	1930	50,000	100	5.25
643	Carroll County, Ind.	4 1/2		14,600	100.85	
643	Carroll County, Ind.	4 1/2		8,500	100.88	
241	Chatrapals, Iowa	4 1/2	1931-1935	110,000	101.29	4.31
508	Chattahoochee Co. S. D. No. 4, So. Caro.	5	1927-1946	140,000	100.80	4.89
508	Cheektowaga, N. Y. (3 issues)	4.60	1927-1944	299,750	100.283	4.56
508	Chenango County, N. Y.	4 1/2	1951-1955	100,000	101.75	4.14
777	Cheneyville, La.	6		37,000	106	
643	Chickamauga, Ga.	5	1927-1946	20,000		
241	Clarke County, Ala.	6		104,000	100	6.00
508	Clallam Co. S. D. No. 7, Wash.	4 1/2		80,000	100	4.50
375	Clawson Fractional S. D. No. 11, Mich.	4 1/2		80,000	101.99	
777	Clinton, Mich.	5	1927-1952	52,000	105.88	4.49
915	Clinton, N. Y.	4 1/2	1938-1939	1,500	100.06	4.49
777	Clinton County, Iowa	4 1/2	1942-1944	37,000		
777	Cloverdale, Calif.	4 1/2		56,986	100	4.50
508	Coffeyville, Kan.	4 1/2	1926-1935	90,000	100.22	
643	Chula Vista, Calif.	4 1/2		90,000	100.22	
375	Colonia Sewer District of S. D. No. 22, N. Y.	4 1/2	1930-1954	100,000	100.81	4.44
643	Columbia Sch. Dist., Mo.	4 1/2	1937-1945	415,000	100.93	4.42
508	Cook County Forest Preserve District, Ill.	4	1926-1945	1,000,000	98.667	
375	Corning Sch. Dist., Iowa	4 1/2		160,000	101.23	
778	Cottage Grove, Ore.	5 1/2		4,962	101	
375	Crane, Neb. (2 issues)	5 1/2	1927-1946	52,000	98	
508	Crete, Neb.	5 1/2		26,098		
643	Darby Twp. S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	d1936-1956	75,000	102.29	4.47
778	Darlington, So. Caro.	5	1931-1951	50,000	101.03	4.89
508	Davidson County, N. C.	5	1928	300,000	100.35	4.82
916	Dawson, Neb.	4 1/2	1945	22,000	1.00	4.75
643	Decatur, Ill. (4 iss.)	4 1/2		315,000	101.94	
643	Decatur Park Dist., Ill.	4 1/2	1927-1945	132,000	101.80	4.29
916	Deschutes Co. S. D. No. 1, Ore.	5 1/2	1927	r100,000	100.05	
242	Dupo Sch. Dist., Ill.	6	20 years	125,000	103.94	
375	Earlville, Ill.	4 1/2	1928-1945	75,000		
643	E. Aurora, N. Y. (2 iss.)	4 1/2	1927-1936	40,400	100.57	4.64
508	East Grand, Ohio	4 1/2	1927-1936	106,000	101.33	4.48
778	Engleburg, Pa.	4 1/2	1931-1955	45,000	101.46	4.39
778	Englewood, Colo.	5 1/2		5,500		
916	Eugene, Ore.	5 1/2	1936	281,000	100.15	5.48
916	Eugene, Ore.	5	1936-1946	175,000	100.25	
508	Eustis, Fla.	5	1-10 yrs.	327,000		
778	Fayette City S. D., Pa.	5		20,000	102.5	
508	Flat Creek Special School Taxing Dist., N. C.	5 1/2	1928-1956	55,000		
778	Floresville, Tex.	5 1/2		40,000	100.25	
508	Floydada S. D., Fla.	5	serially	85,000	100	5.00
375	Fort Collins, Colo.	4 1/2	d1936-1940	400,000	101.17	4.39
778	Fort Dodge, Iowa	4 1/2	1935-1946	62,500	101.34	4.38
643	Ft. Worth, Texas (2 iss.)	4 1/2	1931-1966	200,000	100	4.50
643	Ft. Worth, Texas	4 1/2	1931-1966	1,500,000	100.91	4.62
643	Fort Worth, Texas	4 1/2	1931-1966	5,000,000		
643	Fort Worth, Texas	4 1/2	1930-1955	33,000	100	4.50
778	Frackville, Pa.	5	20 years	15,000	100.99	
376	Geneva, Neb.	5		10,000		
376	Geneva, Neb.	5 1/2		25,000	102	
643	Gilmer, Texas	5 1/2	1931-1955	60,000	100	5.00
643	Grand Valley S. D., Mo.	5	1927-1946	9,500		
778	Grand Forks Co., N. D.	5 1/2	1934	35,827	98.18	4.95
376	Grand Junction, Colo.	4 1/2	1938	5,000	101.12	
916	Grand Junction, Iowa	4 1/2		5,000	101.12	

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376	Grandview Heights, Sch. Dist., Ohio	5	1927-1949	26,857	103.55	4.65
376	Greenville Co. So. Caro.	4 1/2	1946	200,000	101.84	4.62
644	Hamburg, Iowa	4 1/2	1944	9,500	101.16	
509	Harnett County, N. C.	5	1936-1955	100,000	104.41	4.65
509	Harrisburg, Ore.	6	d1935-1945	5,500	103.34	5.72
644	Harrisburg S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1931-1956	600,000	100.289	4.48
779	Hartwick Twp., Mich.	5	1926-1930	5,000	100	5.00
509	Hattiesburg, Miss.	5	1926-1950	140,000		
779	Hebron Sch. Dist., Miss.	6	1927-1941	10,000	109	6.00
376	Hennepin County, Minn.	4 1/2	1930-1945	8,700	100	4.25
509	Helena Wharf Impt. Dist. No. 1, Ark.	5	1926-1944	225,000		
376	Henry County, Ga.	5	1927-1933	45,000	101.51	4.59
779	Herron, N. Y.	5	1927-1938	12,000	100	5.00
376	Hermosa Beach, Calif.	5	1927-1965	78,000	102.35	4.77
509	Herkimer, N. Y.	5	1926-1930	20,134	100.95	
376	Highland Park Ind. S. D., Texas	5		250,000	102.38	
644	Hillsborough Co. Consol. Spec. Tax S. D. No. 4, Fla.	5	1928-1956	1,165,000	98.71	5.12
644	Hillsborough Co. S. D. No. 9, Fla.	6	1928-1947	20,000	100	6.00
376	Hillside Twp. S. D., N. J.	4 1/2	1928-1954	27,000	100.74	4.68
509	Hits County, Miss.	4 1/2	1927-1951	600,000	100.116	4.74
509	Hood River, Ore.	6	d1926-1935	5,599		
376	Hopewell Twp., Pa.	4 1/2	1940-1953	30,000	100	4.50
779	Howard County, Ind.	4 1/2	1927-1936	5,860	100.67	4.35
509	Hudson, N. Y.	5	1926-1930	7,500	100.53	4.78
376	Huntington Co., Pa.	4 1/2	d1935-1955	100,000	100.15	4.24
779	Independence, Kan.	4 1/2	1926-1935	5,000		
242	Indianapolis Park Dist., Ind.	4 1/2	1928-1956	29,000	101.07	4.40
242	Jackson, Mich.	4 1/2	1926-1934	72,000	100.36	
509	Jackson, Mich.	4 1/2		250,000		
779	Jamestown, N. Y. (2 iss.)	4.30	1927-1936	85,014	100.07	4.28
509	Jefferson City S. D., Mo.	4 1/2	1930-1944	100,000	100.72	4.43
644	Jefferson County, Ga.	4 1/2	1926-1955	250,000	100.06	4.49
376	Jefferson County, Pa.	4 1/2	1926-1956	275,000	100	4.25
509	Johnstown S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1927-1956	650,000	101.52	4.36
779	Junction City, Kan.	4 1/2	1-10 yrs.	66,000	99.32	
509	Kennebec, So. Dak.	6	1931-1940	r15,000	100.33	5.96
779	Kit Carson Co. S. D. No. 1, Colo.	4 1/2		24,000		
779	Kit Carson Co. S. D. No. 35, Colo.	4 1/2	20 years	r6,500		
377	Klamath Falls, Ore. (10 issues)	6	d1927-1936	190,216	100.27	5.97
779	Knott County, Ky.	5	Serially	200,000	100.05	
377	Knoxville, Tenn.	4 1/2	1928-1963	2,000,000	98.486	4.60
377	Lak. Charles Rd. Dist. No. 1, La.	5		150,000	100.05	
242	La Rue Sch. Dist., Ohio	5	1927-1935	8,750	100.86	4.84
377	La Salle Co. Com. S. D. No. 3; Tex.	5		12,000	100	5.00
917	La Grande, Ore.	6	1936	10,334	102.81	5.63
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511	Royal Oak, Mich. (12 is.)	4 1/4	1926-1936	255,300	100.17	4.69
379	Royal Twp. Sch. Dist.					
	No. 9, Mich.	4 1/4	1956	421,250	102.24	4.62
511	Royal Twp. Sch. Dist.					
	No. 10, Mich.	5	1929-1940	24,000	100.42	4.94
511	Rushford, N. Y.	5	1927-1932	9,000		
379	St. Andrew, Fla.	5	1955	200,000	90	5.71
646	St. Joseph County, Ind.	4 1/2	1927-1936	17,250	100.89	4.32
646	St. Joseph County, Ind.	4 1/2	1927-1936	3,450	100.65	4.37
781	St. Maries, Idaho	5 1/2	1927-1936	r27,000	101.20	4.99
647	St. Petersburg, Fla.	5	1955	1,100,000	100	5.00
647	St. Petersburg, Fla.	4 1/2	1956	3,319,000	100	4.75
379	St. Paul, Minn.	4 1/2	1927-1956	1,000,000	100.399	4.22
647	Sabine Parish, La.	6	1927-1941	400,000	106.28	
512	Salomon Luna High Sch.					
	Dist., N. Mex.	6	1931-1945	60,000	105.87	5.34
379	San Francisco, Calif.	5	1928-1967	6,000,000	105.42	4.80
379	San Francisco, Calif.	5	1930-1969	1,000,000	105.86	4.59
781	Sheffield, Ill.	4 1/2		20,000	100	4.50
647	Shellsburg Consol. School					
	District, Iowa	4 1/2	1946	r93,000	100.51	4.47
512	Sheridan, Dayton & Gar-					
	field Twps. Prac. Sch.					
	Dist. No. 6, Mich.	4 1/2	1927-1956	200,000	100.54	4.46
512	Sherrill-Kenwood Water					
	Dist., N. Y.	4 1/2	1941-1945	5,000	100	4.50
781	Siloam Springs, Ark.	6	1927-1936	100,000	102.50	5.52
512	Silverton, Ore.	6		23,049	103.66	
379	Skaneateles Un. Fr. S. D.					
	No. 10, N. Y.	4 1/2	1927-1966	115,000	100.25	4.49
647	Somers Point, N. J. (2 is.)	5	1926-1950	106,000	100.20	4.97
379	Spartanburg, Co., S. C.	4 1/2	1927-1946	135,000	99.29	4.60
918	Springfield, Ore.	6		13,481	100.07	
379	Springfield Twp. S. D.,					
	N. J.	4 1/2	1927-1966	139,000	101.43	4.63
782	Stark Co., Ohio (2 is.)	5	1928-1936	226,000	103.08	4.41
512	Starkville, Miss.	5		10,000	100	5.00
647	Stinson Sch. Dist., Ga.	6	1927-1941	10,000		
919	Sturgis Ind. S. D. No. 12,					
	So. Dak.	6		40,000	100	5.00
782	Summit Hill S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1927-1953	200,000	100	4.75
782	Sylvan Grove, Kan.	4 1/2		12,500	100	4.25
512	Tacoma, Wash.	4 1/2	1939-1943	1,000,000	99.69	4.78
512	Tampa, Fla.	5	1933-1974	890,000	97.735	4.97
512	Tampa, Fla. (2 is.)	4 1/2	1928-1975	950,000		
647	Tangipahoa Parish Sch.					
	Dist. No. 102, La.	4 1/2	1927-1946	115,000	100.60	
379	Teaneck Twp. S. D., N. J. 5		1926-1955	103,000	102.21	4.78
379	Teaneck Twp. S. D., N. J. 5		1927-1945	69,000	101.61	4.81
647	Three Rivers (City) and					
	Lockport Twp. S. D.					
	No. 1, Mich.	4 1/2	1927-1951	r85,000	100.84	4.43
512	Togalhama Twp., Pa.	4 1/2	15 years	40,000	100.29	
782	Trimble S. D., Ohio	5	1927-1950	31,250	102.05	4.78
782	Trinidad, Colo.	4.40	1941-1950	r185,000	995.6	4.44
379	Troy & Royal Oak Twp.					
	Frac. S. D. No. 11,					
	Mich.	4 1/2	1928-1954	80,000	101.99	4.58
782	Tulia, Tex.	5 1/2	40 years	65,000	100.76	
782	Tuscumbia, Ala.	5		30,000	100	
782	Vanderburgh Co., Ind.	4 1/2		39,600		
919	Volusia Co. Spec. Tax					
	S. D. No. 6, Fla.	5 1/2	1927-1948	616,000	100	5.50
246	Vero Beach, Fla.	6	1927	54,000	100.37	5.93
782	Vinton Cons. S. D., Ia.	4 1/2		93,000	101.51	
782	Wabash County, Ind.	5	1926-1935	6,000	103.11	4.36
512	Wake County, No. Caro.	4 1/2		1,300,000	100.25	4.71
647	Walters, Minn.	4 1/2		4,000		
919	Washington Co., Utah			r300,000		
919	Washington Co. S. D.					
	No. 3, Colo.			9,900		
380	Wenatchee, Wash. (2 is.)	5 1/2	1928-1946	300,000	97	
380	Wendell, No. Caro.	6	1927-1940	70,000	102.32	5.64
513	West Allis, Wis. (2 issues)	5	1927-1946	132,000	104.89	4.37
647	West Bend S. D. No. 1,					
	Wis.	4 1/2	1927-1936	40,000	100.42	4.42
246	Westfield S. D., N. J.	4 1/2	1927-1965	299,000	100.41	4.48
513	West Frankfort, Ill.	6	1928-1950	600,000		
647	Westland Irr. Dist., Ore.	6	1936-1945	87,500	100	6.00
380	West Union, Iowa	5	1929-1943	5,000	103.95	
782	Wichita Falls, Tex.	4 1/2	1926-1965	575,000		
782	Wichita Falls, Tex.	4 1/2	1926-1950	r432,000		
648	Williston, Fla. (2 issues)	6	1928-1947	115,000	100.30	5.96
513	Winnebago Co., Iowa	4 1/2	1931	20,000	100	4.50
648	Wolcott & Sterling Union					
	Free S. D. No. 5, N. Y.	4.60	1927-1966	100,000	100	4.60
513	Wooster, Ohio (2 issues)	5	1926-1935	11,581	100.78	4.82
648	Yakima, Wash.	5 1/2	1931-1966	450,000		
513	Yamhill, Ore.	6	d1927-1936	2,500	101	5.87
648	Yates Un. Free Sch. Dist.					
	No. 3, N. Y.	4 1/2		93,000	100.12	
783	York, Augusta & Milan					
	Twps. Frac. S. D. No.					
	1, Mich.	4 1/2	1928-1954	135,000	100.71	4.44
920	Yuma, Colo.	5 1/2		r37,000		
648	Zebulon Sch. Dist., Ga.	4 1/2	1927-1956	30,000		

