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The Financial Situation.

During the past week bond prices have continued to creep higher, notwithstanding the bringing out of a number of large new issues. The stock market has been at times demoralized, with heavy liquidation on Monday, but with substantial recovery in a large number of issues on subsequent days, including further notable advances in some of the stocks which had made conspicuous advances in the previous week. It is impossible to say whether the market as a whole is over-bought, but during the past week there has been vivid proof of the dangerous position occupied by certain individual securities which have been bid up by speculative purchases without regard to actual values.

On Wednesday, the 10th, Devoe & Reynolds stock sold as high as 104 $\frac{1}{8}$. During the next two days it suffered some decline. On Saturday it opened at 91, after having closed on Thursday (Friday having been a holiday) at 97 $\frac{3}{4}$. It then tumbled to 60 $\frac{1}{2}$, a net decline for the day of 37 $\frac{1}{4}$ points. There was a further sharp decline on Monday, to below 50, and to 45 $\frac{3}{4}$ on Thursday. The technic of a situation of this kind can only with difficulty be ascertained. Current information is to the effect that neither the sky-rocketing nor the collapse in this stock had any connection with the affairs of the company, nor was the market manipulation carried on by those closely associated with the company. A group of speculators, or pool, accumulated this stock, it seems, through speculative purchases with the motive of selling out at a high level and failed in their purpose. While situations of this kind may be more numerous at the present time than desirable, nevertheless, there is no evidence that they are characteristic of the general situation, and the fact that

this collapse did not produce more general effect than occurred in the declines on Monday and cause other collapses is apparently evidence of the soundness of the larger part of the market structure.

On Tuesday of this week \$75,000,000 New York City corporate stock was sold to a National City Co. syndicate for 101.0589, realizing for the city a premium of \$794,175. Bids were received aggregating nearly \$700,000,000, ranging from 100.25 for all or none, to the successful bid. There was a wider range for fractional bids. The issue was made up of \$45,000,000 bonds maturing in 50 years and \$30,000,000 maturing serially, 1927-1966. The bonds were offered on Tuesday, the day of the award, by an extensive syndicate, at prices ranging from 100.486 for the 1927 maturity, with a yield of 3.75%, to 102.101 for the 1976 maturity, with a yield of 4.15%, the latter yield prevailing for all prices from 1936 upward. These bonds were offered at practically the existing level for other New York City issues, and whereas the issue has not been immediately over-subscribed by the public as has frequently been the case where especially attractive issues have been offered, nevertheless the bonds have been accorded a favorable reception by investors.

A significant offering of the week on Wednesday by a syndicate headed by Lee, Higginson & Co. was an issue of \$17,500,000 Pacific Mills five-year 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1931, offered at 96 $\frac{3}{4}$, yielding 6.25%. The issue is to fund floating debt, and relieve the company of bank loans except as they may be necessary from time to time for seasonal requirements. The issue is a rehabilitation move of a strong company with a splendid record which for several years has had little or no earning power, though in 1925 there was material improvement, with large part of fixed charges earned after liberal allowances for depreciation and heavy writing down of inventories. The financing has the indirect effect of enabling the company to take over its own selling arrangements and thereby provide an economy that may prove of considerable importance. The company's properties are carried at \$45,000,000 and insured for about \$60,000,000. Working capital is in excess of \$30,000,000. It is reasonable to hope that this is one of many logical moves in the restoration of the textile industry which seems to be under way.

Perhaps the most interest issue of the week has been the \$50,000,000 General Motors Acceptance Corporation 5% serial bonds, maturing 1927-1936, the 1927 maturity being offered at par, yielding 5%, the 1928 and 1929 maturities, yielding 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ %, and

the others wielding 5½%. This issue was immediately taken. The financing is of note and sheds considerable light upon the partial payment purchase of automobiles. The General Motors Co., which owns the entire capital stock of the finance corporation, manufactures and sells not far from one-fourth of the automobiles made in this country. During the past seven years, 1919-1925, inclusive, its sales have aggregated approximately \$3,800,000,000. It is now made known that the finance corporation has during this period purchased receivables of \$1,091,389,355, or approximately 28½% of total sales. This business has been handled with a loss of less than 1-7 of 1%. Of the total paper purchased in seven years, 90% had been liquidated up to the end of 1925, and of the total paper purchased in 1925 considerably less than one-half was outstanding at the end of the year.

It has been the company's experience that the collection of receivables held, plus its cash balances, would normally be sufficient to liquidate its entire outstanding obligations in less than seven months. The receivables purchased in 1925 averaged \$717, those on hand at the end of the year had been reduced to an average of \$450. The company's capital stock outstanding is \$13,500,000 with a surplus of \$6,750,000, approximately one-half of the latter having been earned and the balance provided through sale of stock at a premium. The corporation has followed the policy of charging for its services rates which yield a reasonable, but not excessive, banking profit. This has made possible the payment of 12% upon the capital stock and the building up of surplus. It is worth noting that figuring 5% upon an indebtedness of \$50,000,000, 12% upon the capital stock, the company is paying an average of 5.85% upon \$70,250,000 capital including the surplus. The General Motors Acceptance Corporation is organized under the investment company provisions of the New York State Banking Law. The record of this business would seem to indicate that at least an important part of automobile credit arrangements has been handled on a sound basis.

The statement of the foreign trade of the United States for the month of January, issued this week, discloses some rather unusual features. Not only is there a further notable increase in the value of merchandise imports for that month in comparison with every month for a number of years back, resulting in a considerable balance of trade for January of this year on the import side, but merchandise exports for January show quite a sharp decline in contrast with each month since August of last year and are considerably less in value than for January a year ago. These are exceptional conditions. For a number of years the movement of the foreign commerce of the United States has been all the other way. Since June 1925, however, merchandise imports have gradually increased each month, while exports are now reduced. This tendency has to a considerable degree, so far as exports are concerned, been caused by smaller shipments of grain from the United States and lower prices for raw cotton. As to imports, however, a recent review of the detailed statement of merchandise imports into the United States during 1925 shows that the gain over the preceding year was in some measure attributable to larger imports of rubber and raw silk. The details for January of this year are not as yet available,

so that it cannot now be ascertained whether the larger value of merchandise imports in that month was due to a continuation of the imports of these same products.

Merchandise imports in January were valued at \$414,000,000, an increase of \$16,700,000 over December and \$67,900,000 over January a year ago. There were a few months during 1919 and 1920 (when prices of nearly every class of commodity, possibly everyone, were considerably higher than they have been since that time), in which the value of merchandise imports was in excess of January this year, the last month of the kind being August 1920, when the value was \$513,111,000. Conditions during the period last mentioned, however, were exceptional, and seldom has the value of imports for any one month been in excess of \$400,000,000. In January of last year merchandise imports were \$346,165,000, while prior to the war imports in any one month seldom exceeded \$170,000,000 or \$180,000,000, and in January 1913 the value was \$163,063,000.

Merchandise exports last month amounted to \$399,000,000, a decrease of \$69,300,000 from December and of \$47,400,000 from January a year ago. There is a merchandise balance of \$15,000,000, against the United States in January this year, compared with an excess of exports for December amounting to \$70,940,000 and an excess of exports in January a year ago of \$100,278,000. During the 12 months of 1925 there was one other month, June, which showed a small balance on the import side; otherwise the balance for the other eleven months of 1925 was on the side of the exports. For the year 1925 the excess of exports was \$681,400,000 and in every year since the beginning of the century exports have exceeded imports, though in 1923 there were a few months when the reverse was the case.

As to exports for January of this year, the decline from January a year ago amounts to \$47,443,000. Cotton exports in January show a decline from a year ago of \$54,404,000; the movement this year was 749,967 bales, contrasting with 1,076,075 bales in January 1925 and the average price per pound being 21.4 cents, against 24.8 cents. A large loss also appears at this time in exports of grain. Compared with December, January exports show a decline of \$69,200,000, of which sum cotton alone contributes \$27,886,000, so that there is a loss in exports for January this year in other directions of more than \$41,300,000 in the comparison between these two months.

For the seven months of the fiscal year, including January, merchandise exports from the United States are valued at \$2,945,492,856 and imports at \$2,577,522,820, an excess of exports of \$367,970,036. The corresponding figures for the same seven months of 1924-25 are exports, \$2,947,704,335, and imports, \$2,106,536,977, an excess of exports of \$841,167,358. Exports, it will be seen, for the seven months including January this year, were \$2,211,479 less than for the corresponding period of the preceding year, while imports were \$470,985,843 larger.

Gold imports again increased in January, the value of imports in that month being \$19,351,202, the largest for any month, with the exception of October last, since November 1924. In December last gold imports were \$7,216,004, while in January 1925 the amount was \$5,037,800. Gold exports in January were \$3,086,870, these figures contrasting with \$5,967,727 for the preceding month and \$73,-

525,943 in January a year ago. For the seven months of the current fiscal year gold imports were \$106,957,870 and exports \$74,790,201, an excess of imports of \$32,167,669. For the corresponding period of 1924-25 there was an excess of gold exports of \$32,802,750. Silver exports last month were valued at \$9,762,969, and imports at \$5,762,760, there being little variation in these figures from month to month, although both exports and imports of silver are for the current fiscal year about one-fifth less than they were in the preceding corresponding seven months.

In the plans for a special meeting of the League of Nations Assembly and the Council, scheduled to be held in Geneva on March 8, and also with respect to Germany being given a seat in the League of Nations, there seems to have been a lamentable absence of the so-called "Locarno spirit," over which for a few weeks after the famous Locarno Conference there was so much enthusiasm, both in European capitals and in the United States, and which it was believed would do so much for the political and economic stability of Europe. According to European cable dispatches, France has wished that Poland, Spain and Brazil be given seats at the same time as Germany. Sir Austen Chamberlain, British Foreign Secretary, is represented as favoring the keeping out of those three nations at that time and of seating only Germany. In a recent article in the London "Observer," which was said to "reflect the ideas of the Foreign Office," it was suggested that "the vast importance of the problem thereby raised is, of course, fully recognized in London. British official view would appear to be that the desire of Spain and Poland to receive permanent seats is entirely a new issue. Before any British vote can be cast upon it, the case of Spain and Poland will have to be heard, as well as the views of France on the one side and Germany, Sweden, Czechoslovakia and Belgium on the other. When the moment arrives the British policy will be determined by loyalty to the Locarno ideas, by an honest interpretation of the promised restoration to Germany of the full status of a European great Power, and by the best interests of the League itself."

Sir Eric Drummond, Secretariat-General of the League of Nations, had a conference in Berlin on Feb. 15 with Chancellor Luther and Foreign Minister Stresemann. It was understood that he came "in a private capacity, purely for informative purposes."

In a special Berlin dispatch to the New York "Evening Post" on Feb. 16, in which the visit to the German capital of Sir Eric Drummond was referred to, the correspondent said: "It is learned that difficulties over the possibility of other nations being admitted to a seat in the Council at the same time as Germany—a measure which Foreign Minister Stresemann has stated would confront Germany with a completely new set of conditions, perhaps leading her to reconsider her application—have been set aside." He added, "at least, Germany has been assured from English sources that she need have no apprehensions on that point."

In another dispatch from Berlin on Feb. 18 the preparations for Germany's admission were outlined. It was stated that "Sir Eric Drummond, Secretary-General of the League of Nations, has left

Berlin, having settled with the German Government on the solemn procedure under which Germany will enter the League on March 8. Germany's request to enter will first be decided upon by the committee of acceptance and then presented to the full Assembly. The Council will also meet on the same day to decide unanimously that Germany should have a permanent seat in the Council and make its recommendations to the Assembly, which will then accept. The decision concerning the personnel of the Secretariat remains in abeyance."

The special session of the League of Nations Assembly was decided upon at a special meeting of the League Council in Geneva on Feb. 12. In a dispatch from Geneva on that date it was stated that "the agenda of the Assembly will contain also a revision of the League budget, an increase of permanent seats on the Council, and consideration of the architect's report for the proposed new League Assembly building." While it was admitted that Spain had, for some time, been a candidate for a seat in the League, it was claimed in an Associated Press dispatch from Paris on Feb. 13 that "Poland is regarded as certain of obtaining a permanent place, in view of the fact that Germany's entrance will bring to the fore, in League deliberations, questions in which her interests are uppermost."

From Geneva came the statement also that at the special Council meeting on Feb. 12 the proposed Preliminary Disarmament Conference that was postponed from Feb. 15 to "not later than May 15," also was discussed. For two weeks or so it has been indicated in European cable advices that serious trouble might be encountered in planning to hold the conference in Geneva because of the differences between Soviet Russia and Switzerland. In discussing this situation in a dispatch on Feb. 15, the Paris representative of "The Sun" said in part: "A Russo-Swiss deadlock makes the meeting at Geneva of the disarmament conference most unlikely. The Russians refuse to go to Geneva unless Switzerland expresses regret at the assassination at Lausanne of Vorovsky during the Peace Conference and pays a suitable indemnity to Vorovsky's relatives. Switzerland is willing to meet the Russian demands, but only after the settlement of claims of Swiss subjects on the Russian Government. Tchitcherin refuses to consider the Vorovsky claim as being on the same footing as those of Swiss subjects who may have suffered in consequence of 'revolutionary legislation.' As those 'consequences' involved the ruin, imprisonment and physical suffering of many Swiss, the feeling against the presence of the Soviet delegation in Geneva already has led to riotous meetings in the very hall used by the League for its assemblies."

Word came from Paris on Feb. 16 that "Premier Briand to-day sent a special note to Moscow in the hope of healing the breach between the Soviet Government and Switzerland relative to Moscow's refusal to attend the League of Nations' preliminary arms conference on Swiss soil. The Premier believes that Russian abstention would compromise the success of the conference, though opposed, like the remainder of the nation, to bowing to Russia's demand that the parley be held elsewhere than the seat of the League, Geneva."

Naturally, the trouble between Russia and Switzerland was productive of numerous suggestions. In

an Associated Press dispatch from Geneva on Feb. 17 it was suggested that "since the special Assembly of the League of Nations which will convene on March 8 will be called on to select land for the construction of a new Assembly hall for the League, officials said that it might be difficult, in view of the controversy between Switzerland and Russia, to avoid discussion by the Assembly of the question of the League's permanent home. It was thought that because of the Soviet's refusal to participate in meetings on Swiss soil until the matter of the assassination of Vaslav Vorovsky at Lausanne in 1923 is settled, the Assembly might have to face the question of whether the League should build itself a permanent home at Geneva. It was suggested that this controversy points to the desirability of having the League located in a special zone which could not be affected by international disputes. The principality of Monaco, which includes Monte Carlo, is cited as a place which fulfills most of the essential conditions, although moving the League there would bring up the question of stopping gambling, by which the principality now is largely supported. The Grand Duchy of Luxemburg is another new suggestion."

The situation arising out of the desire that Powers other than Germany should be admitted to the League of Nations in the near future appeared to be further complicated by an incident in the British House of Commons on Feb. 17. The London representative of "The Sun" reported it in part as follows: "A new and dramatic turn was given to the problem of permanent membership in the Council of the League of Nations when Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Minister, in a reply to Col. Josiah Wedgewood in the House of Commons this afternoon intimated that if Canada or any other British Dominion sought membership in the Council 'the desires and aspirations of any of the Dominions would have the sympathy of the British Government.' Col. Wedgewood wanted to know whether Sir Austen thought that the representation of Canada in the Council was as important to the future peace of the world as the representation of Brazil. The Foreign Secretary's reply can only be construed as a hint to the Powers that are seeking to enlarge the Council—thereby to create a bloc against Germany—that the nations comprising the British Empire may themselves desire permanent seats therein. At the same time Sir Austen informed the Marquis of Hartington that the question of enlarging the Council is now a subject of discussion with the Dominions."

As might have been expected, the Government of Switzerland has not taken kindly to the suggestions recently that League gatherings be held elsewhere than at Geneva. In discussing this matter the Geneva correspondent of the Associated Press said in a dispatch on Feb. 17 that "reliable information indicates that the Swiss Government would regard as an official affront any decision by the Council of the League of Nations to transfer the disarmament pourparlers outside Switzerland because of the refusal of Soviet Russia to send delegates to Geneva. The general belief is that Switzerland would interpret such action as tantamount to siding with Russia in the Russo-Swiss conflict, which grew out of the assassination on Swiss soil of the Soviet emissary, Vorovsky." He added that "official Swiss opinion is even described in some quarters as so

strong as to lead to the presumption that the Government might go to the limit of making it clear that Switzerland no longer desires to harbor the League. This situation, coupled with the controversy waging in the principal capitals of Europe over the question of increasing the permanent seats in the League Council, is causing anxious days in League circles, where there is apprehension lest both problems create a crisis, especially in view of the attitude of the Scandinavian countries against granting any additional seats at the present time, except to Germany."

As the week progressed there were signs that France would not insist on Poland being admitted to the League Council. In fact, in a special Paris cablegram to the New York "Herald Tribune" on Feb. 17 it was stated that "Premier Briand indicated that France probably would back down in her demand for the enlargement of the Council of the League of Nations from ten to fourteen members, with Poland, France's ally, sitting with Germany in a permanent capacity." The correspondent added that "Premier Briand indicated that he had modified his views in regard to the election of Poland to permanent membership in the Council after a conversation with German Ambassador von Hoesch late today. Herr von Hoesch discredited the report that Germany had threatened to withdraw her application to join the League, but he interrogated M. Briand regarding the intentions of France. Afterward he left for Berlin to report to his Government. The Premier told him, it is understood, that he believed a Council of fourteen members, or even sixteen, if the United States and Russia came in, would not be too great a membership for the Council, which represents the Assembly and its membership of 54 nations. He contended that other nations besides the great Powers should be members of the Council, but he indicated that the question of a permanent seat for Poland was one for the Council itself to decide when it met on March 8 at Geneva to consider Germany's application for membership. Premier Briand announced that he would attend the March meeting of the League Council and that he would be accompanied by General Secretary Berthelot, of the French Foreign Office."

What purported to be Germany's attitude with respect to nations other than herself being admitted was set forth in part as follows in a special Berlin dispatch to the New York "Evening Post" on Feb. 18: "The critical condition of the League of Nations has been aggravated by Foreign Minister Stresemann's statement to the effect that Germany would withdraw her application for admission to the League if any other nation besides Germany was given a place on the League Council. It is not plausible to suppose that the Wilhelmstrasse objects to Spain or even Brazil taking a seat at the table, but it is decidedly opposed to a place for her neighbor, Poland. In this, Stresemann, as in most every other desire, expressed since the Locarno negotiations, is solidly supported by Austen Chamberlain, British Foreign Secretary."

The German Government's position with respect to joining the Council of the League of Nations was further set forth in a Berlin dispatch to the New York "Times" under date of Feb. 18. The correspondent said that "Foreign Minister Stresemann

gave the New York 'Times' correspondent implicitly to understand this evening that Germany has no intention of walking into the Council of the League of Nations arm-in-arm with either Poland or Spain or both. For the German Government, Dr. Stresemann indicated emphatically, there is no such question as expansion of the Council's permanent membership at present or in the near future." The "Times" correspondent added that "Dr. Stresemann reiterated the Reich's satisfaction with the other conditions of German admission to the League, notably as regards disavowal of war guilt, the attribution of colonial mandates and liberation from the military and economic obligations imposed by Article 16 of the Covenant. From another authoritative source in the German Foreign Office it was ascertained that the German position relative to the election of Poland, Spain, Brazil or any other country to a permanent place on the League Council has been formulated categorically to Premier Briand by the German Ambassador to Paris. France, according to official belief here, has abandoned her promotion of the Polish candidacy and concentrated on Spain, Brazil being out of the running owing to Argentine objections."

Premier Briand has continued his determined efforts to secure the adoption by Parliament of a finance plan that would meet the requirements of the Government for funds with respect to internal obligations, and also his efforts to maintain the Cabinet. The Chamber continued its dilatory tactics to a great extent, and on Feb. 11 it became known that the Premier had decided to ask for a vote of confidence the next day. He did ask for it and won out by 326 to 183. In outlining the event, the Paris representative of the New York "Herald Tribune" said in a dispatch on Feb. 12, "the sinister parliamentary combination of Unified and Radical Socialists which has maintained a majority in the Chamber of Deputies against France's financial stabilization was split wide open to-day and a new majority emerged which gave the Briand Ministry a vote of confidence by 326 to 183 on the Government's demand for quick revenue for the Treasury." He claimed also that "if this majority remains it means that the crisis which the country is facing will be dissipated within the next few days and the fiscal reform measure will soon be sent to the Senate. Temporarily, at least, it isolates the Unified Socialists and Communists into a position of impotence, whereas only yesterday the influence of Marcel Cachin, the Communist leader, was able to sway the Chamber's Finance Commission into an attitude of hostility to the Government." Continuing, the correspondent said: "In its new position the Chamber to-day was able to pass Article LXXIX of the finance measure, which brings into the Treasury an early flow of funds from the taxation of stocks and bonds, and this afternoon the lower House was enabled to support the Government on the question of disjoining the slower revenue-bearing sections of the bill for immediate action on the proposed stamp tax on industrial production. The split in the cartel undoubtedly is due to the action of the majority of the Senate, which, losing patience with the dilatory tactics of the Chamber majority, notified Premier Briand that he must demand action from the lower House with Senate authority. The Premier consequently addressed the Chamber late to-day, de-

claring that the Government to date had allowed the lower House its entire freedom, but in view of the exigencies of the Treasury, the time had arrived for action." It was further explained that "the Premier demanded a vote of confidence on the issue of the disjunction of the inheritance tax law from the main bill. The majority of Radical Socialists, instead of overthrowing the Ministry, as urged by the Unified Socialists, deserted the Cartel and supported M. Briand. The Premier, however, faces a more serious battle beginning with the coming week on the question of his ultimatum that emergency legislation must be voted by the lower House by that time. If, however, M. Blum and the other Unified Socialists have not succeeded in weaning the Radical Socialists back to the fold by that time the Government will be in no danger."

The proceedings at the session of the Chamber of Deputies on Feb. 15, which lasted well into the early morning of the next day, were far from satisfactory to M. Briand and the Government generally. The Paris representative of the New York "Herald Tribune" cabled that "throughout the day the majority consistently voted down the Government's demands for revenue-bearing measures, despite the Premier's warning that they would be sent to the Senate unless accepted by the Chamber. Instead of voting the billions of francs taxation demanded, the Deputies, up to 1 o'clock this [Tuesday] morning, had loaded but a few hundred million francs upon the Briand 'special train,' which he insists must go to the Senate for quick action in order to relieve the embarrassment of the Treasury. The Chamber's Finance Commission went further to-night when it smashed the sales tax project by which the Premier hoped to reap 2,500,000,000 francs this year." In his dispatch, which was prepared early Tuesday morning, the correspondent also said that "the political atmosphere in the Chamber of Deputies in the early hours of this morning was one of murky indecision, with a battle going on in which the life of the Government, and even that of the Chamber itself, is at stake. With the majority of the Deputies openly hostile to practically all the major Government projects for an efficacious taxation of the country, the fight extended to-night to a personal attack on Premier Briand. The charge was made that he had dissipated his prestige and was no longer capable of leadership."

It became known here Tuesday afternoon through an Associated Press dispatch from Paris that "Premier Briand early to-day wound up the day and night-long debate in the Chamber of Deputies on the Government's bill, which seeks the financial restoration of France, by making a vote on the bill as a whole a question of confidence in his Government. The Premier was upheld by a vote of 258 against 149." The latest developments were further outlined as follows: "With the fear of their constituents ever before their eyes, the Deputies, of whatever party, could not bring themselves to vote fresh taxation. As a consequence, the financial bill is shorn of most of the measures intended to obtain funds for balancing the budget. It will now be sent to the Senate, where the Government counts upon the upper Chamber to restore the provisions eliminated in the Chamber of Deputies and add such other clauses as may be necessary to meet the Gov-

ernment's requirements. The Chamber adjourned at 6 a. m. to-day until next Tuesday, when it is hoped the bill will have been sent back from the Senate. The Chamber will then, in the words of Premier Briand, either have to take it or leave it. He says he is determined to brook no further delay and is resolved to stake the existence of his administration on balancing the budget before the end of the month. During the Chamber session many clauses were rejected and others added."

The unfortunate state of financial legislation in the French Parliament, now that it has been transferred from the Chamber to the Senate was discussed in part as follows in a special Paris dispatch to the New York "Evening Post" on Feb. 18: "The finance bill now in the hands of the Senate is 2,400,000,000 francs short of the budgetary balance. The French Government's search for a place to bite out enough cash to run itself and to demonstrate international solvency continues pathetically in the upper branch of Parliament. The transfer of the field of operations from the Chamber to the Senate is only more walking backward upon a moving sidewalk. In the Chamber's rejection of increased direct taxation in the form of a tax on business transactions the orbit of the search has been completed. Parliament is about ready to start out again upon its well-worn circular path in quest for an opening through which to draw its own sustenance from some unguarded corner of the public pockets. Twenty-two months of Left Government has witnessed the complete breakdown of every attempt to procure budgetary stability and the restoration of national confidence. France is apparently organized against herself and in a state of abject stalemate."

The British Board of Trade statement for January disclosed large decreases in the most important items in comparison both with the preceding month and also January 1925. For instance, total exports were £8,291,000 less than in December and £10,212,000 less than for the corresponding month of last year. Imports in January fell off £16,579,000, in comparison with December, and £11,218,000 in comparison with the first month of last year. There was a large decrease in the excess of imports as between January 1926 and December 1925, but only about £1,000,000 when compared with January 1925. The figures for January of the two years and for December 1925 follow:

	Jan. 1926.	Dec. 1925.	Jan. 1925.
Imports.....	£117,689,000	£134,268,727	£128,907,045
Exports, British goods.....	£60,380,000	£65,768,661	£69,050,534
Re-exports, foreign goods.....	11,742,000	14,644,467	13,283,639
Total exports.....	£72,122,000	£80,413,128	£82,334,173
Excess of imports.....	£45,567,000	£53,855,599	£46,572,872

Official bank rates at leading European centres continue to be quoted at 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 the open market discount rates were slightly firmer and short bills finished at 4 9-16@4 11-16%, against 4 7-16@4½%, with three months' bills at 4 9-16%, against 4 3-8@4 7-16% a week ago. Money on call at the British centre touched 4¼%, but closed at 3¾%, against 4⅛% last week. In Paris and Switzerland open market discount rates remain at 4¼% and 3⅞%, respectively, unchanged.

A further addition to gold holdings was shown by the weekly statement of the Bank of England, amounting to £113,780, and bringing total up to £144,670,556, which compares with £128,579,230 a year ago (before the transfer to the Bank of England of the £27,000,000 gold formerly held by the Redemption Account of the Currency Note issue), and £128,097,600 a year earlier. Moreover, note circulation was reduced £614,000, so that the reserve in gold and notes in the banking department increased £758,000, while the proportion of reserve to liabilities advanced to 18.37%, in comparison with 18.32% a week ago, 19¼% in 1925 and 18¾% the preceding year. There was another material addition to public deposits, £5,696,000, but "other" deposits declined £1,896,000. The Bank's temporary loans to the Government declined £165,000. Loans on other securities, however, were enlarged £3,198,000. Reserve aggregates £23,973,000, as against £24,097,030 last year and £23,083,130 in 1924. Note circulation is £140,448,000. This compares with £124,232,200 a year ago and £124,764,470 a year earlier. Loans amount to £80,884,000, as against £75,044,583 and £73,419,849 one and two years ago, respectively. The Bank has made no change in its official discount rate from 5%, the figure previously prevailing. Clearings through the London banks for the week totaled £744,319,000, which compares with £779,865,000 last week and £790,605,000 a year ago. 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. Feb. 17.	1925. Feb. 18.	1924. Feb. 20.	1923. Feb. 21.	1922. Feb. 22.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	140,448,000	124,232,200	124,764,470	122,041,710	121,545,566
Public deposits.....	23,583,000	13,705,282	15,525,064	22,036,037	27,808,127
Other deposits.....	106,917,000	111,243,895	107,889,459	106,791,655	109,947,335
Government securities.....	43,782,000	43,941,830	45,034,182	47,317,299	48,545,566
Other securities.....	80,884,000	75,044,583	73,419,849	74,434,913	81,638,700
Reserve notes & coin.....	23,973,000	24,097,030	23,083,130	25,207,476	25,665,842
Coin and bullion.....	144,670,556	128,579,230	128,097,600	127,499,186	128,761,537
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	18.37%	19¼%	18.75%	19¼%	18¾%
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 statement of the Bank of France shows a further small gain in the gold item the present week, the gain being 33,600 francs. Total gold holdings, therefore, now aggregate 5,548,218,050 francs, comparing with 5,545,721,610 francs for the corresponding date last year and 5,541,204,424 francs the year previous. Of these amounts, 1,864,320,907 francs were held abroad in each of the years 1926, 1925 and 1924. During the week silver holdings rose 2,314,000 francs, bills discounted 93,478,000 francs and general deposits 45,788,000 francs, while on the other hand, trade advances decreased 52,438,000 francs, and Treasury deposits fell 20,379,000 francs. A further contraction of 127,920,000 francs occurred in note circulation the present week, bringing the total notes in circulation down to 50,961,538,295 francs, which compares with 40,771,318,360 francs for the same time last year and with 38,894,835,330 francs the year before. The French Government repaid 50,000,000 francs more of its borrowings from the Bank, reducing the total of advances to the State to 32,800,000,000 francs. Comparison of the different items in this week's return with the figures of last week and corresponding dates in both 1925 and 1924 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Status as of—			
		Feb. 17 1926.	Feb. 18 1925.	Feb. 20 1924.	
Gold Holdings—	Frans.	Frans.	Frans.	Frans.	
In France.....Inc.	33,600	3,683,897,143	3,681,400,703	3,676,883,516	
Abroad.....	unchanged	1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907	
Total.....Inc.	33,600	5,548,218,050	5,545,721,610	5,541,204,424	
Silver.....Inc.	2,314,000	327,076,230	305,367,161	297,406,828	
Bills discounted...Inc.	93,478,000	3,137,457,306	5,000,352,570	3,457,493,518	
Trade advances...Dec.	52,438,000	2,497,735,090	3,004,932,720	2,444,660,715	
Note circulation...Dec.	127,920,000	50,961,538,295	40,771,318,360	38,894,835,330	
Treasury deposits...Dec.	20,379,000	11,990,566	13,452,415	24,392,955	
General deposits...Inc.	45,788,000	2,868,876,845	1,929,196,397	2,229,151,005	

The Imperial Bank of Germany's statement, issued as of Feb. 15, was featured by reduction in note circulation and another substantial addition to gold holdings. The figures show that note circulation was reduced 143,197,000 marks. However, this was largely counteracted by expansion in other maturing obligations of 107,310,000 marks and in other liabilities of 34,463,000 marks. As to assets, there was a decline in holdings of bills of exchange and checks of 90,585,000 marks, although deposits held abroad expanded 25,023,000 marks and reserve in foreign currencies 13,858,000 marks. Advances showed a gain of 4,151,000 marks and silver and other coins of 7,444,000 marks. Notes on other banks increased 6,866,000 marks and investments 126,000 marks, while other assets were augmented 5,097,000 marks. Gold and bullion gained 51,619,000 marks, to 1,307,236,000 marks, as against 865,790,000 marks a year ago and 467,031,000 marks in 1924. Note circulation stands at 2,419,906,000 marks.

The weekly statements of the Federal Reserve banks, issued on Thursday afternoon, revealed small losses in gold and further expansion in rediscounting and open market operations. According to the report for the System, gold reserves fell \$5,400,000. Rediscounts of paper secured by Government obligations increased \$5,900,000. In "other" bills there was a decline of \$900,000; hence, total bills discounted for the week expanded \$5,000,000. Holdings of bills bought in the open market mounted \$1,100,000. Total bills and securities (earning assets) increased \$7,100,000 and a large addition occurred in deposits, namely \$30,400,000. The amount of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation fell \$6,700,000. The New York Bank reported contraction in gold holdings of \$40,000,000. Rediscounting operations increased \$12,000,000, thus bringing total bills discounted up to \$200,615,000, as against \$148,346,000 last year. Open market purchases were augmented \$20,000,000. Total bills and securities increased \$32,900,000 and deposits \$11,500,000, while the amount of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation declined \$4,100,000. Member bank reserve accounts showed gains, both locally and nationally—\$14,100,000 in the case of the New York institution and \$23,200,000 for the banks as a group. The continued expansion in deposits, coupled this week with shrinkage in gold reserves, was responsible for a further lowering in reserve ratios. For the combined System the ratio fell 0.5%, to 73.7%. At New York there was a drop of 3.4%, to 75.5%.

A sharp falling off in surplus reserve was the most noteworthy feature of Saturday's statement of the New York Clearing House banks and trust companies. This was due primarily to a drawing down in the reserves of member banks with the Federal Reserve Bank, which was sufficient to offset declines in deposits. In detail the figures show a de-

crease in loans of \$26,857,000, while net demand deposits fell \$49,377,000, to \$4,403,800,000. This total is exclusive of Government deposits to the amount of \$43,786,000. In time deposits a drop of \$3,488,000 occurred, carrying the total down to \$568,656,000. Cash in own vaults of members of the Federal institution increased \$3,398,000, to \$51,665,000, but this is not counted as reserve. State bank and trust company reserves in own vaults rose \$126,000 and the reserves of these institutions in other depositories increased \$295,000. Member banks drew on their reserves at the Reserve Bank to the extent of \$34,121,000; hence, notwithstanding the shrinkage in deposits, surplus reserve fell to \$11,880,610, a loss for the week of \$27,196,680. Heavy calling in of loans and preparations to meet Feb. 15 payments were held responsible for the changes just noted. The above figures for surplus are on the basis of legal reserve requirements of 13% against demand deposits for member banks of the Federal Reserve System, but do not take account of \$51,665,000 held by these member banks on Saturday last.

The statement of the Clearing House banks last Saturday, as just noted, disclosed a large decrease in excess reserve. This fact and an apparent desire on the part of the financial institutions to reduce the total of brokers' loans, at least moderately, resulted in a rather free calling of loans every day throughout the week. It was significant, on the other hand, that sufficient new money came into sight promptly to satisfy all requirements, without an advance in rates until toward the end of the period. On Thursday afternoon, for instance, a 5% quotation was reported after the one rate of 4¾% earlier in the business session, and throughout that of the day before. The same rates were in effect yesterday. Experienced borrowers of money said that they were not apprehensive over the money market as a whole as long as time funds showed no signs of stiffening. They were a little firmer yesterday, 4¾% being quoted for all periods. Some recessions in new buying, notably in the steel industry, were reported. All told, this tendency may have lessened the commercial demand for funds. Wall Street's borrowings to finance large offerings of new securities, on the other hand, must have been heavy. Particularly large individual blocks were bought and resold. Special reference might be made to the \$75,000,000 of New York City securities and to \$50,000,000 General Motors Acceptance Corporation notes brought out. There were numerous other offerings in smaller amounts, but which made a large aggregate. Brokers' loans for the past week, as made public yesterday, appeared to reflect heavy temporary borrowing for the latter purposes. Comparatively little was heard about offerings of foreign securities in this market just now.

Dealing with specific rates for money, call loans this week covered a range of 4½%@5%, in comparison with 4½@5½% a week ago. On Monday 4¾% was the highest rate touched; the low was 4½%, with 4¾% for renewals. Tuesday and Wednesday a flat figure of 4¾% was named, this being the high, the low and the ruling level for the day. Increased firmness developed on Thursday and there was an advance to 5%, although the renewal basis remained at 4¾%, which was also the low. Friday

the range was not changed from $4\frac{3}{4}@5\%$, with $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ for renewals.

For fixed date maturities the situation remains without essential change. Toward the close of the week a firmer tone was noted and the range was advanced to $4\frac{5}{8}@4\frac{3}{4}\%$ for all periods from sixty days to six months, as against $4\frac{1}{2}@4\frac{3}{4}\%$ last week. Trading was dull and narrow.

Commercial paper was in fair demand, but as offerings continue restricted, trading in the aggregate was light. City and country banks were in the market as buyers for moderate amounts. Quotations are still at $4@4\frac{1}{4}\%$ for four to six months' names of choice character, with names not so well known at $4\frac{1}{4}@4\frac{1}{2}\%$. New England mill paper and the shorter choice names continue to pass at 4%.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances remain at the levels previously current. There were no new developments of an important nature and the aggregate turnover was of moderate proportions. Supplies of the best names were small. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council remains at 4%. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rate on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks $3\frac{5}{8}\%$ bid and $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ asked for bills running 30 days, $3\frac{3}{4}\%$ bid and $3\frac{5}{8}\%$ asked for 60 and 90 days, $3\frac{7}{8}\%$ bid and $3\frac{3}{4}\%$ asked for 120 days, $4\frac{1}{8}\%$ bid and 4% asked for 150 days and $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ bid and $4\frac{1}{8}\%$ asked for 180 days. Open market quotations are as follows:

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

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

DISCOUNT RATES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS IN EFFECT FEB. 19 1926.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.	Paper Maturings—					
	Within 90 Days.			After 90 Days, but Within 6 Months.	After 6 Months, but Within 9 Months.	
	Com'rcial Agric'l & Ltee-stock Paper. n.e.s.	Secured by U. S. Govern't Obligations.	Bankers' Acceptances.	Trade Acceptances.	Agricul. and Ltee-stock Paper.	Agricul' and Ltee-stock 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.

Sterling exchange experienced another dull and uneventful week, with rate fluctuations again confined to a small fraction and the volume of business passing exceptionally slender. As a matter of fact, sterling was apparently relegated to second place and attention concentrated on the sensational strength that developed in Danish and Japanese currencies. Demand sterling after opening at 4 86, declined to 4 85 29-32, then rallied to 4 86 $\frac{1}{8}$, though on a particularly light volume of trading. That quotations were so firmly held in the face of such narrow trading operations testified to the general undercurrent of optimism that prevails regarding the

future of sterling. Scarcity in the supply of commercial bills offering, of course, helped to stabilize rates, while London cable rates were firm practically throughout, which, as usual, exercised a strengthening influence on local sentiment. The chief factor in the current upward movement, however, is said to be the belief that the Bank of England is now in position to add largely to its gold reserves and may be expected to do so in the very near future. The seemingly empty victory secured by Premier Briand and the unsatisfactory response made by francs to news of the passage of the altered French finance bill, was without effect on the sterling market. Those speculatively inclined are taking little or no interest in sterling, preferring to confine their efforts to currencies that show wider fluctuations and consequently a better chance for making profits on a quick turnover. Final quotations were the best of the week, although with no accompanying increase in trading activity.

Referring to the day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was steady and unchanged from 4 86 (one rate) for demand, 4 86 $\frac{3}{8}$ for cable transfers and 4 82 $\frac{3}{4}$ for sixty days; with the resumption of business after the Lincoln's Birthday holiday, trading was unusually active for a half-day session. On Monday quotations were well maintained, although a dip of '1-16c. occurred, so that demand ranged between 4 85 15-16 and 4 86, cable transfers at 4 86 5-16 @ 4 86 $\frac{3}{8}$ and sixty days at 4 82 11-16 @ 4 82 $\frac{3}{4}$; the market was still inactive. Prices firmed slightly on Tuesday, though trading continued dull, and the range was 4 85 29-32 @ 4 86 1-32 for demand, 4 86 9-32 @ 4 86 13-16 for cable transfers and 4 82 21-32 @ 4 82 25-32 for sixty days. Wednesday's market was stronger and demand advanced fractionally to 4 86 $\frac{1}{8}$; the low was 4 86, while cable transfers sold at 4 86 $\frac{3}{8}$ @ 4 86 $\frac{1}{2}$ and sixty days at 4 82 $\frac{3}{4}$ @ 4 82 $\frac{7}{8}$; trading, however, remained comparatively quiet. Dulness was the chief characteristic of trading on Thursday and quotations were not changed from 4 86 1-16 @ 4 86 $\frac{1}{8}$ for demand, 4 86 7-16 @ 4 86 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers and 4 82 13-16 @ 4 82 $\frac{7}{8}$ for sixty days. On Friday the market was still inactive; a slightly easier tone developed and demand bills sold off a fraction to 4 86 @ 4 86 $\frac{1}{8}$, cable transfers to 4 86 $\frac{3}{8}$ @ 4 86 $\frac{1}{2}$ and sixty days to 4 82 $\frac{3}{4}$ @ 4 82 $\frac{7}{8}$. Closing quotations were 4 82 $\frac{7}{8}$ for sixty days, 4 86 $\frac{1}{8}$ for demand and 4 86 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4 86, sixty days at 4 82 $\frac{3}{8}$, ninety days at 4 81 $\frac{5}{8}$, documents for payment (sixty days) at 4 82 $\frac{5}{8}$ and seven-day grain bills at 4 84 $\frac{7}{8}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 86.

No gold engagements were reported, either for export or import, with reference to this country, although it is understood that "the Japanese Government will ship 2,000,000 yen in specie to the United States next Sunday (to-morrow) on the Shinyo Maru, bringing the total specie shipment so far to 13,000,000 yen. Officials say, however, that there is no intention of removing the gold embargo at any time in the near future." The Bank of England announced further substantial purchases of the precious metal, totaling some £800,000 in gold bars, and that it had set aside for account of Crown agents the sum of £600,000.

Continental exchange came to the front once more with a series of sensational events that embraced increases of 50 to 80 points or more in Japanese,

Danish and Norwegian exchanges, and a fresh manifestation of weakness in French francs. The latter development was based mainly on the cool reception accorded the news of the passage of the Briand finance measures through the Chamber of Deputies, also unfounded rumors of an upheaval in the French Cabinet. The explanation of this may be found in the drastic alterations made in the bills, which, as a result of repeated attack from many quarters, have lost practically all of their usefulness. Certainly the features that were intended to bring about genuine improvement have been so emasculated as to render them ineffective in making adequate budget provision. As now passed, the new measure would still leave a budget deficit of 2,000,000,000 francs. Moreover, the market has not lost sight of the fact that the bill has still to run the gauntlet of the French Senate, which is almost sure to amend the measure, and another Ministerial crash may be precipitated. All of this was reflected in franc values, which declined from $3.69\frac{1}{4}$ to $3.55\frac{3}{4}$, or another new low point for 1925, on sporadic attempts to sell on a market unable to absorb the offerings. Fairly large quantities of exchange changed hands and it is worthy of note that most of the selling emanated from Paris. Local operators still hold aloof. Italian lire, after a comparatively firm opening at $4.02\frac{7}{8}$, dropped back to $4.00\frac{3}{4}$, mainly on official buying and selling operations for account of the Italian Exchange Institution. Greek exchange was steady at close to 1.43, but closed weak, while the minor Central European group moved within narrow limits and practically unchanged. Polish zloties once more proved an exception and moved back to 13.90, an advance of 40 points, then slumped and finished at 13.50. Russian, German and Austrian currencies are all stationary, with no trading to speak of. Belgian francs continue to be firmly held and are still ruling at about 4.53.

The London check rate on Paris finished at 135.79, against 131.78 last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre closed at $3.58\frac{1}{4}$, against $3.67\frac{1}{2}$; cable transfers at $3.59\frac{1}{4}$, against $3.68\frac{1}{2}$; commercial sight bills at $3.57\frac{1}{4}$, against $3.66\frac{1}{2}$, and commercial sixty days at $3.52\frac{3}{4}$, against 3.62 a week ago. Closing rates on Antwerp francs were $4.53\frac{3}{4}$ for checks and $4.54\frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers, as compared with $4.54\frac{3}{4}$ and $4.54\frac{3}{4}$ the previous week. Reichsmarks remain at 23.81 (one rate) for both checks and cable transfers. Austrian kronen have not been changed from $0.0014\frac{1}{8}$. Lire closed at $4.01\frac{3}{8}$ for bankers' sight bills and at $4.02\frac{3}{8}$ for cable remittances. This compares with $4.02\frac{3}{4}$ and $4.03\frac{3}{4}$ a week earlier. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at $2.96\frac{1}{4}$, against $2.96\frac{3}{8}$; on Bucharest at 0.43, against $0.43\frac{1}{4}$, and on Finland at 2.52 (unchanged). Polish zloties closed at 13.50 (unchanged from the preceding week). Greek drachmae finished at $1.40\frac{1}{4}$ for checks and at $1.40\frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers, in comparison with 1.41 and $1.41\frac{1}{2}$ a week ago.

Sharp changes in the prices of Scandinavian exchange marked operations in the neutral exchanges formerly so-called, and these were accompanied for the first time in many weeks, by increased activity. The outstanding feature of the week's dealings was a spectacular advance in Danish kronen that carried the quotation up 126 points from the close of last Friday, to 26.09. Norwegian krone were a close second, with an advance of 88 points, to 21.18. Almost from the start heavy buying persisted, and the

turnover assumed record large proportions. The general feeling appeared to be that the Danish authorities had finally determined to bring the rate on Copenhagen exchange back to par and operators were intent on making profits before final stabilization had been accomplished. Considerable excitement prevailed and dealers were said to be bidding feverishly at all important European centres. London, Amsterdam, Berlin and Hamburg were said to be buyers. At 26.09, Danish kronen are only 77 points under parity. For a time realizing sales caused a recession to 25.97, but there was a closing rally that carried prices to the top. Financial interests were somewhat at a loss to account for the rise in Norwegian exchange, since Norway occupies a far less favorable financial position than Denmark. The only logical conclusion eventually was that it was in sympathy with the movement in Denmark. The recommendations of the Norwegian Currency Commission that the Bank of Norway stabilize exchange at around the levels prevailing January 30 by buying and selling exchange was not generally taken very seriously. Later in the week, the price of Norwegian exchange broke 25 points, due to a slackening in buying power, then regained all the loss on fresh buying. Local dealers shared only to a comparatively minor extent in the trading. Dutch guilders were neglected and hovered around $40.04@40.07$ the whole week. Swiss francs were inactive and slightly lower. Swedish exchange was firm but virtually unchanged, while Spanish pesetas were dealt in to a limited extent and remained at close to the low level of last week, 14.08.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished at $40.05\frac{1}{2}$, against 40.05; cable transfers at $40.07\frac{1}{2}$, against 40.07; commercial sight at $39.97\frac{1}{2}$, against 39.97; and commercial sixty days at $39.61\frac{1}{2}$, against 39.61 a week ago. Final quotations on Swiss francs were $19.25\frac{1}{4}$ for bankers' sight bills and $19.26\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers. Last week the close was 19.25 and 19.26. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.09 and cable transfers at 26.13, against 24.81 and 24.85. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.73 and cable transfers at 26.77, against 26.75 and 26.79, while checks on Norway finished at 21.18 and cable transfers at 21.22, against 20.30 and 20.34 the previous week. Spanish pesetas closed at 14.08 for checks and at 14.10 for cable transfers. A week ago the close was $14.08\frac{1}{2}$ and $14.10\frac{1}{2}$.

South American exchange was dull with mixed movements. Argentine pesos ruled firmer, touching 41.12 for checks and 41.17 for cable transfers, then sagged and closed at $40.80@40.85$, against 40.84 and 40.89, while Brazilian milreis also turned weak and finished at 14.68 for checks and at 14.73 for cable transfers, against 14.71 and 14.76 last week. Chilean exchange closed lower at 12.07, against 12.10, while Peru finished at 3.84, against 3.83 last week.

Far Eastern exchange came into prominence once more because of another spectacular advance in Japanese yen, which shot up to 47, a new high point since 1923. Buying, which was very heavy and emanated from a number of sources, was attributed to the greatly improved trade conditions in Japan. Gold exports likewise helped, as did rumors that the Japanese Government contemplated the placing of a large dollar loan for stabilization along the same lines as that undertaken by Great Britain last year. Closing rates were $58\frac{1}{4}@58\frac{1}{2}$ for Hong Kong, against $58\frac{3}{8}@58\frac{1}{4}$; Shanghai, $74\frac{3}{4}@75\frac{1}{2}$, against $75\frac{1}{4}@75\frac{1}{2}$; Yokohama, $46\frac{1}{2}@47$, against $45\frac{1}{8}@$

45½; Manila, 49⅝@49⅞ (unchanged); Singapore, 57@57¼ (unchanged); Bombay, 37@37¼ (unchanged), and Calcutta, 36¾@37 (the same as last week).

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. 13 1926 TO FEB. 19 1926, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	Feb. 13.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 16.	Feb. 17.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 19.
EUROPE—						
Austria, schilling*.....	1.14047	1.14058	1.14051	1.14031	1.14061	1.14061
Belgium, franc.....	.0455	.0454	.0454	.0454	.0454	.0454
Bulgaria, lev.....	.007125	.007175	.007044	.007069	.007125	.007175
Czechoslovakia, krone.....	.029623	.029626	.029614	.029617	.029616	.029618
Denmark, krone.....	.2578	.2604	.2587	.2594	.2593	.2596
England, pound sterling.....	4.8634	4.8631	4.8628	4.8639	4.8641	4.8638
Finland, markka.....	.025213	.025208	.025213	.025203	.025202	.025209
France, franc.....	.0369	.0367	.0363	.0365	.0361	.0357
Germany, reichsmark.....	.2381	.2380	.2381	.2381	.2381	.2381
Greece, drachma.....	.014363	.014327	.014275	.014223	.014180	.014105
Holland, guilder.....	.4008	.4007	.4006	.4007	.4007	.4007
Hungary, pengo.....	.1756	.1755	.1756	.1758	.1755	.1756
Italy, lira.....	.0404	.0403	.0403	.0404	.0403	.0402
Norway, krone.....	.2061	.2109	.2088	.2095	.2093	.2099
Poland, zloty.....	.1353	.1347	.1350	.1343	.1335	.1304
Portugal, escudo.....	.0513	.0514	.0512	.0512	.0514	.0512
Rumania, leu.....	.004324	.004328	.004316	.004318	.004314	.004317
Spain, peseta.....	.1409	.1407	.1408	.1412	.1412	.1409
Sweden, krona.....	.2678	.2678	.2677	.2677	.2677	.2676
Switzerland, franc.....	.1926	.1926	.1926	.1926	.1926	.1926
Yugoslavia, dinar.....	.017605	.017596	.017596	.017603	.017611	.017605
ASIA—						
China						
Chefoo, tael.....	.7683	.7692	.7671	.7667	.7617	.7646
Hankow, tael.....	.7625	.7638	.7625	.7616	.7572	.7603
Shanghai, tael.....	.7382	.7386	.7388	.7375	.7336	.7356
Tientsin, tael.....	.7754	.7771	.7750	.7750	.7700	.7725
Hong Kong, dollar.....	.5701	.5706	.5786	.5777	.5766	.5770
Mexican dollar.....	.5379	.5365	.5373	.5354	.5340	.5329
Tientsin or Pelyang, dollar.....	.5417	.5417	.5417	.5400	.5388	.5400
Yuan, dollar.....	.5546	.5550	.5546	.5525	.5513	.5525
India, rupee.....	.3677	.3677	.3676	.3677	.3676	.3674
Japan, yen.....	.4506	.4502	.4561	.4613	.4630	.4602
Singapore (S.S.), dollar.....	.5667	.5667	.5667	.5663	.5663	.5663
NORTH AMER.						
Canada, dollar.....	.996094	.996172	.996038	.996127	.995564	.995714
Cuba, peso.....	.999781	.999531	.999781	.999781	.998906	.999563
Mexico, peso.....	.484500	.484500	.484500	.485167	.486333	.485833
Newfoundland, dollar.....	.993375	.993750	.993625	.993688	.993000	.993203
SOUTH AMER.						
Argentina, peso (gold).....	.9322	.9340	.9339	.9348	.9305	.9278
Brazil, milreis.....	.1475	.1477	.1477	.1477	.1484	.1482
Chile, peso (paper).....	.1215	.1213	.1211	.1215	.1216	.1210
Uruguay, peso.....	1.0319	1.0318	1.0327	1.0269	1.0337	1.0317

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

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$3,694,535 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ended Feb. 18. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$4,501,035, while the shipments have reached \$806,500, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week Ended February 18.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$4,501,035	\$806,500	Gain \$3,694,535

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. 13.	Monday, Feb. 15.	Tuesday, Feb. 16.	Wednesday, Feb. 17.	Thursday, Feb. 18.	Friday, Feb. 19.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 112,000,000	\$ 118,000,000	\$ 84,000,000	\$ 99,000,000	\$ 76,000,000	\$ 83,000,000	Cr 572,000,000

Note.—The foregoing heavy credits reflect the huge mass of checks which come to the New York Reserve Bank from all parts of the country in the operation of the Federal Reserve System's bar 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 bulion in the principal European banks:

Banks of	February 18 1926.			February 19 1925.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England.....	£ 144,670,556	£ —	£ 144,670,556	£ 128,579,230	£ —	£ 128,579,230
France a.....	147,355,888	13,080,000	160,435,888	147,256,028	12,200,000	159,456,028
Germany c.....	49,731,700	d994,600	50,726,300	35,419,500	994,600	36,414,100
Aus.-Hun.....	b2,000,000	b	b2,000,000	b2,000,000	b	b2,000,000
Spain.....	101,475,000	26,323,000	127,798,000	101,439,000	26,277,000	127,716,000
Italy.....	35,673,000	3,405,000	39,078,000	35,584,000	3,368,000	38,952,000
Netherl'ds.....	36,267,000	2,154,000	38,421,000	42,042,000	1,453,000	43,495,000
Nat. Belg.....	10,954,000	3,650,000	14,604,000	10,890,000	2,979,000	13,869,000
Switzerl'd.....	17,079,000	3,715,000	20,794,000	19,950,000	3,609,000	23,559,000
Sweden.....	12,774,000	—	12,774,000	13,014,000	—	13,014,000
Denmark.....	11,624,000	825,000	12,449,000	11,638,000	1,025,000	12,663,000
Norway.....	8,180,000	—	8,180,000	8,180,000	—	8,180,000
Total week.....	577,784,142	54,146,600	631,930,742	555,991,758	51,905,600	607,897,358
Prev. week.....	577,167,768	54,130,600	631,298,368	552,891,737	52,050,600	604,942,337

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.

An Opportunity for the League of Nations.

On March 8 there will open at Geneva an extraordinary session of the Assembly of the League of Nations, convened by vote of the Council primarily for the purpose of admitting Germany to the League. It will be recalled that the entry of Germany into the League, as a necessary step toward the establishment of permanent peace in Europe, was emphasized in the diplomatic correspondence between Germany and the former Allies which preceded the Locarno Conference, and it was generally understood that the signature of the Locarno treaties would be followed shortly by the admission of Germany to the League, with a seat in the Council, without opposition or further conditions. The delay in ratifying the Locarno treaties, and particularly the uncertainty as to whether or not the Allied military occupation of the Rhineland was to be relaxed, aroused party feeling in Germany, and it was not until the British troops were withdrawn from Cologne, at the beginning of February, that the German Government saw its way clear to act. The formal application of Germany for admission was filed with the Secretary-General of the League on Feb. 10, and two days later the Council convoked the Assembly for March 8. By the terms of the Covenant, any self-governing State may be admitted to membership by a two-thirds vote of the Assembly, "provided that it shall give effective guarantees of its sincere intention to observe its international obligations, and shall accept such regulations as may be prescribed by the League in regard to its military, naval and air forces and armaments." Admission to a permanent seat in the Council is by vote of the Council, which must be unanimous, supported by a majority vote of the Assembly.

Meantime an ominous political controversy has developed, not directly over the question of receiving Germany as a member of the League, but over the question of the composition of the Council in the event that a permanent seat in that body is assigned to Germany. There is no question that Germany was virtually promised a permanent seat in the Council, with the informal approval of Great Britain and France, and apparently there is no disposition to go back on that assurance. The controversy which has arisen turns upon a demand for an enlargement of the Council's membership as an offset to the anticipated influence of Germany. France, it is reported, has been working to secure a permanent seat for its ally, Poland, upon whose aid it has all along counted to resist any attempt by Germany to recover any of its former territory to the east, and the claims of Spain to a permanent seat in the Council have also been strongly urged. Apparently it is the feeling of France that if Germany alone is assigned a permanent place in the Council, that body,

whose members have not always seen eye to eye with France in matters of League policy, will become more anti-French than ever, and that the danger is to be met by making the Council in fact, although not, of course, in form, anti-German, either by securing an additional seat for Poland or by supporting the candidacy of a State whose sympathies would probably be French.

The respective merits of the claimant States doubtless differ considerably, and the candidacy of Poland, formed as that State is in large part of territory taken from Germany by the Peace Conference, is peculiarly distasteful to Germany. Dr. Stresemann, the German Foreign Minister, is even reported to have threatened to withdraw the application of Germany for admission to the League if any other nation is to be given a permanent seat in the Council—a threat which obviously is directed at Poland, since the political relations of Germany with Spain are entirely friendly. The merits of the candidates, however, are of small consequence in comparison with the principle involved. The British Government, while refraining thus far from taking an official position in the controversy, is reported to be averse to taking advantage of the admission of Germany to change the composition of the Council, whether in the interest of France or for any other purpose. There is force in the contention that the Council in which Germany was assured of a permanent place is the Council as it was constituted when the Locarno settlement was being made, and that a change in the membership of the Council now, especially when made for no other convincing reason than to erect an offset to German influence, would be both bad politics and bad faith. It is to be expected that great Powers like Great Britain or France will always exercise a greater influence in the League affairs than smaller States, but that is an entirely different thing from so contriving the membership of the Council as to form a kind of new balance of power and perpetuate the memory of national antagonisms which the World War so bitterly accentuated. Great Britain, accordingly, it is intimated, will insist that Germany be given the permanent seat virtually promised to it, but without further changes in the composition of the Council, unless, presumably, Germany itself should consent. In view of the statement made by Dr. Stresemann on Thursday to a correspondent of the New York "Times" to the effect that no change in the composition of the Council in connection with Germany's admission could be considered, seems to put Germany's consent out of the question.

The controversy is peculiarly regrettable just at this time, because of the cloud which it casts over the League and the integrity of the Locarno treaties. The admission of Germany to the League, with a permanent seat in the Council, has been looked forward to as a proper culmination of the Locarno settlement and a further assurance of continued European peace. No country in Europe needs peace more than Germany, and peace for Germany means peace for western Europe and perhaps for the world. If Germany is to enter the League, it presumably will enter on a footing of equality with the other member States—equality in debate, in the determination of policy, in voting, and in rights. A great Power whose representatives sit at the common council table, and share with the represen-

tatives of other Powers in the responsibilities of League business, cannot well continue to be regarded as an enemy, either actual or potential. The intelligence, the political experience and judgment, and the financial and business efficiency of Germany may confidently be expected to contribute their proper share in whatever work the League may be called upon to do. Not least in importance, such vitriolic outbursts as those in which Mussolini has lately indulged could hardly be launched with impunity against a State which was a member of the League, and it may well be hoped that such outgivings, accompanied as they have been with open flouting of the League, may cease to trouble the European waters once Germany is in a position to take notice of them as a League member in full and regular standing.

The League, in short, stands at the threshold of a great opportunity, and the attitude of its members toward the struggle for place and national influence which has developed will afford a measure of its sincerity and firmness. It has still before it the large problem of disarmament, it is preparing to hold a European economic conference whose results may be far-reaching, and it is furthering a revision and codification of international law. All of these are matters of deep significance for world peace. No one who wants the world to be prosperous and happy will fail to wish well to the League in the prosecution of these great undertakings, or withhold the commendation which will be its due whenever it exerts itself to allay international irritation or prevent war. Whether or not the present composition of the Council is what it should be is a question fairly open to debate, and the Covenant of the League interposes no obstacle to any changes which the League, after full and impartial study, shall deem advisable. There is nothing sacrosanct about the present arrangement of four permanent members and six non-permanent members of the Council, or five to six, as it will be after Germany takes its seat. The League, like any other political body, should be a growing affair, and its organization will adapt itself to circumstances. Whatever is done, however, ought surely to be done without such frank national self-seeking as the present controversy shows.

If the League is to command respect, it must be wholly non-partisan as between the member States, not bi-partisan, or anti-French, or anti-German. It cannot inspire confidence if it professes impartiality while permitting national selfishness to rule in the composition of its most important chamber, and it is not likely to accomplish much if its guiding principle is the discredited one of a balance of power. The world, as Austen Chamberlain is quoted as saying, is no longer living on that plane. There will be many to wish that British common sense, which in such matters always ranks high, will exert its influence successfully to prevent complicating the admission of Germany to the League with any question of national or regional ambition, and that France and Spain may see the wisdom of dropping demands which, if pressed, may conceivably put the whole Locarno settlement in jeopardy.

Women in Industry.

During the recent interlude of spring in winter, women's organizations at Washington clashed over the future status of women in industry and presented

petitions to the President for and against a proposed Equal Rights Constitutional Amendment designed to remove the limitations placed upon women by the statutes of many States. The National Women's Party declares that equal suffrage does not bring equal rights because of many antiquated laws that still remain in the several States, enacted to protect and favor women. The Women's Bureau of the American Federation of Labor combat this position on the ground "of its destructiveness to labor standards and to industrial equality of any real sort." This element sees in the proposed Amendment the "destruction of the State laws" which limit the hours and fix standards for the working conditions of women in industry." The effort of the National Women's Party contemplates a much broader field of emancipation than the counter effort of the Women's Bureau of the A. F. of L.; but as the principle involved is well exemplified in the special labor laws for women this element of the controversy may be taken as illustrative of the whole.

It ought to be apparent at the outset that women cannot ask for equality under the laws in the same breath that they ask for special laws to protect weakness and inexperience. In industry, especially, weakness and inexperience are not protected in the actual conduct of business. The home is not the market place. It is true that small business of certain kinds is continually demanding at law protection from the so-called smothering propensities of big business. But this is fast coming to be regarded to pleading the question. The old phrase, "business is business," has softened in tone. It does not mean, as much as it once did, that no quarter is to be given and every advantage taken. But it does mean that energy, enterprise and planning are entitled to their rewards. Business cannot wait on incompetence or stand aside for sheer courtesy. If it did we would make little progress. Nor can it ask permission of those who would abolish competition. Nor can it order the price, profit, and working day, made equal to all. In fact, though we do not think of it in that way, this seeking to control the time element by law, is socialistic. It does not succeed wholly, because it cannot be made applicable to all occupations. And if it could be so applied, it would still fail because no statutory law can be applied to the time-element in thought. We may, as for example in the trade of brick-laying, so time the number to be laid in a day under organization orders as to make the slow, slovenly and dilatory workman the equal of his alert and able associate, but when uninterfered with by outside influences, muscular labor is left to itself, the quick thinker will naturally be the quick worker. Holding the fast thinker and worker down to the level with the slow, serves to put a premium on incompetence, to retard growth and accomplishment, and to interfere with natural evolution in the business world. The injection of women into this equation does not change it.

As we have said, broader questions are involved than favored hours and working conditions. Women's rights to sole ownership of property, its use and disposition at death, also full and fair rights under inheritance, are involved in the position and aim of the National Women's Party. But common sense would suggest awaiting the inevitable efforts of the States to bring the status of women up to that of men by the awakening of the public to such injustices as still linger over from the years

when woman had no vote and no place in public or business affairs. In the demand for a Constitutional Amendment there is the threat of party politics. It would be unfortunate if this National Women's Party should undertake to enter the field of politics and thus array women against men. Just as these inequalities will disappear of themselves if left to increasing enlightenment, so there will be no sex in politics, any more than there is in thought, if women will seek for political and industrial education and knowledge and walk humbly until they get it. Admitting that an organization even under the title adopted may be useful in arousing sentiment and pointing out the conditions that require adjustment to make the emancipation of women effective, why pass a Constitutional Amendment to enable ignorance, inexperience and indifference with power to overcome the civil and political attainments of the competent?

The position taken by the women of the A. F. of L. is in keeping with that taken by the parent organization. It has many theories as to the welfare of employer and employee, but it fails not to be practical in looking after the benefits thought to accrue to "labor" and the workingman. It is quite content to have the "workingman" in the trades work eight hours a day though the employer, because of strikes and other interferences, often must burn the midnight oil to keep the plant going. It knows that eight hours (or less) is impossible to all who work, and therefore must be an advantage to those who can gain it by law. It knows that until women can gain knowledge and skill they must in the nature of things work for less pay than men, therefore, if women can be controlled under an eight-hour law they will be less competitive than now. It is to be given credit for its humane attitude in the past toward women who work for a living, but this humane-ness has not been applied heretofore to unorganized labor or to the public in its coercive measures to obtain what it wants for itself. It will freely take women into its fold when they are conformists, but when they seek a broader and more independent equality before the law it encourages opposition because it might interfere with the power attained under the eight-hour law.

The economics of "women in industry" is complicated and extensive and includes the factors of the home, the child, and society. It will be a long time, if the matter ever reaches that pass, before the influx of women in business is complete. There is no impending danger of doubling production. And it will be better for woman that her entrance be slow and gradual. It is not a question of capability. That has been proved and is generally admitted. It is a question of skill and information—and more than all a question of ownership of property. She must come into business by the way of work and accumulation. What she now owns is largely through the gratuities of men and through inheritance. At this time she is an untrained investor as she is an unskilled worker. In the chess-game of modern business she is a beginner, at most an amateur. She cannot well work in the fields, and can work in the shop and store and in many tasks of the factory, yet she is probably, due to her familiarity with that kind of life, a better mental farmer than merchant. She has been, in a limited way, an efficient manager in corporations, but as a whole, she would prove inexperienced if thrown into this form of business enter-

prise. Her too rapid induction into industry, even if it could be accelerated by law, would be an economic disaster.

These struggles and movements, therefore, to hasten participation before she has the equipment is not to woman's advantage. Better let the environing natural laws control than to force her in by statutes. Everyone, man or woman, has a right to speculate. But for most it is an unwise practice. Plunging into big business and rushing into small, would amount to the same thing for women. The far-sighted and experienced (men) would usually win. Exigencies of life and death are such that the woman who wishes to work or to enter business must be accorded that right and opportunity. But she must come in under the laws already established for the game. She cannot reasonably ask for favors, exemptions, or subsidies, due to sex. If she does do so she is not only unworthy of the new freedom and independence, but she is tending to destroy that which she has. It would be an anomaly to have women, through the A. F. of L. (for all she has undoubtedly saved through her home-life to increase wealth and capital), to come to business and demand a share in management and profits because her work "created" wealth. Coming into industry through this organization is coming in under a restraint.

The greatest advantage in this whole women's crusade is the triumph of opinion which now acknowledges the right of woman as a human being to choose her own mode of life, to support herself by her own mind and hand, if necessary, in the same way that man does, in and through the productive energies of the world. She is no longer doomed to the life that is denoted by the phrase "clinging vine." But it is for this very reason that she cannot ask that the "rules of the game" of business be changed in her favor. When, from choice or necessity, she takes up a vocation or a business she must (though unfortunately for the freedom and independence of trade certain classes of men do not do so) abide by

the natural laws and not become a petitioner for special laws. Nor can she demand the old courtesies that in a purely social life extended to her formal deference. Competition waits on no man; it will not wait on any woman. That her mentality will be increased by industrial freedom and independence must certainly follow. That she may add a factor of, shall we say for want of a better term, goodness to the conduct of business depends largely upon her acquiescence in trade rules and her own stability of character. If she exchanges the conscious worth of the normal benefits of business for the growing desire for the rapid acquisition of great wealth she will only increase the "turmoil."

It is too early to estimate the influence of women on business. It will take time to determine what proportion of women will care to take up the business life. Of those now engaged in the professions and trades the number of those who are permanent is not determinable. It is noted, in the consideration of continuity of employment, that while young women marry and leave, young men are constantly on the move for higher pay and positions. But ambition to succeed by personal effort on the part of the former will grow and the eagerness for betterment will produce the same results. So that society must feel the effects of this change in the status of woman as well as politics and economics. It is reasonable to predict that the "butterfly" life of the woman social aspirant will be diminished, and that serious work will induce serious contemplation of the meaning and purpose of human life. Many women will continue to choose the home rather than active business. Many will embrace the mission of wife and mother rather than the allurements of politics or business. How far these conflicting motives can be reconciled, what time must elapse before other revolutions in society have determined their influence, it is idle to speculate. This change has been comparatively sudden, the results will be long in the determining.

The Trust Companies in New York and Elsewhere

Continuing the practice begun by us a long time ago, we print on subsequent pages our annual comparative returns of the trust companies in this city (Manhattan and Brooklyn boroughs) and also those in Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and St. Louis, bringing down the figures to the close of 1925. For this city the figures, as far as the liabilities and assets of the different companies are concerned, are those furnished to the Superintendent of Banking at Albany, under his latest call, namely Nov. 14 1925. As has been many times pointed out by us, it was the practice of the Banking Department for a quarter of a century or more to require reports for the closing day of the year, but this was changed in December 1911 by the then executive head of the Department, and from that time to 1914 various dates in December were fixed as the time of the return, while in December 1915 the last day was again chosen, but for 1916 the date was dropped back to Nov. 29, for 1917 to Nov. 14, for 1918 to Nov. 1, while for 1919 the date was fixed at Nov. 12; for 1920, for 1921, for 1922, for 1923 and for 1924 at Nov. 15; and for 1925 at Nov. 14. The Superintendent who inaugurated the departure evidently contemplated that there should always be a return for some date in December, though the date was not to be known

beforehand. Succeeding incumbents of the office have not felt bound by any such rule, and accordingly have named a day in November.

Perhaps the most noteworthy feature in the latest figures of these trust company returns is that comparing Nov. 14 1925 with Nov. 15 1924 there is virtually no further expansion in the aggregate of the deposits. There was considerable further addition in the first half of 1925, but nearly the whole of this new gain was lost in the second half of 1925. There is, however, nothing strange about this and the returns merely reflect the change in monetary conditions. Money became dearer as the year progressed and it is common experience to have the deposits drawn down as interest rates rise, the explanation being that the depositors find more remunerative employment for their funds than the rate of interest allowed them on their deposits. As a matter of fact, except in periods of extreme ease in money, the deposits are very apt to fall off in the closing months of the year, since the demand for money is then nearly always more active and more urgent than at other periods.

The decline in the deposit item the last half of 1925 is the more significant inasmuch as the facilities of the trust companies for doing business were

further extended by new additions to their capital account. In this city the Farmers Loan & Trust Co. in March 1925 increased its capital from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000; the Fulton Trust in February 1925 increased from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, while the American Trust Co. first increased in January from \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000 and in November 1925 further increased (but too late to count in the present figures) from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000. Besides these additions, the Manufacturers Trust Co. raised its capital from \$5,000,000 to \$8,000,000 on March 24 1925 and raised it still higher to \$10,000,000 on May 20 1925. The company took over the Fifth National Bank with a capital of \$1,200,000, the Gotham National Bank with \$1,500,000 capital and the Yorkville Bank with \$200,000 capital. Further large increases are to come in 1926, the Equitable Trust Co. of this city having announced that its capital is to be raised from \$23,000,000 to \$30,000,000, the subscriptions for the new stock being payable Mar. 31 1926. A merger of the Coal & Iron National Bank with the Fidelity International Trust Co. is also pending under the title of the Fidelity Trust Co. In Brooklyn, the People's Trust Co. announced an increase from \$1,600,000 to \$2,000,000 on Dec. 22 1925, the additional stock in this instance having been payable Jan. 15 1926. It should be pointed out that two changes in 1925 involved a reduction in capital. In January 1925 the Chatham & Phenix National Bank took over the Metropolitan Trust Co. with a capital of \$2,000,000, eliminating that company from the trust company list, and the Lawyers Trust Co. was organized to conduct the trust business formerly done by the Lawyers Title & Trust Co. The new company, which is a distinctively trust institution, has a capital of only \$3,000,000, whereas the Lawyers Title & Trust Co., which had appeared in the trust company list because of its trust company business, had a capital of \$6,000,000.

Outside the Greater New York, the Buffalo Trust Co. increased its capital from \$2,000,000 to \$2,500,000, effective July 1 1925. Later in the year this company was merged with the Marine Trust Co. under the title of the latter, but that came too late to count in our present figures. Another change which came too late for the 1925 results was the merger of the Manufacturers & Traders National Bank with the Fidelity Trust Co., both of Buffalo, the combined institutions taking the name of the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. There were a few other, though minor increases, in other parts of the State. As a matter of fact, the capital of the trust companies has been steadily increasing in recent years, notwithstanding the elimination of so many companies from the list, as mentioned further below. For the Greater New York the total stood at \$104,700,000 on Nov. 12 1919; \$116,983,300 Nov. 15 1920; \$125,500,000 Nov. 15 1921; \$127,600,000 Nov. 15 1922; \$159,000,000 Nov. 15 1923; \$163,000,000 Nov. 15 1924 and has now risen to \$169,500,000 Nov. 14 1925, with further large increases to come in 1926 as already noted.

As to the deposits, the total of this item for the Greater New York, which on Nov. 15 1924 was \$3,031,376,388 fell to \$2,875,110,143 Mar. 25 1925, then ran up to \$3,382,697,749 June 30 1925, but declined to \$3,256,412,790 Sept. 30 and declined further to \$2,968,206,137 Nov. 14 1925. In this case, it will be seen, there is an actual loss in deposits for the twelve months in amount of \$63,170,251. The

elimination of the Metropolitan Trust Co. from the list is responsible, however, for \$48,803,080 of this loss. No other company disappeared from the list during the period covered by our figures and one small new trust company entered the list, namely the Banco di Sicilia Trust Co., which reported total deposits Nov. 14 1925 of only \$1,681,798. It should be added that in the case of the trust companies for the whole State, including the Greater New York, the November 1925 aggregate, as it happens, is *not* less than the corresponding total for November 1924, but somewhat larger. Here there was first a decrease from \$3,743,655,185 Nov. 15 1924 to \$3,629,110,008 Mar. 25 1925, then an increase to \$4,170,275,106 June 30 1925, followed by a decrease to \$4,052,326,737 Sept. 30 1925 and a further sharp decline to \$3,767,251,862 Nov. 14 1925, leaving the latter figure, it will be observed, \$23,596,677 larger than the amount twelve months before.

In 1920 and 1921 the trust companies, like the mercantile banks, had their deposits drawn down under the influence of business depression, credit restriction and price deflation. On the other hand, in 1922, 1923 and 1924 the trust companies no less than the banks enjoyed renewed growth in their deposits with the return to normal conditions. And, as a matter of fact, as we have frequently pointed out in the past, the fluctuations in the items referred to in the case of the trust companies always correspond quite closely with the fluctuations in the same items in the case of the banks. The business of the two classes of institutions is becoming more or less similar, at least in this city. While the New York trust companies cannot be said to be doing a mercantile business in the ordinary sense, not a few of the banks are assuming trust company functions, besides which there have been in recent years several important amalgamations of trust companies with banks, and in such instances the consolidated institution of course continues both the former mercantile business and the trust company work. In some of these amalgamations the result has been to transfer a bank to the trust company list, the charter of the bank being surrendered and the charter of the trust company retained, while in other cases the effect has been to transfer a trust company to the bank group, the charter of the trust company being given up. In the course of our present remarks we shall have occasion to refer to both types of merger. The truth is, as a consequence of such combinations there has been so much shifting from the trust company list to the bank group, and vice versa, that comparisons between one period and another period over a series of years is considerably disturbed thereby.

For the Greater New York aggregate deposits between Nov. 12 1919 and Nov. 15 1921 fell from \$2,443,087,071 to \$2,001,080,342. By Nov. 15 1922 the amount was back to \$2,208,982,617; for Nov. 15 1923 it was up to \$2,486,238,620, or larger than before; by Nov. 15 1924 it had risen to \$3,031,376,388, or the largest figures on record, while now, for Nov. 14 1925, it is somewhat lower again at \$2,968,206,137. It is well enough to add, as we did last year, that were it not for certain mergers which have taken several trust companies out of the trust company list the recovery and further progress in 1922, 1923 and 1924 would have reached still larger proportions. Not only that, but the disappearance of certain trust companies from the list served greatly to increase the loss resulting from business depres-

sion in the two years from 1919 to 1921. Thus the Irving Trust Co., which on Nov. 12 1919 had reported aggregate deposits of \$76,278,940, was on April 19 1920 merged in the Irving National Bank, while on May 1 1920 the Franklin Trust Co., which the previous Nov. 12 had reported deposits of \$25,278,176, was merged in the Bank of America and also disappeared from the trust company returns. The elimination of these two institutions from the trust company list accounted for over \$101,000,000 of the \$288,000,000 loss in deposits shown in 1920. Then in 1921 there occurred the absorption of the Hamilton Trust Co. of Brooklyn by the Metropolitan Bank, while in 1922 there were several other mergers which operated to take trust companies out of their class. For instance, in April 1922 the Mercantile Trust Co. of this city was taken over by the Seaboard National Bank and in July 1922 the Lincoln Trust Co. was merged in the Mechanics & Metals National Bank.

On the other hand, in the consolidation in September 1922 of the Bank of New York with the New York Life Insurance & Trust Co. and the continuance of the operations of the combined institutions under the title of Bank of New York & Trust Co., with retention of the trust company charter, the trust company list got the benefit of the additional deposits of the Bank of New York, which the previous December were reported at \$52,946,000. Furthermore, in 1923, through another consolidation, the Irving National Bank once more resumed its place among the trust companies. In other words, on Feb. 7 1923 the Columbia Trust Co. was consolidated with the Irving National Bank and the combined institution became the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co. This last mentioned change disturbed greatly the comparison between November 1923 and November 1922, tending to make the improvement in the trust company totals for the 12 months very much larger than it really was, for while in 1922 the Columbia, standing by itself, reported deposits of \$89,613,080, the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., in its report for Nov. 15 1923, showed total deposits of no less than \$307,569,734. At the same time, however, the re-entry of the Irving into the trust company list evened up the comparisons with earlier years—the years prior to 1920. Nevertheless, this still leaves the Mercantile Trust Co. and the Lincoln Trust Co., both of this city, as also the Franklin Trust Co. of Brooklyn and the Hamilton Trust Co. of the same borough, formerly appearing among the trust companies, outside the fold. On the other hand, the business and operations of two banks of considerable size were during 1923 absorbed by trust companies, serving thereby to swell the trust company totals. On June 29 1923 the Equitable Trust took over the Importers & Traders National Bank, with deposits of approximately \$30,000,000, and on Aug. 14 the Manufacturers Trust Co., which in previous years had absorbed several other banks, took over the Columbia Bank with deposits of about \$31,000,000. In 1925, as already set out above, the Manufacturers Trust absorbed several other banks. A smaller transaction of the same nature was the absorption in April 1923 of the Terminal Exchange Bank with deposits of about \$3,000,000 by the Hudson Trust Co. Contrariwise, in 1924 the Commercial Trust, which on March 20 1924 had deposits of \$12,409,310, two months later was absorbed by the East River National Bank and disappeared from the trust company field. As against this, however, we had in

1924 three entirely new trust companies, namely the Anglo-South American with deposits Nov. 15 1924 of \$11,353,874, the Banca Commerciale Italiana with deposits of \$4,509,863 and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Corp. Trust with deposits of \$5,218,301. The Hudson Trust was on July 9 1924 merged in the Empire Trust and in January 1925 the Metropolitan Trust Co. was taken over by the Chatham & Phenix National Bank and disappeared from the trust company list.

For the whole State the deposits of the trust companies, after having fallen from \$2,885,355,813 Nov. 12 1919 to \$2,672,289,441 Nov. 15 1920 and then to \$2,497,547,429 Nov. 15 1921, on Nov. 15 1922 got back to \$2,770,799,561, for Nov. 15 1923 were up to \$3,090,947,512, for Nov. 15 1924 jumped to \$3,743,655,185 and for Nov. 14 1925 stand at \$3,767,251,862. As indicating the magnitude to which trust company operations in this State have risen (the vast preponderating portion of the whole being, of course, contributed by the trust companies of this city), it should not escape notice that when capital, surplus and the various other items that go to make up the balance sheet, are added, the aggregate of the resources for Nov. 15 1925 is found to have been no less than \$4,571,535,770 and on June 30 1925 (before the contraction in deposits which subsequently occurred) were as high as \$4,898,258,076.

The item of surplus and profits which in 1921 showed some shrinkage (owing, no doubt, to diminished profits as well as the charging off of heavier losses than usual), has made new high record totals each year since then. It should be understood, however, that the increase does not in its entirety reflect accumulation of surplus earnings. In part it has followed from the selling of new stock at a premium. Thus the \$500,000 of new stock issued by the Fulton Trust Co. was offered for subscription at \$150 per share, and \$500,000 of the new stock put out by the American Trust Co. was sold at \$163 33 per share, and the further \$1,000,000 of new stock made by the same company in November 1925 (after the date of our figures) was placed at \$175 per share. The Equitable Trust Co. of this city is offering its \$7,000,000 of new stock to be paid for in March at \$200 per share. The Manufacturers Trust Co. placed some of its new stock put out in 1925 at \$300 per share and the People's Trust Co. of Brooklyn got \$200 per share for the new stock issued in January 1926. Surplus and profits for the trust companies in the Greater New York stood at \$237,865,765 Nov. 14 1925, against \$219,006,842 Nov. 15 1924; \$202,022,101 Nov. 15 1923; \$197,338,717 Nov. 15 1922; \$175,565,266 Nov. 15 1921; \$187,349,468 Nov. 15 1920, and \$179,326,098 Nov. 12 1919. For the whole State, including the Greater New York, the surplus account (with all undivided profits) Nov. 14 1925 was \$288,624,503, against \$263,732,250 Nov. 15 1924, \$242,049,428 Nov. 15 1923; \$235,322,994 Nov. 15 1922; \$209,223,775 Nov. 15 1921; \$219,945,439 Nov. 15 1920, and \$211,441,830 Nov. 12 1919.

A year ago we remarked that the trust companies had practically stopped borrowing and had only relatively small amounts of bills payable and discounts outstanding. In 1925 policy changed again. During the war period, when the trust companies, like the banks, were financing heavy purchases of United States Government obligations for themselves and their customers, these institu-

tions had recourse to the loaning facilities of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on quite an extensive scale. For all the trust companies in Greater New York the total of the bills payable outstanding Nov. 14 1925 was \$18,993,654, with no rediscounts. This compares with only \$2,758,406 the total of the bills payable and rediscounts Nov. 15 1924 and with \$16,981,613 Nov. 15 1923; \$9,281,621 Nov. 15 1922; \$35,631,000 Nov. 15 1921; \$242,934,456 Nov. 15 1920, and \$230,815,610 Nov. 12 1919. For the whole State the total of the two items Nov. 14 1925 was \$42,876,978 against \$10,488,998 Nov. 15 1924. The acceptances outstanding, too, are steadily increasing and amounted to (for the whole State) \$184,041,566 in 1925, \$163,450,398 in 1924, \$147,329,908 in 1923, and \$111,081,592 in 1922.

Passing now to a consideration of the assets, the feature is still another increase in the collateral loans, the largest single item among the investments of the trust companies. Such loans have always been a favorite form of investment with these institutions, and the further increase in the item is the more significant in view of the lessened deposits. For the Greater New York the aggregate of these loans fell from \$1,115,503,148 Nov. 12 1919 to \$896,288,916 Nov. 15 1920, and further declined to \$744,386,339 Nov. 15 1921, but recovered to \$846,437,293 Nov. 15 1922, to \$859,511,995 Nov. 15 1923, to \$1,202,283,870 Nov. 15 1924, and now for Nov. 14 1925 stands at \$1,267,717,424. For the whole State the amount is no less than \$1,470,452,312 in 1925, against \$1,354,727,295 in 1924. It is the bill holdings, however, that have increased most and the inclusion of the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust, with its large banking business of a strictly commercial nature, is mainly responsible for this. The designation of the item in the statement given out by the State Banking Department is "Loans, Discounts and Bills Purchased Not Secured by Collateral" and the aggregate amount for the trust companies in Greater New York is reported as \$668,845,396 Nov. 14 1925, against \$626,867,758 Nov. 15 1924, \$620,301,146 Nov. 15 1923, \$448,204,530 Nov. 15 1922, \$486,467,500 Nov. 15 1921, \$646,822,007 Nov. 15 1920, and \$479,327,753 Nov. 12 1919. For the whole State the amount stands at \$880,261,088 in 1925 against \$810,321,168 in 1924.

The stock and bond investments have been reduced, though still large. The aggregate for the companies in the Greater New York on Nov. 14 1925 was \$639,092,695, against \$761,457,826 Nov. 15 1924, \$578,844,733 Nov. 15 1923; \$607,744,730 Nov. 15 1922; \$480,806,007 Nov. 15 1921; \$460,767,809 Nov. 15 1920, and \$570,213,964 Nov. 12 1919. For the whole State the total Nov. 14 1925 is \$921,557,895, against \$1,037,185,829 Nov. 15 1924. The real estate held does not vary greatly from year to year and for the companies in Greater New York was \$40,530,591 Nov. 14 1925, against \$46,500,246 Nov. 15 1924, \$51,050,870 Nov. 15 1923, \$48,900,549 Nov. 15 1922; \$45,975,995 in November 1921; \$45,052,851 in November 1920 and \$44,703,110 in November 1919. The amount of bonds and mortgages owned has heretofore changed comparatively little from year to year, but during the last three years has substantially increased, the total for November 1925 for the trust companies of the Greater New York being \$89,053,572 against \$76,177,295 in November 1924, \$73,340,713 in November 1923; \$55,660,301 in November 1922;

\$60,374,001 in November 1921; \$58,694,686 in November 1920, and \$60,599,653 in 1919.

The reserve held by the trust companies with the Federal Reserve Bank has increased during the last two years, as would be expected from the inclusion of the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., with its large volume of deposits. The amount due from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, less offsets, combined with the amount due from approved reserve depositories, less offsets, aggregated for the trust companies of the Greater New York \$321,701,215 Nov. 14 1925, against \$338,428,608 Nov. 15 1924; \$260,735,096 Nov. 15 1923; \$243,672,704 Nov. 15 1922; \$234,304,212 in November 1921; \$196,965,929 in November 1920, and \$238,737,114 in November 1919.

The trust companies never hold large sums of cash in their own vaults and the holdings of "specie" in November 1925 were only \$3,637,699 against \$3-493,095 in November 1924, \$3,460,696 in November 1923, \$4,000,736 in November 1922, \$5,233,340 in November 1921, \$8,877,761 in 1920, and \$11,138,921 in 1919. In addition, the companies of the Greater New York reported \$23,823,016 of "other currency authorized by the laws of the United States" in 1925, against \$18,279,919 in 1924, \$23,795,804 in 1923, \$17,851,658 in 1922, \$17,704,536 in 1921, \$19,419,590 in 1920, and \$23,315,808 in 1919. The remaining cash items, viz.: "exchanges and checks for next day's clearings and other cash items," aggregated \$103,511,447 Nov. 14 1925, against \$141,416,538 Nov. 15 1924, \$260,573,825 Nov. 15 1923, \$164,352,748 Nov. 15 1922, \$146,059,871 in 1921, \$167,713,628 in 1920, and \$105,552,258 in 1919.

In the foregoing we have been dealing with the trust companies as a whole. As far as the separate companies are concerned, the elaborate statements on subsequent pages will enable the reader to ascertain what the experience of each company has been as between 1925 and 1923. To furnish a sort of general survey we introduce here the following table comprising all the companies in the Boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn, and showing the deposits on Nov. 12 1919, Nov. 15 1921, Nov. 15 1923, Nov. 15 1924 and Nov. 14 1925. The comparisons with the year preceding, it will be seen, vary considerably, some companies showing increases, other decreases.

DEPOSITS OF NEW YORK CITY TRUST COMPANIES.

Borough of Manhattan.	Nov. 12 1919.	Nov. 15 1921.	Nov. 15 1923.	Nov. 15 1924.	Nov. 14 1925.
American m.	9,082,733	15,448,676	24,097,029	35,379,562	43,204,608
Anglo-Sou.	-----	-----	-----	11,353,874	9,264,075
Amer. Tr	-----	-----	-----	4,509,863	8,999,515
Banca Com	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,681,798
Ital'a Tr.	-----	-----	-----	-----	392,803,042
Banco di Sicil	-----	-----	-----	-----	76,438,740
Trust Co.	-----	-----	-----	-----	81,883,620
Bankers.	317,536,146	280,452,276	288,329,316	376,886,759	71,844,790
Bank of N.Y.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
& Trust Co	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Broth'd Loc	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Eng Corp	-----	-----	-----	5,218,301	6,062,628
Trust Co.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Central, k.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Union Tr.	211,438,902	193,635,185	190,257,153	254,238,875	272,681,058
Commercial	8,717,627	7,284,656	13,423,949	(c)	(c)
Empire	50,412,043	47,160,104	46,045,438	63,834,250	70,312,948
Equitable	234,016,518	206,458,795	277,523,395	375,143,005	343,059,473
Farmers Loan	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
& Trust	166,688,021	134,064,853	130,179,259	156,636,540	148,434,347
Fidelity-Inter	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
national	12,944,106	21,127,153	21,742,909	20,783,513	21,970,661
Guaranty	9,312,365	8,314,322	10,381,903	12,171,861	14,575,579
Hudson	725,510,455	430,834,259	449,253,120	567,472,304	506,262,860
Irving B. N.Y.	8,268,864	7,007,493	10,691,870	(d)	(d)
Columbia	76,275,940	(u)	307,569,734	349,924,465	333,972,782
Italian Disc't	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
& Trust	17,372,888	12,044,482	7,286,281	9,514,869	8,062,910
Lawyers' T.I.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
& Trust	19,542,725	17,167,726	20,019,826	18,986,072	120,121,161
Home	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Lincoln	26,622,804	25,773,985	(u)	(u)	(u)
Merc'le Tr. h.	16,249,446	18,437,450	(y)	(v)	(v)
Metropolitan	39,022,670	27,779,992	43,781,796	48,503,080	(a)
N. Y. L. I. & T.	23,483,727	24,962,284	(w)	(w)	(w)
New York	67,956,267	160,065,302	198,075,848	212,556,252	183,947,137
Title Gu. & T.	33,070,973	34,305,535	39,977,177	41,804,575	47,357,760
Trust Co of	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
N. A. N.Y.	-----	-----	-----	1,205,241	1,844,928
U.S. Mfg. & T.	61,722,175	52,019,127	52,402,873	60,291,099	60,075,749
United States	49,639,976	52,119,108	49,297,663	56,530,670	55,445,161
total a...	2,280,534,271	1,860,219,001	2,256,778,133	2,765,133,810	2,621,988,766

Borough of Manhattan.	Nov. 12 1919.	Nov. 15 1921.	Nov. 15 1923.	Nov. 15 1924.	Nov. 14 1925.
Borough of Brooklyn.					
Brooklyn	37,744,025	34,058,891	40,721,552	50,643,124	48,379,684
Franklin	25,278,176	(r)	(r)	(r)	(r)
Hamilton	8,500,654	(t)	(t)	(t)	(t)
Kings County	24,941,377	23,269,374	29,639,416	33,301,397	32,304,639
Manufacturers' Trust					
Citizens	31,784,319	41,809,290	104,363,399	117,422,419	194,614,861
Midwood		1,308,694	3,207,933	5,560,646	8,299,816
People's	34,304,249	40,415,092	51,528,187	59,314,992	62,618,371
Total	162,552,800	140,861,341	229,460,487	266,242,578	346,217,371
Total Greater New York	2,443,087,071	2,001,080,342	2,486,238,620	3,031,376,388	2,968,206,137

a Corporation Trust included in total for previous years with deposits of \$3,796 for Nov. 14 1925.

b Flatbush Trust of Brooklyn was consolidated with Broadway of New York City March 6 1912. The Broadway changed title to Irving Trust Nov. 30 1917 and Market & Fulton National consolidated with Irving in March 1918. On April 19 1920 the Irving Trust was merged in the Irving National Bank and disappeared from the trust company list. On Feb. 7 1923 the Columbia Trust Co. was consolidated with the Irving Bank, the new institution becoming the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., and accordingly reappeared in the trust company list.

c Commercial Trust Co. merged in May with the East River National Bank after first having been converted to a national bank. See "Chronicle," page 2536.

d Hudson Trust Co. merged on July 9 with the Empire Trust Co. under name of Empire Trust Co.

e Citizens Trust Co. took over Manufacturers' National Bank Aug. 12 1914, becoming Manufacturers' Trust Co., which absorbed the West Side Bank, New York City, June 15 1918, the Ridgewood National Bank Sept. 1 1921, the North Side Bank of Brooklyn April 28 1922, the Industrial Bank of New York City Dec. 18 1922, and the Columbia Bank Aug. 14 1923.

f Mercantile Trust began business May 1 1917.

g Central and Union consolidated June 18 1918.

h Lawyers Trust Co. began business Feb. 28 1925 to take over trust business heretofore done by the Lawyers Title & Trust Co.

i American Trust organized Jan. 27 1919, absorbed Queens Co. Trust Sept. 1919.

j Metropolitan Trust Co. on March 1 1925 merged with Chatham & Phenix National Bank, under the title of the Chatham-Phenix National Bank & Trust Co.

k Italian Discount & Trust began business Nov. 11 1918.

l Merged in Irving National Bank April 19 1920.

m Merged in Bank of America May 1 1920.

n Began business Sept. 1920.

o Hamilton Trust merged in Metropolitan Bank Jan. 29 1921.

p Lincoln Trust merged in Mechanics & Metals National Bank July 1922.

q Mercantile Trust merged in Seaboard National Bank April 1 1922.

r New York Life Insurance & Trust merged with Bank of New York, forming Bank of New York & Trust Co. Sept. 1922.