Total bond sales for January (258 municipalities, covering 316 separate issues) \$69,732,345

d Subject to call in and during the earlier years and to mature in the later year. & Not including \$81,530,000 temporary loans. r Refunding bonds. # And other considerations.

BONDS OF UNITED STATES POSSESSIONS.

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
511	Anasco, Porto Rico	5	1929-1975	575,000		
511	Barceloneta, Porto Rico	5	1931-1966	230,000		
511	Camuy, Porto Rico	5	1931-1948	60,000		
511	Carolina, Porto Rico	5	1930-1956	255,000		
511	Ceales, Porto Rico	5	1926-1947	45,000		
511	Guayamo, Porto Rico	5	1929-1963	123,000	100.03	4.98
511	Hatillo, Porto Rico	5	1931-1962	40,000		
511	Jayujia, Porto Rico	5	1931-1961	70,000		
511	Los Piedras, Porto Rico	5	1932-1948	30,000		
511	Maunabo, Porto Rico	5	1931-1960	20,000		
511	Moca, Porto Rico	5	1930-1956	65,000		
511	San Sebastian, Porto Rico	5	1931-1964	85,000		
511	Mayaguez, Porto Rico	5	1931-1956	150,000	101.76	4.87
646	Porto Rico Govt. of	4 1/2	1956-1959	2,000,000	103.677	4.29
245	San Juan, Porto Rico	4 1/2	1933-1968	2,500,000	100.934	4.44

The following items included in our totals for previous months should be eliminated from the same. We give the page number of the issue of our paper in which reasons for these eliminations may be found.

Page.	Name.	Amount.
642	Acadia Parish, La. (Oct. list)	\$70,000
777	Boyer City, Mich. (December list)	40,000
777	Castleton, N. Y. (September list)	13,500
781	Society Hill S. D. No. 13, So. Caro. (November list)	25,000
648	Yell County, Arkansas (Oct. list)	135,000

We have also learned of the following additional sales for previous months:

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
507	Arnold S. D., Pa. (Nov.)	4 1/2	1930-1954	\$24,000		
642	Ashton, Neb.	4 1/2	d1930-1945	19,000	100	4.50
642	Axtell, Kan.	4 1/2	1926-1945	45,000		
777	Carter, Okla. (July)	6	15 years	10,000	100	6.00
777	Cheswick, Pa. (2 issues)	4 1/2	1935-1955	25,000	100.67	4.45
777	Cheswick, Pa. (2 issues)	4 1/2	1935-1955	25,000	100.67	4.45
508	Crestview, Fla. (Aug.)	6		24,000	100	6.00

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
915	Crete, Neb. (Nov.) (2 is.)	5	1935	98,498	100	5.00
508	Dauphin County, Pa.			500,000	100	
778	East Youngstown, Ohio					
	(1 issue) (June)	6	1926-1935	36,091		
643	Fareilly Lake Levee Dist.,					
	Ark.	5 1/2	1944-1948	94,000		
916	Galesburg, Kan.	4 1/2	1930-1938	4,500		
916	Hiawatha, Kan. (2 is.)					
	(Nov.)	4 1/2	serially	27,428		
644	Hidalgo Co., Tex. (Nov.)	7	1959-1965	162,000		
917	Lake Mills, Iowa (3 issues)					
	(Sept.)	4 1/2	1927-1940	23,000	100.20	
509	Lakewood Twp., N. J.	4 1/2	yearly	113,000		
779	Lexington S. D., Mo.	5	1927-1946	240,000		
377	McMinnville, Ore. (2 is.)	6	d1927-1936	11,596	103.78	5.50
645	Magnolia Park, Tex.	6	1926-1940	100,000		
780	Mayetta, Kan. (July)	5	1935-1945	22,839	100	5.00
780	Montgomery Co., Ohio					
	(2 issues) (Oct.)	5 1/2	1927-1941	13,800		
780	Montgomery Co., Ohio					
	(2 issues) (Oct.)	5	1927-1946	4,675		
510	Moon Twp. S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1934-1955	55,000	100.40	4.47
510	North Belle Vernon, Pa.	4 1/2	1927-1945	72,000	100.32	4.47
781	Ponca, Neb.	5	d1935-1945	7,500	101.33	4.87
244	Randall Co., Tex. (May)	5 1/2		30,000	100.43	
918	Rhineland, Wis. (3 is.)					
	(Sept.)	5	1926-1945	70,000	103	4.62
781	Royaltown, N. Y. (May)	5	1926-1940	44,800	100.04	
647	St. Landry Parish First					
	Road Dist., La.	6	1926-1955	75,000	108.87	5.28
781	Society Hill S. D. No. 13,					
	So. Caro. (Nov.)	5 1/2	1945	25,000	100	5.50
512	Sunnyvale, Calif. (4 is.)	5	1926-1961	86,000	103.08	4.69
782	Topeka, Kan. (Nov.)	4 1/2	1-10 yrs.	33,430		
782	Waynesville, No					

to exempt from the city debt limit the \$275,000,000 subway bond issue, the Comptroller made public on Feb. 6 the statement below.

The proposal, which was originally made to the Legislature by former Comptroller Charles L. Craig in March 1924, is to exempt the transit bonds. Mayor Walker after journeying to Albany to appear before the joint committee of the Legislature on Tuesday at the public hearing on the proposed \$275,000,000 bond issue, was unable to attend, because of personal illness, but was represented by Comptroller Berry and other city officials, who presented the data prepared by the Comptroller as follows:

I.

Q. 1. What was the gross funded debt of the City of New York—less cash in hand against notes or other evidences of indebtedness—on Dec. 31 1925?

A. Jan. 1 1926—The gross funded debt of the City of New York, which comprises corporate stock, serial bonds, assessment bonds, general fund bonds, and corporate stock notes, is \$2,098,853,726 10
 Less—General Fund bonds \$533,000,000 00
 The real funded debt of the city is \$1,565,853,726 10

Q. 2. What part of this gross sum is exempt from the constitutional debt limitation under the headings, respectively, of: (a) Water bonds; (b) dock bonds; (c) transit bonds, and (d) county or other bonds classified as exempt?

A. (a) Water bonds, \$240,177,731 86; notes, \$23,710,000 \$263,887,731 86
 (b) Dock bonds 69,943,053 55
 (c) Transit bonds (subways) 51,013,724 86
 * (d) County bonds 2,450,009 62
 \$387,294,519 89

* Bonds issued prior to 1898 by Counties of Kings and Queens.

Q. 3. What was the funded debt, non-exempt, upon Dec. 31 1925?

A. Non-exempt debt \$1,711,559,206 21
 Less—General Fund bonds \$533,000,000 00
 Funded debt—non-exempt \$1,178,559,206 21

Q. 4. What was the amount of net sinking fund holdings subject to credit against such sum?

A. Sinking funds for non-exempt debt \$742,603,188 34
 Less—General Fund bonds \$533,000,000 00
 Plus—Budget appropriations for amortization and redemption of funded debt \$209,603,188 34
 27,580,900 03

Q. 5. What was the total funded debt within the debt limit after the deduction of sinking fund holdings?

A. Total funded debt—non-exempt \$941,375,117 84

Q. 6. What sum should be added to this on account of non-funded debts, contract liability, &c.?

A. Non-funded debts (contract and land liability) \$149,334,592 68
 Less—Unexpended cash from notes 2,322,407 65
 Net non-funded debt 147,012,185 03

Q. 7. What was the total indebtedness, funded and non-funded, chargeable to the debt limit on Dec. 31 1925?

A. Total debt within debt limit \$1,088,387,302 87

A Chapter 103, Laws of 1903, added Section 222 to the City Charter, which provides for the surplus revenues of sinking fund, No. 1 (the old sinking fund for the redemption of the debt of the city of New York issued prior to 1898) being transferred to the General fund to form part of the revenues of that fund available for the reduction of the amount of taxes necessary to meet the annual budget.

The law requires that a general fund bond be issued to sinking fund, No. 1, for these surplus revenues thus transferred from said sinking fund. These bonds are not a debt which the taxpayers will have to redeem or upon which they have to pay interest. Sinking fund No. 1 has now more actual assets than all of the bonds which it still has to redeem from the public but which have not yet matured; consequently when that sinking fund has ceased these general fund bonds will all be destroyed.

To determine, therefore, the real funded debt of the city these general fund bonds are deducted from the total shown above, and, in turn, they are eliminated from the total of sinking fund investments.

II.

Q. 1. What is the present total of assessed valuation of taxable real estate within the city?

A. The 1925 assessed valuation of taxable realty is \$11,901,348,533, in addition to which the 1925 assessment consists of \$803,625,400 of assessed valuation on new dwellings exempt from taxation for local purposes. The latter is not used as part of the foundation on which is predicated the city's debt limit.

Q. 2. What indicated margin of borrowing capacity remains after the deduction of the total indebtedness within the debt limit from this total?

A. Jan. 1 1926—Limit of city's constitutional debt-incurring power, \$101,747,552 43.

Q. 3. What charges against the borrowing capacity as of Dec. 31 1925 are now effective, coming under the headings of: (a) Contractual commitments, or (b) commitments that have been authorized by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment that have not yet reached the contractual stage?

A. (a) Contractual commitments, nil; (b) authorizations not encumbered by contractual obligations, \$59,572,881 55.

Q. 4. What was the legal borrowing capacity of the city after all such deductions on Dec. 31 1925?

A. The legal borrowing power of the city was not affected by (3b). Jan. 1 1926—Unreserved margin within debt limit available for additional authorization, \$42,174,670 88.

III.

Q. 1. Of the water bonds outstanding, what amounts represent the city's total investment in the so-called Croton System?

A. Croton Water System bonds, \$18,498,339.

Q. 2. During what years, and in what capital sums, were bonds issued for the Croton construction?

A. From 1832 to 1897 incl., \$83,350,007 57 of bonds were issued for construction and distribution of the water supply, Croton Water System, all of which have been redeemed except \$445,000.

From 1898 to 1909 incl., the City of New York applied \$29,056,354 15 of the proceeds of water bonds for the Croton Water System.

Q. 3. To what extent have such bonds been paid off or retired?

A. Of the foregoing bonds issued from and after 1898 there has been redeemed \$10,558,015 15.

Q. 4. What issues, for the purposes of the Croton System, have not as yet been paid off or retired, and, in case of these, what sinking fund accumulations are in hand against principal?

A. Issued: 1903, \$1,738,634 06; 1904, \$3,915,055 57; 1905, \$2,516,325 81; 1906, \$1,963,680 84; 1907, \$2,654,050 70; 1908, \$2,555,538 92; 1909, \$3,155,072 80; total, \$18,498,339. The sinking fund amortization thereon is \$3,831,547.

Q. 5. What is the present total investment in the so-called Catskill Water System included in the Schoharie additions?

A. Catskill and Schoharie Water System investment in bonds: Total investment in bonds, \$172,732,659 08; total investment in corporate stock notes, \$8,431,342 69; total, \$181,164,001 77.

Q. 6. During what years, and in what capital sums, were bonds issued for the Catskill construction?

A. See Schedule "B" for separate years and amounts of issues.

Q. 7. To what extent have such bonds been paid off or retired?

A. None of the amounts stated in Answer 5 have been paid off.

Q. 8. What issues, for the purposes of the Catskill System, have not as yet been paid off or retired, and, in the case of these, what sinking fund accumulations are in hand against principal?

A. All of the issues referred to in Answer 5 are still outstanding. The sinking fund accumulations on the bonds are \$23,608,540.

Q. 9. What bonds are outstanding on account of the construction of water mains or other parts of the pumping and distributing system within the city employed in carrying: (a) The Croton water (b) the Catskill water, (c) the water furnished from any sources of supply other than the Croton or Catskill?

A. The total amount of bonds and notes outstanding, the proceeds of which were used for the pumping and distributing of New York City's water supply—

From bonds	\$60,937,330 02
From corporate stock notes	14,706,255 77
	\$75,643,585 79
Total accrued amortization thereon	8,328,711 13
The total water sinking fund accumulations are	36,788,157 16
Total accrued amortization	35,768,798 13
Surplus over amortization reserve required	\$1,019,359 03

IV.

Q. 1. What is the present total revenue of the Water Department from all sources?

A. The total revenue from all sources of the Water Supply Department in 1925 was \$20,180,814.

Q. 2. What is the present total revenue of the Water Department from: (a) The Croton supply, (b) the Catskill supply, (c) all other sources of supply?

A. The total revenue is not divisible as to the amount derived from the Croton supply, the Catskill supply, and from all other sources. There are no separate systems within the city for the distribution of Croton water, Catskill water, or the water furnished from any sources of supply other than these two. New York City's water supply system is distributed from general reservoirs containing water obtained from Croton, Catskill, Schoharie and other sources.

Q. 3. What is the present total cost of administration of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, insofar as such costs of administration relate to water?

A. The total actual expenditure in 1924 by the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity for the operation and maintenance of the water supply system per se was \$6,422,901 22, and for the year 1925 the cost thereof is estimated, when all established, not to exceed \$6,500,000.

Q. 4. What is the present cost of administration of the Board of Water Supply?

A. The administrative cost of the Board of Water Supply for 1924 was \$108,870, and for 1925 was \$110,393. This administrative cost segregated by the Board of Water Supply was—

For salaries in 1924	\$99,478
For consumable supplies and expenses	9,392
	\$108,870

The segregation for 1925 is—

For salaries	\$101,522
For consumable supplies and expenses	8,871
	\$110,393

These figures do not include the expenses of engineering during either one of these years, nor of the Police Bureau.

The expenses of the Engineering and Supervision Bureau in 1924 were \$730,606, and in 1925, \$664,946.

The expenses of the Police Bureau in 1924 were \$127,001, and in 1925, \$106,293.

The outlays by the Board of Water Supply for construction, land acquisition and damages, and taxes aggregated in 1924, \$5,669,871, and in 1925, \$3,154,020.

Q. 5. What is the present annual charge for interest, and for sinking fund deductions, upon: (a) Bonds issued for the Croton System, (b) bonds issued for the Catskill System, and (c) bonds issued for all other water purposes?

A. The total annual interest charge for New York City's outstanding water bonds is \$10,444,060 36 with the \$23,710,000 of corporate stock notes for water supply outstanding Jan. 1 1926, converted into bonds carrying int. at 4 1/4%, the annual int. on these would be 1,007,675 00
 \$11,451,735 36

The annual sinking fund amortization requirements for the outstanding bonds, together with the notes (assuming the latter to be converted into bonds), aggregate 2,709,843 00

None of the bonds issued by the City of New York for water supply is distinguished with respect to the system, viz. Croton, Catskill, Schoharie, or other, to which the proceeds thereof, or any part of the proceeds thereof, may be applied. The application of the proceeds of corporate stock notes issued for water supply construction could not be determined beforehand. Consequently the segregation of the amount of water bonds still outstanding as applied to the different systems, that is Croton System, Catskill System, and other, is predicated upon and determined by the actual expenditures, and it is upon such proportional basis that the following statements with respect to the annual interest charges and sinking fund deductions are predicated:

Annual Charge for Interest.

(a) Bonds issued for Croton System	\$714,363 70
(b) Bonds issued for Catskills and Schoharie System	7,134,333 48
(c) Bonds issued for all other water systems	78,484 00
(d) On bonds issued since 1898 for the distribution system throughout the greater city	2,516,879 18
Grand total of interest on bonds	\$10,444,060 36

The annual interest at 4 1/4% on the corporate stock notes issued for water supply purposes, which have not yet been converted into long-term corporate stock, divides—

On proceeds applied for the Catskill System	\$625,005 00
On proceeds applied for the distribution system	382,670 00
	\$1,007,675 00

The annual charge for sinking fund amortization upon—

(a) Bonds issued for the Croton System	\$166,485 00
(b) Bonds issued for the Catskill System	1,554,594 00
(c) Bonds issued for all other purposes, including the distribution system	785,064 00
Annual sinking fund amortization requirements on foregoing bonds	\$2,506,143 00

The annual charges for sinking fund amortization on the corporate stock notes outstanding for water supply, assuming such to be converted into 50-year corporate stock would be based upon the application of the proceeds for the Catskill System and for the distribution system—

	\$75,879 00
	127,821 00
Total annual sinking fund amortization on notes when converted into bonds	\$203,700 00
Total annual amortization charges	\$2,709,843 00

Q. 1. What is the daily capacity of New York City's present water system as at present operated and as estimated by the Board of Water Supply?

A. Daily capacity as estimated by Board of Water Supply, 1,126 million gallons.

Q. 2. What is the present daily rate of consumption?

A. Average daily rate of consumption, 850 million gallons. The Board of Water Supply approximates the daily consumption as being obtained from: Catskill System, 582 million gallons; Croton System, 183 million gallons; all other sources, 85 million gallons; total, 850 million gallons.

Q. 3. At what rate is consumption increasing?

A. The large increase in the population of the Boroughs of Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond is reflected in the consumption of water in these areas as follows: In 1922 the daily average consumption was 269 million gallons. In 1923 the daily average consumption was 289 million gallons. In 1924 the daily average consumption was 315 million gallons. In 1925 the daily average consumption was 342 million gallons, as stated by the Board of Water Supply. That Board says that during the past ten years the average annual rate of consumption has increased 32 million gallons daily.

Q. 4. How long a period does the Board of Water Supply estimate will elapse before the city's demand will equal the present capacity?

A. The Board of Water Supply estimates such will occur in 1935 to 1936.

Q. 5. What plans are projected by the Board of Water Supply for further extensions to the city's water system?

A. Plans projected by the Board of Water Supply: The Board of Water Supply has considered and studied various sources as possibilities for further extensions to the city's water supply system.

On the initiative of the Board of Water Supply negotiations looking towards a determination of the rights of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania in the waters of the Delaware River were undertaken, and a form of treaty was agreed upon.

Q. 6. What particular projects do these plans involve? A. The answer thereto is largely contained in the answer to preceding Question 5, except that no mention is there made of the plan from the Board of Water Supply, now before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, for a new delivery tunnel from Jillview, near Kensico Dam in Westchester County, to the Borough of Brooklyn, which project is estimated to cost \$67,250,000.

Q. 7. What is the estimated cost of such projects? A. It is estimated by the Board of Water Supply that the cost of a new water supply system of 600 million gallons daily, including the new delivery tunnel referred to in the preceding question, will approximate \$370,000,000.

Q. 8. Upon what date does the Board of Water Supply recommend the beginning of construction of such further projects? A. The Board of Water Supply recommends that active physical construction on a project for a new and additional supply should be under way not later than next year—1927.

VI.

Q. 1. What is the present total outstanding indebtedness of the City on account of special assessment bonds issued for local improvements and chargeable against the debt limit?

A. Jan. 1 1926—Total amount of assessment bonds outstanding, \$61,874,099 41.

Q. 2. What has been the aggregate total of authorizations for local improvements and correspondingly, for assessment bond issues, during the two years ending Dec. 31 1925?

A. During 1924 the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorized 563 surface improvements and 273 sewer improvements, the estimated total cost of which was \$14,126,000; for surface improvements, \$14,126,000; grand totals, \$28,363,900. All chargeable against Street Improvement Fund.

In 1925 the Board authorized 470 surface improvements and 182 sewer improvements, the estimated cost of which was: For surface improvements, \$15,304,025; for sewer improvements, \$13,432,400; grand totals, \$28,736,425.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment also authorized the issue of twenty million dollars of assessment bonds, all of which were issued and the proceeds paid into the Street Improvement Fund:

There were 224 contracts for local improvements registered in the Department of Finance during 1924, the estimated cost of which were: \$22,521,185 26

In 1925 there were 230 contracts similarly registered, the estimated cost of which was: 33,045,387 92

The net advances paid by the city on account of contracts for local improvements during 1924 were: 19,076,242 94

and during 1925: 26,933,154 24

The collections payable into the Street Improvement Fund from assessments levied for local improvements aggregated in 1924: 8,747,092 44

In 1925 these collections aggregated the net amount of: 9,461,449 30

During the past two years there was also paid into the fund from assessment bonds issued: 20,000,000 00

and from 5-year corporate stock to cover the amount of assessments chargeable against city property, &c.: 2,513,389 52

The total amount of assessments for local improvements confirmed by the Board of Assessors during 1924 and 1925, the costs of which were financed from the Street Improvement Fund, aggregated:

Table with 3 columns: No. of Asss., Amount, In 1924, In 1925. Values: 435, \$9,185,762 08; 579, 17,392,777 61.

(These were transmitted to the Collector of Assessments and Arrears.)

Q. 3. What proportion of the local assessments, financed through such bond issues, have been paid during the same period, as against such authorizations?

A. The purpose of the statements presented in answer to foregoing Question 2 is to show the activity of the Street Improvement Fund, expressed in dollars and cents, during the past two years (the City's fiscal year is co-terminous with the calendar year). The amount of contracts registered during these two years was not all based upon the authorization of these two years nor were the advances on account of local improvements confined to the contracts which were registered in 1924 and 1925.

The collections of assessments hereinabove stated during these past two years were not from authorizations made in 1924 and 1925 by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

After the final authorizations by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment contracts have to be prepared and entered into, the work completed and final certificates obtained from the Borough President under whose administration the work was done. Before a certificate of the total cost of the improvement, including computations of interest on advances by the city, can be prepared and transmitted to the Board of Assessors, the map, showing the area of assessment, has to be prepared and the assessment chargeable against each parcel of property determined.

VII.

Q. 1. What is the total estimated requirement for rapid transit construction and equipment, either for new lines or for extensions of existing lines, under present plans?

A. The projects recommended by the Board of Transportation for new rapid transit construction and equipment, in its communication of May 26 1925 to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, give an estimated total for such requirements of: \$582,780,000 00

Of this amount authorizations have already been made therefrom and charged against the city's debt limit, as of Jan. 1 1926, of: 73,603,800 00

Leaving approximately: \$500,000,000 00 to be considered and provided for.

Q. 2. What is the total of the authorizations to date charged against the debt limit on account of such new lines, or extensions of lines, under construction or under contract for construction?

A. The total authorizations charged against the debt limit as of Jan. 1 1926 for new rapid transit construction other than subways under Contracts Nos. 1, 2, 3 or 4, aggregate \$73,603,800, all of which has been practically contracted against.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment to-day (Feb. 5) authorized an appropriation of \$6,840,000 for the construction of a part of the new Eighth Ave. line from West 48th to West 58th St., Manhattan.

A contract and appropriation of \$1,345,778 was also authorized by the Board at the same meeting for the construction of the section from Halsey St. to Cooper Ave., Brooklyn, of the Fourteenth-Eastern line (under contract No. 4) for which funds had not heretofore been provided.

Q. 3. How is it proposed to finance the expenditures, under these headings still to be made?

A. The outlays under the contracts based upon these authorizations are made from the proceeds of corporate stock notes as the work progresses, and all of the outlays therefrom will require to be financed from 50-year rapid transit corporate stock. This applies to outlays referred to in Question No. 2.

VIII.

Q. 1. What is the estimated annual increase in debt-incurring capacity through increased valuations of real estate?

A. The assessed valuations of the taxable realty within the City of New York and the annual increase thereof during the past five years have been as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Year, Total value, Annual Increase. Values range from 1920 to 1925.

According to the present estimates the increase of 1926 assessed valuations of taxable realty over 1925 will probably aggregate fully \$900,000,000.

Q. 2. What is the estimated annual release of borrowing power to be secured through the discharge of installments of existing debt through the city budget, that is, through taxation?

A. The estimated annual increase in debt-incurring power from sources other than increases in assessed valuations of taxable realty, viz.: From appropriations in the annual tax budget wherewith to provide sinking fund installments, revenues on sinking fund investments (interest on bond holdings), and redemption of serial bonds and other bonds not payable from sinking funds, predicated on present debt, will fully approximate: In 1927, \$38,000,000; in 1928, \$36,800,000; in 1929, \$35,300,000; in 1930, \$33,000,000.

Q. 3. What proportion of this estimated annual increase will be required for the building of schools and for municipal purposes other than the construction or equipment of rapid transit railways?

A. A survey is being conducted to show amount of available resources, and expenditures will be regulated accordingly.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

Schedule "B."

Showing the amount of proceeds of corporate stock and corporate stock notes for water supply issued by the City of New York which were applied to the construction of the Catskill and Schoharie water systems. These outlays are stated by the years in which the water bonds and notes were issued.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Amount, Year, Amount. Includes Total expenditures from bond issue and Expenditures from note issue.

Tampa, Hillsborough County, Fla.—Bonds of this City Held Legal Investments for Savings Banks in New York State.—The syndicate composed of Austin, Grant & Co., Inc., Redmond & Co., Eastman, Dillon & Co. and Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., all of New York, which recently brought out an issue of \$1,840,000 4½ and 5% Tampa, Fla., bonds—V. 122, p. 512—has been advised under date of Feb. 4 1926, that the Banking Department of the State of New York has ruled that obligations of the City of Tampa, for which the full faith and credit of the City is pledged, are considered legal investments for savings banks in New York State.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS this week have been as follows:

ADAMS COUNTY (P. O. Decatur), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Feb. 16 by Louis Kleine, County Treasurer, for the following three issues of road bonds aggregating \$18,640: \$6,160 Root Township bonds, Denom. \$308. Due \$308 May and Nov. 15 1927 to 1936, inclusive. 4,320 Jefferson Township bonds, Denom. \$216. Due \$216 May and Nov. 15 1927 to 1936, inclusive. 8,160 Washah Township bonds, Denom. \$408. Due \$408 May and Nov. 15 1927 to 1936, inclusive. Dated Feb. 15 1926.