TRUST COMPANIES AT OTHER POINTS.

In the case of the trust companies at Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and St. Louis, the figures as presented on subsequent pages for the different institutions are all our own, we having in each instance made direct application for them to the companies, though in a few instances, where our requests met with no response, we have had to have recourse to official statements made in pursuance of calls of the public authorities. In the nature of things, as we are entirely dependent upon the companies themselves for the figures, and no general data of an official kind are available, comprehensive totals and elaborate details, such as are possible for the institutions of New York, are out of the question. Our summaries for these other centres are such as we have been able to prepare ourselves and necessarily are limited to a few leading items. Nor are the returns in those instances cast on uniform lines, nearly every company having its own distinct method of classification, making general footings out of the question, except as regards those few common things treated alike by all, and which have definite, established meanings, such as capital, surplus and deposits.

Boston institutions again show increase in all the items, practically all the companies sharing, though most of the gain being contributed by two companies. The Old Colony Trust Co. increased its capital from \$7,000,000 to \$10,000,000 (a further increase to \$12,000,000 being proposed) and the State Street Trust Co., in absorbing the National Union Bank, raised its capital from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000. With the purchase of the Massachusetts Trust Co. by the Atlantic National Bank, reducing the number of companies from seventeen to sixteen, the increase in aggregate capital from \$18,750,000 as of Dec. 31 1924 to \$21,750,000 on Dec. 31 1925 is accounted for. Aggregate resources advanced from \$438,755,964 Dec. 31 1924 to \$469,871,208 Dec. 31 1925. Deposits have risen from \$372,741,230 Dec. 31 1924 to \$396,114,507 Dec. 31 1925, and surplus and undivided profits from \$29,719,764 to \$32,086,404.

The following furnishes a comparison for the various items for the last 26 years:

BOSTON.	Capital.	Surplus and Profits.	Deposits.	Aggregate Resources.
Dec. 31 1900 (16 cos.)	\$ 8,450,000	\$ 10,285,659	\$ 89,461,044	\$ 108,196,703
Dec. 31 1901 (16 cos.)	17,000,000	12,294,798	107,991,782	129,286,580
Dec. 31 1902 (18 cos.)	11,100,000	15,779,627	116,264,790	143,144,417
Dec. 31 1903 (19 cos.)	12,100,000	18,629,264	112,281,257	143,010,521
Dec. 31 1904 (19 cos.)	12,500,000	19,702,108	139,851,208	172,053,316
Dec. 31 1905 (19 cos.)	12,500,000	20,841,502	148,033,197	181,397,833
Dec. 31 1906 (16 cos.)	11,100,000	22,551,499	158,213,825	191,885,062
Dec. 31 1907 (19 cos.)	11,750,000	23,699,740	125,254,672	160,704,413
Dec. 31 1908 (19 cos.)	11,750,000	24,610,326	173,765,331	210,125,657
Dec. 31 1909 (19 cos.)	12,150,000	25,002,793	186,937,983	224,090,823
Dec. 31 1910 (19 cos.)	12,250,000	27,349,902	189,153,760	228,753,662
Dec. 31 1911 (19 cos.)	14,850,000	26,234,350	216,926,992	258,248,402
Dec. 31 1912 (21 cos.)	16,250,000	28,108,699	267,263,762	251,622,001
Dec. 31 1913 (23 cos.)	17,250,000	29,358,660	213,978,959	260,582,620
Dec. 31 1914 (24 cos.)	17,450,000	26,143,017	225,532,137	269,125,155
Dec. 31 1915 (26 cos.)	18,480,200	24,211,485	293,833,516	336,704,220
Dec. 31 1916 (29 cos.)	19,150,000	26,174,836	337,625,256	383,460,073
Dec. 31 1917 (29 cos.)	21,479,800	27,419,977	363,551,440	414,609,945
Dec. 31 1918 (30 cos.)	21,650,000	29,107,018	415,355,824	466,298,772
Dec. 31 1919 (31 cos.)	26,077,000	33,978,583	503,450,567	560,096,234
Dec. 31 1920 (28 cos.)	26,329,300	34,573,485	429,925,262	495,145,455
Dec. 31 1921 (23 cos.)	23,450,000	34,983,448	392,924,224	456,840,076
Dec. 31 1922 (21 cos.)	23,850,000	32,900,905	446,844,659	507,282,285
Dec. 31 1923 (17 cos.)	18,650,000	30,089,158	323,701,085	413,589,466
Dec. 31 1924 (17 cos.)	18,750,000	29,719,764	372,741,230	438,755,964
Dec. 31 1925 (16 cos.)	21,750,000	32,086,404	396,114,507	469,871,208

Changes in Philadelphia institutions have again been considerable. The number of companies has increased from 81 to 89 through the addition of nine new companies and the disappearance of one—the Community Trust Co., from which company we have been unable to obtain a statement. Strictly speaking, one or two of the companies are not new in the sense that they began business in 1925, but appear in our compilation for the first time. The following table in continuance of last year shows at a glance the changes which have taken place in the last year:

*NEW COMPANIES.	Capital.
Allegheny Title & Trust Co.	\$218,263
Banca D'Italia & Trust Co.	125,000
Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Title & Trust Co.	500,000
Fox Chase Bank & Trust Co.	125,000
Gimbel Brothers Bank & Trust Co.	125,000
Manufacturers Title & Trust Co.	154,245
Security Title & Trust Co.	125,546
Sixty-Ninth Street Terminal Title & Trust Co.	375,000
Suburban Title & Trust Co.	250,000
Total	\$1,998,054

* One or two of the institutions, while not new, that is, did not commence business in 1925, appear for the first time in our compilation.

INCREASES IN CAPITAL			
American Bank & Trust Co.	from \$300,000 to	\$500,000	
Broad Street Trust Co.	from 250,000 to	500,000	
Colonial Trust Co.	from 500,000 to	1,000,000	
Commonwealth Title Insurance & Trust Co.	from 1,451,575 to	1,500,000	
Empire Title & Trust Co.	from 221,225 to	259,170	
Lancaster Avenue Title & Trust Co.	from 199,550 to	200,000	
Mutual Trust Co.	from 451,200 to	1,000,000	
Oak Lane Trust Co.	from 125,000 to	250,000	
Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lives, &c.	from 3,964,990 to	4,000,000	
Richmond Trust Co.	from 139,200 to	143,200	
Susquehanna Title & Trust Co.	from 132,804 to	150,000	
Wharton Title & Trust Co.	from 137,300 to	153,200	

COMPANIES DISAPPEARING FROM THE LIST.	
Community Trust Co. (no statement received)	\$159,200

Deposits in the aggregate have risen from \$656,621,057 Dec. 31 1924 to \$759,772,771 on Dec. 31 1925. Capital has increased from \$57,839,244 to \$61,440,874, surplus and profits from \$129,778,397 to \$146,171,713, and aggregate resources from \$859,818,395 to \$960,052,041. Following is a comparison of the various items for a series of years:

PHILADELPHIA.	Capital.	Surplus and Profits.	Deposits.	Aggregate Resources.
Dec. 31 1900 (40 cos.)	\$ 28,399,965	\$ 27,826,941	\$ 136,496,312	\$ 196,498,618
Dec. 31 1901 (41 cos.)	31,927,006	33,885,857	149,137,386	218,660,249
Dec. 31 1902 (41 cos.)	33,142,233	37,514,329	153,151,355	227,480,117
Dec. 31 1903 (43 cos.)	34,320,337	39,654,877	161,231,152	238,817,566
Dec. 31 1904 (43 cos.)	34,800,980	42,344,733	202,855,966	283,503,299
Dec. 31 1905 (44 cos.)	35,312,363	45,594,298	209,213,067	293,177,935
Dec. 31 1906 (52 cos.)	36,931,963	49,590,018	193,283,134	286,232,600
Dec. 31 1907 (58 cos.)	38,727,909	50,840,244	169,669,224	265,150,778
Dec. 31 1908 (58 cos.)	39,068,955	52,000,976	200,983,530	296,761,341
Dec. 31 1909 (59 cos.)	39,897,218	55,374,618	217,196,883	316,592,720
Dec. 31 1910 (59 cos.)	39,931,416	59,187,488	208,537,634	311,640,645
Dec. 31 1911 (58 cos.)	38,511,733	62,262,427	224,225,832	328,196,392
Dec. 31 1912 (56 cos.)	36,797,836	64,847,539	231,712,367	337,179,556
Dec. 31 1913 (56 cos.)	39,162,538	65,535,659	232,941,234	341,764,741
Dec. 31 1914 (56 cos.)	39,069,243	65,932,688	238,256,333	347,588,292
Dec. 31 1915 (56 cos.)	38,870,193	69,298,540	297,235,195	407,024,328
Dec. 31 1916 (56 cos.)	38,879,993	73,775,140	331,108,286	444,775,175
Dec. 31 1917 (54 cos.)	40,579,993	77,779,452	327,597,906	452,498,288
Dec. 31 1918 (56 cos.)	41,307,608	78,408,601	335,093,397	505,489,017
Dec. 31 1919 (57 cos.)	44,142,068	81,801,490	405,373,275	576,019,854
Dec. 31 1920 (64 cos.)	45,338,668	87,915,257	417,307,021	591,315,173
Dec. 31 1921 (66 cos.)	46,098,921	91,183,753	407,600,404	561,639,988
Dec. 31 1922 (69 cos.)	47,554,243	88,125,428	489,308,036	635,130,394
Dec. 31 1923 (76 cos.)	53,525,235	110,457,610	599,915,842	711,778,286
Dec. 31 1924 (81 cos.)	57,539,244	129,778,397	656,621,057	859,818,395
Dec. 31 1925 (89 cos.)	61,440,874	146,171,713	759,772,771	960,052,041

Baltimore companies show the largest expansion since our record began. Here also the greater part is furnished by one company, although many others show increases of from two to five millions in aggregate

gate resources. The consolidation of the Atlantic Exchange Bank & Trust Co. and the Baltimore Trust Co. under the name of the latter, reduced the number of companies by one—from fourteen to thirteen—the capital of the new institution being increased by \$500,000 over the combined capital of the old companies. The Union Trust Co. in its consolidation with the Hamilton Bank increased its capital from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. These changes account for the increase in the aggregate capital from \$13,200,000 Dec. 31 1924 to \$13,950,000 on Dec. 31 1925. Aggregate resources moved up from \$203,393,123 Dec. 31 1924 to \$244,201,203 Dec. 31 1925, of which the new Baltimore Trust Co. contributed the larger part. Deposits show expansion of over \$35,000,000, viz.: from \$164,890,476 to \$200,438,939, and surplus and undivided profits from \$20,909,399 to \$21,695,365. In tabular form the comparisons are as follows:

BALTIMORE.	Capital.	Surplus and Profits.	Deposits.	Aggregate Resources.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Dec. 31 1913 (10 cos.)	8,950,000	12,177,127	45,131,061	66,058,188
Dec. 31 1914 (10 cos.)	8,950,000	11,407,783	52,212,492	73,170,115
Dec. 31 1915 (11 cos.)	8,650,000	11,851,317	72,128,718	93,230,098
Dec. 31 1916 (11 cos.)	8,650,000	12,539,306	82,523,300	103,712,606
Dec. 31 1917 (11 cos.)	8,650,000	12,765,927	89,537,806	110,986,411
Dec. 31 1918 (11 cos.)	8,650,000	13,309,150	85,714,838	107,773,988
Dec. 31 1919 (12 cos.)	9,150,000	14,099,513	116,199,900	140,749,413
Dec. 31 1920 (12 cos.)	10,250,000	14,967,987	108,508,855	138,393,143
Dec. 31 1921 (13 cos.)	10,800,000	15,988,624	110,811,291	140,781,858
Dec. 31 1922 (13 cos.)	11,500,000	17,361,792	137,308,934	169,330,708
Dec. 31 1923 (14 cos.)	13,000,000	19,596,373	137,383,255	190,993,117
Dec. 31 1924 (14 cos.)	13,200,000	20,909,399	164,890,476	203,393,123
Dec. 31 1925 (13 cos.)	13,950,000	21,695,365	200,438,939	244,201,203

St. Louis companies show no great changes. One new company began business in 1925—the Union-Easton Trust Co., with capital of \$200,000—increasing the number of companies reporting to 21, as against 20 for Dec. 31 1924; also, accounting for the increase in aggregate capital from \$13,400,000 Dec. 31 1924 to \$13,600,000 Dec. 31 1925. A small decrease in deposits is noted, from \$193,958,238 Dec. 31 1924 to \$190,966,610 as of Dec. 31 1925, though aggregate resources have risen from \$225,731,883 at the close of 1924 to \$235,055,643 for Dec. 31 1925. Surplus and undivided profits are reported at \$16,262,276 Dec. 31 1925, against \$15,620,518 for Dec. 31 1924. Comparison for a series of years is as follows:

ST. LOUIS.	Capital.	Surplus and Profits.	Deposits.	Aggregate Resources.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Dec. 31 1901 (6 cos.)	13,425,660	14,471,934	41,339,273	69,829,307
Dec. 31 1902 (9 cos.)	20,485,300	24,922,243	62,910,106	109,167,449
Dec. 31 1903 (8 cos.)	19,000,000	24,915,453	62,563,117	107,454,100
Dec. 31 1904 (5 cos.)	16,000,000	22,507,930	78,786,702	117,214,632
Dec. 31 1905 (6 cos.)	16,100,000	23,365,609	71,681,442	111,268,041
Dec. 31 1906 (9 cos.)	16,350,000	23,584,914	74,512,832	115,189,586
Dec. 31 1907 (8 cos.)	13,350,000	22,537,837	66,329,762	107,028,169
Dec. 31 1908 (9 cos.)	13,452,400	22,782,021	61,619,831	97,856,192
Dec. 31 1909 (13 cos.)	14,752,400	19,428,356	73,959,732	108,139,489
Dec. 31 1910 (13 cos.)	14,752,000	19,505,474	73,015,086	107,272,961
Dec. 31 1911 (16 cos.)	15,002,400	19,591,743	78,169,009	112,763,152
Dec. 31 1912 (15 cos.)	14,900,000	19,617,825	84,229,211	118,747,036
Dec. 31 1913 (16 cos.)	14,950,000	19,600,492	83,329,512	117,880,234
Dec. 31 1914 (16 cos.)	13,050,000	19,024,203	81,741,093	111,765,316
Dec. 31 1915 (14 cos.)	*8,050,000	*12,738,269	*62,012,906	*94,068,996
Dec. 31 1916 (15 cos.)	8,250,000	12,879,829	70,380,425	91,509,254
Dec. 31 1917 (15 cos.)	8,350,000	12,795,317	79,518,642	98,906,145
Dec. 31 1918 (15 cos.)	8,350,000	12,909,504	102,137,663	123,397,168
Dec. 31 1919 (15 cos.)	8,450,000	13,519,789	121,424,904	153,394,692
Dec. 31 1920 (17 cos.)	9,350,000	14,146,690	125,581,165	145,780,855
Dec. 31 1921 (18 cos.)	x12,450,000	x15,300,040	x154,556,540	x186,171,366
Dec. 31 1922 (17 cos.)	12,650,000	15,662,452	171,019,489	204,152,108
Dec. 31 1923 (17 cos.)	12,950,000	16,147,139	170,608,193	207,629,421
Dec. 31 1924 (20 cos.)	13,400,000	15,620,518	193,958,238	225,731,883
Dec. 31 1925 (21 cos.)	13,600,000	16,262,276	190,966,610	235,055,643

*Reduction in totals due to the elimination of the St. Louis Union Trust Co., whose banking business was taken over by the newly organized St. Louis Union Bank. The Trust Co. reported no deposits on Dec. 31 1915 against \$25,710,275 on Dec. 31 1914 and \$11,244,321 aggregate resources Dec. 31 1915 against \$36,935,227 on Dec. 31 1914.

x All items heavily increased through the establishment of the Liberty-Central Trust Co. by the merger of the Central National Bank and the Liberty Bank.

The Defects of our Currency System—Ex-Congressman Fowler's Stirring Appeal.

It is a pleasure to make room for the following "Open Letter" from former Congressman Charles N. Fowler, despite its length. In our discussions of the Federal Reserve system we have often had occasion to set out some of the serious defects in the practical working of the system—de-

fects that must be remedied if the system is to endure and the country escape eventual disaster. Mr. Fowler in his letter discusses the defects not alone of the Federal Reserve but of the country's whole currency system from a theoretical standpoint. He speaks with the sincerity of intense conviction and with the voice of authority, and few competent students of the subject anywhere will be inclined to take exception to what he says. We fear it will be a very long time before we shall be able to count upon eliminating the different forms of note issues, one and all objectionable, which make up our currency system at present, but that is no reason why all efforts should not be directed along that line, bearing in mind the importance of the matter and the vast issues at stake. Mr. Fowler has a thorough understanding of the essentials of a sound system, and in his letter he undertakes to outline these essentials. The letter is a distinct and valuable contribution to the discussion of the great and grave question.

AN OPEN LETTER BY HON. CHARLES N. FOWLER TO HIS FELLOW COUNTRYMEN.

My fellow countrymen—

The opportunity and duty of this day, for which I have fervently hoped my life would be spared and my health preserved, combine to invite and compel me to urge you to that serious consideration of our financial and banking system that the subject demands. Nothing contributes more or is so essential to the well-being of the people and the permanent and even prosperity of a country, than an economically sound financial and banking system. The prerequisites are simple, fundamental and few; but they are unequivocal and absolutely essential and the disregard or violation of any one of these fundamental principles is certain to cost us heavily, if, indeed, it does not wreck the whole structure of finance and business.

I became a candidate for Congress in 1894 that I might help make "The Fight for the Gold Standard," and chose the Banking and Currency Committee as my field for the effort. There I remained for fourteen years, serving as Chairman of the committee for the last eight years. I devoted my time almost exclusively during that fourteen years to the study of the question, both at home and abroad, both theoretically and practically, and then, with all history and my experience before me, attempted to apply the result of my research, observance and experience to the peculiar situation of American banking, with its twenty-five thousand individual banks (now upwards of thirty thousand) and the complications growing out of our State and National banking systems.

On March 29 1910 I introduced a banking bill for the purpose of effecting all the essential reforms in our financial and banking system.

That bill provided for a central gold reserve fund of 7% of all deposits and all bank credit notes outstanding at any time; for the current redemption of all bank credit at twenty-eight zone centres throughout the United States; for the rediscount of commercial paper by the banks at all these zone centres; for the establishment of savings bank accounts in all banks; for exercising trust powers by all banks; for clearing house bank examinations of all banks, both State and national; for the retirement of all bond-secured bank notes; for the retirement of the \$346,000,000 United States notes.

What That First Draft of the Federal Reserve Act Would Have Accomplished.

It will be noted that this bill not only accomplished all the necessary organization reforms, but eliminated every paper coin dollar except the silver certificates, which I hoped and believed would be absorbed in time in our subsidiary coinage and in the one and two-dollar bills. But instead of eliminating all of our paper coin, when the Federal Reserve Act was passed the quantity we then had (one billion five hundred million) was increased by the total amount of the Federal Reserve notes.

On Jan. 1 1926 There Were \$3,700,000,000 Paper Coin Dollars in This Country.

What is paper coin? It is neither pure credit currency nor is it real money—Gold. It is a hybrid. It is current credit plus silver bullion; or current credit plus United States Government bond security; or current credit plus United States Government credit, plus 43 cents of gold; or current credit plus United States Government credit, plus a bank guarantee, plus 40 cents of gold; or current credit buttressed with something else. Every paper coin dollar is an economic lie, for it is neither a pure credit— or credit alone—on the one hand, nor real money—gold—on the other. Every paper coin dollar is an economic criminal, for it is always alert to cause inflation on the one hand and to expel gold from the country on the other. It is the anomaly of paper coin that, the more it is buttressed the more deadly enemy of gold it becomes.

If we continue to move in the direction we are now going, the ultimate result must be a purely speculative paper coin dollar, worth approximately fifty cents. There can be no possible escape.

Normal Conditions.

Whenever, under normal conditions, paper coin is used as bank reserves, the inevitable, inescapable result is two fold. The one result is that credit is inflated, because one credit is based upon another credit, in part at least, and not exclusively upon gold. The other result is that gold is invariably expelled from the country where paper coin is used as bank reserves, because paper coin is a cheaper money, so to speak; and under Gresham's Law will drive the better money—gold—out of circulation and out of the country.

Abnormal Conditions.

As a result of circumstances growing out of the World War, we have had abnormal conditions in the United States and it has been practically impossible to keep gold out of this country; but the time will come when we cannot keep gold in the United States.

Times Will Change.

Surely everyone realizes and will admit that at some time, and not very far in the future, conditions will become normal again, and that, too, within a very short time, measured by the life of a nation.

The Sound Money Campaign of 1896.

For 25 years prior to 1896 a cheap money campaign had been carried on in the United States, when William J. Bryan, as a Presidential candidate, precipitated the sound money campaign of that year by putting into the Democratic platform a declaration in favor of the free coinage of silver. Then there followed the most intense, the most bitter Presidential campaign that was ever waged in this country outside of the slavery question. The

issue was squarely joined under this question: "Shall we have the free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1?" The American people answered "No." If they had elected Mr. Bryan and said "Yes," the gold standard would not have lasted one hour after the result had been known; for no sane person would have paid 100 cents to cancel a debt which he could cancel with 50 cents—the then bullion value of the silver dollar.

\$346,000,000 United States Notes or Greenbacks.

As the result of that great educational campaign, it was the universal opinion, the settled conviction of all economic students, that the one weak spot, the most conspicuously dangerous feature of our financial and banking system, was the \$346,000,000 of United States legal tender notes, or Greenbacks, and that they ought to be eliminated because the principle upon which they were based was fatal to a sound monetary system. As an evidence of the fear because of them, the reserve of gold behind them was increased from \$100,000,000 to \$150,000,000, when as a matter of principle they should have been completely eliminated. But such is the price we are always paying for ignorance on the one hand and political cowardice on the other.

The Federal Reserve Notes.

Nearly twenty years afterward William Jennings Bryan, who had been a candidate for the Presidency three times, became Secretary of State, and when the Federal Reserve Bank Act was up for consideration Mr. Bryan was able to call the turn on the situation, for he controlled enough votes in both the House of Representatives and in the United States Senate to accomplish for the cause of cheap money what he had failed to accomplish under the banner of "Free Silver," by providing for a practically unlimited issue of paper coin in the form of the "United States Federal Reserve Notes."

Will any banking economist in the United States, who cares for his reputation as a scholar, come forward now and defend making the Federal Reserve notes United States notes? If no responsible economist will come forward and defend this feature of the Federal Reserve Act, then it must necessarily be wrong, and it is the patriotic duty of every banking economist to be fighting it; and if wrong, they should be eliminated now, before we reap the logical consequences of our folly—overwhelming disaster and relentless misfortunes, which are sure to follow when normal times have returned and these natural deadly enemies of gold have accomplished their predetermined purpose.

Facts and Truths and Not Fiat Money Nor Fiat Opinions Wanted.

No intelligent man, no conservative man, no true lover of his country, will take a position upon the most important, the most vital question before his country, until he has investigated it and is sure that he knows just what he is talking about; lest through sheer ignorance he imperils the welfare of his country and involves our business interests in irretrievable ruin. What we want is the facts and the truth. Neither of these will hurt anyone, nor injure the country. Let the discussion proceed for the enlightenment of all the people.

The most important, the most vital question before the American people to-day is, "Shall we re-enact the Federal Reserve Act as it stands?"

Let no one take the opinion of anyone else unless he first qualifies by saying: "I know what paper coin is. I know it will cause inflation if used as bank reserves. I know it will expel gold when the country reaches normal conditions. Therefore, it is self-evident to me that all paper coin should be eliminated from our financial and banking system."

The three following paragraphs are quoted from "The United States Reserve Bank," by Hon. Charles N. Fowler:

Reserves and Currency.

"The reserves of a country and the currency of a country, when strictly performing their respective functions, are diametrically the opposite of each other—the one is the reserve and the other is the demand against it, to be liquidated by payment in it; the one is the redeemer and the other is the redeemed; and nothing whatever should be done to change their relative natures; for, by so doing, you interfere with the perfect performance of fulfillment of their natural functions."

An Irrevocable Truth Established by History.

"Let it be remembered as an eternal economic truth that every act, every paragraph, every sentence, every word, every syllable that is used to change or convert a true bank credit instrument into paper coin, or make it perform the function of coin, correspondingly and identically to the same degree, destroys its virtue and usefulness as a credit instrument and makes it to the same degree and directly in the same proportion, the deadly and destructive enemy of the very coin whose nature it is made by statute to approximate or assume."

What Our Currency Now Is—Is Just Precisely What It Should Not Be.

"The currency of our country, outside of our gold coin (and its substitute, the gold certificates, and all our subsidiary currency, which includes all denominations below five dollars, should not, by every conceivable legislative device, be made to partake of the nature of essential money (or gold, which is the only true money we have), and the American people be thereby deceived and led to believe that because a debt—a demand for gold (such as our Federal Reserve notes are)—is redeemable in gold, it is therefore itself as good as gold, or may be used instead of gold, and consequently is fit to be held as a reserve by our banks."

Federal Reserve Notes Economically Are Now Legal Tender in a Great Part of the United States.

The great States of New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and probably most of the other States, have already passed laws making Federal Reserve notes lawful reserves for State banks. But let us be not deceived, for the economic effect of all such laws is to make Federal Reserve notes legal tender wherever they are used as bank reserves. You cannot trifle with Gresham's Law and escape the consequences. It works with inevitable and relentless certainty.

1896 and 1926.

The echoes of the great sound money campaign of 1896 have hardly died away and the burial ceremonies are hardly over when we are, in less than thirty years, again confronted, economically speaking, with a perfectly analogous question in 1926. The principle of sound money is again challenged in a more subtle and doubly deadly fashion than ever before in the history of this country.

Every single dollar of paper coin in our financial and banking system (and it amounts to over \$3,500,000,000) should be eliminated before it is too late. It is the patriotic duty of every intelligent man to begin now to study and learn what he should do as a voter.

The Law of Reserves Is Identical with the Law of Insurance.

If all of this paper coin should be eliminated and all of our currency be made to take the form and nature of a bank deposit credit converted into current credit, it would not take more than 50%, possibly not more than 25%, of the amount of gold to sustain our commerce on a sound basis—

unequivocally gold—than it will take to support our commerce under present conditions, because we will then have eliminated all the threatening dangers from our financial and banking system.

Then, whether the times are abnormal or normal, the country will always be safe because our financial and banking system is economically sound, being based squarely and unequivocally upon the gold standard.

As Dangers to a Monetary System Increase, the Reserves Must Be Increased, Precisely as Insurance Rates Must Rise When Risks Increase.

It may be laid down as a principle, proved and well established by long experience, that the amount or percentage of gold necessary to protect the amount of credit—deposit credit and currency credit—will vary directly in proportion to the amount of paper coin infused into the channels of trade. That is, if there is no paper coin in a country, the reserves necessary to stabilize and protect the commercial and currency credit may be as low as 5%; but the required percentage of gold will rise pari passu with the quantity of paper coin used, until the breakdown comes because of the quantity of paper coin used; when, in the last extremity, the paper coin must be made legal tender by statute. These varying conditions, due to the ever-increasing use of paper coin, bring pleasurable sensations because of the inflation; but to return to a sound condition, that brings unspeakable grief and tempts the people to try dishonest methods rather than retrace their steps to the gold standard.

Germany in 1901 and 1910.

In 1901, speaking upon the three great banks of Europe—of England, of France and of Germany—I declared that of all of them, certainly we should not imitate nor follow the German system, with a specified identical reserve of 40% of gold behind its notes; because it was only a matter of time when Germany would be compelled to make her Imperial bank notes legal tender. This Germany was compelled to do just nine years later—or Jan. 1 1910. To any student of banking economics it must be self-evident that this was the end; for it made a 40-cent dollar legal tender.

The Position of the United States To-day.

We are now in identically the same position that Germany was in in 1901; and I now say of the Federal Reserve notes and the United States Government precisely what I said in 1901 about the Imperial bank notes and the German Government.

It is only a matter of time, and a very short time, in the life of a nation, when the United States Government will be compelled to make the Federal Reserve notes legal tender—upwards of \$2,000,000,000 of them. Can any intelligent man doubt what the effect will be when we have in this country upwards of \$3,000,000,000 of legal tender money—\$346,000,000 United States legal tender notes, Greenbacks, \$400,000,000 silver certificates, and upwards of \$2,000,000,000 of Federal Reserve notes? And if we include the \$700,000,000 of bond-secured national bank notes, we have upwards of \$3,700,000,000 paper coin that may be used as bank reserves, the average value of which will be less than 50 cents on the dollar.

The United States Government should, above all things, teach the American people honesty by example as well as by precept; and it can do this in no other way so distinctly and so emphatically as by being honest itself; by giving the people an honest dollar for legal tender—a dollar that contains 25.8 grains of gold, nine-tenths fine. How could it teach them greater dishonesty and wholesale fraud than by making them take its promises to pay, which are not worth 50 cents on the dollar?

But, further than that, the necessity of circumstances which the Government has permitted to develop will not only compel the Government to do an unconstitutional thing, but also drive the Government to a dishonest betrayal and utter defiance of Gresham's Law. How long do you think, after normal times have returned, it will be before men will be whispering around as they did in 1893-4-5: "Do you believe that this Government can maintain \$3,700,000,000 fifty-cent paper coin dollars upon a parity with gold?" Then they will do just as they did in 1894—proceed to quietly lock up gold certificates in the safe deposit boxes while Gresham's immutable law will be carrying out its deadly work of driving gold out of circulation and expelling it from the country.

Will any man who was interested and old enough to appreciate what happened in 1894 ever forget those tragic days? After the Government had sold \$262,000,000 of Government bonds to supply gold to maintain the parity of only \$1,500,000,000 of silver certificates, greenbacks and national bank notes, the gold still steadily disappeared—going down below the \$100,000,000 dead line, down until it fell to \$42,000,000 in the Treasury, and we were then only twenty-four hours between the gold or silver standards, or some fiat or credit standard.

At this critical juncture, President Cleveland, a man of sterling character, signal courage and the highest patriotism, was compelled to call to his aid to stem the tide that great banker-statesman, the most powerful man of his time, J. P. Morgan, who, marshalling all his resources, met the crisis before morning. But where in the life of any great nation can be found a more humiliating circumstance.

Make no mistake; we are now inviting the same crisis, with a burden many times greater to bear—the maintenance of the parity of \$3,700,000,000 paper coin instead of only \$1,500,000,000 paper coin.

It will pay the United States Government ten thousand fold to be honest with the people on the one hand, and, on the other, recognize Gresham's immutable law.

An Issuance of \$250,000,000 of Bank Credit Currency.

Early in 1906, to anticipate a currency panic, that to the intelligent man was sure to come, I introduced a bill providing for the issuance of \$250,000,000 of pure bank credit currency, to be apportioned to the national banks pro rata to their capital, and to be redeemed through the clearing houses precisely as checks and drafts are. But a benighted Speaker of the House of Representatives, and a benighted Chairman of the Finance Committee of the United States Senate, both of whom declared that we then had the best banking system in the world, prevented the passage of that bill.

That panic, which was purely a currency panic, came in March 1907, just as I had predicted it would, and the exigent demands for currency were met by some form of pure credit—cashier's checks, the cash checks of great business houses or corporations like the Standard Oil Company, or clearing house certificates.

According to the report of the Comptroller of the Currency, the total amount of all these extraordinary forms of pure credit was \$248,297,700, or only \$1,702,300 less than the amount my bill provided for—\$250,000,000. All these forms of pure cash credit were in the nature of pure bank credit currency, and were issued to meet special demands, and immediately, as soon as the purposes for which it was issued were met or satisfied, it promptly disappeared.

The Power of Example.

Here are two vital, forcible, conclusive illustrations—one, a conclusive and irrefutable condemnation of paper coin, in the form of the 40-cent Imperial Bank notes of Germany; the other, the perfect fitness and facility of a pure bank credit currency to meet any emergency of currency demands, as in 1907.

It is self-evident that if my bill, providing for the issuance of \$250,000,000 pure bank credit currency, had passed, there would have been no panic in 1907.

Neither millions upon millions of pages nor endless words can refute the great truths these two historical facts demonstrate. Will we heed them, or persist in our monumental ignorance to our utter undoing, to our complete commercial overthrow? That is the question.

My Position To-day.

The things that I now criticize and object to in the Federal Reserve Act are making the Federal Reserve notes United States notes, buttressing them with bank guarantees and providing a specifically identified reserve of at least 40% of gold, thereby destroying completely their credit nature and character and making them paper coin—the deadly enemy of our gold reserve.

The Remedy.

What I propose is to eliminate from our financial and banking system all paper coin and substitute therefor a pure circulating credit, such as was issued by our two United States banks in accordance with the principle laid down by Alexander Hamilton; such as, following the Hamiltonian principle, was issued prior to the Civil War by the banks of Virginia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, all the banks of the five New England States under the Suffolk System; such as has been issued by the Bank of France since 1803; such as has been issued by the banks of Canada since 1823; such as has been issued in Scotland since 1695, or for more than 230 years.

Every one of these banking systems in all these various States of the Union—even in all—even in that early day were marvelously successful, all prosperous, and furnished a perfectly satisfactory currency, at a minimum of cost to agriculture and all other lines of business; but the Civil War destroyed all those banking systems in the South, while a 10% tax imposed upon all bank note issues as a war measure wiped out all those in the North.

Let it be observed and noted that it is immaterial how a true bank credit currency is issued, whether by one central bank or through its branches, or several large banks, as in Scotland and Canada, or by a large number of individual banks, as under the Suffolk System, providing always that redemption facilities are adequate, efficient, certain and quick—such as our clearing houses afford.

Broadly speaking, practically all of our bank disasters in the United States prior to the Civil War were brought about by the use of paper coin, bank credit buttressed with turnpike bonds, railroad bonds, State stocks, and other kinds of security. The most recent example and notable illustration of the destructive character of paper coin was that of Germany in 1910, when the German Government was compelled to make the Imperial Bank notes legal tender. The most astounding thing is that right under the shadow of this breakdown we incorporated the note issuing function of the German banking system in the Federal Reserve Act, only to suffer the same fatal experience in a short time.

I assert that there has not been an instance in two hundred years where the principle of a bank credit currency redeemable in coin has been adopted and has broken down.

I also assert that there has not been an instance in two hundred years where the principle of paper coin has been adopted and has not broken down.

I challenge anyone to disprove either one of these two assertions.

Our Foreign Trade Involved.

I assert that a rightly constituted banking organization with a true bank credit currency system will reduce the cost of banking facilities to the American manufacturers and to all American commercial interests from 20% to 25%—a most important, possibly a determining factor, in our foreign trade.

In the presence of these immutable facts, and confronted by these startling, these overwhelming illustrations, demonstrations of the absolute certainty of safety, success and continuous prosperity with a pure bank credit currency redeemable in gold on the one hand, and the ultimate certain and inevitable failure of paper coin, with all its bitter consequences on the other hand, *what will the American people do? That is the question. For public enlightenment, let the discussion begin now and go on without*

abatement. Let the American people prove and demonstrate that they can make a wise decision about a great banking question just as they did about the gold standard in 1896. This battle is just as important—just as vital—as the "Battle of the Standards" in 1896.

Leaders in the Gold Standard Fight.

I was among the very first and one of the most strenuous advocates of an adequate central gold reserve, but just as insistent upon a pure current credit that was to be daily redeemed in gold as checks and drafts are through our clearing houses.

Let us think this subject over most carefully and let us be absolutely convinced that I am not right in my contentions before opposing them.

Common sense and conservatism demand this; for all history and all reason are united in support of my position.

There Is No Hurry.

There is no hurry, no need of haste unless somebody wants to put something over on account of fear, ambition, pride or self interest; because the Federal Reserve Act will not expire for over eight years. Again, as a result of the fortuitous circumstances occasioned by the World War, gold will keep pouring into the United States for several years to come.

Changing from an Unsound Banking System to a Sound One Should Be by Evolutionary Steps.

The necessary changes should be wrought through a period of years and every step would strengthen the situation and increase private and public confidence. The proper changes made in the proper way would not give the slightest shock to the business interests at any time, but on the contrary would encourage and fortify them in every way, because every step would remove some inherent weakness and gradually so reconstruct our financial and banking system as to protect it from the inevitable calamity that must otherwise overtake us in time, and when we could least afford it, if we should re-enact the Federal Reserve Act as it stands.

The Principles That Should Determine the Policy of Every Central Banking Institution.

The soundness of the financial and banking system of any country will be determined by the recognition of the three following principles:

First—*The state of the currency in the country.* (Under normal conditions or present currency situation must prove fatal.)

Second—*The state of the international exchanges of the country.*

Third—*The wise exercise of that potential and all-controlling factor, fixing the rate of discount.*

No one will claim that these have been the "land marks" and controlling principles of the Federal Reserve banks.

The office of a central banking institution is to lead and direct in accordance with these great fundamental and well-recognized principles; not to dominate; not to dictate; not to establish a parental banking system of imperial power with all the incidents of such power—a most vigilant espionage and a most cruel vindictiveness, even to the ruin of a bank if necessary.

With such institutions, "Necessity knows no law," and ignorance is always brutal. Such is our central banking organization to-day; such is the supposed bank of the American people. I assert that the organization is neither in harmony with the spirit of the American people nor in harmony with our Governmental institutions, which is the very first essential of all wise legislation.

What Wisdom and Duty Demand of Us.

The highest wisdom, true conservatism, genuine patriotism, unflinching courage, the conclusive banking experience of more than two hundred years, the proved and established fundamental principles of banking economics, all unite in demanding that we study, investigate and arrive at our final judgment with every doubt eliminated. We cannot be too careful at this particular juncture in our banking legislation, lest we blindly fly in the very face of fate; lest we challenge and defy Gresham's Law, which is as immutable and certain in its operation as the law of gravitation. You might just as well challenge and defy the law of gravitation by jumping off the roof of a twenty-story building and not expect utter destruction, as to re-enact the Federal Reserve Act as it stands and not expect overwhelming disaster as a consequence.

Safety In Investment—Government Obligations Less Sheltered Than Formerly

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A rude shock has been given to the confidence of investors in gilt-edged and all other securities by the events of the last dozen years. So many examples are to be seen of elderly men still hard at work because the savings of their lifetime, prudently invested in unexceptional securities, bring them in an income the buying power of which is about half of what they had reasonably expected, that it is very natural for the younger generation to conclude that saving and investing are a very much overrated policy and that free spending and short cuts to fortune through speculative adventure are certainly more attractive and possibly more profitable pursuits.

Convention and habit are strong influences in investment, and there can be no doubt that their influence before the war was exercised to an exaggerated extent in favor of securities issued by Governments and other public bodies. The high prestige of such securities had a solid foundation at first sight. They were based on the capacity for paying taxes and local rates of wealthy and populous areas, and so were raised above the industrial risks from fluctuations in trade and production which affect the securities issued by the most well established enterprises for profit. As long as public finance is conducted on sound lines the debts of public bodies, owing to the breadth and strength of the

foundation on which they rest, ought to be quite impregnable investments.

But that condition, of prudent conduct of the public finances, is a matter about which one feels in these times much less certainty than was formerly possible. Two tendencies for which there is much to be said from other points of view, have shaken its foundation. One is the widening of the franchise and the other is the growth of direct taxation, by which the burden of public expenditure is thrown more and more on the shoulders of the well-to-do, who are best able to bear it. Excellent in themselves, these reforms have had the effect of encouraging public extravagance and bad public finance, in order to pay for schemes which are pleasing to the electorate and have to be paid for by the well-to-do minority.

It might have been expected that the wisdom of statesmen, working for their country's good, would have prevented evil consequences from these causes, but unfortunately, the wisdom of statesmen is nowadays at a heavy discount. We have the authority of the British Prime Minister, who ought to know as much about politicians as anybody, for the statement that there is no Government on earth which can be trusted to "manage" a currency. According to the advocates of the managed currency, its manage-

ment would be a fairly simple and almost automatic affair—when the index number of prices goes down, you expand credit and currency and set public works going; when the index number goes up, you restrict credit and currency and hold up public works; and so you keep your general price level always on an even keel. The considerable advantages, on paper, of such a scheme are outweighed by the fact that steadying the general price level does not help the individual producer and merchant, who is not concerned with the index number, but with the price of the particular commodity which he produces or handles; also, that it would be very dangerous to put the power of manipulating the currency into the hands of Government. Mr. Baldwin's emphatic endorsement of this latter objection is decisive, but it also makes one feel some apprehension as to the future of public finance. For if no Government is to be trusted to manage a currency, how far are they to be trusted to maintain the canons of sound tradition in handling the enormous revenues and redeeming the Gargantuan debts which are now entrusted to their care? England has set the world a great example by the manner in which she has since the war faced the problem of her debt, external and internal; but the cry of distress lately uttered by the Chancellor of the Exchequer about the difficulties in the

way of effecting the economies promised in his last budget—ten millions a year reduction in expenditure was the figure to which he pledged himself—shows that the forces of extravagance have formidable strength behind them.

Public debts as investments have thus been shadowed by two clouds. In common with all other securities which carry a fixed rate of interest, they have been shown to be seriously impaired by a rise in commodity prices which makes the money income from them, though itself secure, less valuable in purchasing power. This is a danger which may perhaps be neglected in view of the efforts towards price stability, which are likely to be part of the future policy of central banks. The other is the tendency of popular Government, whether national or local, to placate the populace by extravagance at the expense of the national or local credit.

Public opinion among taxpayers, for reasons stated, cannot be relied on to check this dangerous tendency. Public opinion among investors, by making it difficult and expensive for spendthrift Governments and local bodies to borrow, may do much. Public debts may be still the safest form of investment, but the pinnacle on which they stand has been reduced in height by a few feet, and this process is not without advantage, from the point of view of public finance.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Feb. 19 1926.

Wholesale trade makes a better showing than retail or manufacturing business. Jobbers are doing quite a good trade, even though the orders are for the most part in small lots. In the aggregate they make a satisfactory showing. They are larger than those of a year ago even if not up to expectations. One of the great events of the week was the settlement of the anthracite coal strike after lasting over five months. Prices of coke have dropped perpendicularly \$5 to \$6 a ton. On Thursday the mines were reopened and to-day the first coal shipments arrive at New York. But the price here is to be \$16 a ton, at least for a time. Two special trains of 121 cars each, containing over 5,000 tons, left the Pennsylvania anthracite region yesterday. It is to be hoped that there will be no hitch over the check-off and that the people of this country will be spared such privations in the future as they have had to endure this winter. Soft coal, as well as coke, has declined noticeably at wholesale, but retailers have kept up prices. One effect of the decline in coke has been a drop in pig iron, though the dulness of trade in iron doubtless also had more or less effect on prices. Steel prices are called steady and in some branches of the trade there is a fair business. But taken as a whole the demand is disappointing. New business is on a very small scale. The grain markets have generally declined 2 to 2½ cents. It is complained in Chicago that grain speculation has suffered from Government interference. Export demand has latterly been small for wheat, and though there have been some rumors of a foreign demand for rye, no actual business has taken place. Raw sugar has been active at some decline in prices. It is a notable event in the trade that Cuban sugar now commands a world-wide market, at least for the time being. But as the marketing by Cuba is on a large scale prices, for the moment at least, are more or less affected. Liquidation in sugar futures has been a feature of late and they have declined noticeably. Coffee has advanced, with Brazilian markets at times noticeably firmer, though to-day they were weaker. The indications point to a large consumption of coffee at home and abroad, and no burdensome supplies. The new Rubber Exchange started business on the 15th inst. and there are now two Exchanges in New York which deal in the commodity, and the tendency of the price of "seats" seems to be upward, with people in the cotton, grain stocks and other branches of business showing an interest in the new venture. Rubber prices have recently declined. London was weak to-day. Cotton has declined somewhat in a quiet market, though on the whole the March delivery has been steady at a very noticeable premium over May cotton. The

certificated stock here is down to a total something like 175,000 bales smaller than a year ago. It has been rapidly decreasing, partly owing to shipments from New York to Japan. The next crop deliveries have shown a tendency to sag, however, because of favorable weather at the South and the growing impression that there will be little if any reduction in the acreage.

In cotton goods there has been a fair business, but nothing more. The orders are mostly for small lots for prompt delivery. The sales in the aggregate are not so large as recently. In woolen and worsted goods there has been a moderate business. The condition of the trade cannot be called entirely satisfactory. The strike at Passaic, N. J., interferes with deliveries of certain dress goods. Japanese raw silk has declined with Japanese yen exchange at the highest point for three years past. Raw silks in general have met with only a moderate sale and then only for small lots. In fact, the old custom of trading in that way in various branches of business seems to be returning after a period of something better in not a few lines of trade. Wool has been quiet, paying little attention to the firmness of foreign markets. Western holders have shown more desire to sell. In Texas fall wools have declined. Western pools are expected to liquidate gradually and the general opinion is that prices will be more or less affected at least for a time. There are strikes in the fur manufacturing business here in New York and among wool operatives at Paterson, but the number of workers involved is comparatively small. There is no serious labor trouble in the United States, now that the anthracite strike has been settled. In Detroit, Mich., the amount of employment is very satisfactory, being very little below the high level of 1925. Taking the country as a whole, labor is well employed at good wages of high purchasing power. It is pointed out that industrial workers in the United States are now enjoying a standard of living probably unknown at any time before in history. On the whole the agricultural situation is better, although there is still room for improvement, and the equilibrium between agricultural and industrial employments has not been fully restored. Wheat is about 15 cents under the recent high level. The food index price has declined sharply. The water supply of the Pacific Coast has been replenished by heavy rains. The condition of the winter wheat belt, especially in Texas, Okla., and parts of Kansas has improved, though rains are needed in some sections of those States. It is regrettable that the grading of the Iowa corn crop is so low. Cotton planting has begun in the Rio Grande Valley and in about six weeks will begin in central Texas. Car loadings are somewhat smaller than those of a year ago, but they are large enough

to indicate that taking the country as a whole there is considerable business in progress, something not at all surprising, considering its vast population. In the industries manufacturers of farm implements, fertilizers, automobiles and furniture are doing a good business. The production of petroleum has declined and supplies are smaller. Gasoline has advanced. In some parts of the country flour milling business has been rather more active. Furs at a New York auction have as a rule declined as compared with prices ruling last fall. January imports of general merchandise into the United States exceeded exports by about \$15,000,000. Exports of cotton thus far this season are 200,000 bales smaller than at this time last year. With speculative interest in other things apparently slackening, at least for the moment, there is an effort being made to popularize trading in rubber futures. To-day stocks were inclined to seek a somewhat lower level. The downward drift of security prices at times affected such commodities as cotton. Moreover, money rates have been stronger. London has recorded lower prices for rubber shares and also for the frank, which it is regrettable to notice, has just reached a new low level for the present year. Norwegian and Danish exchange has advanced, while Spanish and Argentine rates have declined. The tone of the London market to-day was not uncheerful, however, and the remarkable ease in money rates there may be regarded as one of the interesting signs of the times.

There was increased employment in the textile and textile machinery industries of Massachusetts, during the past month. Fall River and New Bedford cotton mills have a moderate trade. Boston wired that in New Hampshire another contest for the establishment of the 48-hour law is impending. The New Bedford Warehouse Co. said that Eastern cotton manufacturers have product sold only a short time ahead, while production is proceeding at a greater rate than any time previously this season. The Amoskeag Manufacturing Co. is installing hundreds of new hand looms in the No. 8 and No. 9 mills, which are to be run on the new rayon fabric of Amoskeag, which is in great demand from the trade. At East Gaffney, N. H., the cotton mills of White Bros., manufacturers of blue denims have increased their production to capacity after running on a 4-day schedule for some time. At Biddeford, Me., on Feb. 12 the Pepperell mill strike ended. The mills started 2,000 looms with expert weavers in charge on Feb. 15. The strike began on Dec. 1 against a plan proposed by the management, whereby each weaver would tend an increased number of machines. Under the agreement, manufacturing experiments will be continued. Normally the plant employs 3,600 persons. The company has so many orders on hand that it will soon be running at full capacity, with night shifts probable in certain lines. Charlotte, N. C., wired that the mills there were running on full time. A strike of 12,000 fur workers in 2,000 shops in this city occurred on Feb. 16. Philadelphia wired that a general strike of waist and dress workers will be declared next week unless employers meet the demands of the union.

January foreign trade of the United States showed an adverse balance of \$15,000,000, the largest of this sort since those recorded in the early part of 1923, according to the Department of Commerce. Farm wages were higher in 1925 than in any year since 1920 and were three times as high as at the close of the Civil War, the Department of Agriculture states.

A Chicago dispatch said merchants and bankers generally agree that the business and financial situation over the Middle West is satisfactory, viewed from any angle. Country merchants are reported to have had excellent business in January and are running well up to last month's sales so far in February. Sauerbeck's index number of wholesale commodity prices in Great Britain for January is 129.3, compared with 130.4 for the month preceding. Textiles were 2.2 points lower.

The weather here on the 14th inst. (Sunday) was mild and rainy and in the evening it thundered and lightened. It was 34 to 39 here, 16 to 36 in Chicago, 34 to 42 at Cincinnati, 32 to 34 at Cleveland, 20 to 38 at Kansas City, 10 to 36 at Milwaukee and 6 to 28 at St. Paul. There were light rains at the West and not quite half an inch at New York. Of late it has continued to be mild or rainy here with occasional snow flurries. It was raining to-day until the afternoon, when it snowed again for a time. Heavy rains have prevailed in parts of the South and the West, with some

snow. On the 18th inst. it was 34 to 50 degrees here, at Chicago 28 to 34, at Cincinnati 46 to 54 and at St. Paul 10 to 26. Here it was 46 degrees to-day at 10 a. m. and 36 at 4 p. m. The forecast is for fair and much colder weather here, with northwest gales. In the morning there was a heavy fog, impeding travel. Heavy storms were reported in the Great Lakes district. It is snowing to-night in northern New York. One of the heaviest snow storms of the season is raging in Vermont.

Decrease in Wholesale Prices In January as Compared With Year Ago.

Practically no change in the general level of wholesale prices in January as compared with the preceding month is shown by information collected in leading markets by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor. The Bureau's weighted index number, which includes 404 commodities or price series, registered 156.0 for January compared with 156.2 for December, 1925. Compared with January, 1925, with an index number of 160.0 there was a decrease of 2½%, says the Department under date of Feb. 18. It adds:

Farm products and foods declined slightly below the level of December. Lower prices were reported also for clothing materials, metals, chemicals, and drugs, and housefurnishing goods. In the group of miscellaneous commodities, due largely to falling prices of crude rubber, there was a decrease of 2%. Fuels and building materials, on the other hand, averaged somewhat higher than in December.

Of the 404 commodities or price series for which comparable information for December and January was collected, increases were shown in 100 instances and decreases in 133 instances. In 171 instances no change in price was reported.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES BY GROUPS OF COMMODITIES. (1913 = 100.0)

Groups and Subgroups.	1925.		1926. January.
	January.	December.	
Farm products.....	163.4	152.2	151.8
Grains.....	201.7	165.3	169.7
Livestock and poultry.....	123.2	130.5	129.5
Other farm products.....	182.6	165.6	163.4
Foods.....	159.8	157.1	156.2
Meats.....	140.5	151.0	150.7
Butter, cheese and milk.....	147.0	155.7	152.8
Other foods.....	174.0	161.5	160.9
Clothing materials.....	191.1	187.1	185.5
Boots and shoes.....	185.4	186.6	186.1
Cotton goods.....	185.7	175.7	172.5
Woolen and worsted goods.....	219.2	207.3	206.7
Silk, &c.....	166.4	180.3	177.9
Fuels.....	167.9	174.8	176.5
Anthracite coal.....	228.4	*	*
Bituminous coal.....	200.1	207.3	203.2
Other fuels.....	132.9	141.9	148.1
Metals and metal products.....	136.3	129.5	128.9
Iron and steel.....	145.7	137.0	136.7
Non-ferrous metals.....	115.5	113.0	111.7
Building materials.....	179.3	177.0	177.9
Lumber.....	190.3	189.5	191.6
Brick.....	208.1	204.7	205.5
Structural steel.....	139.1	129.1	129.1
Other building materials.....	169.6	166.6	166.0
Chemicals and drugs.....	135.2	134.5	133.2
Chemicals.....	128.2	124.9	121.6
Fertilizer materials.....	105.5	109.6	111.9
Drugs and pharmaceuticals.....	180.4	182.3	183.0
Housefurnishing goods.....	172.6	165.9	164.9
Furnishings.....	153.5	145.3	144.7
Miscellaneous.....	235.1	232.8	230.6
Cattle feed.....	127.1	138.2	135.3
Leather.....	154.9	128.0	129.9
Paper and pulp.....	150.5	140.1	140.1
Other miscellaneous.....	165.0	170.0	181.5
All commodities.....	104.4	130.0	121.2
	160.0	156.2	156.0

* Insufficient data.

Increase in Retail Food Prices in January, 1926, Over Those of Year Ago—Comparison With 1913.

The retail food index issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor shows for January 15, 1926, a decrease of almost 1% since December 15, 1925; an increase of nearly 6½% since January 15, 1925; and an increase of 67% since January 15, 1913. The index number (1913 = 100.0) was 165.5 in December, 1925, and 164.3 in January, 1926. The Department advices under date of February 18 continue:

During the month from December 15, 1925, to January 15, 1926, 12 articles on which monthly prices are secured decreased as follows: Strictly fresh eggs, 19%; storage eggs, 11%; butter, 6%; oranges, 4%; bacon, fresh milk, lard, canned corn, canned peas, and canned tomatoes, 1%, and vegetable lard substitute and macaroni less than five-tenths of 1%. Twenty-one articles increased: Cabbage, 22%; potatoes, 12%; hens, 6%; onions, 4%; plate beef, 3%; round steak, chuck roast, pork chops, leg of lamb, flour and rice, 2%; sirloin steak, rib roast, canned red salmon, prunes, raisins and bananas, 1%, and ham, cheese, wheat cereal and tea, less than five-tenths of 1%. The following 10 articles showed no change in the month: Evaporated milk, oleomargarine, bread, cornmeal, rolled oats, corn flakes, navy beans, baked sugars, granulated sugar and coffee.

Changes in Retail Prices of Food, by Cities.

During the month from December 15, 1925, to January 15, 1926, the average cost of food decreased in 37 cities as follows: Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, San Francisco and Seattle, 3%; Denver, Fall River, Houston, New York, Portland, Oreg., Savannah and

Scranton, 2%; Baltimore, Boston, Bridgeport, Buffalo, Butte, Little Rock, Manchester, Mobile, Newark, New Haven, Norfolk, Philadelphia, Rochester and Springfield, Ill., 1%; and Birmingham, Columbus, Dallas, Kansas City, Memphis, New Orleans, Omaha, Peoria, Portland, Me., Providence, Richmond and St. Paul, less than five-tenths of 1%. In the following eleven cities the cost of food increased: Charleston, S. C., 3%; Jacksonville, 2%; Cleveland, Detroit and Indianapolis, 1%, and Atlanta, Chicago, Cincinnati, Louisville, Minneapolis and Washington, less than five-tenths of 1%. In Milwaukee, Pittsburgh and St. Louis there was no change in the month.

For the year period January, 1925, to January, 1926, 49 of the 51 cities showed increases: Jacksonville, 14%; Detroit and Minneapolis, 11%; Atlanta, Cincinnati, St. Paul and Savannah, 10%; Bridgeport, Indianapolis, Philadelphia and Scranton, 9%; Charleston, S. C., Cleveland, Columbus, Fall River, Manchester, New Haven, Norfolk, Omaha, Providence and Rochester, 8%; Buffalo, Chicago, Peoria, Pittsburgh, Richmond, St. Louis and Washington, 7%; Boston, Kansas City, Louisville, Milwaukee, Newark, New York and Portland, Me., 6%; Baltimore, Birmingham and Springfield, Ill., 5%; Little Rock and Mobile, 4%; Denver, Memphis and New Orleans, 3%; Butte, Dallas, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle, 1%, and Portland, Oreg., less than five-tenths of 1%. In Houston and Salt Lake City there was a decrease of 1% in the year.

As compared with the average cost in the year 1913, food in January, 1926, was 76% higher in Detroit and Richmond; 74% in Chicago; 72% in Birmingham and Washington; 71% in Buffalo; 70% in Baltimore; 69% in Atlanta, Charleston, S. C., and Scranton; 68% in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and St. Louis; 67% in Jacksonville, New York and Providence; 66% in Boston and New Haven; 65% in Cincinnati; 64% in Cleveland, Fall River, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and Omaha; 62% in Kansas City and New Orleans; 61% in Indianapolis, Louisville and Manchester, 60% in Dallas; 57% in Newark; 56% in Memphis and San Francisco; 55% in Little Rock; 49% in Seattle; 48% in Los Angeles; 47% in Denver; 42% in Portland, Oreg., and 36% in Salt Lake City. Prices were not obtained from Bridgeport, Butte, Columbus, Houston, Mobile, Norfolk, Peoria, Portland, Me., Rochester, St. Paul, Savannah and Springfield, Ill., in 1913, hence no comparison for the 13-year period can be given for those cities.

Survey of Current Business by United States Department of Commerce—Increases in Preliminary Business Indicators for January.

In its monthly statement made public, Feb. 15, the U. S. Department of Commerce said:

Early reports on business conditions to the Department of Commerce covering the month of January indicate increases over December in production of pig iron, steel ingots, zinc and northern pine lumber, consumption of tin and silk and shipments of locomotives, while the production of Douglas fir lumber declined. Unfilled steel orders on January 31 declined from a month previous, as did the number of iron furnaces in blast. Trade and financial indicators increasing over December included dividend and interest payments, new incorporations, customs receipts, and bank clearings in New York City, while postal receipts, bank clearings outside New York, the amount of money in circulation, and ordinary receipts and expenses of the Government were less. Retail sales showed the usual decline from the holiday trade. Business failures increased both in number and in the amount of liabilities, while fire losses declined.

Compared with January, 1925, the production of northern pine lumber and zinc, shipments of new locomotives, consumption of silk and tin, and corn grindings increased, while the production of pig iron, steel ingots and Douglas fir lumber declined. The tonnage of unfilled steel orders and number of furnaces in blast on January 31 were both less than a year ago. Postal receipts, sales by chain stores and mail-order houses, bank clearings, new incorporations and ordinary receipts of the Government, increased over January, 1925, while the amount of money in circulation, customs receipts, and expenses of the Federal Government were less. Fire losses were less than a year ago, as were business failures, both in number and in liabilities.

BUSINESS INDICATORS.

(Relative Numbers—1919 Monthly Average Equals 100.)

	1924.	1925.	1925.	1926.	Per Cent Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	
	Dec.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Jan. '26 from Dec. '25.	Jan. '26 from Jan. '25.
Pig iron production.....	116	132	128	130	+1.6	-1.5
Steel ingots, production.....	127	150	142	148	+4.2	-1.3
Unfilled steel orders.....	80	84	84	81	-3.6	-3.6
Locomotives:						
Shipments.....	64	40	42	51	+21.4	+27.5
Unfilled orders a.....	33	31	51	44	-13.7	+41.9
Postal receipts:						
50 largest cities.....	186	148	210	158	-24.8	+6.8
50 industrial cities b.....	155	128	177	137	-22.6	+7.0
Mail order sales (2 houses).....	156	117	179	127	-29.1	+8.5
Ten-cent store sales (4 chains).....	369	153	430	168	-60.9	+9.8
Farm prices.....	67	70	68	68		-2.9
Check payments c.....	116	128	129	139	+7.8	+8.6
Stock prices:						
25 industrials.....	127	128	168	170	+1.2	+32.8
25 railroads.....	128	129	149	149		+15.5
Commercial paper interest rates.....	66	67	81	81		+20.9
Federal Reserve banks:						
Bills discounted.....	16	14	39	23	-41.0	+64.3
Total reserves.....	139	141	129	135	+4.7	-4.3
Ratio.....	145	155	134	149	+11.2	-3.9
Business failures:						
Number of firms.....	379	431	349	427	+22.3	-0.9
Liabilities.....	480	576	387	462	+19.4	-10.8

a 1920 monthly average equals 100. b 1922 monthly average equals 100. c With seasonal adjustment.

Further figures on January business reported to the Department of Commerce indicate increases over a year ago in the production of refined copper and oak flooring, new orders for machine tools, stocks of cement and sales of mechanical stokers, while receipts of wool at Boston, the production of cement, maple flooring and California redwood, the contracts awarded for concrete roads and

pavements, car-loadings of commodities, and total cold storage holdings of meats declined. Sales of new paid-for ordinary life insurance, the prices of stocks and the total number patents issued increased over a year ago, while the amount of gold received at the mint declined, says the statement of the Department released for publication today, Feb. 20.

Compared with December, 1925, increases occurred in the production of oak flooring, receipts of wool at Boston and cold storage holdings of meats while the production of cement, copper, maple flooring, and California redwood, sales of mechanical stokers, new orders for machine tools, contracts awarded for concrete roads and pavements declined. The prices of industrial stocks increased over the previous month while the number of patents issued, sales of new paid-for ordinary insurance, receipts of gold at the mint and the price of railroad stocks declined.

Business Conditions in Richmond Federal Reserve District.

W. W. Hoxton, Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, in his Jan. 31 "Monthly Review" states that business in the Richmond Federal Reserve District in December was fully up to seasonal average, although an increase in trade over that of December 1924 was less marked than the increase in November over November of the previous year. Further indicating conditions, he says:

Fall trade in 1925 opened earlier than in 1924, partly because weather conditions stimulated early fall buying last year and partly because there was no pre-election uncertainty as was the case in 1924. The year 1925 turned out better in the Fifth District in practically all lines than did 1924, agriculture being the only important industry in which there was a recession. Even in agriculture there was distinct improvement in certain sections and crops. Both tobacco and cotton production in the two Carolinas exceeded 1924 production, but tobacco prices were a little lower than during the preceding year. Maryland's crops except Irish potatoes and hay, exceeded the previous year's yields, and good prices were secured for most of them. West Virginia's important crops, except hay and apples, exceeded those of 1924. South Carolina and Virginia suffered most from last summer's dry weather, and farm conditions are less favorable in those States.

Conditions in the textile field improved last year over conditions existing in 1924, as is indicated by a 1925 increase of 326,982 bales in cotton consumption by Fifth District mills. Buying of textiles was on a hand-to-mouth basis all year, and power shortage cut operating time seriously last summer and fall, but a large volume of orders for prompt shipment was placed, and the mills kept moderately busy without the necessity of accumulating stocks of manufactured goods. As 1925 closed, there were signs of a distinct broadening in the demand for textiles, and forward orders were beginning to reach the mills.

The coal producing region of the Fifth District experienced better business during the entire year 1925, but the improvement was especially marked during the last four months, during which the substitution of bituminous for anthracite coal greatly increased the demand for West Virginia and Virginia coals. Plenty of labor and excellent railroad facilities enabled the Fifth District mines to produce a very large tonnage, and until December West Virginia led all States in coal mined. The prosperity in mining sections was felt in nearby States through increased orders to jobbers, wholesalers and manufacturers.

The volume of construction work in the Fifth District during 1925 was somewhat below 1924 in the number of permits issued, but total valuation figures for new work in 1925 set a new record, totaling \$177,223,973 in 28 cities. This compares with a total of \$158,767,248 issued in the same cities in 1924.

Debits to individual, firm and corporation accounts at clearing house banks in 23 of the district's leading cities totaled \$15,819,532,000 in 1925, an increase of more than a billion and a half dollars over the total of \$14,268,512,000 in 1924.

Labor has probably never been more steadily employed than in 1925, except during and immediately after the World War, when there was a shortage of available workers. Textile operatives lost considerable time last summer on account of power shortage, but all other groups were able to secure work at good wages during the entire year. The active construction program, of course, accounted for much of the employment in one form or another.

Retail trade in 1925, as reflected by department store sales, exceeded that of 1924 by approximately 5%, and the volume of wholesale trade in six leading lines was only a little less than during the earlier year. A considerable part of the decrease was doubtless due to lower prices last year on cotton goods.

Weekly Lumber Movement About the Same.

The National Lumber Manufacturers' Association received telegraphic reports of the status of the lumber industry for the week ended Feb. 13 from 357 of the larger softwood, and 119 of the chief hardwood, mills of the country. The 343 comparably reporting softwood mills showed negligible decreases in production and shipments, and an increase in new business, when compared with reports from 368 mills the previous week. In comparison with reports for the same period a year ago there were increases in all three items, despite the fact that 34 more mills reported at that time. The hardwood operations showed no noteworthy change in comparison with reports for the week earlier.

The unfilled orders of 231 Southern Pine and West Coast mills at the end of last week amounted to 734,836,359 feet,

as against 706,725,453 feet for 230 mills the previous week. The 131 identical Southern Pine mills in the group showed unfilled orders of 299,462,940 feet last week, as against 291,442,920 feet for the week before. For the 100 West Coast mills the unfilled orders were 435,373,419 feet, as against 415,282,533 feet for 99 mills a week earlier.

Altogether the 343 comparably reporting mills had shipments 100% and orders 108% of actual production. For the Southern Pine mills these percentages were, respectively, 103 and 113; and for the West Coast mills 83 and 92.

Of the reporting mills, the 318 with an established normal production for the week of 201,962,863 feet, gave actual production 102%, shipments 98% and orders 104% thereof.

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

Mills	Past Week.	Corresponding Week 1925.	Preceding Week 1926 (Revised).
Production	222,750,273	219,789,873	226,315,505
Shipments	222,841,768	217,207,063	231,655,120
Orders (new business)	240,697,057	212,828,470	237,270,850

The following revised figures compare the lumber movement of the seven associations for the first six weeks of 1926 with the same period of 1925:

	Production.	Shipments.	Orders.
1926	1,260,090,944	1,368,604,532	1,447,466,092
1925	1,245,457,208	1,330,934,151	1,277,663,737

The Southern Cypress Manufacturers' Association of New Orleans (omitted from above tables because only recently reporting) for the week ended Feb. 10 reported from 14 mills a production of 4,157,139 feet, shipments 6,380,000 and orders 4,480,000. In comparison with reports for the previous week, when one more mill reported, this association showed some decrease in production and new business, and a slight increase in shipments.

* Reports from the California Redwood Association have not been received.

West Coast Lumbermen's Association Weekly Trade Review.

Ninety-nine mills reporting to West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ending Feb. 6 manufactured 98,473,419 feet of lumber; sold 97,066,270 feet, and shipped 89,588,371 feet. New business was 1 1/2% below production. Shipments were 9% below production.

Forty-two per cent of all new business taken during the week was for future water delivery. This amounted to 40,158,979 feet, of which 31,129,459 feet was for domestic cargo delivery and 9,029,520 feet export. New business by rail amounted to 1,743 cars.

Thirty-seven per cent of the lumber shipments moved by water. This amounted to 33,131,080 feet, of which 27,218,389 feet moved coastwise and intercoastal and 5,912,691 feet export. Rail shipments totaled 1,728 cars.

Local auto and team deliveries totaled 4,617,291 feet.

Unfilled domestic cargo orders totaled 116,769,704 feet. Unfilled export orders 141,132,829 feet. Unfilled rail trade orders, 5,246 cars.

In the first six weeks of the year production reported to West Coast Lumbermen's Association has been 475,350,387 feet; new business 566,210,430 feet, and shipments 516,806,502 feet.

Census Report on Cotton Consumed and on Hand in January—Consumption Below a Year Ago.

Under date of Feb. 13 1926 the Census Bureau issued its report showing cotton consumed, cotton on hand, active cotton spindles and imports and exports of cotton for the month of January 1926 and 1925. Cotton consumed amounted to 583,192 bales of lint and 56,465 bales of linters, compared with 594,010 bales of lint and 51,137 bales of linters in January 1925 and 575,271 bales of lint and 55,701 bales of linters in December 1925. It will be seen that there is a decrease from January 1925 in the total lint and linters combined of 5,490 bales, or 0.8%. The statistics of cotton in this report are given in running bales, counting round as half bales, except foreign bales, which are in equivalent 500-pound bales:

COTTON CONSUMED AND ON HAND IN SPINNING MILLS AND IN OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS, AND ACTIVE COTTON SPINDLES.
(Linters not included.)

Locality.	Year	Cotton Consumed During (Bales)—		Cotton on Hand January 31—		Cotton Spindles Active During January (Number).
		January.	Six Months Ending Jan. 31.	In Consuming Establishments (Bales).	In Public Storage and at Compresses (Bales).	
United States	1926	583,192	3,177,171	1,811,399	5,175,834	32,803,156
	1925	594,010	2,953,017	1,441,696	3,860,333	33,320,558
Cotton-growing States.	1926	412,242	2,192,848	1,122,299	4,944,981	17,176,666
	1925	404,868	2,032,326	887,497	3,582,245	16,950,516
New England States	1926	141,687	815,067	598,110	139,831	13,977,168
	1925	158,027	762,663	472,525	76,485	14,689,714
All other States	1926	29,263	169,256	90,974	91,022	1,649,322
	1925	31,115	158,028	81,677	201,603	1,680,328

* Includes 18,343 Egyptian, 6,779 other foreign, and 880 American-Egyptian, and 307 sea-island consumed; 45,507 Egyptian, 24,501 other foreign, and 3,706 American-Egyptian and 2,057 sea-island in consuming establishments, and 21,198 Egyptian, 13,693 other foreign, 8,690 American-Egyptian, and 520 sea-island in public storage. Six months consumption, 98,550 Egyptian, 39,994 other foreign, 4,675 American-Egyptian, and 1,549 sea-island.

Linters not included above were 56,465 bales consumed during January in 1926 and 51,137 bales in 1925; 159,875 bales on hand in consuming establishments on Jan. 31 1926, and 137,367 bales in 1925, and 69,588 bales in public storage and at compresses in 1926, and 57,953 bales in 1925. Linters consumed during six months ended Jan. 31 amounted to 387,473 bales in 1926 and 304,588 bales in 1925.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF COTTON AND LINTERS.
Imports of Foreign Cotton (500-Pound Bales).

Country of Production.	January.		6 Mos. End. Jan. 31.	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Total	62,061	54,822	160,230	152,959
Egypt	48,904	42,784	119,670	100,109
Peru	1,474	3,335	10,984	8,266
China	6,642	1,420	11,397	2,751
Mexico	3,874	6,274	9,475	34,337
British India	767	415	7,457	6,076
All other	400	594	1,247	1,120

Exports of Domestic Cotton and Linters—Running Bales (See Note for Linters).

Country to which Exported.	January.		6 Mos. End. Jan. 31.	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Total	749,967	1,076,075	5,430,445	5,420,186
United Kingdom	219,995	402,090	1,588,672	1,858,854
France	98,499	118,447	644,553	650,639
Italy	69,559	82,956	409,847	430,823
Germany	110,847	213,562	1,236,079	1,162,236
Other Europe	87,724	99,546	628,097	571,223
Japan	122,155	131,215	726,120	594,059
All other	41,190	28,285	197,077	152,352

Note.—Figures include 15,368 bales of linters exported during January in 1926 and 24,214 bales in 1925, and 48,710 bales for the six months ending Jan. 31 in 1926 and 77,942 bales in 1925. The distribution for January 1926 follows: United Kingdom, 3,527; Netherlands, 3,945; France, 2,144; Germany, 3,987; Belgium, 100; Italy, 407; Sweden, 287; Canada, 918; Mexico, 3; Czechoslovakia, 50.

WORLD STATISTICS.

The estimated world's production of commercial cotton, exclusive of linters, grown in 1924, as compiled from information secured through the domestic and foreign staff of the Department of Commerce, is 23,825,000 bales of 478 lbs. lint, while the consumption of cotton (exclusive of linters in the United States) for the year ending July 31 1925 was approximately 22,640,000 bales of 478 lbs. lint. The total number of spinning cotton spindles, both active and idle, is about 162,000,000.

Cottonseed Production During January.

On Feb. 17 the Bureau of the Census issued the following statement showing cottonseed received, crushed and on hand and cottonseed products manufactured, shipped out, on hand and exports during the month of January 1926 and 1925

COTTONSEED RECEIVED, CRUSHED AND ON HAND (TONS).

State.	Received at Mills * Aug. 1 to Jan. 31.		Crushed Aug. 1 to Jan. 31.		On Hand at Mills Jan. 31.	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Alabama	311,954	213,027	255,759	184,110	56,482	30,206
Arizona	49,197	40,617	43,837	37,603	6,530	3,028
Arkansas	394,426	288,026	320,511	229,900	73,988	58,176
California	70,759	60,460	51,507	50,256	19,656	12,861
Georgia	462,189	341,348	350,894	285,029	111,282	59,235
Louisiana	216,761	145,303	179,727	127,759	37,086	17,544
Mississippi	401,001	399,441	443,665	308,696	158,486	91,497
North Carolina	323,357	236,223	242,200	190,593	81,416	45,988
Oklahoma	491,462	420,643	344,093	277,148	150,663	143,734
South Carolina	230,622	192,088	191,841	169,847	40,140	22,870
Tennessee	318,87	241,711	271,673	187,459	47,648	54,903
Texas	1,274,395	1,452,147	1,016,011	1,125,509	279,437	333,798
All other	133,09	100,561	96,825	73,545	36,557	27,059
United States	1,878,121	1,131,509	1,808,597	1,248,452	1,099,371	900,899

* Includes seed destroyed at mills but not 32,276 tons and 21,711 tons on hand Aug. 1, nor 104,149 tons and 78,019 tons reshipped for 1926 and 1925, respectively.

COTTONSEED PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED, SHIPPED OUT AND ON HAND.

Item.	Season	On Hand Aug. 1.	Produced Aug. 1 to Jan. 31.	Shipped out Aug. 1 to Jan. 31.	On Hand Jan. 31.
(Pounds)	1924-25	4,052,703	972,922,234	883,662,421	122,352,166
Refined oil	1925-26	173,549,345	28,037,377	28,037,377	204,850,872
(Pounds)	1924-25	106,799,632	766,328,973	766,328,973	303,788,806
Cake and meal	1925-26	48,937	1,769,143	1,471,762	316,357
(Tons)	1924-25	41,620	1,482,494	1,328,214	195,900
Hulls	1925-26	39,503	1,018,235	902,364	185,374
(Tons)	1924-25	33,515	924,452	745,790	214,177
Linters (500-lb. bales)	1925-26	18,912	751,183	573,509	196,586
(Running bales)	1925-26	53,410	619,316	504,564	168,162
Hull fiber	1925-26	18,547	711,654	543,108	187,093
(500-lb. bales)	1925-26	4,008	59,236	44,574	18,670
(500-lb. bales)	1924-25	4,008	39,830	27,712	12,118
Grabbots, moles, &c.	1925-26	1,758	25,434	15,878	11,314
(500 lb. bales)	1924-25	4,644	19,487	15,581	8,550

* Includes 635,825 and 15,713,928 pounds held by refining and manufacturing establishments and 1,550,600 and 43,744,700 pounds in transit to refiners and consumers Aug. 1 1925 and Jan. 31 1926, respectively.

x Includes 12,798,458 and 4,639,813 pounds held by refiners, brokers, agents and warehousemen at places other than refineries and manufacturing establishments and 6,989,033 and 8,627,577 pounds in transit to manufacturers of lard substitute oleomargarine, soap, &c., Aug. 1 1925 and Jan. 31 1926, respectively.

EXPORTS OF COTTONSEED PRODUCTS FOR SIX MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 31.

Item.	1925.	1924.
Oil—Crude	Pounds 22,808,271	13,778,882
Refined	Pounds 16,859,373	18,374,635
Cake and meal	Tons 266,601	320,439
Linters	Running bales 48,710	77,942

New Automobile Model.

Announcements regarding new prices and models of automobiles were almost nil during the week just closed, the only one of any importance being the report that the Pierce-

Arrow Motor Car Co. is adding three new body types to its Series 80 line: A five-passenger four-door coach at \$3,250, a seven-passenger four-door coach at \$3,350 and a limousine coach at \$3,450, f.o.b. factory. The new models were designed and produced in the Pierce-Arrow body shops and are the first of their type in America. They do not replace, but are an addition to other models, so that now there are 11 body types available in the Series 80.

Crude Oil and Gasoline Prices Advance.

The crude oil market was fairly stable during the week just ended, the most important price change being the advance announced Feb. 13 by the Joseph Seep Purchasing Agency. On the other hand, gasoline prices were increased in several sections of the country. The revisions put into effect in the Pennsylvania crude market compare with prices formerly in effect, as follows:

Grade—	New Price.	Old Price.	Advance.
Bradford district in National Transit Lines.....	\$3 90	\$3 65	25c.
Penna. grade in N. Y. Transit Lines.....	3 90	3 65	25c.
Penna. grade in National Lines.....	3 80	3 55	25c.
Penna. grade in S. W. Pa. Lines.....	3 80	3 55	25c.
Penna. grade in National Lines.....	3 75	3 50	25c.
Penna. grade in Buckeye Lines.....	3 65	3 35	30c.
Gaines crude in National Lines.....	2 95	2 95	unchd.
Corning crude in Buckeye Lines.....	2 25	2 25	unchd.
Cabell crude in Eureka Lines.....	2 20	2 10	10c.
Somerset med. in Cumberland Lines.....	2 30	2 20	10c.
Somerset light in Cumberland Lines.....	2 45	2 35	10c.
Bagland crude in Cumberland Lines.....	1 10	1 10	unchd.

This is the first advance to be made this year. The last previous boost on Pennsylvania crude was 25c. a barrel made on Dec. 12 1925.

The Joseph Seep Purchasing Agency of South Penn Oil Co. has established new grade of Pennsylvania crude oil known as Keister in pipe lines of National Transit Co. The posted price is \$2 45 a barrel. On Feb. 17 the Kay County Gas Co., a subsidiary of the Marland Oil Co., at Houston, Tex., advanced Texas Panhandle crude 10 to 20c. a barrel, making the new prices \$1 15 to \$1 75 a barrel.

Gasoline prices took an upward turn throughout the week, advances being made by a number of the leading distributors. The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey on Feb. 13 advanced the price of gasoline 1c. a gallon throughout its territory, effective Feb. 12. This brings the tank wagon price in the State of New Jersey to 16c. a gallon. On the same day, the Standard Oil Co. of New York increased the price of gasoline in New England 1c. a gallon, making the tank wagon price 18c. and retail 21c. The Sinclair Refining Co. followed the S. O. of New Jersey and S. O. of New York advance of one cent in price of tank wagon gasoline as did the Texas Co. The Tide Water Oil Co. advanced the price of gasoline 1c. a gallon in New York territory, also on the 13th.

On the fifteenth the Gulf Oil Co. announced that it had advanced the tank wagon price of gasoline one cent, making the price 16c. a gallon in New Jersey, effective as of Feb. 12. Reports from Shreveport, La., on Feb. 13, state that the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana advanced the price of gasoline 1c. a gallon throughout its territory, including Louisiana, Arkansas and Tennessee, effective as of Feb. 12. This brought the tilling station price to 19c. a gallon in Shreveport and the tank wagon price to 16c.

The price of kerosene was advanced 1/4c. a gallon by Pennsylvania refiners, effective Feb. 13.

In contrast with the advance in price posted by the S. O. of Louisiana throughout its territory, the Marland Oil Co. of Texas is reported to have reduced its tank wagon price 1c. a gallon, thus cancelling the advance announced on Feb. 9. Press dispatches from Louisville, Ky., on Feb. 15, indicate that the Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky advanced tank wagon gasoline in Kentucky, Missouri, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida, with a few exceptions, 1c. a gallon. On the following day, the 16th, it was reported that the Continental Oil Co. of Denver, Colo., advanced the price of tank wagon gasoline 1c. a gallon to 25c. in Boise, Ida., and 1/2c. to 23 1/2c. in Salt Lake City, Utah. Effective Feb. 17, the Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp. advanced the price of water white kerosene in tank cars at the New York, Philadelphia and other Atlantic Coast terminals 1/2c. a gallon to 9 1/2c.

Dispatches from Toronto, Ont., on Feb. 19 state that gasoline prices were raised 1c. per imperial gallon (1.2 United States gallons). The retail price is now 28c., plus 3c. tax.

Crude Oil Production Falls a Trifle.

The usual weekly estimates of the crude oil output in the United States show a decrease of only 3,750 barrels per day during the week ended Feb. 13, according to the American

Petroleum Institute. The daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Feb. 13 was 1,902,500 barrels, as compared with 1,906,250 barrels for the preceding week, as shown by the tables given below. The daily average production east of California was 1,296,000 barrels, as compared with 1,298,250 barrels, a decrease of 2,250 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production by districts for the weeks indicated:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION.

(In Barrels.)	Feb. 13 '26.	Feb. 6 '26.	Jan. 30 '26.	Feb. 14 '25.
Oklahoma.....	449,000	445,750	443,400	483,250
Kansas.....	101,250	100,650	99,050	83,850
North Texas.....	76,850	77,400	77,950	87,400
East Central Texas.....	59,850	60,700	61,850	107,100
West Central Texas.....	69,900	71,350	72,050	53,300
Southwest Texas.....	37,000	36,700	36,700	47,900
North Louisiana.....	43,400	44,300	43,400	49,400
Arkansas.....	170,150	171,650	159,500	104,000
Gulf Coast.....	90,950	91,550	91,300	75,450
Eastern.....	99,000	99,500	99,500	98,000
Wyoming.....	75,350	75,850	74,000	77,950
Montana.....	12,150	12,150	12,200	7,450
Colorado.....	7,000	6,400	6,400	1,600
New Mexico.....	4,150	4,300	4,200	350
California.....	606,500	608,000	612,000	598,100
Total.....	1,902,500	1,906,250	1,892,900	1,935,100

The estimated daily average 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. 13 was 1,007,400 barrels, as compared with 1,008,500 barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 1,100 barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover, Ark., heavy oil, was 867,200 barrels, as compared with 866,500 barrels, an increase of 700 barrels.

In Oklahoma production of South Braman is reported at 7,950 barrels, against 8,000 barrels; Thomas, 10,200 barrels, against 13,600 barrels; Tonkawa, 42,350 barrels, against 43,300 barrels; Garber, 27,200 barrels, against 21,950 barrels; Burbank, 44,850 barrels, against 44,450 barrels; Davenport, 19,850 barrels, against 19,900 barrels; Bristow-Slick, 32,150 barrels, against 31,600 barrels; Cromwell, 20,050 barrels, against 19,950 barrels, and Papoose, 15,350 barrels, against 14,650 barrels.

The Mexia pool, east central Texas, is reported at 13,250 barrels, against 13,500 barrels; Corsicana-Powell, 32,100 barrels, against 32,300 barrels; Wortham, 10,950 barrels, against 11,250 barrels; Reagan County, west central Texas, 29,300 barrels, against 30,200 barrels; Haynesville, north Louisiana, 10,400 barrels, against 11,350 barrels; Cotton Valley, 8,150 barrels, against 8,400 barrels, and Smackover, Ark., light, 19,200 barrels, against 19,000 barrels; heavy, 140,200 barrels, against 142,000 barrels. In the Gulf Coast Field, Hull is reported at 15,450 barrels, against 15,200 barrels; West Columbia, 9,000 barrels, against 9,050 barrels; South Liberty, 7,750 barrels, against 7,850 barrels; Orange County, 13,300 barrels, against 13,250 barrels; Boling, 4,250 barrels, against 4,300 barrels, and in the southwest Texas field, Luling is reported at 20,850 barrels, against 20,700 barrels; Lytton Springs, 7,050 barrels, against 7,150 barrels.

In Wyoming, Salt Creek is reported at 55,350 barrels, against 56,000 barrels.

In California, Santa Fe Springs is reported at 47,000 barrels, no change; Long Beach, 112,500 barrels, no change; Huntington Beach, 44,500 barrels, no change; Torrance, 28,500 barrels, against 29,000 barrels; Dominguez, 23,000 barrels, no change; Rosecrans, 22,000 barrels, against 21,500 barrels; Inglewood, 56,000 barrels, no change, and Midway-Sunset, 92,000 barrels, no change.

Steel Market Unaffected by Settlement of Anthracite Strike—Coke Market Breaks—Pig Iron Weakens.

Cancellations and suspensions of contracts for domestic coke following in a flood the settlement of the anthracite strike broke coke prices severely. By its virtual independence of the coke market, steel of course was not affected, but pig iron was weakened, declares the market survey issued by the *Iron Age* this week. A week ago the strike was thought likely to last long enough to bring higher second quarter coke and thus, in spite of the low ebb of buying, to save pig iron from a decline. With the coke now in transit regarded as equal to Eastern demands until hard coal takes its place, some excess coke from the speeded-up Connellsville district is expected to appear on the market. Furnace coke dropped to \$5 per net ton at ovens, or less than half its price on Friday (the 12th) and now blast furnaces are delaying in negotiations for the second quarter, assuming that coke operators must depend

largely on metallurgical consumers, the "Age" continues adding further details of interest as follows:

No decisions have been announced with respect to putting into blast those furnaces which were banked when coke was diverted to the more remunerative outlets. Demand for merchant iron now remains light and needs for steel making are well satisfied.

Surplus foreign iron at Atlantic Coast ports has had a weakening effect on the Eastern markets. Chicago merchant iron has been sold at St. Louis at \$21, a concession of \$2. Somewhat unusual is the sale of 10,000 tons of basic iron at a concession by a Pittsburgh district scrap dealer, who bought the iron some time ago on speculation.

In steel, new buying is disappointing on the whole. Its seasonal character, now accentuated by short range purchasing, gives no promise of an expansion before mid-March. On top of this the general storms gave a temporary setback to consumption.

Chicago and the South both report demands close to shipments and sustained high production. Elsewhere specifications and new business, while for the first half of February 20% better than January, were not up to the December volume. Steel production so far has average about 5% under January, but with some further check lately owing to the severe weather.

Demands for standard section rails on 1926 contracts show no let up and are accompanied by steady specifying of track accessories. The rail movement is largely responsible for Chicago's orders exceeding shipments. Fresh purchases covered about 65,000 tons, 51,000 tons to be rolled by Chicago mills, including 33,000 tons for the Rock Island.

Railroad equipment buying is at a low point, but several thousand cars are pending, including 1000 just inquired for by the Northern Pacific and 500 for the Burlington. The Seaboard Air Line has received bids on 3,000 to 4,500 cars.

Cleveland finds signs of a gain in automobile steel with larger orders for sheets and strip steel than for several weeks, but in all centers expansion of the motor car industry has been below expectations.

Counting on the coming of open weather to hasten consumption, a general condition of low stocks is the producer's support for holding prices. Sheet selling is below capacity and is weaker in that fever of the large makers are holding to the higher prices.

Combined specifications and new orders for steel bars are not taxing production capacity, and deliveries are easier. In Cleveland, a quotation of 1.90c., Pittsburgh basis, on billet steel reinforcing bars has appeared, though steel bars broadly are notably strong at 2c.

Strip makers have asked for some suspensions on billet and slab contracts, to avoid getting too far ahead on their own rolling schedules.

For an oil line in Kansas the Emerald Oil Co. is inquiring for 15,000 tons of pipe.

England will build two 10,000-ton motor-driven ships for the United States.

Further weakness in scrap has developed in nearly all consuming districts, with declines of 50c. a ton on heavy melting steel at Pittsburgh and Cleveland.

Since November, an average of heavy melting steel in Chicago, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia has lost about \$2, dropping from \$17.67 to \$15.75. This is in contrast with the movement of pig iron, which was \$21.29 through most of November and has stood at \$21.54 ever since, as shown by the "Iron Age" composite price in the tables below:

Finished Steel, Feb. 16 1926, 2.424 Cents per Pound.	
Based on prices of steel bars, beams, tank plates, plain wire, open-hearth rails, black pipe and black sheets, constituting 88% of the United States output.....	One week ago..... 2.424c. One month ago..... 2.446c. One year ago..... 2.546c. 10-year pre-war average..... 1.689c.
Pig Iron, Feb. 16 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	

Settlement of the anthracite coal strike has lifted some elements of artificiality from the iron and steel market, observes the "Iron Trade Review" in its Feb. 18 summary. Conditions this week have been featured by various readjustments to the changed situation. Over-stimulated coke values have shrunk abruptly to a more normal basis. The sudden deflation has had the effect of causing some buyers of iron and steel to hold back in placing new requirements until they can assure themselves that no general disturbance of prices is to follow. On the other hand, prospective resumption of operations has released considerable miscellaneous steel business to the mills from mining companies and others serving the anthracite regions, says the "Review," adding further data as follows:

The events of the week have served to accent the more sluggish note that the market has possessed since the turn of the year. There is more feeling out of things by buyers before taking action. Even at Chicago, where the heaviest demand has been concentrated, a slight hesitation is apparent. Yet tonnage is passing steadily from mills to consumers close to a high record rate and production, with minor variations, is undiminished at 85 to 90 per cent. of capacity.

The collapse of the inflated coke market has been spectacular. Within a few hours after the ending of the strike, ovens were besieged with cancellations from all directions, especially in household fuel, and prices were cut in two. Where a week ago crushed coke was freely commanding \$13 to \$13.50, ovens, it is now weak at \$6 to \$7. Standard furnace coke has fallen from \$12 to \$5 and \$6. Coke tonnages are backed up without takers in various parts of the East, including 15,000 tons of Welsh fuel on dock at Boston.

Some discussion of second quarter prices in different products is beginning. The usual expectation is that no changes of importance will be made. This lack of buoyancy in prices is a large factor in inducing the casual way in which users of iron and steel are meeting their needs.

Advancing oil prices have given some stimulus to new field and refinery development. The Roxana Petroleum Corp. is planning a pipe line from St. Louis to Gary, Ind., with a refinery at the latter

point, involving about 50,000 tons of steel. The Magnolia Petroleum Co. and the Crusader Pipe Line Co. will build pipe lines in the Southwest calling for 20,600 tons and 15,000 tons, respectively, of mill pipe. With the approach of spring, cast iron pipe inquiries are increasing.

An unbalanced condition of the sheet market remains in evidence. Because of the concessions on automobile sheets, other buyers have been rendered cautious on the common grades. Considerable shading is prevalent in the latter. The reduction in automobile sheets as yet has brought to the mills no large amount of tonnage from that industry.

Lower coke prices have not appreciably unsettled the pig iron market, though buyers have seen in them a chance to drive a better bargain and are waiting. Producers point out that the prevailing coke prices still are above the point where present contracts are made.

Building activity in the country is less pronounced and spring programs are slow in developing. Cleveland is providing one of the best showings of prospective structural tonnage. "Iron Trade Review's" record of structural steel awards shows 1926 to date over 100,000 tons below the same period in 1925. Awards this week were only 17,221 tons.

Car business is practically confined to inquiries totaling 7,950 for western roads. The Northern Pacific is coming out for 1,000. Canadian Pacific has placed about 1,000. Demand for fastenings at Chicago holds strong.

The Ford Motor Co. has notified foundries which have been serving it that it can no longer supply them with pig iron from its furnaces, because of its own increased needs. This means an additional open market demand of about 8,000 tons monthly.

A further descent in "Iron Trade Review" composite of fourteen leading iron and steel products is registered this week, to a basis of \$38.90. Last week the index was \$38.98.

Anthracite Strike Settlement Affects Market for Coal Substitutes.

The item of prime interest in all coal markets last week was, of course, the final coming to an agreement of the anthracite operators and miners, observes the "Coal Trade Journal" this week. In many consuming districts wholesalers were receiving many requests for cancellations but, on the other hand, this trouble was not manifest in others. Prices on prepared in general held up very well but slack was off badly in most sections due to the heavy production of prepared sizes, says the "Journal" in reviewing the conditions in the market:

In spite of the anthracite strike settlement, all substitutes were in great demand last week throughout New England and prices were up. The demand for prepared New River and Pochahontas was far ahead of supply. The tidewater situation was strong and prices higher at both Boston and Providence, despite the fact that quotations at the southern piers were unchanged. Coke was in greater demand than ever even with the high prices prevailing in the Connellsville field. Retailers made further advances in the prices for coke and Welsh coal. Up to Friday of last week the demand for prepared bituminous coals in New York was good and prices were holding firmly. Coke was a little easier and prices reflected this condition. Low volatile slack was in good demand but very scarce. However, when the news of the settlement of the strike reached the trade, chaotic conditions set in and attempted cancellations were the general order. Prices on all substitutes for anthracite dropped and demand was nil. Wholesalers predicted that the first anthracite would reach New York in about ten days if transportation facilities were good.