ADAMS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 27 (P. O. Brighton), Colo.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 4½% school bonds offered on Feb. 3—V. 122, p. 776—were awarded to Gray, Emery, Vasconelle & Co. and Benwell & Co., both of Denver, jointly, at 101.84, a basis of about 4.35%. Date March 1 1926. Due \$6,000 1928 to 1933, incl.; \$8,000 1942 to 1944, incl.; \$9,000 1945 to 1947, incl.; \$10,000 1948 to 1952, incl., and \$13,000 in 1953.

ANNISTON, Calhoun County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—Sidney J. Reeves, Mayor, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. Feb. 25 for \$65,000 5½% improvement bonds. Date March 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 1 1936. Principal and interest (M. & S.) payable in gold at the Chase National Bank, New York City. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston. A certified check for \$1,300, payable to the city, required.

ANTIOCH LIVE OAK SCHOOL DISTRICT, Contra Costa County, P. O. Martinez, Calif.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$75,000 5% school bonds awarded to Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, of San Francisco, on Feb. 1—V. 122, p. 776—at 103.15, are described as follows: Date Feb. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially 1930 to 1943, incl. Int. payable F. & A.

Financial Statement table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Values: \$3,918,155, 144,000.

ARDEN SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Del.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$9,000 5% coupon school bonds purchased by the Farmers Bank of Wilmington at par—V. 121, p. 2184—are described as follows: Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 1 1924. Int. M. & N. Due \$500 serially 1 to 18 years.

ARISPE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Union County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$57,000 coupon school bonds offered on Jan. 20—V. 122, p. 507—were awarded to Ballard, Hassett & Bek, Inc., of Des Moines, as 4½s, at a premium of \$40, equal to 100.07. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 20 years. Int. payable J. & D. Our report of the offering of these bonds (see above reference) was incorrectly captioned Arispe, Va., instead of Arispe, Ia.

ATLANTA, Fulton County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The following street improvement bonds aggregating \$78,000, offered on Feb. 10—V. 122, p. 642—were awarded to the Citizens & Southern Co. of Atlanta as 4½s at a premium of \$593 58, equal to 100.76, a basis of about 4.33%:

Table with 3 columns: Description, Denom., Due. Values: 3,000 No. 1 So. University Drive bonds, 1,000, Due \$1,000 Feb. 1 1929, 1931 and 1935. 3,000 No. 2 So. University Drive bonds, 500, Due \$500 Feb. 1 as follows: \$500, 1928 to 1931, incl.; and \$500, 1933 and 1935.

3,000 Windsor St. No. 2 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 Feb. 1 1929, 1931 and 1935.

34,000 So. Moreland Ave. No. 2 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1928; \$5,000, 1929 to 1931, incl., and \$4,000, 1932 to 1935, incl.

10,000 West End Ave. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1928 and 1929 and \$1,000, 1930 to 1935, incl.

3,000 Los Angeles Ave. No. 3 bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 Feb. 1 1928 to 1931, incl., 1933 and 1935.

17,000 McDaniel St. No. 3 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928; \$3,000, 1929 and 1930, and \$2,000, 1931 to 1935, incl.

5,000 So. Jackson St. No. 4 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 Feb. 1 1927 and 1928, 1930, 1932 and 1935.

Date Feb. 1 1926.

BAKER, Fallon County, Mont.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Feb. 23 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$22,000 5% water extension bonds. K. R. Pleissner, City Clerk.

BEAVER COUNTY (P. O. Beaver), Pa.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 8 the \$500,000 4 1/4% coupon (registerable as to principal) road series No. 5 bonds, offered on that date (V. 122, p. 776) were awarded to the Fidelity Title & Trust Co. of Pittsburgh at a premium of \$1,301, equal to 100.26, a basis of about 4.23%. Date April 1 1926. Int. A. & O. Due \$20,000 yearly from April 1 1928 to 1952 incl.

BASIN, Big Horn County, Wyo.—BOND SALE.—Benwell & Co. of Denver has purchased the following bonds, aggregating \$79,000: \$65,000 refunding water bonds. 14,000 refunding bonds.

BATESVILLE, Ripley County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 8 the \$4,000 4 1/4% coupon water works extension bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 776) were awarded to the First National Bank of Batesville for \$4,046, equal to 101.15, a basis of about 4.24%. Denom. \$250. Dated March 1 1926. Interest M. & S. Due \$250 each six months from Sept. 1 1926 to March 1 1934, inclusive.

BAY CITY, Bay County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 8 the \$50,000 5 1/2% water bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 776) were awarded to the First National Bank of Bay City, at a premium of \$4,430, equal to 108.86, a basis of about 4.52%. Due \$2,000 yearly from Sept. 1 1926 to 1950, inclusive.

BELLE CENTER, Logan County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. March 1 by Freeman Nash, Village Clerk, for \$1,600 6% municipal bonds. Denom. \$600 and \$500. Date Sept. 1 1925. Int. M. & S. Due as follows: \$600 Sept. 1 1935, and \$500 March 1 1936 and Sept. 1 1936.

BELLFLOWER SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—On Feb. 16 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$34,500 school bonds.

BELMONT, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$39,000 4 1/4% coupon water and sewer bonds purchased by E. H. Rollins & Sons of Boston at 100.41 (V. 121, p. 1371) a basis of about 4.18%, are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 1 1925. Principal and semi-annual interest (F. & A.) payable in Boston. Due on Aug. 1 as follows: \$3,000 1926 to 1935, incl.; \$2,000 1936 to 1939, incl., and \$1,000 1940. Legality approved by Storey, Thordike, Palmer & Dodge.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation 1924.....	\$22,890,032
Total bonded debt, including this issue.....	1,177,000
Water debt.....	\$159,000
Sinking fund.....	45,259
	204,259
Net debt.....	\$972,741
Population 1920 Census.....	10,740

BEND, Deschutes County, Ore.—CORRECTION.—We reported in V. 122, p. 374 the sale of \$100,000 refunding bonds under this caption, but we now learn the official name of the place issuing the bonds was "Deschutes County, S. D. No. 1, Ore." see item under this caption.

BENTON COUNTY (P. O. Kentland), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Feb. 20 by Robert A. Swan, County Treasurer, for \$3,300 4 1/4% coupon highway bonds. Denom. \$165. Dated Feb. 15 1926. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$165 May and Nov. 15 1927 to 1936, inclusive.

BENTON COUNTY (P. O. Prosser), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 coupon county bonds offered on Feb. 1—V. 122, p. 642—were awarded to the State Finance Committee, of Washington, as 4 1/4s, at par. Date Mar. 1 1926. Due Mar. 1 1928 to 1936 incl. Other bidders were:

Bidder.....	<i>Rate Bid.</i>
Union Trust Co., Spokane.....	1100.09
Peirce, Fair & Co., Portland.....	100.88

The above two bids were for 5% bonds.

BERLIN HEIGHTS, Erie County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7.30 p. m. Mar. 1 by W. D. McCreedy, Village Clerk, for \$3,800 5 1/2% street impt. bonds. Denom. \$425. Date Jan. 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Berlin Heights Banking Co., Berlin Heights. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$400, 1927 and \$425, 1928 to 1935 incl. Cert. check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Clerk, required.

BETHEL, Pitt County, No. Caro.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$85,000 6% coupon waterworks and sewer bonds awarded to Braun, Bosworth & Co., of Denver, on Nov. 3—V. 122, p. 374—at 101.17, are described as follows: Date Nov. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially Nov. 1 1928 to 1962 incl. Int. payable M. & N.

We now learn that Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Chicago, were in joint account with the above named firm in the purchase of these bonds.

BEVERLY, Essex, Mass.—Notes Offered.—Sealed bids were received until 5 p. m. Feb. 11 by John C. Lovett, City Treasurer, for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$200,000 temporary loan. Denom. \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Due Nov. 4 1926. Notes will be engraved under the supervision of the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

BIG SANDY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Upshur County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—G. A. Tohill, President Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until Feb. 15 for \$35,000 school bonds.

BIRMINGHAM, Jefferson County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—The \$360,000 public improvement bonds offered on Feb. 9—V. 122, p. 507—were awarded to the First National Bank of New York as 4 1/4s at a premium of \$1,148.80, equal to 100.31, a basis of about 4.44%. Date March 1 1925. Due \$36,000 March 1 1927 to 1936, inclusive.

BLUEWATER JOLTEC IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Bluwater), Valencia County, N. Mex.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the \$350,000 6% irrigation bonds offered on Feb. 5 (V. 122, p. 642).

BONNER COUNTY (P. O. Sandpoint), Ida.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on Jan. 30—V. 122, p. 374—the proposition of issuing \$17,000 bonds was defeated.

BOSSIER PARISH CONSOLIDATED ROAD DISTRICT (P. O. Benton), La.—BOND OFFERING.—R. B. Hill, Clerk Police Jury, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. March 9 for \$1,389,500 5% highway construction bonds. Date March 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000 except one for \$500.

Due March 1 as follows: \$11,500 in 1927, \$12,000 in 1928, \$13,000 in 1929, \$14,000 in 1930, \$15,000 in 1931, \$16,000 in 1932, \$17,000 in 1933, \$18,000 in 1934, \$19,000 in 1935, \$20,000 in 1936, \$21,000 in 1937, \$23,000 in 1938, \$25,000 in 1939, \$26,000 in 1940, \$27,000 in 1941 and 1942, \$38,000 in 1943, \$29,000 in 1944, \$31,000 in 1945, \$32,000 in 1946 and 1947, \$33,000 in 1948, \$34,000 in 1949, \$36,000 in 1950, \$38,000 in 1951, \$42,000 in 1952, \$44,000 in 1953, \$48,000 in 1954, \$51,000 in 1955, \$53,000 in 1956, \$54,000 in 1957, \$55,000 in 1958, \$56,000 in 1959, \$58,000 in 1960, \$61,000 in 1961, \$63,000 in 1962, \$66,000 in 1963, \$70,000 in 1964 and \$71,000 in 1965. Principal and interest (M. & S.) payable at the Seaboard National Bank, New York City. A certified check for \$40,000 is required.

BOYNE CITY, Charlevoix County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Feb. 15 by George A. Roderick, City Clerk, for \$40,000 5% street improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 15 1925. Interest M. & S. Due on Sept. 15 as follows: \$3,000, 1928 to 1930, inclusive; \$4,000, 1931 to 1934, inclusive, and \$5,000, 1935 to 1937, inclusive. Certified check for \$100 required.

BRASHEAR SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44, Adair County, Mo.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 7.30 p. m. Feb. 10 by the Clerk Board of Education, for 4 1/4% or 5% school bonds. Date March 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due as follows: \$500 in 1927, \$1,000 in 1928, \$500 in 1929, \$1,000 1930 to 1936 inclusive, \$1,500 in 1937, \$1,000 in 1938, \$1,500 1939 to 1944 inclusive, \$2,000 in 1945, and \$1,500 in 1946. Purchaser to pay for legal opinion and furnish bonds.

BROOKLINE, Norfolk County, Mass.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Feb. 15 by Albert P. Briggs, Town Treasurer, for the purchase on a discount basis of \$250,000 revenue notes. Date Feb. 15 1926. Due Oct. 28 1926.

BRYSON CITY, Swain County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—W. L. Conley, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Feb. 23, for \$120,000 6% street improvement, water and electric light power system bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1929 to 1950 incl.; and \$10,000 in 1951. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. Bonds will be prepared under the supervision of Forbes & Co. of Andrews, No. Caro., which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials, and the seal impressed thereon. Legality to be approved by Storey, Thordike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston. A certified check, payable to the Town Treasurer, for \$2,400, required.

CARLSBAD, Eddy County, N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—The Fidelity National Bank & Trust Co. of Kansas City has purchased an issue of \$40,000 6% sewer bonds. Due serially in 1 to 16 years.

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY (P. O. Little Valley), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 9 the \$200,000 highway Series E bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 777) were awarded to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., and Roosevelt & Son, both of New York, jointly, as 4 1/4s at 100.22—a basis of about 4.21%. Dated Feb. 15 1926. Due \$50,000 yearly from Feb. 15 1931 to 1934, inclusive.

CENTER TOWNSHIP INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fowler) Benton County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 6 the \$140,000 4 1/4% coupon school bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 777) were awarded to the Union Trust Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$2,202.20, equal to 101.57. Dated Feb. 1 1926. Due serially in 15 years.

CHAMBERS COUNTY (P. O. Anahvac), Tex.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$15,000 5 1/2% road bonds offered on Nov. 9—V. 121, p. 1819—have not as yet been sold.

CHARLOTTE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Charlotte), Clinton County, Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Feb. 27 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$10,000 school bonds. A. H. Sherman, Secretary Board of Education.

CINCINNATI CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cincinnati), Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 8 the \$990,000 4 1/4% coupon school bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 508) were awarded to a syndicate composed of A. C. Allyn & Co. and Morris Mather & Co., both of Chicago, and Benjamin Dansard & Co., of Detroit, at a premium of \$23,473, equal to 102.27—a basis of about 4.29%. Dated Feb. 1 1926. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$40,000, 1928 to 1942, inclusive, and \$39,000, 1943 to 1952, inclusive.

CINCINNATI SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. Feb. 23 by Robert W. Shafer, for \$86,000 4 1/4% school district bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the American Exchange-Pacific National Bank of New York. Due June 1 1926. Cert. check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Education, required.

CLINTON, Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Hayes National Bank of Clinton purchased on Jan. 30 an issue of \$1,500 4 1/4% Utica Street impt. bonds at a premium of \$1, equal to 100.06, a basis of about 4.49%. Denom. \$500. Dated Sept. 1 1925. Due \$1,000 Sept. 1 1938 and \$500 Sept. 1 1939.

CONCORD, Merrimack County, N. H.—LOAN OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. (today) Feb. 13 by the City Treasurer, for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$150,000 temporary loan. Due Dec. 6 1926.

CORTLAND (TOWN) UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Buchanan), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 4 the \$334,000 coupon school bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 643) were awarded to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of New York as 4 1/4s at 102.11, a basis of about 4.37%. Dated Jan. 1 1926. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1934 to 1944 incl., and \$9,000, 1945 to 1975 incl. Other bidders were:

A. M. Lamport & Co.....	101.318	Fairservis & Co.....	101.52
Batchelder, Wack & Co.....	101.80	F. R. De Voe & Co.....	101.549
Pullen & Co.....	101.24	Sherwood & Morrifield.....	101.05

All the above bids were for 4 1/4% bonds.

COVINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Kenton County, Ky.—BOND OFFERING.—W. A. Shore, Business Director, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Feb. 16 for \$425,000 4 1/4% school improvement bonds. Dated Jan. 2 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 2 as follows: \$15,000, 1927 to 1931 incl., and \$10,000, 1932 to 1966 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in Covington. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, N. Y. City. A certified check for 2% of amount of bonds, payable to the Board of Education, is required.

CRETE, Saline County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The United States Trust Co., of Omaha, has purchased the following 5% coupon bonds aggregating \$98,498.36 at par:

\$40,661.39 intersection paving bonds.]
\$7,836.97 district paving bonds.

Date Dec. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 1935, optional, serially 1930 to 1935, incl. Int. payable J. & D. Date of award, Nov. 3 1925.

CUYAHOGA FALLS, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. March 2 by H. O. Bolich, City Auditor, for the following three issues of 6% bonds, aggregating \$180,535: \$17,665 Cuyahoga River Estate impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500, except 1 for \$665. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,665, 1927; \$1,500, 1928 to 1931, incl., and \$2,000, 1932 to 1936, incl.

108,824 West Broad St. impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except 1 for \$824. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$9,824, 1927 and \$11,000, 1928 to 1936, incl.

54,046 Wayne Park impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500, except 1 for \$546. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,546, 1927 and \$5,500, 1928 to 1936, incl.

Date April 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Depositors Savings & Trust Co. of Cuyahoga Falls. Cert. check for 5% of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

DANVILLE, Knox County, Ohio.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$3,533 5/4% North and South Market St. impt. bonds awarded to A. E. Aub & Co. of Cincinnati on Oct. 5—V. 122, p. 643—at 101.16, a basis of about 5.48%, are described as follows: Denom. \$392, except 1 for \$397 Date Sept. 1 1925. Int. M. & S. Due \$397, Sept. 1 1926, and \$392 yearly from Sept. 1 1927 to 1934, incl.

DAWSON, Richardson County, Neb.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$22,000 4 3/4% coupon water bonds purchased by the Dawson Bank of Dawson—V. 122, p. 508—at par are described as follows: Date Dec. 1 1925. Denom. \$500. Due Dec. 1 1945. Int. payable J. & D.

DE KALB COUNTY (P. O. Auburn), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. Mar. 4 by Frank Shook, County Auditor, for \$2,400 78 6% drainage bonds.

DESCHUTES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 1 (P. O. Bend), Ore.—BOND SALE—CORRECTION.—The A. D. Wakeman Co., of Portland, recently purchased an issue of \$100,000 5 1/2% coupon refunding bonds at 100.05. Date Jan. 2 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 2 1927. Int. payable J. & J. 2.

The above supersedes the report which appeared in V. 122, p. 374, under the incorrect caption Bend, Deschutes County, Ore.

DONORA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Donora) Washington County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 5 the \$134,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 375) were awarded to the Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh at a premium of \$2,308.82, equal to 101.72. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1925. Int. J. & J. Due serially 1935 to 1948 incl.

ELBERT COUNTY (P. O. Elbertson), Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—R. L. Rice, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until Feb. 25 for \$36,000 4 1/2% coupon bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in New York.

ELGIN, Antelope County, Neb.—BOND OFFERING.—The Village Clerk will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Feb. 15 for \$15,000 water bonds.

ELKTON, Mower County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—F. C. Kraft, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7.30 p. m. Mar. 5 for \$1,700 not exceeding 5% bonds electric light bonds. Denom. \$100. Due June 1, as follows: \$100, 1928 to 1940 incl.; and \$200, in 1941 and 1942. These bonds were favorably voted at the election held on Feb. 1.—V. 122, p. 613.

EL SEGUNDO HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—L. E. Lampton, Clerk, Board of County Supervisors, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Feb. 15 for \$300,000 5% high school bonds. Date Feb. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1, as follows: \$7,000, 1927 to 1931, incl.; \$12,000, 1932 to 1952 incl.; and \$13,000 in 1953. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for 3% of amount bid required. Assessed valuation for 1925 is \$14,978,020, and the district has no bonded indebtedness. Est. population, 4,430.

EMPORIA, Lyon County, Kan.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$48,848.77 coupon paving bonds purchased by the City Sinking Fund at par—V. 122, p. 643—bear interest at the rate of 4 1/4% and are described as follows: Date Nov. 1 1925. Denom. \$500 and one for \$348.77. Due serially in ten years.

EUGENE, Lane County, Oregon.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$175,000 5% coupon funding bonds purchased by the Lumbermen's Trust Co. and Peirce Fair & Co., both of Portland, jointly, at 100.25—V. 122, p. 508—are described as follows: Date Feb. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially Feb. 1 1936 to 1946 incl. Prin. and int. F. & A. payable at the City Treasurer's office. Date of award, Jan. 14 1926.

Financial Statement.

Real value of taxable property, estimated	\$15,000,000
Assessed valuation for taxation (1925)	9,668,129
Total debt (this issue included)	1,871,000
Less water debt	752,000
Less sinking fund	150,000
Net debt	969,000
Population, estimated, 16,000; population, 1920 census, 10,593.	

EVERETT, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On Feb. 5 the Everett National Bank of Everett purchased on a discount basis a \$400,000 temporary loan offered on that date (V. 122, p. 778) on a 3.83% discount basis plus a \$3.25 premium. Due \$50,000 Oct. 28 1926; \$100,000 Nov. 5 and 12; and \$150,000, Nov. 26 1926.

FAIRBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Campbell County, Ga.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on March 6, for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$45,000 school bonds.

GALESBURG, Neosho County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The Galesburg State Bank of Galesburg, purchased on Dec. 18 an issue of \$4,500 4 1/2% electric light bonds. Dated Nov. 30 1925. Denom. \$500. Due \$500, 1930 to 1938 incl. Int. payable M. & N.

GEARHART, Clatsop County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—Hattrem, Nelson & Co. of Portland purchased an issue of \$30,000 6% coupon water works bonds. Date Dec. 1 1925. Denom. \$500. Due serially 1926 to 1940 incl. Int. payable J. & D.

GRAND JUNCTION, Mesa County, Colo.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$35,827 Sewer District No. 4 bonds awarded on Jan. 27 to Geo. W. Valley & Co. of Denver as 4 1/4% at 98.18, a basis of about 4.95% are described as follows: Date March 1 1926. Due March 1 1938. Int. payable M. & S.

GRAND JUNCTION, Greene County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—O. J. Dutton of Grand Junction purchased on Jan. 28 an issue of \$5,000 4 3/4% water works bonds at a premium of \$56.25, equal to 101.12.

GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Baton Rouge) East Baton Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—C. W. Flynn, President Board of Commissioners will receive sealed bids until Feb. 23 for \$9,000 5% drainage bonds.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Xenia), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Feb. 19 by Geo. C. Stokes, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for \$83,142.69 5% I. C. H. No. 6 bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except 1 for \$1,142.69. Date March 1 1926. Int. A. & S. \$4,142.69 March and \$4,000, Sept. 1 1927; \$4,000, March and Sept. 1 1928 and 1929; \$4,000, March 1, and \$5,000, Sept. 1 1930; \$4,000, March 1 and Sept. 1 1931 and 1932; \$4,000, March and \$5,000, Sept. 1 1933; \$4,000, March and Sept. 1 1934 and 1935; and \$4,000, March and \$5,000 Sept. 1 1939. Cert. check for 5% payable to the County Treasurer, required. Legality approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Greenville), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—M. F. Humphreys, Chairman County Court, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Feb. 20 for \$170,000 5% coupon road and bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$20,000 1946 to 1953, and \$10,000 in 1954.

GREENE COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Paragould), Ark.—BOND SALE.—M. W. Elkins & Co. of Little Rock have purchased an issue of \$22,000 5% school bonds.

GREENVILLE, Greenville County, So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—G. G. Wells, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7.30 p. m., Feb. 23 for \$500,000 4 1/4% coupon water works extension bonds. Date Jan. 1 1925. Due Jan. 1 1965, optional Jan. 1 1945. Prin. and int. J. & J. payable at the Chemical National Bank, New York City. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

HARRIS COUNTY (P. O. Houston), Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on March 9 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$6,000,000 highway bonds.

HASTINGS, Adams County, Neb.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on March 9 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$450,000 school bonds.

HEBRON, Licking County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7 p. m. (central standard time) Feb. 15 by W. D. Andrews, Village Clerk, for \$3,800 3/4% coupon fire department bonds. Denom. \$500, except 1 for \$300 Date March 1 1926. Int. M. & S. Due each six months as follows: \$500, March 1 1929 to March 1 1932, incl., and \$300, Sept. 1 1932. Cert. check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

HENLEY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 36 (P. O. Klamath Falls), Klamath County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—D. A. McComb, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7.30 p. m. Feb. 15, for \$3,500 5 1/2% school bonds. Date Feb. 1 1926. Due in 1946, optional in 1936. A certified check for 5% of amount bid required.

HIAWATHA, Brown County, Kan.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The following coupon paving bonds, aggregating \$27,428.42, purchased by the Morrill & James Bank of Hiawatha, V. 122, p. 644—bear interest at the rate of 4 1/4% (not 4 1/2% as previously reported), and are described as follows: \$9,317.68 paving bonds. 18,110.74 paving bonds. Date Nov. 1 1925. Denom. \$500. Due serially. Int. payable J. & J.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Tampa), Fla.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the \$1,350,000 6% road and bridge bonds offered on Feb. 5.—V. 122, p. 509.

HOLYOKE, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On Feb. 9 the First National Bank of Boston was awarded a \$300,000 temporary loan offered on that date (V. 122, p. 779) on a 3.80% discount basis, plus a premium of \$6. Due Nov. 5 1926.

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Harris County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$542,000 5% school bonds offered on Feb. 8—V. 122, p. 779—were awarded to Eldredge & Co., of New York, at a premium of \$4,010.80, equal to 100.74, a basis of about 4.62%. Date Feb. 1 1923. Due Feb. 1, as follows: \$143,000, 1927; and \$133,000, 1928 to 1930 incl.

HUNTINGTON PARK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Feb. 15 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$370,000 school bonds.

INDEPENDENCE, Montgomery County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 9 a. m. Feb. 13 by G. H. Kriehagen, City Clerk, for the following 4 1/4% internal improvement bonds, aggregating \$24,154.36.

\$18,095.90 paving bonds. Date Feb. 1 1926. Denom. \$900, except 1 for \$995.90. Due \$1,895.90 in 1927 and \$900, 1928 to 1945 incl. Int. payable F. & A.

6,058.46 storm sewer bonds. Date Jan. 20 1926. Denom. \$600, except 1 doe \$658.46. Due \$1,258.46 in 1927 and \$600, 1928 to 1933 incl. Int. payable J. & J. 20.

A certified check for 2% of the total bid is required. All expenses of delivery of bonds must be borne by purchaser.

INDEPENDENCE, Jackson County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—Stern Bros. & Co. of Kansas City, recently purchased an issue of \$24,000 4 1/4% memorial hall bonds. Due serially 1937 to 1941 incl.

JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Ashland), Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 coupon school bonds offered on Feb. 4—V. 122, p. 644—were awarded to the Wells-Dickey Co., of Minneapolis, and the A. D. Wakeman Co., of Portland, jointly, as 5s, at 100.12, a basis of about 4.99%. Date Feb. 1 1926. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1933 to 1938 incl.; and \$4,000, 1939 to 1946 incl.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Oskaloosa), Kan.—BOND SALE.—The State of Kansas School Fund has purchased the following bonds aggregating \$177,572.20 at par: \$12,572.20 4 1/4% road improvement bonds. 65,000.00 4 3/4% school bonds. Due serially in ten years.

JERSEY CITY, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. Feb. 19 by William B. Quinn, Director of Department of Revenue and Finance, for an issue of not exceeding 6% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only or as to both principal and interest) Tax Revenue bonds, not to exceed \$4,000,000 no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$4,000,000. Denom. \$1,000. Dated March 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable in lawful money of the United States of America at the City Treasurer's office. Due Aug. 1 1929. A certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City of Jersey City. Legality approved by Hawkins, DeLafield & Longfellow of New York. Bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the Trust Company of New Jersey, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. Bonds to be delivered and paid for on or before Feb. 26 at the office of the City Comptroller. If the definitive bonds are not then ready, temporary receipts, each of which will entitle the bearer to \$100,000 of said bonds, and will be exchangeable therefor at the office of the Trust Company, New Jersey.