The strike settlement caused cancellations on orders for anthracite substitutes to come into Philadelphia wholesale offices. Pool prices, however, held up well, though those for substitutes weakened rapidly. The market immediately before the settlement was uneasy and the spot market chaotic; prices were firmly held, but the stiff coke prices scared off many buyers. Orders were for small lots only. Slack was weak, but anthracite substitutes were high and firm.

Up to the time of settlement of the strike, prepared Pochahontas was holding the center of the stage in Baltimore and supplies were not enough to meet the demand. The price situation was unchanged.

Low volatile pool coals at the southern piers were a trifle off and the high volatiles were a drug on the market. Prepared smokeless coals were in good demand at stronger prices. Movement over the three piers, which slumped the week before last, picked up last week and were again normal. Record shipments were made last week by two companies.

Windy weather conditions have increased the demand for central Pennsylvania bituminous coals and prices were again stronger last week. Transportation facilities were good and no-bills were practically nil.

The chief demand in the Pittsburgh district was for domestic sizes. Slack was dull and production dropped slightly. Shipments were held up on account of the stormy weather. Gas mine-run was firm and by-product coal in good demand. Industrial demand continued limited. The Connellsville coke field reached a new high level last week and prices were in the clouds.

Prices of prepared in northern West Virginia rose last week and production went to the highest level since April of last year. Slack was plentiful and low in price. Mine-run was in a little better demand but three-quarters showed no change. Transportation facilities were practically perfect in spite of heavy snows and very few mines were handicapped by a lack of empties.

The strong demand from eastern markets kept up prices on prepared grades of West Virginia low volatile coals and production was on a good basis. Mine-run was fair in demand but slack was off badly. Due to the excessively heavy production for the past few weeks, supplies were still too large in high volatile territories and prices were lower on account of the heavy competition. There was considerable call from the East for the smaller prepared sizes which helped somewhat. The smaller mines in the Kanawha and Logan fields were working irregularly but New River, Pochahontas, Tug River and Winding Gulf mines were working at full speed.

In the Upper Potomac and western Maryland fields, the demand for prepared grades increased last week, otherwise there was no change in the market situation. Prices were the same as in former weeks. The output of the coke ovens increased. These conditions held true also in the Virginia field. The movement through the Cumberland Gateway was reported as being the heaviest in history.

The agreement to end the prolonged anthracite strike was easily the outstanding feature of the market situation last week, declares the *Coal Age* and then goes on to say: Coming practically unheralded and almost at the close of the week, the full effect of the settlement could not be measured. There were enough changes in Atlantic seaboard markets, however, to show that prices on bituminous coal and coke for household consumption will undergo a sharp liquidation. A flood of cancellations has already set in and many shippers find that business booked has vanished.

The effect of the resumption of anthracite mining upon the steam bituminous market promises to be beneficial. The pressure to expand production of soft coal to take advantage of high prices bid for the so-called domestic sizes in recent weeks has resulted in surfeiting the market with an undigestible surplus of fine sizes. Some of this tonnage has been sold at prices which yielded little more than the freight charges. With the restriction in bituminous operations which will naturally follow shipment of hard coal to the anthracite-consuming territory the accumulation of screenings will diminish. There also will be more interest displayed in the situation by the industrial buyer.

In those markets where the settlement of the anthracite strike did not start prices on prepared bituminous coal on the downward path, milder weather proved an effective depressant of demand. Middle Western, Kentucky and West Virginia coals suffered in this slump. Unfortunately for the shipper, there was, except under unusual circumstances, no offsetting gain in prices realized on the steam sizes. The general level of spot prices again declined. The "Coal Age" index for Feb. 15 was 173 and the corresponding price was \$2.10. For Feb. 8 the index number was 177 and the price was \$2.14.

Dumpings at Hampton Roads during the week ended Feb. 11, totaled 448,634 net tons, as compared with 388,265 tons the week preceding. Increased foreign demand and heavy shipments of slack to New York and Boston helped to swell the total.

Nowhere has the settlement of the anthracite strike hit harder than in the Connellsville region. Within a few hours after the word flashed over the wires, cancellations began to pour in and prices began to tumble. New York quotations on beehive coke slid off \$3 and further reductions were anticipated. Nevertheless the strike brought undreamed of profits to the ovens in the Connellsville region. It is estimated that since the first of the year the field has been shipping 90,000 to 100,000 tons weekly to eastern consumers for domestic use.

Output of Bituminous Coal Falls Off—Coke Production Gains—Anthracite Situation Remains Unchanged.

During the week ended Feb. 6 the output of bituminous coal decreased by about 429,000 net tons, as compared with the preceding week, or 3.4%. Coke production gained 28,000 tons over the preceding week, or 8%, according to the statistics recorded by the United States Bureau of Mines. The output of anthracite continued at next to nothing,

as in preceding weeks, as shown by the table which appears below under its appropriate heading.

Production of soft coal during the week ended Feb. 6 declined sharply. Total output, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 12,134,000 net tons, a decrease of 429,000 tons, or 3.4%, from the revised figure for the preceding week.

Estimated production of soft coal in January, preliminary figure for which was given last week, is now placed at 53,662,000 net tons.

Estimated U. S. Production of Bituminous Coal (Net Tons), Incl. Coal Coked. a

	1925-26		1924-25	
	Week.	Coal Year to Date. b	Week.	Coal Year to Date. b
Jan. 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
Jan. 30. c.-----	12,563,000	448,015,000	11,073,000	394,519,000
Daily average.-----	2,094,000	1,747,000	1,846,000	1,543,000
Feb. 6. d.-----	12,134,000	460,149,000	10,910,000	405,429,000
Daily average.-----	2,022,000	1,754,000	1,818,000	1,549,000

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 of days in the two years. c Revised. d Subject to revision.

Production of soft coal during the present coal year (262 days) is now 460,149,000 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 -----	493,739,000 net tons	1921-22 -----	364,121,000 net tons
1919-20 -----	415,099,000 net tons	1923-24 -----	484,460,000 net tons
1920-21 -----	479,730,000 net tons	1924-25 -----	405,429,000 net tons

ANTHRACITE.

As indicated by the number of cars loaded for shipment, anthracite production during the week ended Feb. 6, the 23d week of the strike, was about 34,000 net tons. This figure is subject to a slight revision.

Total production of anthracite during the present coal year to Feb. 6 is 40,688,000 net tons, as against 73,896,000 tons during the corresponding period in the preceding year. This represents, to date, a decrease of approximately 33,000,000 tons, or 45%, during the present coal year.

Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons).

	1925-26		1924-25	
	Week. Ended—	Coal Year to Date.	Week.	Coal Year to Date. a
Jan. 23.-----	47,000	40,620,000	1,740,000	70,257,000
Jan. 30.-----	34,000	40,654,000	1,730,000	71,987,000
Feb. 6.-----	34,000	40,688,000	1,909,000	73,896,000

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 Feb. 6 is estimated at 367,000 net tons, an increase of 28,000 tons, or 8%, over that in the week of Jan. 30. The gain was principally in the State of Pennsylvania.

Total production of beehive coke during the calendar year 1926 to Feb. 6 is 1,747,000 tons, as against 1,404,000 tons in the corresponding period in 1925. This represents a gain during the present year of about 20%.

Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

	Week Ended—			1926		1925	
	Feb. 6	Jan. 30	Feb. 7	to Date.	to Date. a		
Pennsylvania and Ohio.-----	303,000	281,000	218,000	1,445,000	1,115,000		
West Virginia.-----	21,000	15,000	15,000	84,000	70,000		
Ala., Ky., Tenn. and Ga.-----	21,000	22,000	25,000	112,000	119,000		
Virginia.-----	12,000	11,000	10,000	55,000	52,000		
Colorado and New Mexico.-----	6,000	6,000	3,000	29,000	23,000		
Washington and Utah.-----	4,000	4,000	5,000	22,000	25,000		

United States total.-----367,000 339,000 276,000 1,747,000 1,404,000

Daily average.-----61,000 57,000 46,000 55,000 44,000

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

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on Feb. 17, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the results for the twelve Federal Reserve banks combined, shows increases of \$5,000,000 in holdings of discounted bills, of \$1,100,000 in acceptances purchased in open market, and of \$1,300,000 in Government securities. Total bills and securities went up \$7,100,000, cash reserves \$900,000 and non-reserve cash \$4,600,000, while Federal Reserve note circulation declined \$6,700,000. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Discount holdings of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York increased \$12,000,000, those of St. Louis \$8,100,000, of Atlanta \$3,700,000, and of Richmond \$2,900,000. The Boston and Chicago banks report a decrease of \$9,400,000 each and the Cleveland bank of \$6,500,000 in holdings of discounted bills.

Open market acceptance holdings of the New York bank were \$20,000,000 larger and those of the Philadelphia bank, \$3,800,000 larger than a week ago, while holdings of the Federal Reserve banks of Boston and Atlanta were \$18,900,000 and \$4,200,000, respectively, less than a week ago. Treasury notes on hand went up \$1,200,000 and United States bonds \$300,000, while holdings of certificates of indebtedness fell off \$200,000.

The Boston bank reports an increase of \$6,800,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation, which is more than offset by decreases reported by most of the other banks, the principal decreases being Cleveland, \$4,900,000 and New York, \$4,100,000.

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 997 and 998. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending Feb. 17 1926 follows:

Increase (+) or Decrease (—) During

	Week.	Year.
Total reserves.-----	+\$900,000	-\$105,000,000
Gold reserves.-----	—5,500,000	—116,000,000
Total bills and securities.-----	+7,100,000	+138,200,000
Bills discounted, total.-----	+5,000,000	+195,900,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.-----	+5,900,000	+119,500,000
Other bills discounted.-----	—900,000	+76,400,000
Bills bought in open market.-----	+1,100,000	—10,100,000
U. S. Govt. securities, total.-----	+1,300,000	—43,800,000
Bonds.-----	+300,000	—15,000,000
Treasury notes.-----	+1,200,000	—103,200,000
Certificates of indebtedness.-----	—200,000	+74,400,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.-----	—6,700,000	—37,700,000
Total deposits.-----	+30,400,000	+69,400,000
Members reserve deposits.-----	+23,200,000	+71,600,000
Government deposits.-----	+10,800,000	+13,800,000

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. 10 shows increases of \$30,000,000 in loans and discounts, \$12,000,000 in investments, \$36,000,000 in net demand deposits and \$44,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks. Member banks in New York City reported reductions of \$39,000,000 in loans and discounts and \$12,000,000 in net demand deposits, together with increases of \$13,000,000 in investments and of \$33,000,000 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 United States securities increased by \$5,000,000 in the New York district, little or no change in this item being reported by banks in other districts. Loans on corporate stocks and bonds fell off \$20,000,000, the larger de-

cline of \$41,000,000 at banks in the New York district being offset in part by comparatively small increases in other districts. All other loans and discounts went up \$48,000,000, of which \$15,000,000 each was reported for the Boston and Chicago districts, and \$7,000,000 for the Cleveland district. Further comment regarding the changes shown by these member banks is as follows:

Investments of reporting members show but slight changes in any of the Federal Reserve districts except New York, where an increase of \$12,000,000 in holdings of other bonds, stocks and securities is noted.

Net demand deposits were \$36,000,000 larger than a week ago, banks in the Chicago and San Francisco districts reporting increases of \$20,000,000 and \$14,000,000, respectively.

Borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks increased by \$44,000,000, the principal changes including increases of \$31,000,000 in the New York district, and \$17,000,000 and \$12,000,000 in the Boston and Cleveland districts, respectively, and a reduction of \$10,000,000 in the San Francisco district.

On a subsequent page—that is, on page 998—we give the figures in full contained in this latest weekly return of the member banks of the Reserve System. In the following is furnished a summary of the changes in the principal items as compared with a week ago and with last year:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)	
	Week.	Year.
Loans and discounts, total.....	+\$30,000,000	+\$891,000,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	+2,000,000	-26,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	-20,000,000	+765,000,000
All other.....	+48,000,000	+152,000,000
Investments, total.....	+12,000,000	+58,000,000
U. S. bonds.....	-3,000,000	+117,000,000
U. S. Treasury notes.....	+4,000,000	-190,000,000
U. S. Treasury certificates.....	-1,000,000	+32,000,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	+12,000,000	+99,000,000
Reserve balances with F. R. banks.....	+28,000,000	+12,000,000
Cash in vault.....	+24,000,000	+4,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	+36,000,000	-21,000,000
Time deposits.....	+2,000,000	+482,000,000
Government deposits.....	+3,000,000	+91,000,000
Total accommodation at F. R. banks.....	+44,000,000	+164,000,000

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

BELGIUM

The summary of foreign cablegrams received by the Department of Commerce at Washington, released for publication today, Feb. 20, follows:

Financial progress in Belgium is indicated by the ease with which the National Bank is able to maintain franc stability, while re-establishing the exchange reserves depleted during the November crisis, by the consolidation of British reconstruction and colonial credits, by the adoption in the Chamber of Deputies of the debt agreement with the United States, and by the assured passage of other financial reform bills in the near future. Better commodity markets and realization of the unduly low level of former prices have caused a recent advance in quotations on industrial shares, while government issues have weakened owing to the tightening of money rates. Metallurgical markets have strengthened somewhat during the past month and two-thirds of the strikers at Charleroi have returned to work. The advance in French coal prices and the diversion of Netherlands and British fuel to other channels have strengthened the Belgian coal market. The plate and window glass industries are satisfactory, but bottle manufacturing is encountering German competition. Textile markets are generally dull, though cotton yarns are relatively satisfactory. Unemployment in December was little changed from November. Wholesale prices registered a further decline during December. November trade figures show an increase in the import surplus over early months of the year, but an improved export position as compared with 1924.

THE NETHERLANDS

Sound business conditions prevail in The Netherlands with increasing strength in the coal, cotton textile, leather and shipbuilding industries. Abundant funds exist in the money market and large amounts of securities were floated during January, while government issues, which were light owing to small requirements, were greatly oversubscribed. State revenues during 1925 were higher than budget estimates and also exceeded the previous year's figures. The Amsterdam automobile show was eminently successful, with good sales; of the one hundred makes exhibited, thirty-six were American and thirty French. A preference was manifested for low-priced closed models. The outlook for trade between The Netherlands and East Indian colonies is favorable as a result of improved colonial conditions. Declared exports to the United States from Rotterdam during January were almost double those of January, 1925.

POLAND

Some improvement in Polish foreign trade has occurred, but industrial depression continues, with increasing unemployment. Export of wheat has been restricted, but a large quantity of rye is still available. Polish-German trade treaty negotiations have been resumed, but are making little headway on account of certain demands in regard to reductions in the customs tariff. Banknote circulation continues to decrease.

National Lottery Authorized By French Chamber.

The authorization of a national lottery was a feature of the finance measures adopted by the Chamber of Deputies early in the morning of Feb. 16, having slipped through unnoticed during the hectic all night session, says an Associated Press cablegram from Paris on the 17th, which also has the following to say:

While disputes were going on over the vote on other parts of the financial project, Edouard Herriot, president of the Chamber, read the article organizing the sinking fund commission, one paragraph of which authorized a lottery. He then asked if there was any objection to the article. The Deputies, engaged all over the house in wordy battles, failed to respond. Mr. Herriot succinctly disposed of the matter with a single word, "adopted."

The Deputies were surprised when they read today that they had voted this measure. If the Senate concurs all the Government has to do is to issue a decree to establish a national lottery with weekly or monthly drawings.

New City of Berlin Loan.

The following is from the New York "Evening Post" of last night, Feb. 19:

L. F. Rothschild & Co. and Strupp & Co. will offer next week simultaneously with the bankers in Germany a new issue of 10,000,000 reichsmarks (\$2,500,000) City of Berlin 6% sinking fund twenty-four-year internal gold loan at 75% and interest, or at the rate of \$893 per 5,000 reichsmarks flat. This price will provide a yield to the furthest redemption date of about 7.90%, after deducting 10% German tax. This is part of a total authorized issue of 20,000,000 gold marks, or \$5,000,000.

Offering by Geo. H. Burr & Co. of Capital Stock of Allgemeine Deutsche Credit Anstalt.

George H. Burr & Co. announced on Feb. 15 the purchase of a block of the capital stock of Allgemeine Deutsche Credit Anstalt (German General Credit Bank) of Leipzig. This is the second purchase within a week by George H. Burr & Co. of German bank shares, and is the sixth transaction of such a nature in which American banks have figured in the last two months. The German General Credit Bank is the largest provincial bank in Germany. It has branches in 90 cities. The capital (fully paid and non-assessable) is 26,000,000 reichsmarks and the total of its capital, surplus and reserves, as of Dec. 31 last, was 31,600,000 gold marks. The book value of its shares is rated at 120% of par. The current dividend rate is 8% annually. The stock is listed on the Berlin, Leipzig and other German stock exchanges. The amount involved in this transaction is 2,000,000 reichsmarks of capital stock and public offerings of the same was made Feb. 16 at \$235 15 per 1,000 reichsmarks (which carries the rights to the dividend for 1925, still to be declared). This price, it was announced, was based on quotations of 98 3/4 on the Berlin Stock Exchange Feb. 15 1926, but was subject to change in accordance with daily quotations on that Exchange. It is pointed out that this offering does not constitute any increase in the capital of the bank, the stock offered having been purchased from individual holders. The Allgemeine Deutsche Credit Anstalt is interested in the following banks and banking firms:

- Amsterdamsche Crediet Maatschappij, Amsterdam.
- Anhalt-Dessaulschen Landesbank, Dessau.
- Altenburg und Lindemann, Naumburg.
- L. Wolfmum & Co., Aussig.
- John Liebieg & Co., Vienna.

Its statement follows:

Assets (in Marks)—	As of Dec. 31 '24.	As of *Dec. 31 '25.
Cash and balances in:		
Government and clearing banks.....	6,305,234	8,000,000
Bills receivable and Treasury bills.....	34,831,829	44,000,000
Balances with banks and bankers.....	19,895,454	20,000,000
Loans against Sterling exchange collateral.....	1,054,028	1,600,000
Loans against mdse. and shipment of mdse.....	10,104,758	17,000,000
Securities owned.....	9,928,006	5,000,000
Participations in syndicates.....	3,774,205	4,000,000
Investments in banks and banking firms.....	3,510,069	4,000,000
Loans in current accounts:		
(a) Secured by Sterling exch. collat. 4,217,882		
Secured otherwise.....	21,477,161	
	25,695,043	67,700,000
(b) Unsecured.....	28,648,044	
Contingent liabilities.....	54,343,087	35,000,000
Bank buildings.....	(5,087,950)	
Other real estate and inventory.....	13,610,000	15,000,000
Other assets.....	1,328,000	
	1,000	
Total.....	158,685,670	221,300,000
Liabilities (in Marks)—		
Share capital.....	26,000,000	26,000,000
Reserves.....	5,200,000	5,600,000
11 Reserve fund.....	400,000	
	31,600,000	
Creditors—		
Nostro obligations.....	3,826	
Credits opened for clients with other institutions.....	12,915,397	18,800,000
Deposits of German banks and bankers.....	15,917,046	25,500,000
Deposits on current account.....	35,032,852	51,800,000
Other creditors.....	54,738,339	80,000,000
	118,607,460	176,100,000
Acceptances.....	5,878,255	13,000,000
Checks not presented.....	115,955	
Contingent liabilities.....	(5,087,950)	
Dividends.....	2,080,000	
Pension Fund—Contribution.....	200,000	
Directors' bonus.....	204,000	
Total.....	158,685,670	220,700,000

* Partly estimated.

Last week (page 824) we referred to the purchase by George H. Burr & Co. and Hardy & Co. of Berlin of a block of capital stock of the Bayrische Hypotheken & Wechsel Bank of Munich.

Czech Minister Bars More Foreign Loans—Dr. Englis Stirs Opposition in Finance and Industrial Circles and May Resign.

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Dr. Englis, Czecho-Slovak Finance Minister, has greatly stirred banking and industrial circles in the republic by announcing that he does not desire further foreign loans.

Following his recent statement that the City of Carlsbad would not be permitted to draw the second part of the loan contracted with leading New York banks until interest shall fall and that other Czecho-Slovak municipalities would not be allowed to make similar loans abroad, Dr. Englis now is criticizing a machine works company which recently contracted a loan for 3,500,000 with the firm of F. J. Lismann.

An inspired article in the Prager Presse warns investors against the company, and says it contracted large loans with domestic banks, and in order to meet these obligations contracted a further loan for \$3,500,000 in New York. The Prague paper also alleges that the New York firm is raising difficulties about floating the new loan.

In reply to these statements, the company asserts that the American firm made no objection, and as the demands for new loan paper had been extensive, it granted another half million dollars to meet the indebtedness of the company to Czecho-Slovak banks.

Dr. Englis's policy is to bring about a complete balancing of the budget, but as he is encountering serious opposition, he may be forced to resign. He is reported to have declared that he does not desire at present to take advantage of the second instalment of the \$50,000,000 loan contracted by the Finance Commission, which visited the United States a few months ago and drew only half the amount.

Deutsche Vereinsbank Control in New Hands.

Radio advices to the New York "Journal of Commerce" from Frankfort-on-the-Main, Feb. 16 stated:

The transfer is announced of 4,700,000 marks of Deutsche Vereinsbank stock from the Michael group to L. & E. Wertheimer, bankers of this city. The Wertheimers plan to increase the capital of the bank, which now stands at 6,000,000 marks.

Offering of \$1,250,000 5% Bonds of First Carolinas Joint Stock Land Bank.

At 103 and interest, to yield about 4½% to the redeemable date (1936) and 5% thereafter to redemption or maturity, an issue of \$1,250,000 5% bonds of the First Carolinas Joint Stock Land Bank was offered on Feb. 15 by Harris, Forbes & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., William R. Compton Co. and the bond department of the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago. The bonds, issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act, will be dated Feb. 1 1926, will mature Feb. 1 1956 and will be redeemable at par and interest on any interest date after ten years from the date of issue. Principal and interest (Feb. 1 and Aug. 1) will be payable at the Chemical National Bank, New York City, or at the First Carolinas Joint Stock Land Bank, Columbia, S. C. They are coupon bonds, fully registerable and interchangeable, in denomination of \$1,000. From the offering circular we quote the following:

As of Jan. 30 1926 the bank reports mortgage loans amounting to \$11,080,964 against property conservatively appraised at \$29,638,263, and average loans per acre of \$20 98, or about 38% of the appraised value of the property. The bank has a paid-in capital of \$750,000 and surplus, reserves and undivided profits of \$113,395. The legal liability of the shareholders is double the amount of their stock. The present net earnings of the bank are at the rate of over 15% per annum. Dividends are paid semi-annually at the rate of 8% per annum.

Under the law all of the loans are made on an amortization plan which provides for the payment of substantially equal amounts each six months, a portion of each payment being interest and the balance reducing the principal of the loan, which is entirely retired at the end of the period. With each payment the amount applied in reduction of principal is automatically increased until the loan is completely paid off. To Jan. 30 1926 these payments in reduction of principal amounted to \$310,836, against total loans originally made of \$11,391,800. As a result of this system of installment payments of principal, there is a constantly increasing margin of security in the mortgage loans pledged as collateral to secure the bonds.

The First Carolinas Joint Stock Land Bank has a paid-in capital of \$750,000 and surplus, reserves and undivided profits of \$113,395. Bonds outstanding including this issue amount to \$11,955,000. The bonds are exempt from Federal, State, municipal and local taxation and are acceptable as security for Postal Savings and other deposits of Government funds.

Offering of Bonds of Potomac Joint Stock Land Bank.

An issue of 5% farm loan bonds of the Potomac Joint Stock Land Bank was offered on Feb. 6 by Brooke, Stokes & Co. of Philadelphia, Washington and Baltimore. Dated Sept. 1 1925, the bonds will become due Sept. 1 1955, and are not callable before Sept. 1 1935. They are in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, coupon bonds, interchangeable for fully registered bonds. Interest is payable March 1 and Sept. 1 at the Riggs National Bank, Washington, D. C. The following is the statement of condition of the Potomac Joint Stock Land Bank as of Jan. 31 1926:

<i>Assets—</i>	
Net mortgage loans	\$3,709,561 76
United States Government bonds	450,000 00
Cash on hand and in banks	86,377 51
Notes receivable	1,780 00
Accounts receivable	575 01
Amortization payments in course of collection	9,376 97
Furniture and fixtures	2,756 34
Real estate	23,130 39
Accrued interest on mortgage loans	61,024 11
Other accrued interest	7 22
	\$4,344,589 91
<i>Liabilities—</i>	
Farm Loan bonds outstanding	\$3,990,300 00
Advance amortization payments	4,489 12
Reserve for unpaid coupons	2,462 50
Accrued interest Farm Loan bonds	50,408 80
Debit interest due borrowers	1,429 57
Capital stock	250,000 00
Surplus	25,000 00
Legal reserve	10,000 00
Undivided profits	10,488 90
	\$4,344,589 91

On Jan. 1 1926 the semi-annual dividend of 3% was approved by the Federal Farm Loan Board and paid to stockholders.

Data on loans as of Jan. 31 1926 follows:

Number of loans	785
Acres of real estate security	162,647
Amount loaned	\$3,754,800 00
Appraised value of land and buildings	\$9,738,254 00
Average amount loaned per acre	\$23.09
Percentage of loans to appraised value	38½%

Formation of International Co-Operative Wheat Pool at St. Paul—United States, Canada and Australia Represented.

Associated Press advices from St. Paul report the organization on a permanent basis, on Feb. 18, of the International Co-Operative Wheat Pool, at the conclusion of a three day conference of wheat pool representatives from the United States, Canada and Australia. These advices also state:

Headquarters of the permanent organization will be at the Canadian Co-operative Selling Agency at Winnipeg.

Further organization work was left in the hands of a committee whose members are G. W. Robertson, Saskatchewan Wheat Pool; S. J. Farmer, Canadian Wheat Pool Selling Organization; C. H. Burnell, Manitoba Wheat Pool; E. R. Downie, Kansas Wheat Pool; John Manley, Oklahoma Wheat Pool, and A. J. Scott, North Dakota Wheat Pool. Mr. Burnell is Chairman and Mr. Robertson Secretary of the Organization Committee.

Members of the wheat pools in the United States met later and decided to hold semi-annual meetings. A resolution was adopted opposing any legislation dealing with surplus crops "which does not give the farmers and their marketing organizations as full control over the instrument created as was given the banks over finance in the passage of the Federal Reserve System."

Collapse of Pool in Devoe and Reynolds Common Stock.

An incident of the week has been the collapse of the Pool in Devoe & Reynolds Common Stock, as to which the New York "Evening Post" of Feb. 17 said:

Brokerage houses in Wall Street, which are now unwilling holders of Devoe & Reynolds common stock, as a result of the recent collapse of the A shares, have taken steps toward liquidation of these securities.

They have formed a protective committee and will attempt to recover the more than \$1,000,000 lost when operators of the pool failed to put up additional margin as the stock started its downward journey. The committee is being managed by Tucker, Anthony & Co., of 120 Broadway.

Henry W. Brooks and an employee of a prominent brokerage house, were the managers of the pool and had met with considerable success up until about a week ago, when they were apparently unable further to support the stock.

The New York "Times" in its account on Feb. 17 had the following to say:

Mr. Brooks, for the account of himself and his pools, is credited with having accumulated approximately 48,000 shares of the stock from around 42 up to above 100, and his average holdings cost him approximately \$75 a share. The affairs of the pool were running smoothly until after the Devoe & Reynolds Company issued its annual report covering operations for 1925. This showed that the company earned \$3.69 a share on its Class A and B stocks, on which dividends at the rate of \$2.40 a share were being paid annually.

A group of speculators analyzing the annual report came to the conclusion that the stock, which was then quoted above \$100 a share, was too high in comparison with the earnings. These speculators at first started to put out short stock on a small scale. The pool for a time stood by and took all that was offered. Gradually, however, its position became weaker through its attempt to support the shares.

Pool Abandoned Market.

Last Thursday the pool was obliged to abandon its market, with the result that the stock lost more than 50% of its market value in less than two days. During the last hour of trading on Thursday the stock on a turnover of 27,500 shares dropped from 103½ to 93½, and closed at 97¾, with a net loss of 6¾ points for the day.

Immediately after the close of business on Thursday, various brokerage houses carrying accounts for Mr. Brooks and his associates called for more margin. This the pool was unable to furnish, and the violent collapse in the shares took place. On Saturday morning, the day after the holiday, the stock opened off 7 points, broke as much as 8 points between sales, and lost in all 38 points for the day. On Monday it added another 14½ points to its decline, selling down to 46, compared with a high of 103½ last Thursday.

The collapse in such a short time, according to old traders, holds the record for a stock quoted around 100 a share. Yesterday on active

dealings the shares recovered to 52 3/4 and closed at 49 3/8, up 3 3/8 points net for the day.

The collapse of the pool was investigated by the Business Conduct Committee of the New York Stock Exchange. So far as could be learned yesterday the situation does not warrant legal action by either side.

Executives of the Devoe & Reynolds Company have at no time been affiliated with the pool operations, and it was said yesterday that Mr. Brooks at no time had anything to do with the corporation.

Failed Brokerage Firm of Jones & Baker Pays Final Dividend.

A fifth and final dividend has been received by customers of the former brokerage house of Jones & Baker, this city, in connection with the settlement of their claims against the firm, according to the New York "Times" of Feb. 16. The final dividend, it is said, amounted to .044051 on all general claims, making a total distribution of .894051 on the dollar. Alfred C. Coxe, Jr., the receiver for the failed firm, was quoted by the "Times" as saying that all customers and creditors were requested to deposit their checks immediately, as it was his duty "after declaration of final dividends, to stop payment on all checks in accordance with the rules and practice of the court." Our last reference to the affairs of this firm, which failed on May 31 1923 for approximately \$5,000,000, appeared in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 26, 1925, page 3075.

Consolidated Stock Exchange Gets Stay of Hearing in Temporary Injunction Proceedings Until Feb. 26—New Officers Elected—Plans Reorganization.

According to yesterday's New York "Times" (Feb. 19) Keyes Winter, Deputy State Attorney-General, at the request of the Board of Governors of the Consolidated Stock Exchange of New York on Thursday evening made arrangements with New York Supreme Court Justice Ford to postpone the hearing set for yesterday morning in the temporary injunction case against the Exchange and in the matter of a possible receivership. The hearing has been put over until Feb. 26 to give to the Exchange Governors time to work out a reorganization plan that will meet the approval of Justice Ford and the Deputy Attorney-General. The "Times" continues as follows:

Mr. Winter said he would have no suggestions to make to the Consolidated regarding the proposed reorganization, but it is known that the reorganization would have to include a decrease in the number of men on the Board of Governors. Mr. Winter believes the present board of twenty-five is entirely too large. It was intimated that he might insist that the board be made up of not more than three or four.

If the reorganization plan does not work out successfully, it is considered likely that Justice Ford will issue a permanent injunction against certain practices which, it was said, will so cripple the Exchange that it will in all probability have to dissolve.

On Monday, Feb. 15, Phillip Evans, a member of the Exchange since 1919, was chosen President to succeed Thomas B. Maloney, while Roger Dunscomb, who has been a member since 1907, was elected First Vice-President. Matthew Farley was named Second Vice-President and R. W. Moore, Treasurer.

Rubber Exchange of New York, Inc., Begins Operations.

The new Rubber Exchange of New York, Inc., opened for trading in crude rubber and rubber futures on Monday last, Feb. 15. With regard to the operations with the opening of the new exchange, Associated Press accounts said:

Rubber contracts with a market value in excess of \$500,000 changed hands yesterday in the first day's trading of the new Rubber Exchange of New York. Excited bidding marked the first hour's transactions when sixty-four contracts of 2 1/2 long tons each were recorded. Trading was confined to four months, March, April, July and December, with July the most active month, showing a price range of \$1 10 to 62c. a pound.

In declaring the exchange formally opened, President F. R. Henderson called attention to the fact that the world's production of rubber had grown from 53,890 tons in 1900 to 503,000 tons in 1925, the market value last year running close to \$500,000,000. Approximately 70% of the world's production is consumed in the United States, he said.

He expressed the opinion that the new exchange, by increasing the number of traders in the commodity, will help to stabilize price movements, which have ranged from 12c. to \$1 21 a pound in the last six years.

From the New York "Herald Tribune" of Feb. 16 we take the following:

A feature of the opening day was a luncheon given by directors at the India House, at which President Henderson acted as toastmaster and expressed his gratitude to officials of other local exchanges for the assistance they had rendered in forming the new organization. Brief addresses were made by Richard T. Harriss, President of the New York Cotton Exchange; J. Barstow Smull, President of the Produce Exchange, and C. R. Berrian, Vice-President of the Central Union Trust Company.

Mr. Henderson announced that the exchange, which will deal exclusively in rubber, had sold its first 232 memberships and that applications for about forty memberships are awaiting official action. Prices for rubber yesterday were easy.

In explaining the rules of the Exchange on Feb. 8 Mr. Henderson said: "The contract of the Rubber Exchange of New York provides for deliveries of standard quality ribbed smoked sheet or first latex crepe. Off-quality first latex may be delivered at an allowance of 2 cents per pound, good f. a. q. ribbed smoked sheets at an allowance of 2 cents per pound and ordinary f. a. q. ribbed smoked sheets at an allowance of 4 cents per pound. Adjustment of allowances on account of mold is left to the Committee on Qualities."

Items regarding the Exchange appeared in our issues of Sept. 26, page 1,518; Jan. 30, page 558 and Feb. 13, page 830.

Federal Reserve Boards Report on Brokers' Loans—\$3,091,997,000 Outstanding in New York Feb. 3.

Supplementing the information contained in our issue of a week ago, regarding the amount of loans to brokers and dealers in securities, made by 61 reporting member banks in New York City, we are able to give the present week the further data supplied by the Federal Reserve Board in its February Bulletin which has since come to hand. The volume of these loans—\$3,091,997,000 on Feb. 3—was shown in the weekly return for member banks, appearing on Page 857 of our issue of last week and editorial comment thereon appeared in the same issue, page 785. We repeat here the figures shown in the member banks' weekly statement. The figures for a week later will be found in this week's member bank statement on page 998.

	Feb. 3 1926.	Jan. 27 1926.
Loans to brokers and dealers (secured by stocks and bonds) made by 61 reporting member banks in New York City:		
For own account.....	\$1,221,842,000	\$1,200,914,000
For account of out-of-town banks.....	1,280,143,000	1,287,367,000
For account of others.....	590,012,000	609,911,000
Total.....	\$3,091,997,000	\$3,098,192,000

The volume of loans for the four weeks of January is shown in the statement presented by the Federal Reserve Board in its February Bulletin, which we give herewith.

LOANS TO BROKERS AND DEALERS IN SECURITIES.

An important extension of the reporting service of the Federal Reserve Board on banking statistics was inaugurated during January, when the Board undertook to collect and publish currently figures on loans to brokers and dealers in securities made by weekly reporting member banks in New York City both for their own account and for account of correspondents. At the same time the New York Stock Exchange arranged to publish monthly the total volume of borrowing by its members. Thus figures on brokers' and dealers' loans, both from the point of view of the lenders and of the borrowers, will be made currently available to the public. The figures from the two sources can not be expected to show close agreement, because they will not cover exactly the same groups of borrowers or lenders. The general significance of these loans is briefly discussed in the Board's review of the month, which appears elsewhere in this issue of the "Bulletin."

The table below gives the volume of loans on stocks and bonds to brokers and dealers made by the 61 reporting member banks in New York City for Jan. 6, 13, 20, and 27, classified as loans for the reporting banks' own account, for account of out-of-town banks, and for account of others, and further classified as loans payable on demand and loans on time:

Loans to Brokers and Dealers Secured by Stocks and Bonds Made by 61 Weekly Reporting Member Banks in New York City.

	Jan. 6.	Jan. 13.	Jan. 20.	Jan. 27.
For own account:	\$	\$	\$	\$
On demand.....	871,634,000	795,796,000	755,315,000	705,906,000
On time.....	466,625,000	471,219,000	476,376,000	495,008,000
Total.....	1,338,259,000	1,267,015,000	1,231,691,000	1,200,914,000
For account of out-of-town banks:				
On demand.....	851,515,000	892,935,000	902,733,000	887,238,000
On time.....	387,829,000	399,473,000	403,561,000	400,129,000
Total.....	1,239,344,000	1,292,408,000	1,306,294,000	1,287,367,000
For account of others:				
On demand.....	500,166,000	508,469,000	526,732,000	541,879,000
On time.....	63,356,000	64,650,000	66,272,000	68,032,000
Total.....	563,522,000	573,119,000	593,004,000	609,911,000
Total:				
On demand.....	2,223,315,000	2,197,200,000	2,184,780,000	2,135,023,000
On time.....	917,810,000	935,342,000	946,209,000	963,169,000
Total.....	3,141,125,000	3,132,542,000	3,130,989,000	3,098,192,000

The table shows that the total volume of loans to brokers and dealers made by the New York City reporting banks on Jan. 6 was \$3,141,125,000 and on Jan. 27, \$3,098,192,000, a decrease of about \$43,000,000. This net decline resulted from a decrease of about \$137,000,000 in the loans of the reporting banks for their own account, partly offset by increases of \$48,000,000 in the loans for out-of-town banks and of \$46,000,000 in loans for others. The decrease was altogether in demand loans, for there was an increase of \$45,000,000 in time loans.

Scope and Character of Reports.

The banks reporting brokers' and dealers' loans are the same banks that report every week to the Federal Reserve Board their deposits, loans, investments, bankers' balance, and other items showing their condition. In the following table the brokers' and dealers' loans by the reporting banks in New York City are compared with some of the more important items in the condition statement of these banks on Jan. 6 1926:

	Jan. 6 1926.
Loans on securities.....	\$2,412,267,000
All other loans.....	2,268,684,000
Total loans.....	\$4,680,951,000
Total investments.....	1,716,653,000
Total loans and investments.....	\$6,397,604,000
Amounts due to banks.....	1,153,487,000
Loans to brokers and dealers secured by stocks and bonds on reporting banks' own account.....	1,338,259,000

Comparison shows that loans to brokers and dealers by the New York City banks for their own account at the beginning of 1926 were equivalent to 55% of their security loans of which they form a part, to 29% of their total loans, and to 21% of their total loans and investments. Loans to brokers and dealers by these banks were larger in the aggregate than balances held by them for correspondent banks.

Report Schedule.

The schedule used by each reporting bank in reporting brokers' and dealers' loans is given below. It appears as item No. 10 of the form for weekly condition reports of 61 member banks in New York City.

- 10. Loans to brokers and dealers secured by stocks and bonds:
 - (a) For account of this bank—on demand.
 - (b) For account of this bank—on time.
 - (c) For account of out-of-town banks—on demand (United States only).
 - (d) For account of out-of-town banks—on time (United States only).
 - (e) For account of others*—on demand.
 - (f) For account of others*—on time.

* To avoid duplication do not include in this report any loans placed for other member banks in any of the boroughs of New York City.

The borrowers described in the schedule as brokers and dealers are defined to include any member of the New York Stock Exchange, of the Consolidated Stock Exchange, or of the Curb Market, and in addition dealers in securities who may not be members of any exchange. The meaning of the term "dealer" has been indicated by reference to a list of about 125 typical investment houses, private bankers, securities companies, &c., compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and transmitted to all reporting banks.

The Board also publishes in the current number of its Bulletin, its letter to Pierre Jay of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York initiating the new reporting system, (this letter appeared on Page 431 of our Jan. 23 issue) and it likewise publishes the statement of the New York Stock Exchange which was also given in these columns Jan. 23.

The figures of brokers' loans made public by the New York Stock Exchange appeared in our issue of last week, page 830, but inasmuch as the headings in the tables were not in their proper places, we are repeating the table in another item in this issue.

Stock Exchange Figures of Outstanding Brokers' Loans—Typographical Error.

A misprint occurred in the table we published last week on page 830 showing brokers' loans as reported by the New York Stock Exchange. The column headings got transposed. We therefore reproduce the table below with the column headings correctly given:

	<i>Demand Loans.</i>	<i>Time Loans.</i>
(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	

New York Clearing House Banks to Charge for Services on Street Loans.

Regarding an amendment to the constitution of the New York Clearing House Association whereby member banks and non-members clearing through members, will, beginning March 1, charge 5% of the amount received for interest on all street loans made for others, whether in their own names or otherwise, the New York "Sun" of last night (Feb. 19) said:

No longer will out-of-town banks be able to loan their money in Wall Street without paying for the privilege. Customers of Wall Street banks who have been in the habit of lending idle cash on call through such banks have been informed of an amendment to the constitution of the New York Clearing House under which the Wall Street bank making a loan for a customer on Stock Exchange collateral will deduct and retain for services rendered 5% of the actual interest received on the loan.

The new scheme takes effect March 1. The 5% of the interest received commission will be charged by all members of the Clearing House as well as by non-member banks clearing through members. The ruling states that this shall be done "on all Street loans made for others, whether in their own name or otherwise." There is no loophole by which any bank or banks can continue to render this accommodation for nothing.

The commission charge is not large enough, it is believed, to act as a check upon loans made in Wall Street for the account of our-of-town institutions.

We also quote the following from the "Wall Street Journal" of last night:

Members of the Clearing House Association have been seeking for some time action such as that now adopted, providing for an interest charge of 5% on "Street loans" made by members for out-of-town correspondents, &c. Heretofore such loans were made at varying charges, depending on competitive conditions among banks. The charge is one for "service" and for only a small amount. In a 5% money market the New York banks will charge out-of-town correspondents only 1/4 of 1%; in a 4% money market 0.2% of 1%; in a 3% market 0.15 of 1%.

Hearing Before Senate Committee on McFadden Banking Bill—Opposed By H. Parker Willis.

Hearings on the McFadden Banking bill, which opened on Feb. 16, before a Sub-Committee of the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency, were brought to a close on Feb. 18. In referring to the opening of the hearings and the views presented by H. Parker Willis, the New York "Journal of Commerce" stated:

Characterizing the irresponsible character of our banking organization, with the existence of a great number of uncontrolled banking units, as the cause, in part, of so many bank failures in the United States, Henry Parker Willis, professor of banking, Columbia University, today presented to a sub-committee of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee the results of an investigation of the general banking situation.

The freedom with which banks can obtain charters and the openings afforded them for making hazardous advances on questionable paper were discussed by Dr. Willis, following a presentation by Representative Louis T. McFadden, chairman of the House Banking and Currency Committee, of a detailed explanation of the McFadden National Bank bill.

An Emergency Measure.

The latter described this an emergency measure, much needed to put the national banks on a parity of competition with the State institutions, adding that there were many national banks ready to withdraw from the Federal Reserve system should this bill fail.

Dr. Willis, on the other hand, produced statistics showing that failure of the Government to provide aid of the type alleged to be offered by the McFadden bill had had no apparent ill-effect upon the continuance of the membership in the system, the annual conversion not exceeding an average of thirty-nine banks. The prospect of the passage of the bill at the same time was held responsible by him for the speed being made in New York in the consolidations of banks, which consolidations would be adversely affected under the proposed law.

Branch Banking.

Dr. Willis discussed the branch banking situation, stating that curtailment of branch banking privileges would lead to increased chain banking operations, which, in themselves, offer greater objection than branch banking. The importance of the branch banking feature of the bill was declared to be much over-estimated. Mr. McFadden had stated that the only real issue with respect to his bill was over Sections 8 and 9, which regulate and restrict the establishment of branches. He added that the bill, and these features, had the unanimous approval of the American Bankers' Association and other financial institutions, which assertion was met by an effort of Senator Glass of Virginia to show that by reason of action previously taken at conventions on legislation of this character too much importance should not be placed on such approval.

Senator Glass was interested to know why Representative McFadden had not made a report on the investigation conducted by a joint committee of which he was chairman into the situation growing out of the alleged failure of banking institutions to come into the Federal Reserve system and to make recommendations for corrective legislation. Mr. McFadden stated that no report had been made because the data gathered had been shown up in other activities. He could not, in response to further questioning by Senator Glass, state that the McFadden bill was based on the findings of his committee, adding only that the question of getting more banks into the system by its means was not involved therein; that this measure is to aid the national banks.

Senator Glass Inquires.

Senator Glass also sought to bring an admission from the witness that this bill is an ingenious attempt to destroy branch banking, and he inquired if aid could not be given the national institutions simply by an amendment to the National Bank Act, giving them the right possessed by State banks to establish branches. Dr. Willis said that the Federal Reserve Board had stated that there are 245 desirable banks that would be ineligible to membership in the system, if the bill is passed, because of having branches.

Dr. Willis pictured the situation of the small banks, which are subjected to great pressure when there are large surpluses of farm products. At the outset he declared that in some sections there were too many institutions in proportion to population. Their loans are too much of the same character and they take advantage to too great an extent of the flexibility of Sec. 5200, which governs the amount of money which a national bank may lend to any one person. Proponents of the bill declare that it has been found necessary to clear up the ambiguities which have occurred by reason of amendments and provisos that have been added from time to time. These changes were opposed by Dr. Willis.

Announcing that existing data on bank failures are inadequate, Dr. Willis told of the study made by his research staff in the conduct of the investigation to which he had previously referred, which showed that the number of failures had increased from 955, these banks having resources of \$585,000,000, during the five years preceding January 1, 1920, to 2,391, the resources being \$1,031,888,000 during the succeeding years to August 1, 1925.

The recommendations of Dr. Willis will be given by us another week. With reference to the hearing before the Sub-Committee on Feb. 17, the "Journal of Commerce" stated:

Among today's principal witnesses were members of the California delegation of bankers who favor a widening of the territorial limits within which a national bank may establish branches in those States where branch banking now is countenanced.

Divided Loyalty.

W. E. Wilcox, vice-president of the Anglo & London-Paris National Bank of San Francisco, speaking also on behalf of the Wells Fargo Bank, Union Trust Company and the Crooked First National Bank, favored the McFadden bill in its present form. He stated that while he believed that a bank could be safely conducted with a head office in one city and branches in adjoining cities, nevertheless it could not give in the latter the banking service which the local or community bank could afford.

He stated that the unit or local banks are officered by men acquainted with local people, conditions and interests, while the officers of the branch bank not only would not be apt to have this knowledge but would be inclined to favor the economic interests of the city of the head office.

John S. Drum, president of the Mercantile Trust Company, of San Francisco, speaking for other California bankers whose views accord with his own, contended that the welfare of a community, including a city of the head office and the adjoining cities, if all were part of a metropolitan or common population area and indissolubly bound up, with the result that instead of confining the activities of banking service simply to a certain geographical section,

it would be better to permit the banks to take in a greater territory. He denied that any situation could arise whereby a given community would be prevented from securing the credit it might require.

Real Estate Loans.

Mr. Drum followed largely the lines of the testimony he gave to the committee last year when public hearings were held on this bill. He discussed the Bank of Italy situation and declared that the possibilities of holding companies entering into the banking business offered more to be considered than simply branch banking.

The witness told the committee that it was his belief that Congress would be taking grave chances in giving national banks the privilege of making real estate loans up to 50% of their time deposits without requiring the impounding of the mortgages for the benefit of those savings funds.

Ex-Senator Flint of California also discussed the question of branch banking as affecting the banking industries of his State.

The same paper had the following to say relative to the hearing on Feb. 18:

Today's witnesses included: R. M. Fitzgerald, vice president of the Central National Bank of Oakland; J. Dabney Day, president of the Citizens National Bank, Los Angeles; Montmord Jones, chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee of the National Association of Credit Men; A. F. Dawson, president of the First National Bank, Davenport, Iowa, and Chas. A. Hinch, of the Fifty-Third National Bank, Cincinnati. They generally favored the bill.

It was indicated today that all concerned will agree on the removal from the bill of the so-called Hull amendments, which would preclude national banks in the now anti-branch bank States from taking advantage in the future of any pro-branch banking laws such States might enact. Further, it is said that an agreement will be reached on a proposal to amend the bill so as to permit of the entry into the Federal Reserve system at any time after the passage of the measure of banks having branches, but only with such branches as may have been acquired prior to its passage.

There is seemingly a disinclination on the part of the Senators it was said today, to revamp Section 5200 governing the matter of loans by banks.

Prompt action by the Sub-committee, which consists of Senators Pepper of Pennsylvania, Edge of New Jersey and Glass of Virginia, is expected. It is believed that their report will be accepted by the Banking and Currency Committee without great delay and hopes have been expressed by its proponents that opposition to the bill in the Senate will not be very intense.

Before leaving Washington today for Philadelphia, Senator Pepper said serious consideration would be given to all the suggestions that had been presented to the sub-committee by the various witnesses.

Pierre Jay of Federal Reserve Bank of New York on International Importance of New York Money Market—Gold Trusteeship of Federal Reserve.

The influence of the Federal Reserve banks in the money market and New York's new position in sharing with London international financial leadership were described by Pierre Jay, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in an address, on Feb. 18, before the seventh Mid-Winter Trust Companies Conference at the Waldorf Astoria under the auspices of the Trust Company Division of the American Bankers Association. Mr. Jay, who spoke on "The Federal Reserve—a Gold Trusteeship," said in part:

The Federal Reserve System is charged with some responsibility for general credit conditions. If the System were merely a safe deposit vault, holding the gold reserves of member banks, it could neither discharge this responsibility nor exercise any influence on credit conditions. For their first 2½ years the reserve banks were out of contact with the money markets and powerless to exert any influence. Since 1922, with a more normal amount of discounts and securities, aggregating about a billion dollars, they have had constant contact with the money market and have been able to exert on general credit conditions what might be considered a normal influence. The New York money market is really a national money market. It is a center to which idle funds gravitate for temporary employment. Banks and business corporations all over the country, which have on hand funds which they do not need immediately but yet must have immediately available for future needs, send these funds to New York and deposit them in banks, or invest them in bills, commercial paper, or short Government securities, or lend them on call or time against stocks and bonds as collateral. Their relations with the money market are almost entirely through the New York banks, and the surplus funds they employ in New York are sent there because they can be withdrawn immediately if needed at home.

The New York money market thus is a pool of liquid investments in which the country's surplus cash resources are carried. It represents the secondary reserves of banks and business concerns all over the country. The New York market thus carries a heavy load of responsibility for the country's financial welfare. If the investments in which these funds are carried in the New York market become unliquid and cannot be instantly converted into cash, the result is disastrous.

In the old days, the large New York City banks bore the brunt of any disturbances in the money market. Whenever the out-of-town withdrawals of funds exceeded the supply of incoming funds, rates rose, and at times the New York banks went down into their reserves and provided the necessary cash. Generally speaking, the New York City banks had to provide for the daily adjustment of the supply of credit to the demand, and one of the best indexes of credit conditions was the amount of their surplus reserves shown in the weekly clearing house report. These surplus reserves indicated the margin of safety in the banking situation. When there ceased to be a surplus then the country knew the limit had been reached, and sometimes panics ensued. For there was no way except the resort to clearing house certificates—itsself an evidence of panic—by which these reserves could be made elastic.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York provides the elasticity which formerly was so woefully lacking. It thus has a very important relationship to the money market, for it holds the reserves of the

New York City banks and can lend against these reserves in busy seasons and emergencies. In the old days we used to have panic conditions in the money market with money unobtainable at any rate, while at the same time the New York City banks held hundreds of millions of gold in their vaults. But this was their legal reserve which they were supposed to maintain intact, even in emergencies. Now, by borrowing at the Reserve bank their reserves have become elastic and the dead line has disappeared. When out-of-town funds are withdrawn from the New York money market the New York City banks must still furnish them, but there is this difference, that if their reserves are thereby impaired they may and do replenish them by borrowing from the Reserve bank. Thus every unusual demand upon the money market affects the reserves of the New York City banks and is in turn reflected in the loans and investments of the New York Reserve bank.

It will be seen that instead of the New York banks having to assume the ultimate responsibility for the money market they are now able to pass back a certain amount of this responsibility to the Federal Reserve Bank. The Federal Reserve Bank in turn exercises some influence upon the extent to which the member banks draw upon it by its discount rates and by the rates at which it purchases bankers' acceptances. Also at times by buying or selling in the open market short government securities, the effect of which upon member banks is to decrease or increase their indebtedness at the reserve bank and bring them either more or less under the influence of its discount rate.

Thus it will be seen that the member banks and the money market now have back of them a reservoir of credit which may be availed of if necessary. But this reservoir is not passive like the water reservoir; it is highly organized and capable of exercising some control over the extent to which it is drawn upon. Through its existence money rates have become more stable than formerly, the seasonable swing of interest rates has almost disappeared and the danger of currency panics has been eliminated. As a consequence the New York money market has become a safer repository for the country's secondary reserves.

These steadier conditions in the money market, coupled with the fact that in the last ten years there have been added to the money market two new and very prime instruments, the bankers' acceptance and the short Treasury certificate, have been instrumental in giving the New York money market an international importance that it could not formerly have. New York has become a new center for the investment of the surplus funds of the world and now shares with London the responsibilities which go with this position. Not only do foreign commercial banks and other corporations keep larger balances here and invest funds in our money market, on account of the increased banking and commercial importance of the United States, but many foreign banks of issue now carry some of their surplus funds in our money market, a thing which I think we may safely say they seldom, if ever, did prior to 1914.

With these larger contacts between the New York market and markets in other countries, our money market conditions are much more affected by those of foreign countries than before. Conversely the better organization of our own money market enables this country to exert more influence than before upon gold movements and exchange fluctuations. As the Federal Reserve Banks, and primarily the Federal Reserve Bank of New York because it is situated in the New York money market, are the organization which have responsibility in such matters, we have felt it desirable to establish contacts and relations with a number of the important foreign banks of issue which have similar responsibilities in their respective countries. By means of these relationships information is exchanged which is mutually valuable in the discharge of these responsibilities, and such business transactions as may be necessary and proper are undertaken. At a time like the present when the world is slowly, but surely, struggling back to gold standard the Federal Reserve Banks, as you know, have in certain cases, where requested, and where a definite programme made it practicable, extended credit to foreign banks of issue to assist in the resumption of gold payments or for the improvement of their monetary conditions. Our feeling has been that aid so extended to foreign banks of issue was a valuable contribution on our part to American commerce, industry and agriculture because it assisted in stabilizing foreign currencies, markets and purchasing power. We have also felt nothing could so facilitate the free flow of credit from one market to another in accordance with the natural laws of supply and demand as to have the important money markets of the world resting again firmly on a gold basis.

To sum up, then, the Federal Reserve System acts as a trustee for the gold reserves of the banks of the country. It is charged with their administration in the interest not of the banks alone but of business and the public as well. Just now, as this country holds far more than its usual proportion of the World's gold supply, the Reserve System probably holds in its trust a certain amount of gold that may eventually flow back to other countries. The administration of this gold trusteeship involves not merely some measure of responsibility for credit conditions at home; it also involves some regard for the relation of the American money market to the money markets of other countries.

New York State Savings Bank Association Indicates Its Support of Bill Permitting Savings Bank to Invest in Public Utility Bonds.

The New York State Savings Bank Association issued a statement at Albany on Feb. 17 through its president, George D. Sears of Bualo, giving hearty approval and support to the Sargent bill legalizing savings bank investment in bonds of electric, gas and telephone companies, says a special Albany dispatch to the New York "Evening Post," which also carries the following information:

A companion measure to the Sargent bill, which went in yesterday in the Assembly, was introduced today in the upper house by Senator Seabury C. Mastick of Westchester, chairman of the Committee on Banks.

"We are convinced," Mr. Sears said in commenting on the bills, "that the bonds of these public utility companies are not only excellent investments, but will yield a higher return than the average of the existing legal bonds and are sound and suitable, being under the supervision and regulation of the Public Service Commission.

"The Banking Department has gone into this matter very carefully and the annual report of the superintendent for the past year expresses approval of the proposed amendment to the law.

"Our officers feel the need for a broader field of investment and believe this particular form of investment will permit us to invest these funds advantageously in a constructive business which is of great public value.

"Our savings banks do now, as always, and will continue in the future to place by far the greater part of their resources in the prime savings bank investment, that is mortgages on homes. But let it be remembered that our banks are permitted by law to invest only 70 per cent. of their assets in mortgages."

Referring to the Sargent bill in an Albany dispatch the previous day, the same paper stated:

The measure was prepared after weeks of investigation by Assemblyman Nelson W. Cheney of Buffalo, chairman of the Assembly Committee on Banks. It has also the approval of the State Banking Department.

Consensus of Opinion of Trust Company Representatives That Investment Scope for Trust Funds and Savings Banks Should Be Broadened.

Representatives of the leading trust companies of New York State at the annual election of officers on February 18 at the Bankers Club following a luncheon, discussed among other things proposed new legislation at Albany which would make certain public utility bonds legal for trust funds in New York state. It was the consensus of opinion that with certain restrictions the scope of bonds for trust funds and savings banks should be enlarged. Approximately sixty-five trust company officials from all over the state were present at the gathering which set a new record in the history of the organization.

New York Assembly Passes Bill to Facilitate Mergers of National Banks Into State Bank or Trust Company.

Assemblyman Cheney's bill, amending the State banking law in relation to mergers, was passed last week by the New York State Assembly. According to the author of the bill, it allows a National Banking Association to go directly into a Trust Company, instead of having to go first into a State Bank and then into a Trust Company as at present. The following is the text of the bill; the new matter is shown in italics.

AN ACT.

TO AMEND THE BANKING LAW, IN RELATION TO MERGERS.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section four hundred and eighty-seven of chapter three hundred and sixty-nine of the laws of nineteen hundred and fourteen, entitled "An act in relation to banking corporations, and individuals, partnerships, unincorporated associations and corporations under the supervision of the banking department, constituting chapter two of the consolidated laws," as amended by chapter eight of the laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 487. Merger; when authorized 1. Any two or more corporations, other than savings banks, organized under any one article of this chapter or under the laws of this state for the purposes or any of them mentioned in any one article of this chapter, or for the purposes or any of them mentioned in both articles three and five of this chapter, are hereby authorized to merge one or more of such corporations into another of them as prescribed in succeeding sections of this article.

2. Any two savings banks located in a city of the first class and in the same county or borough, or any two or more savings banks located elsewhere in the state and in the same or adjoining counties, are hereby authorized to merge as prescribed in succeeding sections of this article.

3. Any national banking association is hereby authorized to merge itself into a state bank or trust company located in the same county, city, town or village in the manner prescribed in succeeding sections of this article.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Pennsylvania Senate Buries Banking Code—Action on Other Banking Bills.

According to Harrisburg advices Feb. 9 to the Philadelphia "Ledger," the Pennsylvania Banking Code, which has been before the Legislature the last two sessions, and was introduced this year after being amended, died in the Senate Committee on Banks and Banking that day. The "Ledger" advices stated:

Along with it went the Senate bills sponsored by the State Administration to correct evils which Governor Pinchot said were discovered during the State's investigation of the recent Bell bank failures in Allegheny County.

The Senate and the House Committees on Banks and Banking both met to-day and out of these meetings came but two banking bills. All the other bills on banking and building and loan associations were indefinitely postponed, which means they will not be further heard from unless a motion to discharge the committees is made.

The Senate committee reported out with an affirmative recommendation the Barr bill, which provides the minimum salary of a banking examiner shall be \$3,600 and the maximum salary \$7,500. Salaries of examiners are now fixed by the State Executive Board and they range from \$1,800 to \$5,000 a year.

The House committee acted similarly with the bill of Representative Mathay, Philadelphia, introduced at to-day's session. This regulates the

rights of banks and trust companies to act as trustees under corporate mortgages.

Senator Einstein, Chairman of the Senate committee, and Representative Baldi, Chairman of the House committee, both told their committees there is no need for additional banking and building and loan laws at this session.

There was considerable opposition to the Barr bill, increasing salaries of bank examiners, and it was reported out after a vote of 11 to 10 had been taken. Members of the committee held that the Executive Board, under the Administrative Code and not the Legislature should fix salaries.

At the time of the introduction of the Code on Jan. 19 the "Ledger" said:

The code was introduced last night in the Senate by Senator Barr, of Allegheny, a friend of the Pinchot Administration. The bill, though, is not an Administration measure, although when it was agreed recently that it would be revised the Governor's office announced that it would have the Governor's moral support.

The Governor primarily is interested in his series of bills drafted as a result of the State's study of conditions in Allegheny County following the closing of three banks of John A. Bell.

It was agreed to offer the code this year following a conference in Philadelphia Jan. 7, when members of the former State Commission that had charge of the code met with Attorney-General Woodruff, Deputy Attorney-General Brown and George W. Reily, Harrisburg, President; C. F. Zimmerman, Lebanon, Secretary, and J. G. Reading, Williamsport, Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Pennsylvania State Bankers' Association.

The conference agreed that the code would be acceptable to the interests represented if the amendments suggested to the 1923 writing of the measure, made in 1924, be added and the branch banking features, which caused much debate in 1923, be eliminated. It was also agreed to write into the bill the Act of 1917 relating to bank agencies and sub-agencies.

James A. Walker, former member of the House from Philadelphia, and Secretary of the Code Commission, has been here looking after the bill, but he is not overhopeful of its chances.

"There seems," he said to-night, "to be considerable sentiment among the bankers of the State against any change in the banking laws, and many legislators seem inclined the same way. This sentiment also applies equally to the building and loan bills that have been introduced."

The same paper, in a Harrisburg dispatch Jan. 27 had the following to say in part:

Bankers and legislators, following yesterday's hearing on the Banking Code and other bills that would regulate activities of State-chartered banks and trust companies and building and loan associations, before a joint committee of the Senate and House, were weighing several important matters brought out in the arguments of proponents and opponents of the measure.

Chief among them were the questions of higher salaries and a larger force of examiners in the State Banking Department, and of designating building and loan associations in two classes, one to finance only home-buying and the other to place participating loans on business structures.

Enough Laws for Present.

Respecting new laws for banks in the State, there were little if any constructive suggestions that received whole-hearted approval from bankers present. The feeling apparent at the hearing was that there are enough laws for the present, but that the State Banking Department is handicapped in the matter of examination personnel.

New York Bankers Not A Community of "International Bankers" Declares B. M. Anderson—Volume of Deposits Essentially American—Relations With Europe.

Speaking at a luncheon of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, on Feb. 17, Benjamin M. Anderson, Jr., Ph. D., Economist of the Chase National Bank of the City of New York discussed the subject "International Bankers' and Our Relations With Europe." Mr. Anderson declared that "the interest of the American banker in foreign matters is simple and lies on the surface, and I, for one, resent the demagogic charge that the New York banking community is a community of 'international bankers' who are seeking for sinister reasons to subordinate American interests to foreign interests." In his address Mr. Anderson also said:

There is a great deal of discussion, chiefly political, of the supposed machinations of "international bankers," who are represented as putting over on a guileless administration at Washington various projects for entangling the United States in European affairs, in view of the supposed financial interest of the bankers in European affairs.

Speaking in my native State of Missouri to my old friends, I want to try to tell you the exact facts about the nature and extent of the interest of the New York banking community in European matters.

I am not talking about the political interests of individual bankers. Some New York bankers are Democrats and some are Republicans. As citizens they take the same kind of interest that other citizens do in the politics of the country. Some of them take their civic responsibilities very seriously and interest themselves actively in public matters. Others pay very little attention to politics and concentrate almost exclusively on their business interests. In these respects, they are like bankers and business men in St. Louis or in any other part of the country. I want to talk rather about their financial interests in Europe and their financial interests in America and to indicate the way in which their financial interests in Europe arise, and the relation of their European interests to their American interests.

And first, let me object to the assumption that the New York banking community is made up primarily of "international bankers." The great banks of New York are, first of all, American banks. For example, in the Chase National Bank, my own institution, a very small proportion of our deposits are foreign deposits. The great bulk of our deposits are deposits of American customers. A very important part of our deposits comes from correspondent banks in the United States scattered through almost every county in the United States. Our commercial depositors, though naturally concentrated in New York City, include also many houses which have been introduced to us through correspondent banks in almost every city of size in the United States, including Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Kansas

City, St. Louis, Omaha, New Orleans, Atlanta, Richmond, Minneapolis, Chicago, Cleveland and Boston. As compared with the magnitude of this American business our business with the world outside is small, and if we had to choose between the two there would be no question at all as to our choice. Moreover, and this is the point I want to stress—by far the greater part of our foreign business grows out of the necessity of accommodating our American customers who themselves have foreign business and who wish their banker to facilitate that business through banking transactions. Our foreign business has grown up as an adjunct to our domestic business and is necessary as a means of holding and promoting our domestic business. If we did not have adequate foreign connections, many of our domestic customers would leave us and go to other banks that could serve them in this way.

Our interest, therefore, in seeing things go well in the world outside, in so far as it is a financial interest, is primarily a reflection and an outgrowth of our interest in seeing things go well with our domestic customers who have business in foreign countries.

The cotton-growing South must export nearly one-half of its cotton. As New York correspondent of hundreds of Southern banks, we have a vital interest in seeing a good export situation for cotton. If cotton cannot be exported adequately, Southern banks, which have borrowed money from us, must ask extensions on their loans, and if the situation gets acute enough—as it did in the fall of 1914 after the outbreak of the War—we have such a vital interest in the matter that we must take the leadership, as we did in 1914, in organizing special devices to bring relief to the banks of the cotton-growing communities. With a good wheat crop in the United States, two or three hundred million bushels of wheat must be exported. We have hundreds of correspondent banks in the wheat-growing region of the United States as well as commercial customers dealing in wheat and flour. If the export situation for wheat is bad, as it was in 1921-23, our customers in these regions must ask extensions of loans, and if the situation grows acute enough we may be obliged, as we were in early 1924, to take an active part in the organization of special financial measures for the relief of financial institutions in the wheat-growing regions.

Turning from commercial banking to the field of investment banking, essentially the same story is to be told. National banks, of course, do not engage in the underwriting of securities, but many of the larger national banks have affiliations with separately organized investment corporations, and there are, of course, many banking houses which specialize in the issue and marketing of securities. The figure for the total of securities publicly placed in the United States for the four years, 1922-25, exclusive of refunding, was, according to the *Commercial and Financial Chronicle*, \$20,418,187,098, of which approximately \$2,978,052,000 were foreign securities and \$17,440,135,098 were domestic securities—the obligations of American States, municipalities, farm loan institutions, industrial corporations, railroads, etc. The percentage of the foreign securities was 14.5. Neither the American commercial bankers nor the American investment bankers have their primary interest in foreign lands. There are banking houses in New York with partly foreign management and even foreign names, but the overwhelming bulk of the banking capital, the banking personnel, and the volume of bank deposits in New York, as in the other great financial cities of the United States, is essentially American.

If bankers in the financial centers express their concern over political policies which are going to hamper the revival of Europe or manifest an interest in having the United States take steps which are going to promote the peace of the world, they are acting essentially as good Americans and acting in behalf of American interests. If they are more active than many other American business men in these particulars, it is because they deal with all the businesses of the country and consequently see, as business men in any particular lines may not so easily see, the interrelations and reactions of foreign business conditions and American business conditions.

O. H. Cheney on Present Trends in Merchandise Distribution—Says Banks Have Allowed other Institutions To Spring Up to Meet New Needs.

Declaring that "as bankers we have not fully realized the significance of these present trends in merchandising," O. H. Cheney, Vice-President of the American Exchange, Pacific National Bank of New York, in an address before the Association of Uptown Bankers, at the Hotel Biltmore, on Feb. 17, went on to say:

We have not mingled closely enough in the battles of the new competition. As a result we have overlooked our own interests in many ways. We have missed opportunities for service and profits. We have allowed our institutions and affiliated organizations to become too inflexible. We have let other types of institutions and organizations spring up to meet these new needs and to flourish, largely through the use of bank credit. Ionic marble columns and Renaissance ceilings and French bronze grills are no more protection than Grand Rapids ice-boxes, coat-hangers and pine shelves against the pressure of competition.

Mr. Cheney, whose address bore the title "Present Trends in Distribution," commented as follows thereon:

It would be better for us all if we could at one sweep scrap all our ideas of distribution—all our prevailing ideas of the routing of commodities from producer to consumer. A good many of our ideas on the subject of distribution as a whole belong back in the days of horsehair sofas and crinoline—perhaps in the days of horse-cars and long skirts. Our knowledge of our distribution system as a whole is to a vital degree antiquated—and it is that because changes have been coming so radically and so rapidly.

Advertising and its related technique of market exploitation have been to a considerable degree responsible for the nationalization of distribution. This has frequently resulted in marked economies of production, in uniformity of product and in making product and service available to the whole nation, even to the remotest farm. We must not underestimate the social significance of this—this universalizing of the things which go into the daily lives of a hundred million people. But there have been too many producers who have attempted national distribution because of the thrill it gave them to see a picture of themselves or their plants in a popular magazine. Too many have tried to achieve it over night. In too many cases this nationalization of distribution has been counter to the sound economics of the industry or of the particular business. We are all paying for this industrial egomania—this desire of men to be at the center of vast and intricate

and powerful activities radiating over the land—and beyond. Some businesses which have nationalized distribution have realized this and the next five years will probably see considerable decentralization and local autonomy in the actual operations of such businesses.

Instalment selling seems to me to be another aspect of another problem which has been agitating the merchandising world—hand-to-mouth buying. Hand-to-mouth buying is widespread in many industries and while some have accepted the condition and adapted themselves to it, others are still fighting it. The object of both instalment selling and hand-to-mouth buying is to cut down financing responsibility and stocks and to increase turnover. To force buying ahead, the manufacturer and retailer are encouraging the consumer's anticipation of needs. But hand-to-mouth buying is also the revolt of the distributor against overloading and high-pressure salesmanship. Hand-to-mouth buying is the distributor's answer to forcible feeding.

This is a machine age and we have come to picture distribution also as a machine. It is not—and as long as we think of it in mechanical terms, so long shall we fail to understand it. We must try to see the structure of distribution not like a machine—it is a living thing—a growing thing—hungry, active, restless, ever-changing. It has not even definite parts with definite functions. Any part can attempt to assume any function—and protest meetings, lawsuits, government commission investigations, municipal ordinances and Federal legislation can be of little use. The functions of the retailer, the wholesaler and the manufacturer are not included in the Ten Commandments or the Constitution of the United States. If a retailer wants to assume some functions of the wholesaler, if a wholesaler wants to assume some functions of a manufacturer or if a manufacturer wants to assume some functions of a retailer, there is no law which can stop him—except the inexorable economic laws of efficiency and profit.

Competition today is the striving of those with goods to find the most economical outlets and of those with outlets to find the most marketable goods. The nourishment of business is profit and the living organs in this living system of distribution are reaching out for nourishment in every possible direction. Each must grow—each utters its will to grow—and if necessary it will grow at the expense of the other organs and crowd them to death.

How has the banker's function been changing during these years of merchandising unrest? It seems to me that the banker's participation in the financing of production and distribution may be tending to become more indirect. Bank credit is being used at more points, perhaps, in the chain of distribution, but it is not extended directly by the banker. With the growth of larger industrial and commercial units, financing is done more through securities and in other ways, also transactions in which the dominant elements were formerly personal are now becoming formalized and impersonal. When the distributor buys from hand-to-mouth the financing burden is thrown on the manufacturer and for this reason there is a tendency towards centralization of credits in the manufacturing centers instead of distribution throughout the consuming centers. At every point the time function of bank credit is being reduced in importance. To sum it up in a crude sentence, I should say that the banker is now dealing more with paper than with people or commodities.

Tax Revision Bill in Conference—Passage of Bill By Senate—Conferees Agree.

Following the adoption of the tax revision bill by the Senate, on Feb. 12, Conferees of the House and Senate began, on Feb. 15, the work of adjusting the differences between the Senate bill and the bill passed by the House on Dec. 18. The measure passed the Senate on the 12th inst. by a vote of 58 to 9. Thirty-four Republicans and twenty-four Democrats voted for the measure, while six Republicans, two Democrats and one Farmer-Labor member cast the opposing votes. Those voting in favor of the bill were:

Republicans: Butler, Cameron, Capper, Couzens, Dale, Deneen, Edge, Fernald, Fess, Gillett, Goff, Hale, Harrell, Jones of Washington; Keyes, Lenroot, McLean, McNary, Metcalf, Moses, Oddie, Pepper, Phipps, Pine, Reed of Pennsylvania; Robinson of Indiana; Sackett, Shortridge, Smoot, Stanfield, Warren, Watson, Weller and Willis—34.

Democrats: Ashurst, Bayard, Broussard, Copeland, Dill, Edwards, Ferris, Fletcher, George, Gerry, Glass, Harris, Harrison, Hefflin, Kendrick, King, McKellar, Neely, Ransdell, Sheppard, Simmons, Smith, Trammel and Tyson—24.

Total, 58.

The Senators whose votes were recorded against the bill were:

Republicans: Frazer, La Follette, McMaster, Norbeck, Norris and Nye—6.

Democrats: Reed of Missouri and Wheeler—2.

Farmer-Labor: Shipstead—1.

Total, 9.

As indicating the progress which had been made by the Conferees, Senator Smoot, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance announced, on Feb. 18, that he hoped to have the conference report in shape for submission to the House today, Feb. 20. The Senate adjourned on the 18th until Monday next, Feb. 22, and hence the conference report cannot in any event be brought before it until next week. In its advices from Washington yesterday, Feb. 19, the New York "Evening Post" of last night said:

Both sides went into the conference room and laid their cards on the table. Each had held separate meetings earlier in the day and prepared their ultimatums. The House conferees formally stood pat on the House bill, but they were particularly insistent on the following:

(1) That the estate tax be retained but at the reduced rates adopted by the House.

(2) That the automobile tax be restored with a 3% rate on passenger cars.

(3) That the admissions tax be restored with certain modifications.

The Senate conferees, although nominally standing on their instructions to insist on the Senate amendments, nevertheless, recognized the necessity for cutting approximately \$100,000,000 from the total amount of the reductions.

To bring about such a cut in the reductions they realized that it probably would be necessary to yield to the House on the automobile and admissions taxes. They were insistent on the adoption of the Senate surtax rates, giving more relief to incomes between \$20,000 and \$100,000, and on the corporation tax rate of 13½% accompanied by the capital stock tax repeal.

The fate of the estate tax hangs in doubt. The conferees held to their secrecy pledge and said nothing. Some who professed to know said the House estate rates would be accepted with some provision for future repeal and that the Senate amendment for retroactive modification of the 1924 estate tax rates would be adopted.

Press advices from Washington last night in reporting that a unanimous agreement had been reached yesterday between the conferees added:

An estate tax is imposed, in keeping with the provisions of the House bill, but the exemption is raised from \$50,000 to \$100,000, which, it is claimed, will relieve 6,452 of the 13,769 estates taxable under that provision.

Yielding to the persistent demand of the Senate conferees, the House members agreed to the retroactive clause proposed by the Senate Finance Committee, whereby the increased inheritance rates of the 1924 bill are to be wiped out and the lower 1921 rates made effective.

The changes made in the surtax rates by the Senate were accepted. They provide reductions in the brackets between \$24,000 and \$64,000, estimated at about \$20,000,000.

The corporation tax is to be 13% for the calendar year 1926 and 13½% thereafter.

The capital stock tax is repealed in keeping with the action of the Senate. The gift tax is also repealed.

Taxes on admissions and dues are imposed as provided in the bill as amended by the Senate. All tickets costing 75 cents or less are exempt.

The 3% tax on automobiles, as contained in the House bill, repealed in the Senate, was restored. There is to be no tax on automobile trucks, tires, accessories or parts.

All the normal income tax rates were approved. They provide exemptions for single persons of \$1,500 and for married persons of \$3,500, with an allowance of \$400 for each dependent, as under the present law.

The tax on the first taxable \$4,000 of income is to be at the rate of 1½%, on the second \$4,000, 3%, and on all above that amount 5%.

It is estimated that, as changed, the bill will effect a reduction in taxes the first year of \$381,000,000 and \$343,000,000 in subsequent years.

The bill passed by the Senate a week ago proposed reduction in taxes aggregating \$456,261,000, this figure exceeding by more than \$100,000,000 the cuts under the Senate Finance Committee's bill, and representing an increase of \$129,100,000 over the reductions which would result from the House bill. According to the Associated Press accounts from Washington, Feb. 12, before the bill was passed by the Senate, Senator Smoot appealed to it to halt its "generous" tax slashing. The same advices, as given in the New York "Journal of Commerce" stated:

The vote was preceded by considerable fireworks, the Democrats engaging in a party row over the surtax rates, while the Administration leaders made a futile attempt to cut down the total amount of reduction by restoring to the bill the taxes on admissions and dues.

Although Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri, violently denounced the Democratic members of the Finance Committee for making a compromise with the Republicans for a 20% maximum surtax rate in return for greater reductions on the lower incomes, the minority members stood by the agreement. Senator Simmons, North Carolina, ranking Democrat on the committee, vigorously defended the action.

A last minute effort by Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, to increase the surtax rates on incomes over \$100,000 from the maximum of 20% provided by the bill to a maximum of 25%, which would apply on incomes of \$1,000,000 and over, was defeated 44 to 22. On this vote, fifteen Democrats stood by the agreement for the 20% maximum rate which was kept.

The final vote did not come until 11 o'clock tonight, after twelve continuous hours of work on the bill, during which more than a dozen roll calls were taken as amendment after amendment was voted upon. Few important changes were made in the measure, however, during the day.

In a parting shot, Senator Norris, who has led the opposition in the more than two weeks of strenuous debate on the bill, described the measure as "a gift to the millionaires."

Senator King, Democrat, Utah, after the bill was passed, announced that while he voted for it he was bitterly opposed to some of its provisions.

To Publish All Rulings.

Approval was given amendments by Senator Couzens, Republican, Michigan, which would require the Treasury Department to publish all its regulations and rulings on tax disputes and prevent a depletion allowance for good will.

On a motion by Senator Shortridge, Republican, California, the Senate without a record vote agreed to cut by 25% the tax on wines and brandies used for medicinal and sacramental purposes, effective after next January 1, and by 50% after January 1, 1928. A similar reduction has been approved by the House.

An amendment by Senator McKellar giving Federal district courts jurisdiction over claims of taxpayers for refunds or claims of the Government against the taxpayer in cases involving more than \$3,000 also was approved.

Senator Norris, in declaring on the 12th inst. that "this bill is a millionaires' tax reduction bill," said:

It reduces the personal income tax of 5,694 persons reporting incomes of \$100,000 and more by \$120,500,000.

It reduces the estate tax of all persons with \$100,000 of net income while they were alive by \$90,000,000.

It reduces the estate tax of 1924 for the same class of persons who had incomes of \$100,000 or more while alive by \$60,000,000. This is a retroactive gift to millionaires' estates and, in effect, is the same as

though we took the money out of the Treasury by direct appropriation.

It reduces the gift tax for all persons with incomes of \$100,000 or more by \$4,500,000.

It wipes out the estate tax for all future time, and this tax would be paid to the greatest extent by the same class of taxpayers, and incidentally reduces the income of the Government by more than \$100,000,000 a year from estate tax appeal.

The income tax reduction, then, for these 5,694 persons with incomes of \$100,000 or more is \$275,000,000.

There was approximately 4,085,000 taxpayers with incomes of less than \$100,000. For this class of taxpayers the reductions amount to \$201,500,000.

The average tax reduction given by this bill to persons with incomes of \$100,000 and more is \$48,000 each.

The average reduction for persons with incomes of less than \$100,000 is \$49 each.

The bill gives a subsidy to the oil industry, which is estimated as high as \$40,000,000 a year. The oil industry, criticized by the consumers, for the high prices charged for gasoline and crude oil, is now told by this bill to deduct 50% of its net income before it pays any tax at all. According to estimates given by the counsel for the select committee of the Senate, this bill tells the oil industry that 50% of the net income is tax exempt. There is no comparable exemption for the farmer, the business man, the professional man, and the individual, other than the exemption allowed an individual on earned income.

Senator Simmons declared that contrary to the figures given by the Senator from Nebraska, the reductions given on incomes of \$100,000 in surtaxes amount to \$46,000,000; in the normal tax to \$90,000,000, making a total of \$136,000,000.

Senator King in expressing his views regarding the bill on the 12th inst. said:

I voted for the bill which has just passed the Senate. I did so with the greatest reluctance. It does not meet my views in many particulars. It gives a bounty or gratuity to the oil industry amounting to approximately \$50,000,000 per annum. There is no justification for this provision of the bill. It cannot be defended upon the ground that gratuities and special favors are necessary for the purpose of developing the oil industry in the United States.

We know that the Standard Oil Co. and other large concerns practically control the oil fields and the oil industry and that their profits are stupendous. To thus single out an industry and augment their annual earnings of those engaged therein and relieve them from the payment of taxes to the Government can not, in my judgment, be defended.

The bill also is indefensible in that it remits taxes due from the estates of rich decedents and strikes down the entire-tax system as it had been adopted by the Federal Government. There are many other features which are obnoxious. However, it does relieve millions of people of some tax burden and contains some features which constitute a marked improvement over the existing law. I hope that the bill as it emerges from the conference will be an improvement over its present form. One of the reasons inducing me to support it is founded upon the hope and the expectation that the conferees named by the House will insist upon eliminating many of the obnoxious features which are found in the bill as we have passed it.

The principal points of difference between the House and Senate bills to be cleared up by the conferees were summarized as follows in the Washington dispatch to the New York "Times," Feb. 14:

1. The estate tax. The present maximum of 40% on estates of more than \$10,000,000 was cut by the House to 20% and the yield in 1926 was estimated at \$110,000,000. The credit allowed on the Federal tax to State inheritance taxpayers was increased from 25 to 80%. The Senate ordered the tax repealed from future law and applied the 1921 rates, with a maximum of 25% to estates falling due under 1924 rates. Senate action would reduce the \$110,000,000 revenue provided in the House bill by \$20,000,000 through the retroactive feature, in 1926, and between 1927 and 1932 there would be an aggregate loss of \$330,000,000 from the repeal, after which the tax would disappear.

2. The surtax. The House reduced the existing maximum of 40% to 20% on more than \$100,000, a reduction in revenue of \$98,575,000. The Senate added \$23,000,000 reductions on incomes between \$24,000 and \$100,000, making a total reduction \$121,575,000. House and Senate bills both begin with 1% on incomes of from \$10,000 to \$14,000.

Automobile Taxes an Issue.

3. Automobile taxes. The House abandoned the 3% tax on trucks, involving \$9,000,000 of revenue, and the 2½% tax on tires and parts, representing \$25,000,000 of revenue, and reduced the 5% tax on passenger cars, yielding \$116,000,000 revenue, to 3%, yielding only \$69,600,000. The Senate approved the repeal of the truck and tires and parts taxes, but proceeded to repeal the remaining 3% tax on passenger cars.

4. Theatre admissions and club dues tax. By exempting tickets to the legitimate spoken drama, the House cut the \$33,000,000 yield from this tax to \$29,000,000. The Senate repealed the admissions tax altogether.

5. Corporation income tax and capital stock levy. The House left these unchanged, but the Senate repealed the capital stock tax and increased the corporation tax from 12½ to 13½%. The repeal of the capital stock tax lost \$93,500,000 in revenue, but the increase in the corporation tax added \$88,000,000.

The same paper indicated as follows in its Washington account, Feb. 12, the outstanding features of the two bills:

REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF TAXPAYERS—House and Senate bills alike reduce the number of taxpayers by 2,300,000, that number ceasing to pay taxes at all as a result chiefly of the increased personal exemptions and partly because of the readjustment of the normal tax rates.

NORMAL INCOME TAX—House and Senate bills alike provide for normal taxes of 1½% on the first \$4,000 of income, 3% on the second \$4,000 and 5% on the balance of income. These rates replace, respectively, present rates of 2, 4 and 6%. The new rates mean an aggregate reduction of \$46,000,000, compared with present law.

PERSONAL EXEMPTION—House and Senate bill alike, provide exemption of \$1,500 for a single person, instead of the present exemption of \$1,000, and \$3,500 for the head of a family, instead of the present exemption of \$2,500. These changes mean an aggregate reduction of \$42,000,000, compared with present law.

EARNED INCOME—House and Senate bill alike, increase the earned income limit from \$10,000 to \$20,000. This means an aggregate reduction of \$7,000,000, compared with present law.

SURTAXES, PRESENT LAW—Surtaxes begin with 1% on income between \$10,000 and \$14,000, and grade upward to a maximum of 40% on income above \$500,000.

HOUSE BILL—Surtaxes begin with 1% on income between \$10,000 and \$14,000, and grade upward to a maximum of 20% on incomes above \$100,000. This represents an aggregate reduction of \$98,575,000, compared with present law.

SENATE BILL—Surtaxes begin with 1% on income between \$10,000 and \$14,000, and grade upward to a maximum of 20% on incomes above \$100,000, but in the intermediate brackets on incomes between \$26,000 and \$64,000, the Senate bill reduces the rates a notch or two below the House bill. This represents an additional aggregate reduction of \$23,000,000, so that the Senate bill rates mean a total reduction of \$121,575,000 compared with present law.

ESTATE TAX—House bill reduces the maximum rate to 20%, from the present 40% on estates above \$10,000,000 and extends Federal credit for estate taxes paid to a State, meaning virtually no reduction the first year in the estimated yield of \$110,000,000 from this tax, but with increasing reduction beginning thereafter until in a few years the yield would be \$50,000,000 or less.

The Senate bill repeals the State tax outright for the future and amends the 1924 law to make 1921 rates, with a 25% maximum, apply retroactively to estates otherwise taxable under the 40% maximum. The retroactive feature would mean a reduction of \$20,000,000 in the calendar year 1926. Thereafter, between 1927 and 1932, the aggregate loss to the Treasury would be \$330,000,000 from the estate tax repeal.

INCOME TAX PUBLICITY—House and Senate bills alike repeal the provision that the amount paid by a taxpayer as shown by his income tax return must be laid open for public inspection.

GIFT TAX—House and Senate bills alike repeal the gift tax, which means an aggregate reduction of \$2,000,000 compared with the present law.

CORPORATION INCOME TAX—The present corporation income tax of 12½% was retained without change by the House. The Senate bill increases this to 13½%, meaning some \$90,000,000 additional to the revenue, which the Senate bill balances by repealing the capital stock tax of \$1 for each \$1,000 of stock value above \$5,000, representing a reduction of some \$90,000,000. The House bill retained the capital stock levy. No material change in the aggregate revenue yield in this respect, therefore, is made by either bill as the House bill lets both of these taxes stand, while the Senate bill increases one to eliminate the other.

On Monday, Feb. 15, the House disagreed to the Senate amendments and named the following as conferees on the part of the House Representatives. Green of Iowa; Hawley, Treadway, Garner of Texas and Collier. On Feb. 17, Representative Isaac Bacharach, of New Jersey, was substituted for Representative Hawley, of Oregon, as a House Conferee, owing to the latter's illness. The following Senators were named on Feb. 12 as conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Smoot, Utah; McLean, Connecticut; Reed, Pennsylvania; Simmons, North Carolina; and Gerry, Rhode Island.

A statement, on Feb. 14, by Chairman Green of the House Ways and Means Committee warned against the reductions which the Senate bill proposes. This is given elsewhere—see next column. On Feb. 12, it was pointed out in the Washington dispatch to the New York "Times" that the President's opinion, it was said, was that the bill as it now stands carries reductions which the affairs of the Treasury do not permit. This dispatch went on to say:

This situation, it is believed by the President, will be corrected in the end. The Administration, it was said, was, of course, anxious to provide for as large a tax reduction as possible without involving the danger of a budget deficit, but the President felt that the Government should employ caution in providing for reductions, and be on the safe side.

On Feb. 13 the same paper stated:

Immediately after a conference with President Coolidge at the White House today, Senator Smoot, Chairman of the Finance Committee, announced that the reduction of \$456,261,000 authorized in the Tax Reduction bill by the Senate was \$100,000,000 more than the Treasury could stand, and that a serious budget deficit would be faced unless this amount was cut off by the Senate and House conferees, who will begin consideration of the bill on Monday.

House leaders declared their conferees would demand that the total be cut to very much nearer the limit of \$327,161,000 set by the House, which strove to keep the sum within the expected Treasury surplus of \$330,000,000.

Republican floor leader, Representative Tilson, in a statement issued, on Feb. 13, indicated that it was the intention of Republican Conferees to insist on modifications of the Senate bill with a view to preventing reductions likely to embarrass the Government. His statement follows:

It is my hope that an agreement will be reached in conference which will not substantially change the immediate effect proposed by the original House bill. I am, and I think a majority of the members of the House are, in favor of reducing taxes just as far as they can be reduced without causing a deficit in the Treasury. The Secretary of the Treasury has stated that the reductions made by the Senate in

addition to those included in the original House bill will so reduce revenue that a deficit will be caused, and, of course, neither I nor any one else who wishes to keep Government finances on a sound basis can support proposals which would have that effect, however meritorious they may be.

Some of the tax reductions made in the Senate would otherwise have my complete approval, among them the complete repeal of the estate tax and taxes on automobiles and admissions. I think those statutes should be repealed entirely, and if some plan could be worked out in Congress looking toward their repeal at a future date when our financial condition will have been sufficiently improved to warrant such reductions, I shall not be disappointed.

I believe that it is the intention of Mr. Green, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and the other Republican members who will be on the conference committee to rigidly insist upon modifications of the bill as passed by the Senate which will prevent reductions being made of a nature to embarrass the executive branch of the Government.

With reference to the acceptance of some of the Senate amendments to go into effect in the future, I express only my personal opinion and have no information as to the views of those who will be members of the conference committee on the part of the House, or whether it is practical to embody such a plan in legislation at this time.

With reference to the opposing views regarding the inheritance tax, the Associated Press accounts from Washington, Feb. 18, stated:

The dispute between the House and Senate revenue bill conferees over the proposed repeal of the inheritance tax reached such a state today that at one time managers for the House walked out of the conference.

Senate conferees flatly declared they would insist upon repeal of the tax and the spokesmen of the House took an equally determined position insisting upon restoration of this tax to the measure as approved by the House. An impasse developed and House members announced they would retire until the Senate was ready to yield.

Some of the House conferees left the room and the others refused to discuss the matter further. At the end of 45 minutes, however, the conference was re-opened and all members left tonight smiling, although no agreement yet had been reached on the inheritance tax.

The row is the culmination of many spirited disputes which have marked the conference, and was one of the few times in recent legislative history that such a situation has developed. It also differed from most Congressional disputes in that it was a distinct fight between the Senate and House without party lines.

The return of the House managers to the conference was taken generally tonight to indicate they would win their fight for restoration of the levy to the bill. The conference is expected to act on this as well as the other rate schedules before the end of the week.

Chairman Green of House Ways and Means Committee Saw \$600,000,000 Tax Cut in Senate Bill.

On Feb. 14 Representative Green of the House Ways and Means Committee, commenting on the falling off in revenues which would result from the cuts in the tax revision bill made by the Senate as passed on Feb. 12, stated that total reductions in the revenues of nearly \$600,000,000 would occur when the law goes into full effect. He noted that the latest figures of the Government actuary estimated that the amount of the reduction which the Senate bill would effect would amount to \$456,261,000, but he pointed out, "no account is taken in this estimate of the repeal of the inheritance tax, and only \$68,500,000 is estimated as the loss on the capital stock tax, which loss will be at least \$25,000,000 larger for the following years. "Proper reduction," he said, "will have beneficial results, but it may be carried so far it becomes economic folly." His statement follows:

The latest figures of the Government actuary of the amount of reduction from the present law by the Senate bill as it now stands is \$456,261,000. No account is taken in this estimate of the repeal of the inheritance tax, and only \$68,500,000 is estimated as the loss on the capital stock tax, which loss will be at least \$25,000,000 larger for the following years.

When the law goes into full effect, as it will in a few years, and all of the inheritance tax is lost, about \$135,000,000 will have to be added on account of these two items, making the total reductions nearly \$600,000,000. This is not a matter of discussion or argument, but merely of addition and subtraction. It will be the duty of the conferees to bring this amount within the limits of our national revenues.

In the consideration of revenue bills, the matter of first importance which should govern and control everything else is the protection of the Treasury from a deficit. Under no circumstances ought we to even take the chance of being compelled to issue bonds, and thereby increase our national debt, or fail to keep our pledge to those who already hold bonds by not maintaining the sinking fund, for such a course would inevitably injure the credit and standing of our Government.

With full knowledge of all recent estimates of our revenues, I have no hesitation in saying that the House bill made too great a reduction in taxes, being based on the high-water mark of our revenues, which is certain to recede with any slackening in business profits. The House bill was based on the budget estimates, but budget estimates do not include any appropriations not now authorized by law.

For example, the budget does not include an annual appropriation of \$25,000,000 under the Public Buildings bill, an Administration measure which is practically certain to pass. It does not include \$60,000,000 annually for additional pensions for the veterans of the Civil War, a bill which may be passed; and \$16,000,000 for pensions for Spanish War veterans, a bill which also may be passed. These three bills alone would require over \$100,000,000 annually from the Treasury. In addition, there are pending before various committees of the House upon which hearings have been had bills which probably will have little chance of being passed which aggregate \$400,000,000 more. Besides these, there are various other bills comparatively small in amount but which would require an expenditure of probably \$25,000,000 a year, which are apparently being favorably considered by the committees to which they were referred. Proper tax reduction will have beneficial results, but it may be carried so far that it becomes economic folly.

Government Sues To Halt Formation of National Food Products Corp.—Defendants Accused of Reaching Out for Control of Milk, Ice Cream and Chain Groceries—Monopoly Alleged Aim.

The Government on Feb. 13 filed an anti-trust suit in the Federal Court for the Southern District of New York against the National Food Products Corp. and its nine officers and directors. The suit is based on a section of the Clayton Act which provides that no corporation shall acquire directly or indirectly the whole or any part of the stock or other share capital of two or more corporations engaged in commerce where the effect of such acquisition may lessen competition between such corporations. This is the second suit filed by the Government against alleged "food trusts" within the past week, the first having been filed Feb. 8 against the Ward Food Products Corp. in the Baltimore District. Full details regarding this suit were given in our issue of Feb. 13, pages 833-837.

In its petition, filed by United States Attorney Emory R. Buckner, the Government alleges that the National Food Products Corp. and its officers and directors have already acquired stock in many corporations controlling assets aggregating approximately \$160,000,000. The Government petition is that the defendants be adjudged to have violated the Clayton Act, and it asks that the defendants be enjoined from any act in furtherance of the alleged combination. It asks the Court to decree as follows:

(a) That writs of subpoena issue directed to each and every of the defendants commanding them to appear herein and answer, but not under oath, the allegations contained in the foregoing petition, and to abide by and perform such orders or decrees as the Court may make in the premises.

(b) That the corporate defendant's acquisition of stock of competing corporations engaged in inter-State trade and commerce as in the foregoing petition set forth, be adjudged a violation of Section 7 of the Act of Oct. 15 1914, commonly called the Clayton Act

(c) That the corporate defendant be required to dispossess itself of the stock of competing corporations.

(d) That the corporate defendant, its officers and agents, employees and all persons and corporations acting under, through, by or in behalf of or in aid of, or in conjunction with it, or claiming so to act, be perpetually enjoined, restrained and prohibited from acquiring, receiving, holding, voting or in any manner acting as the owner of, or exercising direct or indirect control over, the whole or any part of the stock or other share capital of any two or more corporations engaged in inter-State trade or commerce, where the effect of such acquisition, or the use of such stock by the voting or granting of proxies or otherwise, may be to substantially lessen competition between such corporations, or any of them, whose stock or other share capital is so acquired, or to restrain such commerce in any section or community, or tend to create a monopoly of any line of commerce.

(e) That the individual defendants and each of them be perpetually enjoined and restrained from making use of their positions as directors and officers of the defendant corporation, or as directors and officers of corporations in which the defendant corporation directly or indirectly holds or shall hold any stock, as a means of adopting uniform policies having a tendency to restrain competition between corporations engaged in inter-State trade and commerce in food products.

(f) That the petitioner have such other and further relief as may be to the Court seem just.

The petition of the Government, in part, follows:

The petitioner brings this proceeding in equity against National Food Products Corp. and the individuals hereinafter named to prevent and restrain violations of Section 7 of the Act of Congress of Oct. 15 1914 (38 Stat. 730), Chapter 323, commonly known as the Clayton Act, and on information and belief alleges and says:

(a) *Corporate Defendant.*

The defendant National Food Products Corp. is a corporation organized in Maryland. The authorized capital stock consists of 2,000,000 shares without nominal or par value, of which 1,000,000 shares are designated class A stock and 1,000,000 shares are designated class B stock.

(b) *Individual Defendants.*

H. C. Bohack is a citizen of the State of New York. He is, and for several weeks last past has been, a member of the board of directors of the corporate defendant.

C. C. Burdan is a citizen of the State of Pennsylvania. He is, and for several weeks last past has been, a member of the board of directors of the corporate defendant.

L. Benedict is a citizen of the State of New Jersey. He is, and for several weeks last past has been, a member of the board of directors of the corporate defendant.

B. S. Halsey is a citizen of the State of New York. He is, and for several weeks last past has been, a member of the board of directors of the corporate defendant.

J. A. MacDermott is a citizen of the State of New York. He is, and for several weeks last past has been, a member of the board of directors of the corporate defendant.

Charles B. Crane is a citizen of the State of New Jersey. He is, and for several weeks last past has been, President of the corporate defendant.

Ernest H. Wands is a citizen of the State of New York. He is, and for several weeks last past has been, Vice-President of the corporate defendant.

William H. Hall has his principal place of business at 165 Broadway, New York, N. Y. He is, and for several weeks last past has been, Secretary and Treasurer of the corporate defendant.

Ernest J. Hallberg is a citizen of the State of New York. He is, and for several weeks last past has been, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer of the corporate defendant.

The individual defendants, as officers and directors of the corporate defendant, control and direct, and for several weeks last past have controlled and directed, the business operations and policies of the corporate defendant. Within this district they and each of them have taken an active part, and are taking an active part, in the acquisition of stock by the corporate defendant in various corporations, as hereinafter described, and

in the use of such stock, and have authorized, ordered and done all acts in connection with the acquisition and use of such stock by the corporate defendant.

Jurisdiction.

The corporate defendant has acquired, is acquiring and proposes in the immediate future to acquire stock or other share capital of corporations engaged in inter-State trade and commerce in the business of producing, collecting, preparing, manufacturing, selling and distributing milk, cream and other dairy products, ice cream and other frozen products, groceries, breads, meats and other foodstuffs. The effect of such acquisition, or the use of such stock by the voting or granting of proxies, or otherwise, (a) will be to substantially lessen competition between such corporations, or some of them, whose stock or other share capital is so acquired; (b) will be to restrain such inter-State trade and commerce in certain sections or communities of the United States; and (c) will tend to create a monopoly of one or more of such lines of commerce, all in violation of Section 7 of said Act of Oct. 15 1914, Chapter 323, commonly known as the Clayton Act.

This suit is brought under Section 15 of the Clayton Act, which invests district courts of the United States with jurisdiction to prevent and restrain violations of the Clayton Act. Many essential acts in connection with the herein alleged violations of Section 7 of the Clayton Act have been and are being committed in the Southern District of New York and within the jurisdiction of this Court.

On or about Oct. 23 1925 Robert K. Thistle, Raymond J. Gorman and Harry C. Hand executed at the office of the United States Corporation Co., 150 Broadway, New York City, within this district, a certificate of incorporation whereby they associated themselves with the intention of forming a corporation known as National Food Products Corporation (the corporate defendant herein) under and by virtue of the general laws of the State of Maryland. The said certificate of incorporation subsequently and on or before Oct. 31 1925, was filed with the State Tax Commission of the State of Maryland.

The original capitalization of the corporate defendant was \$2,000, divided into twenty shares of the par value of \$100 each. The purposes for which the defendant was organized and the business or objects to be carried on and promoted by it were as follows: "To buy and sell food products."

Subsequently and on or about Oct. 28 1925 said Robert K. Thistle, Raymond J. Gorman and Harry C. Hand, in the City, County and State of New York, within this district, executed and severally acknowledged an amended certificate of incorporation, and on or about Oct. 31 1925 such amended certificate of incorporation of the corporate defendant was filed with the State Tax Commission of Maryland. By said amendment to the certificate of incorporation the total amount of the authorized capital stock of the corporate defendant was increased to \$1,000,000, divided into 10,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each.

On or about Nov. 10 1925 the certificate of incorporation of the corporate defendant was again amended so as to change and increase the capitalization to 2,000,000 shares of capital stock, without nominal or par value, divided into 1,000,000 shares of Class A stock and 1,000,000 shares of Class B stock, and the purposes for which the corporate defendant was organized and the business or objects to be carried on and promoted by it were expanded so as to include the following, among others:

"To engage in and carry on, either directly or through the ownership of shares of capital stock of one or more corporations now or hereafter to be incorporated, the business or businesses of producing, manufacturing, preparing, purchasing, selling and dealing in milk, milk products, meats, meat products, fish, fish products, food, food products, breads, biscuits, cakes, extracts, canned goods, sauces, condiments, teas, coffees, candies, confectioneries, groceries and all other articles of commerce suitable for consumption and to conduct each and every of such businesses as wholesalers or retailers.

"Either directly or through ownership of shares of the capital stock of one or more corporations now or hereafter incorporated to purchase or otherwise acquire, own, hold, equip, extend, improve, sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of, dairies, creameries, farms, plantations, orchards, manufacturing plants, factories, canneries, plants for the manufacture of cans, jars, boxes, packages or other receptacles and raw materials of which any of the foregoing are made, warehouses, cold storage houses, delivery stations, stores and any and all machinery, equipment, fixtures, appliances and appurtenances that may be necessary, useful, proper or expedient in connection with the foregoing or with any of the businesses or enterprises of the corporation.

"To purchase or otherwise acquire, own, sell, pledge or otherwise dispose of, any stocks, bonds, notes, debentures and other securities and obligations of any Government, State, municipality or corporation or association, domestic or foreign, and while owner of such stocks, bonds, notes, debentures or securities to exercise all rights, powers and privileges of ownership, including the right to vote thereon for any and all purposes.

"In the course of its business to guarantee and to assure the payment of dividends on any shares of the capital stock of any corporation in which the corporation may either directly or indirectly have an interest as stockholder or otherwise, and to assure and to guarantee by indorsement or otherwise the payment of the principal and of the interest on bonds, notes or other obligations."

The corporate defendant, within this district, has transacted the following, among other, business:

(a) The board of directors has held meetings at 120 Broadway, N. Y. City, including a meeting thereof held on Nov. 10 1925. (b) The corporate defendant has established and maintained a checking account with Empire Trust Co., 120 Broadway, N. Y. City, and in said checking account the corporate defendant from time to time has deposited sums of money and from said checking account it has withdrawn sums of money from time to time. (c) The corporate defendant has appointed Empire Trust Co. and Trust Co. of North America transfer agent and registrar, respectively, for the transfer and registration of certificates of the class A stock of the corporate defendant.

(d) The corporate defendant within this district from time to time, including on or about Nov. 23 1925, Dec. 15 1925, and Jan. 8 1926, has issued and delivered certificates representing shares of its class A stock and of its class B stock, and within this district has accepted in payment therefor stock of H. C. Bohack Co., Inc., James Burtler Grocery Co., United States Stores Corp., David Pender Grocery Co., First National Stores, Inc., Abbotts Alderney Dairies, Inc., the Borden Co., Reid Ice Cream Co., United States Dairy Products Corp., Detroit Creamery Co., National Dairy Products Corp., and Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.

(e) The corporate defendant within this district has acquired and now holds stock or other share capital of the corporations in the next preceding subdivision named. (f) The corporate defendant within this district prior to Feb. 1 1926 entered into a contract with Chandler & Co., and (or) Charles D. Robbins & Co. relative to the sale and public distribution of class A stock, class B stock and warrants to purchase class B stock of the corporate defendant. (g) The corporate defendant from time to time, up to and including the date of the filing of this petition, has issued and caused to be countersigned by the transfer agent and registered by the registrar of the corporate defendant, and has delivered certificates for 50,000 shares of its class A stock, 117,500 shares of its class B stock and warrants entitling the holders to purchase 250,000 additional shares of its class B stock.

(h) The corporate defendant from time to time has prepared and delivered to Chandler & Co., Inc., data relative to the organization and

business of the corporate defendant. (i) The corporate defendant through its board of directors has caused to be appointed and has maintained with offices in care of Chandler & Co., Inc., 120 Broadway, N. Y. City, within this district, the following officers of the corporate defendant, all of whom are named as defendants herein: Charles B. Crané, President; Ernest H. Wands, Vice-President; William H. Hall, Secretary and Treasurer; Ernest J. Hallberg, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

(j) The corporate defendant maintains and for more than two months last past has maintained as its only office outside of its statutory office in Baltimore, Md., an office at 120 Broadway, N. Y. City, within this district, such office being so maintained at the offices of said Chandler & Co., Inc. The board of directors of the corporate defendant includes the following, all of whom are named as defendants herein: H. C. Bohack, Pres. H. C. Bohack & Co., Inc.; C. C. Burdan, Pres. Burdan Bros., Inc.; L. Benedict, Pres. Worcester Salt Co.; B. S. Halsey, Vice-Pres. Sheffield Farms, Inc., and J. A. MacDermott, Vice-Pres. of the United States Dairy Products Corp.

Public Financing of the Corporate Defendant.

The corporate defendant was originally in October 1925 organized with nominal capital of \$2,000 for the single purpose of buying and selling food products. At the time of the first amendment of its certificate of incorporation in the latter part of October 1925, the authorized capital stock of the corporate defendant was increased to \$1,000,000.

Since October 1925 the purposes and objects of the corporate defendant by amendment of certificate of incorporation have been changed and substantially enlarged. The elaborate purposes and powers contained in the amendment filed Nov. 10 1925 and in part set forth in paragraph 8, above, show on their face the primary intention of the corporate defendant to become and operate as a holding company. The corporate defendant since on or about Feb. 4 1926 has continuously represented to Chandler & Co., Inc., and Charles D. Robbins & Co., and through them to the public, that the corporate defendant will hold securities of food companies, purchase and sell securities and underwrite securities of companies in which it holds an interest; that it has acquired investments in certain representative food companies and that it proposes to acquire investments in other prominent food concerns; that it plans to further the development and assist in the financing of such concerns through the underwriting of their securities; and that the managing personnel maintained by the corporate defendant, including the individual defendants herein named, will provide a clearing house for the exchange of ideas as to the best methods and practices of operating and developing the food industry, as well as to supervise the activities and investments of the corporate defendant.

The corporate defendant through its bankers, Chandler & Co., Inc., and Charles D. Robbins & Co. heretofore and on or about Feb. 4 1926 invited the public to purchase stock of the corporate defendant for an aggregate cash consideration of \$1,800,000. The stock to be issued and (or) delivered for such cash consideration aggregates 40,000 shares of class A stock and 40,000 shares of class B stock. Accordingly, there remains available for subsequent issue and sale for the purposes aforesaid, 960,000 shares of class A stock and a substantial number of shares (the exact number being unknown to your petitioner) of class B stock, which if sold from time to time for not less than the price at which the stock has heretofore been offered, would make available to the corporate defendant for the purposes aforesaid a sum estimated by your petitioner to be substantially in excess of \$40,000,000.

The prospect that the corporate defendant may obtain from time to time substantial sums of additional capital for the declared purpose of acquiring and voting stocks in corporations engaged in the production, sale and distribution of foodstuffs in inter-State trade and commerce, creates a menace to the public and violates the language and purpose of Section 7 of the Clayton Act.

Nature of Business of Companies in which the Corporate Defendant Has Acquired Stock.

The companies, in which the corporate defendant has acquired stock directly or indirectly, are all engaged in the sale and distribution of foodstuffs including the following four general classifications: (a) Groceries (through chain store organizations); (b) fresh milk and other dairy products, (c) condensed milk and similar products, (d) ice cream and other frozen products.

Description of Companies in Which the Corporate Defendant Has Acquired Stock.

United States Stores Corporation is an operating and holding corporation organized under the laws of Delaware. It operates about 1,050 retail grocery and meat stores comprising fifteen chain store groups which are operated as units in different districts throughout New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania and the New England States. The total assets of this company are in excess of \$12,000,000, and its gross sales about \$30,000,000 a year. This company operates the following chain store groups among others:

(a) The Cloverdale Unit, comprising about 230 retail grocery stores scattered throughout the New England States and operated from a warehouse located in Cambridge, Mass. (b) The Overland Unit, comprising about 100 retail grocery stores scattered throughout the New England States and operated from a warehouse located in Cambridge, Mass. (c) The Beckman Unit, comprising about 80 retail grocery stores located in New York, Connecticut and New Jersey and operated from a warehouse located in East Orange, N. J. (d) The New Jersey Unit, comprising about 250 retail grocery stores scattered throughout New Jersey and operated from a warehouse located in East Orange, N. J.

James Butler Grocery Co. is a corporation organized under the laws of New York. It operates a chain of about 300 retail grocery stores throughout the New York metropolitan district and in the surrounding communities in Northern New Jersey and Southwestern Connecticut, from a warehouse located in Long Island City, New York.

H. C. Bohack Co., Inc., is a corporation organized under the laws of New York. It operates a chain of about 350 retail grocery stores throughout the New York metropolitan district, including Manhattan, the Bronx, Brooklyn and Northern Long Island, from a warehouse located in Brooklyn, N. Y. The assets of this company are in excess of \$5,500,000, and its gross sales are about \$18,000,000 a year.

David Pender Grocery Co. is a corporation organized under the laws of Virginia. It operates a group of about 245 chain grocery stores in North Carolina and Virginia from a warehouse located at Norfolk, Va.

United States Dairy Products Corporation is a corporation organized under the laws of Maryland, with total assets in excess of \$8,500,000 and gross sales of about \$9,000,000 a year. Directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries this company is engaged in the collection, purchase, preparation, manufacture, sale and distribution of fresh milk and other dairy products and ice cream and other frozen products in Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey.

Abbotts Alderney Dairies, Inc., is a corporation organized under the laws of Maryland. It is engaged in the collection, purchase, preparation, sale

and distribution of fresh milk and dairy products in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. It manufactures ice cream and frozen products at three modern plants located in Philadelphia, Pa., Atlantic City and Bridgeton, N. J., with a daily capacity of 50,000 quarts of ice cream.

The Borden Company is an operating and holding corporation organized under the laws of New York. It owns and holds all of the capital stock of several companies, including Borden's Farm Products Co., Inc. Said Borden's Farm Products Co., Inc., is engaged, among other things, in the collection and purchase of milk from producers in several different States, including New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Connecticut, and in the distribution of such fresh milk, cream and other dairy products by a system of wagon deliveries in the so-called metropolitan district of New York and in the surrounding communities of Northern New Jersey and Southwestern Connecticut. The Borden Co. is engaged, among other things, in inter-State trade and commerce in the preparation, manufacture and sale of milk products including condensed, evaporated, dried and malted milk, and other similar products.

Reid Ice Cream Corporation is a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware. It is engaged, among other things, in the manufacture and sale of ice cream in Long Island, New York City and part of Westchester County, N. Y., in northern New Jersey and in southwestern Connecticut. Its total assets are in excess of \$8,000,000 and its sales are about \$9,000,000 a year.

Detroit Creamery Co. is a corporation organized under the laws of Michigan. It is engaged in the purchase, manufacture and sale of milk, cream, ice cream and condensed milk, throughout the State of Michigan. Its assets are in excess of \$8,000,000.

First National Stores, Inc., is an operating and holding company organized under the laws of Massachusetts. It owns and operates the following chain store groups: (a) The Ginter Co. group of stores, comprising about 400 retail grocery stores located in Boston, suburban Boston, central and eastern Massachusetts and New Hampshire, operated from a central warehouse in Boston, Mass. (b) The John T. Connor Co. group of stores comprising about 600 retail grocery stores located in Boston, suburban Boston, central and eastern Massachusetts, Rhode Island, eastern Connecticut, southern Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine, operated from a warehouse in Boston. (c) The O'Keeffe's, Inc., group of stores, comprising about 640 retail grocery stores, the majority of which are located in Massachusetts, but 45 of which are in New Hampshire and one each in Maine and Rhode Island, all of which are operated from a warehouse in Boston, Mass.

National Dairy Products Corp. is an operating and holding corporation organized under the laws of Delaware, engaged in the collection, preparation, sale and distribution of milk, cream and other dairy products; in the manufacture, sale and distribution of ice cream, and other frozen products; in the manufacture, sale and distribution of condensed milk and similar products, and also in the operation of retail chain grocery stores. Among its 17 or more subsidiary companies are included the following: (a) Sheffield Farms, Inc., an operating and holding corporation organized under the laws of New York, engaged in the collection and purchase of milk from five different States and in the preparation, sale and distribution of milk, cream and other dairy products in the New York metropolitan district and in the surrounding communities of northern New Jersey and southwestern Connecticut, operating in all about 2,000 routes for the delivery of these products. It is also engaged in operating a chain of more than 300 retail grocery stores in the New York metropolitan district and in the surrounding communities of northern New Jersey and southwestern Connecticut, in which are sold a general line of groceries, dairy products and other foodstuffs. (b) Sheffield Condensed Milk Co., engaged in the preparation, manufacture, sale and distribution of condensed milk and other similar products.

The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. is an operating and holding corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York. It operates about 13,000 retail grocery stores throughout the United States. The total assets of this company are about \$50,000,000 and its gross sales are in excess of \$350,000,000 a year.

Effects of the Stock Acquisitions by the Corporate Defendant.

The corporate defendant has already acquired directly or indirectly stock in corporations grouped as follows: (a) Corporations engaged in the chain store grocery business having combined assets in excess of \$80,000,000; (b) corporations engaged in the distribution of milk and other dairy products having combined assets in excess of \$50,000,000; (c) corporations engaged in the manufacture, sale and distribution of condensed milk, evaporated milk and kindred products having combined assets in excess of \$5,000,000; (d) corporations engaged in the manufacture, sale and distribution of ice cream and other frozen products, having combined assets in excess of \$25,000,000.

The publicly announced purpose of the corporate defendant in acquiring such stocks has been and is to afford an opportunity to the public to purchase stock in an immense holding corporation and through the management of such holding corporation (including in such management the individual defendants) to correlate and otherwise influence the conduct of business of the several corporations whose stock is from time to time acquired. The capitalization and powers of the corporate defendant are such as to permit almost unlimited sale of its stock and other securities for the purpose of obtaining cash with which to buy large interests in the corporations whose stock has already been acquired, and further to extend its investments to other corporations likewise engaged in the distribution of foodstuffs in the United States. In many instances the companies whose stock has heretofore been acquired by the corporate defendant are themselves holding companies, and in some instances the subsidiaries controlled by such holding companies are in turn themselves holding companies.

The shares of class B stock of the corporate defendant carry the entire voting power, except at such times as the corporate defendant shall be in default in the payment of dividends on class A stock, when the voting power rests with the class A stock and the class B stock share and share alike. Upon the completion of the financing of the corporate defendant heretofore announced, there will be issued and outstanding 100,000 shares of class A stock (of which 40,000 shares will have been purchased by the public) and 270,000 shares of class B stock, and the balance of the class B stock (730,000 shares) will be reserved against outstanding options and rights to subscribe to class B stock. Under plans for financing the corporate defendant heretofore announced, the public is invited to purchase at \$45 a unit 40,000 shares of class A stock and 40,000 shares of class B stock with the right to subscribe to an additional 40,000 shares of class B stock at a price of \$20 a share up to and including Dec. 1 1930, and at a price of \$30 per share after such date up to and including Dec. 1 1935. The maximum amount of class B voting stock which under this plan will be acquired and held by the public is 80,000 shares of a total authorized issue of 1,000,000 shares. The balance of the shares of class B stock carrying full control of the affairs of the corporate defendant will be retained and held by the individual defendants and others associated with them whose names are unknown to your petitioner. If the Court does not grant the relief prayed for by the petitioner herein and the corporate de-

defendant shall be permitted to continue the purposes for which it has been organized, an important voice in the management of corporations engaged in inter-State trade and commerce in various parts of the United States in the production, sale and distribution of foodstuffs will be centered in a small group of persons, including the individual defendants, and will be taken away not only from the present owners of such businesses, but also from the persons who are being asked to contribute the capital with which the corporate defendant can carry out its announced plans. As the amount of stock held by the corporate defendant in other corporations is increased, such control of the corporate defendant will in turn be a growing influence and may become a complete control over the affairs of many corporations engaged in supplying essential food products to the nation.

By the corporate defendant's acquisition directly and indirectly of stock in such corporations, or through its use of such stock by the holding or granting of proxies or otherwise,

(a) Competition between the following corporations may and unless enjoined by this Court will be substantially lessened, to wit: competition between First National Stores, Inc., United States Stores Corporation and Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.; competition between James Butler Grocery Co., H. C. Bohack Co., Inc., Sheffield Farms, Inc., and Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.; competition between Sheffield Farms, Inc., and The Borden Co.; competition between Sheffield Condensed Milk Co. and The Borden Co.; competition between Reid Ice Cream Corporation and Edward E. Rieck Co.; competition between National Dairy Products Corporation and United States Dairy Products Corporation; and competition between Abbotts Alderney Dairies, Inc., United States Dairy Products Corporation and National Dairy Products Corporation.

(b) With respect to the business conducted by each of the corporations, the inter-State trade and commerce may be, and unless this Court grants the relief prayed for will be, restrained in various sections or communities of the United States; and

(c) A tendency to create a monopoly in the lines of inter-State trade and commerce and each of them hereinbefore described may, and unless this Court grants the relief prayed for will, exist.

Bankers Say National Food Products Is Only an "Investment Trust."

The petition in equity filed by United States Attorney Buckner against the National Food Products Corporation under the provisions of the Clayton Act, will not have any effect on the corporation's financing program, it was asserted Feb. 13 by an executive of Charles D. Robbins & Co., one of the banking houses that participated in an offering of the stock. Continuing, the New York "Times" of Feb. 14 says:

The banking syndicate, which includes also Chandler & Co., Inc., has sold 40,000 units of the corporation's securities, aggregating \$1,800,000, for which payment is to be made to-morrow. The bankers said that payments for the stock would be made by subscribers as scheduled. They declared they had been advised by their attorneys that the transaction was entirely legal, and they did not expect any serious results from the Government's suit. The liquidating value of the stock, they asserted, was about \$61 a share, whereas the offering price to investors was \$45. They said that no merger of the various food properties concerned is in contemplation.

The stock offered represents the holdings of an investment trust which acquired shares in corporations engaged in various branches of the food industry. No consolidation has been discussed, however, and the bankers declared that none of the stock purchases was sufficiently large even to control any of the individual companies whose securities were acquired.

The total authorized capital stock of the company if issued and sold at the price already subscribed for would amount to more than \$40,000,000.

Statement Made in Behalf of National Food Products Corporation by Counsel—Other Statements by Interested Parties.

The following statement in behalf of the National Food Products Corporation has been made by Ralph P. Buell, of Graham, McMahon, Buell & Knox, 165 Broadway, counsel for the corporation:

I understand that it has been announced that the Government has brought an anti-trust suit against National Food Products Corporation under Section 7 of the Clayton Act. The bill of complaint alleges that this corporation has been formed to eliminate competition between corporations such as Borden's Condensed Milk, Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., and other companies. This is absurd on its face. National Food Products Corporation was incorporated as an investment company to purchase interests in various chain store grocery and dairy companies, in order to give to the small investor an opportunity to acquire through the stock of this corporation a diversification of investment in this important field of industry, that he cannot otherwise acquire. The corporation does not own a majority interest in any company and neither exercises nor seeks to exercise control over the business or operations of any company.

Counsel for the corporation stated that he had read the bill of complaint filed by the Government, and that apparently it is the Government's theory that if a corporation owns any stock of two competing companies, it is violating the Clayton Act. That would make any company owning, say, ten shares of United States Steel and ten shares of Bethlehem Steel, a violator of that Act, which is clearly not the intention of the Act. Counsel also said that the suit was regarded by the Corporation as a result of the Ward publicity, and that there was not the slightest chance of the Government's success, but if it should succeed and the corporation were compelled to dissolve, each stockholder would be entitled to his share of the corporation's assets, and on to-day's values a substantial surplus would be available for this purpose and result in an immediate substantial profit to the investor. As a matter of fact, in practically every case where the Government has forced a dissolution, the results to the stockholders have been beneficial.

Section 7 of the Clayton Act specifically says that it does not apply to corporations purchasing stock solely for investment and not using the same by voting or otherwise to bring about the substantial lessening of competition. A careful

reference to the corporation in which National Food Products Corporation has invested should have convinced even the United States District Attorney of the folly of bringing this suit.

C. R. Lindback, President of Abbotts Alderney Dairies, Inc., has issued the following statement:

My attention has been called to a statement that a substantial interest has been acquired in the stock of Abbotts Alderney Dairies, Inc., by a recently incorporated holding company. This is an error, as over 80% of the voting stock of our company is owned and controlled by the officers and employees of the company who have not entered into and do not contemplate any negotiations for sale of any part of their holdings. The company is absolutely independent of any other organization and is not affiliated and has no connection with any combination or holding company. We are informed that the recently organized corporation has acquired 1,100 shares of our voting stock, which is only 2.2% of the amount outstanding. The new corporation has no representation on our board of directors and has no connection whatever with the management or operations of the company.

John A. Hartford, President of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., states that there is no truth whatever in the published report that the control of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. is to be acquired by the National Food Products Co. Substantially all of the common stock and a majority of the preferred stock of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. is owned by the management and its employees. No sale of the company or of the control of its stock is now or ever has been contemplated.

Signing of Agreement at Philadelphia for Settlement of Anthracite Coal Strike—Mining Resumed.

Settlement of the long-drawn-out strike in the Pennsylvania anthracite coal fields came unexpectedly at Philadelphia on Feb. 12, when representatives of the operators and miners approved an agreement which provides that "work shall be resumed at once under the terms of the expired contract, which subject to modification . . . shall be in force and effect until Aug. 31 1930." The tentative agreement was ratified on Feb. 17 at the Tri-District Convention of the United Mine Workers of America assembled at Scranton, and was signed the following day in the offices of the Glen Alden Coal Co. at Scranton by the Operators' and Miners' Joint Negotiating Committee. Only two dissenting votes among the 700 delegates to the convention were registered, it is stated. Work at the mines was resumed on Thursday, the 18th inst., and the first anthracite shipment to be received since the resumption of mining arrived in New York yesterday (Feb. 19). Summarizing the terms of the agreement, which we give further below, the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Feb. 13 said:

The principal terms of the new contract follow:

- First. A five-year contract.
- Second. Wages to remain at the scale in effect last August unless changed by mutual agreement or by a board outside the industry.
- Third. Wages may be changed at any time after Jan. 1 1927, but not more than once a year. Either party may request consideration of a wage revision.
- Fourth. When a request is made for revision of wages and the representatives of the miners and operators fail to agree, each side shall name three men outside the industry. The operators shall pick one from the miners' list and the miners one man from the operators' list. These two men shall constitute a board obligated to reach a binding decision within ninety days. In order to reach an agreement the two men may enlarge the board to an odd number and a majority vote will be binding.
- Fifth. The question of the check-off of union dues may be referred to the Anthracite Board of Conciliation, exclusive of the umpire.
- Sixth. Immediate resumption of mining following the approval of the contract by the tri-district convention of the mine workers.

The same paper in its account of the proceedings leading to the signing of the agreement stated:

Settlement Comes Simply.

The machinery which brought about the settlement of the strike was comparatively simple. For 165 days the 158,000 workers of the anthracite field have been idle. They put down their tools on Aug. 31.

For more than five months the negotiating committees of the two factions have been holding conferences to bring about a settlement. Once they met in Atlantic City, once in New York and twice in Philadelphia.

Wednesday the members of the Operators' Committee came to Philadelphia to "consider legislative matters." They held a long meeting during the afternoon and that night Mr. Lewis came to Philadelphia. He met with the Miners' Negotiating Committee Thursday afternoon and then called a meeting of the full Scale Committee for yesterday morning. They met and considered a plan already approved the day before by the operators.

Ten minutes later the Negotiating Committee met in joint conference with their Chairman, Alvan Markle, of Hazleton, and James A. Gorman, the Secretary.

Pact Made in Forty Minutes.

They were inside the conference room forty minutes. Mr. Gorman left the room and announced to waiting newspapermen that a tentative contract had been approved and would be executed as soon as it was approved by the tri-district convention. He handed out copies of the contract, which was dated Feb. 11.

Signatures of the six operators and six representatives of the miners were not affixed to the contract, but that will be done as soon as the miners' convention gives its approval. The action is a mere formality.

Despite the fact that the terms of the agreement call for consideration of wage revision by a board outside the anthracite industry, Mr. Lewis declared last night in a statement that it was "co-operation and not arbitration."

Miners' leaders have been absolutely firm in their stand against arbitration. The operators have been equally insistent upon its inclusion in any new contract. With that situation blocking anthracite peace, it was apparent that only cleverness in handling the English language could satisfy both sides.

Peace Is Victory for Both Sides.

The representatives of the operators have, on the surface, provided for arbitration. They have avoided agreement to the check-off, which the miners have demanded for many years. They have apparently succeeded in gaining a long-term contract which guarantees against future strikes.

On the other hand, the miners' leaders can point to the contract as a victory for their men. They may reopen the wage question annually. Their loophole is the wording of one provision, which provides that the board of two men "may" add to its number in order to reach an agreement.

The miners also claim a victory on the check-off demand, for which they have been fighting twenty-five years, first under the leadership of John Mitchell and then under successive presidents of the United Mine Workers. The word "check-off" does not appear in the agreement but it is covered in the agreement in the phrase, "Shall work out a reciprocal program of co-operation and efficiency."

Union leaders said this means the operators are obligated and understand that they must agree to some system of deducting union dues from the miners' wages.

The following brief statement announcing the signing of the agreement was issued from the conference rooms on Feb. 12:

At a meeting of the anthracite conference a tentative agreement was adopted. This agreement will be submitted to the tri-district convention for approval, after which a contract will be formally executed by both parties.

The text of the agreement follows:

This agreement, made this twelfth day of February, 1926, between Districts 1, 7, and 9, United Mine Workers of America, parties of the first part, and the anthracite operators, parties of the second part, covering wages and conditions of employment in the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania, witnesseth:

1. Work shall be resumed at once under the terms of the expired contract, which, subject to modification as hereinafter provided, shall be in force and effect until Aug. 31 1930.

2. At any time after Jan. 1 1927, but not oftener than once in any year, either party may, in writing, propose modifications in the wage scales of said contract. The parties agree within fifteen days after receipt of such written proposals to start conferences in the usual manner in an effort to agree upon such modifications.

3. If within thirty days after starting such negotiations the parties have not agreed, all issues in controversy shall be referred to a board of two men, with full power and without reservation or restrictions, and the parties agree to abide by any decision or decisions of such board, either on the merits of the controversy or as to procedure to be followed. Such board shall be appointed as follows:

The operators shall name three men and the miners shall name three men. The operators shall select one man from the miners' list and the miners shall select one man from the operators' list, and the two men so approved shall constitute said board. Unless agreed, the men named by the parties shall not be connected with the United Mine Workers of America or the business of mining coal. The board shall be obligated, within ninety days after appointment, to arrive at a decision on all issues in controversy, and to that end shall formulate their own rules and methods of procedure and may enlarge the board to an odd number, in which event a majority vote shall be binding.

4. The demands of the operators and the mine workers on the question of co-operation and efficiency are referred to the Board of Conciliation, exclusive of the umpire, which shall work out a reciprocal program of co-operation and efficiency.

5. The Board of Conciliation shall proceed to equalize wages, &c., in accordance with Clause 12 of the agreement, dated Sept. 19 1923.

6. Except as modified herein, the terms and provisions of the award of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission and subsequent agreements made in modification thereof or supplemental thereto, as well as the rulings and decisions of the Board of Conciliation, are hereby ratified, confirmed and continued during the term of this contract, ending Aug. 31 1930.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto, through their accredited representatives, have caused this agreement to be properly executed, the day and year first above written:

<p><i>On behalf of the anthracite operators:</i> W. W. INGLIS GEORGE HADESTY J. B. WARRINER E. H. SUENDER THOMAS THOMAS ANDREW M. FINE</p>	<p><i>On behalf of Districts 1, 7 and 9, United Mine Workers of America:</i> JOHN L. LEWIS PHILIP MURRAY THOMAS KENNEDY C. J. GOLDEN RINALDO CAPPELLINI ANDREW MATTEY</p>
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Attest:
JAMES A. GORMAN, Secretary. ALVIN MARKLE, Chairman.

Regarding the Conciliation Board, referred to in the above, Associated Press dispatches from Philadelphia on Feb. 12 said:

The Conciliation Board was created by the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission of 1903. It is made up of three operators and three miners who settle disputes at the mines under the wage contracts. When they cannot agree they refer disputes to an umpire appointed by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at Philadelphia. The present umpire is Charles P. Neill of Washington, D. C.

The New York "Times" in its Philadelphia advices Feb. 12 referring to the settlement, and the demands which had been made by the miners, had the following to say:

The strikers originally demanded a wage increase of \$1 a day for day men and 10% for contract miners. Under the agreement they obtain no increase. They demanded equalization of rates. This is written into the contract. They asked for the check-off and the contract makes an approach toward this concession in return for increased efficiency.

The miners lost \$150,000,000 in wages during the strike. The operators are said to have lost about \$200,000,000 in overhead and loss of profits and wastage. The slump in business in the hard coal region, one of the richest sections of the United States, is impossible to estimate. A total wastage of \$1,000,000,000 by the struggle of operators and miners is the unofficial estimate made in this city.

Statements by President Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America, and Samuel D. Warriner, Chairman of the

Anthracite Operators' Conference, indicating their gratification at the settlement, followed the signing of the agreement, Mr. Lewis's statement being as follows:

The settlement is satisfactory and constructive. It assures stability and continuous operation for a five-year period, which is the longest agreement ever made in the coal industry.

It does not contain the principle of arbitration for which the operators have been contending, but it does provide machinery for the exercise of reason in the industry.

The wage schedules of the expired contract are continued for five years unless changed by mutual consent of the representatives of both parties; both sides are thus given full protection.

Under the agreement the Board of Conciliation is given broad powers as a stabilizing agency and is instructed to work out a reciprocal program of co-operation and efficiency which will restore a greater degree of confidence and harmony between the operators and the mine workers, which should result in substantial economies and reduced operating costs.

Such a result will be a contribution to the industry which has been sadly needed, and if both parties work in good faith toward the attainment of the desired objective, it will result in the industry being placed upon a higher plane that will command the respect of the coal-consuming public.

It is the dawn of a new era in the anthracite industry, and both operators and miners should make the most of the opportunity which is given them.

The agreement has met with the unanimous approval of the members of the Scale Committee of Districts 1, 7 and 9, United Mine Workers of America, and I anticipate will be overwhelmingly endorsed when presented for ratification by the mine workers throughout the anthracite region.

The high courage and unselfish devotion to public interest which has been demonstrated by the Hon. Gifford Pinchot, Governor of Pennsylvania, throughout the course of the strike deserves the commendation of the mine workers and all thoughtful citizens who have suffered inconvenience and paid exorbitant prices for substitute fuel.

From the first Governor Pinchot, acting as a faithful public servant, has utilized the influence of his high office to crystallize public sentiment into an instrumentality that would end the strike.

The present happy ending is in a large measure due to his untiring efforts to accomplish this result, and I am sure that his earnest spirit will receive ample reward in the gratification that comes from the knowledge that public necessity will now be relieved.

The Federal Conciliation Service, under the personal direction of the Hon. James J. Davis, Secretary of Labor, has also rendered marked service in the controversy. The Secretary and his personal representatives have at all times exercised tact and wisdom in dealing with the problem and are justly deserving of credit.

The following is Mr. Warriner's statement:

The operators are intensely gratified that the strike is at an end. If it has engendered any bitterness we hope it will soon pass away. We shall make the utmost effort to that end. The next step is to rebuild what the stoppage of production for five and a half months has torn down.

Out of the strife and misunderstanding there has been obtained an assurance of five years of peace. During that time the public is guaranteed a regular, dependable supply of anthracite.

Production will be resumed at the earliest possible date. With the return of the men this can be done quickly because our properties have been kept up throughout the strike and within a few days coal should be rolling to market.

In a period of scarcity caused by the loss of some 35,000,000 tons of production it is inevitable that prices soar. The effects of such conditions have been plainly seen in the mounting prices of substitutes.

So far as the recognized producers of anthracite are concerned, since the strike began they sold the stocks they had at the prices prevailing at the time of the strike. After production is resumed it is expected they will maintain normal winter prices for domestic sizes. It is also expected that the retail trade will maintain normal margins, so that our customers may not suffer from profiteering.

In a statement issued on Feb. 12, following his return to his home at Scranton, Major W. W. Inglis, Chairman of the Negotiating Committee of the Anthracite Operators' Conference, said:

This time I am glad to return home with a contract that means the resumption of mining. The public's disappointment over earlier failures was not nearly so great as mine.

I am confident that the agreement signed on Lincoln's Birthday will carry with it a long period of peace and prosperity. This prosperity will be shared not alone by the coal companies. If it is as good a peace as I think it is, the mine workers and every one in the region will benefit. No contract, in fact that was not good for everybody would be worth signing.

The past has shown that pulling in different directions get us all into a lot of trouble. In place of that, what I should like to see established is a rule of co-operation and good feeling that includes the public, the mine workers and ourselves, all pulling together for the general good.

That the industry which means so much to every one here has suffered severely is undeniable. With co-operation all round we can more quickly regain our markets and make this region again prosperous and happy.

The thing that makes me most glad is that the strike is ended with honor to all concerned—all except the self-seekers who sought to make of it an opportunity to glorify themselves. They, of course, prolonged the strike. But the earnest men who, without self-advertisement, sought to be really helpful in bringing about a settlement I am sincerely grateful.

Among the telegrams received by Mr. Lewis was one from William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor and formerly International Secretary-Treasurer of the United Mine Workers. Mr. Green said:

I am exceedingly pleased to learn of the settlement of the anthracite coal strike. While I have not received the details of agreement reached, I am confident it represents substantial progress for the anthracite mine workers and is reasonably satisfactory to you and your associates.

The officers and members of organized labor share with you and those you represent your feelings of gratification over the outcome of the great industrial conflict. I extend to you and your associates my congratulations and hearty good wishes.

According to Associated Press dispatches from Shamokin (Pa.) Feb. 15, Chris J. Golden, District President of the United Mine Workers, in a statement before leaving for Scranton to help ratify the agreement between operators and miners to end the strike, said that in his estimation it

was the "greatest victory ever achieved by the United Mine Workers for the principle of collective bargaining against arbitration. "The strike broke all records in the length of time it lasted without a single break in the ranks," he said. "When the contract is finally consummated it will mean from a monetary standpoint the largest contract signed by any labor organization in the history of the United States." Mr. Golden, say the dispatches, expressed confidence that the agreement would be ratified, and added:

The only demand of co-operation made by the miners was the check-off. It will decrease expenses of the mine workers' organization, mean more efficiency within our ranks and will bring better understanding between the miners and operators.

The one to whom credit is given for the adjustment of the strike—R. F. Grant—came on the scene without any heralding. From the Philadelphia Associated Press dispatches Feb. 12 we quote the following, in which Mr. Grant is acclaimed as the outstanding figure in the negotiations which led to the settlement:

Leaders among the operators and miners to-night were emphatic in their declarations that the settlement was made "within the industry" and without any outside influence.

It was stated by the highest authority in each camp that neither the President of the United States, nor the Governor of Pennsylvania, and no Federal nor State Department had a hand in the settlement.

The figure that stood out to-night as the one man who did most to bring about an end to the long and disastrous struggle was R. F. Grant of Cleveland, Ohio. He is Vice-President of the M. A. Hanna Co., soft coal operators, and President of the Susquehanna Collieries Co., an anthracite subsidiary of the Hanna concern.

Both miners and operators bestowed the highest praise on his ability as a mediator. John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers, said that Mr. Grant was the "mediator and instrumentality" in bringing an end to the strike and performed a wonderful service. This statement was echoed by the operators.

The following regarding the part played by Mr. Grant in bringing about a settlement is from the Philadelphia advices Feb. 12 to the New York "Times":

It may now be said on the best authority that the initiative to bring about a swift settlement was taken last Saturday by Mr. Grant, who conferred with Major W. W. Inglis, Chairman of the Anthracite Operators' Conference, in Scranton. On Tuesday he spent six hours with President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers in Wilkes-Barre, and then met Samuel D. Warriner, President of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co., in this city on Wednesday.

At Mr. Grant's suggestion the full conference of operators met in Philadelphia yesterday. Constituting himself as a messenger between the two sides, Mr. Grant followed a policy of "cut and deal." In his dealings he thrust aside Mr. Warriner and William J. Richards, President of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co., and virtually made himself master of the situation.

Spurred on by Coolidge Policy.

Mr. Grant worked with a feeling of security once President Coolidge definitely declared that he would not intervene despite the adoption of the Copeland resolution in the Senate.

For four days and nights, with hardly any sleep, he kept at it, modifying this suggestion, shading that one and pressing a point whenever he felt the occasion was propitious, until in the end the contract as made public to-day and ratified by the full Scale Committee of miners without modification was an accomplished fact.

The name of Mr. Grant had never before been mentioned in the negotiations. That was to his credit, for both sides had confidence in his impartiality. He waited patiently until he felt that every political leader had exhausted his efforts in attempting to work out a solution. At the psychological moment he acted.

Grant Rules Out Politicians.

Mr. Grant shrank from reporters to-day when he left the conference room. On reading of the various claims made on behalf of the State and Federal representatives who had in the past months interested themselves in the strike, Mr. Grant consented to make this statement:

When a coal strike develops many champions of the people with political hopes start to develop ways and means to capitalize the situation for their own benefit. The first thing to do is to convince the people of their general love for humanity.

There is no publicity value in being a private lover, and so their love is proclaimed loudly. The next thing is to have a plan or to offer their good offices. This is done, so that later, when the strike is settled, they can point with pride to their helpfulness.

Hundreds of plans have been submitted. Generally they follow the plan of the Ten Commandments, the Episcopal marriage ceremony or Mrs. Rorer's cook book.

Says Coolidge Helped Shorten Strike.

These champions of the people accomplish nothing except to confuse everything and everybody and prolong the strike.

"For three days I have been the sole contact between operators and miners. Right at the start it seemed sure that a formula could be written to end the strike. My only fear was that some great friend of the people would have a heart-break and start loving out loud and spoil the party."

"I call attention to the great common sense and wisdom of President Coolidge. It is my firm conviction that if he had yielded to the great pressure upon him and had tried to intervene, this contract would not be signed to-day. The American people are entitled to know this solemn conviction of mine and to honor this great President of ours who has shortened the strike by his wisdom.

"I would like to paste across the sky in eternal letters a warning to look out for these great lovers of America who want to do their loving out loud and who would capitalize the distress of our people for personal reasons."

Mention of the fact that leaders of the anthracite coal miners and operators had gathered in Philadelphia a week ago and that reports that their arrival gave rise to reports that a settlement was under way was made in our issue of last week, page 839. The various efforts to effect a settle-

ment since the suspension of work in the anthracite coal fields of Aug. 31, have been detailed in these columns from time to time. We also alluded to the efforts of Senator Copeland to secure intervention by President Coolidge in the strike—the Senator's resolution having been referred to in our issues of Feb. 6, page 702, and Feb. 13, page 839. From the New York "Times" we take the following Washington advices Feb. 12:

The industrial conflict in the anthracite regions has been settled apparently without Federal intervention and, according to the White House, in harmony with President Coolidge's policy that parties in a labor dispute should compose their own differences.

President Coolidge declined to-day to take any credit whatever for the outcome or permit it to appear that his Administration had any part in the negotiations that led to the settlement. He expressed gratification that the end had come, and admitted that the Department of Labor and its conciliators had kept actively informed of developments and had offered their mediatory services from time to time.

Coolidge's Attitude Believed a Factor.

The determined attitude of President Coolidge in declining to act under the Copeland resolution is generally regarded as a decisive factor in bringing to an end the dispute at this time. When the President on last Tuesday declined to intervene and reiterated that he would not act, the operators and the miners, it is declared in an official quarter, recognized that their hope of a settlement through direct Government intervention had vanished.

The Department of Labor has been very active in many ways in the strike situation. Two conciliators, one of them Chief Hugh L. Kerwin, spent a week in the coal regions working among the "maintenance" men to prevail on them not to abandon their pumps. They openly combated the influence of Communists, who were aggressively at work in an effort to completely wreck the mines. At the end of a week of such work Mr. Kerwin and another conciliator appeared at a hotel in Shenandoah, Pa., and asked for a room. They were unshaven and looked so disreputable that the hotel man demanded payment for the room in advance.

Since Jan. 12 Secretary Davis has been active in co-operation with ex-Governor Sproul of Pennsylvania in pleading with both the operators and miners to effect an agreement. The fact that Mr. Davis and his conciliators figured so prominently in the final conferences, even though they were working quietly, is accepted here as an informal use of the power of the National Administration. On the other hand, Mr. Sproul, himself a coal operator and an influential financier, is known to have exerted pressure that had weight with the operators.

There can be no overlooking the fact that political pressure as well as economic stress figured in the final weeks of the deadlock to bring both operators and miners to a point where agreement was imperative and inevitable. It was not until early this week it was explained to-day, that both sides finally reached a point of exhaustion when it was seen that President Coolidge was determined to remain inactive so far as open and direct intervention by the Federal Government was concerned.

Copeland "Immensely Pleased."

Senator Copeland, author of the resolution calling on the President to invite the miners and operators to the White House for a conference, said he was immensely pleased at the settlement.

"I am conscious of the fact," he declared, "that what the Senate did precipitated a settlement. By adopting the resolution it took the restraining hand off of the shoulder of Secretary of Labor Davis."

Commenting on the fact that the agreement for the settlement of the strike was reached on Mr. Lewis's birthday, Associated Press dispatches from Philadelphia on the 12th stated:

A huge basket of roses was sent to-night to John Llewellyn Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers, by Major W. W. Inglis, Chairman of the Anthracite Operators' Negotiating Committee. With the flowers was a card which pointed out that besides marking the end of the strike it was the birthday of the miners' leader and "another great American, Abraham Lincoln."

Mr. Lewis was so busy during the day's negotiations that he entirely overlooked the fact it was his 46th birthday. But when the agreement was finally signed, he gave a sigh of relief and remarked: "Some birthday."

U. S. Senate Adopts Norris Resolution Changing Date of Inauguration of President and Congress to January— Move to Eliminate "Lame Duck" Sessions.

A resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States changing the date for the inauguration of the President and Vice-President and Members of Congress from March to January, was passed by the Senate on Feb. 15 by a vote of 73 to 2. The two votes in opposition were cast by Senators Blease of South Carolina and King of Utah. Senator Norris, author of the resolution, had the following to say in part regarding it, in the Senate on the 15th:

Read by Cong. Record, Feb. 15, page 3665.

This is the third time the joint resolution has been before the Senate. It has passed the Senate twice, once in the last Congress and once in the preceding Congress, both times practically in the same form in which it now appears, and the last time in exactly the same form. There was extended debate on it on one of those occasions, running over a couple of days. It has received an unanimous report at the hands of the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate on each occasion. The same joint resolution, with some modifications, which are merely changes in phraseology and a slight change in date, was reported on each occasion after it passed the Senate by the House committee and was on the calendar of the House when the Congress finally adjourned on the 4th of March two years preceding.

If this amendment should be agreed to, this would be the effect of it: We would meet in January after election. Not the old Congress, but the new one, elected in November, would actually commence to function in January following; and their term of office being, for instance, in the case of Members of the House, two years from January; Senators, six years, and the President four years, they would

not be limited in the holding of the sessions and have to quit on the 4th of March. In other words, we would meet annually, just as we do now, but there would be no such thing as a short session of Congress. The length of the session would be limited only by the expiration of the term of the office, which would always be one year at least. The practical result would be that the short session of Congress would be abolished, and there would be two sessions in each Congress, one just like the other.

We all know the evils of the short session of Congress. It is unnecessary to go over that subject. It has been gone over in great detail, not only in Congress and in the committee, but in the country. That is the evil that we want to avoid by this amendment—the short session of Congress—and to put the new Congress into actual operation sooner after election. Under existing conditions, we have an election in November; a new Congress is elected; but, unless a special session of Congress is called by the President, the Members do not actually commence to function in office until 13 months after they have been elected, and when the short session meets, it is the old Congress that meets. They may have all been defeated; but the new Congress, although elected, is absolutely powerless to function.

Another thing is, suppose the election of the President should be thrown into the House of Representatives. It would be the old Congress that would elect a new President to serve for four years, although it might be possible and would always be probable that the old Congress had already been defeated for re-election at the time they elected a President to rule over the country for four years. I do not know any other way to meet it except by an amendment to the Constitution and by simply fixing the beginning of the term in January. In that way we would meet all of those conditions.

The Washington "Post" of Feb. 16 in referring to the resolution and its purpose said:

Changing the Calendar.

The Senate has adopted the Norris resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution under which the terms of the President, Vice President and members of Congress would begin in the January following their election. The chief purpose of the amendment is to place in power an administration and Congress immediately after their election, instead of permitting a short session of Congress consisting in part of members who had been defeated in the preceding November elections.

Mr. Norris holds that other advantages would flow from the adoption of the new calendar, one of which is the elimination of Senate filibusters. He insists that filibusters are impossible when Congress has no fixed day adjournment. The short sessions ending perforce on March 4 every other year afford opportunities for filibusters in the closing hours. Mr. Norris states that he has participated in several of these filibusters and knows all about them.

Congress can change the annual date of its meeting from the first Monday in December, if it chooses to do so, but it can not by law eliminate the "lame duck" short session. An amendment of the Constitution is necessary to effect this change. The change is highly desirable, on account of the long period which now elapses between election and the seating of members of Congress. It is not seemly that legislators should continue in office after their rejection at the polls, while others, representing the will of the people, are kept waiting thirteen months before they can take their seats.

For comfort's sake it would be well to have the date of presidential inaugurations fixed in May or June, but other reasons outweigh considerations of comfort. An inauguration in January would be attended with no worse weather, usually, than that which prevails in March.

Many collateral interests would be affected by a change such as that proposed in the Norris resolution, such as the terms of cabinet members and many minor officials; but such matters could be easily arranged, if the country should conclude to make the change. The presidential term would have to be shortened or lengthened to adjust itself to the new schedule, and there might be serious objections to either by zealous partisans. The outs would object to the prolongation of a term, and the ins would decidedly oppose the shortening of an incumbent's tenure of office. In order to effect the change it would have to be agreed upon to take effect in the somewhat distant future, beyond the time when it might affect the interests of present officeholders and expectant officeholders.

The resolution reads:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following amendment of the Constitution be, and hereby is, proposed to the States, to become valid as a part of said Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of the several States as provided by the Constitution:

Article—

Section 1. The terms of the President and Vice President in office at the time this amendment takes effect shall end at noon on the third Monday in January and the terms of Senators and Representatives then in office at noon on the first Monday in January of the year in which such terms would have ended if this article had not been ratified, and the terms of their successors shall then begin.

Section 2. The Congress shall assemble at least once in every year, and such meeting shall be on the first Monday in January, unless they shall by law appoint a different day.

Section 3. If the House of Representatives has not chosen a President, whenever the right of choice devolves upon them, before the time fixed for the beginning of his term, then the Vice President chosen for the same term shall act as President until the House of Representatives chooses a President; and the Congress shall by law provide that in the event the Vice President has not been chosen before the time fixed for the beginning of his term what officer shall then act as President, and such officer shall act accordingly until the House of Representatives chooses a President, or until the Senate chooses a Vice President.

Section 4. This amendment shall take effect on the fifteenth day of October after its ratification.

A resolution along similar lines also was reported to the House by its elections committee. As to this the Washington "Post" of Feb. 16 said:

The House resolution would meet such a situation by directing Congress to elect an acting President to serve until the deadlock is

broken. It also would provide that, if the President-elect should die prior to his inauguration, the Vice President-elect would become President, and that Congress should pass legislation to provide for a President in the event that both officers-elect should die prior to assuming office.

Both resolutions take cognizance of the failure of the Constitution to insure against a possible contingency whereby the country might be left without a chief executive in the event of a series of deadlocks in the electoral college and the House of Representatives.

In such a situation, the Senate proposal would provide that the newly elected Vice President automatically becomes President if the deadlock should remain unbroken on March 4 in the year succeeding the general election in November.

Harold Roberts, Former Associate of James B. Duke, Condemns That Mergers Make For Stabilization.

Mergers make for stabilization and thereby tend to eliminate violent price fluctuations in commodities and manufactured products, but monopolies that aim at restraint of trade or "price-fixing" can never endure even under the present complicated legal structure. This is the assertion of Harold Roberts, Vice-President of Mulliken & Roberts, Inc., New York, who for many years was an associate of James B. Duke in the American Tobacco Company. Not only do consolidations of industrial enterprises eliminate destructive or hurtful competition, "for which the consumer invariably pays through higher prices," but they at once make possible increased production and the development of greater consuming markets, he declared.

Mr. Roberts' statement was occasioned by the present widespread interest in the consolidation movement, about which there is much conflicting political opinion. If the consolidation movement so noticeable in various industries today is wrong, then it will not get very far, but the surest test that it is not basically wrong is found in the fact that these mergers "are the economic salvation of many millions of dollars of security holders' investments that otherwise might become a total loss and never be recoverable."

"There is great need that our anti-trust laws should be revised so that they would be interpretable by their own language," said Mr. Roberts. He added:

As it is, we fall back on the Supreme Court's conclusion that they must be interpreted in "the light of reason," or we must go to the Federal Trade Commission and get its ruling as to the specific merger in view. If we follow such ruling, we have no assurance that it may not be reversed by the highest court.

Our anti-trust laws date from about 1890, but, during the following fifteen years they lived in the realm of forgotten things. There was no general enforcement. From the year 1900 many mergers were effected in many industries. We had an era of consolidations—some of them not clearly thought out, unscientific, and not capable of giving a good account of themselves either in public service or dividends to stockholders. Companies were merged that were easy to get and easy to finance but hard to make cohesive—to function efficiently as a unit—to make profitable.

Merger Points to Consider.

In this new program of consolidation, certain definite points must be determined to assure the creation of a sound consolidation—one in which the economic forecast will be promptly and definitely realizable. The following inquiries must be affirmatively answered:

Does the general record of the industry justify the issuance of new securities to the public?

Will the proposed merger tend to stabilize prices, improve labor conditions, improve its public service, discourage over-expansion and destructive competition?

Do the proposed constituent companies lend themselves to economic central management?

Are the plants up-to-date, favorably located as to raw materials, labor, and proximity to largest consumers markets?

Can a well balanced administrative organization be selected from the proposed constituent companies?

If it will do all of these things, we should be able to go ahead with the merger.

We have gone through a period of abnormal industrial expansion incident to the great war. We have facilities far in excess of our national requirements. Our producing costs are minimizing our foreign trade in manufactured goods. Sound consolidations are necessary to cure the situation. And, in this process there must be a scrapping of obsolete equipments; we must offset a wage scale that is higher than that of any other country in the world by more efficient and economical factory practices; we must cut out lost motion—waste. We will derive neither thrill nor benefit out of a wasted dollar.

The theory of our Federal trade laws is wrong. Why judge a corporation on the basis of relative proportions? If its conduct is good, should we strike it down because of its size? In 1907 we disintegrated the Standard Oil Company and The American Tobacco Company. The Supreme Court decreed that potential competition of the new units must immediately ensue. The prescribed competition certainly followed in fullest measure. Has the consumer benefited? There have been tremendous duplications of efforts, waste galore and the higher prices concomitant to rising costs.

Under proper laws remedies may be applied where needed, while, under the rule of dissolution, the cure is likely to be more harmful than the disease.

The processes of consolidation must go on to the very ultimate of their economic application.

Our government is ourselves. We must educate ourselves to the advantages—at home and abroad—of large unit operation. And, when our people generally understand the underlying economic laws, there will follow clarified regulatory Federal laws that will let us know where we stand and what we can do.

Rise in Pay Denied to Railway Clerks—Western Roads Refuse to Grant Increases of 6 to 10 Cents an Hour.

Demands for the wage increases by the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks were refused on Feb. 16 by the Southern Pacific, Kansas City Southern and Chicago and Western Indiana railroads and the Joplin Union Depot Company, says the New York "Times" of Feb. 17, from which we also take the following:

These demands, which call for advances of from 6 to 10 cents an hour, have been presented on all carriers which are not now under contract with the Brotherhood. Similar requests have been made on the American Railway Express Company by the same union for increases of 11½ and 12 cents an hour.

It was learned yesterday that the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen would file demands for an increase in June when present contracts have expired. The same ratio of increase will be asked as that sought by the Trainmen and Conductors, who filed demands on February 1 to be answered on March 2. Granting of these demands would mean an advance of about 18 to 20% over the current scale. Applied only to the four brotherhoods engaged in train service, it would add about \$150,000,000 to the carriers' outlay for wages. Applied to all classes of railroad employes it would mean a total advance in the neighborhood of \$580,000,000.

The Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks has no connection with the four brotherhoods mentioned above. It is involved in a dispute with the American Federation of Labor because of refusal to surrender some 4,000 express drivers to the Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers.

In view of the greater prosperity of the railroads in the Eastern district the clerks are asking 10 cents an hour here, while only 6 cents is being demanded of the roads in the Western region.

Unfavorable Report by Senate Committee on Nomination of T. F. Woodlock as Member of Inter-State Commerce Commission.

An unfavorable report was voted yesterday (Feb. 19) by the Senate Inter-State Commerce Committee on the nomination of Thomas F. Woodlock of New York to be a member of the Inter-State Commerce Commission. According to Associated Press dispatches the vote was 7 to 6, with four Senators absent. The absentees stood two for a favorable report and two against.

Death of R. R. Govin, Head of New York Journal of Commerce—Formerly of H. B. Hollins & Co.

An account of the death of its President, R. R. Govin, appeared as follows in the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Feb. 16:

Rafael Ramon Govin, president of The Journal of Commerce, died unexpectedly of heart failure at the Grand Hotel, Monte Carlo, Monaco, Sunday morning, at 6:15 o'clock. Cable dispatches announcing his death were received yesterday.

He had joined Mrs. Govin there early in February and had planned to visit other European cities before coming home.

Mr. Govin had been president of The Journal of Commerce since October, 1923, and had devoted a great deal of attention to the property.

Extensive newspaper interests in Cuba had called him there early in December, where he remained until he joined Mrs. Govin in France about two weeks ago.

The news of his death came as a distinct shock to all associates in America, as his health had been normal, apparently, and he had attended to business matters in this country by cable so late as Saturday.

Plans for the funeral have not been completed.

Mr. Govin was fifty-eight years old. He was born in Matanzas, Cuba, and was a graduate of Columbia University and of Columbia Law School. His business career in the United States as well as abroad, included the practice of law, finance and newspaper publishing.

His earlier law associations were with Senator Eustis, Jones & Govin, and Couder Brothers (International lawyers.)

He was president of the Inter-Ocean Oil Company and of The Journal of Commerce, when he died. He also had extensive business interests in Cuba, which included the ownership of El Mundo of Havana and other newspaper properties.

Mr. Govin was a member of the Union, the Metropolitan, the New York Yacht Clubs, the Downtown Association, the Metropolitan Club of Washington, D. C., and other clubs.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. May Medina Govin, one son, R. R. Govin Jr., of Kingston, Pa., and one daughter, Mrs. John D. Schoonmaker, of Kingston, N. Y.

In all the enterprises in which Mr. Govin was interested, he took a keen and active interest.

Calling attention to Mr. Govin's earlier connection with the firm of H. B. Hollins & Co., the "Wall Street News," of Feb. 17, had the following to say:

It is interesting to note that in most of the accounts of the sudden death of R. R. Govin, president of the "Journal of Commerce," at Monte Carlo a few days ago, prominence is given to his position as a newspaper owner and publisher and as an executive of other business enterprises, but that no mention is made of the fact that for many years he was a partner in the New York Stock Exchange firm of H. B. Hollins & Co. In those days and for some years previously, it was one of the best known houses in the financial district. Its offices occupied the entire ground floor of the building at the corner of Wall and Broad streets that was torn down a few years ago for the large addition to the Stock Exchange.

H. B. Hollins, head of the firm, was known to have particularly close connections socially and in a business way with many members of the Vanderbilt family, and he was credited with securing for his firm a lion's share of their stock market operations. "Harry" Hollins, as he was known to his intimates, was always spoken of also as one of

the elder J. P. Morgan's favorite "boys." Mr. Hollins was known to be particularly close to Mr. Morgan and to have had many important business relations with him and his firm.

In the latter years of the existence of the Hollins firm, it went afield considerably from the purely speculative and investment business it had conducted for many years, and took up the financing of railroad corporations. They included the Pere Marquette and Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, both of which brought to the firm not a few unpleasant experiences. It was recognized also as the Eastern banking connection of the Chicago Union Traction Co. Mr. Govin as a lawyer came into the firm to give special attention to the legal aspects of its new activities with corporations. He devoted the greater part of his time, along with the New York and Chicago counsel of the Chicago Union Traction Co., in an effort to unravel its highly complicated affairs.

In those days, and at the time of his death, Mr. Govin had a farm in an unfrequented locality in the southeastern part of New York State, to which he hid himself, with his family, at the end of the week for complete rest. It is located several miles from a railroad station and was without telephone or other means of communication with the outside world. Upon leaving the banking business and going into large industrial corporations and the ownership and publication of newspapers, Mr. Govin continued to take equal delight and to derive equal benefit from week-ends spent at that farm. As in the last years of his life, his town home was in Washington, D. C., often he was compelled to make a long journey to reach his country place.

Trust Companies Conference.

Three hundred delegates of trust companies in all parts of the country were in attendance at the annual Mid-Winter Trust Companies Conference which was opened at the Waldorf Astoria under the auspices of the Trust Company Division of the American Bankers Association. Edward J. Fox, President of the Easton Trust Company, Easton, Pennsylvania, and vice-president of the Division, presided over the meetings which continued over Feb. 18 and 19. Some of the addresses are referred to in other items in this issue of our paper. On the 17th, G. Wallace Tibbetts, Vice-President of the Exchange Trust Company of Boston, spoke on developing trust business, emphasizing particularly the effectiveness of newspaper advertising for this purpose and the importance of stressing the human elements involved in trust services. Other speakers were: Lt. Col. Irving P. Rexford, General Manager of the Crown Trust Company, Montreal, who spoke on "How Canada is Developing Trust Business"; Lawrence J. Toomey, Trust Officer of the Union Trust Company, Detroit, on "Shall We Try To Secure Appointments as Receiver?"; E. P. Vollertson, Comptroller of the National Bank of the Republic, Chicago, on "Bank Operations and Earnings as They Affect the Trust Department"; H. F. Wilson, Jr., Vice-President of the Bankers Trust Company, New York, on "Trust Investments" his address is referred to more at length in another item; Orrin R. Judd, Vice-President of the Irving Bank—Columbia Trust Company, New York, on "What Constitutes a Will Contest," and Frederick Vierling, Vice-President of the Mississippi Valley Trust Company, St. Louis, on "Fiduciary Accounting." A feature of the day's session was a demonstration of the practical handling of trust work entitled "The Widow's Inheritance" in the form of a dramatic sketch. The cast was as follows: Miss Marjorie E. Schoeffel, Assistant Secretary of the Plainfield Trust Company, Plainfield, New Jersey; E. L. Colegrove, Assistant Trust Officer of the Guaranty Trust Company, New York; W. L. Hildeburn, Manager of Trust Investments of the Equitable Trust Company, New York, and C. F. Wheaton, Assistant Trust Officer of the National City Bank, New York.

J. Y. G. Walker Re-Elected President New York State Association of Trust Companies.

J. Y. G. Walker, Vice-President of the Central Union Trust Company, was re-elected President of the New York State Association of Trust Companies, at the annual meeting on Feb. 18, held at the Banker's Club, New York. The other officers were also re-elected including M. N. Buckner, of the New York Trust Company, Charles E. Tremain, of the Ithaca Trust Company and W. I. Taber, of the Citizens Trust Company, of Utica, as vice-presidents; D. A. Hohman, of the Central Union Trust Company, treasurer; and James I. Bush, of the Equitable Trust Company, of New York, secretary. New members of the executive committee were elected as follows: R. J. Buck, President of the Northern New York Trust Company, of Watertown, Julian P. Fairchild, President of the Kings County Trust Company, and H. B. Boardman, President of the Schenectady Trust Company. Frank H. Warden, New York State Superintendent of Banks, was present and addressed the trust company representatives. Julian Henry

Cohen, well-known lawyer, also addressed the gathering on the importance of cooperation.

Francis H. Sisson Before Trust Companies Conference Says Dawes Plan, Locarno Conference and Entrance of U. S. in World Court Have Marked Turn To Right—Development of Trust Companies.

According to Francis H. Sisson, President of the Trust Company Division of the American Bankers Association "the inauguration of the Dawes Plan, the conference of Locarno, our entrance into the World Court, the gradual readjustment of international relations and the restoration of political and economic stability have all marked a turn to the right, away from the baffling crossroads at which the world seemed to have lost its way." Reason reigns again, he said, "and reasonable men have come to the fore in international affairs. The erratic wanderings along the by-paths of radicalism and nationalism have been abandoned and definite progress along the main travelled road toward sanity, law and order, conservatism, under the impelling force of economic and social law, marks 1925 as one of the great turning points in our period of history." He added:

The marvel of this situation is that this great change has been effected without any appreciable alteration in material conditions, although there too progress has been made, but the great change has been psychological. It marks the coming of that time when the desire for peace has developed into a belief in peace and to the organization of peace, with its apostles installed in power, with the will to make it effective.

This does not mean that Europe and the world have solved all their problems. There are disputed issues and unsettled problems all about us, but to their solution men are devoting purpose and effort in a constructive spirit which the world has not known for a decade. Indeed, for a quarter of a century no year has opened with so much promise and so great a warrant for optimism as the year 1926.

May it not logically be hoped that, having taken this great step toward political peace, economic peace among the nations may also win its day and the current year mark progress toward its establishment?

Mr. Sisson spoke thus at the fifteenth annual banquet of Trust Companies held at the Waldorf Astoria, New York, on Feb. 18, and in his further remarks said:

The will to work and the will to live, at the sacrifice even of some of the prejudices and aspirations which once seemed vital, prevade this new world of 1926 and from that will to progress, progress will be made. The turn to the right which has marked the year 1925 may then be the clearly defined trend of 1926. Not only has the world turned to the right politically in the defeat of radical governments and tendencies, in the establishment of conservatism and order in government, but in a marked degree to the restoration of economic sanity and in the realization of the fundamental necessity of permitting economic law to have its uninterrupted sway as a basis of business progress.

In America, in England, in France, in Germany, even in troubled and chaotic Russia, we see the evidences of the operation of this fundamental law on all sides, and in spite of the protests of the destructionists, the business community has moved on toward a higher range of prosperity, and the cause of capitalism, if that term may be employed in its broadest sense, is justified obviously as perhaps never before. Thousands of smoking chimneys are monuments to its vindication. Busy hands are building new temples for its worship, higher standards of living attest its benefits to humanity, and the increasing chorus of voices from the workers of a world profitably occupied sing its paeans of praise.

In the quarter century we have closed all the speed limits of past eras, ancient and modern, have been exceeded. The Augustan, Elizabethan, Napoleonic and Victorian eras have all been surpassed. How far we can readily note in brief retrospect. Transportation and communication have been revolutionized by the motor car, flying machine and radio. The wealth of the world has increased beyond belief, that of the United States quadrupled. Higher standards of living and new conveniences and comforts are enjoyed by increasing millions. Labor-saving machinery and scientific developments are speeding production and facilitating consumption. Education and understanding are moving as rapidly as invention and through all this great material progress we see evidences of a greater sense of social responsibility, or higher ideals of life and its meaning. Commerce and culture, material achievement and spiritual advancement are moving in step.

Every important experiment we have made has proven that our political institutions are not designed to serve economic purposes and it may be asserted that our prosperity is served by the free play of economic law. The constant urge to employ government agencies to solve economic problems has no justification in either theory or practice. In so far as we have been tempted to tamper with economic order and to introduce government into business, have we retarded our progress. Fortunately, such instances have not been numerous enough to be vital, but they should be resisted from whatsoever course they come.

The fruits of the American capitalistic system, which provides primarily for the private ownership of property and the freedom of initiative, are manifested in our constantly increasing wealth, growing financial power, larger industrial capacity, harmonious labor relations, strong banking position, general commercial prosperity, and the living standards of our people. By these fruits we are willing to be known. Briefly we may with profit review some of the important facts which prove our case. Reduced to considerations of the moment we may say that our present high level of business activity is due to the return of buying power to the farmer, the boom in real estate, the activity in the motor industry and the increasing volume of capital seeking employment. But back of these obvious factors are the strength of

our position in world finance, our supply of gold, our great natural resources, our increased productive capacity, our new markets and the constructive enterprise of our people. We have the money, the materials and the men; the combination which spells economic supremacy under a political regime which assures peace and order.

The material gain in the value of our foreign trade is only one of many reflections of the forces which have promoted world-wide economic recovery from the disaster of war and the post-war collapse. The recovery has made enormous strides during the past year. Most of the countries of Europe have succeeded in balancing their budgets and in stabilizing their currencies, and several have definitely resumed the gold standard. Physical rehabilitation has been accompanied by industrial and commercial reorganization. Trade routes and markets, both new and old, have been opened. Provision has been made for the settlement of international debts, and new loans have been made to finance industrial expansion. And finally, confidence has been promoted by the removal or mitigation of the peril of war.

Both at home and abroad, however, much yet remains to be achieved before it can be truly said that the world's economic recovery is accomplished. The international financial situation is still abnormal. The bulk of the world's monetary gold is in the United States, and its redistribution will necessarily be retarded by the enormous program of debt payment which is contemplated. As long as this situation continues, it will require unceasing vigilance to prevent, in this country, the inflation which ordinarily follows a great increase in monetary stocks. Such a development has not been seriously threatened in the last few years because of the caution displayed by business interests. In a few directions this conservatism has been allowed to relax somewhat during the past year. It is highly essential that speculative tendencies, wherever they occur, be quickly curbed.

As for the situation abroad, it is clear that for many years heavy financial burdens must be borne in order that the outstanding debts may be discharged and the cost of the war met. Financial systems must be closely watched for signs of unsound fiscal methods. Above all, every possible precaution must be taken to preserve peace and international good-will, if the peoples of the world are ever to enjoy the fruits of their long struggle toward economic well-being.

Two years ago the statement was made that it would be necessary for Europe to liquidate her hates before she could hope to liquidate her debts. Today it seems possible to believe that the liquidation of hate is in process and the liquidation of debt may follow.

In the fact of this past year's turn to the right, may we not logically hope for the enjoyment of a better ordered world, for a deeper realization of peace as the basis of prosperity and progress, for the coming of an age of faith in which the spirit of brotherhood will replace the violence of war and the benefits of co-operative service will supplant the disasters of blind selfishness.

To this end the Trust Companies of the United States are dedicated and in associated effort of constantly increasing efficiency, they are facing with enthusiasm the double opportunity for service and profit which the hour presents.

In pointing out the progress made by the Trust Companies, Mr. Sisson said:

It is the privilege of your President to report progress during this year of his incumbency in office, progress for the trust companies, for the country and for the world. Since that historic day, 4,473 years ago, when the oldest recorded will which the human eye has seen was buried in the shadow of the Egyptian pyramids, there has been little change in the character of wills, but there has been a great change in the method of their execution. All through ancient history we find the record of wills bequeathing property from the dying to the living. In Egypt, Syria, India, China and Japan the ancients recognized the right of property holders to dispose of their estates by will. Roman and Mohammedan laws were drawn to protect this right, and in Saxon, England, our own forebears maintained it. As far back as 475 B.C. we find the record of an association formed in Japan to execute the estates of the rich Samurai, and the first trust company or association probably there had its beginning.

But not until the last quarter century has the corporate fiduciary really come into its own, and today in the United States 2,700 trust companies are serving the fiduciary needs of individuals and corporations with over eighteen billions of resources, in contrast with the one million three hundred thousand reported by 300 companies at the beginning of the century. Still we have scratched out the surface of our great field of service and an almost limitless opportunity for development lies before us.

Such conferences as that which we have held here this week are providing stimulants to that development and the officers of your association can report activity in the protection and furtherance of your interests along many lines. The important problems of tax and regulatory legislation, of cooperation with life insurance companies and the Bar, of business building and handling, of improved methods and better service, have all had consideration and helpful direction, so the closing of the current year bids fair to register another high water mark in trust company progress.

Discussion by H. F. Wilson, Jr., on "Trust Investments" Before Trust Companies Conference—Favors Widening of Field of Investments For Savings Banks and Trustees.

Speaking on "Trust Investments" before the Mid-Winter Trust Conference at the Waldorf-Astoria, on Feb. 17, H. F. Wilson, Jr., Vice-President of the Bankers Trust Company of New York stated that "in New York State last year the opinion seemed to be unanimous that the list of investments legal for savings banks and trustees should be enlarged but there was some slight difference of opinion as to the degree of enlargement. This year the feeling that there should be an enlargement seems to be stronger than ever" he said "and practically all concerned have agreed upon the formula as well." Continuing he said:

It is becoming constantly more obvious that both savings banks and trustees here are paying an artificially high price for present legals because of larger demand and smaller supply and that many bonds of public utility companies and telephone companies are just as

safe for trust investments. In fact some of them are safer than some bonds which are now legal.

I understand that practically all the savings banks in New York favor both the bills which have been drafted (which also have the approval of our Trust Company associations) and I hope at this session of the legislature that these bills, substantially in their present form, will be passed.

Corporate fiduciaries are interested, primarily, of course, to obtain a better income for the beneficiaries of their trusts and an increase compatible with safety, it seems to me, is a very helpful and constructive move for us to sponsor.

While time does not permit a discussion of other principles of safety to be applied in making trust investments, the proposed bills to legalize certain bonds of public utility companies in New York state contain certain provisions which may well receive consideration in making trust investments whether or not we are restricted to those legal for trustees.

These provisions require that a company, to qualify, must be of considerable size; its franchises must be in order; its capitalization must be conservative; its earning power must have been good over a period of years—good enough to have provided dividends on stock as well as to have paid interest on its bonds; and it must have had no default in its record for eight years.

No problem which banks and trust companies have is greater than the making and supervising of trust investments. Carelessly administered, it is likely to prove a serious liability—carefully administered it can be made a great asset, not only in resultant fees, but also in the way of good will and the new business which will flow to the companies which are faithful to their trust.

In referring to "the importance of a most careful and painstaking handling of trust funds even though we may be inadequately compensated for our services" Mr. Wilson said:

Of course the investment of trust funds must always be considered in the light of the requirements of each specific trust. Sometimes a tax problem is present: sometimes it is absent. The beneficiaries may be either minors or adults; either residents of the United States or non-resident aliens; investments may be restricted to those legal for trustees or as is now more frequently done, the trustee may not be restricted to the so-called "legal list." Amortization may or may not be required and the proper proportion of premium and discount bonds should receive consideration, as well as the duration of the life of the trust. All these factors and many others have a bearing in the making of trust investments, entirely apart from the safety of the investments themselves, their maturity, diversification, taxability, marketability, etc.

Gift Tax Held Unconstitutional By Federal Judge Hand.

Regarding a decision, on Feb. 16, by Judge Hand in the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York under which the gift tax levied under the Federal Revenue Act of June 2, 1924, is held unconstitutional, we quote the following from the New York "Times" of Feb. 17:

Federal Judge A. N. Hand decided yesterday that the tax of \$47,284 collected by the Government under the gift tax law, on a fund of \$810,000 set aside by George McNeir of 580 Park Avenue for his wife and two sons, was improperly collected and would have to be returned. The action, which was in the nature of a test suit, was brought by the Farmers Loan and Trust Company, as trustee, on the ground that the gift tax law, which became effective in June, 1924, was not retroactive and that it could not affect the gift, which was made on Jan. 8, 1924. It was also argued by Frederick Goeller, counsel for the plaintiff, that if the tax were allowed it would be a tax on property; that if it were a direct tax it should be apportioned according to the population, and that it was a direct tax because the law was retroactive. It was also declared that the law had been enacted because some gifts were made to evade the inheritance tax, and that there was not ground for such a suspicion in this case.

Frederick Bellinger, who appeared for the Government, argued that the tax was not a direct tax on property, but only on the use of property, and that the law was constitutional and covered all gifts made in 1924. Mr. Goeller said that only about \$7,000,000 had been collected under the law, and that about \$4,000,000 of this had been collected before the law became effective.

The suit attracted much interest because of the belief that many millions of dollars had been collected by the Government under the law. In his opinion Judge Hand said:

There is, I believe, no case where such a tax as the one now under consideration has been regarded as a tax upon excise or privilege. It is a form of tax new in both America and Europe. Testamentary gifts and gifts in contemplation of death have been, both in England and the United States, treated as excises and subject to taxation upon that theory.

The fact is that there is no page of history or even a line of history where such a tax has been levied and I cannot see how this tax can be defended, which would not seem to be an excise or license tax for the privilege of doing something, but a tax upon a necessary incident of the ownership of property which has not been apportioned and is, therefore, forbidden by Article I, Section 2, Clause 3 of the Federal Constitution.

Judge Hand also said that the classification of subjects of taxation was not scientific, but largely historical, and a tax upon an ordinary transfer of personal property between the living unconnected with the conduct of any business, would seem to be a direct tax if anything can be under definitions that have been generally accepted.

The case came before the court on a demurrer by the Government, which asked for the dismissal of the complaint.

The "Times" also publishes the following Associated Press advices from Washington regarding the decision:

Federal Judge Hand's decision holding a part of the gift tax provision of the Federal law invalid caused no surprise at the Treasury, where it was said tonight that doubt long had been entertained as to the constitutionality of the provisions attacked.

While Secretary Mellon has reached no decision whether an appeal shall be taken from Judge Hand's decision, it was generally believed that the case would be carried to higher courts, so that a final construction of the law may be had from the Supreme Court.

The Treasury, it was estimated, stands to lose approximately \$7,000,000 if the decision is upheld, through repayment of taxes coming within

its meaning. Some disagreement among Treasury tax lawyers concerning the probable decision of the higher courts if Judge Hand's ruling is appealed, caused officials, however, to observe caution in calculating the full effect of a final ruling.

Several decisions by the Supreme Court, in the opinion of some tax lawyers, have established the principle upset by Judge Hand. Others, however, took a doubtful or opposite view.

Regulations For Filing of "Information Returns" of Income By Employers.

Regulations relating to the filing of "information returns" by employers were issued by the Bureau of Internal Revenue on Feb. 17. The Associated Press in its advices in the matter states:

Instead of having to report payments to others of \$1,000 or more during the taxable year no reports are to be required in payment of income to single individuals of less than \$1,500 and of payments to married individuals of less than \$3,500. These are the credits allowed to single and married persons under the new revenue act.

The effect of the regulations will be to lessen the number of such returns from 12,000,000—the number filed last year—to 8,000,000, decreasing the work of the payors and the bureau correspondingly.

In cases of payments to single persons of \$1,500 or more or to married persons of \$3,500 or more returns on Form 1099 are required "of all persons in whatever capacity acting, including lessees or mortgagors of real or personal property, fiduciaries and employers." The items to be reported include "interest, rent, salaries, wages, premiums, annuities, compensations, remunerations, emoluments or other fixed or determinable gains, profit and income."

The requirement is not limited to periodical payments. A single payment of \$1,500 or more or \$3,500 or more, according to marital status of the payee, must be reported. Real estate agents are required to report payments to landlords. Banks are required to report interest paid or credited to depositors, if the total during the year equaled or exceeded these amounts.

If the marital status of the payee is unknown to the payor, the payee will be considered as a single person.

Income Tax Ruling Affecting Short Sale Transactions.

Practically every stock broker will be called upon to pay additional income taxes as the result of a ruling just made by the Solicitor of Internal Revenue, according to M. I. Seidman, tax expert of Seidman & Seidman, certified public accountants. In this ruling, Mr. Seidman explained, it is held that where brokers lend stocks on short sale transactions, the amounts credited to them for dividends declared on the stock before the loan is repaid cannot be deducted in computing the normal tax as a dividend would be. Such credits are regarded not as dividends but as sums measured by the dividends. The Solicitor holds that only the person actually owning the stock receives the true dividend, and the lender is not the real owner, since title passes to the borrower. When a dividend is declared on the stock the credit to the lender is therefore made to him, not as the owner of the stock, but because of the terms of the loan. Mr. Seidman said:

This is one of the most important income tax rulings affecting stock brokers that has ever been handed down because of its universal application. Stock lending is very common in the brokerage business, as it is involved in practically all short sales. Almost every broker carries such loans on the books. Generally these loans are not repaid for some time, and in the interim dividends are declared on the stocks involved. Under the terms of the loan, the borrower is charged with the amount of these dividends, or conversely, the lender is credited with it. These credits have been treated by the lenders as dividends on their books and in their income tax returns, with the result that no normal tax is paid on them, as dividends are exempt from normal tax. However, as the Solicitor points out, the credits are not dividends, but merely measured by the amount of the dividends. They are, hence, subject to normal tax, and every broker that treated them as dividends will become subject to an additional assessment.

Commissioner of Internal Revenue Blair Simplifies Income Tax Audits—New Methods Are Expected To Advance Work Three to Six Months.

In order to expedite the auditing of income tax returns and advance the work three to six months, important changes in the decentralization plan have been ordered by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, David H. Blair, says the New York "Times" in a Washington dispatch Feb. 13, which goes on to say:

Transfer is made to Collectors' offices of the work of preliminary examination of income tax returns (individual, partnership, fiduciary and corporation) heretofore done in the Bureau at Washington.

Individual returns filed on Form 1040-A, reporting earned net income of \$5,000 and less, and all individual returns filed on Form 1040 showing gross income of \$25,000 and less, as heretofore will be retained in Collectors' offices for complete audit. Collectors now will retain also for preliminary inspection corporation and individual income tax returns showing gross income in excess of \$25,000.

Revenue agents, working under the supervision of supervising internal revenue agents or internal revenue agents in charge, will be assigned to Collectors' offices for the purpose of classifying the returns as follows:

(a) Returns that are determined to be properly prepared and should not require further audit; (b) returns that can be adjusted by office audit; (c) returns that apparently require a "field examination."

It is estimated that 60% of the number of individual returns and 45% of the corporation returns will fall into Class A. These will be marked "accepted," indicating those which usually will not require any inspection other than that already given.

Office Audit Clears Many Cases.

The number of individual and corporation returns in Class B—those that can be adjusted by office audit—is estimated at 30% each. These are relations usually adjusted within reasonable time by correspondence between the agents and the taxpayer or by personal interview. The number of individual returns in Class C is estimated at 10% and the number of corporation relations at 25%.

A "field examination" in such cases means an intensive audit of the taxpayer's books. Office audits and field examination will be conducted by Internal Revenue agents, a civil service organization made up largely of auditors who have been transferred to the field service after a special course of training in income tax work. The work of these agents will be done under the supervision of a supervising Internal Revenue agent or Internal Revenue agent in charge.

In the course of its preliminary inspection the Collectors' audit section will not attempt to make corrections in connection with which the taxpayer will have ground for protest. Such corrections are made in the final audit and are followed by a "30-day" letter from the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to the taxpayer, in which the latter is notified of a deficiency and receives an opportunity within that time to protest against additional assessment.

If, following submission and consideration of additional evidence or briefs of argument, the Commissioner finally determines there is a deficiency and the taxpayer does not agree, the taxpayer is then advised that he will have 60 days in which to file an appeal with the Board of Tax Appeals.

Correction Sheets for Payers.

However, mathematical and other errors readily discernible are to be corrected before the returns are listed. A form known as "correction sheet," containing a list of errors commonly made, has been sent Collectors for use by auditors and in letters of notification to taxpayers.

In the case of individuals attention is called to errors in the computation of normal taxes and surtaxes, failure of single persons who as the heads of families are entitled to a credit as such—amounting under the new Revenue Act to \$3,500 and under the Revenue Act of 1924 to \$2,500—the \$400 credit allowed a dependent and the 25% reduction to which the taxpayer is entitled on "earned net income."

Another error frequently made, attention to which is to be directed by form letter, is the deduction for contributions to corporations, trust, community chest fund or foundation organized and operated for religious, charitable, scientific or educational purposes, such contributions being limited to 15% of the taxpayer's total net income computed without the benefit of this deduction.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

Two New York Stock Exchange memberships were reported posted for transfer this week that of Henry Budge to William T. Henderson and that of Joseph C. Hedgpeth to Louis Kaiser for a consideration of \$150,000 each. The last previous transaction was for the same amount.

The consolidation of the Mechanics and Metals National Bank of this city with the Chase National Bank, is expected to become effective about April 8, according to the notice issued to the stockholders of the former, under date of Feb. 13. The proposed plans, which were made known on Feb. 11, were indicated in our issue of a week ago, page 845. The consolidation had been rumored as under way at the beginning of the present year, the reports at that time having been referred to in our issue of January 2, page 51. As was stated in our item last week, the union of the two banks will bring into being an institution with resources of over a billion dollars, making it second in size to the National City Bank. With regard to the decision finally reached to effect the consolidation under the name of the Chase National Bank, the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Feb. 13 stated:

The question as to whether the name of the Mechanics and Metals National Bank should be maintained was one of the principal problems which had to be solved in connection with the consolidation. After numerous conferences it was decided to drop the name entirely, despite the goodwill which the institution had built up in its 115 years of existence.

The name of the merged institution, therefore, will be the Chase National Bank of New York, but the present headquarters of the Mechanics and Metals National Bank, at Pine and Nassau streets, will, after the merger, be operated as the Mechanics and Metals branch of the Chase National. In adopting this plan, it was said, the executives followed the policy adopted in connection with some of the big consolidations in England, as it was felt that to give the combined institution a hyphenated name would be confusing and cumbersome from a business standpoint.

In the notice to the stockholders of the Mechanics Metals National it is stated that "arrangements have been made from executive personnel of the consolidated institution which will insure the continuity of existing policies under a consolidated and unified management." The notice follows:

THE MECHANICS & METALS NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.
20 Nassau Street.

New York, Feb. 13 1926.

To the Shareholders:

Your board of directors has passed a resolution approving the consolidation of this bank with the Chase National Bank of the City of New York under the charter and name of the latter bank. Enclosed is a notice of a special meeting of the shareholders of this bank to be held on March 18 1926 to vote upon the ratification and confirmation of the terms and conditions of such proposed consolidation, which it is expected will become effective on or about April 8 1926.

Your board of directors recommends the consummation of the consolidation on the basis proposed in the belief that the best interests of the shareholders of this bank will be materially enhanced thereby. The enlarged resources of the consolidated bank will assure it a commanding position in banking activities, and the interest which the shareholders of this bank will be entitled to acquire in Chase Securities Corporation will give them the benefit of participating in the broader activities available

to an established securities corporation. The consolidated bank will have 20 banking locations within the City of New York and three foreign branches, one at Havana, Cuba, one at Cristobal, Canal Zone, and one at Panama City, Republic of Panama.

Arrangements have been made for an executive personnel of the consolidated institution which will insure the continuity of existing policies under a consolidated and unified management. Albert H. Wiggin, Chairman of the Board of Directors and President of the Chase National Bank, will head the management of the consolidated institution as Chairman of its board of directors, Gates W. McGarragh, Chairman of the Board of the Mechanics & Metals National Bank, will become Chairman of the Executive Committee, and John McHugh, President of the Mechanics & Metals National Bank, will become President of the consolidated institution. Albert H. Wiggin will continue as Chairman of the Board of Directors, Edward R. Tinker as Chairman of the Executive Committee, and Halstead G. Freeman as President of Chase Securities Corporation.

The capital, surplus and undivided profits of the consolidated bank will be approximately \$79,000,000. The capital of the consolidated bank is to be \$40,000,000, divided into 400,000 shares of \$100 each. Of this capital, 200,000 shares will be allotted to the present shareholders of the Chase National Bank or their assigns, being one share for each share now held by them, and 100,000 shares will be allotted to the present shareholders of this bank or their assigns, being one share for each share now held by them. The remaining 100,000 shares will be offered to the present shareholders of the Chase National Bank or their assigns for pro rata subscription by them at the price of \$100 per share.

In addition, the shareholders of this bank will be given the opportunity to acquire, without additional cost, one share of capital stock of no par value of Chase Securities Corporation for each share of stock of the consolidated bank to be allotted to them. To accomplish this result, assets of this bank of an aggregate value of \$500,000 will be transferred before the effective date of the consolidation to a corporation to be organized with an authorized capital of 100,000 shares, the shares of which corporation are to be distributed pro rata to the shareholders of this bank after the consolidation has become effective. Shares of such corporation will be exchangeable, share for share, for stock of Chase Securities Corporation, provided the recipient authorizes the deposit of such stock of Chase Securities Corporation and an equal number of shares of stock of the consolidated bank under a deposit agreement with Bankers Trust Co. as depository, dated March 21 1917. This deposit agreement was adopted some years ago in order to preserve a parity of ownership in the shares of stock of the Chase National Bank and Chase Securities Corporation and thus enable the shareholders of the Chase National Bank at all time to share pro rata in the business activities of Chase Securities Corporation. All of the now outstanding 200,000 shares of stock of the Chase National Bank and of Chase Securities Corporation have been deposited under this deposit agreement and are represented by transferable certificates issued by Bankers Trust Co. as such depository. The authorized number of shares of stock of Chase Securities Corporation will be increased from 200,000 to 400,000 in order that such deposit arrangement may be continued with respect to the 200,000 shares of additional bank stock. In the opinion of your board of directors, an exchange upon these terms should be made by all shareholders of this bank, as the stock of Chase Securities Corporation to be issued on such exchange will have a substantial value.