JOHNSON COUNTY (P. O. Wrightsville), Ga.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on Feb. 5 the voters authorized the issuance of \$200,000 road and bridge bonds by a count of 1,424 for to 183 against.

JOHNSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Johnson City) Broome County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Feb. 17 by the Clerk Board of Education, for \$100,000 school bonds.

JOHNSTOWN, Lebanon County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia purchased on Feb. 8 an issue of \$250,000 4 1/4% impt. bonds at par.

KEY WEST, Monroe County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7.30 p. m. Feb. 18 by Wallace Pinder, City Clerk, for \$225,000 5 1/4% public improvement bonds. Date Jan. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1932 to 1940 incl.; and \$15,000, 1941 to 1949 incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in gold at the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York City. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, New York City. A certified check for \$5,000 is required.

KINGSPORT, Sullivan County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Feb. 16 by F. L. Cloud, City Manager, for \$300,000 5 1/2% water works bonds. Dated Jan. 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 15 1946. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, New York City. A certified check for \$3,000 payable to G. D. Black, City Treasurer, required.

LA GRANDE, Union County, Ore.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$10,334.26 coupon impt. bonds purchased on Jan. 13 by the Lumbermen's Trust Co. of Portland at 102.81—V. 122, p. 509—a basis of about 5.63% bear int. at the rate of 6% and are described as follows: Date Jan. 2 1926. Denom. \$500, except one for \$334.26. Due Jan. 2 1936. Interest payable J. & J. 2.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Crown Point), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Feb. 16 by Otto G. Fifield,

County Treasurer, for the following three issues of 5% road bonds aggregating \$128,000:
 \$96,000 Calumet Township bonds. Denom. \$800. Dated Jan. 15 1926.
 20,000 Ross Township bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 16 1925.
 2,000 Ross Township bonds. Denom. \$600. Dated Nov. 16 1925.
 Legality approved by Matson, Carter, Ross & McCord, of Indianapolis.

LAKE MILLS, Winnebago County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The following coupon public impt. bonds, aggregating \$23,000, offered on Sept. 4—V. 121, p. 1127—were awarded to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport as 4 3/4s at 100.20:
 \$12,000 town hall bonds. Due 1927 to 1940 inclusive.
 5,000 library bonds. Due 1928 to 1935 inclusive.
 6,000 fire equipment bonds. Due 1927 to 1933 inclusive.
 Date Sept. 1 1925. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. The above supersedes the report given in V. 122, p. 645.

LAURENS COUNTY (P. O. Laurens), So. Caro.—NOTE DESCRIPTION.—The following 5% coupon paving notes aggregating \$200,000, purchased by the Bank of Charleston at 100.25—V. 122, p. 645—are described as follows:
 \$170,000 Route No. 2 notes. Due \$85,000, 1928 and 1929.
 30,000 Route No. 10 notes. Due \$2,000, 1928 to 1942 incl.
 Date Feb. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Int payable F. & A. Date of award, Jan. 5.

LOGAN, Hocking County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 26 the \$10,000 5% coupon fire apparatus and fire hose purchase bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 121) were awarded to the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Logan. Dated Nov. 1 1925. Due \$1,000 yearly from April 1 1927 to 1936, inclusive.

LONGWOOD, Seminole County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$21,000 6% coupon water works bonds was sold on Jan. 30, locally. Date July 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 10 to 25 years. Int. payable J. & J.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT No. 8 (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition of issuing \$500,000 sewer bonds submitted to a vote of the people at the election held on Jan. 29—V. 122, p. 510—failed to carry.

LUDLOW TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bloomfield), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Feb. 20, by O. M. Mullenix, Clerk Board of Education, for \$22,000 5 1/4% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of the State Treasurer. Due \$1,000, March 1 and Sept. 1 1927 and 1928; and \$500, March and \$1,000, Sept. 1 1929 to Sept. 1 1940. Cert. check for \$500, payable to the Board of Education, required.

LYON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 30 (P. O. Tracy), Minn.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Feb. 18 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$45,000 4 1/4% bonds to the State of Minnesota.

McMILLAN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Newberry), Luce County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Feb. 16 by M. B. Fretz, Secretary Board of Education, for \$300,000 4 1/4% school bonds. Due serially 1 to 15 years. Certified check for \$5,000 required.

McPHERSON COUNTY (P. O. Tryon), Neb.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on Jan. 19 the voters authorized the issuance of an issue of court house bonds. (Amount not stated.)

MACKINAW CITY (P. O. Mackinaw), Cheboygan County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 5 the \$25,000 6% coupon water works bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 510) were awarded to the Bank of Detroit, for \$25,752, equal to 103.008, a basis of about 5.70%. Dated April 1 1926. Due \$1,000 yearly from April 1 1929 to 1953, incl.

MAMARONECK, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 9 the \$48,000 4 1/4% coupon or registered highway bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 645) were awarded to Batchelder, Wock & Co. of New York at 102.18, a basis of about 4.29%. Date Feb. 1 1926. Due \$2,000 yearly from Feb. 1 1930 to 1953 incl.

MANATEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Bradenton), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Harold P. Munck, Chairman Board of Public Instruction, until 10 a. m. March 1 for the following school bonds aggregating \$505,000:
 \$260,000 5 1/4% Special Tax School District No. 1 bonds. Dated Oct. 15 1925. Denom. \$500. Due \$10,000 Oct. 15 1928 to 1952, inclusive. Interest payable A. & O.
 100,000 6% Special Tax School District No. 15 bonds. Dated Oct. 15 1925. Denom. \$500. Due \$4,000 Oct. 15 1928 to 1952, inclusive. Interest payable A. & O.
 25,000 6% Special Tax School District No. 7 bonds. Dated Oct. 15 1925. Denom. \$500. Due \$1,000 Oct. 15 1928 to 1952, inclusive. Interest payable A. & O.
 20,000 6% Special Tax School District No. 5 bonds. Dated Oct. 15 1925. Denom. \$500. Due \$1,000 Oct. 15 1928 to 1947, inclusive. Interest payable A. & O.
 100,000 not exceeding 6% Special Tax School District No. 16 bonds. Dated Jan. 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 15 as follows: \$3,000 1929 to 1940, inclusive, and \$4,000 1941 to 1956, inclusive. Interest payable J. & J.
 Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the Seaboard National Bank, New York City. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York City. A certified check for 2% of amount bid required.

BOND SALE NOT COMPLETED.—The sale of the Special Tax School Districts Nos. 6, 7 and 15 bonds, aggregating \$145,000, to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc. of Toledo, reported in V. 122, p. 510 was not completed.

MARINGOUIN, Iberville Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Feb. 23 by the Mayor for \$20,000 6% public impt. bonds.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$16,000 4 1/4% coupon Center Township road bonds purchased by J. F. Wild & Co. at 101.95—V. 122, p. 645—are described as follows: Denom. \$800. Date May 1 1925. Int. M. & N. Due serially 1926 to 1935, incl.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Ocala), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—T. D. Lancaster Jr., Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. March 10 for \$1,550,000 not exceeding 6% coupon highway bonds. Date Feb. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$100,000, 1926 to 1950, inclusive, and \$50,000 in 1951. Principal and interest (F. & A.) payable in gold in New York City. Legality approved by Chester B. Masslich, New York City. A certified check for \$31,000, payable to the Board of County Commissioners, required.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Marion), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. central standard time, which is one o'clock Eastern or local time) Feb. 25 by T. A. O'Leary, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, for \$29,100 5% coupon Marion-Marysville I. C. H. No. 115, Section "1-2" impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except 1 for \$1,100. Date Dec. 10 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$1,100, March 1 1927; and \$2,000 each six months from Sept. 1 1927 to March 1 1934, incl. Cert. check on a solvent bank for \$500, payable to the County Commissioners, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for, on March 15 1926, or as soon thereafter as they can be printed.

MASSILLON, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Feb. 20 by Lester S. Lesh, City Auditor, for \$40,000 garbage disposal plant bonds.

MAUMEE SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Maumee), Allen County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 6 the \$50,000 4 1/4% coupon school bonds offered on that date—V. 122, p. 510—were awarded to the First National

Bank of Fort Wayne at a premium of \$512, equal to 101.02, a basis of about 4.49%. Date March 1 1926. Due \$500 each six months from Jan. 1 1927 to Jan. 1 1929, incl.

MEADOW PRAIRIE ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1, Jefferson Davis Parish (P. O. Jennings), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 6% coupon road bonds offered on Feb. 4—V. 122, p. 510—were awarded to the Whitney Central Trust & Savings Bank, of New Orleans at a premium of \$125, equal to 100.17. Date March 1 1926. Due serially. Int. payable M. & S.

MEDFORD, Middlesex County, Mass.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 9 a. m. Feb. 11 by Edward A. Badger, City Treasurer, for \$25,000 4 1/4% coupon additional departmental equipment bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 31 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable in Boston. Due \$5,000 yearly from Dec. 31 1926 to 1930, incl. Bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and seal impressed thereon. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

MELROSE, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPOREARY LOAN.—F. S. Moseley & Co. of Boston purchased a \$200,000 temporary loan on a 3.78% discount basis plus a premium of \$125.

MEMPHIS CITY SCHOOLS, Shelby County, Tenn.—PURCHASER.—The purchaser of the \$500,000 coupon short-time revenue notes, sold on a 4.20% basis Jan. 5—V. 122, p. 377—was the Bank of Commerce of Memphis. Dated Jan. 1 1926. Denom. \$10,000. Due Oct. 1 1926. Interest payable A. & O.

MIDDLETOWN, Butler County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. March 5 by C. H. Campbell, City Auditor, for \$7,400 5% (special assessment) sewer bonds. Denom. \$740. Date Feb. 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the National Park Bank, City and State of New York. Due \$740 yearly from 1927 to 1936 incl. Certified check on some solvent bank, for \$200, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bonds are under the supervision of Peck, Shafer & Williams. Delivery of bonds to be made and paid for within ten days from time of award.

MINNEAPOLIS, Hennepin County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Dan C. Brown, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. March 10 for \$975,000 not exceeding 5% auditorium bonds. Date March 1 1926. Due March 1 as follows: \$48,000, 1927 to 1931 incl., and \$49,000, 1932 to 1946 incl. Legality to be approved by John C. Thomson of New York City. A certified check, payable to C. A. Bloomquist, City Treas. for 2% of amount bid, required. These are the bonds mentioned in V. 122, p. 780.

MOHAWK VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT, Yuma County, Ariz.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Feb. 1—V. 122, p. 510—the voters authorized the issuance of \$500,000 irrigation construction bonds. J. L. Terry, President Board of Directors.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Rockville), Md.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. March 2 by Berry E. Clark, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for \$33,000 4 1/4% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Montgomery County National Bank, Rockville. Due \$2,000 yearly from 1927 to 1942 incl., and \$1,000 in 1943. Certified check for \$200, payable to the County Commissioners, required.

MONTPELIER, Bear Lake County, Idaho.—BOND SALE.—The Eccles, Browning Bank of Montpelier has purchased an issue of \$25,000 5 1/4% refunding street improvement bonds. Due in 1 to 10 years.

MOSS POINT, Jackson County, Miss.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$135,000 5 1/4% registered water works bonds awarded to B. J. Ford, of Pascagoula on Feb. 2—V. 122, p. 780—at 101.77, are described as follows: Date Feb. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially. Interest payable F. & A.

MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT, Santa Clara County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Feb. 16 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$150,000 school bonds.

MULBERRY, Polk County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Feb. 26 by E. S. Waidman, Acting City Clerk and Treasurer, for \$55,000 6% street improvement assessment bonds. Date Nov. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1926; \$6,000, 1927; \$5,000, 1930; \$6,000, 1931; \$5,000, 1932; \$6,000, 1933; \$5,000, 1934; and \$6,000 in 1935. Principal and interest (M. & N.) payable in gold at the National Bank of Commerce, New York City. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, New York City. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for required.

NEW CASTLE (P. O. Chappaqua), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 6 the \$24,200 4 1/4% road impt. highway bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 646) were awarded to Farsen, Son & Co. of New York at 100.33, a basis of about 4.45%. Dated July 1 1925. Due on June 1 as follows: \$1,200, 1927; \$1,000, 1928 to 1930 incl.; \$2,000, 1931, and \$3,000, 1932 to 1937 incl.

NEWTON COUNTY (P. O. Fowler), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Feb. 20 by John J. Sell, County Treasurer, for \$3,300 4 1/4% coupon highway bonds. Denom. \$165. Dated Feb. 15 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$165 May and Nov. 15 1927 to 1930.

NEWTON COUNTY (P. O. Kentland), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Feb. 15 by John J. Sell, County Treasurer, for \$10,960 5% Jackson Township road bonds. Due semi-annually in 1 to 10 years.

NORFOLK COUNTY (P. O. Dedham), Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Boston purchased a \$200,000 temporary loan on a 3.74% discount basis plus a premium of \$5,000.

NORTHAMPTON, Hampshire County, Mass.—NOTES OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 5 p. m. Feb. 9 by Albina L. Richard, City Treasurer, for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$250,000 temporary loan. Denoms. \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Date Feb. 11 1926. Due Nov. 4 1926. Notes will be certified as to genuineness by the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

NORTH HEMPSTEAD-WESTBURY WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Manhasset), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2:30 p. m. March 1 by William M. Mullan, Town Clerk, for \$20,000 4 1/4% registered fire bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable in lawful money of the United States of America, at the Bank of Westbury, Westbury, in New York exchange. Due \$4,000 yearly from March 1 1927 to 1931 incl. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Town of North Hempstead, required.