George O. Palmer, J. Herbert Carpenter and Leonard S. Hentz, with the approval of your board of directors, have consented to act as a committee representing the shareholders of this bank in connection with the consummation of the plan above outlined. To this end, they are executing an agreement with Bankers Trust Co. as depository, dated as of Feb. 11 1926 (an original of which will be on file with said depository and copies of which may be obtained upon application to said depository), under which the shareholders of this bank are requested to deposit the stock certificates of this bank now held by them and to authorize this shareholders' committee to act for them in carrying out such plan in all respects. Holders of a large number of shares of this bank have already signified their approval of this arrangement. The management of this bank strongly recommends that all shareholders of this bank promptly authorize the shareholders committee so to act on their behalf.

Under the plan above outlined, each shareholder of this bank depositing with the shareholders' committee, within the time prescribed for such deposit, the stock of this bank now held by him will be entitled to receive, after the consolidation shall have become effective, for each share so deposited, one share of stock of the Chase National Bank of the par value of \$100 and one share of stock of Chase Securities Corporation without nominal or par value, represented by a transferable receipt issued to such shareholder by Bankers Trust Co. as depository under the above-mentioned deposit agreement dated March 21 1917.

A proxy, consent and power of attorney, authorizing the shareholders' committee to act at the special meeting of the shareholders of this bank and also in connection with the consummation of the general plan, is enclosed herewith for execution by all shareholders of the Mechanics & Metals National Bank, who desire to approve the consolidation and to participate in the exchange arrangement above mentioned. *Such proxy, consent and power of attorney should be executed and returned at once to Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., New York City, as depository of the shareholders' committee. At the same time or as soon as possible thereafter, stock certificates endorsed in blank and properly witnessed, representing all shares in the Mechanics & Metals National Bank owned by the depositing shareholder, must be forwarded by registered mail to said depository, upon the receipt of which such depository will issue its transferable temporary receipts therefor, exchangeable after the consolidation has become effective for transferable receipts representing shares of the Chase National Bank and Chase Securities Corporation, to be issued by Bankers Trust Co. as depository under said deposit agreement, dated March 21 1917. No action on your part is required other than to execute and return promptly such proxy, consent and power of attorney, and to forward to Bankers Trust Co. by registered mail at the same time or as soon as possible thereafter your stock certificates endorsed in blank and properly witnessed.*

In case the plan above outlined shall not have become effective by May 1 1926 or by such later date as the shareholders' committee above mentioned may consent to in writing, the deposited shares of this bank will be returned to the registered holders of such temporary receipts on the surrender thereof.

By order of the board of directors,

GATES W. MCGARRAH,
Chairman of the Board.
JOHN MCHUGH,
President.

The following is the text of the consolidation agreement:

Agreement of Consolidation Between The Chase National Bank of the City of New York and the Mechanics & Metals National Bank of the City of New York under the Title of The Chase National Bank of the City of New York.

This Agreement, made between the Chase National Bank of the City of New York and the Mechanics & Metals National Bank of the City of

New York, each located in the City, County and State of New York, and each acting pursuant to a resolution of its Board of Directors and by a majority of said Boards, pursuant to the authority given by, and in accordance with the provisions of, an Act of the Congress of the United States entitled "An Act to Provide for the Consolidation of National Banking Associations," approved on the 7th day of November, 1918, Witnesseth as follows:

1. The Chase National Bank of the City of New York (hereafter referred to as the Chase National Bank) and the Mechanics & Metals National Bank of the City of New York (hereafter referred to as the Mechanics National Bank) are hereby consolidated under the charter of the first named association, as hereby modified.

2. The name of the consolidated association shall be "The Chase National Bank of the City of New York." The places where the banking houses and offices of the consolidated association shall be located and its operations of discount and deposit carried on, and its general business conducted, shall be in the City of New York, State of New York, its main office being at No. 57 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in said City, with branches at the following locations in said City:

- 4th Avenue at 23rd Street, Borough of Manhattan
- 320 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan
- 75 Maiden Lane, Borough of Manhattan
- 565 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan
- 7th Avenue at 36th Street, Borough of Manhattan
- Madison Avenue at 41st Street, Borough of Manhattan
- 191 Montague Street, Borough of Brooklyn

being the seven branches now operated by the Chase National Bank; and 20 Nassau Street, Borough of Manhattan
25 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan
204 Fifth Avenue, Borough of Manhattan

- Columbus Avenue & 93rd Street, Borough of Manhattan
- Broadway and 72nd Street, Borough of Manhattan
- Madison Avenue & 60th Street, Borough of Manhattan
- 143 West 57th Street, Borough of Manhattan
- Broadway & Worth Street, Borough of Manhattan
- Third Avenue & 116th Street, Borough of Manhattan
- 2011 First Avenue, Borough of Manhattan

- Broadway & 86th Street, Borough of Manhattan
- Second Avenue & 14th Street, Borough of Manhattan

being the twelve branches now operated by the Mechanics National Bank; and with foreign branches located as follows:

- Havana, Cuba
- Cristobal, Canal Zone
- Panama City, Republic of Panama

being the foreign branches now operated by the Chase National Bank.

The Board of Directors of the consolidated association shall have the power to change the location of said main office or of said branches in the City of New York, or any of them, from time to time to any other place or places within the City of New York in any manner not inconsistent with law, and without action by the shareholders.

3. The amount of capital stock of the consolidated association shall be \$40,000,000, divided into 400,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each, subject to the right to change the amount of said capital hereafter as is now or shall hereafter be authorized by law. Of said capital, \$37,800,000 shall be assigned to the main office and \$100,000 shall be assigned to each of the above mentioned branches. On the effective date of the consolidation, the surplus of the consolidated association shall be \$25,000,000 and its undivided profits, subject only to the gains and losses of each of the consolidating institutions in the ordinary course of business between the date of this agreement and the effective date of the consolidation and to the payment of the regular quarterly dividend that may be declared and become payable by either of said associations prior to the effective date of the consolidation, shall be not less than approximately \$14,000,000. Said capital, surplus and undivided profits at the effective date of the consolidation shall then aggregate, subject to the conditions aforesaid, not less than approximately \$79,000,000. Of said capital 200,000 shares shall be allotted to the present shareholders of the Chase National Bank, or their assigns, being one share for each share held by them; 100,000 shares shall be offered, before the effective date of the consolidation, at \$100 per share to the present shareholders of the Chase National Bank, or their assigns, *pro rata* in accordance with their holdings at the time of said offer, and any of said shares so offered to the shareholders of the Chase National Bank, or their assigns, and not purchased by them shall, before the effective date of the consolidation, be sold at the market, but at not less than said price per share, to such person, persons, corporation or corporations as the Board of Directors shall deem proper; and 100,000 shares shall be allotted to the present shareholders of the Mechanics National Bank, or their assigns, being one share for each share held by them. The charter of the Chase National Bank shall be deemed to be hereby amended so as to provide for the above-mentioned capital stock as well as in any other respect resulting from the consolidation herein provided for.

4. The consolidated association shall retain or receive all of the assets of each of the consolidating institutions and shall retain or assume all of the liabilities thereof, subject only to the gains and losses in the ordinary course of business between the date of this agreement and the effective date of the consolidation and to the payment of the regular quarterly dividend that may be declared and become payable by either of said associations prior to the effective date of the consolidation, and subject in the case of the Mechanics National Bank to the segregation for the benefit of its stockholders or their assigns of a portion of its assets as hereinafter provided. The assets to be contributed by each of said associations shall be passed upon by a committee of six, three to be appointed by the Board of Directors of each association. Subject to the conditions aforesaid, the net assets to be furnished by the Chase National Bank above all liabilities of that association (including in such assets the \$10,000,000 to be paid for the 100,000 additional shares to be issued as above provided) shall equal not less than approximately \$55,000,000 of the capital stock, surplus and undivided profits of the consolidated association, and the net assets to be furnished by the Mechanics National Bank above all liabilities of that association shall equal not less than \$24,000,000 of the capital, surplus and undivided profits of the consolidated association. Assets of the Mechanics National Bank of an aggregate value of \$500,000 to be approved by said committee, shall be transferred before the effective date of the consolidation to a corporation the stock of which shall be distributed *pro rata* to the shareholders of said association or to their assigns, upon whatever terms and under whatever conditions shall be deemed proper by its Board of Directors.

5. All assets of the Chase National Bank at the effective date of the consolidation shall pass to or continue to be vested in it as the consolidated association, and all the rights, franchises and interests of the Mechanics National Bank at the effective date of the consolidation in and to every species of property and choses in action thereto belonging, shall be deemed to be transferred to and vested in the Chase National Bank into which it is consolidated, without any deed or other transfer, and the Chase Na-

tional Bank shall hold and enjoy the same and all rights of property, franchises and interests, in the same manner and to the same extent as was held and enjoyed by the Mechanics National Bank at the effective date of consolidation. All assets contributed by each association or its shareholders, as above provided, shall be taken over and accepted by the consolidated association at the valuation at which the same shall be approved by the committee appointed as hereinabove provided, as of the effective date of the consolidation, subject, however, to such adjustments as from time to time thereafter may be deemed advisable.

6. The Board of Directors of the consolidated association shall consist of not fewer than 5 shareholders, and the following named directors shall constitute the Board for the remainder of the year 1926 and until their successors shall be elected and qualify:

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| Henry W. Cannon | Carl J. Schmidlapp | Amos L. Beaty |
| Albert H. Wiggin | Gerhard M. Dahl | William H. Woodin |
| John J. Mitchell | Reeve Schley | William P. Holly |
| Guy E. Tripp | H. Wendell Endicott | Gates W. McGarrah |
| James N. Hill | Jeremiah Millbank | John McHugh |
| Daniel C. Jackling | Henry Olshesheimer | William E. S. Griswold |
| Charles M. Schwab | Arthur G. Hoffman | Henry O. Havemeyer |
| Samuel H. Miller | F. Edson White | William A. Jamison |
| Edward R. Tinker | Alfred P. Sloan, Jr. | L. F. Loree |
| Edward T. Nichols | Elisha Walker | Theodore Pratt |
| Newcomb Carlton | Malcolm G. Chace | Robert C. Pruyne |
| Fredrick H. Ecker | Thomas N. McCarter | Samuel F. Pryor |
| Eugene V. R. Thayer | Robert L. Clarkson | Ferdinand W. Roebbing, Jr. |

7. The consolidation shall become effective when it shall have been ratified and confirmed by the affirmative vote of the shareholders of each of said associations owning at least two-thirds of its capital stock outstanding, at a meeting to be held pursuant to a call made by its Directors, and shall have been approved by the Comptroller of the Currency of the United States.

Witness the signatures and seals of said associations this 11th day of February, 1926, each hereunto set by its President or a Vice-President and attested by its Cashier, pursuant to a resolution of its Board of Directors acting by a majority thereof, and witness the signatures hereto of a majority of each of said Boards of Directors.

THE CHASE NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

By ALBERT H. WIGGIN, *President*.

THE MECHANICS & METALS NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

By JOHN McHUGH, *President*.

A booklet issued by the Chase National Bank in 1922, portraying its development from the time of its organization in 1877, had the following to say regarding the banking career of Mr. Wiggin, who became President of the Chase National in January 1911, and who at the present time holds the dual post of Chairman of the Board and President of the Chase National:

Albert Henry Wiggin was born in Medfield, Mass., Feb. 21 1868, the son of the Unitarian minister of that place. He was educated in the Dwight School and the English High School of Boston, graduating from the latter in 1885. Entering the Commonwealth Bank of Boston as a clerk, he early learned the fundamental details of the banking business. In 1891 he became Assistant National Bank Examiner of the Boston district, and three years later was appointed Assistant Cashier of the Third National Bank. He left the Third in 1897 to accept the Vice-Presidency of the Eliot National Bank of Boston, which he held until he left Boston in 1899 to become Vice-President of the National Park Bank of New York.

Mr. Wiggin remained with the National Park Bank for five years, and was also associated during this period with the Mutual Bank and the Mount Morris Bank as Vice-President. These connections terminated in 1904, when he came to the Chase National Bank as Vice-President and director. As one of the organizers of the Bankers Trust Company in 1903, Mr. Wiggin had been recognized by the older bankers of the city, with many of whom he was associated in this work, as one of the most promising young bankers of the day. The development of the Chase National under his Presidency justified their early estimate of his ability.

His work for the Chase National Bank did not limit his interest in the banking activities of the city. Besides being a director and member of the executive committee of the Bankers Trust Company and the Guardian Trust Company, he was active on the boards of the Astor Trust Company, the Liberty National Bank, the National Bank of Commerce, and the Union Exchange National Bank, until the Clayton Act rendered it impossible for him to retain these directorships in addition to his major interest, the Chase National Bank.

With Mr. Wiggin's regime a new period began in the development of the Chase National Bank as a factor in the business life of the country. Previous to his coming the Chase had been largely a bank for banks. The emphasis had been laid rather on increasing its clientele among the banks of all parts of the country than upon a direct relation with industrial enterprise. Mr. Wiggin made it also a bank of industry, manufacture and business, developing the deposits of this nature from \$16,000,000 in 1904 to \$26,894,000 in 1911 and \$318,250,000 in 1922.

The report of the Chase National and the Chase Securities Corporation for the year ending Dec. 31 1925 was referred to in the report of Mr. Wiggin at the annual meeting in January, mention of which was made in these columns January 16, page 308.

The following is furnished regarding the activities of Mr. McGarrah and Mr. McHugh.

Gates W. McGarrah, who is to be Chairman of the Executive Committee of the combined institutions, has been associated with the banking affairs of New York City for more than forty years. He joined the staff of the Produce Exchange Bank in 1883. In 1898 he received an invitation to associate himself with the Leather Manufacturers' Bank, as its Cashier. Four years later in 1902 he was elected President. In 1904, on consolidation of the Mechanics' Bank with the Leather Manufacturers' Bank, Mr. McGarrah was chosen President of the combined institutions, and served as President until 1922, when he became Chairman of the Board. Mr. McGarrah is also a member of the General Board of the German Reichsbank, being the American director named in accordance with the Dawes Plan.

John McHugh, who is to be President of the consolidated institution, came to New York in 1915 from the Presidency of the First National Bank, Sioux City, Iowa. A Canadian by birth, Mr. McHugh, in his early youth went to O'Neill, Nebraska, and gained his knowledge of banking through the hard times that preceded 1898. In that year he went to Sioux City, and became officially connected with the Iowa State National Bank. He eventually rose to the Presidency of that institution. While in Sioux City

he effected a consolidation of four Banks, assuming the Presidency of the enlarged institution, which took the name of the First National Bank. In July 1913, he came to New York as Senior Vice-President of the Mechanics & Metals National Bank. He was elected President on Jan. 18 1922.

Both Mr. McGarrah and Mr. McHugh occupy a conspicuous place in the New York financial field, and are Directors in a number of our institutions.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the National City Bank of New York on Feb. 16, Thomas J. Connellan was made an Assistant Vice-President. Mr. Connellan is also an Assistant Vice-President of the National City Co. He began his career as an office boy with the National City Co. in 1904. Harry W. Salisbury has been named as Assistant Cashier of the National City Bank.

Following the announcement last week of the plans for the consolidation of the Mechanics & Metals National Bank of this city with the Chase National Bank, the New York "Times" on Feb. 14 gave an account of further bank consolidations which is stated were reported as under way, and mentioning as follows the banking institutions which were reported as planning to combine:

The most important negotiations now under way, it is said, will finally result in the absorption of the Corn Exchange Bank by the National City Bank.

The second consolidation now under way, it is understood, is the merging of the Central Union Trust Co., the National Park Bank and the Chemical National Bank.

The third large merger which is said to be in the making includes the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co. and the Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co.

Giving prominence to the denials made by the officials of the foregoing banks that their institutions were concerned in any merger proceedings, the "Times" in its issue of Feb. 15 said:

Reports current in usually well-informed quarters in Wall Street on Saturday, which were reproduced in a news article in yesterday's "Times," to the effect that three new bank mergers involving several of the best-known financial institutions in the city had reached the stage of preparatory conversations were thoroughly and unequivocally denied yesterday by the responsible officials of the banks concerned. No such mergers are being discussed now, nor are any such arrangements for combination of the business and resources of their banks likely to be the subject of serious conversation in the near future, these officials said.

Whatever the distant future may have in store in the banking world, there is no doubt, in view of the authoritative statements obtained by the "Times" yesterday, that none of the three combinations reported as likely is at present within the category of approaching fulfillment.

National City-Corn Exchange Denials.

Charles E. Mitchell, President of the National City Bank, said yesterday of the report that the National City and the Corn Exchange Bank were likely soon to be merged: "I want to make my denial as emphatic as possible and not merely to issue a technical denial. There is absolutely nothing to the report. No conversations have been held regarding a merger of the National City and the Corn Exchange Bank and there are no plans for any in the future."

Walter E. Frew, head of the Corn Exchange Bank, said: "There is absolutely nothing to the report of a plan to merge the Corn Exchange with the National City. You may make my denial as positive as possible."

Equally emphatic denials were obtained regarding the reports of plans for a merger of the Central Union Trust Co., the National Park Bank and the Chemical National Bank and of the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co. and the Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co.

George W. Davison, President of the Central Union Trust Co., said that this merger report was "false from beginning to end." "The report was wholly irresponsible," said Mr. Davison. "I cannot imagine who started it. You may quote me directly as saying unequivocally that there are no plans for any merger affecting the Central Union Trust Co."

John H. Fulton, President of the National Park Bank, said: "There is no truth in this report at all. I have no idea how such a report got about. I have repeatedly denied previous reports about mergers involving the National Park Bank."

Regarding the report of a plan to merge the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co. and the Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., Richard H. Higgins, Vice-President of the Chatham Phenix, said: "There is not a word of truth in it. Some one must have been dreaming."

There have been many Wall Street rumors in recent weeks of pending mergers of some of the larger banks, one report being that such action would be hastened by the passage of the McFadden Banking bill by the House of Representatives. This bill, if enacted, will affect the machinery for the acquirement of branch banks. The current reports were again strengthened last week by the official announcement of the consolidation of the Chase National Bank and the Mechanics & Metals National Bank, bringing together institutions with a total of more than a billion dollars of resources.

Gilbert G. Thorne recently retired from the office of Vice-President of the National Park Bank, New York. Mr. Thorne, who was Vice-President for 25 years, will be 70 years of age in March. His resignation was made known at a dinner given by John H. Fulton, President of the National Park Bank, at the Metropolitan Club, commemorating Mr. Thorne's 25 years of service. The event was marked by the presentation of a platinum and gold cigarette case to Mr. Thorne. He will remain a director of the bank.

The directors of the Bank of America of this city have adopted a resolution providing for an increase of \$1,500,000 in the capital, raising it from \$6,500,000 to \$8,000,000. Each stockholder of record at the close of business on Feb. 27

may subscribe for new stock at the rate of three new shares for every thirteen held, paying at the rate of \$240 per share. Non-voting, non-dividend bearing scrip certificates will be issued for fractional shares. The stockholders will meet on Feb. 26 to ratify the plans. The new capital is required to be paid in full by March 16.

C. Stanley Mitchell, President of the Central Mercantile Bank of New York, announces the opening of a second branch bank at the corner of Varick and Spring streets. This opening of a second branch bank is another indication of the expansion of the bank's business; during the past 18 months its resources have increased from three millions to upwards of twenty-eight millions of dollars. The location of the new branch relates closely to the recent growth of business already felt in the Varick Street section incident to the approaching opening of the new vehicular tunnel.

At the regular monthly meeting of the trustees of the New York Trust Co. on Feb. 17 Frederic W. Allen, of Lee, Higginson & Co., was elected a member of the board.

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York announces the appointment of the following officers, all of whom will be associated with the company's fiduciary departments: Charles H. Platner, Vice-President; Henry A. Theis and Max Waessel, Assistant Vice-Presidents; Frank H. Kuhn and Gordon Palmer, Assistant Secretaries, and Oliver R. Brooks, Assistant Trust Officer.

George W. Young, Chairman of the Board of the Audit Company of New York and formerly President of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. of New York, died suddenly of apoplexy at Atlantic City on Feb. 18. He was in his 62d year. Mr. Young was born July 1 1864 in Jersey City. His banking career began at the age of 19 as Receiving Teller in the Hudson County Bank of Jersey City. Three years later he became Secretary and Treasurer of the New Jersey Title Guarantee & Trust Co. At the age of 28 he was elected Vice-President and Treasurer of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. of New York. The following year he was made President of the Company. Mr. Young had also been President of the banking house of George W. Young & Co. Inc., of which he was Treasurer at the time of his death.

It is announced that Governor Alfred E. Smith will be the first depositor at the opening of the new County Trust Co. of New York next Tuesday (Feb. 23) at Eighth Avenue and Fifteenth Street. The directors are Vincent Astor, Peter J. Carey, John J. Cavanagh, Howard S. Cullman, William H. English, William J. Fitzgerald, James P. Geagan, Edward J. Kelly, William F. Kenny, Herbert H. Lehman, Ralph W. Long, Daniel J. Meeney, James J. Riordan and William H. Woodin. The officers of the bank are: James J. Riordan, President; John J. Broderick, Treasurer, and Vincent B. Miner, Assistant Treasurer.

Walter H. Seavey, President of E. H. Rollins & Sons, bankers, died Feb. 17 at the Hotel Touraine in Boston. Mr. Seavey was born in Dover, N. H., Sept. 12 1870, and after attending public and private schools went to Dartmouth College. After leaving Dartmouth he went to Boston and entered the employ of E. H. Rollins & Sons in their sales department. He became a director in 1895, Secretary of the firm in 1899, Vice-President in 1911, and President and active head of the firm in 1923. Under his leadership the firm grew rapidly. He had traveled extensively in the United States and had many friends in different parts of the country.

Frederick Harris, President of the Third National Bank of Springfield, Mass., and identified with it for more than 53 years, died on Feb. 5. He was 73 years of age. Mr. Harris, who was a native of Springfield, entered the bank at the age of 19, when his father, the late Frederick H. Harris, was Cashier. He succeeded his father as President at the time of his father's death in 1911. He was a director of the Springfield Fire & Marine Insurance Co., the Holyoke Water Power Co., the Springfield, Holyoke and Northampton street railway companies and the Springfield Gas Light Co. Frederic M. Jones, since 1916 Vice-President and director of the Third National Bank, was elected to succeed the late Mr. Harris as President at a directors' meeting on Feb. 15. The new President has been First Vice-President and Trust Officer of the bank. He was appointed Assistant

Cashier in 1911 and in 1914 was made Cashier, and became Vice-President and director in 1916.

John Jamieson, President and founder of the Rockaway Beach National Bank of Rockaway Beach and also of the Jamieson & Bond Co. of Rockaway Beach, died on Feb. 14. He was 74 years of age.

The Union National Bank of Lowell, Mass., has announced the opening to-day (Feb. 20) of its new banking house, when friends of the institution are invited to inspect the new quarters from 2 to 9 p. m. The officers of the institution are: Arthur G. Pollard, President; Walter L. Parker and John F. Sawyer, Vice-Presidents and Ivan O. Small, Cashier.

William Raymond Wilde, Treasurer and director of the Mechanics' Trust Co. of New Jersey, Bayonne, N. J., died at his home in Elizabeth, N. J., on Feb. 13. He was 64 years of age. Mr. Wilde belonged to the Genealogical and Geographical societies of New York. He was an enthusiastic yachtsman and served as Secretary and Treasurer of the Bergen Point Yacht Club for many years. He came to the Mechanics Trust Co. from the American Exchange National Bank about 1888, and had been connected with the Mechanics continuously for nearly 40 years.

The New York "Evening Post" of last night (Feb. 19) contained the following advices:

George S. Silzer, former Governor of New Jersey, and several prominent New Jersey bankers have acquired control of the Broad & Market National Bank of Newark, according to an announcement made to the Associated Press to-day by Francis Williams, President of the bank.

Negotiations for control of the bank were closed yesterday. Mr. Silzer will be Chairman of the Board. Other directors and members of the syndicate are:

Isaac Alpern, President Perth Amboy Trust Co.; John J. Stamler, Vice-President Elizabeth Trust Co.; Charles B. Veghte, President New Brunswick Trust Co.; Howell M. Stillman, Cashier Peoples National Bank of Elizabeth; William M. Weiant, Treasurer Perth Amboy Trust Co.; Frederick M. P. Pearse, who was Secretary to Governor Silzer, and John C. Alvey of East Orange, former Bank Examiner for the Second Reserve District.

A new president will be elected, Mr. Williams said, but he would remain as adviser. Stamler and Alvey will be vice-presidents.

Special meetings of the respective stockholders of the Fourth Street National Bank and the Franklin National Bank, Philadelphia, will be held on March 18 to vote on the proposed union of the institutions to form the Franklin Fourth Street National Bank. Reference to the proposed consolidation of these banks was made in our issues of Jan. 16 and Jan. 30, pages 313 and 569, respectively.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Republic Trust Co. of Philadelphia will be held on April 14 to act on the question of increasing the capital stock from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 by the issuance of 10,000 shares of capital stock, par value of \$50 per share, to be issued at such times, in such amounts and under such conditions as the board of directors may prescribe.

Charged with embezzlement of \$113,561 from the funds of the Bangor Trust Co., Bangor, Pa., Elmer P. Buzzard, President of the institution for many years up to the beginning of 1925, and one of the well-known business men of Northampton County, was arrested on Feb. 3 in a private hospital at Stroudsburg, Pa., where he is a patient suffering from a nervous breakdown. The complaint, it is said, was sworn to by W. H. Soule, a State Bank Examiner, acting for the State Banking Department, before Alderman John J. Snyder, of Easton, Pa. The former banker's bail was fixed at \$25,000, which was subsequently furnished. According to a special dispatch from Easton on Feb. 3 to the Philadelphia "Ledger," Mr. Buzzard is said to have been drawn into his financial difficulties in an endeavor to finance the Masterson Construction Corporation, a road-building concern. The shortages which, according to State Bank Examiners, date from July 24 1923 to July 23 1924, include 19 separate transactions, and the warrant was issued on that many counts. The discrepancies at the Bangor Trust Co. were discovered, it is understood, by a State Bank Examiner in July 1924. No action was taken at the time, it is said, in order to give the bank an opportunity to make good the shortage. This was finally accomplished, it is understood, Mr. Buzzard placing all funds he had available in the bank and the directors contributing from their personal accounts.

H. A. Orrick, President of the Baltimore Stock Exchange from 1903 to 1918 and a director of several business corporations, died on Feb. 15. Mr. Orrick had been a member of the Exchange Board of Governors for more than 30 years.

He was President of the Exchange at the time its building was destroyed by fire in 1904. He was born at Berkeley Springs, W. Va., in 1857.

The death of William Hambleton, Secretary of the Baltimore Trust Co., Baltimore, on the night of Feb. 15, was reported in a special dispatch to the New York "Times" on Feb. 16. Mr. Hambleton's death was due to pneumonia after only a week's illness. For more than 30 years he had been in the banking business. At one time he was Assistant Cashier of the National Exchange Bank, Baltimore. When it merged with the Atlantic Exchange Bank & Trust Co. Mr. Hambleton was elected Cashier. He next became Secretary of the Baltimore Trust Co., holding the office until his death.

The Stock Yards Bank of Cincinnati, whose assets, including good-will, were recently acquired by the Fourth & Central Trust Co. of Cincinnati, has gone into voluntary liquidation. Reference was made to the purchase of this bank by the Fourth & Central Trust Co. in these columns in the "Chronicle" of Jan. 2 last.

James Dunn Jr., head of the Tax Department of the Union Trust Co., Cleveland, will explain the filling out of income tax blanks in a series of radio talks over Station WEAR, the Cleveland broadcasting station of the Good-year Tire & Rubber Co. The first talk occurred on Feb. 19 at 7.45 o'clock, and others will follow on Friday evenings at the same hour, Feb. 26, March 5 and March 12. In this series of brief talks Mr. Dunn will take up each item to be filled out on the tax blank and explain in detail just how it should be done. In his last talk he will discuss the new changes in the income tax law.

Charles A. Dean, a Vice-President and a director of the Detroit Savings Bank, and for many years prominent in the financial and commercial life of that city, died on Feb. 11 in the Detroit Diagnostic Hospital at the age of 72. Mr. Dean was born in Detroit and received his education in the Patterson private school. He entered the Detroit Savings Bank as a young man in a minor capacity and rose to the Vice-Presidency, the position he held at the time of his death. Mr. Dean was also at the time of his death a director of the Detroit Trust Co. and of the Detroit Fire & Marine Insurance Co. In former years he was a director of the Bank of Detroit, the Old Detroit National Bank, the First National Bank and the Highland Park State Bank. Among his commercial interests, Mr. Dean in his younger days was an independent coal dealer and 38 years ago effected a consolidation with another firm, forming the Pittmans & Dean Co., of which he was President from the time of its inception until his death.

According to a press dispatch from Youngstown, Ohio, appearing in the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 5, stockholders of the Central Bank Co. of that place have rejected a proposal to consolidate with the Mahoning National Bank of Youngstown. Under the proposed plan, it is stated, the assets of the Central Bank Co., totaling \$850,000, would have been surrendered to the Mahoning bank and stockholders would have received cash for the actual value of their holdings.

Paul L. Hardesty, Assistant Cashier of the Union Trust Co., Chicago, has recently been advanced from the manager-ship of the Advertising and Publicity Department to new work in the Commercial Banking Department. Herbert V. Prochnow, who for the past three years has been Assistant Manager, succeeds Mr. Hardesty as Manager. Mr. Hardesty is well known throughout local and national advertising circles. He is a director of the Financial Advertisers' Association and is Chairman of the Financial Department of the Advertising Council of the Chicago Association of Commerce. He entered the employ of the Union Trust Co. five years ago, soon after his discharge as an officer of the Naval Reserve Corps in the World War. He has advanced through various positions in the bank, having been made a member of the official staff in 1923 and elected Assistant Cashier in May 1925. Before coming to the Union Trust Co., Mr. Prochnow was an Assistant Professor of Business Administration with the University of Indiana. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin.

The First Illinois Co., founded in 1920, with offices in Aurora, Ill., has opened a Chicago office in the Continental

& Commercial Bank Building. The company is an underwriter and participating distributor of investment securities, and will continue to operate offices in Aurora and Springfield, Ill. Prior to the founding of the business of the First Illinois Co., Herbert P. Heiss, its President, was affiliated with the National City Co.

Associated Press dispatches from St. Paul on Feb. 15, printed in the New York daily papers of Feb. 16, report the closing on Feb. 15 of the Merchants & Manufacturers' State Bank of Minneapolis, with deposits aggregating about \$1,390,000. "Frozen" assets is given as the cause of the bank's embarrassment.

The annual meetings of the stockholders and directors of the Marine Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans took place Feb. 11. At the stockholders' meeting all the old directors were re-elected with the exception of Hampton Reynolds, New Orleans engineer and contractor, who requested that he not be named. The directors at their meeting re-elected L. M. Pool President and all the other officers. The personnel is as follows: L. M. Pool, President; J. A. Bandi, Vice-President; W. T. Marfield, Vice-President; Fred Brenchley, Vice-President and Manager Foreign Department; John Dane, Vice-President and Manager Bond Department; Wm. Pierce O'Neal, Vice-President; W. J. Pillow, Cashier; G. Huber Johnson, Assistant Cashier; A. J. Crozat, Assistant Cashier; W. D. Kingston, Trust Officer; J. H. Weil, Assistant Bond Officer; R. W. Brady, Assistant Manager Foreign Department. Announcement was made that the bank would open on the following Monday, Feb. 15, its sixth branch at the corner of Jackson Avenue and Magazine Street, to be known as the Jackson Avenue branch, under the management of P. D. Carey. According to the New Orleans "Morning Tribune" of Feb. 12, deposits of the institution Feb. 12 at \$27,735,677 08 exceeded by nearly \$200,000 the deposits recorded in the bank's annual statement Dec. 31 1925, when the total of same was \$27,571,367 01. The New Orleans paper quoted Vice-President W. T. Marfield as saying that net deposits were the largest in the history of the institution and that "the last year was the most satisfactory we have had since the bank was organized eight years ago, and this year we are looking forward to one still better."

The City National Bank of Miami began business in Miami, Fla., on Feb. 17. It is sponsored by a group of Miami business leaders, and is the second national bank in operation in that city. The capital is \$1,000,000 and the surplus \$250,000. Officers of the new financial institution are: S. M. Tatum, Chairman of Board, prominent realtor of Miami; Clark B. Davis, President, formerly Vice-President of the Bank of America, New York; Ralph H. Buss, Vice-President, formerly of the Federal Reserve Bank, Chicago; Harry Roberts, Assistant Vice-President, former Comptroller of the Metropolitan Trust Co., New York City; L. J. Griffin, Cashier, formerly of the City of Miami Department of Finance; Morgan S. McCormick, formerly of Henderson, Ky., and in charge of a Kentucky trust estate for several years, will also be connected with the bank in an executive capacity. S. M. Tatum, Chairman of the Board of the City National Bank of Miami, is head of Tatum Brothers Co., developers of Altos Del Mar, Riverside, Riverside Heights, Grove Park and other developments. Mr. Tatum built the first Flagler Street Bridge in Miami about 15 years ago, which he presented to the city. He is also President of the Dade County Title Insurance & Trust Co., head of the Florida Title Co. of Miami, and is connected officially with 23 corporations in Miami, New York and other parts of the South. Officials of the bank are reported as stating that total deposits received on the opening day exceeded \$2,000,000.

Clark B. Davis, President of the City National Bank, is a well-known New York banker. When he was only 15 years old he began work in a bank in his native State of Georgia. After spending a few years with Florida banks he went to Amityville, L. I., where he formed the First National Bank of Amityville, of which he was an officer for several years. He afterwards became President of the First National Bank of Bellmore, L. I. Later he became Assistant Secretary in the Franklin Trust Co., of which he soon was made Vice-President. Since 1921 Mr. Davis had been Vice-President of the Bank of America, New York. He is a director of several banks and trust companies in Florida now, and is familiar with Florida conditions and developments.

Ralph H. Buss, Vice-President of the new City National Bank of Miami, was born at Deadwood, S. D., and began his banking career in 1907. He was an official of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Fremont, Neb., for seven years, severing his connection there in 1917. From 1920 to the present he had charge of loans for the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. During the financial crisis of 1921 Mr. Buss acted as adviser to the board of directors of the War Finance Corporation in Washington. When he left Chicago Feb. 1 of this year he was a member of the Executive Committee of the Federal Reserve Bank, Chicago.

Harry Roberts, Assistant Vice-President, was born in Balaklava, South Australia, coming to the United States in 1904. He is a graduate of Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky., of the class of 1909. He gained his early training in banking during his six years with the Phoenix National Bank & Trust Co., Lexington, Ky., resigning to accept the position of Comptroller of the Metropolitan Trust Co., New York, later merged with the Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co.

Morgan S. McCormick, who will be connected with the City National Bank, was for eleven years in the hardware and implement business in Kentucky, and was President for four and a half years of the Canoe Creek Coal Co. The board of directors of the City National Bank of Miami is made up of the following members: Ralph H. Buss, Clayton S. Cooper, Thomas S. Davenport, Charles W. Hill, E. B. Kurtz, F. M. Hudson, Theodore W. Moore, W. F. Morang, M. B. Newman, J. Arthur Pancoast, S. M. Tatum, Richard Whyte, M. J. Whitman and Clark B. Davis. The Comptroller of the Currency, United States Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., announced last September its approval of an application to organize the City National Bank of Miami. Reference to the organization of the bank was made in these columns Sept. 26, page 1533, and Oct. 10, page 1752. The capital of the City National Bank of Miami was subscribed locally, it is announced. Present plans call for an advisory committee, it is said, which will be made up from bankers chosen from five of the largest cities in the country. Eventually the bank will erect its own building, according to the future program outlined by officials.

Announcement has recently been made by G. M. Rice and W. L. Thompson, President, respectively, of the First National Bank and the American National Bank, Pendleton, Ore., of the purchase of the former institution by the latter. According to the terms of the purchase, the First National Bank acquires the deposits and an equal amount of cash assets, approved notes and the building owned by the American National.

That the Old Dominion Commercial Co. of Globe, Ariz., had absorbed the Copper Cities Bank (head office Globe) with its branches in Miami and Superior and was to move to the Copper Cities' banking house in Globe, was reported in a dispatch from Globe on Feb. 1 to the Los Angeles "Times." The dispatch went on to say:

Capitalization is to be raised from \$100,000 to \$200,000, with added surplus and undivided profits of \$140,000.

The Old Dominion Bank was established about 1879 by the pioneer firm of Eaton & Bailey and a large part of its stock for years was held by Arizona's present Governor, G. W. P. Hunt. State Banking Superintendent A. T. Hammons at one time was an assistant cashier. George F. Wilson is President of the company and C. W. Hinds, Cashier. Management of the Miami branch is to remain under S. W. Ellery and that at Superior under J. A. Small. In the last statement, the Old Dominion showed deposits of \$647,961 and the Copper Cities Bank of \$1,762,747.

H. O. Penick, heretofore Chairman of the board of directors of the People's Savings Bank of Seattle, on Feb. 11 was elected President of the institution to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Joseph T. Greenlead, according to the Seattle "Post-Intelligencer" of Feb. 12. Charles D. Thomas, formerly Cashier, was promoted to Vice-President, and named a director, and Alex S. Goodfellow, heretofore an Assistant Cashier, was elected Cashier in lieu of Mr. Thomas. John C. Fox was named an Assistant Cashier and John Bain an Assistant Cashier and Manager of the Savings Department. Officers re-elected were R. J. Reekie as Vice-President and Arthur Goodfellow as an Assistant Cashier. Bennett McCord was named a director. Mr. Penick, according to the "Post-Intelligencer," has had wide experience in banking and manufacturing. He was at one time Cashier and Trust Officer of the Whitney Central Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans and Vice-President of the Jefferson Co., New Orleans, manufacturers of sugar products.

**NEW YORK
BROOKLYN
CHICAGO
BOSTON**

Trust Company Returns

**PHILADELPHIA
BALTIMORE
AND
ST. LOUIS**

We furnish below complete comparative statements of the condition of all the trust companies in Boston, Philadelphia, New York, Brooklyn, Baltimore and St. Louis, and many of the companies in Chicago. This is in continuation of a practice begun twenty-four years ago, the compilation having been enlarged nine years ago by the addition of Baltimore's institutions, and in 1921 being further enlarged by the inclusion of the Chicago companies. The statements occupy altogether twenty pages.

The dates selected for comparison are December 31 1925, December 30 1924 and December 31 1923. In the case of the Boston, the Philadelphia, the Baltimore, the Chicago and the St. Louis companies, we have sought to get figures for these dates and have largely succeeded. As, however, returns for these dates are not required in all the States, a few of the companies have not found it convenient to compile statistics for December 31, but have furnished instead the latest complete figures available.

In the matter of the New York companies we take the returns under the call of condition nearest the close of the year. Formerly it was the practice of the State Banking Department to require the trust companies to render a statement of their condition, showing resources and liabilities for the last day of December, and also to furnish certain supplementary statistics for the twelve months of the calendar year. But in December 1911 this time-honored practice was abandoned, and the Superintendent instead now calls on the companies for a statement of their condition for some date towards the end of the year (Nov. 14 on the present occasion), and waives entirely the requirement as to the supplementary items of information. As these supplementary statistics, dealing with earnings, expenses, dividends, &c., constituted a most valuable feature of the annual returns and the record extended back a quarter of a century or more, we have not felt satisfied to let the record be broken. Accordingly we have made direct application to the companies in each instance and in not a few of the cases we have been successful in obtaining the supplementary statistics, though the number of companies supplying such data has been greatly reduced as compared with the original number. As regards the resources and liabilities, we use the November 14 figures just as shown in the returns of the Banking Department.

NEW YORK COMPANIES

American Trust Co. (New York).

Resources—	Nov. 14 '25.	Nov. 15 '24.	Nov. 15 '23.
Stock and bond investments	\$6,948,601	\$4,575,609	\$4,618,322
Bonds and mortgages owned	6,610,035	6,575,626	3,599,047
Loans & disc'ts sec. by bond & mtg.	1,383,280	1,109,096	1,339,932
Loans & disc'ts sec. by other collateral	21,081,044	19,375,807	9,938,298
Loans, disc. & bills pur., not sec. by coll	7,483,368	4,663,500	3,905,974
Overdrafts	9,583	5,942	11,276
Due from Fed. Res. Bank, N. Y.	1,668,898	1,168,256	1,004,622
Due from app. res. depositories	1,921,068	1,633,081	1,704,455
Due from other bks., tr. cos. & b'kers	265,882	202,134	241,081
Specie	41,355	31,818	20,874
Other curr. auth. by laws of U. S.	1,011,427	754,403	832,400
Cash items	107,256	35,992	95,245
Customers' liability on acceptances	446,741	42,788	110,030
Other assets	230,019	159,295	135,183
Total	\$49,210,557	\$39,733,347	\$27,580,739
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$3,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,000,000
Surplus fund and undivided profits	2,248,813	1,589,748	1,205,647
Preferred deposits—			
Due New York State savings banks	1,533,525	2,087,809	809,560
Due as executor, administrator, &c.	2,281,480	2,050,191	418,350
Deposits by State of New York	268,398	145,000	144,000
Deposits by Supt. of Banks, State of New York			
Deposits secured by pledge of assets	99,433	51,465	10,440
Deposits otherwise preferred	365,800	593,300	69,340
Due deposits (not preferred)	37,643,345	29,789,375	21,736,009
Due trust cos., banks and bankers	1,012,623	682,240	730,927
Acceptances	446,741	42,788	110,030
Other liabilities	310,399	221,251	168,036
Total	\$49,210,557	\$39,733,347	\$27,580,739
Amt. of dep. on which int. is paid	\$38,660,738	\$29,000,400	\$19,482,596

***Anglo-South American Trust Co. (New York).**

Resources—	Nov. 14 '25.	Nov. 15 '24.
Specie	\$113,792	\$207,807
Other currency authorized by laws of United States	32,983	82,379
Cash items		1,303
Due from approved reserve depositories	158,870	359,763
Due from other banks and trust companies	2,760,501	2,283,871
Stock and bond investments	3,336,185	4,320,242
Loans and discounts secured by other collateral	3,375,620	2,558,756
Loans, discounts and bills purchased not secured by collateral	1,231,197	4,499,013
Own acceptances purchased	384,140	271,919
Overdrafts	665	325
Customers' liability on acceptances	2,313,523	1,844,155
Other assets	862,728	1,825,124
Total	\$14,550,204	\$18,254,657
Liabilities—		
Capital	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus fund and undivided profits	584,061	543,351
Deposits by the State of New York	100,000	200,000
Due depositors, not preferred	7,856,822	9,753,235
Due to trust companies, banks and bankers	1,306,772	1,400,639
Due as executor, administrator, &c.	480	
Bills payable	177,087	157,695
Rediscunts		1,900,971
Acceptances	2,735,540	2,343,173
Other liabilities	789,442	955,593
Total	\$14,550,204	\$18,254,657
Amount of deposits on which interest is paid	\$7,572,797	\$9,163,300

*Began business Dec. 3 1923.

***Banca Commerciale Italiana Trust Co. (New York)**

Resources—	Nov. 14 '25.	Nov. 15 '24.	Nov. 15 '23.
Specie	\$1,254	\$539	
Other currency authorized by laws of United States	98,379	57,537	
Cash items		15,183	
Due from approved reserve depositories	19,814	21,865	
Due from other banks and trust companies	7,164,081	3,661,500	
Stock and bond investments	1,625,744	1,060,084	
Loans and discounts secured by collateral	1,165,637	953,733	
Loans, disc'ts. & bills purch. not sec. by collateral	483,404	185,038	
Overdrafts		3,054	
Customers' liability on acceptances	406,492	214,442	
Other assets	6,926,502	891,094	
Total	\$17,954,361	\$7,061,015	
Liabilities—			
Capital	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	
Surplus and undivided profits	584,332	500,000	
Due depositors not preferred	8,725,653	4,443,375	
Due to trust companies, banks and bankers	273,861	66,487	
Acceptances	487,276	214,442	
Other liabilities	6,883,239	836,711	
Total	\$17,954,361	\$7,061,015	
Amount of deposits on which interest is being paid	\$8,429,003	\$4,426,366	

* Began business June 16 1924.

Bankers Trust Co. (New York).

Resources—	Nov. 14 '25.	Nov. 15 '24.	Nov. 15 '23.
Stock and bond investments	101,487,112	\$125,988,091	\$76,447,416
Real estate owned	8,240,895	8,400,290	8,512,428
Bonds and mortgages owned	580,000	758,000	847,000
Loans on bond & mtg. or other r.e. coll.	101,500	181,372	215,012
Loans & disc. sec. by other collateral	180,369,834	163,862,118	107,255,193
Loans disc. & bills purch. not sec. by coll	62,397,516	54,770,911	54,025,457
Own acceptances purchased	320,251	1,740,560	42,175
Overdrafts	14,088	19,842	9,406
Due from trust cos., banks & bankers	30,526,410	11,474,155	8,787,187
Due from approved res. depositories	562,363	976,152	403,047
Specie	74,598	86,738	57,005
Other currency auth. by laws of U. S.	738,062	913,935	1,213,198
Cash items	23,335,833	21,532,947	57,349,469
Due from the Fed. Res. Bank of N. Y.	35,297,022	35,871,281	18,201,187
Customers' liability on acceptances	15,514,039	101,067,458	10,633,572
Other assets	2,156,201	2,292,696	1,741,742
Total	461,705,724	\$439,936,246	\$345,750,494
Liabilities—			
Capital	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
Surplus fund and undivided profits	30,391,589	26,514,016	24,019,703
Preferred deposits—			
Due N. Y. State savings banks	6,281,409	8,337,064	8,554,352
Due as executor, administrator, &c.	49,803,728	39,797,396	26,289,809
Dep. by N. Y. State	1,250,000	956,000	752,000
Dep. by Supt. of Bks. State of N. Y.			135,000
Other preferred deposits	4,054,236	3,335,056	2,684,435
Other preferred deposits	16,430	16,430	16,450
Due depositors (not preferred)	288,465,908	272,173,268	223,585,690
Due trust cos., banks and bankers	42,931,628	52,271,521	26,311,877
Acceptances	16,245,646	11,810,752	11,023,907
Other liabilities	2,265,450	4,724,723	2,377,571
Total	461,705,724	\$439,936,246	\$345,750,494
Amt. deposits on which int. is paid	\$348,825,000	\$317,529,405	\$214,611,300

*Banco de Sicilia Trust Co. (New York).

Financial statement for Banco de Sicilia Trust Co. (New York) showing Resources and Liabilities for Nov. 14 '25 and Nov. 15 '24.

* Began business April 29 1925.

Bank of New York & Trust Co. (New York).

Financial statement for Bank of New York & Trust Co. (New York) showing Resources and Liabilities for Nov. 14 '25, Nov. 15 '24, and Nov. 15 '23.

*Bronx County Trust Co. (New York).

Financial statement for Bronx County Trust Co. (New York) showing Resources and Liabilities for Nov. 14 '25 and Nov. 15 '24.

* Formerly Twenty-third Ward Bank; changed to a trust company as of Jan. 1 1925.

*Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Co-operative Trust Co. (New York).

Financial statement for Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Co-operative Trust Co. (New York) showing Resources and Liabilities for Nov. 14 '25 and Nov. 15 '24.

* Began business Dec. 29 1923.

Central Union Trust Co. (New York).

Financial statement for Central Union Trust Co. (New York) showing Resources and Liabilities for Nov. 14 '25, Nov. 15 '24, and Nov. 15 '23.

Corporation Trust Co. (New York).

Financial statement for Corporation Trust Co. (New York) showing Resources and Liabilities for Nov. 14 '25, Nov. 15 '24, and Nov. 15 '23.

*Empire Trust Co. (New York).

Financial statement for Empire Trust Co. (New York) showing Resources and Liabilities for Nov. 14 '25, Nov. 15 '24, and Nov. 15 '23.

* Hudson Trust Company was merged into the Empire Trust Co. as of July 1 1924. The above statement is the combined statement of both companies for all the years.

*Equitable Trust Co. (New York).

Financial statement for Equitable Trust Co. (New York) showing Resources and Liabilities for Nov. 14 '25, Nov. 15 '24, and Nov. 15 '23.

* Importers & Trad. Nat. Bk. merged into Equit. Tr. as of Jan. 29 1923.

Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. (New York).

Financial statement for Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. (New York) for Nov. 14 '25, Nov. 15 '24, and Nov. 15 '23. Includes Resources, Liabilities, and Total sections.

Fidelity-International Trust Co. (New York).

Financial statement for Fidelity-International Trust Co. (New York) for Nov. 14 '25, Nov. 15 '24, and Nov. 15 '23. Includes Resources, Liabilities, and Total sections.

Fulton Trust Co. (New York).

Financial statement for Fulton Trust Co. (New York) for Nov. 14 '25, Nov. 15 '24, and Nov. 15 '23. Includes Resources, Liabilities, and Total sections.

Guaranty Trust Co. (New York).

Financial statement for Guaranty Trust Co. (New York) for Nov. 14 '25, Nov. 15 '24, and Nov. 15 '23. Includes Resources, Liabilities, and Total sections.

*Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co.

Financial statement for Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co. for Nov. 14 '25, Nov. 15 '24, and Nov. 15 '23. Includes Resources, Liabilities, and Total sections.

*Columbia Trust Co. and Irving National Bank consolidated as of Feb. 7 1923.

Italian Discount & Trust Co. (New York).

Financial statement for Italian Discount & Trust Co. (New York) for Nov. 14 '25, Nov. 15 '24, and Nov. 15 '23. Includes Resources, Liabilities, and Total sections.

*Lawyers' Trust Co. (New York).

Financial statement for Lawyers' Trust Co. (New York) for Nov. 14 '25, Nov. 15 '24, and Nov. 15 '23. Includes Resources, Liabilities, and Total sections.

* Business of the Lawyers' Title & Trust Co. divided into two corporations as of Feb. 28 1925, the title and mortgage business to be conducted by the Lawyers' Title & Guaranty Co. and the banking and trust business by the Lawyers' Trust Co.

***Manufacturers' Trust Co. (New York).**

Resources—	Nov. 14 '25.	Nov. 15 '24.	*Nov. 15 '23.
Stock and bond investments.....	\$52,822,115	\$21,134,971	\$16,243,846
Real estate owned.....	3,828,416	2,857,199	2,328,041
Bonds and mortgages owned.....	9,643,444	7,234,112	2,863,602
Loans on bond & mtg. or oth. r. e. coll.	253,569	342,186	609,200
Loans & disc. sec. by other collateral	29,197,998	20,697,638	15,939,078
Loans disc. & bills pur. not sec. by coll.	90,107,092	51,423,121	56,059,721
Own acceptances purchased.....	514,149	304,072	142,344
Overdrafts.....	12,106	3,464	7,794
Due from Fed. Res. Bank of N. Y.....	27,580,233	17,107,996	17,960,168
Due from approved res. depositories	1,516,937	1,491,099	833,811
Due from other tr. co's, bks. & bankers	1,032,413	544,408	206,302
Specie.....	370,291	254,541	370,760
Other currency auth. by laws of U. S.	2,879,665	1,736,370	2,248,146
Cash items.....	5,043,289	3,669,062	4,805,619
Customers' liability on acceptances.....	3,507,554	2,413,645	2,889,038
Other assets.....	537,076	303,004	197,007
Total.....	228,846,350	131,516,888	123,704,477
Liabilities—			
Capital stock.....	\$10,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Surplus fund and undivided profits.....	12,441,837	5,315,783	5,046,583
Preferred deposits—			
Due N. Y. State savings banks.....	1,797,285	2,006,164	1,554,110
Due N. Y. States v. & loan assns., &c.	413,100	281,150	135,212
Due as executor, administrator, &c	676,528	470,262	435,910
Deposits by State of New York.....	700,000	731,468	820,000
Dep. by Supt. of Bks. State of N. Y.			60,002
Depos. secured by pledge of assets.....	438,724	609,317	523,429
Deposits otherwise preferred.....	420,683	303,556	412,110
Redcounts.....			4,980,000
Due depositors (not preferred).....	187,593,386	111,175,377	99,823,939
Due to trust companies & banks.....	2,575,153	1,845,092	535,683
Bills payable.....	5,500,000		
Acceptances.....	4,223,429	2,687,277	2,989,283
Other liabilities.....	2,066,225	1,091,412	1,325,216
Total.....	\$228,846,350	131,516,888	123,704,477
Supplementary—For Cal. Year—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Total int. & comm. rec'd during year.....	\$7,693,703	\$5,073,146	\$3,942,397
All other profits received during year.....	2,290,044	1,258,160	1,090,861
Amt. of divs. declared on capital stk.....	1,520,000	800,000	610,000
Amt. deposits on which int. is allowed.....	125,000,000	80,000,000	80,000,000

*Columbia Bank merged into Manufacturer's Trust Co. as of Aug. 14 1923.

New York Trust Co. (New York).

Resources—	Nov. 14 '25.	Nov. 15 '24.	Nov. 15 '23.
Stock and bond investments.....	\$36,918,992	\$54,086,924	\$36,292,966
Real estate owned.....	321,935	321,935	302,587
Bonds and mortgages owned.....	4,238,588	1,073,104	1,965,564
Loans on bond & mtg. or oth. r. e. coll.	85,473,432	79,237,079	61,381,762
Loans & disc. sec. by other collateral	44,595,164	50,453,957	35,714,447
Own acceptances purchased.....	1,579,424	81,737	58,148
Overdrafts.....	62,116	69,573	93,015
Due from Fed. Res. Bank of N. Y.....	20,282,741	23,908,921	16,197,445
Due from trust co's, banks & bankers	3,467,010	7,292,562	15,148,835
Specie.....	30,914	35,431	20,211
Other currency auth. by laws of N. Y.	520,223	467,404	581,565
Cash items.....	13,729,188	22,551,133	70,620,990
Customers' liability on acceptances.....	27,149,683	20,210,071	15,428,690
Other assets.....	10,828,761	1,963,022	2,536,035
Total.....	\$250,121,851	264,532,853	\$250,883,260
Liabilities—			
Capital stock.....	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
Surplus fund and undivided profits.....	20,018,792	19,147,840	18,342,732
Preferred deposits—			
Due N. Y. State savs. banks.....	355,913	1,186,888	946,242
Due as executor, administrator, &c.	18,467	1,723,185	2,246,346
Deposits by New York State.....	801,643	191,391	260,667
Deposits secured by pledge of assets	478,855	1,767,982	462,102
Due depositors (not preferred).....	146,972,422	168,427,915	162,014,604
Due trust co's, banks and bankers.....	35,319,834	39,258,888	32,145,883
Bills payable.....	4,000,000		7,000,000
Acceptances.....	27,911,580	20,931,361	15,671,948
Other liabilities.....	4,244,345	1,897,403	1,792,736
Total.....	\$250,121,851	264,532,853	\$250,883,260
Supplementary—For Cal. Year—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Total int. & comm. rec'd during year.....	\$10,169,570	\$9,449,586	\$8,538,700
All other profits received during year.....	1,083,134	650,139	434,300
Int. credited to depositors during year.....	3,317,832	3,155,349	2,790,000
Expenses during year, excluding taxes	2,841,938	2,631,499	2,455,300
Amt. of divs. declared on capital stk.....	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Taxes reserved and pd. during the yr.....	806,500	696,100	590,200
Amt. deposits on which int. is paid.....	175,000,000	185,215,000	129,645,000

a As of Dec. 31 1925; b Nov. 15 1924; c Nov. 15 1923.

***Trust Company of North America (New York).**

Resources—	Nov. 14 '25.	*Nov. 15 '24.
Specie.....	\$1,730	\$765
Other currency authorized by laws of U. S.....	366,366	53,014
Cash items.....	5,967	5,537
Due from approved reserve depositories.....	167,932	173,053
Due from other banks, trust cos. and bankers.....	121,624	105,611
Stock and bond investments.....	619,243	737,056
Loans and discounts secured by collateral.....	576,202	367,307
Loans, disc'ts & bills purch. not sec. by collateral.....	1,128,878	558,326
Own acceptances purchased.....	17,672	4,000
Overdrafts.....	894	1,739
Bonds and mortgages owned.....	115,250	
Customers' liability on acceptances.....	93,295	29,817
Other assets.....	577,497	16,667
Total.....	\$3,792,550	\$2,052,892
Liabilities—		
Capital stock.....	\$500,000	\$500,000
Surplus fund and undivided profits.....	224,100	215,793
Prof. deposits—Due N. Y. State savings banks.....	21,516	35,330
Deposits by State of New York.....	130,000	197,215
Deposits otherwise preferred.....	202	1,350
Due depositors, not preferred.....	1,536,011	757,424
Due to trust companies, banks and bankers.....	157,198	213,921
Bills payable.....	560,115	88,029
Acceptances.....	96,795	36,330
Other liabilities.....	566,613	7,500
Total.....	\$3,792,550	\$2,052,892
Amount of deposits on which interest is being paid.....	\$1,066,445	\$889,611

* Began business March 11 1924.

Title Guarantee & Trust Co. (New York).

Resources—	Nov. 14 '25.	Nov. 15 '24.	Nov. 15 '23.
Stock and bond investments.....	\$17,268,281	\$18,557,528	\$10,990,348
Real estate owned.....	3,388,805	3,418,732	3,322,776
Bonds and mortgages owned.....	19,220,994	10,434,749	19,589,090
Loans on bond & mtg. or oth. r. e. coll.	1,332,086	854,296	1,268,778
Loans & disc. sec. by other collateral	15,335,024	18,319,616	12,847,133
Loans disc. & bills pay. not sec. by coll.	8,823,930	6,878,877	6,892,436
Overdrafts.....	3,991	7,391	1,582
Due from Fed. Res. Bank of N. Y.....	3,009,397	2,282,007	2,145,720
Due from approved res. depositories.....	3,871,195	4,238,607	3,865,823
Due from other tr. co's, bks., bkrs. &c	87,390	282,705	59,108
Specie.....	439,240	383,477	381,912
Other currency auth. by laws of U. S.	825,326	921,846	1,223,691
Cash items.....	861,595	1,351,401	1,356,425
Customers' liability on acceptances.....	558,115	16,950	8,375
Other assets.....	1,774,520	1,124,077	1,241,000
Total.....	\$76,799,889	\$69,072,239	\$65,196,197
Liabilities—			
Capital stock.....	10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
Surplus fund and undivided profits.....	17,233,424	15,908,330	13,964,668
Prof. deposits due N. Y. State savs. bks.....	1,312,349	1,209,193	1,236,425
Due savings and loan associations.....		3,739	4,534
Due as executor, administrator, &c.	1,923,950	1,673,386	1,697,931
Deposits by New York State.....	61,000	81,000	124,000
Due by Supt. of Banks, N. Y. State			25,000
Deposits secured by pledge of assets	72,750	72,750	
Due depositors (not preferred).....	43,807,443	38,539,248	36,668,778
Due trust co's, banks and bankers.....	180,265	225,257	220,508
Acceptances.....	558,115	16,950	8,375
Other liabilities.....	1,650,593	1,342,386	1,245,978
Total.....	\$76,799,889	\$69,072,239	\$65,196,197
Supplementary—For Cal. Year—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Total int. & comm. rec'd during year.....	\$3,172,533	\$2,936,676	\$3,011,769
All other profits received during year.....	9,952,766	7,757,224	7,430,779
Charged to profit and loss—			
On account of depreciation.....	153,600	203,600	186,358
On account of losses.....	157,100	124,786	161,150
Int. credited to depositors during year.....	749,608	756,699	754,082
Expenses during year, excluding taxes	5,913,106	4,938,228	5,472,589
Amt. of divs. declared on cap. stock.....	2,900,000	2,800,000	2,400,000
Transferred to surplus.....	3,000,000		
Taxes paid during the year.....	852,065	784,517	897,745
Amt. deposits on which int. is paid.....	45,132,651	37,631,050	32,704,737

United States Mortgage & Trust Co. (New York).

Resources—	Nov. 14 '25.	Nov. 15 '24.	Nov. 15 '23.
Stock and bond investments.....	\$10,666,858	\$17,203,610	\$13,617,295
Real estate.....	1,120,817	529,582	476,043
Bonds and mortgages owned.....	3,353,119	3,473,376	3,378,171
Loans on bond & mtg. or oth. r. e. coll.	175,310	69,775	25,600
Loans & disc. sec. by other collateral	35,599,258	32,278,114	26,977,955
Loans, disc. & bills pur. not sec. by coll.	5,984,591	5,301,633	4,887,731
Overdrafts.....	8,485	5,956	2,855
Due from Fed. Res. Bank of N. Y.....	7,999,445	7,255,052	6,669,902
Due from approved res. v. depositories	376,958	501,690	460,448
Due from other tr. co's, bks. & bkrs.....	93,325	540,731	398,564
Specie.....	59,626	49,818	59,352
Other currency auth. by laws of U. S.	652,426	670,679	896,032
Cash items.....	1,405,230	985,913	2,933,843
Customers' liability on acceptances.....	272,817	757,029	
Other assets.....	309,128	327,672	357,125
Total.....	\$68,917,320	\$69,960,630	\$61,140,916
Liabilities—			
Capital stock.....	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Surplus fund and undivided profits.....	4,750,937	4,619,127	4,430,968
Preferred deposits—			
Due N. Y. State savings banks.....	625,229	650,217	540,244
Due as executor, administrator, &c.	1,356,507	1,388,078	3,097,867
Deposits by State of New York.....	100,000	150,000	112,032
Dep. secured by pledge of assets.....	532,502	1,326,694	803,506
Due depositors (not preferred).....	52,991,527	52,522,595	44,544,779
Due trust cos., banks and bankers.....	4,478,982	4,253,514	3,304,443
Acceptances.....	289,517	757,029	
Other liabilities.....	801,119	1,283,376	1,307,077
Total.....	\$68,922,320	\$69,960,630	\$61,140,916
Amt. deposits on which int. is paid.....	\$54,496,954	\$54,703,343	\$47,059,174

United States Trust Co. (New York).

Resources—	Nov. 14 '25.	Nov. 15 '24.	Nov. 15 '23.
Stock and bond investments.....	\$15,153,747	\$14,941,717	\$10,916,780
Real estate owned.....	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Bonds and mortgages owned.....	4,516,358	3,774,865	4,234,193
Loans on bond and mortgage.....	36,250	45,250	24,250
Loans & disc. secured by other collat.	44,689,400	45,368,568	38,965,913
Loans, disc. & bills pur. not sec. by coll.	2,538,344	3,322,030	5,645,924
Specie.....			100,000
Other currency auth. by laws of U. S.	100,000	100,000	
Due from Fed. Reserve Bank of N. Y.....	4,500,0		

BROOKLYN COMPANIES

Brooklyn Trust Co. (Brooklyn).

Resources—	Nov. 14 '25.	Nov. 15 '24.	Nov. 15 '23.
Stock and bond investments.....	\$16,545,525	\$23,368,696	\$16,991,145
Real estate owned.....	1,368,585	1,202,996	1,197,946
Bonds and mortgages owned.....	5,415,880	3,815,414	3,744,533
Loans on bond & mtg. or oth. r.e.coll.	283,165	135,600	36,100
Loans and disc. sec. by other collateral	20,342,774	11,083,459	12,963,631
Loans, disc. & bills pur. not sec. by coll.	3,845,338	5,061,926	4,138,263
Overdrafts.....	5,930	4,013	6,947
Due from Fed. Res. Bank of N. Y.....	5,768,601	9,450,743	4,659,970
Due from approved res. depositaries.....	589,547	1,052,908	426,226
Due from other banks & trust cos.....	16,170	—	—
Specie.....	260,956	292,566	299,778
Other currency auth. by laws of U. S.....	327,108	293,853	474,305
Cash items.....	720,267	523,013	932,796
Customers' liability on acceptances.....	—	1,625	—
Other assets.....	502,143	396,264	435,542
Total.....	\$55,991,984	\$56,681,451	\$46,308,307
Liabilities—			
Capital stock.....	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Surplus fund and undivided profits.....	4,415,912	3,876,130	3,540,961
Preferred deposits—			
Due N. Y. State savings banks.....	2,464,067	3,729,663	2,438,919
Due N. Y. State sav. & loan assn's.....	21,694	15,906	11,327
Due as executor, administrator, &c.....	3,898,739	4,074,724	2,520,084
Depos. by N. Y. State Supt. of Bks.....	771,001	2,288,819	1,019,735
Deposits secured by pledge of assets.....	2,273,146	2,606,129	1,871,575
Deposits otherwise preferred.....	184,432	74,695	523,813
Due depositors (not preferred).....	38,415,796	37,695,033	32,139,103
Due trust cos., banks and bankers.....	350,805	158,951	146,284
Bills payable.....	1,000,000	—	—
Acceptances.....	—	—	1,625
Other liabilities.....	696,392	661,201	544,173
Total.....	\$55,991,984	\$56,681,251	\$46,308,307
Amt. deposits on which int. is paid.....	\$43,738,300	\$46,022,000	\$34,252,500

Kings County Trust Co. (Brooklyn).

Resources—	Nov. 14 '25.	Nov. 15 '24.	Nov. 15 '23.
Stock and bond investments.....	\$9,142,704	\$9,817,479	\$7,244,749
Real estate owned.....	210,000	210,000	210,000
Bonds and mortgages owned.....	1,438,075	1,137,755	1,428,320
Loans on bond & mtg. or oth. r.e.coll.	624,630	403,980	430,611
Loans & disc. sec. by other collateral.....	16,853,651	18,295,543	16,944,319
Loans disc. & bills pur. not sec. by coll.	1,914,945	1,797,015	1,734,210
Overdrafts.....	344	497	368
Due from approved res. depositaries.....	5,444,548	4,530,166	3,976,765
Due from other tr. cos., bks & bankers.....	72,889	89,521	119,413
Specie.....	18,838	19,983	16,599
Other currency auth. by laws of U. S.....	1,748,104	1,949,066	1,802,165
Cash items.....	136,439	139,399	31,183
Other assets.....	163,499	178,790	128,637
Total.....	\$37,768,666	\$38,569,194	\$34,167,339
Liabilities—			
Capital stock.....	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Surplus fund and undivided profits.....	4,634,884	4,440,131	3,685,948
Preferred deposits—			
Due N. Y. State savings banks.....	2,984,673	3,959,643	2,736,969
Due savings and loan associations.....	1,000	1,000	1,000
Due as executor, administrator, &c.....	1,689,736	1,889,133	1,154,094
Deposits by State of New York.....	650,000	486,000	600,000
Dep. by Supt. of Bks., State of N. Y.....	—	—	70,000
Deposits sec. by trust co. assets.....	570,456	492,163	321,527
Due depositors (not preferred).....	26,015,381	25,960,883	24,443,489
Due trust co's, banks and bankers.....	393,391	512,574	312,335
Other liabilities.....	329,145	327,667	341,977
Total.....	\$37,768,666	\$38,569,194	\$34,167,339
Amt. of deposits on which int. is paid.....	\$30,527,900	\$31,683,800	\$27,971,400

Midwood Trust Co. (Brooklyn).

Resources—	Nov. 14 '25.	Nov. 15 '24.	Nov. 15 '23.
Stock and bond investments.....	\$1,199,341	\$1,259,036	\$513,636
Real estate owned.....	233,248	200,514	293,570
Bonds and mortgages owned.....	1,195,244	969,444	969,662
Loans on bond & mtg. or oth. r.e.coll.	501,432	146,091	65,375
Loans and disc. sec. by other collateral	1,226,621	721,224	384,956
Loans, discounts and bills purchased not secured by collateral.....	3,688,946	2,351,588	1,569,048
Overdrafts.....	16,549	2,384	1,471
Due from Fed. Res. Bank of N. Y.....	923,423	561,363	435,758
Due from other tr. cos., bks. & b'kers.....	85,780	127,382	131,220
Specie.....	41,437	18,624	12,377
Other currency auth. by laws of U. S.....	142,264	104,974	37,629
Cash items.....	332,103	286,500	124
Customers' liability on acceptances.....	1,013	—	—
Other assets.....	41,171	28,153	15,745
Total.....	\$9,628,572	\$6,777,277	\$4,257,071
Liabilities—			
Capital stock.....	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000
Surplus fund and undivided profits.....	389,965	382,556	332,168
Prof. deposits: due N. Y. State savs. bks.....	133,840	120,700	110,711
Due as exec., admin., guard., &c.....	13,995	2,160	1,959
Deposits by State of New York.....	135,000	24,000	—
Due depositors (not preferred).....	7,989,480	5,413,785	3,059,263
Due trust cos., banks and bankers.....	27,500	—	—
Bills payable.....	200,000	—	—
Acceptances.....	1,013	—	—
Re-discounts.....	—	100,000	—
Other liabilities.....	37,779	34,076	16,970
Total.....	\$9,628,572	\$6,777,277	\$4,257,071
Amount of dep's on which nt. is paid.....	\$6,915,000	\$2,729,000	\$1,693,810

The Peoples Trust Co. (Brooklyn).

Resources—	Nov. 14 '25.	Nov. 15 '24.	Nov. 15 '23.
Stock and bond investments.....	\$24,412,196	\$24,122,981	\$22,082,441
Real estate owned.....	1,518,050	1,341,044	1,291,865
Bonds & mortgages owned.....	3,488,787	2,430,807	939,367
Loans on bond & mtg. or oth. r.e.coll.	428,432	483,113	398,911
Loans & disc. sec. by other collateral.....	17,319,383	11,823,399	12,939,504
Loans disc. & bills pur. not sec. by coll.	12,337,864	15,172,055	9,514,239
Overdrafts.....	5,127	2,544	6,334
Due from Federal Reserve Bank.....	5,557,125	5,717,227	5,136,299
Due from approved res. depositaries.....	765,123	754,406	761,902
Specie.....	594,426	592,142	484,751
Other currency auth. by laws of U. S.....	876,406	743,413	1,248,665
Cash items.....	1,638,380	1,597,685	1,616,471
Customers' liability on acceptances.....	—	—	4,812
Other assets.....	342,229	269,827	274,700
Total.....	\$69,283,528	\$65,050,643	\$56,650,261
Liabilities—			
Capital stock.....	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000
Surplus fund and undivided profits.....	4,663,750	3,768,133	3,177,163
Prof. deposits: due N. Y. State savs. bks.....	3,998,267	5,632,771	3,958,263
Due as executor, administrator, &c.....	117,130	36,704	141,736
Deposits by State of New York.....	1,720,614	1,046,077	831,763
Deposits secured by pledge of assets.....	400,000	594,662	260,000
Deposits otherwise preferred.....	1,316,983	1,565,509	852,731
Due depositors (not preferred).....	25,000	20,000	—
Due depositors (not preferred).....	54,845,075	50,167,499	45,246,402
Due trust co's, banks and bankers.....	195,299	251,766	237,289
Other liabilities.....	401,410	367,522	344,914
Total.....	\$69,283,528	\$65,050,643	\$56,650,261
Supplementary—For Cal. Year—			
Total int. & comm. rec'd during year.....	1925.	1924.	1923.
All other profits received during year.....	\$2,672,667	\$2,697,553	\$395,365
Charged to profit & loss acct. deprec.....	60,547	—	—
Charged to prof. & loss acct. oth. loss.....	26,125	204,725	141,736
Int. credited to depositors during year.....	1,109,094	1,081,156	1,081,156
Expenses during year, excluding taxes.....	896,573	841,405	320,000
Amt. of divs. declared on capital stk.....	320,000	320,000	320,000
Taxes paid during the year.....	142,696	86,821	86,821
Amt. deposits on which int. is paid.....	50,400,879	42,102,852	—

BOSTON COMPANIES

American Trust Co. (Boston).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Railroad and other bonds.....	\$2,376,563	\$2,738,253	\$2,860,236
Time loans.....	16,759,341	16,884,363	15,584,199
Our real estate.....	—	45,041	45,041
Bank acceptances sold with endorse't.....	—	245,357	442,868
Customers' liabils. under acceptances.....	333,116	410,244	312,938
Demand loans.....	5,628,371	4,644,509	5,305,927
Cash on hand in banks.....	5,828,560	6,134,467	5,293,035
Other assets.....	—	—	11,408
Total.....	\$30,925,952	\$31,102,175	\$29,855,652
Liabilities—			
Capital stock.....	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Surplus fund.....	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Undivided profits.....	768,682	742,044	662,386
Reserve for taxes, &c.....	229,708	—	—
General deposits.....	26,094,446	26,200,680	24,937,460
Acceptances.....	333,116	414,093	312,938
Endorsements on bank acceptances.....	—	245,358	442,868
Total.....	\$30,925,952	\$31,102,175	\$29,855,652
Rate of int. paid on dep. over \$500.....	1925. 2%	1924. 2%	1923. 2%
Dividends paid in calendar year.....	17%	18%	16%

*Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. (Boston). (Formerly Hub Trust Co.)

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
United States bonds.....	\$477,154	\$307,912	\$418,332
Other stocks and bonds.....	112,450	65,155	52,230
Loans on real estate.....	683,526	800,372	1,024,591
Demand loans.....	1,193,685	1,236,909	913,189
Time loans.....	2,834,883	1,901,783	1,455,643
Furniture and fixtures.....	45,000	—	40,000
Cash in reserve banks.....	683,101	616,934	554,060
Checks on other banks.....	299,954	108,655	91,659
Cash in vaults.....	140,989	86,030	86,500
Customers' liability acct. acceptances.....	3,160	39,922	59,383
Total.....	\$6,473,902	\$5,211,172	\$4,695,587
Liabilities—			
Capital stock.....	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$500,000
Surplus fund and undivided profits.....	185,421	166,683	128,648
Demand deposits.....	4,061,095	3,217,708	2,819,723
Time deposits.....	1,545,328	787,536	748,096
Due to banks.....	78,898	87,129	85,428
Bills payable.....	—	310,000	350,000
Acceptances.....	3,160	42,117	63,692
Total.....	\$6,473,902	\$5,211,172	\$4,695,587
* Name changed from Hub Trust Co. on Dec. 3 1923.			

Beacon Trust Co. (Boston).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Time loans.....	\$14,645,436	\$11,542,299	\$12,444,737
Demand loans.....	8,330,123	6,988,876	7,594,408
Investments.....	925,086	826,883	835,679
Cash in office and banks.....	5,794,732	5,815,997	5,871,290
Safe deposit vaults.....	305,000	320,000	113,000
Real estate by foreclosure.....	122,792	122,598	137,310
Customers' liability under letters of credit and acceptances.....	1,799,576	1,650,603	195,882
Other assets.....	39,912	74,588	97,268
Total assets.....	\$31,962,657	\$27,342,844	\$27,292,606
Liabilities—			
Capital stock.....	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus.....	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,800,000
Earnings undivided.....	130,367	141,054	108,462
Letters of credit and acceptances.....	1,799,576	1,650,603	195,882
Bills payable.....	—	—	600,000
Reserve for taxes and interest.....	11,480	18,840	19,995
Notes and bills rediscounted.....	1,879,000		

Charlestown Trust Co. (Boston).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Mass. State and municipal bonds	\$94,572	\$94,572	\$93,993
Other stocks and bonds	219,938	219,809	286,103
Loans on real estate	249,888	183,584	155,808
Time loans	373,271	420,331	349,770
Demand loans	71,604	78,793	94,510
Banking house and vaults	53,836	53,641	50,243
Due from banks	200,052	155,656	172,764
Cash on hand	74,251	53,047	112,825
Other resources	30	92	—
Total	\$1,337,442	\$1,260,025	\$1,316,016
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus fund	20,000	17,000	14,500
Undivided profits	5,101	3,775	5,000
Commercial deposits	1,109,165	1,036,088	1,063,380
Bills payable	—	—	40,000
Miscellaneous dividends unpaid	3,176	3,162	3,136
Total	\$1,337,442	\$1,260,025	\$1,316,016

Columbia Trust Co. (Boston).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
United States bonds	\$100,750	\$100,750	\$89,850
Other stocks and bonds	264,498	262,437	97,000
Loans	2,628,998	2,307,542	861,703
Cash in office	52,721	69,743	52,470
Cash in banks	167,789	149,369	92,187
Total	\$3,214,666	\$2,889,841	\$1,193,210
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Surplus and profits	203,571	174,320	106,368
Deposits	2,947,498	2,615,521	986,842
Total	\$3,251,069	\$2,889,841	\$1,193,210

Exchange Trust Co. (Boston).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Stocks and bonds	\$3,655,075	\$4,490,947	\$4,975,570
Cash in offices and banks	1,604,806	1,806,185	1,922,734
Safe deposit vaults, furn. & fixtures	40,000	40,000	40,000
Demand loans	259,520	922,616	2,000,061
Time loans	4,497,039	4,323,950	4,564,675
Loans on real estate	8,734,239	8,190,161	5,910,768
Real estate owned	328,000	328,000	328,000
Total	\$19,118,679	\$20,101,759	\$19,741,808
Liabilities—			
Capital	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Profit and loss	131,492	288,605	206,537
Deposits	16,987,187	17,813,153	17,535,271
Total	\$19,118,679	\$20,101,759	\$19,741,808
Rate of Int. pd. on dep. of \$500 & over	1925. 2%	1924. 2%	1923. 2%
Dividends paid in calendar year	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000

Jamaica Plain Trust Co. (Boston).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
State of Massachusetts bonds	\$4,789	\$4,789	\$4,789
Other stocks and bonds	1,520,844	1,529,587	1,303,488
Loans on real estate	1,716,821	1,290,052	1,088,160
Demand loans with collaterals	190,589	91,244	95,488
Other demand loans	15,210	16,335	35,557
Time loans with collateral	263,484	271,406	307,449
Other time loans	468,832	458,427	367,292
Overdrafts	1,010	78	181
Banking house, furniture & fixtures	48,069	39,849	29,300
Safe deposit vaults	12,475	12,475	12,475
Due from reserve banks	178,884	13,337	88,626
Due from other banks	—	—	31,164
Cash, currency and specie	141,898	76,430	71,709
Other assets	1,462	—	—
Total	\$4,564,367	\$3,944,309	\$3,435,678
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus fund	58,000	46,000	36,600
Profit and loss	100,202	53,094	59,019
Deposits subject to demand	4,187,623	3,547,928	3,093,964
Certificates of deposit	5,300	29,300	6,125
Certified checks	3,560	18,940	12,698
Treasurer's checks	48	139	3,715
Open accts. not pay. within 30 days	9,543	23,790	23,557
Other liabilities	91	118	—
Total liabilities	\$4,564,367	\$3,944,309	\$3,435,678

Liberty Trust Co. (Boston).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Other investments	\$1,095,865	\$1,173,648	\$1,090,464
Loans on real estate	4,138,313	4,230,235	4,102,497
Demand loans	482,095	612,279	944,277
Time loans	6,307,281	5,962,983	6,785,222
Banking rooms	95,975	95,000	59,900
Cash on hand and in banks	2,231,200	2,102,064	2,152,315
U. S. bonds	169,881	164,940	160,940
Other resources	88,371	72,371	211,472
Total	\$14,608,981	\$14,413,520	\$15,507,087
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
Surplus fund	750,000	750,000	750,000
Undivided profits (less expenses)	21,110	28,503	46,940
Deposits	12,292,343	12,182,973	12,474,492
Dividends unpaid	22,500	22,674	388
Bills payable	153,000	454,450	93,000
Notes rediscounted	525,595	125,000	1,224,207
Uncompleted loans	2,880	7,020	73,418
Foreign currency certificates	—	3,380	11,674
Guaranty fund	60,000	47,000	34,634
Other liabilities	31,553	42,520	48,334
Total	\$14,608,981	\$14,413,520	\$15,507,087

New England Trust Co. (Boston).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Stocks and bonds	\$3,010,252	\$3,133,031	\$3,153,749
Real estate	1,825,000	1,825,000	1,700,000
Demand and time loans	19,363,963	20,185,342	18,640,189
Cash in bank and office	5,447,319	5,145,572	4,732,335
Other assets	79,586	76,640	89,223
Total	\$29,726,120	\$30,365,585	\$28,315,496
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Guarantee account	—	300,000	600,000
Earnings undivided	884,310	585,163	616,747
Reserved for taxes	225,112	—	—
Deposits	24,146,585	25,341,249	21,731,373
Bills payable	750,000	—	—
Mortgage loans	565,000	1,139,173	2,367,376
Other liabilities	155,114	—	—
Total	\$29,726,120	\$30,365,585	\$28,315,496

Old Colony Trust Co. (Boston).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Investments	\$31,410,839	\$18,583,447	\$19,524,649
Demand and time loans	125,074,874	112,472,931	97,961,828
Banking offices	6,081,120	5,475,263	3,575,505
Customers' liability under letters of credit and acceptances	4,883,800	6,999,720	4,138,618
Due from banks	28,498,673	27,289,588	22,854,643
Cash	1,829,909	1,439,020	1,894,897
Exchanges for clearing house	7,205,965	6,308,616	6,091,042
Total	\$204,986,180	178,568,585	156,041,182
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$10,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000
Surplus	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000
Undivided profits	3,609,893	785,811	1,353,961
Reserved for taxes and interest	708,383	1,087,870	938,298
Reserved for depreciation	508,428	508,429	—
Acceptances and letters of credit	5,022,659	7,319,156	4,394,871
Deposits	170,636,817	150,467,319	133,354,052
Rediscounts	5,500,000	2,400,000	—
Total	\$204,986,180	178,568,585	156,041,182

Revere Trust Co. (Boston).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
U. S. and State of Mass. bonds	\$23,456	\$27,456	\$73,833
Other stocks and bonds	110,448	91,107	34,920
Loans on real estate	58,034	32,722	43,164
Demand loans with collaterals	30,870	23,040	38,530
Other demand loans	40,097	37,050	84,580
Time loans with collateral	104,555	106,787	87,638
Other time loans	205,382	106,665	116,939
Safe dep. vaults, furniture & fixtures	10,000	10,000	10,000
Due from reserve banks	58,784	97,721	28,476
Cash and cash items	36,509	19,100	33,372
Other assets	138	259	282
Total	\$678,273	\$596,907	\$551,736
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Surplus fund	10,000	10,000	10,000
Undiv. prof., less exp., int. & taxes paid	10,402	1,121	6,396
Deposits (demand)—			
Subject to check	503,948	415,613	418,821
United States Government	32,600	—	—
Certificates of deposit	3,000	11,750	6,257
Certified checks	1,208	2,393	2,306
Treasurer's checks	12,115	330	1,706
Deposits (time)—			
Cts. dep. not pay. within 30 days	5,000	5,000	6,250
War loan account	—	50,900	—
Total	\$678,273	\$596,907	\$551,736

Roxbury Trust Co. (Boston).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	June 30 '24.	June 30 '23.
Stocks and bonds	\$546,102	\$336,910	\$303,822
Loans on real estate	702,114	434,270	316,470
Demand and time loans	399,084	912,150	754,362
Furniture, fixtures and vault	53,444	48,095	32,560
Due from banks	115,050	151,063	110,330
Cash	52,103	72,996	31,376
Other resources	25,913	11,691	11,844
Total	\$1,893,810	\$1,967,175	\$1,560,764
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus fund	9,311	1,275	2,075
Undivided profits	20,426	7,861	39,153
Deposits	1,575,880	1,751,446	1,268,562
Uncompleted loans	88,193	—	—
Bills and accounts payable	—	—	50,000
Other liabilities	—	6,593	973
Total	\$1,893,810	\$1,967,175	\$1,560,764

State Street Trust Co. (Boston).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Jan. 2 '24.
Time loans	\$28,634,168	\$24,378,060	\$20,134,269
Investments	23,474,036	14,125,706	12,738,592
Due from Federal Reserve Bank	7,843,402	4,358,974	4,107,689
Cash in office and banks	6,769,852	4,529,018	4,246,808
Real estate and safe deposit vaults	861,667	392,431	1,191,253
Bankers' acceptances, purch. or disc.	395,574	—	—
Interest & rent accrued, not collected	185,530	—	—
Customers' liability on account acceptances and letters of credit	2,110,075	2,854,356	2,328,727
Notes and bills rediscounted	—	—	1,025,000
Acceptances of other banks end. & sold	1,231,830	1,089,691	160,363
U. S. bonds & cts. of indebtedness	—	241,200	292,700
Other assets	38,137	134,626	111,457
Total	\$73,257,245	\$53,363,146	\$47,330,730
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$3,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Surplus and undivided profits	3,948,499	3,376,689	3,180,677
Reserve for expenses & contingencies	100,746	—	—
Reserve for interest, &c	84,809	—	—
Acceptances	2,072,620	2,166,820	1,746,618
Acceptances of other banks end. & sold			

Winthrop Trust Co. (Winthrop, Mass.)

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
U. S. and State of Mass. bonds	\$203,322	\$133,630	\$128,505
Other stocks and bonds	340,939	334,938	339,670
Demand loans with collateral	165,481	312,979	129,471
Other demand loans	37,825	49,450	86,014
Loans on real estate	1,226,938	1,023,472	713,428
Time loans with collateral	42,233	57,230	51,891
Other time loans	218,019	164,001	249,957
Banking house and vaults	23,000	27,000	30,000
Due from Reserve banks	147,130	128,998	107,956
Cash, currency and specie	45,236	35,155	23,836
Other assets	2	—	50
Total	\$2,450,127	\$2,266,855	\$1,860,778

Winthrop Trust Co. (Winthrop, Mass.) Concluded.

Liabilities—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Capital stock	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Surplus fund	65,000	50,000	45,000
Undivided profits	39,330	26,495	19,270
Deposits subject to check	1,012,145	1,025,108	1,653,783
Certified checks	10,253	754	5,525
Treasurer's checks	2,050	1,132	7,996
Due to Reserve banks	16,062	14,868	17,336
Due to other banks	—	—	1,006
Time deposits	1,184,210	1,031,297	—
Reserved for taxes and interest	21,077	17,202	12,863
Total	\$2,450,127	\$2,266,855	\$1,860,778

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Aldine Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Real estate mortgages	\$274,733	\$107,728	\$193,791
Stocks and bonds	973,717	788,104	771,254
Loans on collateral	2,398,410	3,126,246	2,706,195
Loans on commercial paper	1,308,820	1,571,698	1,644,660
Customers' liability letters of credit	31,955	961	102,300
Bonds borrowed	—	—	3,681
Banking house	50,000	50,000	50,000
Cash on hand	73,312	132,645	51,436
Cash on deposit	48,362	480,344	532,321
Due from Federal Reserve account	194,767	—	—
Transit account	211,119	—	—
Total	\$5,565,936	\$6,257,726	\$6,055,638
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$750,000
Surplus fund	1,000,000	1,000,000	300,000
Undivided profits	76,080	131,971	118,192
Deposits	3,443,216	4,093,575	4,020,983
Bonds borrowed	—	—	102,300
Dividends unpaid	—	555	471
Bills payable	—	—	1,036
Letters of credit	31,955	961	3,681
Reserve for taxes	14,130	30,183	32,469
Total	\$5,565,936	\$6,257,726	\$6,055,638
Trust department (additional)	\$2,182,046	\$4,276,267	\$4,143,792

***Bank & Trust Company of West Philadelphia (Phila.).**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Jan. 31 '25.
Cash, specie and notes	\$83,065	\$101,401
Due from approved reserve agents	148,694	164,966
Legal reserve securities, at par	71,000	76,000
Nickels and cents	949	2,060
Cash items	3,079	680
Bills discounted—upon one name	463,983	274,841
Bills discounted, upon two or more names	185,645	274,483
Time loans with collateral	132,487	194,986
Call loans with collateral	27,372	302,470
Loans on call, upon one name	195,000	232,950
Loans secured by bonds and mortgages	161,600	111,834
Bonds	691,057	727,736
Stocks	5,000	5,000
Bonds and mortgages owned	218,900	59,000
Office building and lot	417,896	416,728
Furniture and fixtures	53,000	51,511
Other real estate	24,462	—
Overdrafts	368	791
Book value of legal reserve securities above par	347	409
Other assets not included in the above	28,470	20,173
Total	\$2,912,374	\$3,017,999
Liabilities—		
Capital stock paid in	\$250,000	\$250,000
Surplus fund	135,000	135,000
Undivided profits	34,899	33,744
Less current expenses and taxes paid	—	58,697
Reserved for interest, taxes and expenses	9,441	8,155
Deposits subject to check	1,357,388	1,316,398
Demand certificates of deposit	1,910	1,630
Deposits, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	50,000	65,000
Certified checks	35,127	49,101
Cashier's or treasurer's checks	6,135	19,640
Special time deposits	17,907	11,185
Time savings fund deposits	789,773	778,330
Dividends unpaid	77	7,514
Other liabilities not included in above	230,718	233,605
Total	\$2,912,375	\$3,017,999

Allegheny Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	*Dec. 31 '25.
Cash, specie and notes	\$36,187
Due from approved reserve agents	50,820
Bills discounted	207,570
Loans on collateral	86,379
Loans on call	80,922
Loans secured by bonds and mortgages	40,868
Bonds	166,018
Bonds and mortgages owned	126,800
Judgments of record	22,400
Office building, furniture and fixtures	25,020
Other real estate	83,713
Overdrafts	321
Accrued interest	180
Total	\$927,198
Liabilities—	
Capital stock paid in	\$218,263
Surplus fund	25,369
Demand deposits	441,850
Time deposits	241,716
Total	\$927,198

* Began business March 2 1925.

American Bank and Trust Co. (Philadelphia),

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash and notes	\$190,150	\$145,100	\$165,010
Due from reserve agents	380,092	264,788	353,156
Legal reserve security at par	150,000	100,000	100,000
Nickels and cents	633	1,213	1,212
Check and cash items	4,466	639	3,174
Commercial paper on one name	409,734	409,159	343,192
Commercial paper on two names	544,133	480,940	470,921
Time loan with collateral	76,872	72,100	144,769
Call loans with collateral	644,368	579,487	389,118
Loans secured with bonds and mtges.	260,000	210,400	54,400
Stocks and bonds	1,011,911	1,037,792	1,052,944
Mortgages and judgments	1,081,371	809,559	693,300
Real estate and building	65,791	65,791	65,791
Furniture and fixtures	22,000	7,000	10,000
Overdrafts	558	559	151
Other resources	—	9,566	150
Total	\$4,842,079	\$4,194,093	\$3,846,588
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$500,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Surplus fund	500,000	300,000	200,000
Undivided profits	94,434	58,115	59,476
Deposits subject to check	2,435,845	2,164,480	2,122,708
Demand certificates of deposit	6,898	7,613	9,379
Deposit by Commonwealth of Pa	30,000	15,000	35,000
Certified checks	7,025	7,924	3,235
Treasurer's checks	11,421	7,650	29,095
Saving fund deposits	1,249,601	1,226,547	1,087,412
Dividends unpaid	355	264	279
Bills payable on demand	—	—	—
Other liabilities	6,500	6,500	—
Total	\$4,842,079	\$4,194,093	\$3,846,588
Trust department (additional)	\$42,023	\$44,658	\$40,877

Banca d'Italia & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	*Dec. 31 '25.
Cash, specie and notes	\$25,351
Due from approved reserve agents	21,625
Due from banks, excluding reserve	8,166
Nickels and cents	388
Checks and cash items	2,648
Commercial paper purchased—Upon one name	7,960
Upon two or more names	3,262
Time loans with collateral	70
Call loans with collateral	11,664
Bonds, stocks, &c.	112,709
Mortgages and judgments of record	216,150
Office building and lot	21,500
Other real estate	83,600
Furniture and fixtures	2,037
Book value of legal reserve securities above par	1,221
Total	\$518,981
Liabilities—	
Capital stock	\$125,000
Surplus fund	75,000
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	154
Deposits subject to check	130,489
Deposits U. S. Postal Savings	1,326
Special time deposits	177,012
Due to banks, trust companies, &c., excluding reserve	10,000
Total	\$518,981

Began business in 1925.

Bank of North America & Trust Co. (Philadelphia)

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	*Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand	\$525,494	\$814,076	\$656,921
Due from approved reserve agents	3,600,607	3,193,754	3,541,217
Due from other banks, trust cos., &c.	6,546,248	6,217,804	7,435,889
Checks and cash items	4,812,761	3,162,391	6,374,254
Commercial paper purchased	10,962,894	13,948,852	14,956,190
Time loans	14,736,624	6,464,579	8,671,974
Call loans	33,549,427	9,925,169	14,261,125
Bonds and mortgages owned	552,500	12,000	636,700
Bonds and stocks	8,909,742	21,991,617	6,236,172
Office building and lot	300,000	300,000	300,000
Other real estate	562,500	562,500	581,500
Furniture, fixtures and vaults	125,000	130,000	130,000
Customers' liability on letters of credit	76,595	80,172	164,744
Other assets	2,191,740	389,686	1,078,464
Total	\$67,472,131	\$67,192,600	\$65,025,150
Liabilities—			
Capital	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Surplus fund	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Undivided profits	1,246,718	919,623	717,045
Reserve for interest and taxes	262,680	267,835	—
Demand deposits	40,364,854	33,386,796	38,550,239
Time deposits	3,255,391	5,174,958	5,675,029
Due to banks and trust companies	8,785,644	13,905,369	8,285,163
Dividends unpaid	187,925	188,974	189,421
Acceptances	13,393	180,172	—
Letters of credit	63,201	—	164,744
Bills payable	1,200,000	3,000,000	—
Other liabilities	2,092,324	268,873	1,443,510
Total	\$67,472,131	\$67,192,600	\$65,025,150
Trust department (additional)	\$41,657,526	\$32,340,083	\$31,410,817

* Bank of North America & Trust Co. began business March 1, 1923, being a consolidation of the Bank of North America and Commercial Tr. Co.

***Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).**

Resources—	*Dec. 31 1925.
Cash, specie and notes	\$28,662
Due from approved reserve agents	54,988
Legal reserve securities at par	35,000
Nickels and cents	76
Due from banks, trust cos., &c., excluding reserve	3,654
Bills discounted—Upon one name	135,475
Upon two or more names	76,259
Time loans with collateral	56,375
Call loans with collateral	181,854
Loans on call upon one name	51,500
Loans secured by bonds and mortgages	436,200
Bonds	48,312
Bonds and mortgages owned	28,000
Furniture and fixtures	12,553
Overdrafts—Book value of legal reserve securities above par	312
Other assets not included in above	17,100
Total	\$1,566,820
Liabilities—	
Capital stock	\$500,000
Surplus fund	250,000
Deposits subject to check	492,803
Deposits Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	75,000
Certified checks	1,746
Treasurer's checks	5,085
Time certificates of deposit	5,000
Special time deposits	446
Savings fund deposits	217,146
Due to banks, trust companies, &c.	18,684
Other liabilities	910
Total	\$1,566,820

* Began business April 18 1925.

Belmont Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand and due from banks	\$320,957	\$330,112	\$294,271
Commercial & other paper purchased	227,209	165,191	150,026
Loans on collateral	900,974	918,911	1,029,611
Loans on bonds and mortgages	869,330	407,600	453,860
Stocks, bonds, &c.	693,021	807,752	570,361
Mortgages	424,369	302,025	134,295
Furniture and fixtures	34,938	30,427	23,284
Banking house and other real estate	96,191	89,996	75,890
Miscellaneous assets	243,254	30,642	24,442
Total	\$3,810,243	\$3,082,656	\$2,756,040
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$187,500	\$187,500	\$187,500
Surplus	162,500	137,500	112,500
Undivided profits	54,462	54,843	40,909
Deposits	3,330,412	2,642,612	2,361,003
Special reserve account	70,151	25,659	19,976
Other liabilities	5,218	34,542	34,152
Total	\$3,810,243	\$3,082,656	\$2,756,040
Trust department (additional)	\$31,892	\$76,348	\$99,432

Broad Street Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash, specie and notes	\$94,734	\$62,813	\$57,340
Due from approved reserve agents	264,426	168,422	154,144
Notes purchased	727,149	513,387	542,215
Loans secured by bonds & mortgages	549,400	136,800	49,792
Loans on collateral	466,363	339,354	156,761
Building and loan paper	404,475	338,780	367,300
Bonds	520,334	363,515	316,734
Mortgages and judgments of record	196,800	125,800	105,000
Furniture and fixtures	38,150	25,089	28,082
Miscellaneous resources	150	359	2,650
Total	\$3,256,981	\$2,074,291	\$1,780,018
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$500,000	250,000	\$250,000
Surplus and undivided profits	299,094	170,393	144,659
Deposits subject to check	1,644,131	1,135,528	902,006
Certified checks	27,328	30,210	19,063
Special time deposits	561,428	408,573	312,028
Bills payable	200,000	50,000	150,000
Reserve for depreciation, &c.	25,000	29,236	1,400
Other liabilities	---	---	862
Total	\$3,056,981	\$2,074,291	\$1,780,018
Trust department (additional)	\$6,636	---	---

Central Trust & Savings Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Stock investments	\$961,505	\$787,593	\$671,849
Commercial & other paper purchased	6,489,131	6,193,060	6,367,888
Amount loaned on collaterals	4,502,990	3,876,230	4,973,039
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	524,952	553,161	402,839
Cash on hand	667,665	558,917	524,251
Cash on deposit	2,215,462	2,458,946	1,767,287
Miscellaneous	80,934	84,743	51,318
Total	\$15,442,639	\$14,512,650	\$14,758,471
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
Surplus fund	1,250,000	1,100,000	1,000,000
Undivided profits	79,954	120,576	71,916
Deposits	13,090,951	12,280,376	11,686,665
Other liabilities	271,734	261,698	1,249,890
Total	\$15,442,639	\$14,758,471	\$14,512,650
Trust department (additional)	\$5,543,048	\$5,211,715	\$4,744,254

Chelton Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Real estate mortgages	\$694,653	\$689,000	\$569,575
Office building and lot	2,640,012	2,358,233	2,327,619
Other real estate	358,005	260,012	260,012
Cash on hand	179,823	194,064	169,377
Cash on deposit	273,945	169,114	152,585
Bonds, stocks, &c.	1,157,767	1,025,898	1,024,636
Other assets, furniture and fixtures	34,390	34,660	13,069
Total	\$5,346,135	\$4,836,487	\$4,555,774
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Surplus fund	235,000	220,000	200,000
Undivided profits	47,637	56,470	53,709
General deposits	4,674,548	4,060,017	3,948,131
Other liabilities	88,950	200,000	50,000
Reserve for depreciation of securities	---	---	3,934
Total	\$5,346,135	\$4,836,487	\$4,555,774
Trust department (additional)	\$1,373,627	\$1,054,982	\$1,447,070
Rate of interest paid on deposits	1925.	1924.	1923.
Dividends paid in calendar year	\$24,000	2, 4 & 4 1/2 %	\$108,000

Chestnut Hill Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash, specie and notes	\$41,023	\$53,546	---
Due from approved reserve agents	88,474	32,892	---
Legal reserve securities at par	25,551	20,000	---
Commercial paper purchased	252,531	85,445	179,824
Loans upon collateral	263,206	235,079	118,161
Bonds	263,289	326,214	243,009
Mortgage and judgments of record	134,600	133,344	59,321
Office building and lot	56,310	56,310	64,310
Other real estate	45,619	45,619	37,619
Furniture and fixtures	23,022	21,017	21,174
Other assets	133	226	395
Total	\$1,193,758	\$1,009,692	\$809,322
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Surplus fund	12,500	12,500	12,500
Undivided profits	29,986	13,791	303
Reserve for depreciation	1,661	---	---
Demand deposits	526,567	388,745	379,099
Time deposits	498,044	354,656	245,511
Bills payable to banks	---	115,000	47,000
Total	\$1,193,758	\$1,009,692	\$809,322
Trust department (additional)	\$28,700	1,111	---

Cobb's Creek Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash, specie and notes	\$33,644	\$32,020	\$32,872
Due from approved reserve agents	102,667	95,364	74,496
Legal reserve securities at par	45,000	35,000	40,000
Nickels and cents	1,130	754	362
Comm'l paper purch. upon one name	62,304	52,400	88,479
Upon two or more names	84,931	57,070	98,661
Demand loans with collateral	79,375	182,545	29,940
Time loans with collateral	127,549	105,380	46,877
Loans on bonds and mortgages	70,459	18,363	12,415
Bonds, stocks, &c.	454,435	377,826	352,696
Mortgages and judgments of record	268,500	227,850	160,322
Office building and lot	74,967	74,967	67,810
Furniture and fixtures	9,983	9,142	13,273
Overdrafts	56	70	2
Book value of legal res. sec. above par	1,608	1,394	1,038
Other assets	17,106	15,660	13,755
Total	\$1,429,714	\$1,285,695	\$1,032,998
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Surplus fund	12,500	12,500	12,500
Undivided profits	25,025	26,044	8,010
Reserve for depreciation	9,612	5,791	---
Reserve for interest, taxes, &c.	1,677	---	---
Deposits subject to check, &c.	716,434	626,931	536,828
Cashier's and certified checks	1,795	17,824	35
Savings fund deposits	531,881	456,962	289,544
Time certificates of deposit	100	5,000	---
Special time deposits	5,690	7,248	5,304
Other liabilities	---	2,395	55,777
Total	\$1,429,714	\$1,285,695	\$1,032,998

* Began business May 20 1922.

The Colonial Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Real estate mortgages	\$1,038,800	\$505,300	\$272,850
Stocks and bonds	2,452,240	2,927,313	2,628,631
Loans on collateral	4,927,531	3,232,635	2,725,961
Furniture and fixtures	100,937	39,445	35,855
Cash on hand and in banks	1,955,685	1,011,964	1,255,807
Commercial and other paper owned	4,500,518	3,287,040	3,120,896
Other assets	273,673	241,810	240,398
Total	\$15,248,484	\$11,245,507	\$10,280,398
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Surplus and undivided profits	1,245,354	735,969	709,946
General deposits	12,214,476	9,522,858	8,418,099
Bills payable and rediscounts	600,000	375,000	585,000
Reserve for taxes, etc.	71,415	14,108	12,357
Other liabilities	117,239	97,572	54,996
Total	\$15,248,484	\$11,245,507	\$10,280,398
Trust funds	\$4,310,889	\$3,382,812	\$3,052,108
Rate of interest paid on deposits	1925, 1924 & 1923	2% bal. of \$300; sav. fund, 3 to 4%	2 to 4%
Dividends paid in calendar year	12%	12%	12%

Columbia Avenue Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand and due from banks	\$713,589	\$829,696	\$761,045
Commercial and other paper owned	813,950	556,588	586,932
Loans on collateral	2,331,351	1,851,909	1,845,381
Loans on bonds and mortgages	201,340	196,211	205,322
Stocks, bonds, &c.	2,828,940	2,966,137	2,514,557
Mortgages	401,403	229,662	308,317
Banking house, furniture, &c.	303,007	246,912	180,000
Other real estate	51,000	51,000	20,000
Miscellaneous assets	19,428	16,969	2,032
Total	\$7,664,008	\$6,915,084	\$6,423,586
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Surplus and undivided profits	870,408	753,406	718,970
Deposits	6,355,313	5,726,232	5,268,379
Dividend unpaid	24,000	24,000	24,000
Miscellaneous liabilities	14,287	11,446	12,237
Total	\$7,664,008	\$6,915,084	\$6,423,586
Trust department (additional)	\$4,411,624	\$2,418,774	\$2,241,198

Columbus Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash, specie and notes	\$73,407	\$82,026	\$67,572
Due from approved reserve agents	384,155	67,612	83,435
Due from banks, trust companies, &c.	10,916	60,065	---
Legal reserve securities	65,000	53,791	52,710
Commercial paper purchased	12,189	950	206,042
Loans on collateral	121,850	192,974	53,006
Loans on bonds and mortgages	360,323	440,933	467,807
Bonds and stocks	343,097	365,240	356,452
Judgments	340,009	455,953	258,072
Furniture and fixtures	35,785	33,538	21,089
Other resources	60,490	1,597	17,461
Total	\$1,807,221	\$1,754,679	\$1,583,650
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Undivided profits	75,390	56,633	24,128
Reserve for dep., int., taxes, &c.	8,612	7,749	---
Demand deposits	657,485	723,102	798,543
Savings fund deposits	880,625	705,424	500,786
Bills payable	---	100,000	125,000
Other liabilities	60,109	36,771	10,193
Total	\$1,807,221	\$1,747,679	\$1,583,650

Commonwealth Title Ins. & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Real estate mortgages	\$4,710,945	\$4,081,035	\$2,731,403
Bonds and stocks	2,903,447	3,143,006	3,209,224
Loans on collateral	7,003,056	6,187,964	4,934,168
Real estate	1,617,356	1,598,685	1,598,684
Cash on hand	57		

Continental-Equitable Title & Tr. Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Real estate mortgages	\$3,916,300	\$2,800,750	\$1,868,950
Stocks and bonds	5,550,867	4,707,654	5,356,601
Loans on collateral	8,426,989	7,183,510	7,721,313
Cash on hand and in banks	1,688,511	1,177,585	1,529,301
Other assets	243,671	245,319	244,277
Total	\$19,826,338	\$16,114,818	\$16,720,442
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus fund	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,000,000
Undivided profits	596,250	314,613	525,622
General deposits	15,687,962	12,869,940	13,365,018
Dividends unpaid	11,192	5,313	6,225
Bills payable	800,000	200,000	600,000
Other liabilities	230,935	224,952	223,577
Total	\$19,826,338	\$16,114,818	\$16,720,442
Trust department (additional)	\$12,256,332	\$11,214,716	\$11,439,993
Rate of interest paid on deposits	1925. 2% sight; 4% time	1924. 2% sight; 4% time	1923. 2% sight; 4% time
Dividends paid in calendar year	\$180,000	\$160,000	\$160,000

East Falls Bank & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash, specie and notes	\$47,307	\$44,291	\$43,562
Due from approved reserve agents	48,640	81,063	33,304
Commercial paper purchased	115,647	49,688	206,154
Time loans on collateral	97,186	95,085	98,001
Call loans on collateral	97,164	137,416	13,350
Loans secured by bonds & mortgages	24,000	6,000	6,000
Bonds, stocks, &c.	599,471	809,108	811,188
Mortgages	147,395	120,450	95,950
Office building, furniture & fixtures	136,382	136,382	135,357
Other assets	2,196	1,621	2,458
Total	\$1,315,388	\$1,481,104	\$1,445,324
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Surplus fund	125,000	125,000	125,000
Undivided profits	9,130	3,514	1,737
Reserve for deprec., interest, tax, &c.	7,651	8,212	—
Demand deposits	457,055	545,426	510,993
Time deposits	547,307	540,030	495,445
Bills payable on demand	15,000	100,000	100,000
Bills payable on time	25,000	25,000	75,000
Dividends unpaid	2,570	2,555	2,523
Other liabilities	1,675	6,367	9,626
Total	\$1,315,388	\$1,481,104	\$1,445,324
Trust department (additional)	\$5,408	\$1,606	—

Empire Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand	\$178,179	\$146,457	\$135,192
Due from banks and bankers	72,531	112,557	112,457
Loans	556,737	496,190	523,993
Stocks, bonds, &c.	867,883	837,974	565,226
Mortgages	352,145	319,750	274,775
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	151,071	106,271	97,170
Miscellaneous	1,207	1,370	1,152
Total	\$2,107,222	\$1,980,542	\$1,710,665
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$239,170	\$221,225	\$200,000
Surplus fund	72,900	61,925	50,000
Undivided profits	50,803	38,583	67,131
Deposits	1,569,111	1,580,586	1,288,336
Reserve for depreciation	5,000	18,000	—
Miscellaneous	2	1	1
Unpaid dividends	236	222	197
Bills payable	125,000	60,000	105,000
Mortgage 5946 Market St.	45,000	—	—
Total	\$2,107,222	\$1,980,542	\$1,710,665
Trust department (additional)	\$56,593	\$42,073	\$38,107

Excelsior Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand	\$55,353	\$163,587	\$208,155
Due from banks, &c.	484,686	574,921	176,146
Stocks and bonds	1,141,235	1,858,298	1,271,374
Loans on collateral	1,183,413	2,702,048	3,212,030
Loans (unsecured)	1,952,650	—	—
Mortgages	707,660	295,250	560,375
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	102,251	93,997	91,545
Other assets	19,623	25,283	19,159
Total	\$5,646,871	\$5,713,384	\$5,538,784
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Undivided profits and reserve fund	576,853	475,222	406,685
Deposits	4,769,283	4,938,027	4,574,428
Bills payable on demand	—	—	190,000
Bills payable on time	—	—	60,000
Miscellaneous	736	135	7,671
Total	\$5,646,871	\$5,713,384	\$5,538,784
Trust department (additional)	\$111,124	\$96,158	\$73,814

Fairhill Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash, specie and notes	\$47,343	\$28,741	\$29,819
Due from approved reserve agents	66,290	87,093	50,025
Legal reserve securities at par	33,202	33,643	30,015
Commercial paper	205,426	171,736	103,366
Time loans	10,870	13,935	19,600
Mortgages and judgments of record	78,930	46,400	41,300
Call loans	324,208	190,420	89,480
Bonds	335,192	294,049	248,802
Office building, furniture and fixtures	98,922	99,809	77,631
Other assets	32,159	32	140
Total	\$1,232,542	\$965,858	\$690,178
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Surplus fund	30,000	13,800	12,500
Undivided profits	7,240	10,891	7,204
Demand deposits	602,559	484,975	369,235
Time deposits	335,192	5,385	2,658
Savings deposits	378,696	263,768	138,146
Other liabilities	89,047	62,039	35,425
Total	\$1,232,542	\$965,858	\$690,178
Trust department (additional)	\$1,356	—	—

Federal Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Bonds	\$1,863,297	\$1,660,030	\$1,094,540
Real estate mortgages	608,450	566,850	461,850
Loans on collateral	1,102,360	907,914	1,243,364
Loans on personal securities	1,630,424	1,712,699	1,615,136
Real estate	242,779	245,527	213,935
Cash on hand	144,963	115,788	98,289
Cash on deposit	605,745	645,631	464,032
Other assets	20,147	23,302	26,616
Total	\$6,218,165	\$5,877,741	\$5,212,762
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus fund	367,296	322,989	293,016
Deposits	5,492,316	5,122,305	4,353,746
Bills payable	150,000	220,000	350,000
Other liabilities	8,554	12,447	16,000
Total	\$6,218,165	\$5,877,741	\$5,212,762
Rate of interest paid on deposits of \$500 and over	1925. 2% check; 4% savs.	1924. 2% check; 4% savs.	1923. 2% check; 4% savs.
Dividends paid in calendar year	12%	12%	10%

Fidelity Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Mortgages	\$3,189,600	\$3,383,166	\$4,449,316
Stocks, bonds, &c.	37,156,879	41,680,526	29,116,345
Loans	27,739,762	20,389,699	24,118,280
Real estate, office building and lot	2,595,086	2,598,969	2,646,896
Customers' liab. on accep. & let. of cred.	185,874	161,439	176,730
Cash on hand	283,719	579,294	531,507
Cash on deposit	6,067,747	6,381,035	8,372,089
Accrued interest	703,043	820,842	598,393
Miscellaneous	488	—	50
Total	\$77,972,198	\$75,994,970	\$70,009,606
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$5,200,000	\$5,200,000	\$5,200,000
Surplus and profits	18,014,934	17,735,571	17,254,766
Deposits	52,660,861	51,450,679	43,377,045
Bills payable	—	—	2,320,000
Reserve fund	824,811	400,000	400,000
Accrued interest	422,511	330,966	247,249
Letters of credit issued	185,874	161,439	176,730
Ground rents	150,000	150,000	380,000
Mortgages	250,000	250,000	250,000
Other liabilities, accrued taxes	263,207	316,315	403,815
Total	\$77,972,198	\$75,994,970	\$70,009,606
Trust department (additional)	\$64,805,621	\$49,494,963	\$34,247,488

Finance Co. of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand	\$416,390	\$476,195	\$60,835
Due from banks, &c.	22,000	17,000	429,334
Commercial and other paper owned	200,000	50,000	—
Loans on collateral	199,758	328,180	532,065
Stocks, bonds, &c.	4,501,063	4,671,846	4,841,411
Mortgages	1,050,442	953,242	817,742
Real estate	2,840,185	2,691,501	2,707,924
Other assets	64,523	57,350	40,900
Total	\$9,294,361	\$9,245,314	\$9,430,211
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Undivided profits	4,412,935	3,665,279	3,204,749
Reserve for depreciation	390,837	373,522	334,952
Deposits	1,378,256	1,117,811	1,294,213
Bills payable	100,000	1,075,000	1,450,000
Miscellaneous liabilities	12,333	13,702	146,297
Total	\$9,294,361	\$9,245,314	\$9,430,211

*** Fox Chase Bank & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).**

Resources—	*Dec. 31 '25.
Cash, specie and notes	\$80,091
Due from approved reserve agents	81,228
Legal reserve securities at par	75,400
Nickels and cents	468
Checks and cash items	2,718
Commercial paper purchased: Upon one name	515,200
Upon two or more names	144,564
Time loans	66,910
Demand loans	77,345
Loans secured by bonds and mortgages	411,665
Bonds, stocks, &c.	537,940
Mortgages and judgments of record	178,773
Office building and lot	119,088
Other real estate	43,441
Furniture and fixtures	1,967
Overdrafts	429
Other assets not included in above	977
Total	\$2,338,204
Liabilities—	
Capital stock	\$125,000
Surplus fund	225,000
Undivided profits	107,662
Deposits subject to check	1,231,744
Certified checks	11,527
Time deposits	603,684
Special time deposits	4,929
Dividends unpaid	3
Other liabilities	28,655
Total	\$2,338,204
Trust department (additional)	—

* Formerly Fox Chase Bank. Name changed as of May 5 1925.

Frankford Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Real estate mortgages	\$1,877,595	\$1,612,672	\$1,477,316
Stocks and bonds	3,799,045	3,490,331	3,261,263
Loans on collateral	1,490,965	1,025,663	1,130,944
Loans on personal securities	1,525,678	1,417,311	1,323,544
Real estate	386,486	371,989	164,840
Cash on hand and reserve bonds	485,835	469,054	422,361
Cash on deposit	474,736	378,676	363,133
Other assets (incl. vault, furn. & fixt.)	56,232	13,118	14,104
Total	\$10,096,572	\$8,778,874	\$8,157,505
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Surplus and reserve fund	905,000	655,000	500,000
Undivided profits	68,956	286,885	197,154
Gen. dep. payable on demand & time	8,833,013	7,584	

Franklin Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Bonds and mortgages and real estate	\$688,504	\$746,018	\$2,383,000
Stocks and bonds	13,156,164	10,539,002	5,846,427
Amt. loaned on coll. & personal sec.	16,859,912	13,496,847	10,506,891
Cash on hand	1,253,224	1,081,310	688,760
Cash on deposit	1,889,100	1,224,445	1,166,712
Furniture and fixtures	229,118	196,818	183,737
Other assets	185,351	247,879	191,098
Total	\$34,261,373	\$27,532,319	\$20,966,622
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Surplus and undivided profits	2,469,324	2,064,718	1,831,354
Dividends unpaid	198	173	165
Deposits	29,314,035	21,835,069	17,223,638
Bills payable	500,000	1,600,000	350,000
Unearned interest	77,395	16,849	14,882
Reserved for deprec'n & contingencies	400,402	515,510	46,583
Total	\$34,261,373	\$27,532,319	\$20,966,622
Trust department (additional)	\$755,436	\$728,590	\$649,644

Germantown Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand, due from banks, &c.	\$1,643,015	\$1,691,132	\$1,287,078
Loans on collateral	8,112,877	6,963,780	6,926,183
Loans on bonds and mortgages	2,181,335	847,850	1,027,740
Stocks, bonds, &c.	7,934,319	7,931,761	5,993,330
Commercial paper	253,004	375,646	348,198
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	536,608	453,441	425,033
Other assets	130,032	122,844	81,865
Total	\$20,791,190	\$18,386,454	\$16,089,407
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus and profits	1,851,867	1,698,111	1,554,177
Deposits	17,939,322	15,688,343	13,535,230
Total	\$20,791,190	\$18,386,454	\$16,089,407
Trust department (additional)	\$30,892,844	\$30,203,056	\$29,421,642
Rate of int. paid on dep. of \$200 & over	1925. 2%	1924. 2%	1923. 2%
Dividends paid in calendar year	1925. 16%	1924. 16%	1923. 13%

***Gimbel Bros. Bank & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash, specie and notes			\$67,206
Due from approved reserve agents			318,179
Nickels and cents			140
Cash items			357
Exchanges for clearing house			598
Time loans with collateral			9,706
Call loans with collateral			175,000
Bonds			2,745,648
Bonds and mortgage owned			125,000
Furniture and fixtures			6,332
Overdrafts			26
Other assets			35,792
Total			\$3,483,985
Liabilities—			
Capital surplus			\$125,000
Surplus fund			75,000
Undivided profits			23,454
Reserve for interest, taxes and expenses			6,259
Deposits subject to check			680,461
Certified checks			5,095
Treasurer's checks			1,515
Savings fund deposits			2,546,201
Special time deposits			20,930
Other liabilities			70
Total			\$3,483,985

*Began business Feb. 2 1925.

Girard Avenue Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Real estate mortgages	\$814,450	\$624,651	\$481,020
Stocks and bonds	877,699	859,684	755,318
Call loans on collateral	2,240,584	2,259,080	2,013,985
Commercial paper	318,371	182,237	281,119
Real estate	77,918	75,399	72,471
Cash on hand	161,968	150,001	126,579
Cash on deposit	204,578	241,600	251,733
Furniture, fixtures and vault	12,950	12,097	11,136
Miscellaneous	3,732	2,334	1,248
Total	\$4,712,250	\$4,407,083	\$3,904,609
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus fund	300,000	200,000	200,000
Undivided profits	95,273	137,114	89,679
Deposits, saving fund	2,304,410	2,115,216	1,816,469
General deposits, payable on demand	1,810,588	1,752,764	1,686,462
Other liabilities	1,979	1,989	1,999
Total	\$4,712,250	\$4,407,083	\$3,994,609
Trust department (additional)	\$72,659	\$64,846	\$62,677

Girard Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash and reserve	\$5,807,867	\$9,480,162	\$7,969,273
Due from banks & clear. house exchs.	5,024,365		
Loans	23,532,194	16,791,529	12,829,695
Securities	38,080,197	38,899,468	36,394,864
Banking house	2,880,050	3,368,433	3,368,433
Other real estate	186,235		
Customers' liability on letters of credit	270,492	310,486	277,621
Other resources	21,447	21,406	23,713
Total	\$75,802,847	\$68,871,484	\$60,863,599
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Surplus fund	7,500,000	7,500,000	7,500,000
Undivided profits	4,271,330	3,405,306	3,162,752
Reserve for taxes	225,230		
Deposits	60,785,795	54,905,692	47,173,227
Dividend	250,000	250,000	250,000
Letters of credit issued	270,492	310,486	277,620
Total	\$75,802,847	\$68,871,484	\$60,863,599
Trust dept., excl. of corp. trusts	\$415,320,368	\$373,585,306	\$46,771,795

Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 30 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand	\$2,456,417	\$491,519	\$2,551,771
Due from banks and bankers		1,032,281	
Loans on collateral	8,681,880	5,916,428	6,589,801
Loans on bonds and mortgages		1,555,980	
Stocks, bonds, &c.	2,359,563	2,546,517	2,859,666
Legal securities, reserve	300,000	300,000	
Mortgages and mandamus	591,292	640,891	3,698,325
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	484,053	515,685	495,714
Interest accrued	94,672	104,203	103,639
Customers' liability on letters of credit	44,505	7,061	
Overdrafts	60,277	27,349	130,433
Other assets			
Total	\$15,072,659	\$13,137,715	\$13,129,340

Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Co. (Phila.) Concluded.

Liabilities—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Capital stock	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus fund	600,000	600,000	500,000
Undivided profits	336,812	243,535	338,167
Reserve	214,957	75,523	102,060
Deposits	12,714,987	11,077,824	11,050,497
Interest payable to depositors	135,492	116,728	95,151
Letters of credit issued	44,505		
Other liabilities	25,906	24,105	43,474
Total	\$15,072,659	\$13,137,715	\$13,129,340
Trust department (additional)	\$24,497,668	\$23,443,858	\$22,216,776

Haddington Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Bonds, stocks, &c.	\$937,172	\$1,001,779	\$1,107,436
Mortgages	444,548	487,016	442,100
Loans on collateral & bonds & mtges.	1,256,940	1,162,162	1,093,539
Commercial paper	368,183	298,952	279,173
Cash on hand	93,739	100,386	93,136
Cash on deposit	225,943	194,138	218,630
Office building, furniture & fixtures	181,710	132,091	67,082
Other assets	26,516	52,850	54,195
Total	\$3,534,751	\$3,429,824	\$3,355,291
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Undivided profits	186,080	164,560	142,692
Deposits	3,223,180	3,133,532	3,086,070
Other liabilities	491	6,732	1,529
Total	\$3,534,751	\$3,429,824	\$3,355,291
Trust department (additional)	\$18,869	\$17,667	\$15,693
Rate of interest paid on deposits	1925. 2%	1924. 2%	1923. 2%
Dividends paid in calendar year	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$7,500

Hamilton Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand	\$167,853	\$237,812	\$164,335
Checks and due from banks, &c.	347,169	327,712	227,478
Reserve bonds	168,300	361,400	676,400
Commercial and other paper owned	800,229	638,631	611,956
Loans on collateral	1,362,241	864,557	887,455
Loans on bonds and mortgages	310,572	295,859	456,879
Stocks, bonds, &c.	847,931	954,242	576,856
Mortgages	523,180	393,760	247,500
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	267,027	266,974	265,615
Other assets	36,782	37,634	42,196
Total	\$4,831,284	\$4,378,581	\$4,156,670
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus fund	200,000	200,000	200,000
Undivided profits	121,294	93,878	76,738
Reserve for depreciation		12,000	12,000
Deposits	4,298,762	3,856,778	3,652,029
Dividends unpaid		8	44
Other liabilities	11,228	15,917	15,859
Total	\$4,831,284	\$4,378,581	\$4,156,670

Holmesburg Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand	\$63,376	\$55,947	\$46,653
Due from banks and bankers	188,755	134,868	126,490
Commercial and other paper owned	119,586	102,150	76,791
Loans on collateral	302,458	279,338	195,177
Bonds and stocks	768,942	760,426	809,300
Mortgages	460,052	398,782	235,255
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	47,000	47,911	48,204
Miscellaneous assets	61,665	13,319	73,219
Total	\$2,011,834	\$1,792,741	\$1,614,089
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Surplus fund	125,000	100,000	80,000
Undivided profits	36,253	16,049	24,906
Deposits	1,725,371	1,522,411	1,355,016
Dividends unpaid		236	122
Miscellaneous liabilities	46	29,045	29,045
Total	\$2,011,834	\$1,792,741	\$1,614,089
Trust department (additional)	\$206,350	\$147,245	\$94,062

Industrial Trust, Title & Savings Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash and reserve	\$859,764	\$1,676,965	\$1,165,036
Loans on collateral	5,937,894	5,024,152	5,134,834
Loans to depositors	374,499	250,568	
Mortgages and ground rents	2,076,875	2,176,580	1,843,165
Stocks, bonds, &c.	3,685,996	3,760,066	3,407,881
Banking house	122,240	130,866	138,817
Customers' liability on letters of credit		43,517	
Other resources	62,751		
Total	\$13,140,019	\$13,019,197	\$11,733,250
Liabilities—			
Capital stock (full paid)	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Surplus	1,550,000	1,450,000	1,000,000
Undivided profits (net)	354,464	350,525	512,516
Set aside for taxes accrued	93,100	66,100	
Dividends unpaid	65,000	65,000</	

***Jefferson Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	*Dec. 31 '23.
Cash specie and notes	\$33,136	\$36,156	\$65,418
Due from approved reserve agents	86,199	50,120	149,898
Legal reserve securities	44,913	45,000	15,050
Commercial paper purchased	198,603	259,335	831,989
Loans on collateral	409,352	267,032	267,073
Loans on bonds and mortgages		158,283	48,187
Bonds and stocks	475,100	393,502	104,437
Mortgages and judgments of record	305,778	205,106	39,864
Office building, furniture and fixtures	93,000	94,729	94,402
Overdrafts	49		3,291
Other resources	8,058		
Total	\$1,654,138	\$1,509,263	\$1,619,938
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$175,450
Surplus fund	35,000	30,088	15,000
Undivided profits	38,263	8,543	7,723
Reserve for deprec., int., taxes, &c.	14,041		
Demand deposits	567,305	599,765	849,400
Time deposits	774,528	659,367	476,889
Bills payable	25,000		71,385
Other liabilities		11,500	24,091
Total	\$1,654,138	\$1,509,263	\$1,619,938
Trust department additional	\$6,168	\$5,427	\$9,947

*Began business Jan. 2 1923.

Kensington Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '21.
Real estate mortgages	\$2,120,362	\$1,558,775	\$1,448,083
Loans on collateral & personal secur.	9,271,845	7,797,339	7,913,356
Stocks, bonds, &c.	2,788,009	2,282,050	2,705,163
Cash on hand and on deposit	1,007,732	2,014,513	1,001,025
Banking house	253,554	174,916	174,916
Other assets	16,749	5,420	9,388
Total	\$15,458,251	\$13,833,013	\$13,251,931
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Surplus and undivided profits	1,201,590	1,071,978	977,109
Contingent fund	55,000	75,000	55,000
Deposits	13,373,914	12,153,854	11,414,404
Dividends payable Dec. 31	40,000	30,000	30,000
Miscellaneous liabilities	287,747	2,181	275,418
Total	\$15,458,251	\$13,833,013	\$13,251,931
Trust Department (additional)	\$579,278	\$533,473	\$556,979

***Lancaster Avenue Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash, specie and notes	\$86,147	\$56,412
Due from approved reserve agents	73,271	24,971
Legal reserve securities at par	39,000	39,000
Nicks and cents	863	322
Checks and cash items	181	58
Commercial paper purchased upon one name	87,510	78,770
Upon two or more names	83,758	51,732
Time loans with collateral	19,468	20,539
Loans secured by bonds and mortgages	167,150	107,050
Call loans with collateral	274,731	199,255
Bonds, stocks, &c.	224,640	235,034
Mortgages	288,350	170,600
Office building and lot	107,867	107,854
Other real estate	10,220	21,220
Furniture, fixtures and vault	29,119	14,754
Overdrafts	27	68
Other assets not included in above	13,368	13,288
Total	\$1,505,670	\$1,140,928
Liabilities—		
Capital stock paid in	\$200,000	\$199,500
Surplus fund	40,000	24,900
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,457	18
Reserve for depreciation	3,391	
Treasurer's checks outstanding	201	4,030
Deposits subject to check	730,413	537,326
Special deposits	79,457	57,960
Certified checks	1,709	1,567
Savings fund deposit	358,514	217,406
Special time deposits	8,906	5,416
Bills payable on demand	75,000	90,000
Other liabilities	6,622	2,805
Total	\$1,505,670	\$1,140,928
Trust department (additional)	\$27,809	\$9,920

*Began business Jan. 2 1924.

The Land Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand	\$1,259,892	\$997,311	\$1,555,833
Due from banks, &c.	3,834,140	4,241,662	10,820,965
Loans on coll., bonds and mortgages	23,794,851	18,658,090	17,757,839
Stocks, bonds, &c.	1,203,084	2,339,851	3,388,519
Mortgages	3,619,628	5,070,640	4,663,997
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	5,550,000	5,550,000	5,825,000
Other assets	1,281,903	880,906	662,667
Total	\$40,543,498	\$37,738,460	\$44,674,820
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Surplus and reserve fund	12,000,000	11,000,000	11,000,000
Undivided profits	1,144,983	1,546,483	946,293
Deposits	23,720,190	21,701,746	28,946,625
Other liabilities	678,325	490,231	781,902
Total	\$40,543,498	\$37,738,460	\$44,674,820
Trust department (additional)	\$73,412,834	\$64,015,138	\$62,303,747
Statistics for Calendar Year—			
Amount of deposits receiving interest	\$19,663,833	\$18,810,283	\$17,818,458
Rate of int. paid on dep. of \$500 & over	2%	2%	2%
Divs. paid in cal. year (payable quar.)	30%	30%	30%

***Lawndale Bank & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	*Dec. 31 '23.
Cash, specie and notes	\$49,001	\$57,177	\$30,418
Due from approved reserve agents	120,597	100,683	38,039
Legal reserve securities	42,175	20,000	15,000
Commercial paper purchased	358,810	329,910	249,716
Loans on collateral	104,421	73,785	43,675
Loans on bonds and mortgages	446,227	268,830	181,700
Bonds	40,236	27,715	38,526
Mortgages and judgments of record	105,800	192,672	36,000
Office building, furniture and fixtures	76,244	69,932	57,578
Overdrafts	970	116	720
Other assets	3,804	163	450
Total	\$1,348,285	\$1,140,984	\$691,823
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Surplus fund	50,000	12,500	12,500
Undivided profits	18,959	30,612	494
Demand deposits	621,252	588,166	290,458
Time deposits	413,363	305,764	167,985
Bills payable	85,000	75,000	95,000
Other liabilities	14,711	3,942	386
Total	\$1,348,285	\$1,140,984	\$691,823

*Began business Jan. 2 1923.

Liberty Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand	\$253,418	\$232,664	\$264,007
Due from banks, &c.	1,422,018	1,751,195	905,530
Loans on collateral	4,031,714	3,326,925	2,685,165
Stocks, bonds, &c.	1,230,771	1,218,623	812,971
Mortgages	1,473,083	975,968	900,054
Commercial paper purchased	406,064	331,887	226,069
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	14,569	13,598	287,185
Other assets		290	289
Total	\$8,831,637	\$7,851,150	\$6,081,271
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Surplus	590,000	500,000	66,060
Undivided profits	257,328	179,382	132,486
Deposits	7,223,247	6,671,536	4,698,773
Bills payable	350,000		250,000
Other liabilities	1,062	232	12
Total	\$8,831,637	\$7,851,150	\$6,081,271
Trust department (additional)	\$5,656,687	\$5,446,035	\$5,137,282

***Logan Bank & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	*Dec. 31 '23.
Cash, specie and notes	\$27,547	\$36,063	\$48,589
Due from approved reserve agents	137,092	156,147	156,060
Commercial paper purchased	234,541	165,194	145,357
Loans on collateral	121,370	148,640	116,250
Loans on bond and mortgages	9,950	11,600	9,000
Bonds and stocks	307,570	234,426	109,335
Mortgages and judgments of record	196,850	162,250	4,500
Office building, furniture and fixtures	119,529	117,622	115,567
Overdrafts	287	18	47
Other resources	3,381	5,324	9,582
Total	\$1,158,117	\$1,037,284	\$624,287
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Undivided profits	43,645	35,262	31,682
Demand deposits	636,206	597,522	305,364
Time deposits	274,694	201,834	85,747
Other liabilities	3,572	2,666	1,494
Total	\$1,158,117	\$1,037,284	\$624,287

*Began business May 1 1923.

Manayunk Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Real estate mortgages	\$633,133	\$563,148	\$602,172
Stocks and bonds	1,463,253	1,350,034	1,363,474
Loans	1,332,903	1,297,399	1,216,949
Real estate and fixtures	133,863	118,174	108,050
Cash on hand	96,014	123,177	360,775
Cash on deposit	400,731	270,510	
Other assets	5,807	15,433	15,425
Total	\$4,065,704	\$3,737,875	\$3,666,845
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Surplus fund	400,000	250,000	250,000
Undivided profits	87,749	135,665	58,285
Reserve for deprec'n. int., taxes, &c.	33,840	37,009	45,000
General deposits, payable on demand	1,427,820	1,293,351	1,390,104
Time deposits	1,849,716	1,711,436	1,584,746
Bills payable		50,000	75,000
Other liabilities	16,579	10,413	13,710
Total	\$4,065,704	\$3,737,875	\$3,666,845
Trust department (additional)	\$1,995,534	\$1,960,111	\$1,904,053

***Manheim Trust Co. (Philadelphia).**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	*Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand	\$17,201	\$14,002	\$9,648
Due from banks, trust companies, &c.	28,895	33,980	30,783
Commercial paper purchased	232,867	27,975	500
Loans on collateral		76,460	300
Bonds	188,354	82,885	53,450
Mortgages and judgments of record		68,190	7,400
Office building, furniture and fixtures	108,173	107,963	102,560
Other resources	3,454	13,857	3,150
Total	\$579,145	\$425,312	\$207,791
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$139,770
Surplus fund	7,500	6,893	14,340
Undivided profits	1,585		
Demand deposits	418,883	154,963	44,117
Time deposits		113,137	9,564
Other liabilities	1,177	319	
Total	\$579,145	\$425,312	\$207,791

*Began business Dec. 15 1923.

Manufacturers Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.
Cash, specie and notes	\$15,621
Due from approved reserve agents	42,037
Legal reserve securities at par	10,100
Commercial paper purchased—Upon one name	47,490
Upon two or more names	70,319
Loans on collateral	95,857
Loans secured by bonds and mortgages	6,000
Bonds	29,575
Judgments of record	5,550
Office building and lot	56,578
Furniture and fixtures	5,258
Book value of legal reserve securities above par	155
Total	\$384,541
Liabilities—	
Capital stock	\$154,245
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	4,797
Deposits subject to check	164,206
Treasurer's checks	1,363
Savings fund deposits	58,671
Special time deposits	1,259
Total	\$384,541

*Began business Jan. 24 1925.

Market Street Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand	\$374,960	\$408,968	\$332,029
Due from banks and bankers	1,195,500	945,445	556,148
Loans on collateral	2,800,135	2,585,943	2,726,412
Loans on bonds and mortgages	3,242,777	2,860,168	2,379,785
Bonds, &c.	5,709,518	5,198,489	4,970,794
Mortgages	2,189,650	2,371,400	1,415,550
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	368,971	411,126	386,651
Miscellaneous assets	289,987	149,542	160,782
Total	\$16,180,498	\$14,909,082	\$12,928,149
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Surplus fund	1,150,000	1,000,000	850,000
Undivided profits	211,273	317,570	142,448
Deposits	13,094,053	12,658,859	11,108,251
Reserve for taxes, contingencies, &c.	615,866	310,338	199,352
Bills payable	500,000		
Unearned mortgage coll. fees	109,306		
Other liabilities		122,315	128,098
Total	\$16,180,498	\$14,909,082	\$12,928,149
Trust department (additional)	\$2,087,903	\$1,139,470	

Metropolitan Trust Co. of Philadelphia.

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand	\$110,595	\$91,016	\$75,786
Due from approved reserve agents, banks and bankers	353,425	313,058	145,217
Commercial paper	1,129,490	795,277	638,950
Call loans with collateral	84,453	201,375	337,441
Time loans with collateral	1,536,600	1,010,520	896,732
Loans on bonds and mortgages	238,900	262,100	177,985
Mortgages	248,250	231,300	200,990
Bonds, stocks, &c.	726,445	786,762	655,852
Office building and lot	226,949	226,949	226,949
Furniture and fixtures	70,000	56,500	60,000
Other assets	30,176	411	2,729
Total	\$4,755,283	\$3,975,718	\$2,418,631
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Surplus fund	200,000	165,000	125,000
Undivided profits	13,547	22,572	13,600
Demand deposits	2,003,991	1,766,539	1,456,057
Time deposits	988,746	788,380	708,618
Bills payable	—	205,000	454,715
Mortgage on bank building	150,000	150,000	150,000
Reserve for depreciation	17,000	13,000	10,000
Dividends unpaid	12,560	12,560	—
Notes & bills rediscounted or guar.	869,439	352,360	—
Other liabilities	—	366	641
Total	\$4,755,283	\$3,975,718	\$3,418,631
Trust department (additional)	\$9,012	\$8,920	\$4,149

***Mortgage Security Trust Co. (Philadelphia).**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash, specie and notes	\$17,000	\$7,503	\$7,503
Due from approved reserve agents	79,600	107,073	—
Legal reserve securities at par	—	5,000	—
Commercial paper	94,000	8,730	—
Call loans	41,500	9,600	—
Loans on collateral	110,000	12,400	—
Loans on bonds and mortgages	14,000	15,000	—
Bonds	60,400	22,587	—
Mortgages	48,500	15,000	—
Office building	124,600	115,872	—
Furniture and fixtures	8,800	6,477	—
Other resources	4,800	10,276	—
Total	\$603,200	\$335,518	—
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$125,000	\$125,000	—
Surplus fund	12,300	25,000	—
Undivided profits	—	497	—
Demand deposits	305,500	93,352	—
Time deposits	127,200	56,669	—
Other liabilities	33,200	35,000	—
Total	\$603,200	\$335,518	—

* Began business Dec. 1 1924.

Mutual Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand	\$214,112	\$325,172	\$250,073
Due from banks and bankers	803,024	472,709	678,291
Commercial and other paper owned	2,804,240	1,383,964	1,136,344
Loans on collateral	3,249,397	1,991,804	1,841,154
Stocks, bonds, &c.	1,875,697	1,119,285	973,454
Mortgages	943,172	625,387	523,250
Furniture and fixtures	135,473	113,520	26,289
Real estate	37,795	34,447	64,447
Office building and lot	647,228	578,000	369,414
Cust'r's liab. on accep. & letters of cred.	37,667	—	7,158
Accrued interest receivable	50,343	—	—
Total	\$10,798,148	\$6,644,339	\$5,869,874
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$1,000,000	\$451,200	\$451,200
Surplus	575,000	100,000	100,000
Undivided profits	111,556	166,882	142,442
Deposits	8,728,876	5,501,257	4,969,074
Bills payable	200,000	250,000	200,000
Mortgage	—	175,000	7,158
Acceptances executed for Customers	37,667	—	—
Interest received, not earned	23,597	—	—
Accrued interest payable	83,345	—	—
Reserved for taxes	38,107	—	—
Total	\$10,798,148	\$6,644,339	\$5,869,874

***Ninth Bank & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Loans and investments	\$15,839,200	\$14,196,342	\$13,853,348
Banking house, vault, &c.	337,262	347,919	351,790
Interest accrued	143,208	133,754	100,163
Due from banks	1,138,004	903,940	\$27,217
Clearing House exchanges	298,450	260,760	216,986
Cash and reserve	1,720,029	1,820,070	1,481,083
Customers' liability acct. acceptances	142,630	68,816	78,295
Total	\$19,618,783	\$17,731,601	\$16,909,885
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
Surplus and profits	1,926,638	1,819,708	1,731,099
Reserve for taxes, &c.	53,752	74,081	94,758
Discount unearned	33,035	35,525	36,090
Deposits	16,712,728	14,983,471	13,597,143
Due Federal Reserve Bank	—	—	622,590
Acceptances & letters of credit issued	142,630	68,816	78,295
Total	\$19,618,783	\$17,731,601	\$16,909,885
Trust department (additional)	\$5,990,384	\$3,109,051	\$3,020,904

* The Ninth National Bank and the Ninth Title & Trust Co. were merged as of Oct. 1 1923 with the above name

Northeast-Tacony Bank & Trust Co. (Phila.).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand	\$37,969	\$34,615	\$29,228
Cash on deposit	108,331	78,080	83,690
Exchange for Clearing House	—	17,355	—
Commercial paper	343,646	204,755	171,554
Loans on collateral	154,311	139,933	146,082
Loans on bonds and mortgages	414,850	386,469	297,843
Loans on call upon one or more names	113,997	111,127	65,647
Bonds and mortgages owned	18,000	—	—
Bonds, stocks, &c.	485,161	466,447	377,044
Office building and lot	36,000	36,682	36,682
Other real estate	19,485	19,484	19,484
Furniture and fixtures	15,500	17,000	17,970
Other resources	10,785	274	54
Total	\$1,858,035	\$1,512,221	\$1,245,278
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Surplus	100,000	100,000	75,000
Undivided profits	30,485	13,303	31,173
Reserve for depreciation	1,500	500	—
Demand deposits	569,020	451,293	419,728
Time deposits	794,835	639,589	424,377
Bills payable	70,000	50,000	40,000
Dividends unpaid	7,195	7,536	5,000
Notes and bills rediscounted or guar.	35,000	—	—
Total	\$1,858,035	\$1,512,221	\$1,245,278
Trust dept. (additional)	—	\$989	—

Northeastern Title & Trust Co. (Phila.).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand	\$141,765	\$120,042	\$130,503
Due from approved reserve agents	127,181	190,978	108,410
Commercial paper purchased	336,314	577,073	376,684
Loans on collateral	526,955	287,094	218,835
Bonds, stocks, &c.	1,074,287	780,379	844,248
Office building, furniture and fixtures	101,124	99,997	58,521
Other real estate	73,000	73,000	73,000
Other assets	12,509	48,351	42,140
Total	\$2,393,135	\$2,176,914	\$1,852,341
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus fund	68,876	50,000	40,000
Undivided profits	—	13,257	8,587
Deposits	2,024,249	1,720,676	1,372,006
Other liabilities	10	42,981	31,748
Bills payable	100,000	150,000	200,000
Total	\$2,393,135	\$2,176,914	\$1,852,341
Trust dept. (additional)	\$21,618	\$15,986	\$11,447

Northern Central Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand	\$121,417	\$125,856	\$95,804
Cash on deposit	162,477	103,227	\$5,380
Commercial paper purchased	590,917	358,550	262,586
Loans on collateral	1,700,338	1,391,293	1,228,183
Bonds, stocks, &c.	654,272	611,618	466,563
Mortgages	451,761	254,760	218,550
Office building and lot	395,700	395,085	340,571
Furniture and fixtures	41,396	33,823	38,823
Other resources	32,419	22,179	18,988
Total	\$4,150,697	\$3,300,941	\$2,750,448
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Surplus fund	150,000	100,000	100,000
Undivided profits	11,260	48,936	33,252
Demand deposits	1,951,541	1,481,304	1,295,362
Saving fund deposits	1,614,061	1,252,520	911,846
Reserves	16,063	11,812	9,988
Other liabilities	7,772	6,368	—
Total	\$4,150,697	\$3,300,941	\$2,750,448
Trust dept. (additional)	\$146,824	\$143,154	\$97,268

Northern Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Jan. 2 '24.
Real estate mortgages	\$2,432,505	\$2,492,850	\$1,579,315
Bonds and investment securities	7,035,455	7,274,670	5,800,663
United States Liberty bonds	430,350	444,345	546,350
Commercial paper	4,891,500	3,697,530	4,600,622
Loans on collateral	167,243	75,800	63,276
Real estate	349,963	349,625	404,768
Cash on hand and in bank	1,028,259	952,828	1,070,229
Accrued interest	23,606	44,002	27,554
Total	\$16,358,881	\$15,331,650	\$14,092,877
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Surplus fund	3,000,000	2,750,000	2,500,000
Undivided profits	238,564	196,729	208,910
Reserve for depreciation	—	—	100,000
Deposits	12,620,317	11,884,921	10,783,967
Total	\$16,358,881	\$15,331,650	\$14,092,877
Trust department (additional)	\$26,613,735	\$23,214,735	\$22,229,873

North Philadelphia Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Stocks and bonds	\$2,323,868	\$2,608,252	\$1,875,406
Mortgages	3,100,843	2,686,308	3,098,303
Amount loaned on collaterals	3,683,694	2,996,400	2,707,774
Amount loaned on personal securities	381,498	353,841	344,676
Cash on hand	309,640	395,433	333,074
Cash on deposit with banks	439,419	805,443	453,271
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	210,000	264,111	250,000
Other assets	1,038	4,582	—
Total	\$10,500,000	\$10,113,370	\$9,062,504
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$250,000
Surplus fund	850,000	700,000	600,000
Undivided profits	115,542	155,244	206,134
Reserve for interest and taxes	74,704	70,210	67,195
Title insurance reserve	65,707	58,908	—
Gen. dep. pay. on demand & time	8,894,047	8,629,008	7,939,175
Total	\$10,500,000	\$10,113,370	\$9,062,504
Trust department (additional)	\$1,260,185	\$1,220,013	\$1,008,620

Northwestern Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand	\$367,699	\$379,220	\$408,317
Cash on deposit	1,010,276	962,280	463,432
Commercial paper purchased	3,325,564	2,663,316	2,473,942
Loans on collateral	2,445,096	2,269,777	2,502,840

Olney Bank & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand	\$178,988	\$221,618	\$205,832
Due from approved reserve agents	380,918	344,351	227,139
Legal reserve securities	255,300	213,500	151,000
Commercial paper purchased	281,395	355,235	401,315
Loans on collateral	2,610,144	1,787,648	1,581,897
Loans on bonds and mortgages	1,164,990	686,158	503,484
Bonds	1,406,990	1,268,484	923,198
Mortgages and judgments of record	730,347	848,303	1,087,369
Office building	203,347	204,018	202,348
Other real estate	32,024	32,024	32,024
Furniture and fixtures	58,866	51,723	48,173
Other assets	108,819	68,597	95,304
Total	\$7,432,130	\$6,081,659	\$5,459,083
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Surplus fund	275,000	250,000	175,000
Undivided profits	115,711	68,199	94,928
Reserve for deprec., int., taxes, &c.	222,913	153,831	24,849
Demand deposits	2,780,039	2,476,461	2,286,976
Time deposits	3,561,365	2,866,007	2,421,305
Bills payable	225,000	—	105,000
Other liabilities	2,102	17,161	101,025
Total	\$7,432,130	\$6,081,659	\$5,459,083
Trust department (additional)	\$35,184	\$5,604	\$3,010

Oxford Bank & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash, specie and notes	\$157,899	\$138,028	\$147,416
Due from approved reserve agents	693,695	383,330	269,784
Legal reserve securities	24,000	37,000	1,338,800
Due from banks, trust companies, &c.	28,464	14,058	11,649
Commercial paper purchased	—	1,735,451	1,170,420
Loans on collateral	3,208,668	757,034	784,752
Loans secured by bonds & mortgages	600,759	590,950	308,150
Bonds and stocks	1,029,596	818,215	238,349
Mortgages and judgments of record	658,810	582,611	372,070
Office building and lot	380,695	102,436	91,136
U. S. certificates of indebtedness	105,000	65,000	—
Other real estate	42,271	42,271	50,271
Furniture and fixtures	91,899	68,031	64,031
Custom. liability under letters of cred	29,622	—	—
Other resources	42,857	30,806	3,825
Total	\$7,094,233	\$5,365,222	\$4,850,653
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$250,000
Surplus fund	300,000	300,000	150,000
Undivided profits	76,167	97,877	37,094
Demand deposits	2,531,146	1,815,053	1,661,304
Saving fund deposits	3,048,763	2,342,578	2,051,989
War Loan deposits	105,000	65,000	—
Bills payable	380,000	200,000	640,000
Reserve for depreciation	50,125	26,555	18,074
Other liabilities	23,410	18,160	42,191
Commercial letters of credit	29,622	—	—
Total	\$7,094,233	\$5,365,222	\$4,850,653
Trust department (additional)	\$229,309	\$239,896	\$1,779

Parkway Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand	\$68,481	\$53,929	\$56,884
Cash on deposit	125,189	84,031	75,894
Commercial paper purchased	481,609	393,938	466,512
Time loans on collateral	52,103	75,612	43,455
Loans on bond and mortgage	198,476	86,075	185,389
Bonds, stocks, &c.	178,101	130,957	53,600
Mortgages and judgments of record	696,232	691,337	520,461
Furniture and fixtures	27,800	128,263	108,159
Other resources	11,041	274	24,803
Total	\$1,932,701	\$1,672,579	\$1,535,867
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Surplus fund	75,000	50,000	50,000
Undivided profits	15,205	34,007	23,705
Reserve for interest, taxes, &c.	5,304	—	—
Demand deposits	1,055,189	718,406	781,566
Time deposits	524,149	619,166	555,597
Bills payable	125,000	126,000	—
Other liabilities	7,854	—	—
Total	\$1,932,701	\$1,672,579	\$1,535,867
Trust department	\$22,608	\$12,498	\$7,659

Pelham Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Real estate mortgages	\$685,110	\$537,930	\$291,368
Stocks and bonds	1,019,156	1,019,505	972,421
Loans on collateral	429,643	351,394	436,082
Loans on commercial paper	363,263	350,700	363,981
Cash on hand	180,385	152,717	147,193
Reserve bonds	78,630	111,572	13,830
Other assets	92,700	96,807	95,700
Bank building and fixtures	56,831	31,034	25,561
	51,277	51,277	48,277
Total	\$2,957,995	\$2,702,216	\$2,394,413
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Surplus fund	200,000	150,000	150,000
Undivided profits	79,063	67,373	36,896
General deposits payable on demand	1,135,515	2,309,869	1,996,059
Other liabilities	1,393,417	24,974	61,458
Total	\$2,957,995	\$2,702,216	\$2,394,413

Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lives & Granting Annuities (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand	\$279,519	\$384,497	\$2,407,738
Due from banks and bankers	12,462,274	10,668,799	6,009,012
Loans on collateral	39,128,380	34,697,697	28,685,508
Stocks, bonds, &c.	16,942,870	19,072,431	2,874,099
Mortgages	81,609	1,983,099	854,143
Commercial paper purchased	2,764,424	2,090,857	2,073,936
Real estate, furniture & fixtures	—	—	898,835
Reserve fund for protection of tr. bal.	8,089,948	6,083,343	7,769,354
Interest accrued	499,320	480,955	305,288
Other assets	2,376,900	1,887,402	316,381
Total	\$82,625,244	\$77,349,080	\$52,194,294
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$4,000,000	\$3,964,990	\$2,000,000
Surplus fund	14,540,000	14,381,672	5,000,000
Undivided profits	2,889,226	2,933,539	1,750,805
Reserve for depreciation	150,000	150,000	150,000
Deposits	57,998,210	55,303,881	43,046,188
Interest payable to depositors	220,964	212,330	163,479
Other liabilities	2,826,844	402,652	83,822
Total	\$82,625,244	\$77,349,080	\$52,194,294
Trust department (additional)	\$363,054,277	\$330,536,292	\$313,005,266

Pennsylvania Warehousing & Safe Deposit Co. (Phila.).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand	\$52,295	\$46,241	\$48,058
Due from banks and bankers	144,614	129,774	119,214
Accrued storage charges	45,545	33,374	45,372
Loans on collateral	—	420,614	484,568
Loans on personal securities	457,928	—	35,000
Investment securities owned	946,115	896,465	895,024
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	1,467,798	1,473,506	1,256,287
Other assets	52,079	19,987	29,893
Total	\$3,166,374	\$3,019,961	\$2,863,425
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus and undivided profits	372,877	372,877	315,894
Deposits	1,028,708	832,870	776,431
Reserve for deprec., int., taxes, &c.	208,530	192,711	130,324
Bills payable	410,000	550,000	365,000
Other liabilities	146,259	71,503	275,776
Total	\$3,166,374	\$3,019,961	\$2,863,425

***Peoples Bank & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	*Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand	\$211,593	\$161,379	\$161,645
Due from banks and bankers	1,535,357	1,201,181	1,154,740
Commercial & other paper purchased	7,316,828	6,337,662	6,687,815
Loans on collateral	3,712,086	2,291,024	1,800,227
Bonds and stocks	3,722,746	3,153,358	1,421,037
Mortgages	469,120	945,578	637,945
Real estate	962,507	800,583	762,000
Furniture and fixtures	103,925	80,700	72,808
Customers' liability on acceptances	58,260	156,603	—
Other assets	102,419	76,404	55,525
Total	\$18,194,841	\$15,204,472	\$12,753,742
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus and undivided profits	414,051	353,459	353,961
Reserve for deprec., int., taxes, &c.	39,012	15,402	41,028
Deposits	16,647,240	13,654,064	11,178,720
Acceptances	72,358	156,603	42,723
Dividends declared, not paid	20,493	23,920	30,231
Other liabilities	1,697	1,024	107,079
Total	\$18,194,841	\$15,204,472	\$12,753,742
Trust department (additional)	\$210,342	\$565,878	\$643,460

* The Peoples Bank and Peoples Trust Co. were merged Oct. 20 1923 under the above title and the figures here given are for the combined institutions.

Philadelphia Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand	\$2,716,294	\$2,783,329	\$1,489,417
Due from banks, &c.	3,693,963	3,464,828	4,546,250
Loans on collateral	18,762,680	15,395,864	17,279,990
Stocks, bonds, &c.	9,102,207	8,306,318	7,995,964
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	653,013	653,013	653,013
Other assets	498,652	371,911	318,059
Total	\$35,426,809	\$30,975,263	\$32,282,693
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus and undivided profits	6,218,334	6,008,409	5,636,025
Deposits	26,632,839	23,542,353	25,359,468
Dividends unpaid	—	21	—
Other liabilities	1,575,608	424,480	287,200
Total	\$35,426,809	\$30,975,263	\$32,282,693
Trust department (additional)	219,597,567	204,791,853	196,497,654
Rate of int. on dep. of \$200 and over	1925. 2%	1924. 2%	1923. 2%
Dividends paid in calendar year	28%	28%	28%

Phoenix Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand	\$71,055	\$46,133	\$50,984
Due from approved reserve agents	135,472	123,028	92,556
Legal reserve securities	28,000	36,000	32,243
Commercial paper purchased	480,152	305,244	272,779
Time loans on collateral	81,060	10,200	2,200
Call loans on collateral	176,161	48,719	57,614
Loans secured by bonds & mortgage	318,060	13,100	26,200
Bonds, stocks, &c.	333,338	330,981	488,628
Mortgages and judgments of record	181,400	288,400	373,300
Office building, furniture and fixtures	108,947	102,141	102,101
Other real estate	70,000	—	37,618
Other resources	73,722	84,000	—
Total	\$2,057,367	\$1,387,946	\$1,539,223
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Surplus fund	30,000	30,000	30,000
Undivided profits	42,206	44,490	50,688
Reserve for depreciation	22,000	—	—
Demand deposits	867,423	602,932	630,877
Savings deposits	470,329	338,311	352,529
Notes and bills re-discounted	80,000	—	—
Bills payable	190,000	50,000	175,000
Book value of legal res. sec. below par	409	213	—
Other liabilities			

Provident Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Resources—			
Mortgages	\$856,825	\$1,124,356	\$1,360,356
Stocks and bonds	11,753,154	11,661,574	9,098,574
Commercial paper purchased	460,711	249,326	379,489
Loans on collateral	12,757,399	12,581,555	12,916,712
Real estate	753,540	223,555	90,808
Cash on hand & due from bks. & bkrs.	2,779,457	2,584,733	2,412,589
Miscellaneous assets	284,295	46,187	18,603
Total	\$29,645,381	\$28,471,286	\$26,277,131
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Surplus	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Undivided profits	3,802,174	3,517,306	2,778,387
Special reserve fund	2,577,128	2,577,128	2,570,287
Reserve for taxes and other liabilities	604,268	418,616	180,000
Deposits payable	15,161,811	14,958,236	12,548,403
Bills payable	500,000	—	1,200,000
Total	\$29,645,381	\$28,471,286	\$26,277,131
Trust department (additional), incl. corporation trusts	180,410,953	164,786,060	166,710,533
Amt. of divs. paid on company's stock	1925. 20% reg., 5% extra	1924. 20% reg., 5% extra	1923. 20%
Rate of int. on deposits (generally)	2%	2%	2%

Real Estate Title, Insur. & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Resources—			
Real estate mortgages	\$5,649,741	\$4,749,172	\$3,481,608
Stocks, bonds, &c.	1,835,776	1,917,963	2,258,670
Loans	5,092,865	4,675,509	5,603,577
Real estate	1,415,000	1,400,000	400,000
Cash on hand and on deposit	2,373,603	3,179,562	1,697,628
Other assets	456,367	548,857	599,548
Total	\$16,823,353	\$16,471,063	\$14,041,031
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Surplus and reserve fund	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000
Undivided profits	607,545	693,723	354,095
Reserve for depreciation, int. & taxes	78,317	—	—
General deposits	10,016,621	9,906,152	8,124,606
Other liabilities	620,870	671,188	62,330
Total	\$16,823,353	\$16,471,063	\$14,041,031
Trust department (additional)	\$24,547,251	\$22,685,083	\$21,907,318
Rate of interest paid on deposits	1925. 2%, 2½%, 3%, 3.65% and 4%	1924. 2%, 2½%, 3%, 3.65% and 4%	1923. 2%
Dividends paid in calendar year	{34½% reg., 16½% extra}	{21½% reg., 21½% extra}	{23% reg., 23% extra}

The Real Estate Trust Co. of Philadelphia.

	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Resources—			
Lawful reserve bonds	\$267,000	\$267,000	\$267,000
Cash on hand	322,570	318,952	256,386
Due from banks and bankers	873,535	820,901	1,292,550
Call loans on collateral	3,610,542	2,623,533	2,221,965
Time loans on collateral	5,000	32,750	75,400
Loans on bonds and mortgages	130,975	137,275	166,975
Stocks, bonds, &c.	3,941,917	3,927,741	3,891,397
Real estate	3,131,956	3,131,956	3,263,029
Other assets	19,438	19,439	16,619
Total	\$12,302,933	\$11,279,547	\$11,451,321
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in Common	\$1,319,600	\$1,319,600	\$1,319,600
Capital stock, preferred (full paid)	1,811,600	1,811,600	1,811,600
Surplus	1,000,000	1,000,000	900,000
Undivided profits	367,613	282,504	309,135
Sinking fund for leasehold	307,191	277,969	255,851
Building renewal fund	105,690	100,690	—
Deposits	7,357,038	6,462,148	6,829,546
Dividends unpaid	455	480	2,763
Other liabilities	33,746	24,556	31,826
Total	\$12,302,933	\$11,279,547	\$11,451,321
Trust department (additional)	\$25,029,796	\$24,680,652	\$23,413,164
Rate of interest paid on deposits	1925. 2%	1924. 2%	1923. 2%
Divs. paid in cal. year on pref. stock	\$221,111	\$220,996	\$220,777

Republic Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Resources—			
Cash and reserve bonds	\$688,966	\$679,404	\$752,541
Real est., safe dep. vaults, furn. & fixt.	359,736	366,237	369,337
Loans on collateral	2,881,705	2,866,897	2,640,994
Stocks and bonds	1,642,076	1,022,705	1,351,136
Accrued interest	23,191	31,530	31,721
Miscellaneous	8,281	6,242	6,533
Total	\$5,609,955	\$4,973,016	\$5,152,262
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Surplus fund	300,000	300,000	225,000
Undivided profits	52,729	—	45,983
Reserve for depreciation of securities	—	28,056	29,159
Deposits	4,676,037	4,081,766	3,990,769
Ground rent	36,250	36,250	36,250
Dividends unpaid	25,000	15,000	12,500
Accrued interest and taxes	9,549	5,997	5,654
Other liabilities	10,389	5,947	306,947
Total	\$5,609,955	\$4,973,016	\$5,152,262
Trust department (additional)	\$723,509	\$692,316	\$615,395

Richmond Trust Co. (Phila.)

	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Resources—			
Cash, specie and notes	\$88,665	\$62,145	\$48,118
Due from approved reserve agents	140,892	128,031	78,050
Due from other banks, trust cos., &c.	213	—	—
Commercial paper	177,897	203,080	89,261
Time loans on collateral	9,789	7,699	8,949
Call loans on collateral	179,699	23,500	16,400
Mortgages and judgments	511,326	338,955	166,225
Bonds and stocks	410,432	378,612	406,921
Real estate	60,760	76,431	37,455
Furniture and fixtures	18,570	5,249	8,757
Other resources	1,012	1,814	84,095
Total	\$1,599,261	\$1,225,729	\$944,271
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$143,200	\$139,200	\$132,100
Surplus and undivided profits	22,267	15,764	6,917
Reserve for depreciation	2,062	—	—
Deposits	1,428,688	1,067,491	753,486
Bills payable	—	—	50,000
Other liabilities	3,044	3,274	1,768
Total	\$1,599,261	\$1,225,729	\$944,271

Roxborough Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Resources—			
Cash on hand	\$85,763	\$84,836	\$101,286
Cash on deposit	166,401	169,914	129,331
Commercial paper purchased	226,055	116,149	101,857
Time loans on collateral	6,095	1,550	3,390
Call loans on collateral	297,721	334,316	325,110
Bonds, stocks, &c.	1,322,970	1,168,550	994,890
Mortgages and judgments	681,888	653,783	676,672
Office building and lot	152,959	118,460	28,912
Furniture and fixtures	21,842	10,585	21,459
Other resources	7,215	6,165	5,744
Total	\$2,968,909	\$2,664,308	\$2,388,651
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Undivided profits	215,499	194,600	133,378
Demand deposits	1,406,746	1,078,993	996,460
Time deposits	1,182,664	1,226,715	1,095,621
Other liabilities	14,000	14,000	13,192
Total	\$2,968,909	\$2,664,308	\$2,388,651
Trust department (additional)	\$113,026	\$121,564	\$123,355

***Security Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).**

	Dec. 31 '25.
Resources—	
Cash, specie and notes	\$11,399
Due approved reserve agents	16,518
Due from other banks and trust companies	1,102
Bills discounted	90,944
Time loans with collateral	9,975
Call loans with collateral	25,522
Loans secured by bonds and mortgages	142,800
Bonds	56,710
Bonds, mortgages and judgments of record	27,575
Office building and lot	50,537
Furniture and fixtures	9,897
Miscellaneous	319
Total	\$443,298
Liabilities—	
Capital stock	\$125,546
Surplus fund	4,644
Demand deposits	159,750
Time deposits	60,258
Due to banks, trust companies, &c.	12,500
Notes and bills rediscounted or guaranteed	15,500
Bills payable	40,000
Other liabilities	26,100
Total	\$443,298

* Began business April 25 1925.

Sixty-Ninth Street Terminal Title & Trust Co. (Phila.)

	Dec. 31 '25.
Resources—	
Cash, specie and notes	\$67,184
Due from approved reserve agents	119,098
Due from other banks, trust companies, &c.	13,317
Bills discounted	185,584
Time loans with collateral	57,920
Call loans with collateral	174,388
Loans secured by bonds and mortgages	873,063
Bonds	449,899
Bonds, mortgages and judgments owned	342,443
Office building and lot	132,494
Other real estate	13,674
Furniture and fixtures	20,749
Other resources	9,385
Total	\$2,459,198
Liabilities—	
Capital stock	\$375,000
Surplus fund	150,000
Undivided profits	46,014
Reserve for interest, taxes and expenses	20,375
Demand deposits	1,266,650
Time deposits	442,864
Due to banks and trust companies	15,275
Bills payable	143,000
Other liabilities	20
Total	\$2,459,198
Trust department	\$28,199

Sons of Italy State Bank & Trust Co. (Phila.)

	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Resources—			
Cash, specie and notes	\$18,778	\$16,201	\$22,070
Due from approved reserve agents	128,020	137,568	51,441
Legal reserve securities	—	—	20,000
Due from banks, trust companies, &c.	718	1,624	13,579
Commercial paper	28,842	123,482	122,377
Loans on collateral	327,319	117,138	177,576
Bonds and stocks	18,519	20,219	51,062
Mortgages and judgments of record	136,169	197,922	253,996
Office building and lot	52,600	52,600	52,600
Furniture and fixtures	5,996	6,155	5,500
Other resources	2,413	4,210	13,518
Total	\$718,974	\$677,119	\$784,719
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Surplus	62,500	62,500	62,500
Undivided profits	11,148	8,910	11,298
Demand deposits	177,505	154,136	218,696
Savings fund deposits	328,319	310,323	341,040
Mortgages payable	12,000	12,000	12,000
Other liabilities	2,502	4,250	14,185
Total	\$718,974	\$677,119	\$784,719

Southwark Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Resources—			
Cash on hand	\$51,439	\$40,432	\$31,543
Due from approved reserve agents	114,299	102,821	56,358
Due from other banks, trust cos., &c.	—	1,128	—
Commercial paper	375,842	400,336	294,600
Time loans with collateral	20,060	22,550	62,900
Call loans with collateral	26,384	31,385	40,475
Loans secured by bonds & mortgages	742,236	258,145	134,398
Bonds	148,263	119,457	159,389
Mortgages	427,800	696,500	582,400
Office building and lot	143,741	—	—
Furniture and fixtures	22,154	4,800	2,223
Other assets	25,109	19,930	20,634
Total	\$2,097,327	\$1,697,494	\$1,384,920

Southwark Title & Trust Co. (Phila.) Concluded.

Liabilities—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Capital stock	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Surplus fund	125,000	125,000	125,000
Undivided profits	77,081	59,786	42,090
Reserve for interest, taxes & expenses	31,676	15,054	—
Demand deposits	705,732	560,973	549,800
Time deposits	706,838	613,671	533,562
Bills payable	115,000	150,000	—
Notes and bills re-discounted	7,000	48,000	—
Other liabilities	204,000	—	9,468
Total	\$2,097,327	\$1,697,484	\$1,384,920
Trust department (additional)	\$54,170	\$24,602	—

Suburban Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.
Cash, specie and notes	\$106,931
Due from approved reserve agents	128,888
Legal reserve securities, at par	76,000
Exchanges for clearing house	2,937
Bills discounted; upon one name	137,463
Upon two or more names	52,751
Time loans with collateral	37,135
Call loans with collateral	28,500
Loans on call; upon one name	193,825
Loans secured by bonds and mortgages	203,475
Bonds	183,336
Bonds and mortgages owned	698,375
Judgments of record	76,580
Office building and lot	200,000
Furniture and fixtures	26,592
Overdrafts	594
Book value of legal reserve securities above par	1,269
Other assets not included in above	20,933
Total	\$2,175,584

Liabilities—	Dec. 31 '25.
Capital stock paid in	\$250,000
Surplus fund	50,000
Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid	49,917
Reserved for interest, taxes and expenses	17,104
Deposits subject to check	1,017,196
Deposits, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	30,000
Certified checks	4,135
Treasurer's checks	719
Time certificates of deposit	12,315
Special time deposits	4,227
Time savings fund deposits	383,798
Due to banks, trust companies, &c., excluding reserve	49,937
Notes and bills rediscounted or guaranteed	45,000
Bills payable on demand	130,000
Other liabilities not included in above	131,236
Total	\$2,175,584

***Susquehanna Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash, specie and notes	\$19,515	\$4,618
Due from approved reserve agents	42,599	26,737
Legal reserve securities at par	15,000	10,000
Commercial paper	74,096	46,886
Time loans with collateral	31,945	25
Call loans with collateral	276,332	17,100
Bonds	89,109	28,320
Mortgages and judgments of record	18,915	3,800
Office building and lot	109,569	100,077
Furniture and fixtures	9,768	3,708
Book value of legal reserve securities above par	338	434
Other assets not included in above	—	229
Total	\$697,186	\$241,980

Liabilities—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Capital stock	\$150,000	\$132,804
Surplus fund	15,000	11,167
Undivided profits	5,246	—
Reserve for depreciation	3,103	—
Demand deposits	270,380	76,042
Time deposits	134,957	1,967
Bills payable	98,500	—
Other liabilities	20,000	20,000
Total	\$697,186	\$241,980

* Began business Dec. 13 1924.

Tacony Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Real estate mortgages	\$836,475	\$784,674	\$584,408
Stocks and bonds	782,424	791,787	820,518
Loans on collateral	545,396	378,436	440,835
Loans on personal securities	85,882	64,498	48,226
Real estate	70,254	56,756	56,700
Cash on hand	92,851	149,358	104,496
Cash on deposit	134,654	136,987	198,091
Other assets	269	2,603	6,195
Total	\$2,548,205	\$2,365,099	\$2,259,469

Liabilities—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Capital stock	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Surplus fund	150,000	150,000	150,000
Undivided profits	104,608	88,994	63,708
Deposits	2,143,585	1,975,077	1,895,749
Miscellaneous	12	1,028	12
Total	\$2,548,205	\$2,365,099	\$2,259,469
Trust department (additional)	\$2,035,838	\$2,147,022	\$1,864,920

Tioga Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Bonds, stocks, &c.	\$1,032,576	\$1,040,368	\$1,157,394
Real estate	49,060	66,775	44,877
Mortgages	792,070	606,385	521,545
Loans with collateral	271,463	410,058	564,263
Commercial paper purchased	231,446	376,694	194,787
Due from banks	125,652	126,956	150,729
Specie and notes	76,944	58,412	47,989
Other assets	499,831	89,151	112,523
Total	\$3,079,072	\$2,774,799	\$2,794,107

Liabilities—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Capital stock	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Undivided profits	155,809	123,048	101,707
Deposits	2,467,332	2,405,080	2,226,820
Other liabilities	330,931	121,671	340,580
Total	\$3,079,072	\$2,774,799	\$2,794,107

***United Security Life Ins. & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).**

Resources—	*Jan. 1 '26.	*Jan. 1 '25.	*Jan. 1 '24.
First mortgage loans	\$3,163,293	\$3,048,121	\$2,856,895
Bonds and stocks	954,522	1,079,208	1,344,446
Loans on collateral	2,813,220	2,557,232	2,444,773
Commercial paper	667,818	362,424	190,962
Banking house and other real estate	458,195	451,970	374,572
Cash on hand and deposit	685,892	753,425	919,389
Other assets	11,742	6,370	323
Total	\$8,754,682	\$8,258,750	\$8,131,360

Liabilities—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Capital stock	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,160,000
Surplus	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,080,000
Undivided profits	157,338	99,136	90,254
Reserve	144,531	126,353	142,184
Bills payable	250,000	—	245,000
General deposits payable on demand	6,202,813	6,033,260	5,394,287
Miscellaneous	—	—	19,635
Total	\$8,754,682	\$8,258,750	\$8,131,360
Trust department (additional)	\$4,499,523	\$4,305,639	\$2,710,726

* Wayne Junction Trust Co. was absorbed by the United Security Life Insurance & Trust Co. as of March 3 1924. The above statement is the combined results of both companies for all periods.

West End Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand and due from banks	\$1,848,974	\$1,538,903	\$1,248,354
Loans on coll. & on bonds & mtgs.	16,418,514	13,450,980	11,955,088
Investments, stocks and bonds	4,437,784	5,405,516	5,292,338
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	1,115,208	1,000,000	1,000,000
Other resources, accrued interest	—	120,289	161,479
Total	\$23,820,480	\$21,515,697	\$19,697,259

Liabilities—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Capital stock	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Surplus	2,000,000	1,800,000	1,800,000
Undivided profits	478,391	454,037	312,377
Deposits	18,707,646	16,911,660	15,084,882
Other liabilities	634,443	350,000	500,000
Total	\$23,820,480	\$21,515,697	\$19,697,259
Trust department (additional)	\$11,336,524	\$11,425,714	\$10,422,391

Dividends paid in calendar year	1925.	1924.	1923.
Rate of interest paid on deposits	10% demand; 8% time	8% demand; 4% time	8%

West Philadelphia Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Real estate mortgages	\$1,755,234	\$1,154,250	\$869,130
Stocks and bonds	4,276,775	4,703,803	5,820,301
Loans on collateral	3,123,314	2,742,834	2,355,891
Real estate	269,911	170,009	132,159
Cash on hand and on deposit	754,534	792,578	779,103
Other assets	156,396	136,928	145,572
Total	\$10,336,164	\$9,700,402	\$10,102,156

Liabilities—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Capital stock paid in	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Surplus	850,000	750,000	750,000
Undivided profits	108,355	160,474	114,039
General deposits	8,175,660	7,759,441	7,278,085
Bills payable	650,000	465,000	1,355,000
Other liabilities	52,149	65,487	105,032
Total	\$10,336,164	\$9,700,402	\$10,102,156
Trust department (additional)	\$3,417,394	\$2,805,516	\$2,737,335

Rate of int. on dep. of \$500 & over	1925.	1924.	1923.
Dividends paid in calendar year	2 to 4%	2 to 4%	2 to 4%
	18%	18%	16%

Wharton Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash, specie and notes	\$12,113	\$13,861
Due from approved reserve agents	45,524	21,452
Commercial paper	151,162	134,385
Time loans with collateral	30,165	58,225
Call loans with collateral	117,297	26,663
Bonds	33,500	10,500
Mortgages	98,700	96,100
Office building and lot	52,885	48,110
Furniture and fixtures	3,819	3,260
Other assets	29,125	41,539
Total	\$574,290	\$454,095

Liabilities—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Capital stock	\$153,200	\$137,300
Surplus fund	5,870	17,163
Demand deposits	186,967	145,245
Time deposits	141,033	105,272
Bills payable	70,000	35,000
Other liabilities	17,220	14,115
Total	\$574,290	\$454,095

* Began business in 1924.

***Wyoming Bank & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Cash, specie and notes	\$48,796	\$25,240
Due from approved reserve agents	101,046	70,484
Legal reserve securities	30,000	14,975
Commercial paper	73,827	145,282
Time loans on collateral	55,110	73,430
Call loans on collateral	691,860	164,440
Bonds and stocks	443,749	376,984
Mortgages and judgments of record	135,823	104,625
Office building and lot	110,089	107,285
Furniture and fixtures	20,667	17,876
Customers' liability on letters of credit & accept's.	3,000	1,050
Revenue stamps and accrued interest	9,275	3,543
Total	\$1,723,241	\$1,105,216

Liabilities—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Capital stock	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus fund	70,000	40,000
Undivided profits	13,621	18,887
Demand deposits	905,609	539,929
Time deposits	531,011	305,350
Acceptances	3,000	1,050
Total	\$1,723,241	\$1,105,216

* Began business in 1924.

BALTIMORE COMPANIES

*Baltimore Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Loans and discounts	\$35,829,578	\$27,125,260	\$24,392,652
Bonds, securities, &c.	10,364,625	9,591,754	7,599,215
Banking houses, furniture & fixtures	1,521,766	1,576,600	1,541,087
Customers' liability acct. acceptances	5,810,164	2,415,068	926,094
Customers' liab. under letters of credit	537,425	352,837	536,946
Accrued interest receivable	215,602	190,143	190,273
Cash and due from banks	13,685,963	12,700,058	9,405,080
Miscellaneous assets	51,978	127,403	221,437
Total	\$68,317,101	\$54,079,123	\$45,312,784
Liabilities—			
Capital	\$3,500,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Surplus	3,500,000	4,000,000	4,000,000
Undivided profits	527,539	678,835	484,951
Due to banks, bankers and trust cos.	2,900,801		
Other demand deposits	28,189,591	42,442,371	33,795,604
Time deposits	22,064,639		
Unpaid dividends	118,226	107,243	111,011
Interest collected but not earned	189,252	124,994	132,848
Reserves for taxes and interest	230,767	88,477	78,325
Acceptances	6,058,861	2,726,584	1,734,571
Rediscunts with Federal Reserve Bk			950,000
Bills payable			950,000
Letters of credit	537,425	352,837	536,946
Bonds borrowed	500,000	500,000	500,000
Miscellaneous	51,978	57,782	66,471
Total	\$68,317,101	\$54,079,123	\$45,312,784

*On Jan. 31 1925 the Atlantic Exchange Bank & Trust Co. was merged with the Baltimore Trust Co. Above figures are the combined results of both companies for all periods.

* Century Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Loans, secured	\$7,246,909	\$2,954,195	\$1,283,919
Investments	1,054,308	786,538	104,370
Equipment	10,552	7,878	1,773
Cash on hand and in banks	1,595,560	539,569	537,091
Interest earned, not collected	35,266	20,137	2,309
Cust. liab. acc. letters of credit	5,000		
Cust. liab. acct. commitments	158,000		
Miscellaneous			13,519
Total	\$10,105,595	\$4,308,407	\$1,942,981
Liabilities—			
Capital	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Surplus	600,000	500,000	500,000
Undivided profits	102,855	50,088	
Reserve for taxes	43,794	5,000	
Reserve for depreciation	5,000	1,000	
Reserve for contingencies	8,500		
Reserve for div. payable Jan. 2 1925		15,000	
Reserve for interest	10,610	2,525	
Interest collected, not earned	16,572	10,706	3,045
Letters of credit	5,000		
Commitments	158,000		
Deposits	8,655,265	3,224,088	939,936
Total	\$10,105,595	\$4,308,407	\$1,942,981

*For only two weeks of operation; company began business Dec. 17 1923.

Colonial Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Loans and discounts	\$828,890	\$528,356	\$511,241
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,022,917	2,903	265
Stocks, bonds, securities, &c.	280,586	1,052,599	959,941
Mortgages	155,137	265,336	195,259
Bkg. house, furn., fixtures & vault		153,922	153,797
Overdrafts	481		
Other real estate	26,498	26,498	26,498
Checks and cash items	745	107	220
Due from approved reserve agents	208,731	224,538	165,901
Lawful money reserve in bank	23,132	19,322	17,210
Miscellaneous	4,289	2,729	4,105
Total	\$2,551,406	\$2,276,310	\$2,033,537
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Surplus fund	100,000	100,000	100,000
Undivided profits	122,870	68,111	47,607
Deposits	2,023,636	1,808,199	1,585,930
Reserve for taxes	4,900		
Total	\$2,551,406	\$2,276,310	\$2,033,537

Commerce Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Investments	\$891,292	\$1,192,062	\$795,093
Loans and discounts	1,905,906	1,806,918	1,604,298
Overdrafts			7,893
Banking house equity	225,000	250,000	250,000
Interest earned—not collected	21,362		11,281
Furniture, fixtures, organization, &c.	1	1	
Customers' liability on acceptances	30,000	52,857	44,286
Customers' liability on rediscunts	91,067		
Cash	1,308,657	660,985	597,476
Prepaid advertising			1,520
Other resources	1,977	25,776	1,154
Total	\$4,475,262	\$3,988,599	\$3,313,002
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
Surplus, paid in	250,000	250,000	250,000
Undivided profits	60,969	57,337	53,578
Unearned interest	11,085	8,608	26,570
Reserve for taxes, &c.		7,000	3,990
Rediscunts	91,067		95,055
Dividends unpaid	9,777	220	3,128
Interest accrued	560	4,423	2,920
Bills payable		400,000	250,000
Acceptances paid	30,000	52,857	44,286
Letters of credit issued		17,419	
Deposits	3,271,805	2,440,735	1,833,475
Total	\$4,475,262	\$3,988,599	\$3,313,002

(The) Continental Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Loans and discounts	\$7,230,423	\$5,167,062	\$6,672,119
Stocks, bonds, securities, &c.	3,640,654	3,242,791	1,995,599
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	1,550,000	1,550,000	1,550,000
Due from banks, bankers and tr. cos.	516,570	912,323	596,157
Checks and cash items		26,665	14,557
Due from approved reserve agents	2,162,277	1,623,450	586,227
Exchange for Clearing House	793,198	1,182,023	1,223,392
Cash on hand	35,012	24,536	24,423
Customers' liability on acceptances	100,000	100,000	
Total	\$16,028,134	\$13,828,850	\$12,662,474
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$1,350,000	\$1,350,000	\$1,350,000
Surplus fund	1,350,000	1,350,000	1,350,000
Undivided profits	551,799	449,403	382,072
Due to banks, bankers and trust cos.	572,196	177,980	148,142
Deposits (demand)	9,945,590	9,079,972	8,174,847
Deposits (time)	2,258,549	1,321,495	1,277,409
Domestic and foreign acceptances		100,000	
Total	\$16,028,134	\$13,828,850	\$12,662,474

Equitable Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Loans and discounts	\$13,248,893	\$10,406,497	\$11,108,061
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		920	2,644
Stocks, bonds, securities, &c.	6,751,586	7,114,182	4,808,256
Bank house, vaults, furn. & fixtures	250,000	250,000	250,000
Due from banks, bankers & trust cos.		13,534	133,477
Due from approved reserve agents	2,654,893	1,998,849	2,744,606
Lawful money reserve in bank		266,315	323,809
Miscellaneous	182,760	168,596	158,252
Credit granted on acceptances		70,402	200,000
Foreign exchange			81,841
Total	\$23,088,132	\$20,289,295	\$19,810,946
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000
Surplus fund	1,250,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Undivided profits	187,103	331,891	228,193
Due to banks, bankers and trust cos.		433,748	252,243
Due to approved reserve agents	19,474,909	191,591	189,302
Deposits (demand)		10,736,182	10,963,473
Deposits (time)		5,939,260	5,556,237
Domestic and foreign acceptances		70,402	200,000
Notes and bills rediscounted		31,268	
Reserved for taxes, interest, &c.	186,897	180,291	
Bills payable	700,000		
Miscellaneous	39,223		
Total	\$23,088,132	\$20,189,295	\$19,810,946

Fidelity Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Loans and discounts	\$10,435,744	\$8,620,825	\$7,625,528
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,199	482	592
Stocks, bonds, securities, &c.	7,958,734	8,720,303	7,067,369
Due from banks, bankers & trust cos.	3,775	8,581	12,455
Due from approved reserve agents	3,566,800	2,936,189	2,786,706
Cash on hand	282,814	310,755	292,403
Miscellaneous assets	57,754	108,100	70,017
Total	\$22,306,820	\$20,705,235	\$17,855,070
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus fund	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Undivided profits	343,073	240,744	140,180
Due to banks, bankers and trust cos.	1,548,077	1,706,304	1,153,650
Due to approved reserve agents	339,296	256,976	214,896
Deposits (demand)	16,998,263	15,418,513	13,219,521
Reserve for taxes and interest	32,489	33,363	56,905
Other liabilities	45,622	49,335	69,918
Total	\$22,306,820	\$20,705,235	\$17,855,070
Divs. pd. on co.'s stk. in cal. year	1925, 20 reg. 4 ext	1924, 1924	1923, 1923
Rate of interest paid on deposits	2% daily, 3% monthly acct	2% daily, 3% monthly acct	2% daily, 3% monthly acct

Maryland Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Loans	\$5,190,746	\$4,662,350	\$4,444,926
Stocks, bonds, securities, &c.	3,206,985	3,880,145	3,671,013
Due from banks, bankers & trust cos.	1,834,275	1,369,200	1,640,036
Cash on hand and on deposit	885,402	842,763	914,312
Banking house and office building	645,000	655,000	
Miscellaneous assets	86,053	103,338	103,445
Total	\$11,848,462	\$11,512,796	\$10,773,732
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus earned	500,000	637,236	562,977
Undivided profits	221,342	637,236	562,977
Reserve for taxes, interest, &c.	25,276	18,265	23,744
Deposits	10,101,845	9,859,235	9,187,011
Total	\$11,848,462	\$11,512,796	\$10,773,732

Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co. (Baltimore).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Loans and discounts	\$15,174,521	\$11,780,779	\$11,904,773
Stocks, bonds, securities, &c.	6,766,554	7,665,706	7,577,224
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	100,000	100,000	100,000
Cash on hand and on deposit	2,626,068	2,686,598	2,288,406
Unsettled bond acct. & acct. receiv.	100,358	15,885	57,625
Foreign department	67,136	91,083	103,108
Clearing House exchanges	466,637	578,820	564,715
Total	\$25,301,274	\$22,918,871	\$22,685,851
Liabilities—			
Capital stock, paid in	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Surplus fund	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000
Undivided profits	286,693	219,437	184,038
Reserve for interest and taxes	201,246	28,256	40,881
Deposits (demand)	14,478,413	13,665,229	12,987,803
Deposits (time)	5,334,922	4,005,949	4,473,129
Total	\$25,301,274	\$22,918,871	\$22,685,851

Safe Deposit & Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Stock			

Title Guarantee & Trust Co. (Baltimore).

	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Resources—			
Loans and discounts	\$3,929,771	\$3,520,678	\$3,598,891
Stocks, bonds, securities, &c.	2,346,946	2,634,784	2,196,448
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	416,200	416,200	180,200
Mortgages and ground rents	1,897,834	1,645,588	2,190,075
Due from banks, bankers & trust cos.	51,937	73,155	48,419
Equity in other real estate owned	27,275	—	—
Checks and cash items	17,394	24,559	750
Due from approved reserve agents	504,454	571,388	\$64,811
Lawful money reserve in bank	84,718	66,524	70,082
Accrued interest receivable	24,198	29,770	30,625
Miscellaneous	3,100	—	46,000
Total	\$9,303,827	\$8,982,646	\$9,226,301
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Surplus	600,000	500,000	400,000
Undivided profits	28,664	27,796	27,403
Due to banks, bankers & trust cos.	526,771	535,252	492,028
Deposits (demand)	4,002,421	4,375,449	4,138,378
Deposits (time)	3,638,880	2,802,580	2,539,694
Building loan deposits	62,184	305,720	985,671
Reserve for interest on deposits	44,907	35,649	43,127
Bills payable	—	—	200,000
Total	\$9,303,827	\$8,982,646	\$9,226,301

Union Trust Co. (Baltimore).

	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Resources—			
Loans and discounts	\$15,990,507	\$11,553,807	\$8,467,923
Stocks, bonds, securities, &c.	4,733,355	4,307,611	1,614,764
Banking house, furniture & fixtures	450,000	450,000	350,000
Other real estate	344,227	142,400	418,393
Due from banks, bankers & trust cos.	—	—	61,392
Due from approved reserve agents	3,705,056	3,640,853	1,653,072
Cash and exchange	—	—	1,305,996
Credit granted on acceptances	—	150,000	96,735
Total	\$25,223,145	\$20,244,671	\$13,969,115
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$1,000,000	\$750,000	\$550,000
Surplus fund	1,000,000	750,000	450,000
Undivided profits	491,653	242,571	195,690
Reserve for interest and taxes, &c.	89,143	62,849	54,780
Fiscal agents' balances	22,642,349	17,040,102	12,690,644
Domestic and foreign acceptances	—	1,399,049	—
Total	\$25,223,145	220,244,671	\$13,969,114

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Central Trust Co. of Illinois (Chicago).

	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Resources—			
Time loans	\$33,721,747	\$29,075,708	\$28,801,627
Demand loans	32,994,050	37,260,934	26,466,157
Real estate loans	3,185,812	4,168,847	3,355,810
U. S. Govt. bond & certifs. of indebt.	1,841,479	6,319,377	1,874,208
Bonds and stocks	5,268,582	6,073,553	7,009,319
Capital stock of Federal Reserve Bank	270,000	210,000	—
Bank premises	775,000	775,000	775,000
Customers' liabil. on letters of credit	380,878	326,235	126,354
Customers' liability on acceptances	130,381	132,434	73,169
Cash and sight exchange	23,509,158	24,748,762	22,093,295
Total	102,077,087	109,090,850	\$90,784,939
Liabilities—			
Capital	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
Surplus	3,000,000	3,000,000	1,000,000
Undivided profits	1,443,180	1,028,570	3,084,971
Reserve for taxes and interest	725,680	722,525	6,474,966
Dividend account	180,723	180,609	180,135
Letters of credit outstanding	401,678	334,675	127,054
Acceptances executed for customers	130,381	132,434	73,169
Deposits	90,195,445	97,692,037	79,644,644
Total	102,077,087	109,090,850	\$90,784,939

Chicago Trust Company (Chicago).