NORWOOD, Norfolk County, Mass.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$100,000 4 1/4% coupon school loan of 1923 bonds purchased by R. M. Grant & Co. of New York at 101.25—V. 121, p. 2786—a basis of about 4.06%—are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1925. Int. J. & D. Due as follows: \$8,000, 1926; \$7,000, 1927 to 1934 incl., and \$6,000, 1935 to 1940 incl.

OLYMPIA, Thurston County, Wash.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on Jan. 30 the voters authorized the issuance of \$180,000 school bonds by a count of 1,066 for to 210 against.

OMAHA, Douglas County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The following bonds, aggregating \$954,000, offered on Feb. 8—V. 122, p. 646—were awarded to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago and the Peters Trust Co. of Omaha, jointly, at a premium of \$763.29, equal to 100.08, a basis of about 4.27%, as follows:

\$500,000 sewer bonds as 4 1/4s. Due March 1 1946.
100,000 park bonds as 4 1/4s. Due March 1 1946.
175,000 special impt. bonds as 4 1/4s. Due March 1 1936.
21,000 real estate debt bonds as 4 1/4s. Due March 1 1936.
100,000 special impt. bonds as 4 1/4s. Due March 1 1936.
13,000 real estate debt bonds as 4 1/4s. Due March 1 1936.
45,000 special impt. bonds as 4 1/4s. Due March 1 1936.
 Date March 1 1926.

ORANGE COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 1 (P. O. Orlando), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 5% school bonds offered on Feb. 8—V. 122, p. 646—were awarded to Otis & Co., of Cleveland, and the Title Guarantee & Trust Co., of Cincinnati, jointly, at a discount of \$13,300, equal to 97.34, a basis of about 5.23%. Date Feb. 1 1926. Due Feb. 1, as follows: \$15,000, 1929 to 1955 incl. and \$95,000, in 1956.

OSWEGO, Clackamas County, Ore.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$100,000 5 1/4% coupon water system bonds purchased by the Freeman, Smith & Camp Co. of Portland, at 100.47—V. 122, p. 646—a basis of about 5.20%, are described as follows: Date July 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1928 to 1932 incl.; \$5,000, 1933 to 1937 incl.; \$6,000, 1938 to 1940 incl.; \$8,000, 1941 to 1944 incl.; and \$10,000 in 1945. Prin. and int. J. & J. payable at the City Treasurer's office, or through the offices of the above named company. Legality approved by Teal, Winfree, Johnson & McCulloch of Portland.

We now learn that Blyth, Witter & Co. and Geo. H. Burr, Conrad & Broom, Inc., both of San Francisco, and Ferris & Hardgrove of Spokane, were in joint account with the above named firm in the purchase of these bonds. Date of award Jan. 21.

Financial Statement.

Actual value estimated.....	\$1,100,000.00
Assessed valuation, 1924.....	585,502.60
Total bonded debt (this issue only).....	100,000.00
Population, 1920 census, 1,818; population, estimated 1926, 2,500.	

PADUCAH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Paducah), McCracken County, Ky.—BOND SALE.—The \$175,000 coupon school bonds offered on Jan. 5—V. 121, p. 3034—were awarded to the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago as 4 1/4s at a premium of \$3,150, equal to 101.80. Date Jan. 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. J. & J. 15, payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City.

Financial Statement (as officially reported).

Assessed valuation for taxation (1925).....	\$19,600,000
Total debt (this issue included).....	1,373,000
Population (estimated), 30,000; population, 1920 census, 24,735.	

PASADENA, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$100,000 relief bonds.

PASCO COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Dade City), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—A. J. Burnside, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 1:30 p. m. Mar. 1 for \$200,000 6% road bonds. Maturity dates will be arranged as nearly as possible in the manner desired by the purchaser, but the first installment shall be payable not more than 10 years after date and the last not more than 30 years after date. Bids for private sale will be considered. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in New York City.

PEORIA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 66 (P. O. Bartonville), Ill.—BOND SALE.—The White-Phillips Co. of Davenport purchased on issue of 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Bartonville State Bank, Bartonville, or at the office of the above named company. Due on July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1928 and 1929; \$4,000, 1930 to 1932 incl.; \$5,000, 1933 to 1935 incl., and \$6,000, 1936 and 1937. Legality approved by Chapman, Cutler & Parker of Chicago.

PERRY COUNTY (P. O. Connelton), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 9 the \$8,752 4 1/4% coupon Union Township road bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 646) were awarded to the Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$81, equal to 100.92, a basis of about 4.295%. Dated Feb. 15 1926. Due \$437.60 each six month from May 15 1927 to Nov. 1 1936 incl.

PETROLEUM COUNTY (P. O. Winnett), Mont.—BOND SALE.—The Union Trust Co. of Spokane has purchased an issue of \$185,000 6% bonds. Due serially in 1 to 20 years.

PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Phoenix), Maricopa County, Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—John B. White, Clerk Board of County Supervisors, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Feb. 16 for \$80,000 5% school bonds. Date Feb. 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 15 1946, optional Feb. 15 1936. Prin. and int. F. & A. 15 payable at the office of the County Treasurer or at the Bankers Trust Co., New York City, at option of holder. A certified check for 5% of the total amount of the bid required. Delivery of bonds to be made at Phoenix.

Financial Statement.

Bonded debt (including this issue).....	\$1,030,000
Sinking funds.....	86,825
Total assessed value, equalized, 1925.....	54,300,523
Population (est.), 55,000.	

PINE ISLAND ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1, Jefferson Davis Parish (P. O. Jennings), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$14,000 6% coupon road bonds offered on Feb. 4—V. 122, p. 646—were awarded to the Latrielle Estate, Inc., of Jennings, at a premium of \$50, equal to 100.35. Date March 1 1926. Due serially. Int. payable M. & S. Purchaser also agreed to pay for printing of bonds.

POLK CITY, Polk County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Mar. 9 by C. Ray Hodge, Clerk of Town Commission, for the following 6% bonds, aggregating \$125,000: \$110,000 water works bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1928 to 1947 incl., and \$6,000, 1948 to 1952 incl. \$15,000 street lighting bonds. Due \$1,000 Oct. 1 1935 to 1949 incl. Date Oct. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable in gold at the National Bank of Commerce, N. Y. City. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, N. Y. City. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for required.

PONTOTOC COUNTY (P. O. Ada), Okla.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The following 4 3/4% coupon bonds, aggregating \$575,000 purchased by R. J. Edwards, Inc. and C. Edgar Honnold, both of Oklahoma City, jointly, at 100.27—V. 122, p. 646—are described as follows: \$425,000 road bonds. \$150,000 court house bonds. Dated Jan. 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially 1932 to 1951 incl. Int. payable J. & J.

PORTALES, Roosevelt County, N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—The Fidelity National Bank & Trust Co. of Kansas City has purchased an issue of \$25,000 6% sewer bonds.

PORT OF PORTLAND (P. O. Portland) Multnomah County, Ore.—BIDS.—The following is a list of other bidders for the \$750,000 4 1/4% coupon port improvement series G bonds, awarded to a syndicate composed of the Freeman, Smith, & Camps Co. of Portland, Illinois Merchants Trust Co. of Chicago and the William R. Compton Co. of St. Louis on Jan. 29 at 98.27, a basis of about 4.48%.—V. 122, p. 781:

Bidder.....	Rate.
Blyth, Witter & Co., San Francisco; Northern Trust Co., Chicago and Ames, Emerich & Co., Chicago.....	95.60
Otis & Co., Cleveland; Braun & Bosworth, Toledo; Security Saving & Trust Co., Portland; Geo. H. Burr, Conrad & Broom, San Francisco and Ralph Schmeloch Co., Portland.....	97.60
Ferris & Hardgrove, Spokane and Eldredge & Co., New York.....	97.74
Roy A. Johnson.....	98.03
Bankers Trust Co., New York; Hannans, Ballin & Lee, New York and John E. Price & Co., Seattle.....	97.849
A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., New York; Lumbermen's Trust Co., Portland and Peirce Fair & Co., San Francisco.....	97.80

RAYMOND, Pacific County, Wash.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$25,000 coupon fire equipment bonds awarded on Dec. 9 to the State of Washington as 5s at par—V. 122, p. 511—are described as follows: Date

Feb. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially 2 years after date. Int. payable F. & A.

RHINELANDER, Oneida County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The Second Ward Securities Co. of Milwaukee, has purchased the following 5% coupon public improvement bonds, aggregating \$70,000 at a premium of \$2,100, equal to 103, a basis of about 4.62%: \$10,000 water main bonds. \$50,000 sewer bonds. 10,000 street improvement bonds. Date Sept. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due \$3,500 Sept. 1 1926 to 1945 incl. Int. payable M. & S.

RICHLAND PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Rayville), La.—BOND OFFERING.—E. E. Keebler, Secretary Parish School Board, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. March 2 for \$150,000 not exceeding 6% school bonds.

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ellettsville), Brown County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. to-day (Feb. 13) by Charles Leisure, School Trustee, for \$80,000 4 1/4% school bonds. Denom. \$714.28. Dated Feb. 1 1926.

ROBERSTON COUNTY (P. O. Springfield), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Byron Johnson, County Judge, will receive sealed bids until Feb. 16 for \$135,000 road bonds.

ST. MARY'S CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Camden County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The \$17,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on Feb. 1 (V. 122, p. 511) were awarded to the Hanchett Bond Co., Inc., of Chicago, at 97.125—a basis of about 5.41%. Date Jan. 1 1926. Due \$1,000 Jan. 1 1927 to 1943, inclusive. Interest payable J. & J.

ST. MARTIN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Jackson County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 6% coupon school bonds offered on Feb. 1 (V. 122, p. 511) were awarded to the Hanchett Bond Co., Inc., of Chicago, at 97.125—a basis of about 5.41%. Date Jan. 1 1926. Due \$1,000 Jan. 1 1927 to 1943, inclusive. Interest payable J. & J.

SAN ANGELO, Tom Green County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Mar. 13 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$500,000 5% school bonds.

SANFORD, Seminole County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—T. W. Phillips, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Feb. 19 for \$232,000 not exceeding 6% street improvement bonds. Date Jan. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$23,000, 1927 to 1935, inclusive, and \$25,000 in 1936. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the Chase National Bank, New York City. Legality to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond, of New York City. A certified check for 2% of amount bid required.

Financial Statement.

Total bonded debt Jan. 1 1926.....	\$2,568,600.00
Less—Cash in sinking fund.....	\$55,312.61
Water works and gas plant bonds.....	535,000.00
Special street paving assessment bonds.....	910,000.00
Total.....	\$1,500,312.61

Total bonded debt..... \$1,068,287.39
 1925 assessed valuation..... \$11,550,648.00
 Actual value of real and personal property within the city limits of the city of Sanford, Fla..... \$25,000,000.00
 1920 U. S. Census population, 5,588; 1925 population (city census), 11,500.

SAUGERTIES, Ulster County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 5 the \$225,000 coupon water bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 511) were awarded to the Fairservis & Co. of New York as 4 1/4s at 101.88. Denom. \$1,000. Int. J. & J. Due serially Jan. 1 1931 to 1963 incl.

SAN MATEO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, San Mateo County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Mar. 3 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$600,000 school bonds.

SCHOENCHEN RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ellis and Rush Counties, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The Fidelity National Bank & Trust Co. of Kansas City, recently purchased an issue of \$25,000 5% school bonds. Due serially in 1 to 20 years.

SEAGOVILLE, Dallas County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Feb. 13 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$30,000 water bonds.

SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—H. W. Carroll, City Comptroller, will receive bids until 12 m. Feb. 26 for \$540,000, not exceeding 6% coupon or registered improvement bonds. Date Mar. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially in 2 to 30 years. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the City Treasurer's office, or at the fiscal agency of the State of Washington in New York City. Legality approved by John C. Thomson, of New York City. A certified check, payable to the City Comptroller for 5% of amount bid, required. These are the bonds mentioned in V. 122, p. 781.

SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Seattle), Kings County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. W. Shields, County Treasurer, until 1 p. m. Mar. 24, for \$1,250,000 not exceeding 5% coupon school bonds. Date May 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially 1928 to 1951 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasurer's office in Seattle, or at the Fiscal Agency of the State of Washington, in New York City. A certified check for 5% of amount bid required.

SEMINOLE COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Sanford), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—T. W. Lawton, Superintendent Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. March 9 for \$450,000 5 1/4% school bonds. Due in 1 to 30 years.

SHERIDAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35 (P. O. Rushville), Neb.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Feb. 23 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$4,000 school bonds. H. F. Prokop, Director.

SIOUX FALLS, Minnehaha County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$600,000 4 1/4% coupon or registered sewage disposal plant bonds offered on Feb. 4—V. 122, p. 512—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Wells Dickey Co. of Minneapolis, A. B. Leach & Co. and Taylor, Ewart & Co., both of Chicago, at a premium of \$1,062, equal to 100.17, a basis of about 4.48%. Date Jan. 1 1926. Due \$30,000 1927 to 1946, incl. Purchaser also agreed to furnish blank bonds and attorney's opinion.

Financial Statement (As Officially Reported).

Actual true valuation (1925 est.).....	\$50,000,000
Assessed valuation (1925).....	39,892,869
Total bonded debt (this issue included).....	1,604,000
Less water bonds.....	\$372,500
Sinking fund.....	277,331
Net bonded debt.....	954,169
Population (1920 Census), 25,202.	