	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Resources—			
Cash on hand	\$7,165,986	\$6,373,641	\$216,464
Deposited in other banks	—	—	5,877,007
Loans secured by first lien on real est.	4,899,512	3,863,941	2,624,008
Stocks and bonds	2,416,088	2,576,105	2,303,558
Loans upon the pledge of securities	15,246,363	15,440,005	5,964,066
Loans and discounts	—	—	6,257,055
Overdrafts	667	522	645
Customers' liability under letters of credit and acceptance	428,399	268,745	87,426
Other assets, incl. accrued interest	466,252	492,840	593,269
Total	\$30,623,267	\$29,015,799	\$23,923,498
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$2,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Surplus	1,000,000	500,000	500,000
Undivided profits	284,272	531,324	426,793
Deposits	25,919,833	25,227,756	20,776,586
Dividends unpaid	60,000	45,000	30,034
Interim certificates outstanding	239,556	—	—
Contingent fund	100,000	—	—
Reserve for interest and taxes	125,660	108,050	79,796
Liability under letters of credit and acceptance	428,399	268,745	87,426
Discount coll. & unearned	465,547	416,100	66,319
Other liabilities	—	418,824	465,544
Total	\$30,623,267	\$29,015,799	\$23,923,498

Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank (Chicago).

	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Resources—			
Real estate	\$803,990	\$491,757	\$25,340
Cash on hand	1,075,250	1,193,116	1,671,477
Deposited in other banks	28,607,878	14,557,933	35,907,489
Cash in hands of agents and in transit	3,832,469	2,380,109	2,871,334
Loans secured by first lien on real est.	4,771,086	3,023,149	3,956,942
Loans upon pledges of securities	26,490,778	23,531,425	27,010,952
Stocks and bonds	47,782,232	60,581,623	28,523,304
Other assets, including accrued int.	6,795,694	6,688,993	6,327,196
Total	\$119,659,377	\$112,448,105	106,394,034
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Surplus on hand	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000
Undivided profits	1,853,766	1,013,914	233,730
Deposits	100,320,238	93,952,769	89,369,632
Other liabilities	2,485,373	2,481,422	1,790,672
Total	\$119,659,377	\$112,448,105	106,394,034

Equitable Trust Co. of Chicago.

	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Resources—			
Cash on hand and due from banks	\$899,607	\$518,735	\$306,437
Bonds	268,784	265,246	299,317
Loans secured	1,093,013	2,327,776	1,925,517
Loans unsecured	1,467,371	—	—
Banking house	75,000	75,000	75,000
Furniture and fixtures	19,891	17,544	13,358
Interest earned	8,053	7,943	8,260
Total	\$3,831,719	\$3,212,244	\$2,717,899
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$250,000	\$250,000	250,000
Surplus	50,000	50,000	50,000
Undivided profits	21,982	21,588	1,736
Reserve for interest and taxes	5,150	3,560	2,500
Interest earned	16,399	13,049	13,788
Bills payable	3,488,179	2,774,107	2,329,865
Deposits	—	—	70,000
Total	\$3,831,719	\$3,212,244	\$2,717,899

First Trust and Savings Bank (Chicago).

	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Resources—			
Cash on hand and due from banks	\$7,747,383	\$5,320,160	\$12,487,377
Due from Federal Reserve Bank	5,713,033	5,132,331	5,755,552
Cash in hands of agents and in course of transmission	2,072,354	4,096,829	344,593
Loans and discounts	69,504,226	59,623,704	70,468,528
Stocks and bonds	55,941,191	60,670,279	36,499,679
Customers' liability for acceptances	—	1,725,000	—
Federal Reserve Bank stock	375,000	375,000	375,000
Real estate	4,348,142	3,037,775	2,188,157
Other assets	774,738	405,392	288,027
Total	\$146,476,057	140,386,470	\$128,406,913
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$7,500,000	\$6,250,000	\$6,250,000
Surplus on hand	7,500,000	6,250,000	6,250,000
Undivided profits	2,966,654	3,979,948	3,287,584
Time deposits	123,425,334	117,942,796	106,769,703
Acceptances	—	1,725,000	—
Reserve for interest and taxes	3,460,305	3,110,198	2,575,544
Other liabilities	1,623,764	1,128,528	3,274,082
Total	\$146,476,057	140,386,470	\$128,406,913

* Includes deposits in other banks as follows: 1924, \$4,192,599; 1923, \$8,749,399; 1922, \$7,164,836.

***(The) Foreman Trust & Savings Bank (Chicago).**

	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	*Dec. 31 '23.
Resources—			
Cash on hand	\$2,794,892	\$2,460,427	\$64,032
Deposited in other banks	—	—	905,142
Items in transit	—	—	338
Loans and discounts	8,797,126	8,130,871	4,113,155
Stocks and bonds	3,339,889	2,922,256	2,043,162
Other assets	—	—	2,038,469
Total	\$14,931,907	\$12,513,554	\$9,164,298
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus	500,000	500,000	500,000
Undivided profits	433,153	511,423	82,719
Deposits	12,810,485	10,752,264	7,496,119
Unearned interest	41,328	37,249	85,460
Reserve for taxes and interest	146,941	72,617	—
Total	\$14,931,907	\$12,513,554	\$9,164,298

* The Foreman Trust & Savings Bank began business as a separate institution on July 1 1923, this company and the Foreman National Bank having succeeded the Foreman Bros. Banking Company on that date. Comparison with previous years not possible on account of the division.

Greenebaum Sons Bank & Trust Co. (Chicago).

	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Resources—			
Loans and discounts	\$22,687,879	\$17,935,129	\$19,554,749
U. S. bonds and certifs. of indebtedness	1,506,112	1,155,893	371,141
Other bonds and securities	1,633,203	1,809,972	773,731
Real estate	39,277	54,377	69,897
Customers' liab. under letters of credit	106,514	218,350	146,347
Customers' liab. acct. of acceptances	4,000	712	134,040
Cash on hand and in banks	5,234,393	6,101,297	5,509,920
Total	\$31,211,378	\$27,502,765	\$24,940,205
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Surplus	500,000	500,000	500,000
Undivided profits	902,450	830,759	756,393
Reserve for taxes and interest	62,786	55,868	50,785
Dividends payable Jan. 2 1926	112,500	—	—
Letters of credit	106,514	218,350	153,464
Acceptances and contingent liabilities	4,000	51,289	169,562
Deposits	28,023,128	24,346,498	21,810,001
Total	\$31,211,378	\$27,502,764	\$24,940,205

Harris Trust & Savings Bank (Chicago).

	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Resources—			
Cash on hand and due from banks	\$11,336,937	\$10,481,955	\$9,851,436
Cash in hands of agents and in course of transmission	5,258,592	3,260,571	3,401,280
Loans on pledges of securities	41,838,288	24,861,837	21,894,802
Stocks and bonds	21,233,965	24,010,418	13,004,888
Other assets, incl. accrued interest	992,367	10,594,523	7,874,788
Total	\$80,660,149	\$73,209,304	\$66,027,194
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$3,000,		

***Illinois Merchants Trust Co. (Chicago).**

(Results for combined institutions for all dates.)

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	1924.	1923.
Cash on hand and due from banks	\$86,278,456	\$87,773,019	\$79,170,550
U. S. Govt. bonds and Treasury cfs.	61,012,221	58,324,934	34,354,381
Bonds and other securities	29,693,174	29,861,811	33,023,823
Demand loans on collateral	87,259,779	104,335,379	92,363,793
Time loans on collateral	116,059,769	94,260,886	104,381,853
Other loans and discounts	46,587,566	58,655,342	35,435,848
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,350,000	1,350,000	1,350,000
Illinois Merchants Tr. Co. building		8,500,000	10,032,516
Cust. liab. under letters of credit	10,810,610	4,949,336	5,674,377
Customers' liab. under acceptances	7,038,764	17,318,153	14,090,382
Liability of other banks on bills purchased and sold			2,316,283
Interest accrued but not collected	2,126,289	2,101,485	1,560,204
Total	\$448,216,629	\$467,430,345	\$413,754,010
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000
Surplus	30,000,000	30,000,000	30,000,000
Undivided profits	x163,936	5,095,668	9,309,880
Deposits	380,248,707	389,754,983	329,953,277
Contingent fund	2,000,000	1,300,000	2,850,000
Dividends unpaid	750,559		
Reserved for taxes and interest	1,447,491	2,225,101	2,655,757
Other reserves		1,200,000	1,000,000
Letters of credit	10,910,896	4,997,189	5,733,957
Acceptances	7,038,764	17,318,153	14,090,382
Discount collected but not earned	656,276	539,251	844,474
Liab. as endorser on bills purch. & sold			2,316,283
Total	\$448,216,629	\$467,430,345	\$413,754,010

* All the above figures represent the combined figures of the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Merchants Loan & Trust Co. and the Corn Exchange National Bank, which were merged as of Oct. 1 1919 though the actual physical consolidation was not consummated until Sept. 27 1924.

x The large decrease in undivided profits from 1924 to 1925 is accounted for in the charge-off of the Illinois-Merchants Trust building which is now carried at \$1. The total cost of the building was \$15,815,497 of which \$9,900,000 was charged off in 1924 and the balance, \$8,915,497 at the end of 1925.

The Northern Trust Co. (Chicago).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Time loans secured by collateral	\$15,415,356	\$16,355,080	\$10,335,594
Demand loans secured by collateral	14,993,054	13,571,499	14,329,827
Other loans and discounts	7,812,816	7,700,244	8,293,859
Bonds and other securities, including U. S. Government obligations	11,395,165	11,438,978	7,879,964
Overdrafts		10,629	3,362
Federal Reserve bank stock	150,000	150,000	150,000
Bank premises	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000
Liability of other banks on bills purchased	450,000	650,000	2,040,000
Customers' liability acct. accept'nces		580,028	774,207
Customers' liability under letters of credit	1,006,095	684,645	1,175,939
Cash and due from banks	16,546,540	15,575,871	13,877,149
Other assets			165,768
Total	\$69,169,026	\$68,116,974	\$60,425,669
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Surplus fund	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
Undivided profits	2,550,388	2,306,113	2,003,261
Dividends unpaid	64,500	60,000	60,500
Reserved for taxes, interest, &c.	1,824,783	1,633,063	1,532,806
Discount collected but not earned	145,842	102,680	138,803
Contingent liability on other banks' bills sold	450,000	650,000	2,040,000
Acceptances executed for customers	1,014,309	580,028	774,207
Letters of credit outstanding		687,360	1,178,839
Deposits	58,119,204	57,097,700	47,419,482
Other liabilities			277,762
Total	\$69,169,026	\$68,116,974	\$60,425,669

American Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Bonds and stocks	\$2,985,912	\$3,024,476	\$3,225,816
Government securities	4,342,344	3,258,914	2,683,609
Stock in Federal Res. Bank, St. Louis	45,000	43,500	42,000
Demand loans	3,951,902	2,971,798	2,858,256
Time loans	3,135,513	3,647,933	3,606,930
Real estate loans	528,203	919,884	725,106
Due fr. tr. cos., bks., brs. & brokers	2,196,685	2,500,530	1,718,202
Cash on hand	98,719	110,532	108,065
Safe deposit vaults	114,396	126,922	139,822
Other resources	94,542	95,036	92,578
Total	\$17,493,216	\$16,699,525	\$15,206,383
Liabilities—			
Capital	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus and undivided profits	578,550	550,265	502,746
Deposits subject to check	8,484,576	8,531,324	6,906,066
Certificates of deposit	1,364,606	746,900	894,811
Due trust cos., banks and bankers	1,395,397	745,554	427,619
Savings deposits	2,954,604	2,918,966	2,622,745
U. S. Government deposits	1,200,250	1,889,567	2,500,000
Bills payable	225,000		
Bonds borrowed	230,100	231,100	301,100
Other liabilities, res. for tax., int., &c.	60,133	85,849	51,296
Total	\$17,493,216	\$16,699,525	\$15,206,383

Broadway Savings Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	June 30 '23.
Loans on collateral and commercial paper and investment securities	\$1,817,242	\$1,709,634	\$1,288,330
Bonds and stocks	262,563	122,854	179,663
Due from trust cos. and banks	447,684	408,901	255,957
Cash on hand	71,839	69,714	60,784
Real estate	4,500		
Furniture and fixtures	18,943		
Improvement account	11,140		
Total	\$2,633,911	\$2,345,516	\$1,874,998
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus and undivided profits	92,741	91,787	102,741
Deposits	2,185,534	1,966,697	1,570,257
Re-discounts and bills payable	155,636	85,000	
Other liabilities		2,032	2,000
Total	\$2,633,911	\$2,345,516	\$1,874,998

The People's Trust & Savings Bank (Chicago).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Loans	\$15,714,621	\$15,346,902	\$11,651,123
Cash on hand	459,248	580,833	
Deposits in other banks	2,227,853	2,080,865	4,386,153
Cash in hands of agents and in transit	1,780,279	1,215,589	
Stocks and bonds	2,465,938	1,549,271	2,300,964
Other assets, incl. accrued interest	208,788	133,704	114,748
Total	\$22,856,727	\$20,937,254	\$18,452,988
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus on hand	500,000	500,000	500,000
Undivided profits	252,601	211,186	236,660
Deposits	20,923,364	19,139,865	16,536,266
Other liabilities	111,822	86,203	153,062
Total	\$22,856,727	\$20,937,254	\$18,452,988

Standard Trust & Savings Bank (Chicago).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand	\$704,521	\$495,341	\$325,118
Deposited in other banks	2,605,431	3,141,771	1,991,725
Cash in hands of agents and in transit	1,790,585	1,339,867	1,339,827
Loans secured by 1st M. on real estate	1,105,200	888,800	1,050,550
Stocks and bonds	2,110,680	1,421,719	1,466,385
Loans upon the pledges of securities	7,471,455	3,217,005	6,476,539
Other assets, incl. accrued interest	4,408,766	6,397,414	3,126,646
Total	\$20,196,638	\$16,901,917	\$15,776,790
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Surplus on hand	500,000	500,000	500,000
Undivided profits	17,392,863	14,671,844	12,962,644
Deposits	782,741	289,549	915,459
Other liabilities			
Total	\$20,196,638	\$16,901,917	\$15,776,790

State Bank of Chicago (Trust Company).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Real estate	\$1,250,000	\$550,000	\$550,000
Cash on hand	1,295,837	1,522,601	1,187,372
Deposited in other banks	7,459,733	7,176,673	6,205,042
Cash in hands of agents & in transit	3,617,865	3,068,730	3,610,204
Loans on real estate, being first liens thereon	3,738,288	3,757,665	3,898,095
Stocks and bonds	2,713,143	2,626,596	2,942,531
Loans upon the pledges of securities	26,111,764	22,913,668	21,978,771
Other loans	18,761,454	20,461,892	
Overdrafts	21,840	10,657	
U. S. Government Investments	156,545	139,017	20,135,275
Other assets	909,817	456,734	
Total	\$66,037,285	\$62,683,634	\$60,507,290
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Surplus on hand	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Undivided profits	1,975,905	1,384,953	745,616
Deposits	54,148,911	53,005,619	50,590,727
Other liabilities	2,412,469	793,062	1,670,947
Total	\$66,037,285	\$62,683,633	\$60,507,290

Union Trust Co. (Chicago).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Cash on hand and clearings	\$3,987,377	\$4,567,155	\$2,666,182
Deposited in other banks	9,518,154	8,453,781	7,556,641
Cash in hands of agents and in transit	3,471,198	2,365,239	3,227,471
Loans, being first liens thereon	5,481,619	2,540,769	1,018,974
Stocks and bonds	8,932,267	10,272,822	6,680,392
Loans upon the pledges of securities	28,028,036	14,840,518	25,409,225
Other assets, incl. accrued interest	24,994,613	30,037,836	21,001,068
Total	\$84,413,264	\$73,378,120	\$67,559,953
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$3,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Surplus on hand	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
Undivided profits reserve for deprec'n	1,425,995	884,853	507,196
Deposits	73,774,101	64,779,693	58,085,334
Other liabilities	3,213,168	2,713,574	3,967,423
Total	\$84,413,264	\$73,378,120	\$67,559,953

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***Chippewa Trust Co. (St. Louis).**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	*Dec. 31 '24.
Loans undoubtedly good on collateral security	\$1,406,775	\$881,725
Loans undoubtedly good on real estate security		443,407
Overdrafts by solvent customers	2,018	494
Bonds and stocks at present value	136,534	124,365
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank, St. Louis	7,500	7,500
Real estate (co.'s office bldg.) at present value	58,500	49,500
Other real estate at its present value		10,480
Safety deposit vaults		10,000
Due from Fed. Res. & trust cos. and bankers		91,115
Checks and other cash items	254,487	41,394
Cash on hand (cur., gold, silver & other coin)		52,119
Interest earned, uncollected		10,923
Total	\$1,886,737	\$1,712,099
Liabilities—		
Capital stock paid in	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus	50,000	50,000
Undiv. prof. less cur. exps. and taxes paid	25,145	17,838
Deposits sub. to draft at sight by trust cos., banks and bankers	870,382	259
Deposits sub. to draft at sight by indivs. & others		682,892
Time certificates of deposit	716,044	159,891
Savings deposits		436,029
Cashier's checks	21,349	18,784
Other reserves (war loan deposit account)	3,500	36,900
Discount collected, unearned	318	1,336
Dividend checks and Com. of Finance Account, Chippewa Bank		108,170
Total	\$1,886,737	\$1,712,099

* Began business Jan. 21 1924.

Chouteau Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	June 30 '25.	June 30 '24.	June 30 '23.
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City Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	June 30 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Loans on collateral security	\$1,493,556	\$1,685,834	\$1,438,744
Loans on real estate security	95,912	125,475	125,475
Overdrafts	990	6,246	6,246
Bonds and stocks	528,891	153,057	153,617
U. S. bds., cts. of indebt. & W. S. S.			33,000
Furniture and fixtures	28,000	31,303	6,136
Real estate	10,957	10,150	7,000
Due from trust cos. and banks	360,519	239,204	319,444
Checks and other cash items			2,662
Cash on hand	17,238	43,435	29,708
Other resources	26,780	3,171	
Total	\$2,562,843	\$2,166,154	\$2,122,032
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus	50,000	65,000	65,000
Undiv. prof. less current exp. & tax	11,192	13,559	25,420
Dep. sub. to draft at sight by indiv. & others, incl. dem. cts. of dep.	1,308,091	1,575,883	1,272,486
Time certificates of deposit	208,094		114,736
Savings deposits	512,228		383,255
United States deposits	196,311		30,000
Treasurer's checks	72,695		28,143
Special reserves	4,000	11,942	
Redcounts		289,237	
Dividends unpaid	45	15	2,992
Other liabilities	187	10,518	
Total	\$2,562,843	\$2,166,154	\$2,122,032

Easton-Taylor Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Loans on collateral	\$570,659	\$440,641	\$342,794
Loans on real estate	233,875	231,665	197,216
Other securities	305,067	198,480	329,618
Bonds and stocks (present value)	608,000	702,244	698,482
Due from banks and trust cos.	145,047	141,028	124,961
Cash on hand, &c.	98,432	85,451	87,649
Furniture and fixtures	10,250	10,250	9,044
Safe deposit vaults	13,850	13,850	14,340
Real estate	63,500	63,500	42,000
Other resources	9,645	21,156	30,878
Total	\$2,058,415	\$1,908,265	\$1,877,022
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus	20,000	14,000	12,000
Undivided profits	51,457	22,885	20,250
Bills payable and redcounts	947,334	943,645	922,484
Time certificates and redcounts	60,000		60,000
Savings deposits	118,945	126,537	98,431
Treasurer's checks outstanding	648,243	576,392	548,730
Other liabilities	12,000	24,482	14,793
	436	324	334
Total	\$2,058,415	\$1,908,265	\$1,877,022

Farmers' & Merchants' Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Loans on collateral	\$1,213,921	\$928,477	\$968,703
Loans on real estate	1,345,190	1,147,700	1,177,743
Commercial paper		116,225	159,771
Bonds and stocks	3,097,646	3,032,870	3,233,195
Furniture and fixtures	24,000	28,500	16,603
Overdrafts	820	1,229	98,431
Cash on hand	78,180	108,711	117,969
Due from banks and trust companies	399,328	377,521	527,377
Office building	111,000	117,027	97,838
Other resources	10,216		
Total	\$6,280,303	\$5,857,760	\$6,229,199
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Surplus	200,000	100,000	80,000
Undivided profits	81,932	89,344	28,964
Deposits	5,448,371	5,218,416	5,540,235
Bills payable Federal Reserve Bank	150,000	50,000	250,000
Total	\$6,280,303	\$5,857,760	\$6,229,199
Rate of interest paid on deposits	2% check; 1925.	2% check; 1924.	3% saving 1923.
Dividends paid in calendar year	8%	8%	6%

Laclede Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Loans on collateral	\$415,145	\$414,745	\$442,709
Loans on real estate security	292,564	350,962	281,089
Other negotiable and non-negotiable paper and investment securities	409,571	229,829	256,483
Bonds and stocks	842,009	870,458	928,811
Real estate	151,529	105,000	105,000
Safe deposit vaults	9,900	5,441	3,600
Furniture and fixtures	16,470		2,569
Due from other trust cos. and banks	196,927	223,521	150,402
Checks and other cash items		150	600
Cash on hand (currency, gold, silver and other coin)	51,219	15,150	27,755
War and revenue stamps			26
Overdrafts by solvent customers	603	1,016	140
Other resources		2,908	
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	7,200		7,200
Total	\$2,393,136	\$2,219,180	\$2,206,383
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus	50,000	40,000	40,000
Undivided profits	39,005	41,251	19,366
Deposits subject to draft, including certificates of deposit	1,071,103	910,110	1,036,280
Time certificates of deposit	208,433	160,087	165,725
Savings deposits	596,803	651,635	488,954
Dividend checks outstanding	6,000		6,039
Reserves for interest, taxes, &c.	18,000	18,000	13,258
Bills payable	165,000	193,400	228,200
All other liabilities, treasurers checks outstanding	38,792		8,561
Total	\$2,393,136	\$2,219,180	\$2,206,383

Liberty Central Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Jan. 5 '25.	Jan. 4 '24.
Loans and discounts	\$19,120,538	\$17,303,576	\$22,585,099
Customers' liability, under accept'ces do do under letters of credit	78,382	33,865	20,388
Overdrafts		56,827	73,400
United States securities	10,660,651	10,444,780	6,686,609
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	105,000	120,000	120,000
Other bonds and stocks	3,065,880	4,871,079	5,342,875
Banking house and other real estate	1,252,932	1,154,588	978,370
Safe deposit vaults	113,000		125,000
United States securities borrowed	342,500	562,646	2,645,500
Other resources	7,340,044	12,765,124	321,455
Cash and sight exchange			7,230,305
Total	\$42,112,792	\$47,420,052	\$46,129,966

Liberty Central Trust Co. (St. Lou's) Concluded.

Liabilities—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Capital	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Surplus	500,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Undivided profits	333,911	383,673	237,562
Reserves			
Unearned discount	86,561	66,209	87,359
Acceptances	79,449	33,950	20,387
Letters of credit	33,865	56,827	73,040
Government bond deposits			456,400
United States securities borrowed	229,150	1,767,450	2,645,500
Bonds sold under repurchase agreement			907,000
Redcounts	335,217		
Deposits—Commercial	23,585,439	25,759,133	24,684,261
Bank and bankers	6,658,783	7,472,412	5,802,014
Certificates of deposit	2,839,042	2,860,281	2,619,911
Savings	3,920,375	4,071,185	4,223,782
U. S. Government	511,000	948,932	372,750
Total	\$42,112,792	\$47,420,052	\$46,129,966

***Lindell Trust Co. (St. Louis).**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Demand loans	\$243,240	\$233,031
Time loans	179,526	114,969
Real estate loans	483,600	225,950
Bonds	386,997	281,258
United States Liberty bonds	134,000	10,178
United States Treasury certificates		40,000
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	6,600	6,600
Cash on hand and in other banks	188,540	202,409
Furniture and fixtures	13,467	18,819
Accrued interest on bonds		668
Total	\$1,635,880	\$1,133,883
Liabilities—		
Capital stock	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus paid	20,000	20,000
Surplus earned	20,000	
Undivided profits	4,238	3,910
Reserve for depreciation and fixtures		2,920
Individual deposits	767,953	623,438
Demand certificates	38,000	37,500
Savings deposits	364,502	200,003
Time deposits	76,938	36,619
United States Government deposit	15,013	9,493
Treasurer checks outstanding	41,000	
Bills payable	10,990	
Redcounts		
Total	\$1,635,880	\$1,133,883

* Began business Jan. 2 1924.

Mercantile Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Time loans	\$19,732,446	\$20,457,355	\$26,206,950
Demand loans	20,339,504	21,330,683	16,039,974
Bonds and stocks	12,172,605	4,289,841	4,861,712
Liberty bonds & U. S. Govt. cts. of indebtedness	8,608,928	12,517,713	7,575,449
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank, St. Louis	300,000	300,000	300,000
Real estate (co.'s office building)	1,861,000	1,861,000	1,861,000
Safe deposit vaults	450,000	450,000	450,000
Cash and sight exchange	12,674,783	13,063,335	9,892,103
Customers' liability acc't acceptances and letters of credit	128,545	157,155	313,145
Acceptances	150,000	120,000	65,000
Other resources	9,457	5,871	5,529
Total	\$76,427,268	\$74,552,953	\$67,560,862
Liabilities—			
Capital stock paid in	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Surplus and undivided profits	7,789,296	7,525,604	7,682,336
Reserves for int. and divs. and taxes	235,000	195,000	213,424
Deposits	65,267,571	63,665,029	56,346,079
Contingent liability and acceptances and letters of credit	128,545	157,155	313,144
Unpaid dividends	6,855	10,165	5,879
Total	\$76,427,268	\$74,552,953	\$67,560,862

Mississippi Valley Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Stocks and bonds	\$9,469,812	\$8,589,934	\$6,951,918
U. S. bonds and cts. of indebtedness	1,685,413	3,429,585	4,968,915
Fed. Res. Bank, St. Louis, cap. stock		195,000	195,000
Loans on real estate		1,317,767	1,352,542
Loans on collateral	27,816,579	10,630,248	10,052,753
Other negotiable & non-nego. paper		9,282,807	8,089,548
Customers' liability on acceptances	271,435	271,874	453,985
Real estate	718,089	471,847	211,273
Cash on hand	8,246,525	443,221	340,595
Cash on deposit		7,807,705	4,498,685
Other resources	321,117	221,010	373,889
Total	\$48,528,970	\$42,490,157	\$37,489,103
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Surplus fund	4,609,534	3,500,000	3,500,000
Undivided profits		802,777	1,686,624
Deposits (savings)		6,174,209	6,106,710
Deposits (time)	38,643,195	5,423,851	2,356,179
Deposits (demand)		23,368,058	19,075,761
Redcounts with Federal Res. Bank of St. Louis	1,908,500		1,200,000
Acceptances and letters of credit	271,435	101,034	453,985
Reserve for interest	43,564	41,204	36,978
Other liabilities	59,749	79,024	79,886
Total	\$48,528,970	\$42,490,157	\$37,489,103

Mound City Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 30 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Loans on collateral	\$1,797,738	\$710,980	\$622,240
Loans on real estate		382,383	370,943
Other negotiable and non-negotiable paper and invest. securities		371,277	583,161
Bonds		160,230	138,868
Stocks at present value	759,755	13	

North St. Louis Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Real estate mortgage	\$354,850	\$333,700	\$219,600
Stocks and bond invest. (mkt. value)	630,499	505,127	658,510
Loans and collateral	687,855	575,425	513,246
Other loans, incl. bills purchased	1,041,819	1,175,782	1,190,827
Due fr. tr. cos., bks., blks. & brokers	287,679	312,890	260,389
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	60,010	68,641	58,269
Specie	7,209	33,198	36,940
Legal-tender notes & notes nat. banks	74,481	40,998	51,760
Other resources	20,902	15,042	14,655
Total	\$3,165,304	\$3,060,803	\$3,004,196
Liabilities—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Capital	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus and undivided profits	86,291	73,254	65,200
Deposits subject to check	1,237,242	1,185,819	1,160,216
Certif. of dep. and savings deposits	1,592,647	1,578,984	1,555,969
Other liabilities	49,124	22,746	22,811
Total	\$3,165,304	\$3,060,803	\$3,004,196
Rate of interest paid on deposits	2.3 & 4%	2.3 & 4%	2.3 & 4%
Dividends paid calendar year	9%	9%	9%

Northwestern Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Loans and discounts	\$4,420,984	\$4,043,396	\$4,393,130
Cash and due from banks	741,208	803,524	690,951
Real estate	200	1,546	27,889
Overdrafts	5,461	4,148	1,581
Real estate (banking house)	146,000	151,000	108,944
Furniture and fixtures			39,298
Bonds and stocks	4,658,954	4,869,391	4,375,901
Total	\$9,972,807	\$9,873,005	\$9,637,694
Liabilities—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Capital stock	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Surplus	500,000	500,000	500,000
Undivided profits	378,884	232,919	145,165
Demand deposits			2,209,579
Savings deposits			2,634,553
Time certificates of deposit	8,534,960	8,565,086	3,461,255
Demand certificates of deposit			7,122
Cashier's checks			49,763
Reserves	58,963	75,000	100,000
Dividends unpaid			30,261
Total	\$9,972,807	\$9,873,005	\$9,637,694

***Park Savings Trust Co. (St. Louis).**

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	*Dec. 31 '24.
Loans undoubtedly good on collateral security	\$60,000	\$34,900
Loans undoubtedly good on real estate security	112,100	93,335
Other negotiable and non-negotiable paper & investment securities		26,259
Overdrafts		118
Bonds and stocks	113,570	52,395
Stocks in Federal Reserve Bank, St. Louis	1,800	1,800
Furniture and fixtures	11,653	11,563
U. S. Govt. certif. of indebted. (incl. 4% Treas. bonds, 1944)	10,000	27,000
U. S. Liberty bonds	52,631	25,388
Safety deposit vaults	12,978	13,307
Due from Federal Reserve, other trust companies and banks	37,293	37,995
Checks and other cash items		13,699
Cash on hand	6,517	6,517
Expense account	5,391	4,852
All other resources		2,073
Total	\$457,492	\$339,864
Liabilities—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000	\$50,000
Surplus	10,000	10,000
Undivided profits	119	
Deposits subject to draft at sight by individuals and others	211,420	177,357
Time certificates of deposit	1,965	5,892
Postal savings deposits	811	700
Savings deposits	103,789	52,263
U. S. Government deposits	32,409	21,559
Cashier's checks	3,052	4,535
Bills payable and rediscounts	40,000	20,000
Trust department deposit account		1,399
Suspense account		86
Total	\$457,492	\$339,864

*Began business Oct. 6 1923.

The Savings Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Loans on collateral	\$1,056,624	\$610,923	\$946,769
Loans on real estate	813,400	838,665	652,370
Commercial paper		314,716	317,500
Bonds	266,000	256,600	210,625
Bank building	100,000	100,000	100,000
United States Government bonds	203,400		
Stock in Federal Reserve bank	7,500		
Safe-deposit vaults, furn. & fixtures	72,367	70,337	70,337
Due from trust companies, banks, bankers and brokers	458,578	444,721	431,586
Checks and other cash items	101,710	141,282	
Cash on hand	149,487	254,847	81,465
Total	\$3,229,066	\$3,032,091	\$2,810,652
Liabilities—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Capital stock paid in	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus and undivided profits	96,616	93,495	75,623
Deposits subject to draft	2,096,775	1,970,232	1,588,809
Time certificates of deposit	76,373	71,550	84,400
Savings deposits	699,302	636,814	596,820
Discounts with Federal Reserve			165,000
Bank building bonds	60,000	60,000	100,000
Total	\$3,229,066	\$3,032,091	\$2,810,652
Rate of interest paid on deposits	2%	2%	2%
Dividends paid in calendar years	13%	13%	12%

South Side Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Loans on collateral	\$466,682	\$497,922	\$481,855
Loans on real estate security	494,151	399,277	458,249
Loans, commercial	146,191	119,755	203,149
Overdrafts	2,717	137	882
Bonds and stocks	1,207,688	1,197,737	1,620,490
Savings deposit vaults	2,000	2,000	2,000
Due from trust co's and banks	276,845	148,652	229,700
Checks and other cash items	746,293	413,546	338,694
Cash on hand (curr., gold, silver, &c.)	63,978	75,484	50,474
L.L. bds., U.S. Treas. cts. & W. S. S.	376,019	315,956	
Total	\$3,782,564	\$3,170,466	\$3,385,493
Liabilities—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Capital stock paid in	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus and undivided profits	107,785	100,554	88,693
Due to banks and bankers			132
Demand deposits	2,013,265	1,391,834	1,485,621
Time certificates of deposit	597,193	512,490	562,719
Savings deposits	713,827	710,739	684,019
Cashier's checks	58,957	5,349	30,316
Reserve for interest & taxes	31,537	32,500	32,500
Bills payable		217,000	270,000
U. S. Government deposits	60,000		31,500
Total	\$3,782,564	\$3,170,466	\$3,385,493

***Union Easton Trust Co. (St. Louis).**

Resources—	*Jan. 7 1926.
Loans and discounts	\$609,183
Overdrafts	2,636
Banking house	122,550
Furniture, fixtures and safe deposit vaults	45,073
Cash and sight exchange	133,272
Other assets	8,161
Total	\$920,875
Liabilities—	Dec. 31 '25.
Capital	\$200,000
Surplus	40,000
Undivided profits	2,918
Bills payable	94,000
Treasurer's checks	2,996
Savings deposits	139,094
Time certificates of deposit	50,771
Individual deposits subject to check	391,096
Total	\$920,875

* Began business in 1925.

Vandeventer Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Jan. 31 '24.
Loans on bonds and stocks	\$134,854	\$147,057	\$126,877
Loans to customers	7,449	7,538	17,486
Bonds and stocks	628,143	653,650	574,933
U. S. Government obligations	25,344		49,110
Furniture, fixtures & safe dep. vaults	16,171	15,682	15,682
Real estate	15,661	15,918	19,068
Overdrafts by solvent customers	119	342	15
Cash on hand	162,503	134,599	130,666
Other resources (collections)			10
Total	\$990,235	\$974,786	\$933,847
Liabilities—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Jan. 31 '24.
Capital stock	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Surplus and undivided profits	12,253	18,233	8,506
Treasurer's checks	3,685		
Demand deposits	608,017	572,722	578,368
Time certificates	22,759	25,522	18,073
Savings deposits	256,361	251,732	270,363
Unclaimed deposits	3,198	3,146	3,074
Bills payable	25,000	50,000	
Miscellaneous	8,962	3,433	5,463
Total	\$990,235	\$974,786	\$933,847

West St. Louis Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Resources—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Loans on collateral security	\$504,115	\$310,740	\$375,450
Loans on real estate security	363,760	261,920	273,392
Bonds and stocks	1,197,160	1,215,160	1,158,382
Bills receivable	960,070	981,025	
Other negotiable and non-negotiable paper and invest. securities			916,209
Real estate	58,900	45,900	45,900
Furniture and fixtures	9,510	11,087	14,758
Due from trust companies and banks	222,851	271,224	236,885
Cash on hand and other cash items	126,635	127,665	106,967
Other resources	4,252	3,917	6,346
Total	\$3,447,253	\$3,228,638	\$3,134,289
Liabilities—	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Capital stock	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Surplus	100,000	100,000	90,000
Undivided profits	35,669	18,779	10,054
Deposits by individuals and others including demand certif. of deposit	1,445,604	1,445,113	1,251,663
Time certificates of deposit	296,115	284,983	268,711
Savings deposits	1,264,432	1,161,270	1,095,628
Reserve for int., taxes & depreciation	21,918	16,993	16,734
Other liabilities	3,515	1,500	1,500
Bills payable	80,000		200,000
Total	\$3,447,253	\$3,228,638	\$3,134,289

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. 27 1926:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes on the 20th inst. amounted to £142,157,295 as compared with £142,592,810 on the previous Wednesday. About £500,000 gold was on offer in the open market this week but the demand was not keen. India and the Continent not being eager buyers, an unsold balance may go into the Bank.

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

	Jan. 21.	Jan. 22.	Jan. 23.	Jan. 25.	Jan. 26.	Jan. 27.
Received		£10,000	£500,000		£50,800	£56,000
Withdrawn	£12,000					£82,000

The £500,000 received by the Bank on the 23rd inst. was stated to be sovereigns released on account of the South African Reserve Bank. The origin of the bar gold bought on the 26th and 27th inst. (£106,000) was not announced but it was generally understood to be South African. The destinations of the £94,000 sovereigns withdrawn were given as follows: £82,000 to India and £12,000 to Singapore. During the week under review £522,000 on balance has been received by the Bank, reducing the net efflux since Jan. 1 1926 to £243,000 and since the resumption of an effective gold standard to £11,838,000.

Reuter telegraphed from Tallinn last Wednesday that according to a statement made by a representative of the Moscow Centrosouz (Foreign Trade Department) eight tons of gold and platinum had been shipped from Russia to London. The 'Times' today announces that £1,000,000 in gold was received yesterday by the Bank of England for account of Russia.

The 'Times' correspondent cabled from Riga on the 22nd inst. that a truckload of gold from Moscow reported to contain 2,000,000 gold roubles had left Riga for Berlin.

The United Kingdom imports and exports of gold during the week ending the 20th inst. were:

Imports—	Exports—
British West Africa	Germany
British South Africa	Netherlands
	Belgium
	France
	Switzerland
	Argentina
	Brazil
	Straits Settlements
	Other countries
Total	Total
£145,361	£14,950
	434,878
	8,175
	19,232
	13,600
	20,000
	5,000
	76,520
	200

The following figures (in lacs of rupees) relate to India's foreign trade during December last:

Imports of merchandise on private account.....	16,11
Exports, including re-exports of merchandise on private account.....	31,53
Net imports of gold.....	2,20
Net imports of silver.....	1,62
Net imports of currency notes.....	3
Total visible balance of trade (in India's favor).....	11,91
Net balance on remittance of funds (against India).....	10,72

The Swiss Mint issued in December last 50,000 gold pieces of 100 francs. According to the "Times" of the 26th inst. these were so eagerly sought for that there is not one in circulation at the present time, and it is reported that these coins now bring 160 and even 180 francs.

SILVER.

The market has been somewhat inactive during the week. China on the whole has exercised a depressing influence. Falling any special interest taken by India, and an absence of any outside inquiry, prices fell away and 30 13-16d. was quoted for cash on the 21st inst. This is the lowest figure touched since Aug. 27 1923.

Some orders for prompt delivery yesterday from India carried the price for cash delivery to a premium of 1-16d. over that for forward delivery.

No clear view of the future can yet be gained, though possibly a considerable improvement in the tone can hardly be expected in the near future.

The United Kingdom imports and exports of silver during the week ending the 20th inst. were:

Imports—		Exports—	
Germany.....	£68,600	Lithuania.....	£48,750
Spain.....	78,000	British India.....	71,100
United States of America.....	153,378	Other countries.....	8,894
Mexico.....	80,300		
Other countries.....	34,538		
Total.....	£414,816	Total.....	£128,744

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

(In lacs of rupees.)	Jan. 7.	Jan. 15.	Jan. 22.
Notes in circulation.....	19167	19088	19083
Silver coin and bullion in India.....	8324	8245	8240
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 coinage during the week ending Jan. 22nd amounted to seven lacs of rupees.

The stock in Shanghai on the 23rd inst. consisted of about 49,700,000 ounces in sycee, 66,500,000 dollars and 890 silver bars, as compared with about 49,400,000 ounces in sycee, 67,500,000 dollars, and 550 silver bars on the 16th inst.

Quotations—	—Bar Silver, Per Oz. Std.—		Bar Gold, Per Oz. Fine.
Jan. 21.....	Cash. 30 13-16d.	2 Mos. 30 3/4d.	84s. 10 1/2d.
22.....	30 3/4d.	30 15-16d.	84s. 10 1/2d.
23.....	30 3/4d.	30 15-16d.	84s. 10 1/2d.
25.....	30 15-16d.	30 15-16d.	84s. 10 1/2d.
26.....	30 3/4d.	30 13-16d.	84s. 10 1/2d.
27.....	30 13-16d.	30 3/4d.	84s. 10 1/2d.
Average.....	30.864d.	30.875d.	84s. 10.5d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and two months' delivery are respectively 1/4d. and 3/4d. below those fixed a week ago.

We have also received this week the circular written under date of Feb. 3 1926:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes on the 27th instant amounted to £142,778,615, as compared with £142,157,295 on the previous Wednesday.

Only about £60,000 of the South African gold arriving this week was placed in the open market, the balance of £427,000 going to the Bank of England on the 1st as shown below.

The quotation per fine ounce on the 29th ult. and the two succeeding days is the lowest ever fixed, for it is a fraction of .068 below the equivalent of 77s. 9d. per standard ounce, which was the pre-war minimum.

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

	Received.	Withdrawn.
Jan. 28.....	Nil	£20,000
Jan. 29.....	£12,000	Nil
Jan. 30.....	Nil	Nil
Feb. 1.....	427,000	Nil
Feb. 2.....	Nil	Nil
Feb. 3.....	Nil	93,000

The destinations of the £94,000 sovereigns withdrawn were given as follows: £43,000 to Singapore, £20,000 to Argentina, £16,000 to India, £15,000 to Holland. During the week under review £326,000 on balance has been received by the Bank, making a net influx since the 1st January 1926 of £83,000. The net efflux since the resumption of an effective gold standard is now reduced to £11,512,000.

The United Kingdom imports and exports of gold during the week ending the 27th ult. were:

Imports.		Exports.	
Russia.....	£1,920,285	Netherlands.....	£161,040
Belgian Congo.....	31,158	France.....	22,385
British South Africa.....	598,224	Hong Kong.....	19,500
Other countries.....	20,411	British India.....	50,459
		Straits Settlements.....	21,200
		Other countries.....	36,987
	£2,570,078		£311,571

We have received an amendment to the table published in our letter last week regarding India's annual trade; the revised figures are given below: [The earlier statement was omitted by us.—Ed.]

Indian Official Figures Relating to Trade in Merchandise and Bullion, &c. (In crores of rupees and per calendar year.)

	1923	1924	1925
Imports merchandise.....	217	238	226
Exports merchandise.....	341	383	407
Net imports gold.....	39	45	61
Net imports silver.....	20	19	20
Balance of trade in merchandise and treasure in favor of India.....	64	80	101
Net transfer of funds from India.....	35	56	57

The Southern Rhodesian gold output for December 1925 amounted to 49,307 ounces, as compared with 50,364 ounces for November 1925 and 46,703 ounces for December 1924.

SILVER.

The day after our last bullion letter some China buying set in and prices rose 3-16d. to 31d. and 30 15-16d. for cash and two months' delivery respectively. Though the pace was too quick and prices fell 1-16d. next day, the tone of the market remained fairly good, sellers being disposed to hold back. Yesterday China again became a somewhat keen buyer, with the result that, assisted by some buying from the Indian bazaars, quotations rose 3-16d. to 31 1/2d. and 31d. for the respective deliveries. The premium on cash delivery rose on Feb. 1 to 1/2d., but sellers are reluctant to part with silver for forward delivery at so wide a difference.

The United Kingdom imports and exports of silver during the week ending the 27th ult. were:

Imports.		Exports.	
Germany.....	£65,400	British India.....	£351,701
United States of America.....	79,630	Other countries.....	29,386
Other countries.....	15,028		
	£160,058		£381,087

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

(In Lacs of Rupees.)	Jan. 15.	Jan. 22.	Jan. 31.
Notes in circulation.....	19088	19083	19118
Silver coin and bullion in India.....	8245	8240	8275
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 the 31st ult. amounted to 1 lac of rupees.

The stock in Shanghai on the 30th ult. consisted of about 49,300,000 ounces in sycee, 67,500,000 dollars and 760 silver bars, as compared with about 49,700,000 ounces in sycee, 66,500,000 dollars and 890 silver bars on the 23rd idem.

Statistics for the month of January are appended:

	—Bar Silver per Oz. Std.—		Bar Gold per Oz. Fine.
Highest price.....	Cash. 31 13-16d.	2 Mos. 31 3/4d.	84s. 11 1/2d.
Lowest price.....	30 13-16d.	30 3/4d.	84s. 9 1/2d.
Average price.....	31.322d.	31.286d.	84s. 10.6d.

Quotations during the week:

	—Bar Silver per Oz. Std.—		Bar Gold per Oz. Fine.
Jan. 28.....	Cash. 31d.	2 Mos. 30 15-16d.	84s. 10 1/2d.
Jan. 29.....	30 15-16d.	30 3/4d.	84s. 9 1/2d.
Jan. 30.....	30 15-16d.	30 3/4d.	84s. 9 1/2d.
Feb. 1.....	30 15-16d.	30 13-16d.	84s. 10 1/2d.
Feb. 2.....	31 3/4d.	31d.	84s. 11 1/2d.
Feb. 3.....	31d.	30 15-16d.	84s. 10 1/2d.
Average.....	30.989d.	30.906d.	84s. 10.3d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and two months' delivery are 3-16d. above those fixed a week ago.

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings the present week will show a satisfactory increase as compared with the corresponding week last year. Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ending to-day (Saturday, Feb. 20), bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will aggregate 9.8% more than in the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$10,863,550,997, against \$9,904,466,094 for the same week in 1925. At this centre there is an increase for the five days of 5.8%. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended February 20.	1926.	1925.	Per Cent.
New York.....	\$4,933,000,000	\$4,663,675,733	+5.8
Chicago.....	662,075,333	584,512,253	+13.3
Philadelphia.....	533,000,000	487,000,000	+14.1
Boston.....	366,000,000	384,000,000	-4.7
Kansas City.....	114,941,595	113,144,863	+1.6
St. Louis.....	145,000,000	136,900,000	+5.9
San Francisco.....	177,968,000	151,723,000	+17.3
Los Angeles.....	164,170,000	134,663,000	+17.7
Pittsburgh.....	169,986,786	145,270,464	+17.0
Detroit.....	154,638,716	132,271,355	+16.9
Cleveland.....	114,392,300	101,363,769	+12.8
Baltimore.....	96,461,435	85,722,370	+12.5
New Orleans.....	56,907,469	59,545,577	-4.4
Total 13 cities, 5 days.....	\$7,688,541,634	\$7,159,792,184	+7.4
Other cities, 5 days.....	1,197,750,864	1,076,981,470	+11.2
Total all cities, 5 days.....	\$8,886,292,498	\$8,236,773,654	+7.8
All cities, 1 day.....	1,977,258,499	1,667,692,440	+13.6
Total all cities for week.....	\$10,863,550,997	\$9,904,466,094	+9.5

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. 13. For that week there is an increase of 0.4%, the 1926 aggregate of the clearings being \$8,444,830,285 and the 1925 aggregate \$8,407,323,865. Outside of New York City the increase is only 0.1%, the bank exchanges at this centre recording a gain of only 0.8%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the Boston Reserve District there is an improvement of 4.8%, in the New York Reserve District (including this city) of 1.1% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 3.3%. In the Cleveland Reserve District the totals are larger by 7.7%, in the Richmond Reserve District

by 4.7%, and in the Atlanta Reserve District (chiefly by reason of the increase at the Florida points, the gain at Jacksonville being 100.7% and at Miami 90.1%) by 22.5%. In the Chicago Reserve District there is a falling off of 3.3% in the Minneapolis Reserve District of 13.5% and in the Kansas City Reserve District of 1.4%. The St. Louis Reserve District has a gain of 2.2% and the San Francisco Reserve District of 2.2%, but the Dallas Reserve District suffers a loss of 5.1%.

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

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week Ended Feb. 13 1926.	1926.	1925.	Inc. or Dec.	1924.	1923.
Federal Reserve Districts.	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
1st Boston.....12 cities	127,497,811	448,893,218	+4.8	433,308,234	431,238,549
2nd New York.....11 "	4,804,790,647	4,753,152,814	+1.1	3,973,380,079	4,191,917,311
3rd Philadelphia.....10 "	483,340,322	468,049,799	+3.3	467,900,762	468,571,561
4th Cleveland.....8 "	386,722,067	364,688,673	+7.7	340,664,927	329,602,254
5th Richmond.....6 "	186,761,323	178,439,613	+4.7	180,781,726	168,458,755
6th Atlanta.....13 "	266,149,192	217,325,225	+22.5	194,705,812	170,428,733
7th Chicago.....20 "	830,083,578	858,519,646	-3.3	620,280,696	782,030,938
8th St. Louis.....8 "	221,535,302	219,512,912	+2.2	234,131,330	73,880,457
9th Minneapolis.....7 "	105,902,275	122,364,979	-1.5	104,802,033	89,206,139
10th Kansas City.....12 "	234,973,089	208,246,972	+14.1	213,894,882	224,005,594
11th Dallas.....5 "	76,569,174	80,637,591	-5.1	61,697,010	57,998,527
12th San Francisco.....17 "	467,504,771	457,392,423	+2.2	482,468,868	397,592,446
Grand total.....129 cities	8,444,830,285	8,407,323,865	+0.4	7,478,017,394	7,384,921,364
Outside New York City.....	3,746,013,563	3,743,464,312	+0.1	3,603,212,267	3,286,715,837
Canada.....29 cities	306,930,306	284,911,825	+7.7	293,575,263	251,777,611

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

Clearings at—	Week Ended February 13.				
	1926.	1925.	Inc. or Dec.	1924.	1923.
First Federal Reserve District—Boston	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Me.—Bangor.....	738,682	738,922	-0.2	725,246	640,758
Portland.....	3,276,339	2,724,199	+20.3	2,872,485	2,719,310
Mass.—Boston.....	378,000,000	397,000,000	-4.8	386,000,000	384,000,000
Fall River.....	2,199,461	2,503,468	-12.2	2,322,383	2,009,838
Holyoke.....	a	a	a	a	a
Lowell.....	695,800	1,179,000	-15.5	1,155,856	1,126,016
Lynn.....	a	a	a	a	a
New Bedford.....	1,356,874	1,688,161	-19.6	1,560,055	1,953,299
Springfield.....	5,447,259	5,855,329	-7.0	5,255,576	5,522,742
Worcester.....	3,299,527	3,590,399	-8.1	3,389,000	3,531,000
Conn.—Hartford.....	11,977,232	12,574,359	-4.8	11,160,197	11,286,471
New Haven.....	5,172,227	6,033,396	-15.1	6,087,823	6,308,197
R. I.—Providence.....	14,417,700	14,285,200	+0.9	12,039,300	12,430,100
N. H.—Manchester.....	616,907	660,788	-6.7	739,973	682,818
Total (12 cities)	427,497,811	448,893,218	-4.8	433,308,234	431,238,549
Second Federal Reserve District—New York	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
N. Y.—Albany.....	5,176,954	5,211,257	-0.7	5,292,162	5,230,452
Binghamton.....	1,111,200	1,076,100	+3.2	1,091,000	881,700
Buffalo.....	449,367,807	36,887,414	+33.8	37,198,271	36,134,901
Elmira.....	779,035	708,913	+9.9	882,001	668,130
Jamesstown.....	c1,505,708	1,361,661	+10.6	971,210	1,126,848
New York.....	4,701,816,722	4,663,859,553	+0.8	3,874,805,127	4,098,295,527
Rochester.....	11,016,681	10,917,621	+0.9	10,991,053	10,017,095
Syracuse.....	4,652,948	4,304,369	+8.1	4,556,368	4,326,583
Conn.—Stamford.....	c2,994,636	2,631,924	+13.8	2,423,145	2,172,158
N. J.—Montclair.....	523,488	501,548	+4.4	442,397	358,116
Northern N. J.....	25,845,403	25,692,447	+0.6	34,727,345	32,794,901
Total (11 cities)	4,804,790,647	4,753,152,814	+1.1	3,973,380,079	4,191,917,311
Third Federal Reserve District—Philadelphia	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Pa.—Allentown.....	1,261,216	1,242,958	+1.5	1,224,593	1,369,128
Bethlehem.....	3,826,813	3,683,054	+8.9	3,937,978	3,235,149
Chester.....	1,181,311	1,165,161	+1.4	1,285,250	1,191,360
Lancaster.....	1,844,100	2,250,977	-18.1	3,074,073	3,002,614
Philadelphia.....	458,000,000	432,000,000	+6.0	441,000,000	444,000,000
Reading.....	2,932,744	3,115,199	-5.9	3,209,481	2,907,254
Seranton.....	4,725,568	5,678,974	-16.8	5,103,582	4,970,077
Wilkes-Barre.....	3,037,189	3,765,288	-19.3	3,042,492	2,786,186
York.....	1,569,530	1,677,501	-6.4	1,269,854	1,445,664
N. J.—Trenton.....	4,961,851	13,470,687	-63.2	4,753,458	3,664,129
Del.—Wilmington.....	a	a	a	a	a
Total (10 cities)	483,340,322	468,049,799	+3.3	467,900,762	468,571,561
Fourth Federal Reserve District—Cleveland	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Ohio—Akron.....	5,116,000	4,774,000	+7.2	6,403,000	6,854,000
Canton.....	3,651,108	4,507,739	-21.5	4,993,300	4,406,335
Cincinnati.....	65,733,061	60,718,864	+8.2	61,183,232	63,150,592
Cleveland.....	94,605,847	100,147,789	-5.5	101,730,008	97,139,507
Columbus.....	14,615,400	15,323,700	-4.6	14,467,000	14,583,000
Dayton.....	a	a	a	a	a
Lima.....	a	a	a	a	a
Mansfield.....	d1,744,871	1,365,379	+27.8	1,648,525	1,517,907
Springfield.....	a	a	a	a	a
Toledo.....	a	a	a	a	a
Youngstown.....	5,540,913	4,822,301	+14.9	4,296,241	3,899,463
Pa.—Erie.....	a	a	a	a	a
Pittsburgh.....	145,715,357	172,885,921	-15.7	145,944,621	138,051,450
Total (8 cities)	336,722,057	364,688,673	-7.7	340,664,927	329,602,254
Fifth Federal Reserve District—Richmond	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
W. Va.—Hunt's Ga.....	1,433,463	1,662,491	-13.8	1,996,362	2,240,737
Va.—Norfolk.....	d7,075,772	7,753,392	-2.3	6,989,502	7,434,269
Richmond.....	49,350,000	50,971,000	-3.9	52,642,000	48,168,300
S. C.—Charleston.....	d3,292,717	3,046,790	+8.1	3,087,000	2,146,310
D.C.—Baltimore.....	101,875,789	91,948,237	+10.8	95,400,862	87,521,741
M.D.—Washington.....	23,735,582	23,057,793	+2.9	20,666,000	20,947,395
Total (6 cities)	186,761,323	178,439,613	+4.7	180,781,726	168,458,755
Sixth Federal Reserve District—Atlanta	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Tenn.—Chatt'ga.....	d7,086,276	6,514,771	+8.8	6,315,137	5,735,916
Knoxville.....	2,763,100	3,680,968	-22.8	3,473,951	3,043,020
Nashville.....	21,578,765	20,522,988	+5.1	19,001,045	18,677,568
Ga.—Atlanta.....	72,742,244	61,599,924	+18.4	54,760,664	50,944,102
Augusta.....	1,830,012	2,213,932	-17.4	2,013,321	1,947,244
Macon.....	1,503,595	1,503,659	-0.002	1,309,882	1,643,425
Savannah.....	a	a	a	a	a
Fla.—Jack'ville.....	45,744,952	22,785,464	+100.7	13,752,520	13,271,922
Miami.....	21,137,540	11,117,759	+90.1	4,289,878	2,392,739
Ala.—Birmingham.....	27,965,911	27,410,265	+2.0	27,743,861	26,392,739
Mobile.....	2,119,879	2,109,827	+5.2	1,923,403	1,896,071
Miss.—Jackson.....	1,814,000	1,583,000	+14.6	1,226,747	1,083,007
Vicksburg.....	545,793	490,913	+11.2	427,605	345,807
La.—New Orleans.....	59,219,369	55,791,755	+6.1	62,758,712	45,447,912
Total (13 cities)	266,149,436	217,325,225	+22.5	198,996,726	170,428,733

Clearings at—	Week Ended February 13.				
	1926.	1925.	Inc. or Dec.	1924.	1923.
Seventh Federal Reserve District—Chicago	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Mich.—Adrian.....	224,419	257,788	-13.0	273,955	265,120
Ann Arbor.....	882,858	770,270	+14.6	709,678	603,997
Detroit.....	121,564,168	124,305,101	-2.2	130,220,417	108,254,527
Grand Rapids.....	7,092,588	6,862,602	+2.9	6,538,060	5,909,635
Lansing.....	*2,100,000	2,049,998	+2.4	2,359,923	1,871,744
Ind.—Ft. Wayne.....	2,246,491	2,358,146	-4.7	2,532,925	1,963,335
Indianapolis.....	20,626,000	16,963,000	+21.6	18,449,000	18,924,000
South Bend.....	2,322,137	2,105,800	+10.3	2,013,776	2,027,816
Terre Haute.....	5,225,825	6,011,439	-13.1	5,439,356	6,151,929
Wis.—Milwaukee.....	44,672,730	41,239,838	+8.2	39,402,532	33,899,492
Iowa—Des Moines.....	2,082,995	2,247,444	-7.3	2,023,958	2,026,412
Des Moines.....	8,892,272	8,761,124	+1.5	9,347,737	8,883,435
Sioux City.....	6,199,176	7,218,650	-14.1	6,398,330	5,789,397
Waterloo.....	920,058	1,174,801	-21.7	1,264,528	1,123,265
Ill.—Bloom'gton.....	1,230,741	1,377,461	-8.0	1,347,810	1,381,522
Chicago.....	593,511,900	623,805,430	-4.9	581,591,001	572,830,113
Danville.....	a	a	a	a	a
Decatur.....	1,180,469	1,368,095	-13.7	1,313,373	1,214,986
Peoria.....	4,142,760	4,544,234	-8.8	4,189,310	4,775,827
Rockford.....	2,565,538	2,437,309	+5.2	2,201,685	2,037,908
Springfield.....	2,430,543	2,671,118	-9.0	2,663,341	2,136,478
Total (20 cities)	830,083,578	858,519,646	-3.3	820,280,695	782,020,938
Eighth Federal Reserve District—St. Louis	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Ind.—Evansville.....	4,753,296	5,969,700	-20.4	4,700,629	4,592,657
Mo.—St. Louis.....	146,600,000	137,500,000	+6.6	133,000,000	31,567,631
Ky.—Louisville.....	32,827,073	36,791,001	-10.8	31,567,631	34,130,625
Owensboro.....	523,827	582,038	-10.0	488,488	636,642
Tenn.—Memphis.....	23,237,665	23,458,503	-1.0	21,299,446	22,452,811
Ark.—Little Rock.....	14,897,022	13,538,871	+10.0	11,480,140	10,363,742
Ill.—Jacksonville.....	352,006	371,202	+11.0	309,225	305,890
Quincy.....	1,344,413	1,455,593	-7.7	1,305,766	1,378,092
Total (8 cities)	224,535,802	219,612,912	+2.2	204,131,330	73,880,457
Ninth Federal Reserve District—Minneapolis	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Minn.—Duluth.....	d6,289,558	8,898,245	-29.3	6,011,043	5,262,955
Minneapolis.....	66,093,957	78,289,470	-15.6	62,628,882	53,564,900
St. Paul.....	27,710,751	28,948,740	-4.3	30,869,584	25,577,875
No. Dak.—Fargo.....	1,545,125	1,599,059	-3.4	1,516,476	1,291,497
S. D.—Aberdeen.....	1,2				

THE CURB MARKET.

Prices in the Curb Market broke sharply in the opening of trading this week and while there was some recovery thereafter, many weak spots still appeared. Trading on the whole as not active. A sensational drop in Devco & Reynolds, class B stock was the feature. From 90 it dropped to 40, recovered to 52 and sold finally at 47. Aluminum Co., com. after weakening from 65 3/4 to 64 1/2 sold up to-day to 68. Auburn Automobile, com. improved from 60 1/2 to 65 1/2. Continental Baking, Class A lost about four points to 108 1/2. Electric Refrigeration after early decline from 81 1/2 to 75, recovered to 77 1/4 and closed to-day at 77. Fox Theatres, class A was off from 29 3/4 to 25 and recovered finally to 26 1/2. Glen Alden Coal weakened from 168 to 187 1/4 and ends the week at 160 3/8. Lehigh Coal & Navigation moved down from 120 1/4 to 114. Public Utilities generally were lower though changes were small. American Superpower, class B declined from 38 to 35 and Electric Investor from 68 3/8 to 64, the close to-day being at 65. Oil stocks also show small losses generally. Humble Oil & Ref. declined from 93 to 90 1/2 and sold finally at 91 1/2. Illinois Pipe Line was off from 137 to 134 3/4 and recovered finally to 135 1/2. South Penn Oil lost about three points to 175. Standard Oil (Ohio) dropped from 352 to 343 1/2 and closed to-day at 346. Carib Syndicate after early loss from 15 3/4 to 14 1/2 sold up to 19.

A complete record of Curb Market transaction for the week will be found on page 1014.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET.

Week Ended Feb. 19	STOCKS (No. Shares)			BONDS (Par Value)	
	Ind & M's	Oil	Mining	Domestic	For'n Govt
Saturday	127,678	89,625	67,500	\$940,000	\$61,000
Monday	428,270	178,810	41,920	945,000	144,000
Tuesday	380,670	195,940	61,610	1,615,000	129,000
Wednesday	170,475	150,405	54,020	1,100,000	420,000
Thursday	327,560	125,230	56,210	1,520,000	167,000
Friday	268,250	184,000	54,700	1,030,000	121,000
Total	1,702,903	924,010	335,960	\$7,150,000	\$1,042,000

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The stock market had another bad spell the present week and many new low records for the year were established. On the other hand some of the specialties commanded favor and moved briskly forward to new tops. In the two hour trading on Saturday, the anthracite coal stocks were strong, under the influence of the settlement of the miners strike in the anthracite region, but the break in Devco & Reynolds, following the collapse of the pool in that stock, demoralized the whole list and declines of 3 to 37 points occurred, the latter in Devco. Several of the more popular stocks moved against the trend, notably General Electric, which surged upward to a new top at 382 1/2, also American Can, Consolidated Gas, Ward Baking B, and Delaware & Hudson. On Monday the market was depressed and prices moved rapidly downward. In the last hour the entire list became weak, and stocks like Baldwin Locomotive, American Can, Hudson Motors, General Motors and Allied Chemical sharply declined. Food stocks such as California Packing, Postum Cereal broke badly, the latter at one time slipping backward nearly 20 points from its recent top. The wave of selling extended to a large number of prominent stocks, United States Steel common crashing downward nearly three points to 129, followed by Gulf States Steel with a loss of three points to 82 1/2. Further active selling lasting through the first hour characterized the irregular recovery of the market on Tuesday and gains ranging from fractions to as much as ten points were recorded in a number of the more active issues. The strong stocks included American Can, General Electric, du Pont, Phillips Petroleum, Hudson Motors and Ward Baking "B." Canadian Pacific was unusually strong and moved forward 2 points to 158. The weak spot in the list was the movement in Baldwin Locomotive which yielded 4 points following the unfavorable showing in the annual report published prior to the beginning of business. The trend of stocks was again uncertain on Wednesday, though though all active issues showed advances ranging from 1 to 3 points and some of the specialties displayed even greater improvement in the final hour. The outstanding feature of the day was the last hour rally of the motor shares, Hudson Motors leading the upswing with a gain of 4 points to 117, followed by Jordan Motors, Willys-Overland com. and General Motors. Railroad shares improved, and specialties were in active demand at advancing prices. The noteworthy feature of the trading on Thursday was the spectacular jump of American Can to a new peak at 331 1/2. General Electric, also, reached a new high level at 385 3/4. Motor shares con-

tinued to improve, Hudson Motors and General Motors being particularly active and scoring substantial advances. The important gains of the last hour included American Bake Shce, com, and pref, Texas Gulf Sulphur, Jordan Motors, Savage Arms, Nash Motors, Pressed Steel Car, Foundation Company and Tobacco Products. Oil stocks and railroad issues made little progress. Railroad shares were the dominating feature of the afternoon session on Friday and substantial gains were made by many of the active issues. Motor shares made further progress, Jordan Motors making a new high at 66 followed by Studebaker which moved forward to 59 3/8. Tobacco stocks also were in strong demand, United Cigar Stores and Tobacco Products leading the upswing with substantial gains. American Can again surged upward and recorded a net gain of two points to 333. In the final hour numerous recessions were recorded and the market had a weak look.

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

Week Ended Feb. 19.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
Saturday	1,175,365	\$5,025,000	\$1,542,500	\$905,000
Monday	2,321,400	8,513,000	2,385,000	1,345,750
Tuesday	1,508,416	8,051,000	2,104,500	1,637,500
Wednesday	1,287,371	8,801,000	2,460,000	691,000
Thursday	1,359,432	8,995,000	2,475,500	727,650
Friday	1,484,800	8,599,000	1,841,000	890,000
Total	9,136,784	\$47,989,000	\$12,808,500	\$6,196,900

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended Feb 19.		Jan. 1 to Feb. 19.	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Stocks—No. shares	9,136,784	9,794,148	66,047,298	67,123,284
Bonds.				
Government bonds	\$6,196,900	\$6,729,900	\$44,199,700	\$70,108,700
State & foreign bonds	12,808,500	14,332,000	90,758,250	98,608,500
Railroad & misc. bond	47,989,000	67,364,000	347,686,500	449,617,300
Total bonds	\$66,994,400	\$88,425,900	\$482,644,450	\$618,334,500

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES

Week Ended Feb. 19 1926.	Boston		Philadelphia		Baltimore	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares	Bond Sales.	Shares	Bond Sales.
Saturday	29,907	\$27,000	45,151	\$5,000	*3,278	\$29,200
Monday	48,131	20,500	88,714	37,900	*3,802	23,100
Tuesday	37,701	44,100	42,693	63,500	*4,824	42,000
Wednesday	28,446	34,700	49,835	63,500	*6,827	75,100
Thursday	44,813	39,000	35,818	32,100	*2,871	100,500
Friday	24,782	9,000	17,981	20,000	*1,734	16,000
Total	213,780	\$174,300	262,211	\$202,000	23,436	\$285,900
Prev. week revised	221,715	\$222,750	194,439	\$211,400	14,938	\$194,300

*In addition, sales of rights were: Saturday, 688; Monday, 203; Tuesday, 354; Wednesday, 692; Thursday, 427; Friday, 144.

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, Week Ended Feb. 19—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Silver, per oz.	30 13-16	30 13-16	30 3/4	30 11-16	30 3/4	30 3/4
Gold, per fine ounce	84.9 1/2	84.10	84.10	84.10	84.11 1/4	84.11 1/4
Consols, 2 1/2 per cents.	55 1/2	55 1/2	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 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2
French Rentes (in Paris), fr.	49.60	48.45	48.97	48.70	48.05	48.05
French War Loan (in Paris), fr.	55.90	55.15	55.40	55.60	55.20	55.20

The price of silver in New York on the same day has been: Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.): Foreign 66 3/4 66 3/4 66 3/4 66 3/4 61 1/2 66 3/4

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.	Capital.
Feb. 10—The Ensley National Bank of Birmingham (P. O. Ensley), Ala.	\$200,000
Correspondent, D. P. Knapp, Ensley in Birmingham, Ala.	
Feb. 13—The State National Bank of Caddo Mills, Texas.	25,000
Correspondent, Jas. R. Bass, Caddo Mills, Texas.	
Succeeds Caddo Mills State Bank, Caddo Mills, Texas.	
APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE APPROVED.	
Feb. 10—The Alexander National Bank, Alexander, No. Dak.	\$25,000
Correspondent, J. A. Loken, care of Robert Norheim, Alexander, No. Dak.	
Feb. 13—The Halsted Exchange National Bank of Chicago, Ill.	200,000
Correspondent, Daniel M. Healy, 1111 Conway Bldg., Chicago, Ill.	
Feb. 13—The First National Bank of Algonac, Mich.	30,000
Correspondent, Henry H. Townsend, Algonac, Mich.	
Feb. 13—The New First National Bank in Torrington, Wyo.	25,000
Correspondent, M. F. Dalley, Torrington, Wyo.	
CHARTERS ISSUED.	
Feb. 8—12883—The First National Bank in Ashton, Iowa	\$25,000
President, H. L. Emmert; Cashier, Chris. H. Schutt.	
Feb. 9—12884—The First National Bank of Sherrill, N. Y.	25,000
President, Chas. E. Dickson; Cashier, Lewis W. Morrison.	
Feb. 10—12885—The Long Island National Bank of New York, N. Y.	250,000
(Location 395 Broadway, Astoria, L. I., N. Y.)	
President, Wm. H. Siebrecht Jr.; Cashier, S. C. E. Carpenter.	
Feb. 13—12886—The Pacific Avenue National Bank of Atlantic City, N. J.	200,000
President, H. W. Hemphill.	

BANK NOTES—CHANGES IN TOTALS OF, AND IN DEPOSITED BONDS, &c.—We give below tables which show all the monthly changes in national bank notes and in bonds and legal tenders on deposit therefor:

Table with columns: Amt. Bds. on Deposit to Secure Circulation for—, National Bank Notes, Fed. Res. Bank Notes, National Bank Circulation Afloat on—, Bonds, Legal Tenders, Total. Rows show monthly data from Jan. 31 1926 to Feb. 29 1924.

\$6,255,248 Federal Reserve bank notes outstanding Jan. 31 1926, secured by lawful money, against \$3,275,193 Jan. 31 1925.

The following shows the amount of each class of United State bonds and certificates on deposit to secure Federal Reserve bank notes and national bank notes on Jan. 31:

Table with columns: Bonds on Deposit Jan. 31 1926, On Deposit to Secure Federal Reserve Bank Notes, On Deposit to Secure National Bank Notes, Total Held. Rows include U. S. Consols of 1930, U. S. Loan of 1925, U. S. Panama of 1936, U. S. Panama of 1938.

The following shows the amount of national bank notes afloat and the amount of legal tender deposits Jan. 1 1926 and Feb. 1 1926 and their increase or decrease during the month of January:

Table with columns: National Bank Notes—Total Afloat—, Amount afloat Jan. 1 1926, Net increase during January, Amount of bank notes afloat Feb. 1 1926, Legal-Tender Notes—, Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes Jan. 1 1926, Net amount of bank notes redeemed in January, Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes Feb. 1 1926.

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

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Lists securities like Climtar Pub. Co., Army & Navy Co-Operative Co., \$1,000 Tilden Bldg. Co., etc.

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Lists securities like National Shawmut Bank, First National Bank, Webster & Atlas Nat. Bk., etc.

By Wise, Hobbs, & Arnold, Boston:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Lists securities like Atlantic National Bank, Nashua Mfg. Co., Saco-Lowell Shops, etc.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Lists securities like Redeemable ground rent, 2628 East York St., American Academy of Music, etc.

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Lists securities like Northeastern Power, Wright Hargreaves, Buffalo Niagara & East. Power, etc.

DIVIDENDS.

The dividends announced this week are:

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists dividends for Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, Banks, Trust Companies, and Miscellaneous.

Name of Company	Per Cent.	When Payable	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
City Ice & Fuel (Cleveland) (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 9
Commercial Investment Trust, com. (qu.)	90c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a
7% first preferred (quar.)	13%	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a
6 1/2% first preferred (quar.)	13%	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a
Crane Company, common (quar.)	1 1/2%	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Crows Nest Pass Coal (quar.)	1 1/2%	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 9
Crucible Steel, preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2%	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Cuban-American Sugar, com. (quar.)	50c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 3a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 3a
Cumberland Pipe Line (quar.)	3	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 27
Dartmouth Manufacturing, com. (quar.)	*2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2%	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Derk Manufacturing, preferred (quar.)	2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Dominion Stores, common (quar.)	*60c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Douglas-Pectin Co. (quar.)	*25c.	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
du Pont (E. I.) de Nem. & Co. (quar.)	*2 1/2%	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Debutent stock (quar.)	*1 1/2%	Apr. 26	Holders of rec. Apr. 10
du Pont (E. I.) de Nem. Powd., com. (qu.)	*1 1/2%	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2%	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Eagle-Picher lead, common (quar.)	*40c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Quarterly	*40c.	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Quarterly	*40c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Electrical Research Laboratory (quar.)	*50c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Ely-Walker Dry Goods, com. (quar.)	25c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 18
Emporium Corp. (No. 1)	50c.	Mar. 24	Holders of rec. Mar. 4
Fairbanks-Morse & Co., com. (quar.)	*75c.	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Common (quar.)	*75c.	June 30	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Common (quar.)	*75c.	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Common (quar.)	*75c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Fay (J. A.) & Egan Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Feb. 23	Feb. 16 to Feb. 23
Foote Bros. Gear & Mach., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2%	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2%	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2%	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Forhan Co., common (quar.)	*25c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 28
Class A (quar.)	*40c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 28
Foundation Company (quar.)	*25c.	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Fulton Iron Works, pref. (quar.)	2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Gamevell Company, common (quar.)	\$1.25	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 5
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 19
General Motors Corp., com. (quar.)	\$1.75	Mar. 12	Holders of rec. Feb. 23
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 5
Six per cent debentures (quar.)	1 1/2%	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 5
Six per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 5
Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea, com. (qu.)	*60c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 27
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2%	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 27
Hamilton Brown Shoe (monthly)	*25c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 23
Harc & Chase, Inc., common	*50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 18
Preferred	*50c.	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Hecla Mining (quar.)	*50c.	2	Mar. 1
Higbee Co., 2d pref. (quar.)	*50c.	2	Mar. 1
Honolulu Consol. Oil \$10 par stk. (No. 1)	*50c.	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 5
International Cement, common (quar.)	*81	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 16
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2%	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 16
International Salt (quar.)	1 1/2%	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 17a
Internat. Silver, common (No. 1)	*1 1/2%	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 17a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 17a
Jaeger Machine (quar.)	62 1/2 c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 19
Johnston-Stevens-Shinkle Shoe (qu.)	50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Kraft Cheese, common (quar.)	*37 1/2 c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 18
Common (payable in common stock)	*71 1/2 c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 18
Lake Shore Mills, Ltd. (quar.)	10	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Lord & Taylor, common (quar.)	2 1/2%	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 17a
Magor Car Corporation, common (qu.)	25	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 24
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 24
Mengel Co., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2%	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 23
Mergenthaler Linotype (quar.)	*2 1/2%	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 6a
Metropolitan Paving Brick, com. (quar.)	2	Mar. 1	Feb. 16 to Feb. 28
Miller Rubber, pref. (quar.)	*25c.	2	Mar. 1
National Candy, common	3 1/2%	Mar. 10	Holders of rec. Feb. 16
First and second preferred	3 1/2%	Mar. 10	Holders of rec. Feb. 16
National Lead, common (quar.)	2	Apr. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 12
National Surety (quar.)	2 1/2%	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 19a
National Transit (extra)	2 1/2%	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 19a
New Jersey Zinc (quar.)	*25c.	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 27
N. Y. Auction Co., class A & B (quar.)	*37 1/2 c.	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 10
N. Y. Cannery, Inc., pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Ohio Oil (quar.)	*50c.	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Feb. 22
Extra	*25c.	Mar. 31	Feb. 28 to Mar. 21
Paraffine Companies, com. (quar.)	*1.50	Mar. 27	Holders of rec. Mar. 17
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2%	Mar. 27	Holders of rec. Mar. 17
Penmans, Ltd., com. (extra)	*82	Feb. 27	Holders of rec. Feb. 25
Polar Wave I. & F., class A	62 1/2 c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Procter & Gamble, 6% pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2%	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 25
Provincial Paper Mills, common (quar.)	1 1/2%	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Purity Bakesies, class A (quar.)	*75c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2%	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Rand Mines, Ltd., American shares	*31.52	Mar. 26	Holders of rec. Feb. 16
Railway Steel Spr., new com. (qu.) (No. 1)	*81	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Feb. 16
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2%	Mar. 20	Holders of rec. Mar. 5
Reid Ice Cream Corp., com. (quar.)	*75c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Reis (Robert) & Co., first preferred	*1 1/2%	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 10
Reynolds Spring, pref. A & B (quar.)	*1 1/2%	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Shell Union Oil, common (quar.)	35c.	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
South Porto Rico Sugar, com. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 10
Preferred (quar.)	2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 10
Spalding (A. G.) & Bros., com. (quar.)	2	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 3
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Second preferred (quar.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Standard Oil (New Jersey), \$100 par (qu.)	25c.	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 25
\$25 par stock (quar.)	25c.	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 25
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 25
Standard Oil (Ohio), com. (quar.)	25c.	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 25
Steel Products, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Stix-Baer & Fuller, com.	37 1/2 c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Texas Gulf Sulphur (quar.)	*\$2.50	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Tidal Oil, preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2%	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 22
Trucon Steel, preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2%	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 19
United Cigar Stores, com. (quar.)	2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 10a
Common (payable in common stock)	1 1/2%	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 10a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
United Paperboard, common (quar.)	*50c.	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 1
Preferred (quar.)	*6	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
United Profit Share, \$10 par com. (qu.)	30c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 10a
Common \$1 par (quar.)	15c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 10a
U. S. Dairy Products, first pref. (quar.)	1 1/2%	2	Mar. 1
Second preferred (quar.)	2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 19
U. S. Envelope, common	*4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
U. S. Extra, common (extra)	*2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Preferred	*3 1/2%	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
U. S. Printing & Lithog'g, com. (quar.)	*1 1/2%	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2%	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
U. S. Realty & Impt., new com. (No. 1)	\$1	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 5
U. S. Title Guaranty (quar.)	2 1/2%	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 27
Washington Oil (stock dividend)	\$300		Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Woods Manufacturing, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Wrigley (Wm.) Jr. Co. (monthly)	*25c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Monthly	*25c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20
Monthly	*25c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 19

* From unofficial sources. † The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice. ‡ The New York Curb Market Association has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice.
 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.
 o Dividend is one share of Bird Creek Co. stock for each share Midland Valley RR. common stock.

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. 13. 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 (000 omitted.)	New Capital		Profits	Loans, Discounts, Investments, etc.	Cash in Vault	Reserve with Legal Deposit-tories.	Net Demand Deposits.	Time Deposits.	Bank Circulation.
	Nat'l. State, Tr. Cos.	Dec. 31 Nov. 14							
Members of Fed. Reserve Bank of N. Y. & Trust Co.	4,000	12,807	76,182	525	7,868	57,182	9,910	---	---
Bk of Manhat'n	10,000	14,732	159,283	3,371	18,217	131,914	25,357	---	---
Mech & Met Nat	10,000	16,134	180,626	3,556	22,392	172,018	11,163	547	---
Bank of America	6,500	5,223	75,411	1,663	11,803	89,377	4,244	---	---
National City	50,000	65,032	578,150	5,375	63,488	468,987	69,805	850	---
Chemical Nat.	4,500	18,050	132,008	1,371	16,203	120,416	3,335	347	---
Am Ex-Pac Nat	7,500	12,547	169,168	2,210	20,823	158,476	11,415	4,937	---
Nat Bk of Com.	25,000	40,935	359,944	1,148	38,804	297,339	13,144	---	---
Chat Ph NB&T	13,500	12,571	222,958	2,982	24,829	173,816	42,498	5,943	---
Hanover Nat.	5,000	25,055	123,053	584	14,538	109,676	---	---	---
Com Exchange	10,000	14,558	202,501	7,292	24,802	178,334	31,212	---	---
National Park	10,000	23,843	193,895	1,080	20,027	152,049	9,512	3,493	---
Bowly's East Riv	3,000	3,071	50,399	1,424	4,970	34,498	14,832	995	---
First National	10,000	73,804	315,879	607	23,593	176,467	21,479	4,845	---
Irving Bk-Coll Tr	17,500	13,731	288,047	2,841	36,199	271,753	27,341	---	---
Continental	1,000	1,161	8,058	123	1,039	6,726	416	---	---
Chase National	20,000	27,184	378,385	5,083	47,550	*371,589	16,547	990	---
Fifth Avenue	500	2,905	26,707	764	3,431	26,481	---	---	---
Commonwealth	600	1,089	13,962	501	1,508	10,518	4,736	---	---
Garfield Nat'l	1,000	1,731	17,462	452	2,497	17,313	358	---	---
Seaboard Nat'l	6,000	9,764	114,306	1,214	14,937	113,386	2,746	42	---
Coal & Iron Nat	1,500	1,543	19,809	317	2,253	16,668	1,886	35	---
Bankers Trust	20,000	30,391	335,688	806	36,500	*298,758	43,564	---	---
U S Mtge & Tr.	3,000	4,750	63,171	754	7,315	55,182	6,814	---	---
Guaranty Trust	25,000	21,538	417,670	1,433	46,641	*405,668	63,400	---	---
Fidelity-Inter Tr	2,000	2,209	21,526	496	2,595	18,942	1,813	---	---
New York Trust	10,000	20,018	176,699	533	19,960	148,508	18,744	---	---
Farmers L & Tr	10,000	18,520	147,037	590	14,167	*110,333	24,307	---	---
Equitable Trust	23,000	12,852	264,805	1,643	30,773	*290,512	27,885	---	---
Total of averages	310,100	508,215	5,132,789	50,738	579,724	c4,274,165	499,360	22,964	---
Totals, actual condition Feb. 13	5,111,066	51,665,582	212,427,165	499,360	22,964	---	---	---	---
Totals, actual condition Feb. 6	6,139,619	48,267,616	333,432,433	502,913	23,063	---	---	---	---
Totals, actual condition Jan. 30	5,142,736	48,129,581	319,431,194	509,915	23,299	---	---	---	---
State Banks	1,000	2,594	23,564	2,050	2,145	22,883	1,853	---	---
Greenwich Bank	3,500	5,867	107,750	4,874	2,505	39,918	63,983	---	---
State Bank	4,500	8,462	131,314	6,924	4,650	62,801	65,836	---	---
Total of averages	4,500	8,462	1						

	Actual Figures.				
	Cash Reserve in Vault	Reserve in Depositories	Total Reserve.	a Reserve Required.	Surplus Reserve.
Members Federal Reserve Bank	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
State banks*	6,857,000	4,803,000	11,660,000	11,405,340	254,660
Trust companies*	2,586,000	7,391,000	9,977,000	9,940,800	36,200
Total Feb. 13	9,443,000	591,400,000	600,843,000	570,622,250	11,589,750
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

* 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. 13, \$14,980,800; Feb. 6, \$15,087,330; Jan. 30, \$15,297,450; Jan. 23, \$15,106,830; Jan. 16, \$15,257,970.

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. 13.	Differences from Previous Week.
Loans and Investments	\$1,195,767,500	Dec. \$9,567,500
Gold	4,356,700	Inc. 148,800
Currency notes	24,521,500	Inc. 810,900
Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York	99,339,400	Dec. 1,522,800
Total deposits	1,262,414,000	Inc. 648,500
Deposits eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories and from other banks and trust companies in N. Y. City, exchange & U. S. deposits	1,190,494,100	Inc. 899,800
Reserve on deposits	170,025,900	Dec. 1,473,200
Percentage of reserve, 19.6%		

	RESERVE.		—Trust Companies—	
	State Banks			
Cash in vault	\$37,267,300	16.00%	\$90,949,900	14.33%
Deposits in banks and trust cos.	12,549,800	5.39%	29,258,900	4.61%
Total	\$49,817,100	21.39%	\$120,208,800	18.94%

* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on Feb. 13 was \$99,339,400.

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. 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	6,551,007,500	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	6,498,683,600	5,602,113,700	91,125,200	732,709,200
Dec. 19	6,539,445,800	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	764,899,000
Jan. 16	6,614,199,500	5,711,092,600	90,893,800	762,604,500
Jan. 23	6,557,007,300	5,657,830,000	87,033,900	746,110,700
Jan. 30	6,538,928,200	5,628,105,200	87,174,800	732,989,600
Feb. 6	6,583,367,000	5,669,834,300	84,220,500	740,775,600
Feb. 13	6,591,072,500	5,617,034,100	89,198,200	732,243,100

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	12,552	45	985	6,338	3,895
Total State Banks, Not Members of the Federal Reserve Bank	1,000	1,856	12,552	45	985	6,338	3,895
Bank of Wash. Hts. Colonial Bank	200	604	8,585	747	336	6,140	2,620
Total Trust Company Not Member of the Federal Reserve Bank Mech Tr, Bayonne.	500	589	9,415	409	142	3,553	5,990
Total	1,400	3,992	40,285	4,052	2,079	33,540	7,331
Grand aggregate—Comparison with prev. week	2,900	5,838	62,252	4,506	3,206	44,341	17,216
Gr'd agr., Feb. 6	2,900	5,838	61,494	4,360	3,042	42,633	17,127
Gr'd agr., Jan. 30	2,900	5,838	61,492	4,360	3,076	42,767	17,039
Gr'd agr., Jan. 23	2,900	5,736	62,769	4,433	3,140	43,508	17,012
Gr'd agr. Jan. 16	2,900	5,736	62,148	4,566	3,275	44,039	17,003

a United States deposits deducted \$47,000
 Bills payable, rediscounts acceptances and other liabilities, \$2,490,000.
 Excess reserve, \$144,750 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. 17 1926.	Changes from previous week.	Feb. 10 1926.	Feb. 3 1926.
Capital	\$ 66,000,000	Unchanged	\$ 66,000,000	\$ 66,000,000
Surplus and profits	89,058,000	Unchanged	89,058,000	89,040,000
Loans disc'ts & investments	101,401,800	Inc. 3,837,000	101,018,100	100,900,000
Individual deposits	682,483,000	Inc. 5,416,000	677,067,000	692,398,000
Due to banks	138,074,000	Inc. 1,408,000	136,666,000	141,798,000
Time deposits	213,902,000	Inc. 1,473,000	212,429,000	210,063,000
United States deposits	19,665,000	Inc. 10,000	19,655,000	19,657,000
Exchanges for Clearing House	29,194,000	Inc. 1,704,000	27,490,000	39,073,000
Due from other banks	76,122,000	Inc. 5,503,200	70,619,000	79,032,000
Reserve in legal depositories	80,608,000	Inc. 354,000	80,254,000	81,180,000
Cash in bank	10,485,000	Inc. 220,000	10,265,000	10,396,000
Reserve excess in F. R. Bk.	442,000	Inc. 177,000	265,000	1,109,000

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Feb. 13, 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 13 1926.		Feb 6 1926	Jan 30 1926
	Members of F. R. System	Trust Companies		
Capital	\$42,275.0	\$5,000.0	\$47,275.0	\$47,025.0
Surplus and profits	129,436.0	17,137.0	146,573.0	146,573.0
Loans disc'ts & investm'ts	851,338.0	48,916.0	900,254.0	896,796.0
Exchanges for Clear. House	35,801.0	837.0	36,638.0	37,743.0
Due from banks	107,930.0	15.0	107,945.0	108,692.0
Bank deposits			147,619.0	145,527.0
Individual deposits			620,326.0	629,631.0
Time deposits			128,020.0	124,548.0
Total deposits	857,006.0	33,728.0	890,734.0	899,706.0
U. S. deposits (not incl.)			14,461.0	14,461.0
Res'v with legal depositories	4,345.0	4,345.0	4,552.0	3,811.0
Reserve with F. R. Bank	64,144.0		64,144.0	65,728.0
Cash in vault	10,652.0	1,625.0	12,277.0	11,638.0
Total reserve & cash held	74,797.0	5,970.0	80,766.0	81,328.0
Reserve required	63,431.0	4,716.0	68,170.0	70,086.0
Excess res. & cash in vault	11,365.0	1,254.0	12,619.0	11,091.0

* 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. 17 1926 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

	Feb. 17 1926.	Feb. 10 1926.	Feb. 18 1925.
Resources—			
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent	\$ 299,535,000	\$ 339,535,000	\$ 442,060,000
Gold redemp. fund with U. S. Treasury	13,935,000	10,527,000	6,342,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	313,470,000	350,062,000	448,402,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	212,787,000	215,915,000	137,428,000
Gold and gold certificates held by bank	383,885,000	384,173,000	307,725,000
Total gold reserves	910,142,000	950,150,000	893,555,000
Reserves other than gold	40,882,000	38,125,000	28,202,000
Total reserves	951,024,000	988,275,000	921,757,000
Non-reserve cash	24,363,000	21,337,000	19,703,000
Bills discounted	166,223,000	155,801,000	104,388,000
Secured by U. S. Gov't. obligations	34,392,000	33,043,000	43,958,000
Other bills discounted	200,615,000	188,644,000	148,346,000
Bills bought in open market	72,502,000	52,492,000	64,114,000
U. S. Government securities—			
Bonds	1,934,000	1,934,000	12,461,000
Treasury notes	37,695,000	36,695,000	91,089,000
Certificates of indebtedness	14,120,000	14,120,000	5,648,000
Total U. S. Government securities	53,749,000	52,749,000	109,198,000
Foreign loans on gold	1,890,000	1,971,000	3,055,000
Total bills and securities (See Note)	328,756,000	295,856,000	324,713,000
Due from foreign banks (See Note)	725,000	600,000	642,000
Uncollected items	182,161,000	136,355,000	152,482,000
Bank premises	16,666,000	16,665,000	16,304,000
All other resources	4,240,000	4,288,000	7,466,000
Total resources	1,507,935,000	1,463,436,000	1,442,437,000
Liabilities—			
Fed'l Reserve notes in actual circulation	365,473,000	369,580,000	346,315,000
Deposits—Member bank, reserve acct.	878,182,000	862,032,000	843,450,000
Government	6,630,000	6,008,000	5,945,000
Foreign bank (See Note)	3,456,000	5,857,000	20,561,000
Other deposits	7,940,000	8,890,000	9,257,000
Total deposits	894,200,000	882,787,000	879,213,000
Deferred availability items	162,507,000	115,542,000	125,278,000
Capital paid in	33,405,000	33,177,000	30,531,000
Surplus	59,964,000	59,964,000	58,749,000
All other liabilities	2,378,000	2,386,000	2,351,000
Total liabilities	1,507,935,000	1,463,436,000	1,442,437,000
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and Fed'l Res'v note liabilities combined	75.5%	78.9%	75.2%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	21,202,000	23,996,000	12,860,000

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Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Feb. 18, 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 947, 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. 17 1926.