SOSO SCHOOL DISTRICT, Jones County (P. O. Laurel), Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 6% coupon school bonds offered on Feb. 8—V. 122, p. 647—were awarded to the Commercial National Bank, of Laurel, at a premium of \$400, equal to 102, a basis of about 5.92%. Dated Jan. 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due Jan. 1 1946. Int. payable J. & J.

SPENCER SCHOOL DISTRICT, Clay County, Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—On March 12 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$70,000 school building bonds.

SPRINGFIELD, Lane County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$13,481 6% improvement bonds offered on Jan. 22—V. 122, p. 245—were awarded to the Lumbermen's Trust Co. of Portland at 100.07.

SPRINGWELLS TOWNSHIP UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fordson), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Feb. 17 by Harvey H. Lowrey, Superintendent of Schools, for \$480,000, not exceeding 5% school bonds. Date May 15 1925. Due serially in 30 years. Certified check for \$1,000 required.

STEPHENS COUNTY (P. O. Toccoa), Ga.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Feb. 20 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$200,000 road bonds.

STEBEN COUNTY (P. O. Bath), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10:30 March 3 by Frank R. Aulls, County Treasurer, for \$400,000 4 1/2% coupon highway and bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann-int. (F. & A.) payable in gold at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$40,000 yearly from Feb. 1 1928 to 1947 incl. Cert. check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the County, required. Legality approved by Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt of New York.

STURGIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12, Meade County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 school bonds offered on Jan. 29—V. 122, p. 647—were awarded to the Commercial National Bank and the Bear Butte Valley Bank, both of Sturgis, jointly, as 5s at par. Date Feb. 1 1926.

SWANTON, Fulton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 1 the following three issues of 5% coupon (special assessment) bonds, aggregating \$15,660, offered on that date—V. 122, p. 245—were awarded to the Farmers & Merchants' Deposit Co. of Swanton for \$15,757, equal to 100.62, a basis of about 4.85%:
 \$9,160 street imp't. bonds. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$500, 1927; \$660, 1928; and \$1,000, 1929 to 1936, incl.
 2,700 street imp't. bonds. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$200, 1927 to 1929, incl., and \$300, 1930 to 1936, incl.
 3,800 street imp't. bonds. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$300, 1927 to 1932, incl., and \$500, 1933 to 1936, incl.
 Date Jan. 1 1926.

TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Taylor), Lackawanna County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Feb. 15 by William B. Thomas, Secretary Board of Directors, for \$100,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated April 1 1926. Interest A. & O. Due \$5,000 yearly from April 1 1927 to 1946, inclusive. Certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the School District, required.

TERRACE MUNICIPAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Dee Norte), Rio Grande County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—The Frank C. Evans Co., of Denver, has purchased the following 6% bonds aggregating \$210,000:
 \$185,000 irrigation bonds. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$6,000 1930 to 1932, incl.; \$9,000 1933 to 1935, incl., and \$10,000 1936 to 1949, incl.
 25,000 irrigation bonds. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,500 1936 and 1937, \$2,000 1938 and 1939, \$2,500 1940 and 1941, \$3,000 1942, \$3,500 1943, \$4,000 1944 and \$2,500 in 1945.
 Denom. \$500. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable at the office of the Treasurer of Conejos County at Conejos, or at the office of Kountze Bros. in New York City. Legality approved by Pershing, Nye, Tallmadge & Bosworth of Denver.

TIPTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Hubbard) Hardin County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Feb. 6—V. 122, p. 379—the voters authorized the issuance of 2,000 school bonds without a dissenting vote.

TROY TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Coolville), Athens County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 8 the \$75,000 5% school bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 647) were awarded to Vandersall & Co. of Toledo at 103.40, a basis of about 4.64%. Dated Jan. 15 1926. Due \$3,125 yearly from Sept. 15 1927 to 1950 incl.

TURKEY CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Tampa), Hillsborough County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 coupon school bonds offered on Feb. 2—V. 122, p. 246—were awarded to the Hillsboro State Bank, of Plant City, as 6s at par. Date Jan. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, Jan. 1 1928 to 1947, incl. Int. payable J. & J.

VANCE COUNTY (P. O. Henderson), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 coupon highway bonds offered on Feb. 8—V. 122, p. 647—were awarded to the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. of Minneapolis, at a premium of \$630, equal to 100.42. Dated Feb. 15 1926. Due \$30,000 Aug. 15 1927 to 1931 incl. (Rate not stated.)

VANCOUVER, Clarke County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 coupon warehouse bonds offered on Feb. 1—V. 122, p. 512—were awarded to the State of Washington as 4 1/2s at par. Date March 1 1925. Due March 1 1941. Int. payable P. & A.
 In the above reference we incorrectly reported the amount of bonds to be offered as \$40,000.

VANCOUVER, Clarke County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The State Finance Board of Washington recently purchased an issue of \$20,000 4 1/2% dock bonds at par.

VENTURA, Ventura County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—The City Clerk will receive sealed bids until Feb. 15 for \$50,000 5% sewer bonds.

VERO BEACH, St. Lucie County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—G. H. Redstone, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Feb. 25 for the following 6% coupon bonds aggregating \$100,200:
 \$56,700 city bonds. Denoms. \$1,000, except 1 for \$700.
 43,500 city bonds. Denoms. \$1,000, except 1 for \$500.
 Dated Mar. 1 1926. Due serially Mar. 1 1927 to 1936 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable in gold coin at the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., N. Y. City. A certified check payable to the City Clerk for \$1,000 required.

VICKSBURG, Warren County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—S. S. Patterson, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. Feb. 23 for \$125,000 5% coupon (registerable as to principal only) liquidating debt bonds. Dated Mar. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Mar. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1927 to 1931 incl.; \$5,000, 1932 to 1941 incl., and \$6,000, 1942 to 1951 incl. Int. payable M. & S. Legality approved by John C. Thomson, of N. Y. City. A certified check for 2% of amount bid required.

VOLUSIA COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. De Land), Fla.—BOND SALE.—R. E. Campbell & Co. of Los Angeles and John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago, jointly, purchased on Jan. 7 an issue of \$616,000 5 1/2% coupon school bonds at par. Dated July 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$28,000 July 1 1927 to 1948, inclusive. Interest payable J. & J.
 The above supersedes the report in V. 122, p. 379.

WALTHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On Feb. 4 Salomon Bros. & Hutzler of Boston purchased a \$100,000 temporary loan on a 3.74% discount basis, plus a premium of \$11. Due June 15 1926.

WARREN, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. (Central standard time) March 1 by Della B. King, City Auditor, for the following two issues of 5% coupon bonds:
 \$35,000 (city's share) West Market Street widening bonds. Due \$7,000 yearly from Oct. 1 1927 to 1931, inclusive.
 16,000 (city's share) West Market Street widening bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000 1927 and 1928; \$4,000 1929, and \$3,000 1930 and 1931.
 Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1925. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Certified check for \$500, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

Financial Statement.

Total assessed valuation for 1926—Real estate	\$48,497,940
Personal property	20,049,800
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Total valuation	\$68,547,740
Indebtedness—General bonded debt	\$2,730,300
Special assessment debt	1,898,340
This issue, city share	51,000
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Total debt, including this issue	\$4,679,640
Cash balance and investments in sinking fund, 1910 Census, 11,081; population 1924 Census, 38,000.	\$185,000.

WARRICK COUNTY (P. O. Boonville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Feb. 20 by Bertha Ferguson, County Treasurer, for \$16,400 4 1/2% highway imp't. bonds. Denom. \$410. Dated Feb. 20 1926. Int. M. & N. Due \$820 yearly from May 15 1927 to 1946 incl.

WASHINGTON (State of)—BOND SALE.—The State of Washington has purchased an issue of \$1,000,000 4 1/2% Capitol building bonds at par.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. St. George), Utah.—BOND SALE.—Ed. L. Burton & Co. of Salt Lake City has purchased an issue of \$300,000 refunding school bonds.

WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Otis), Colo.—PRE-ELECTION SALE.—Subject to their being voted at a coming election an issue of \$9,900 school bonds was purchased by Gray, Emery, Vasconcells & Co. of Denver.

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 121 (P. O. Erie), Colo.—PRE-ELECTION SALE.—Geo. W. Vallery & Co. and Peck, Brown & Co., both of Denver, jointly, have purchased an issue of \$70,000 5% school building bonds subject to their being voted at a coming election.

WEST PALM BEACH, Palm Beach County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 7:30 p. m. Feb. 18 sealed bids will be received by H. J. Dougherty, City Clerk, for \$825,000 5% improvement bonds. Date Sept. 1 1925. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$29,000, 1931 to 1935 incl.; \$30,000, 1936 to 1945 incl.; and \$38,000, 1946 to 1955 incl. Prin. and int. M. & S. payable in gold at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, New York City. Oral bids will be received but the highest bidder will be required to reduce his bid to writing before it is accepted by the City Commission. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the above named Clerk, is required.

WILCOX, Kearney County, Nebr.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on Feb. 12—V. 122, p. 648—the proposition of issuing \$5,000 townhall bonds was defeated by a count of 53 for to 60 against.

WINSLOW SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Washington County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—M. W. Elkins & Co. of Little Rock have purchased an issue of \$30,000 6% school bonds.

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AUDITORIUM BONDS

Notice is hereby given that the Committee on Ways and Means of the City Council of Minneapolis, Minnesota, will sell at a public sale, at the office of the undersigned, on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10TH, 1926, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., \$975,000.00 AUDITORIUM BONDS; at a rate of interest not exceeding Five Per Cent per annum; to be dated March 1, 1926; and to be made payable forty-eight thousand dollars thereof on the first day of March A. D. 1927, and forty-eight thousand dollars thereof on the first day of March of each and every year thereafter to and including the year 1931; and forty-nine thousand dollars thereof on the first day of March A. D. 1932, and forty-nine thousand dollars thereof on the first day of March of each and every year thereafter to and including the year 1946.

Sealed bids may be submitted until 10:00 o'clock a. m. of the date of sale. All bids must include accrued interest from date of said 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, City Treasurer, must accompany bids.

The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved. The approving opinion of John C. Thomson, Attorney, will accompany these bonds.

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YUMA, Yuma County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—Gray, Emery, Vasconcells & Co. and Donald F. Brown & Co., both of Denver, jointly, purchased an issue of \$37,000 4½% refunding water bonds.

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AYLMER, Ont.—BONDS VOTED.—The ratepayers have recently passed the \$7,500 water main by-law.

BURNABY DISTRICT, B. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received up to noon Feb. 22 for the purchase of \$108,500 5% 15-year local improvement bonds. A. G. Moore, Clerk, Edmonds.

CROWLAND TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BONDS APPROVED.—The Council has passed a \$16,200 road by-law.

EAST YORK TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BONDS PROPOSED.—The Council will apply to the Provincial Legislature for authority to build a municipal building at a cost of \$60,000.

EDMONTON, Alta.—BOND SALE.—This city recently sold the following three issues of bonds, aggregating \$207,471, to the city's fiscal agents, Wood, Gundy & Co., Cochran, Hay & Co., McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., Macneill, Graham & Co., McDonagh, Somers & Co., C. H. Burgess & Co. and Gairdner & Co.:
 \$108,800 5½% bonds. Due in 30 years.
 22,367 5½% bonds. Due in 20 years.
 76,304 short term bonds.

MIDLAND, Ont.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 29 the \$35,000 5% 15-installment bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 783) were awarded to the Municipal Bankers Corporation, Ltd., of Toronto, at 99.55, a basis of about 5.07%. Other bidders were:

Bidders—	Rate Bid.	Bidders—	Rate Bid.
McLeod, Young, Weir & Co.	99.54	Royal Securities Corp.	99.077
Gairdner & Co.	99.43	C. H. Burgess & Co.	99.36
Wood, Gundy & Co.	99.35	Matthews & Co.	99.36
Harris, MacKeen & Co.	99.33	J. A. G. Clarke & Co.	99.17

MONCTON, N. B.—BONDS PROPOSED.—The School Board will apply for authority to issue \$100,000 bonds.

NEW TORONTO, Ont.—BONDS PROPOSED.—The School Board will apply for authority to issue \$60,000 debentures.

NORTH YORK TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BONDS PROPOSED.—School Section No. 3, it is said, has applied to the Council for authority to issue \$30,000 debentures.

OTTAWA, Ont.—BONDS PROPOSED.—This city will apply to the Provincial Government for authority to issue \$290,000 local improvement bonds.

QUEBEC WEST, Que.—BOND SALE.—The \$42,000 5% 15-year serial bonds offered on Dec. 23 (V. 121, p. 3035) were awarded to Bray, Caron & Dube of Montreal at 95.89.

SACRE COEUR DE JESUS, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—The School Municipality of the villages of Sacre Coeur de Jesus will receive bids until 7 p. m. Feb. 15 for the purchase of \$16,000 5% 16-year serial bonds in denominations of \$100 and \$500 each, and payable at East Broughton, Quebec and Montreal. J. E. Perron, Secretary-Treasurer.

WELLAND, Ont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Feb. 16 by A. W. Jackson, City Treasurer, for \$285,000 5% waterworks filtration and chlorination plant bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due \$9,500 yearly from July 1 1926 to 1935 incl. A certified check for \$10,000 payable to the City Treasurer required. Legality approved by E. G. Long, K. C. of Toronto. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 15 days from time of award, and delivered in Toronto. Payment to be made at the Imperial Bank of Canada, Welland.

WELLAND, Ont.—BOND ELECTION.—On March 1 the ratepayers will be asked to vote on a \$17,000 hospital debenture by-law.

WESTMINSTER TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BONDS APPROVED.—The Council passed a \$20,000 road by-law.

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