	Feb. 17 1926.	Feb. 10 1926.	Feb. 3 1926.	Jan. 27 1926.	Jan. 20 1926.	Jan. 13 1926.	Jan. 6 1926.	Dec. 31 1925.	Feb. 18 1925.
RESOURCES.									
Gold with Federal Reserve agents	1,397,967,000	1,433,149,000	1,450,287,000	1,511,514,000	1,517,010,000	1,472,351,000	1,424,473,000	1,356,607,000	1,701,939,000
Gold redemption fund with U. S. Treas.	45,009,000	51,702,000	46,135,000	49,604,000	49,159,000	49,711,000	58,526,000	52,699,000	50,139,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	1,442,976,000	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	1,752,078,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	688,126,000	650,384,000	633,596,000	578,327,000	573,852,000	608,492,000	638,643,000	701,455,000	578,550,000
Gold and gold certificates held by banks	658,194,000	659,638,000	661,914,000	661,709,000	674,762,000	668,479,000	622,378,000	599,520,000	574,467,000
Total gold reserves	2,789,296,000	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	2,905,275,000
Reserves other than gold	150,860,000	144,422,000	147,328,000	152,053,000	152,069,000	150,846,000	138,046,000	117,852,000	139,929,000
Total reserves	2,940,156,000	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	3,045,204,000
Non reserve cash	69,032,000	64,425,000	71,056,000	81,250,000	83,920,000	86,990,000	74,481,000	62,053,000	60,160,000
Bills discounted:									
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	315,972,000	310,095,000	298,089,000	258,227,000	251,872,000	305,962,000	363,832,000	466,014,000	196,460,000
Other bills discounted	222,386,000	223,276,000	189,707,000	190,330,000	201,310,000	199,801,000	229,635,000	283,658,000	146,011,000
Total bills discounted	538,358,000	533,372,000	487,796,000	448,557,000	453,182,000	505,763,000	593,467,000	749,672,000	342,471,000
Bills bought in open market:									
U. S. Government securities:									
Bonds	59,978,000	59,639,000	59,738,000	59,733,000	60,801,000	59,410,000	58,391,000	58,554,000	74,945,000
Treasury notes	169,863,000	168,673,000	184,435,000	182,873,000	183,595,000	184,022,000	185,905,000	192,077,000	273,082,000
Certificates of indebtedness	104,605,000	104,842,000	105,590,000	122,457,000	125,570,000	125,363,000	125,121,000	126,101,000	30,178,000
Total U. S. Government securities	334,446,000	333,154,000	349,763,000	365,063,000	369,966,000	368,795,000	369,421,000	377,032,000	378,205,000
Other securities (see note)	3,150,000	3,150,000	3,150,000	3,150,000	3,150,000	3,158,000	3,205,000	3,205,000	3,458,000
Foreign loans on gold	7,000,000	7,299,000	6,399,000	6,500,000	6,500,000	7,000,000	7,502,000	8,100,000	10,500,000
Total bills and securities (see note)	1,184,595,000	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	1,046,381,000
Due from foreign banks (see note)	725,000	660,000	660,000	642,000	642,000	642,000	642,000	642,000	642,000
Uncollected items	759,089,000	613,554,000	628,838,000	635,749,000	719,719,000	750,592,000	787,181,000	717,599,000	682,314,000
Bank premises	59,338,000	59,366,000	59,322,000	59,323,000	59,308,000	59,308,000	59,239,000	61,632,000	58,323,000
All other resources	16,786,000	16,893,000	16,995,000	17,071,000	16,507,000	16,456,000	16,860,000	18,272,000	23,858,000
Total resources	5,029,751,000	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	4,916,882,000
LIABILITIES.									
F. R. notes in actual circulation	1,661,143,000	1,667,844,000	1,662,520,000	1,667,266,000	1,692,021,000	1,733,284,000	1,777,628,000	1,835,011,000	1,698,890,000
Deposits—									
Member banks—reserve account	2,262,258,000	2,239,050,000	2,215,193,000	2,216,882,000	2,242,730,000	2,279,711,000	2,278,123,000	2,308,614,000	2,190,651,000
Government	39,929,000	29,151,000	43,356,000	28,935,000	27,628,000	17,117,000	17,516,000	15,067,000	26,129,000
Foreign bank (see note)	6,851,000	9,252,000	4,991,000	8,796,000	8,397,000	7,763,000	8,097,000	12,014,000	22,105,000
Other deposits	17,480,000	18,648,000	18,952,000	17,623,000	19,560,000	20,369,000	25,482,000	21,446,000	18,236,000
Total deposits	2,325,518,000	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	2,257,121,000
Deferred availability items	690,866,000	556,931,000	570,721,000	576,385,000	644,929,000	699,225,000	683,994,000	683,681,000	619,074,000
Capital paid in	118,934,000	118,411,000	118,121,000	118,251,000	118,211,000	117,277,000	117,287,000	117,042,000	113,466,000
Surplus	220,310,000	220,310,000	220,310,000	220,310,000	220,310,000	220,310,000	220,310,000	217,837,000	217,887,000
All other liabilities	11,980,000	12,030,000	11,339,000	11,481,000	11,810,000	10,809,000	10,413,000	20,447,000	10,494,000
Total liabilities	5,029,751,000	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	4,916,882,000
Ratio of gold reserves to deposits and F. R. note liabilities combined	69.9%	70.5%	70.7%	71.1%	70.5%	68.9%	66.8%	64.4%	73.4%
Ratio of total reserves to deposits and F. R. note liabilities combined	73.7%	74.2%	74.5%	75.0%	74.4%	72.7%	70.2%	67.3%	77.0%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	82,666,000	84,656,000	83,543,000	83,647,000	83,756,000	81,042,000	79,063,000	65,049,000	44,581,000
Distribution by Maturities—									
1-15 days bills bought in open market	113,254,000	104,685,000	96,785,000	86,940,000	87,201,000	105,423,000	118,339,000	123,664,000	107,286,000
15 days bills discounted	430,055,000	424,195,000	373,858,000	332,309,000	335,215,000	393,006,000	463,256,000	616,325,000	264,345,000
1-15 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	80,000	21,000	-----	-----	36,000	-----	397,000	1,005,000	14,000
1-15 days municipal warrants	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	8,000	55,000	10,000	8,000
16-30 days bills bought in open market	68,537,000	72,459,000	55,073,000	55,640,000	63,107,000	59,292,000	64,797,000	77,801,000	71,762,000
16-30 days bills discounted	29,362,000	32,047,000	32,329,000	31,428,000	29,941,000	26,942,000	34,030,000	35,816,000	20,229,000
16-30 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	41,000
16-30 days municipal warrants	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	45,000	-----
31-60 days bills bought in open market	83,832,000	81,930,000	86,264,000	90,439,000	89,620,000	94,319,000	87,951,000	85,094,000	75,600,000
31-60 days bills discounted	42,991,000	42,821,000	46,564,000	48,595,000	49,668,000	50,266,000	52,215,000	53,152,000	27,716,000
31-60 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
31-60 days municipal warrants	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
61-90 days bills bought in open market	32,343,000	36,847,000	57,182,000	52,939,000	56,892,000	57,779,000	62,753,000	64,571,000	52,551,000
61-90 days bills discounted	26,649,000	25,469,000	26,305,000	26,772,000	25,779,000	25,194,000	33,536,000	33,428,000	20,213,000
61-90 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	-----	-----	-----	-----	476,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
61-90 days municipal warrants	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Over 90 days bills bought in open market	3,675,000	4,598,000	6,690,000	9,459,000	9,060,000	10,589,000	10,943,000	11,688,000	4,488,000
Over 90 days bills discounted	9,291,000	8,840,000	8,739,000	9,453,000	9,579,000	10,355,000	10,430,000	10,951,000	9,968,000
Over 90 days certif. of indebtedness	104,525,000	104,821,000	105,590,000	122,457,000	125,058,000	125,363,000	124,727,000	124,996,000	29,673,000
Over 90 days municipal warrants	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
F. R. notes received from Comptroller	2,850,750,000	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	3,053,445,000
F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent	846,950,000	851,949,000	863,051,000	850,030,000	846,131,000	821,435,000	797,325,000	777,093,000	995,714,000
Issued to Federal Reserve Banks	2,003,800,000	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	2,057,731,000
How Secured—									
By gold and gold certificates	311,245,000	310,000,000	309,951,000	309,121,000	308,260,000	302,636,000	302,431,000	302,231,000	282,516,000
Gold redemption fund	102,647,000	114,853,000	108,916,000	95,989,000	102,619,000	98,181,000	104,883,000	112,443,000	105,841,000
Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board	934,075,000	1,008,293,000	1,033,410,000	1,109,404,000	1,106,131,000	1,071,534,000	1,017,159,000	941,943,000	1,313,582,000
By eligible paper	777,417,000	791,025,000	740,300,000	692,387,000	711,401,000	789,051,000	892,390,000	1,060,708,000	625,203,000
Total	2,195,384,000	2,244,171,000	2,196,587,000	2,203,900,000	2,284,411,000	2,281,402,000	2,316,863,000	2,417,315,000	2,327,142,000

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WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS FEB. 17 1926.

	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
RESOURCES.													
Gold with Federal Reserve Agents	96,166.00	299,535.00	126,501.00	190,910.00	59,625.00	126,273.00	129,522.00	16,765.00	64,497.00	49,360.00	25,685.00	213,128.00	1,397,967.00
Gold red'n fund with U. S. Treas.	7,165.00	13,935.00	5,132.00	715.00	2,643.00	2,770.00	5,518.00	662.00	810.00	3,042.00	1,277.00	1,440.00	45,009.00
Gold held excl. agst. F. R. notes	103,331.00												

RESOURCES (Concluded)— Two Ciphers (00) omitted.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneap.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other securities			3,050.0							100.0			3,150.0
Foreign loans on gold	518.0	1,890.0	651.0	749.0	371.0	287.0	966.0	322.0	231.0	280.0	245.0	490.0	7,000.0
Total bills and securities	94,686.0	328,756.0	99,432.0	93,359.0	53,053.0	70,880.0	138,370.0	64,217.0	31,307.0	66,258.0	53,637.0	90,640.0	1,184,595.0
Due from foreign banks		725.0											725.0
Uncollected items	69,904.0	182,161.0	65,744.0	76,447.0	61,589.0	36,349.0	96,227.0	37,371.0	13,072.0	43,573.0	32,669.0	40,983.0	759,089.0
Bank premises	4,068.0	16,666.0	1,480.0	7,409.0	2,364.0	2,748.0	7,933.0	4,111.0	2,943.0	4,636.0	1,793.0	3,217.0	59,368.0
All other resources	97.0	4,240.0	346.0	1,156.0	351.0	1,278.0	2,312.0	362.0	2,367.0	445.0	462.0	3,340.0	16,786.0
Total resources	397,124.0	1,507,935.0	376,732.0	491,274.0	229,648.0	292,345.0	614,174.0	174,736.0	145,013.0	211,739.0	153,538.0	435,493.0	5,029,751.0
LIABILITIES.													
F. R. notes in actual circulation	153,837.0	365,473.0	147,422.0	199,579.0	78,630.0	158,772.0	161,362.0	37,178.0	64,629.0	66,205.0	39,492.0	188,564.0	1,661,143.0
Deposits:													
Member bank—reserve acc't.	143,111.0	876,182.0	131,297.0	183,862.0	69,803.0	81,892.0	315,177.0	79,596.0	54,527.0	89,594.0	65,050.0	172,167.0	2,262,258.0
Government	5,777.0	6,630.0	1,176.0	2,014.0	4,238.0	5,885.0	2,919.0	2,825.0	1,724.0	3,064.0	1,213.0	2,464.0	39,929.0
Foreign bank	355.0	3,456.0	444.0	500.0	248.0	187.0	641.0	201.0	150.0	182.0	164.0	323.0	6,851.0
Other deposits	124.0	7,940.0	553.0	874.0	55.0	120.0	939.0	528.0	137.0	147.0	51.0	6,012.0	17,480.0
Total deposits	149,367.0	894,208.0	133,470.0	187,250.0	74,344.0	88,084.0	319,676.0	83,150.0	56,538.0	92,987.0	66,478.0	180,966.0	2,326,518.0
Deferred availability items	67,708.0	152,507.0	63,079.0	67,323.0	57,947.0	31,497.0	84,607.0	12,252.0	39,037.0	38,756.0	35,216.0	40,937.0	690,866.0
Capital paid in	8,627.0	33,405.0	11,908.0	13,173.0	6,030.0	4,827.0	15,861.0	5,122.0	3,171.0	4,243.0	4,272.0	8,295.0	118,934.0
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	655.0	2,378.0	389.0	1,055.0	778.0	465.0	2,055.0	679.0	922.0	569.0	465.0	1,660.0	11,980.0
Total liabilities	397,124.0	1,507,935.0	376,732.0	491,274.0	229,648.0	292,345.0	614,174.0	174,736.0	145,013.0	211,739.0	153,538.0	435,493.0	5,029,751.0
Memoranda.													
Reserve ratio (per cent)	73.7	75.5	72.8	79.6	70.2	72.0	74.7	53.8	77.8	59.1	58.5	79.5	73.7
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	6,434.0	21,202.0	8,043.0	9,059.0	4,487.0	3,386.0	11,599.0	3,640.0	2,709.0	3,302.0	2,963.0	5,842.0	82,666.0
F. R. notes on hand (notes rec'd from F. R. Agent less notes in circulation)	20,816.0	147,555.0	32,867.0	18,064.0	16,453.0	20,153.0	16,111.0	5,747.0	2,726.0	6,442.0	4,855.0	50,868.0	342,657.0

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE ACCOUNTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS FEB. 17 1926.

Federal Reserve Agent at—	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneap.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
(Two Ciphers (00) Omitted.)													
F. R. notes rec'd from Comptroller	229,853.0	739,388.0	210,929.0	278,163.0	121,633.0	224,738.0	416,910.0	67,505.0	86,878.0	121,437.0	60,384.0	292,932.0	2,850,750.0
F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent	55,200.0	226,360.0	30,640.0	60,520.0	26,550.0	45,813.0	239,437.0	24,580.0	19,523.0	48,790.0	16,037.0	63,500.0	846,950.0
F. R. notes issued by F. R. Bank	174,653.0	513,028.0	180,289.0	217,643.0	95,083.0	178,925.0	177,473.0	42,925.0	67,355.0	72,647.0	44,347.0	239,432.0	2,003,800.0
Collateral held as security for F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bk.:													
Gold and gold certificates	35,300.0	186,697.0	1,600.0	8,780.0	24,890.0	12,655.0		11,045.0	13,052.0		17,228.0		311,245.0
Gold redemption fund	11,866.0	26,838.0	8,512.0	12,130.0	3,235.0	7,618.0	3,878.0	1,520.0	4,000.0		2,459.0		102,647.0
Gold fund—F. R. Board	49,000.0	86,000.0	116,389.0	170,000.0	31,500.0	106,000.0	125,644.0	4,200.0	50,000.0	45,360.0	6,000.0	193,982.0	884,075.0
Eligible paper	85,159.0	247,084.0	66,411.0	57,310.0	43,630.0	54,546.0	92,406.0	39,134.0	13,791.0	31,510.0	21,842.0	44,594.0	797,417.0
Total collateral	181,325.0	546,619.0	192,912.0	248,220.0	103,255.0	180,819.0	221,928.0	55,899.0	78,288.0	80,870.0	47,527.0	257,722.0	2,195,384.0

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 716 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 947.

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business Feb. 10 1926. (Three ciphers (000) omitted.)

Federal Reserve District.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneap.	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	\$ 961	\$ 58,326	\$ 10,600	\$ 21,679	\$ 5,469	\$ 7,595	\$ 23,342	\$ 11,904	\$ 2,427	\$ 4,031	\$ 3,311	\$ 7,520	\$ 165,165
Secured by stocks and bonds	333,852	2,450,603	409,322	508,796	144,878	98,003	817,126	210,303	71,089	115,800	83,366	264,440	5,507,578
All other loans and discounts	661,617	2,557,429	364,698	752,921	372,036	421,110	1,246,030	313,271	178,352	322,074	235,228	905,645	8,333,451
Total loans and discounts	1,004,430	5,066,358	784,620	1,283,396	522,383	526,708	2,088,498	535,478	251,868	441,905	321,905	1,180,645	14,006,194
Investments:													
U. S. pre-war bonds	9,684	39,296	9,486	33,338	25,544	14,991	20,528	12,957	7,096	8,783	17,461	24,750	223,914
U. S. Liberty bonds	87,220	612,893	50,280	163,774	30,409	15,217	170,987	25,329	26,945	57,423	20,955	141,752	1,403,184
U. S. Treasury bonds	17,766	207,183	18,044	35,522	7,610	5,769	56,370	10,456	13,863	17,955	4,951	50,228	445,717
U. S. Treasury notes	4,066	158,294	7,214	25,669	1,763	2,034	62,700	6,931	16,748	16,188	4,542	20,103	326,252
U. S. Treasury certificates	18,563	42,110	6,797	20,418	2,699	5,229	10,761	4,677	6,923	4,248	4,162	23,568	150,158
Other bonds, stocks and securities	217,507	1,118,924	251,787	343,630	62,771	52,410	437,227	107,611	42,311	76,213	23,587	206,607	2,940,485
Total investments	354,809	2,178,700	343,608	622,251	130,796	95,650	758,573	167,961	113,886	180,810	75,658	467,008	5,489,710
Total loans and investments	1,359,239	7,245,058	1,128,228	1,905,647	653,179	622,358	2,846,071	703,439	365,754	622,715	397,563	1,647,653	19,495,904
Reserve balances with F. R. Bank	98,165	767,115	79,651	122,463	41,937	42,635	239,119	50,302	23,885	54,163	29,761	114,312	1,663,508
Cash in vault	20,468	95,518	17,641	31,679	13,341	11,670	49,750	7,628	5,877	12,759	11,090	21,024	298,445
Net demand deposits	896,694	5,072,564	759,925	1,007,750	380,254	368,312	1,754,326	432,577	225,042	492,757	278,337	803,549	13,072,587
Time deposits	393,276	1,193,237	222,285	761,373	204,136	217,466	1,030,376	221,741	113,207	142,226	101,937	804,901	5,406,161
Government deposits	19,598	56,627	18,898	19,765	6,125	10,006	25,659	5,864	3,065	4,851	7,565	26,265	204,288
Bills pay. & redisc. with F. R. Bk.:													
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations	1,525	138,433	13,740	14,063	6,129	2,606	31,358	2,234	3,950	5,750	400	9,800	228,478
All other	26,350	22,687	8,813	18,884	12,272	11,302	14,533	5,177	55	2,263	2,911	4,152	129,399
Bankers' balances of reporting member banks in F. R. Bank cities:													
Due to banks	126,873	1,083,477	172,489	44,677	38,023	20,381	374,458	94,142	56,923	105,551	31,605	102,001	2,250,600
Due from banks	30,126	93,013	59,602	24,385	17,120	13,382	140,087	30,649	22,641	42,179	26,569	54,155	553,908

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. 10 1926.	Feb. 3 1926.	Feb. 11 1925.	Feb. 10 1926.	Feb. 3 1926.	Feb. 11 1925.	Feb. 10 1926.	Feb. 3 1926.	Feb. 11 1925.
	\$ 716	\$ 717	\$ 739	\$ 61	\$ 61	\$ 67	\$ 46	\$ 46	\$ 46
Number of reporting banks									
Loans and discounts, gross:									
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations	165,165,000	162,965,000	190,981,000	53,725,000	49,336,000	65,989,000	16,784,000	17,392,000	25,931,000
Secured by stocks and bonds	5,507,578,000	5,527,610,000	4,742,220,000	2,178,785,000	2,221,476,000	1,950,125,000	616,151,000	615,267,000	524,221,000
All other loans and discounts	8,333,451,000	8,285,175,000	8,181,533,000	2,233,936,000	2,234,922,00				

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Wall Street, Friday Night, Feb. 19 1926.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 993.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week Ended Feb. 19, Sales for Week, Range for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sections for Railroads, Industrial & Misc., and various stock listings.

* No par value.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table listing various banks and trust companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial details.

* Banks marked (s) are State banks (N) New stock. (2) Ex-div. (10) Ex-rights

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

All prices dollars per share

Table listing realty and surety companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial details.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, and corresponding values for various Treasury certificates.

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.

Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices. Table with columns: Date, Bond Type, High, Low, Close, and Total sales in \$1,000 units.

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

Table listing registered bond transactions with columns: Bond Type, Quantity, and Price.

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling exchange was lifeless, but quotations were steady on a light volume of business. Increased activity developed in the Continental exchanges.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchanges were 4 82 1/2 @ 4 82 1/2 for sixty days, 4 86 @ 4 86 1/2 for checks and 4 86 1/2 @ 4 86 1/2 for cables.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 3.50 1/2 @ 3.52 1/2 for long and 3.55 @ 3.57 1/2 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 135.79 fr.; week's range, 132.49 fr. high and 135.79 fr. low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows: Sterling Actual—Sixty Days. High for the week 4 82 1/2, Low for the week 4 82 21-32.

Paris Bankers' Francs—High for the week 3 63 3/4, Low for the week 3 50 3/4.

Germany Bankers' Marks—High for the week 23.81, Low for the week 23.81.

Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders—High for the week 39.63, Low for the week 39.60.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15 @ 25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$3 12c per \$1,000 discount. Cincinnati, par.

The Curb Market.—The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 993.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 1014.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—The name of the firm of Wilmerding, Perry & Co. has been changed to Gray Perry & Co. with the address at 115 Broadway, New York, unchanged.

—B. A. Bernstorff, formerly connected with Eastman, Dillon & Co., is now associated with Lyon, Wolcott & Co., 24 Broad St., N. Y. City.

—The formation of S. J. Shwartz & Co., Inc., Union Indemnity Building, New Orleans, to do a general investment business, is announced.

—The Bank of America, New York, has been appointed transfer agent of the preferred stock of the Meriden Smokeless Coal Co.

—H. C. Burt & Co. of New York City and Austin, Texas, announce that M. F. Generally has withdrawn from the partnership.

—Charles Rubin & Co., have opened offices at 32 Broadway, to transact a general brokerage business in unlisted securities.

—Taylor, Ewart & Co., Inc. announce that Woolsey Bill has become associated with their New York Office.

—Brouse, Mitchell & Co. of Toronto have opened a Bond Department in charge of W. H. Denton.

—Paul J. Gregory, formerly with Chas. Head & Co., is now associated with Goodbody & Co.

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For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see preceding page.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALES PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads); PER SHARE (Range Since Jan 1 1926, Longest, Highest); PER SHARE (Range for Previous Year 1925, Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Ann Arbor, A.T. & T., and others.

* Bid and asked prices. x Dividend. d Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see second page preceding.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						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. 13.	Monday, Feb. 15.	Tuesday, Feb. 16.	Wednesday, Feb. 17.	Thursday, Feb. 18.	Friday, Feb. 19.		Shares	Par	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share			\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	
*36 3/4 37	35 1/2 36 1/4	35 1/2 35 1/2	35 1/2 35 1/2	35 1/2 35 1/2	35 1/2 35 1/2	6,800	Western Pacific new	3 1/2 Feb 15	3 1/4 Jan 2	3 1/4 Jan 2	3 1/4 Dec	
*79 1/2 80	79 1/2 80	79 1/2 80	79 1/2 80	79 1/2 80	79 1/2 80	2,100	D. O. pref. n.w.	7 1/2 Jan 4	8 1/4 Feb 18	7 1/2 Jan 4	8 1/4 Dec	
28	26	25 1/2	27	26 1/2	27	10,000	Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry.	2 3/8 Feb 18	3 1/2 Jan 2	2 3/8 Jan 2	3 1/2 Dec	
*47 1/2 48 3/8	47 47 1/2	47 47	46 3/4	46 3/4	46 3/4	3,300	D. O. pref.	4 1/2 Feb 19	5 1/2 Jan 4	4 1/2 Jan 4	5 1/2 Dec	
F 83 83 3/8	80 1/2 82 1/8	81 81 3/4	81 82 1/2	82 1/2 83	82 1/2 83 1/4	3,100	Industrial & Miscellaneous					
*141	*140	*140	*140	*141 1/2	140 140 1/4	200	All American Cables	131 Jan 6	11 1/2 Feb 18	119 Jan	133 3/4 Oct	
*104 1/2 104 1/2	104 104 1/2	*104 1/2 106	105 1/2 105 1/2	104 106	106 103	400	Adams Express	103 Jan 22	107 Jan 6	99 Apr	117 1/4 Oct	
*17 1/2 18	17 17 3/8	17 1/2 17 3/8	17 1/2 17 3/8	17 1/2 17 3/8	17 1/2 17 3/8	1,400	Advance Rumely	16 Jan 27	18 1/4 Jan 29	13 Apr	20 Oct	
61 1/2 62	*59 62	61 1/2 61 1/2	59 1/2 60	59 1/2 59 1/2	59 59 1/2	2,000	D. O. pref.	5 1/2 Jan 21	6 3/8 Jan 28	4 7/8 Feb	6 1/2 Oct	
8 8	8 8	8 8	8 8	8 8	8 8	800	Abundant Lead	7 1/2 Jan 23	9 1/4 Jan 4	7 1/2 Oct	12 1/2 May	
112 112	110 111 1/8	110 111 1/8	111 111 1/8	113 113 1/8	112 111 1/8	19,300	Air Reduction, Inc.	107 1/2 Jan 16	11 1/8 Feb 18	8 3/4 Jan	11 1/8 Dec	
13 1/2 15	13 13 1/2	13 13 1/2	13 13 1/2	13 13 1/2	12 13 1/2	33,500	Ajax Rubber, Inc.	9 1/4 Jan 20	10 Feb 11	9 1/4 Jan	10 1/2 Dec	
*11 1/2 12	*11 1/2 12	*11 1/2 12	11 1/2 12	11 1/2 12	11 1/2 12	2,000	Alaska Juneau Gold Min.	1 1/2 Jan 6	2 Jan 6	1 1/2 Jan	2 1/2 Oct	
137 142	131 137 1/2	132 135 1/2	133 133 1/2	134 136 1/2	133 133 1/2	141,300	Allied Chemical & Dye	11 1/2 Jan 6	12 Feb 13	80 Mar	116 1/2 Dec	
121 121	121 121 1/2	*121 121 1/2	*121 121 1/2	121 121 1/2	121 121 1/2	700	D. O. pref.	120 Jan 2	12 1/8 Feb 15	117 Jan	121 1/4 Nov	
91 92 1/2	90 91 1/2	89 1/2 91	90 90 1/2	91 90 1/2	90 90 1/2	8,300	Allis-Chalmers Mfg.	8 1/2 Feb 16	9 1/4 Jan 14	7 1/2 Jan	9 1/4 Dec	
*109 1/2 109 1/2	109 1/2 109 1/2	*109 109 1/2	103 1/2 109 1/2	109 1/2 109 1/2	109 1/2 109 1/2	400	D. O. pref.	109 Jan 2	110 Jan 4	103 1/4 Jan	109 Dec	
31 1/2 31 1/2	29 1/4 31 1/2	29 1/4 31 1/2	30 1/4 30 1/4	30 1/4 30 1/4	29 1/2 30 1/2	6,800	Amer Agricultural Chem.	26 1/4 Jan 2	3 1/8 Jan 14	13 1/2 Mar	29 1/2 Oct	
91 91	88 90 3/4	88 1/2 89 1/2	*85 1/2 89 1/2	88 1/2 89 1/2	88 1/2 89 1/2	2,100	D. O. pref.	80 Jan 2	9 1/2 Jan 14	3 1/4 Jan	8 1/2 Dec	
40 40	39 1/2 40 1/2	39 1/2 40 1/2	40 40 1/2	40 1/2 41	40 1/2 41	1,300	Amer Bank Note, new	3 3/4 Jan 4	4 3/8 Jan 8	3 3/4 Jan	4 1/2 Dec	
*54 58	55 1/2 57 1/2	*54 1/2 58	*54 1/2 58	*54 1/2 58	54 1/2 58	50	Amer Beet Sugar	55 Jan 15	57 Jan 9	53 1/2 Jan	58 1/2 Sept	
33 1/2 34	33 1/2 34	33 1/2 34	33 1/2 34	33 1/2 34	33 1/2 34	2,800	Amer Beet Sugar	31 1/4 Jan 15	3 3/4 Feb 5	29 1/2 Oct	43 Jan	
*78 82	78 78	*80 82	80 80	*80 80	80 80	400	Amer Bosh Magneto	7 1/2 Feb 2	8 1/4 Jan 4	7 1/2 Dec	8 1/2 Jan	
30 30 1/4	28 1/2 29 1/2	28 1/2 29 1/2	28 1/2 29 1/2	28 1/2 29 1/2	28 1/2 29 1/2	5,300	Amer Brake Shoe & F.	28 1/4 Jan 20	30 1/4 Jan 4	26 1/4 Mar	31 1/2 Jan	
170 173 1/2	170 172 1/2	170 172 1/2	171 175 1/2	172 176 1/2	173 177 1/2	46,900	Amer Brown Boveri El.	150 Jan 5	180 Feb 10	90 1/4 Mar	156 Dec	
*113 115	*112 114	*112 112 1/2	113 120	114 123 1/4	115 127	2,800	D. O. pref.	112 1/2 Jan 12	12 1/4 Feb 18	107 1/2 Jan	114 Dec	
44 44 1/4	43 1/2 44	41 43 1/2	43 1/2 43 1/2	41 1/2 42 1/2	39 1/2 42 1/2	36,600	Amer Brown Boveri El.	39 1/4 Feb 17	48 1/4 Jan 16	47 1/2 Dec	53 1/2 Oct	
*96 1/2 98	*96 1/2 98	96 1/2 96 1/2	96 1/2 96 1/2	93 97	95 1/2 96	600	Preferred	95 1/4 Feb 17	97 1/8 Jan 16	90 1/8 Nov	98 Dec	
53 1/2 54 1/2	51 1/2 53 1/2	52 1/2 52 1/2	52 1/2 52 1/2	51 1/2 52 1/2	51 1/2 52 1/2	232,200	American Can w l	16 1/4 Jan 15	17 1/2 Feb 1	14 1/4 Dec	16 1/2 Dec	
*123 123 1/4	124 124 1/4	124 124 1/4	124 124 1/4	*123 125	123 1/4 123 1/4	800	D. O. pref.	121 Jan 4	12 1/4 Feb 1	115 Jan	12 1/2 Sept	
107 107 1/2	106 107 1/2	106 107 1/2	105 1/2 107 1/2	105 1/2 107 1/2	103 1/4 107 1/2	9,500	American Car & Fldy.	10 1/4 Feb 15	11 1/8 Jan 12	9 1/2 Apr	11 1/2 Sept	
*126 1/2 127 1/2	*126 1/2 127 1/2	*126 1/2 127 1/2	126 1/2 127 1/2	127 1/2 127 1/2	*25 127 1/2	200	D. O. pref.	124 Jan 7	127 1/2 Jan 30	120 1/4 Apr	125 July	
244 245	244 245	244 245	244 245	245 245	244 245	2,600	American Chain, class A	4 1/8 Feb 15	5 1/2 Jan 2	3 1/2 Jan	4 1/2 Feb	
44 44 1/4	43 1/2 44	41 43 1/2	43 1/2 43 1/2	*43 1/2 43 1/2	43 1/2 43 1/2	1,000	American Chain, class A	4 1/8 Feb 15	5 1/2 Jan 2	3 1/2 Jan	4 1/2 Feb	
*43 1/2 45	43 43 1/2	42 42 1/2	43 43 1/2	*43 1/2 43 1/2	43 1/2 43 1/2	400	Amer Drugists Syndicate	4 1/4 Jan 5	5 1/2 Jan 15	4 1/4 Dec	6 1/4 Jan	
135 1/4 136 1/4	*133 134	*131 135	133 133	*132 136	*132 135	700	Amer Express	131 Jan 27	140 Jan 6	125 Apr	166 Jan	
38 39 1/2	36 3/4 37	37 1/2 37 1/2	37 1/2 37 1/2	37 1/2 37 1/2	36 3/4 37 1/2	8,600	Amer & For'n Pow new	3 1/4 Feb 15	4 1/2 Jan 6	2 7/4 Apr	5 1/2 Sept	
98 98	95 95	94 95	94 95	94 95	94 95	600	D. O. pref.	91 1/4 Jan 2	93 Feb 1	87 Jan	91 Feb	
							D. O. 25% paid	127 1/2 Jan 22	131 Jan 4	114 1/4 Apr	142 Sept	
17 17 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	15 1/4 15 1/2	15 1/4 15 1/2	15 1/2 15 1/2	15 1/2 15 1/2	4,700	American Hide & Leather	12 1/2 Jan 22	17 1/2 Feb 1	8 1/2 Mar	14 1/2 Dec	
6 1/2 6 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	1,300	D. O. pref.	5 1/4 Feb 1	6 1/2 Feb 5	5 1/4 Sept	7 1/2 Jan	
130 131 1/4	129 131	130 130	130 130	*123 130	123 129 1/2	2,200	American Ice	12 1/4 Jan 20	13 1/4 Jan 7	8 1/4 Mar	129 Dec	
83 1/4 84	83 83 1/2	83 1/2 83 1/2	83 1/2 83 1/2	*82 1/2 85	83 85	700	D. O. pref.	82 1/2 Jan 13	85 Feb 1	7 1/2 Mar	86 July	
44 44 1/4	43 1/2 45 1/2	43 1/2 45 1/2	43 1/2 45 1/2	43 1/2 45 1/2	43 1/2 45 1/2	61,900	Amer International Corp.	42 1/2 Jan 19	4 1/4 Feb 1	34 1/2 Mar	46 1/2 Nov	
15 15 1/2	14 1/2 15	14 1/2 14 1/2	14 1/2 14 1/2	14 1/2 14 1/2	14 1/2 15	4,900	American L France F E.	13 1/2 Feb 1	15 1/2 Jan 4	11 1/4 Jan	20 Nov	
46 46	45 46 1/2	44 44 1/2	44 44 1/2	43 43 1/2	43 43 1/2	2,400	American Linseed	4 1/2 Feb 17	5 1/2 Jan 4	20 Mar	59 1/4 Nov	
*80 84	82 82 1/2	82 1/2 84	*82 84	*82 83 1/2	82 1/2 82 1/2	500	D. O. pref.	82 Jan 15	87 Jan 4	53 Jan	89 Oct	
109 1/2 113 1/2	107 1/2 110	107 1/2 109 1/2	103 1/2 107 1/2	105 107	104 1/2 106 1/2	33,100	American Locom new	11 1/2 Feb 17	11 1/2 Jan 4	10 1/2 Jan	14 1/2 Mar	
*119 120 1/4	*119 120 1/4	*119 120 1/4	*119 120 1/4	*119 120 1/4	*119 121	25,600	American Metals	11 1/2 Jan 7	12 1/4 Feb 11	11 1/2 Aug	12 1/2 Feb	
53 1/2 56 1/2	56 56 1/2	56 57 1/2	56 57 1/2	56 57 1/2	56 1/2 57 1/2	1,500	Preferred	5 1/4 Jan 20	5 7/8 Feb 1	4 5/8 Mar	5 7/8 Oct	
120 120	119 119 1/2	119 119 1/2	119 119 1/2	119 119 1/2	116 119 1/2	16,100	American Radiator	11 1/2 Jan 29	12 1/2 Feb 1	11 1/2 Mar	11 1/2 Nov	
116 1/2 120 1/4	118 118 1/2	117 118 1/2	117 118 1/2	*78 80	78 80	100	D. O. pref.	10 1/4 Jan 29	12 1/4 Feb 1	8 1/2 Mar	12 1/2 Nov	
*78 80	*78 80	*78 80	*78 80	*78 80	*78 80	100	American Republics	7 1/2 Jan 29	7 1/4 Feb 8	7 1/2 Sept	8 1/4 Jan	
*70 72	*65 70	*60 71	*60 71	*60 71	*60 71	500	American Safety Razor	69 Jan 8	74 Jan 5	48 Jan	79 1/2 Dec	
*57 1/2 58	55 1/2 57 1/2	55 56 1/2	55 1/2 57 1/2	55 1/2 57 1/2	55 1/2 57 1/2	5,400	Amer Safety Razor	55 Feb 16	63 Jan 8	36 1/2 Jan	76 1/2 Nov	
6 1/2 6 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	23,800	Amer Shtp & Comm.	5 1/2 Jan 2	8 1/4 Feb 18	5 1/2 Dec	14 1/2 Feb	
140 1/4 142 1/2	135 139 1/4	136 133 1/4	135 137 1/2	136 133 1/4	135 133 1/4	67,000	Amer Smelting & Refining	130 1/4 Jan 20	144 1/4 Jan 7	90 1/4 Mar	141 1/2 Dec	
*113 114	114 114 1/2	114 114 1/2	115 116 1/2	115 116 1/2	115 116 1/2	400	D. O. pref.	113 Jan 4	117 1/2 Feb 30	105 1/2 Jan	115 Oct	
158 158	150 1/2 155 1/4	155 1/2 155 1/4	157 157	*154 159	150 155	2,300	American Snuff	140 1/4 Jan 22	165 Feb 5	138 1/4 Apr	154 Nov	
45 45 1/4	44 1/2 44 1/2	43 1/2 43 1/2	44 1/2 44 1/2	44 1/2 45	44 1/2 45	5,400	Amer Steel Foundries	4 1/4 Feb 13	4 1/2 Feb 11	3 7/8 Jan	4 1/2 Dec	
*113 112	*113 112	113 113 1/2	113 113	113 113 1/2	113	600	D. O. pref.	113 Jan 7	113 1/2 Feb 11	108 Jan	113 Oct	
80 82	79 1/2 81	79 1/2 80 1/2	79 1/2 80 1/2	80 1/4 80 1/2	79 1/2 80 1/4	12,200	American Sugar Refining	7 3/4 Jan 21	8 1/4 Feb 5	4 7/8 Jan	7 7/8 Dec	
103 1/2 103 1/2	103 1/2 104	*103 105	*103 105	104 104 1/2	104 104 1/2	800	D. O. pref.	102 Jan 6	104 1/2 Feb 19	91 1/4 Jan	104 1/2 Nov	
11 12	11 12 1/2	11 12 1/2	11 12 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	3,200	Amer Sumatra Tobacco	11 Jan 2	14 1/2 Jan 11	6 May	24 1/2 Feb	
*109 1/2 120	*89 120	*89 120	*89 120	*89 120	*89 120	100	D. O. pref.	89 Jan 2	100 Jan 11	28 Apr	120 1/2 Oct	
*40 41 1/2	*40 41 1/2	*40 41 1/2	*40 41 1/2	*40 41	40 40 1/4	100	Amer Telegraph & Cable	40 Jan 1	4 1/4 Feb 10	37 1/2 Jan	47 Feb	
148 148 1/2	148 1/2 150 1/4	149 149 1/2	148 1/2 149 1/2	148 1/2 149	148 1/2 149	14,200	Amer Telep & Telep	142 1/2 Jan 2	15 1/4 Feb 17	130 1/4 Jan	145 Dec	
117 117 1/2	114 116 1/2	115 116 1/2	116 116 1/2	116 116 1/2	116 116 1/2	5,100	American Tobacco	114 1/2 Jan 4	12 1/2 Feb 17	85 Feb	121 1/2 Oct	
*107 1/2 108 1/4	*107 108 1/4	108 1/4 108 1										

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see third page preceding.

Table with columns for dates (Saturday to Friday), stock names, and prices. Includes sub-sections for 'HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.' and 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE'. The table lists various stocks such as Bush Terminal, Debutenture, and others, with their respective prices and share information.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day z Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Saturday, Feb. 13.	Monday, Feb. 15.	Tuesday, Feb. 16.	Wednesday, Feb. 17.	Thursday, Feb. 18.	Friday, Feb. 19.
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share
126 1/4 129 1/4	122 1/2 125 7/8	122 1/2 124 3/4	124 1/2 125 7/8	125 1/2 126 1/2	125 1/2 126 1/2
114 5/8 114 5/8	114 3/4 114 3/4	114 1/2 114 3/4	114 1/2 114 3/4	114 1/2 115	115 1/2 115 1/2
99 9/9	99 9/9	99 9/9	99 9/9	99 9/9	99 9/9
57 5/7	54 3/4 56 1/4	54 3/4 55 5/8	54 1/2 55 1/2	55 5/8	55 5/8
75 7/7	74 7/8 75 1/4	75 7/8 76 1/2	73 1/2 76	75 1/4 76	75 1/2 76 1/2
*103 105	*103 105	*103 105	*103 105	*103 105	*103 105
47 47	*47 50	*47 49	*47 49	*47 49	*47 49
71 7 1/4	65 3/4 70 1/2	*69 69 3/4	69 3/4 69 3/4	*69 70	69 69 3/4
*108 1/4 109 1/2	*108 1/4 109 1/2	*108 1/4 109 1/2	*108 1/4 109 1/2	*108 1/4 109 1/2	*108 1/4 109 1/2
23 23	23 23 3/4	23 23 3/4	23 23 3/4	23 23 3/4	23 23 3/4
53 1/4 54 3/8	50 1/8 53 1/4	50 1/8 52 1/2	51 1/8 51 1/8	51 1/2 54	52 1/8 53 1/2
67 67 3/8	*63 1/2 64 3/4	63 1/2 64 3/4	63 1/2 64 3/4	64 1/2 65 3/8	64 65
*99 100	*99 100	*98 7/8 99 3/4	*98 100	*99 100	*98 100
106 1/2 106 1/2	106 106 3/4	107 7/8 107 3/4	106 3/4 106 3/4	107 107 1/2	107 107 1/2
*106 107	*106 106 1/2	106 106 1/2	106 106 1/2	107 107	107 107 1/2
40 1/2 40 1/2	40 40 1/2	40 40 1/2	40 40 1/2	40 40 1/2	40 40 1/2
101 1/4 101 1/4	*101 1/4 102	*101 1/4 102	101 1/4 101 1/4	101 101 1/4	101 101
21 21 1/4	20 21	20 21	20 21	20 21	20 21
22 22 1/2	21 21 1/2	20 21 1/2	21 1/4 21 1/2	21 1/2 22	21 1/2 22
102 103 3/4	100 102 3/4	100 102 3/4	100 102 3/4	102 105	103 103 1/2
*114 1/2 115 1/2	*115 1/2 115 1/2	*115 1/2 115 1/2	*115 1/2 115 1/2	*115 1/2 115 1/2	*115 1/2 115 1/2
13 13	13 13	12 12 1/2	13 12 1/2	12 12	12 12 1/2
81 2	82 3/4 87 3/8	83 3/8 81 1/2	81 1/2 81 1/2	8 8	8 8
86 86 3/8	83 1/2 85 1/2	83 83 3/4	81 1/2 83 1/2	83 84	83 84 1/4
*55 61 1/2	*54 62	*54 60	*54 60	*54 60	*54 60
32 32 3/8	32 32 3/8	32 32 3/8	32 32 3/8	32 32 3/8	32 32 3/8
45 45 1/4	43 3/4 44 3/4	43 3/4 44 3/4	43 3/4 44 3/4	43 3/4 44	43 3/4 44
74 74 1/2	72 72	*72 73	*72 74	72 72 1/2	72 73
31 1/2 31 1/2	31 1/2 31 1/2	*31 1/2 32 1/4	31 1/2 31 1/2	31 31	30 3/4 30 3/4
54 54 1/2	55 55 1/2	55 55 1/2	55 55 1/2	56 56	55 56
*45 46 1/4	45 45 1/4	45 45 1/4	45 45 1/4	45 45 1/4	45 45 1/4
*66 68	66 66 1/2	65 66	65 65 1/2	65 65 1/2	65 65 1/2
31 31 1/2	31 31 1/2	31 31 1/2	31 31 1/2	32 32 3/4	32 33 3/8
114 1/4 117 1/4	111 114 3/4	111 113 3/4	113 117 1/2	116 119	116 119 1/2
26 26 1/2	25 25 1/2	25 25 1/2	25 25 1/2	25 25 1/2	25 25 1/2
30 30 3/8	28 30	28 29 1/4	28 29 1/4	28 29 1/4	28 29
23 23 1/4	22 23 1/4	22 23 1/4	22 22 1/2	22 22 1/2	22 22 1/2
13 13 1/4	12 13 1/4	12 12 1/2	11 12 1/2	11 12 1/2	11 12 1/2
12 12 1/2	11 12 1/2	11 12 1/2	11 12 1/2	11 12 1/2	11 12 1/2
*90 103 3/8	*90 103 3/8	*90 103 3/8	*90 103 3/8	*90 103 3/8	*90 103 3/8
*95 100	*95 98	*95 98	*96 98	*96 98	*96 98
39 40 1/2	*38 1/2 38 1/2	38 1/2 39	38 1/2 38 1/2	38 1/2 38 1/2	38 38 1/2
115 115	*113 1/2 114 1/2	*113 1/2 114 1/2	*113 1/2 114 1/2	*113 1/2 114 1/2	*113 1/2 114 1/2
26 26	25 25 1/2	24 25 1/2	25 25 1/2	24 25 1/2	25 25 1/2
23 24	23 23 1/4	23 23 1/4	23 23 1/4	23 24	23 24
93 1/4 93 1/4	91 1/4 91 1/4	91 1/4 91 1/4	91 1/4 91 1/4	91 1/4 91 1/4	91 1/4 91 1/4
147 147 1/4	144 145 1/2	138 144	143 145 1/2	143 145 1/2	143 145 1/2
*105 105 1/4	*105 105 1/4	*105 105 1/4	*105 105 1/4	*105 106	*105 106
56 57 1/2	55 56 1/2	55 56 1/2	55 56 1/2	55 56 1/2	55 56 1/2
131 134 3/8	127 130 1/4	128 130 1/4	128 130 1/4	128 130 1/4	128 130 1/4
*121 122 1/2	*121 122 1/2	*121 122 1/2	*121 122 1/2	*121 122 1/2	*121 122 1/2
10 10 7/8	11 11 1/2	11 11 1/2	11 11 1/2	11 11 1/2	11 11 1/2
42 42 3/8	43 45 1/4	44 46 3/8	44 46 3/8	44 46 3/8	44 46 3/8
62 62 1/2	61 62 1/2	58 61	61 62 1/2	61 62 1/2	61 62 1/2
43 44	41 43 1/2	41 43 1/2	41 43 1/2	42 43 1/2	42 43 1/2
*102 102	*102 102	*101 101	*101 101	*101 101	*101 101
56 56 1/2	56 56 3/8	55 57 1/2	57 1/4 57 3/4	57 58 3/8	56 57 1/2
*83 87	*83 87	*83 87	*83 87	*83 87	*83 87
*94 95	*94 96	*94 96	*94 96	*94 96	*94 96
*168 173	*168 173	*168 173	*168 173	*168 173	*168 173
127 128 1/4	124 127	125 126 3/8	125 126 3/8	125 126 3/8	125 126 3/8
*24 25 3/4	*24 25 3/4	*24 25 3/4	*24 25 3/4	*24 25 3/4	*24 25 3/4
32 34 1/4	31 34 1/4	32 32	32 32 1/4	32 33 1/4	32 34 1/4
124 124	*120 124	122 124	122 123 1/2	123 123 1/2	122 124
17 18	16 17 1/2	16 17 1/2	17 17 1/2	17 18 1/2	17 17
60 62 1/2	51 60 1/2	57 57 1/2	58 60 1/2	60 63 1/2	62 66 1/2
*108 108	*109 109	*109 109	*110 110	*110 110	*110 111 1/2
45 45 1/2	43 44 1/2	43 44	43 44 1/2	43 44 1/2	43 44 1/2
*104 104 1/2	*104 104 1/2	*104 104 1/2	*104 104 1/2	*104 105 1/2	*104 105 1/2
19 20	18 19 1/4	18 19 1/4	18 19 1/4	19 19 1/4	19 19 1/4
*72 75	*72 75	*73 73	*70 73 1/2	*70 73 1/2	*70 73 1/2
*70 72	*70 72	*70 72	*70 72	*70 72	*70 72
115 119	115 115 1/2	115 115 1/2	115 119 3/4	116 120	118 118
57 58 1/2	56 57 1/2	56 56 3/4	55 56 3/4	56 56 3/4	56 57 1/2
2 2	1 1 1/2	1 1 1/2	1 1 1/2	1 1 1/2	1 1 1/2
*72 80	*72 80	*72 76	*72 77	*75 77	75 75
*79 80 3/8	*79 80 3/8	*79 78 1/2	*79 77 1/2	*75 76 1/2	75 75 3/4
*110 113	*110 113	*110 113	*110 113	*110 113	*110 113
*28 28 3/4	*28 28 3/4	*28 29	*28 28 3/8	*28 29	*28 29 1/4
*90 91	*90 91	*90 91	*90 91	*90 91	*90 91
*162 164	*162 164	*162 165	*162 164 1/2	*162 164 1/2	*162 163 1/2
13 13 1/2	13 13 1/2	12 13 1/2	12 13 1/2	12 13 1/2	12 13 1/2
37 38	36 36 1/2	36 36 1/2	36 36 1/2	36 36 1/2	36 36 1/2
*83 84	*83 84	*83 84	*81 81	*81 81	*81 81
121 123	121 123	122 122	122 123 1/2	123 123 1/2	122 123 1/2
82 83 1/2	81 82 1/2	80 81 1/2	79 81 1/2	80 80	79 80
63 64	60 62	60 61	61 61 3/4	62 62	61 62
39 39 1/2	38 38 3/8	38 39	38 38 3/8	38 38 3/8	38 38 1/2
9 9 1/2	8 9 1/2	8 9	8 8 1/2	8 8 1/2	8 8 1/2
*48 49 1/4	*48 49 1/4	49 49	*48 49	49 50	48 49
*120 125	*120 120	*110 120	111 111 1/2	113 120	113 120
133 133	130 130	123 132	*123 128	*123 128	*123 140
39 40 1/4	38 39 3/8	38 39	39 39 3/4	39 3/4	40 40 3/8
115 115	112 114	112 114	112 114	112 114	112 114
16 17 1/2	16 16 1/2	16 16 1/2	16 16 1/2	16 16 1/2	16 16 1/2
26 26	25 26 1/2	25 25 1/2	25 25 1/2	25 25 1/2	25 25 1/2
54 54 5/8	54 54 1/2	51 51 1/2	52 53 1/2	53 53 1/2	53 54 1/2
133 134	134 134	134 134	134 134	135 135	135 135
72 72	71 72	*71 72	*72 73 1/2	*71 73	71 73
*110 112	*110 110 1/2	110 110	110 110 1/2	110 110 1/2	110 110 1/2
*106 106 3/4	*106 106 3/4	*106 106 3/4	*106 106 3/4	*106 106 3/4	*106 106 3/4
105 105	105 105	101 101	100 100 1/4	*105 106 1/2	105 106
117 117	*116 117	*116 117	117 117	*115 117 1/2	*115 117 1/2
44 44 3/4	43 44	43 43 3/4	43 43 3/4	43 43 3/4	43 43 3/4
25 26	*25 25 1/2	24 24 1/2	*24 25	24 24 1/2	24 24 1/2
71 76	69 71 3/4	68 72 1/4	70 78 1/2	71 74 1/2	71 73 1/2
*30 31	*30 30	*30 30	*29 30	29 29 3/4	29 29 1/4
32 32	31 31 1/4	*31 31 1/2	*29 31 1/2	*31 31 1/4	*31 31 1/4
25 25 1/4	24 26	24 24 1/4	24 24 1/4	24 24 1/4	24 24 1/4
58 58 1/2	57 58 3/8	57 58 3/8	58 58 3/8	58 58 3/8	58 58 3/8
*28 29 1/2	*28 29 1/2	*28 29 1/2	*28 29 1/2	*28 29 1/2	*28 29 1/2
21 21 1/4	20 21 1/4	20 20 1/4	20 20 1/4	20 20 1/4	20 20 1/4
104 104 1/2	91 92	92 94	92 94	95 95	95 95 1/2
127 127	125 126 3/4	124 126	125 125 1/2	125 125 1/2	125 125 1/2
*122 130	*122 130	*122 130	*122 130	*122 130	*122 130
23 23 1/2	21 21 3/4	21 21 3/4	21 21 3/4	21 21 3/4	21 21 3/4
113 113	110 112	106 106 1/2	107 107 1/2	109 109 1/2	109 109 1/2
25 25 3/4	25 30	26 27 3/4	26 27 3/4	27 28	27 28
23 23 3/4	23 23 3/4	23 23 3/4	23 23 3/4	23 23 3/4	23 23 3/4
9 9 3/4	9 9 3/4	9 9 3/4	9 9 3/4	9 9 3/4	9 9 3/4
12 12 1/2	12 12 1/2	12 12 1/2	12 12 1/2	12 12 1/2	12 12 1/2
34 34 1/4	33 34 1/4	33 34 1/4	34 34 1/4	34 34 1/4	34 34 1/4
*96 97	*96 96 3/4	96 96 3/4	96 96 3/4	97 97 1/2	97 97 1/2
1 1 1/2	1 1 1/2	1 1 1/2	1 1 1/2	1 1 1/2	1 1 1/2
*1 1 1/8	*1 1 1/8	*1 1 1/8	*1 1 1/8	*1 1 1/8	*1 1 1/8
*127 128	126 127 1/4	128 128 3/4	129 132	130 132 1/2	130 132 1/2
80 81	78 79 3/8	78 79 3/8	78 79 3/8	78 79 3/8	

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fifth page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Feb. 13-19); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par); PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1926; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. x Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights. Ex-50% stock dividend.

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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. 13.	Monday, Feb. 15.	Tuesday, Feb. 16.	Wednesday, Feb. 17.	Thursday, Feb. 18.	Friday, Feb. 19.		Shares	Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
*44 1/2	*44 1/2	*44 1/2	*44 1/2	*44 1/2	*44 1/2	45 1/2	Indus. Transport & Trading	45 1/2	Jan 4	45 1/2	Jan 4	
27 1/2	27 1/2	26 1/2	27 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	20 1/2	Shell Union Oil	25 1/2	Jan 16	26 1/2	Jan 4	
104 1/2	104 1/2	*104	104 1/2	*104	104 1/2	103 1/2	Do pref.	103 1/2	Jan 30	106 1/2	Jan 25	
27 1/2	28 1/2	26 1/2	27 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	24 3/4	Simms Petroleum	23 1/2	Jan 20	23 1/2	Jan 20	
53 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	51 1/2	52 1/2	11 7/10	Simms Petroleum	50 1/2	Feb 19	54 1/2	Jan 2	
107 1/2	109 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	109 1/2	103	Preferred	107 1/2	Jan 29	107 1/2	Jan 14	
24	24 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2	127 5/8	Sinclair Cons Oil Corp.	100	Jan 5	24 1/2	Feb 13	
95	94	94 1/2	93 1/2	94	94 1/2	2 3/4	Do pref.	100	Jan 5	94 1/2	Jan 29	
31 1/2	32 1/2	30 1/2	31 1/2	30 1/2	31 1/2	15 5/8	Skelly Oil Co.	25	Jan 19	32 1/2	Jan 25	
127	129 1/2	122 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2	3 7/8	Scott-Shelfield Steel & Iron	100	Jan 16	136 1/2	Jan 4	
137	138	125 1/2	130	133	133	2 5/8	South Porto Rico Sugar	100	Jan 12	147 1/2	Feb 2	
117 1/2	120	*117 1/2	120	*117 1/2	120	100	Preferred	100	Jan 8	117 1/2	Feb 8	
*16 1/2	16 1/2	17	17	17	17 1/2	600	Spears & Co.	No par	Jan 5	17 1/2	Feb 19	
82	82	*80	82	*80	82	303	Do pref.	100	Jan 6	82	Jan 13	
291	308 1/2	28 1/2	29 1/2	28 1/2	29 1/2	10 1/10	Spicer Mfg Co.	No par	Jan 19	31 1/2	Feb 5	
*101	105 1/2	*101 1/2	105 1/2	*101 1/2	105 1/2	101	Do pref.	100	Jan 12	101 1/2	Jan 18	
63	66 1/2	61 1/2	64 1/2	62 1/2	63 1/2	39 3/8	Standard Gas & El Co.	No par	Jan 2	65	Feb 8	
*56 1/2	57	56 1/2	57	56 1/2	57 1/2	1 000	Preferred	50	Jan 5	57 1/2	Feb 9	
82	86 1/2	80	85	81	83 1/2	7 3/8	Standard Milling	100	Jan 15	92 1/2	Feb 4	
*88	89	*88	89	*88	89	43 000	Do pref.	100	Jan 15	90	Feb 5	
59 1/2	60 1/2	58 1/2	59 1/2	58 1/2	59 1/2	31 900	Standard Oil of California	25	Jan 20	62 1/2	Jan 2	
44 1/2	45	44	44 1/2	43 1/2	44 1/2	3 190	Standard Oil of New Jersey	25	Jan 22	43 1/2	Jan 2	
117 1/2	118	117 1/2	118	117 1/2	118	2 500	Standard Plate Glass Co.	No par	Jan 2	118 1/2	Feb 17	
90 1/8	90 1/8	91 1/8	90 1/8	91 1/8	90 1/8	1 200	Standard Plate Glass Co.	No par	Jan 2	10 1/2	Feb 10	
81 1/4	81 1/4	81 1/4	81 1/4	81 1/4	81 1/4	27 100	Stewart-Warn Sp. Corp.	No par	Feb 15	92 1/2	Jan 2	
84 1/4	86 1/4	82 1/4	83 1/4	82 1/4	85 1/4	300	Stromberg Carburetor	No par	Jan 26	77 1/4	Jan 4	
*74 1/2	75 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	73 1/2	74 1/2	71 200	Studebaker Corp (The)	No par	Jan 21	121	Feb 1	
57 1/2	57 1/2	56 1/2	57 1/2	56 1/2	57 1/2	3 200	Submarine Boat	No par	Jan 3	3 1/2	Feb 1	
*114	123	*113 1/2	122 1/2	*113 1/2	122 1/2	1 000	Sun Oil	No par	Jan 21	41 1/2	Jan 8	
34	34	34	34	34	34	5 200	Superior Oil	No par	Jan 28	41	Jan 8	
*38 1/2	39	*38 1/2	39	*37 1/2	38 1/2	2 200	Superior Steel	100	Jan 2	25 1/2	Jan 12	
3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	1 400	Sweets Co of America	50	Jan 10	13	Jan 7	
*24	26	*24	26	*24	26	1 800	Syrington Temp cts.	No par	Jan 12	14 1/2	Jan 4	
*11	12	*11	12	*11	12	1 500	Tenn Coal & C.	No par	Jan 16	16	Feb 5	
12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	11 400	Texas Company (The)	25	Jan 20	54 1/2	Jan 2	
20	20 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	81 200	Texas Gulf Sulphur	100	Jan 12	142 1/2	Feb 19	
*134	148	*134	148	*134	148	12 300	Texas Pacific Coal & Oil	100	Jan 19	19 1/2	Jan 7	
15 1/2	15 1/2	14 1/2	15 1/2	14 1/2	15 1/2	47 500	Texas Pacific Land Trust	100	Feb 10	78 1/2	Jan 13	
52 1/2	53 1/2	52 1/2	53 1/2	52 1/2	53 1/2	3 000	The Fair	No par	Jan 8	34	Jan 14	
139 1/2	141 1/2	139 1/2	141 1/2	139 1/2	141 1/2	47 500	Tidewater Oil	100	Jan 12	39 1/2	Jan 25	
16 1/2	17 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	6 400	Preferred	100	Feb 15	103	Jan 25	
*60	65 1/2	*58 1/2	62 1/2	*58 1/2	65 1/2	11 900	Timken Roller Bearing	No par	Jan 20	56 1/2	Feb 10	
31 1/4	31 1/4	31 1/4	31 1/4	31 1/4	31 1/4	79 700	Tobacco Products Corp.	100	Feb 16	108 1/2	Feb 10	
36 1/4	37 1/4	35 1/4	36 1/4	35 1/4	36 1/4	14 700	Do Class A	100	Feb 16	112	Jan 18	
98 1/4	99 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4	99 1/4	18 800	Transit Oil Terminal	No par	Jan 15	4 1/2	Jan 4	
54 1/2	55 1/2	53 1/2	54 1/2	53 1/2	54 1/2	300	Transue & Williams St'l	No par	Feb 19	27	Jan 28	
98 1/2	98 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	98 1/2	16 900	Underwood Typewriter	25	Feb 19	63 1/2	Jan 5	
26 1/2	26 1/2	*26	26 1/2	*26	26 1/2	13 900	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	100	Jan 5	71 1/2	Jan 5	
60	61	58 1/2	61	59 1/2	60 1/2	35 000	Union Oil, California	25	Jan 20	46	Feb 5	
55 1/2	56	53 1/2	55 1/2	52 1/2	53 1/2	500	Union Tan, Car.	100	Jan 27	44	Jan 15	
42 1/2	43 1/2	40 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2	5 600	United Alloy Steel	No par	Jan 21	29 1/2	Jan 12	
*89	92	*89	92	*89	92	70 600	United Cigar Stores	25	Feb 4	97 1/2	Jan 2	
*114	117	*114 1/2	117	*114 1/2	117	8 600	United Drug	100	Jan 10	167	Feb 4	
28	28	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	800	Do 1st pref.	50	Feb 8	57 1/2	Feb 19	
87 1/4	88 1/4	85 1/4	87 1/4	85 1/4	87 1/4	10 100	United Dyewood	100	Jan 12	12	Jan 11	
*116	119	*116 1/2	119	*116 1/2	119	6 700	United Fruit	100	Jan 6	34 1/2	Feb 10	
16 1/4	16 1/4	15 1/4	16 1/4	15 1/4	16 1/4	700	United Paperboard	100	Jan 6	34 1/2	Feb 10	
57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	100	Universal Pictures 1st pfd	100	Feb 1	95	Jan 6	
*10	12	*10	12	*10	12	26 100	Universal Pipe & Rad.	No par	Jan 27	28 1/2	Jan 5	
291	294	286 1/2	290	289 1/2	292	1 400	Do pref.	100	Jan 26	78 1/2	Jan 5	
35 1/2	36	34 1/2	35 1/2	34 1/2	35 1/2	10 400	U S Cast Iron Pipe & Fdy	100	Jan 20	210 1/2	Jan 4	
*93	94	*92	94	*92	94	500	Do pref.	100	Jan 5	104	Feb 2	
25 1/2	26 1/2	24 1/2	25 1/2	24 1/2	25 1/2	32 900	U S Distrib Corp tem ctd	No par	Jan 20	61 1/2	Feb 13	
*150 1/2	152	*150 1/2	152	*150 1/2	152	4 500	Do pref.	100	Jan 2	59 1/2	Feb 4	
57 1/2	58 1/2	56 1/2	57 1/2	56 1/2	57 1/2	19 800	U S Industrial Alcohol	100	Feb 19	75 1/2	Jan 13	
64 1/2	64 1/2	62 1/2	64 1/2	62 1/2	64 1/2	400	Do pref.	100	Jan 18	104 1/2	Jan 13	
*102	102 1/2	*102	102 1/2	*102	102 1/2	8 800	US Realty & Improvt newwgs	par	Jan 18	61 1/2	Jan 4	
65	65 1/2	64 1/2	65 1/2	64 1/2	65 1/2	119 100	United States Rubber	100	Jan 26	88 1/2	Jan 23	
83 1/2	85 1/2	81 1/2	83 1/2	80 1/2	83 1/2	1 300	Do 1st pref.	100	Jan 26	109	Jan 19	
108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	14 400	U S Smelting, Ref & Min.	50	Jan 25	49 1/2	Jan 2	
47 1/2	47 1/2	46 1/2	47 1/2	46 1/2	47 1/2	1 100	Do pref.	50	Jan 12	50	Jan 4	
49 1/2	49 1/2	48 1/2	49 1/2	48 1/2	49 1/2	245 400	United States Steel Corp.	100	Feb 16	138 1/2	Jan 4	
13 1/2	13 1/2	12 1/2	13 1/2	12 1/2	13 1/2	2 700	Do pref.	100	Jan 29	125 1/2	Jan 28	
*61	63	*61	63	*61	63	900	U S Tobacco	No par	Jan 4	63	Jan 19	
*114	114	*114	114	*114	114	113	Preferred	100	Jan 12	114	Jan 12	
*103	106 1/2	*103	105	*104	107	400	Utah Copper	100	Jan 28	105	Feb 11	
35 1/2	36	35	36	35 1/2	36	13 500	Utilities Pow & Lt A.	No par	Feb 8	37	Feb 15	
31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	6 600	Vanadium Corp.	No par	Jan 22	32 1/2	Feb 16	
*21	25	*21	25	*21	25	20	Van Raalte	No par	Jan 4	22	Feb 8	
*70	75 1/2	*70	75 1/2	*70	75 1/2	700	Do 1st pref.	100	Jan 13	75	Feb 11	
*11 1/2	13 1/2	*11 1/2	13 1/2	*11 1/2	13 1/2	5 100	Virginia-Caro Chem.	No par	Jan 2	17 1/2	Jan 15	
23	23 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2	1 800	New	No par	Jan 2	25 1/2	Feb 3	
*11	12	*10 1/2	12	*10 1/2	12	300	Certificates	No par	Jan 4	15 1/2	Feb 15	
*11	12	*10 1/2	12	*10 1/2	12	300	Do pref.	100	Jan 30	11	Feb 3	
*14	14 1/2	*14	14 1/2	*14	14 1/2	3 800	Pref cts.	No par	Jan 2	11 1/2	Jan 7	
65	65 1/2	63 1/2	64 1/2	63 1/2	64 1/2	1 100	Do "B"	No par	Jan 15	15 1/2	Jan 8	
97	97 1/2	96 1/2	97 1/2	96 1/2	97 1/2	800	6% pref w/l	100	Jan 23	69	Jan 4	
43	43	43	43	43	43	11 300	7% pref w/l	100	Jan 22	98 1/2	Jan 6	
31 1/2	32 1/2	30 1/2	31 1/2	30 1/2	31 1/2	11 800	Virginia Iron Coal & Coke	100	Jan 12	43 1/2	Feb 19	
109	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	36 200	Vivadour (V) new	No par	Jan 25	32 1/2	Feb 10	
109	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	4 900	Waldorf System	No par	Jan 27	17 1/2	Feb 11	
109	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	1 400	Walworth & Co.	No par	Jan 26	23	Jan 4	
109	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	121 800	Ward B. Ing Class A	No par	Feb 11	195	Jan 2	
109	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	1 200	Class B	No par	Feb 10	85 1/2	Feb 1	
109	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	5 800	Preferred (100)	No par	Jan 10	110 1/2	Jan 15	
109	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	1 200	Warner Bros Pictures A.	10	Jan 21	18 1/2	Jan 6	
109	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	3 900						

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Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other market data.

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Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Friday, Feb. 19), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various bid/ask/low/high prices.

g Due Jan. b Due Feb. c Due June. e Due May. h Due July. n Due Sept. o Due Oct. p Due D7c. q Option sale.

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Feb. 19.										BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Feb. 19.									
		Interest Period	Price Friday, Feb. 19.	Week's Range or Last Sale		Bonds Sold		Range Since Jan. 1				Interest Period	Price Friday, Feb. 19.	Week's Range or Last Sale		Bonds Sold		Range Since Jan. 1	
Bid	Ask			Low	High	No.	Low	High		Low	High			Low	High	No.	Low	High	
Manila RR (South L nes) 4s. 1933	62 1/2	63 1/2	62	62 1/2	63 1/2	1	60 1/2	64		Norfolk & West gen gold 6s. 1931	106 1/2	107 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2	109 1/2	108 1/2	109 1/2	
1st 4s. 1933	62 1/2	63 1/2	62	62 1/2	63 1/2	1	60 1/2	64		Improvement & ext 6s. 1934	108 3/4	109 1/2	108 3/4	109 1/2	110 1/2	111 1/2	109 1/2	110 1/2	
Man Tob & Colon 2nd 5s. 1934	97 1/2	98 1/2	97 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2	1	95 1/2	100		N W Ry 1st gold 1932	107	107 1/2	107	107 1/2	108 1/2	109 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2	
Man G B & N W 1st 3 1/2s. 1941	81 1/2	82 1/2	81 1/2	82 1/2	83 1/2	1	79 1/2	84		N & W Ry 1st cons g 4s. 1936	92	92 1/2	92	92 1/2	93 1/2	94 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2	
Michigan Central 5s. 1931	100 1/2	100 3/4	100 1/2	100 3/4	101 1/4	1	98 1/2	102 1/2		Registered	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	88 1/2	89 1/2	87 1/2	88 1/2	
Registered	99 1/2	100 1/4	99 1/2	100 1/4	101 1/4	1	97 1/2	101 1/4		Div 1st lien & gen g 4s. 1944	91 1/4	91 1/4	91 1/4	91 1/4	92 1/4	93 1/4	91 1/4	92 1/4	
4s. 1940	93 1/2	95	93 1/2	95	96 1/2	1	91 1/2	95		10-year conv 6s. 1929	150 1/4	150 1/4	150 1/4	150 1/4	151 1/4	152 1/4	150 1/4	151 1/4	
J L & S 1st gold 3 1/2s. 1951	80 1/2	81 1/2	80 1/2	81 1/2	82 1/2	1	79 1/2	80 3/4		Pocah C & C joint 4s. 1941	92	92	92	92	93 1/2	94 1/2	92	93 1/2	
20-year debenture 4s. 1929	83 1/2	85 1/2	83 1/2	85 1/2	86 1/2	10	83	83		Nor Cent gen & ref 5s. 1974	103 3/4	103 3/4	103 3/4	103 3/4	104 3/4	105 3/4	103 3/4	104 3/4	
Mid of N J 1st ext. 6s. 1940	91 1/2	93 1/2	91 1/2	93 1/2	94 1/2	10	90 1/2	93 1/2		North Ohio 1st guar g 5s. 1945	91	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2	91	92 1/2	
Mid L S & West Imp g 5s. 1929	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	1	100 1/2	100 3/4		Nor Pacific prior lien 4s. 1997	88 1/4	88 3/4	88 1/4	88 3/4	89 1/4	90 1/4	88 1/4	89 1/4	
Mil & Nor 1st ext 4 1/2s (blue) 1934	93 1/4	94 1/2	93 1/4	94 1/2	95 1/2	1	93 1/4	94 1/2		Registered	86 1/4	87 1/4	86 1/4	87 1/4	88 1/4	89 1/4	86 1/4	87 1/4	
Cons ext 4 1/2s (brown) 1934	93 1/2	95	93 1/2	95	96 1/2	1	93 1/2	95 1/2		General lien gold 3s. 2047	63 1/4	63 1/4	63 1/4	63 1/4	64 1/4	65 1/4	63 1/4	64 1/4	
Mil Spar & N W 1st g 4s. 1947	90 1/2	90 3/4	90 1/2	90 3/4	91 1/4	11	89 1/2	90 3/4		Registered	90	90 1/4	90	90 1/4	91 1/4	92 1/4	90	91 1/4	
Milw & State L 1st g 3 1/2s. 1941	82 1/2	83 1/2	82 1/2	83 1/2	84 1/2	1	81 1/2	82 1/2		Ref & Imp 4 1/2s ser A. 2047	81	81 1/2	81	81 1/2	82 1/2	83 1/2	81	82 1/2	
Minn & St Louis 1st 7s. 1927	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	1	97 1/2	100 1/2		Registered	110 3/4	110 3/4	110 3/4	110 3/4	111 3/4	112 3/4	110 3/4	111 3/4	
1st cons gold 6s. 1934	63	64 1/2	63	64 1/2	65 1/2	1	63	64		Ref & Imp 6s ser B. 2047	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	101 1/4	102 1/4	100 1/4	101 1/4	
Temp cts of deposit. 1934	63	64 1/2	63	64 1/2	65 1/2	1	63	64		Ref & Imp 5s ser C. 2047	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4	100 1/4	101 1/4	99 1/4	100 1/4	
1st & refunding gold 4s. 1949	102 1/2	102 3/4	102 1/2	102 3/4	103 1/4	15	102 1/2	103 1/4		Ref & Imp 5s ser D. 2047	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4	100 1/4	101 1/4	99 1/4	100 1/4	
Ref & ext 50-yr 5s Ser A. 1962	15	16	15	16	17	4	15	16 1/4		St. Paul & Duluth 1st 5s. 1931	100 7/8	100 7/8	100 7/8	100 7/8	101 7/8	102 7/8	100 7/8	101 7/8	
1st guar g 7s. 1927	100	102	100	102	103 1/2	25	99 1/2	102 1/2		1st consol gold 4s. 1968	87 1/4	88 1/2	87 1/4	88 1/2	89 1/2	90 1/2	87 1/4	88 1/2	
M St P & S M con g 4s Int gu 38 J	89 1/4	90 1/2	89 1/4	90 1/2	91 1/4	93	87 1/2	90		Nor Pac Term Co 1st g 6s. 1933	109 3/4	109 3/4	109 3/4	109 3/4	110 3/4	111 3/4	109 3/4	110 3/4	
1st cons 5s. 1935	98 1/2	99 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	22	97 1/2	99 1/2		No of Cal guar g 6s. 1930	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	103 1/4	104 1/4	102 1/4	103 1/4	
10-year coll trust 3 1/2s. 1943	103 1/2	104 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2	14	103	104		North Wisconsin 1st 6s. 1930	103	103 1/2	103	103 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2	103	104 1/2	
1st & ref 6s Series A. 1948	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	4	100 3/4	103 1/2		Og & L Cham 1st g 4s g 1948	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	75 1/2	76 1/2	74 1/2	75 1/2	
25-year 5 1/2s. 1949	92 1/2	92 3/4	92 1/2	92 3/4	93 1/4	20	89 1/2	92		Ohio River RR 1st g 6s. 1936	101 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	
1st Chicago Term s f 4s. 1941	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2	20	91 1/2	92		General gold 5s. 1937	100 1/4	101 1/4	100 1/4	101 1/4	102 1/4	103 1/4	100 1/4	101 1/4	
M S S M & A 1st g 4s Int gu 1926 J	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	1	99 1/2	99 1/2		Ore & Cr 1st guar g 6s. 1927	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	
Mississippi Central 1st 5s. 1949	93 1/4	93 1/4	93 1/4	93 1/4	94 1/4	1	93 1/4	93 3/4		Ore RR & Nav con g 4s. 1946	91	91 1/4	91	91 1/4	92 1/4	93 1/4	91	92 1/4	
Mo Kan & Tex—1st gold 4s. 1990	86 1/4	86 1/4	86 1/4	86 1/4	87 1/4	42	84 1/2	86 1/2		Ore Short Line—1st cons g 5s. 1946	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2	105 1/2	106 1/2	
Mo-K-T R.R.—Pr 1 5s Ser A. 1962	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2	80	96 1/2	99		Guar cons 6s. 1946	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2	
40-year 4s Series B. 1962	83 1/4	83 1/4	83 1/4	83 1/4	84 1/4	13	80 1/4	84		Guar refund 4s. 1929	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4	98 1/4	99 1/4	97 1/4	98 1/4	
10-year 6s Series C. 1932	103	103	103	103	104	20	102 3/4	104 1/4		Oregon-Wash 1st & ref 4s. 1961	86	86	86	86	87	88	86	87	
Conn admt 5s Ser A Jan. 1907	94 1/4	94 1/4	94 1/4	94 1/4	95 1/4	446	92 1/4	95 3/4		Pacific Coast Co 1st g 5s. 1946	93 1/2	94	93 1/2	94	95 1/2	96 1/2	93 1/2	94 1/2	
Missouri Pacific (reorg Co) 1965	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	94 1/2	91	92 1/4	94		Pac RR of Mo 1st ext g 4s. 1938	92 3/4	92 3/4	92 3/4	92 3/4	93 3/4	94 3/4	92 3/4	93 3/4	
1st & refunding 6s Ser D. 1949	105	104 1/2	105	104 1/2	105 1/2	131	103 1/2	105		Pat extended gold 6s. 1938	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	101 3/4	102 3/4	100 3/4	101 3/4	
1st & refund 6s Ser E Int. 1955	105	104 1/2	105	104 1/2	105 1/2	131	103 1/2	105		Paducah & Ills 1st s f 4 1/2s. 1958	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4	98 1/4	99 1/4	97 1/4	98 1/4	
General 4s. 1975	68 1/2	67 1/2	68 1/2	67 1/2	68 1/2	201	65 1/2	68 1/2		Paris-Lyon-Med RR 6s. 1938	77 1/2	78 1/2	77 1/2	78 1/2	79 1/2	80 1/2	77 1/2	78 1/2	
Mo Pac 3d 7s extat 4% 1938	88	89 1/2	88 1/2	89 1/2	90 1/2	2	85 1/2	88 1/2		Paris-Orleans RR s f 7s. 1954	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	86 1/2	87 1/2	85 1/2	86 1/2	
Mob & Bir prior lien g 5s. 1945	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	1	98 1/2	99 1/2		S f external 7s. 1958	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	88 1/2	89 1/2	87 1/2	88 1/2	
Mortgage gold 4s. 1945	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	82 1/2	1	80 1/2	81 1/2		St Paul-Orleans RR s f 7s. 1954	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	86 1/2	87 1/2	85 1/2	86 1/2	
Mobile & Ohio new gold 6s. 1927	102	102 1/2	102	102 1/2	103 1/2	5	101 1/2	103 1/2		Paulista Ry 7s. 1942	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	
1st extended gold 6s. 1927	101 1/2	102	101 1/2	102	103 1/2	4	101 1/2	102 1/2		Pennsylvania RR—cons g 4s 1943	93 1/4	94	93 1/4	94	95 1/4	96 1/4	93 1/4	94 1/4	
General gold 4s. 1938	90 3/4	91	90 3/4	91	92 1/4	1	90	90 3/4		Consol gold 4s. 1948	92 1/4	93	92 1/4	93	94 1/4	95 1/4	92 1/4	93 1/4	
Montgomery Div 1st g 5s. 1947	99 1/4	100	99 1/4	100	101 1/4	1	99 1/4	100 1/4		4s stamped. May 1 1948	92 1/2	93 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2	
St Louis Division 5s. 1927	100	100 1/4	99 3/4	99 3/4	100 1/4	1	99 1/4	100 1/2		Consol 4 1/2s. 1960	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	
Mob & Mar 1st g 5s. 1921	87 1/2	88	87 1/2	88	89 1/2	1	87	87 1/2		General 4 1/2s. 1965	96 1/2	96	96 1/2	96	97 1/2	98 1/2	96 1/2	97 1/2	
Mont C 1st g 6s. 1937	109 1/2	112 1/2	109 1/2	112 1/2	115 1/2	25	107 1/2	112 1/2		General 5s. 1968	105	104 1/2	105	104 1/2	105 1/2	106 1/2	105	106 1/2	
1st guar gold 6s. 1937	109 1/2	112 1/2	109 1/2	112 1/2	115 1/2	25	107 1/2	112 1/2		10-year secured 7s. 1930	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1					

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BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Feb. 19.										BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Feb. 19.									
		Interest Period	Price Friday, Feb. 19.	Week's Range or Last Sale	Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1			Interest Period	Price Friday, Feb. 19.	Week's Range or Last Sale	Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1						
Bid	Ask				No.	Low	High		Bid	Ask			No.	Low	High				
Humble Oil & Refining 5 1/2% 1932 J	102 1/2	Sale	102	102 1/2	89	101 1/2	102 1/2		Pillsbury Fl Mills 20-yr 6% 1943 A	102 1/2	Sale	102 1/2	103	101 1/2	103				
Illinois Bell Telephone 6% 1956 J D	102 3/4	Sale	102	102 3/4	19	100 3/4	102 3/4		Pleasant Val Coal 1st g 1st 5% 1928 J	98 1/2	Sale	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2				
Illinois Steel deb 4 1/2% 1940 A O	95 7/8	Sale	95 7/8	96 1/2	40	94 3/4	96 1/2		Peach Can Collieries 1st s f 5 1/2 1957 J	90 1/2	Sale	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2				
Ind Nat Gas & Oil 5% 1936 M N	93	Sale	91 7/8	Feb 26	19	91 1/8	93		Port Arthur Can & Dk 6% 1953 F A	101 1/4	Sale	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4				
Indiana Steel 1st 5% 1952 M N	104	Sale	103 3/4	104 1/8	13	103	104 1/8		1st M 6% Series B 6% 1935 F A	103 1/2	Sale	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2				
Ingersoll-Rand 1st 5% 1935 J A	100	Sale	99 3/4	Dec 25	---	---	---		Portland Elec Pow 1st 6% 1937 M N	101 1/4	Sale	100 1/4	101 1/4	99 1/2	101 1/4				
Interboro Metrop col 4 1/2% 1956 A O	---	---	20	11 Apr 25	---	---	---		Portland Ry 1st & ref 5% 1930 M N	90 3/4	Sale	91 1/4	94 1/4	91 1/4	94 1/4				
Guaranty Tr Co cdfs dep. ---	---	---	13	4 1/2 Aug 25	---	---	---		Portland Ry Lt & P 1st ref 5 1/2 1942 F A	91 3/4	Sale	90 1/2	91 3/4	91 3/4	91 3/4				
Ctrf dep stpd aspd 16% sub. ---	---	---	---	10 1/2 Mar 25	---	---	---		1st l & ref 6% Ser B 1947 M N	100 3/4	Sale	99 1/2	101 1/2	99 1/2	101 1/2				
Interboro Rapd Tran 1st 5% 1966 J J	70 1/2	Sale	70	71 1/2	319	62 1/2	73 1/2		1st & refund 7 1/2 Ser A 1946 M N	107 1/2	Sale	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2				
Stamped ---	---	---	70	69 1/2	327	62	72 1/4		Porto Rican Am Tob Ss 1931 M N	105 3/4	Sale	105 3/4	106	105 3/4	106				
10-yr conv 7% notes 1932 M S	91 1/2	Sale	91 1/2	92 1/4	208	85 1/4	92 1/4		Pressed Steel Car 6% 1933 J J	96	Sale	96	96 1/2	96	96 1/2				
Int Argl Corp 1st 20-yr 5% 1932 M N	94	Sale	94	94	---	---	---		Prod & Ref s f 8% (with warrants) '31 J D	111	Sale	111 1/4	111 1/4	111 1/4	111 1/4				
Stamped extended to 1942 ---	---	---	90	88	90	---	---		Without warrants attached ---	111 1/2	Sale	110	110	110	110				
Inter Mercan Marine s f 5% 1941 A O	86 1/4	Sale	85 3/4	89 3/8	514	85 3/8	89 3/8		Pub Serv Corp of N J gen 5% 1959 A O	104 3/4	Sale	105	105	105	105				
International Paper 5% 1947 J J	94 1/2	Sale	94 1/2	94 3/8	63	94 1/8	95 1/4		Pub Serv Elec & Gas 1st 5 1/2 1950 A O	105 3/4	Sale	105 3/4	105 3/4	105 3/4	105 3/4				
Ref s f 6% Ser A 1955 M S	99 7/8	Sale	99 1/2	99 7/8	63	97	100		1st & ref 5 1/2 1964 A O	106 1/4	Sale	106 1/4	106 1/4	106 1/4	106 1/4				
Int Teleg & Teleg conv 5 1/2 1945 M S	113	Sale	112 1/2	114	223	108 1/2	116 1/4		Pub Serv El Pow & Ltg 6% 1948 A O	107 1/2	Sale	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2				
Jurgens Works 6% (flat price) 1947 J J	108	Sale	107	108 1/2	46	100	109		Punta Alegre Sugar 7% 1937 J J	109 1/2	Sale	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2				
Kansas City Pow & Lt 6% 1952 M S	102 1/4	Sale	101 1/2	102 1/2	105	100 1/4	102 1/4		Remington Arms 6% 1937 M N	85	Sale	84	86 1/2	84	86 1/2				
Kansas Gas & Electric 6% 1952 M S	103 1/2	Sale	102 3/4	103 1/2	23	101 1/2	103 1/2		Repub I & S 10-30-yr 5% s f 1940 A O	99 1/2	Sale	98 3/4	100	98 3/4	100				
Kayser & Co 7% 1942 F A	107	Sale	106 1/2	107	4	106 1/2	107 1/2		Ref & gen 5 1/2 Ser A 1953 J J	94	Sale	94 1/2	94	94 1/2	94				
Kelly-Springfield Tire 8% 1932 M N	100 3/4	Sale	106 1/4	106 3/4	55	90	103		Rima Steel 1st 7% 1955 F A	90 1/2	Sale	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2				
Keystone Teleg Co 1st 5% 1932 M N	103 1/2	Sale	103	103	1	102 1/2	103		Robbins & Myers s f 7% 1942 J D	63	Sale	63	66 1/2	63	66 1/2				
Kings County El & P g 5% 1937 A O	103 1/2	Sale	103	103	1	102 1/2	103		Rocheater Gas & El 7% Ser B 1946 M N	112 1/2	Sale	112 1/2	113	112 1/2	113				
Purchase money 6% 1937 A O	122 1/2	Sale	123	Feb 26	---	---	---		Gen Mfg 5 1/2 Series C 1948 M S	105 3/8	Sale	105 3/8	105 3/8	105 3/8	105 3/8				
Kings County El 1st g 4% 1949 F A	79	80	78	Jan 26	---	---	---		St Joseph Ry Lt Ht & Pr 6% 1937 M N	72 1/4	73	71 1/2	73	72	73				
Stamped guar 4% 1949 F A	80	Sale	79 1/2	80	1	78	80		St Joseph St Yds 1st 4 1/2 1930 J J	97	98	96	97	96	97				
Kings County Lighting 5% 1954 J J	99 1/2	Sale	99 1/2	100	Feb 26	---	---		St L Rock Mt & P 5% stmpd 1955 J J	80 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2				
6 1/2% 1954 J J	107 3/4	Sale	107 3/4	108 1/8	12	106	108 1/2		St Louis Transit 5% 1924 A O	70 1/2	Sale	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2				
Klincy Co 7 1/2% 1936 J D	105 1/2	Sale	105 1/2	106	106	1	105 1/2		St Paul City Cable 5% 1937 J J	97	98	95 1/2	Feb 26	---	---				
Lackawanna Steel 5% A 1950 M S	97 1/4	Sale	97	97 3/4	34	96 1/4	98		Saxon Pub Wks (Germany) 7% 45 F A	95 1/2	Sale	95 1/2	96	148	92 1/2	96			
Lac Gas L of St L ref & ext 5% 1934 A O	101 1/4	Sale	101 1/4	101 3/8	6	100 3/4	101 3/8		Saks Co 7% 1942 M S	109 3/4	110	109 1/2	110	107 1/2	110				
Coll & ref 5 1/2 Series C 1953 F A	104 1/4	Sale	103 3/4	104 1/2	54	102 3/8	104 1/2		San Antonio Pub Serv 6% 1952 J J	103 1/4	Sale	103 1/4	103 1/4	1	103 1/4				
Lehigh & N Y s f 4 1/2 A 1954 J J	97 3/4	98 1/2	98	Jan 26	---	---	---		Sharon Steel Hoop 1st Ss Ser A 41 M S	107 3/4	Sale	107 1/2	107 3/4	6	107 3/4				
Lehigh Valley Coal g 5% 1933 J J	100 1/2	100 3/4	100 1/2	100 3/4	8	100 1/2	101 1/2		Sheffield Farms 6 1/2 1942 A O	107 1/2	Sale	107 1/2	107 1/2	3	106 3/4				
Lex Ave & P F 1st g 5% 1933 M S	39 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	Feb 26	---	---	---		Sierra & San Fran Power 5 1/2 1949 F A	94 3/4	Sale	94 3/4	94 3/4	24	91 1/2				
Liggett & Myers Tobacco 7% 1944 A O	120	Sale	119 1/2	121 1/4	29	118	126 1/2		Sinclair Cons Oil 15-year 7% 1937 M N	112 1/4	Sale	112 1/4	112 1/4	2131	107 1/2				
Registered ---	---	---	122	Jan 26	---	---	---		1st In col tr 6% C with warr 1927 J D	112 1/4	Sale	112 1/4	112 1/4	77	87				
1st 5% 1951 F A	101 1/2	Sale	101 1/2	103	15	100 3/4	103		1st Hen 6 1/2 Ser B 1938 J D	90 3/4	Sale	89 3/4	90 3/4	102	90 3/4				
Registered ---	---	---	98 1/2	Oct 25	---	---	---		Sinclair Crude Oil 3-yr 6% A 1928 F A	101	Sale	100 3/4	101	77	100 1/2				
Lorillard Co (P) 7% 1944 A O	117 3/8	Sale	117 3/8	117 3/8	1	115 1/2	119 3/8		3-yr 6% notes B Feb 15 1926 F A	90 1/2	Sale	90 1/2	90 1/2	100	90 1/2				
Registered ---	---	---	115 3/4	Oct 25	---	---	---		Sinclair Pipe Line 5% 1942 A O	90 1/4	Sale	90 1/4	90 1/4	86	87				
5% 1951 F A	100	100 1/4	99 1/4	100 1/4	10	98 3/8	100 1/2		Skelly Oil 6 1/2% notes 1927 A O	125	Sale	124 1/2	127 1/4	71	120				
Registered ---	---	---	94 1/4	Oct 25	---	---	---		Smith (A O) Corp 1st 6 1/2 1933 M N	102 1/4	102 1/2	102 1/4	102 1/4	1	101 1/4				
Louisville Gas & Electric 5% 1952 M N	99 1/8	Sale	98 5/8	99 1/4	65	97 7/8	99 1/4		South Porto Rico Sugar 7% 1941 J D	107 1/8	108	107 3/4	107 3/4	6	107				
Louisv Ry 1st on 5% 1930 J J	91	94 3/4	94 1/2	Feb 26	---	---	---		South Bell Tel & Tel 1st s f 5 1/2 1941 J J	102	Sale	102	102 1/4	14	101 1/2				
Lower Austrian Hydro-Elec Co 1st s f 6 1/2 1944 F A	87 1/2	Sale	87 1/2	87 1/2	12	87 1/2	87 3/4		S'west Bell Tel 1st & ref 5% 1954 F A	102 1/2	Sale	102 1/2	102 1/2	112	100 3/4				
Manati Sugar 1942 A O	64 1/4	Sale	64 1/4	65	40	59 1/4	65		Southern Colo Power 6% 1947 J J	93 3/4	Sale	93 3/4	99 1/4	21	97 1/2				
Manhat Ry (N Y) cons g 4% 1930 A O	58 1/2	58 1/2	57 3/4	58 1/2	3	53	58 1/2		Spring Val Water g 5% 1948 M N	99	Sale	98 3/4	99 3/4	Dec 25	---				
2d 4% 2013 J D	58 1/2	58 1/2	57 3/4	58 1/2	3	53	58 1/2		Standard Milling 1st 5% 1930 M N	99	Sale	98 3/4	99 3/4	Dec 25	---				
Manila Electric 7% 1942 M N	103	Sale	102 3/4	103	9	102	103		Steel & Tube gen s f 7% Ser 1951 J J	108	Sale	108	108 1/4	1	98 1/2				
Manila Elec Ry & Lt s f 6% 1953 M N	90 3/4	91	91	Feb 26	---	---	---		Sugar Estates (Oriente) 7% 1942 J J	98	Sale	98 1/4	98 1/4	110	98 1/4				
Market St Ry 7% Series A 1940 Q J	98 3/4	99	98 3/4	99 1/2	75	98	99 1/2		Superior Oil 1st s f 7% 1929 F A	97	---	96 3/4	97 1/2	7	95				
Met Ed 1st & ref 6% Ser B 1952 F A	106 1/2	Sale	106	106 3/4	7	104	106 3/4		Syracuse Lighting 1st g 5% 1951 J D	99 3/4	---	100 3/4	Jan 26	---	---				
1st & ref 5% Series C 1953 J J	98 1/2	Sale	98	98 1/2	20	96 3/4	98 1/2		Tenn Coal Iron & RR gen 5% 1951 J J	103	Sale	103 1/2	103 1/2	1	102 1/2				
Metropolitan Power 6% 1953 J D	104 1/8	Sale	104 1/8	Feb 26	---	---	---		Tennessee Elec Power 1st 6% 1947 J D	105	Sale	103 3/4	105	58	102 3/4				
Met West Side El (Chic) 4% 1938 F A	73 1/8	74	73 1/8	74	12	71 1/2	74		Third Ave 1st ref 4% 1960 J J	61	Sale	61	63 1/2	162	55 1/2				
Mid-Cont Petr 1st 6 1/2 1940 M S	103 1/2	Sale	103 1/4	104 1/4	145	101 1/4	104 1/4		Adj Inc 5% tax-ex N Y 1960 A O	59	Sale	58 1/2	60 1/2	837	41 1/2				
Midvale Steel & C conv s f 5% 1936 M N	95	Sale	94 1/2	95	37	92 3/4	95		Third Ave Ry 1st g 5% 1937 J J	95	95 1/2	96	Feb 26	---	---				
Midwest Elec Ry Lt cons g 5% 1926 F A	95 1/2	98 3/4	98 1/2	Jan 26	---	---	---		Throld Edison 1st 7% 1941 M S	109 1/4	Sale	108 3/4	109 1/4	103	108 3/4				
Refunding & exten 4 1/2 1931 J J	99 1/2	99 1/4	98 1/2	98 5/8	32	98 3/8	99 1/2		Trenton Tr L & P 3 1/2% notes 1930 J J	93 3/4	Sale	93 1/4	98 1/2	28	98				
General 5% A 1951 J J	99 1/2	Sale	99 1/4	99 3/4	33	98 3/8	99 3/4		Trumbull Steel deb 5% 1949 M S	100 3/8	---	100 1/8	Jan 26	---	---				
1st 5% B 1961 J D	94 3/4	Sale	93 1/4	94 3/4	120	90 1/4	94 3/4		Twenty-third St Ry ref 5% 1962 J J	70 1/									

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.					Sales for the Week.		STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE		Range Since Jan. 1 1926.		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925.	
Saturday, Feb. 13.	Monday, Feb. 15.	Tuesday, Feb. 16.	Wednesday, Feb. 17.	Thursday, Feb. 18.	Friday, Feb. 19.	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	
172 175	173 173	173 173	173 173	* 174	170 170	180	180	Boston & Albany.....100	159 Jan 9	175 Feb 13	156 Feb	164 3/4 Jan
78 79	78 79	79 79	79 79	81 81	81 81	1,005	1,005	Boston Elevated.....100	78 Jan 28	82 1/4 Jan 11	75 1/2 Mar	86 Jan
*96 96 1/2	116 116 1/2	116 116 1/2	116 116 1/2	*97 98	*97 98	11	11	Do pref.....100	96 Jan 21	100 Jan 5	92 Jan	104 1/4 Dec
105 1/2 105 1/2	105 1/2 105 1/2	106 106	106 106	*116 1/2 117 1/4	*116 1/2 117 1/4	109	109	Do 1st pref.....100	115 1/2 Jan 16	122 Jan 7	109 Mar	130 Dec
43 1/2 43 1/2	43 43	43 43	43 43	44 44	44 44	339	339	Do 2d preferred.....100	98 1/2 Jan 9	112 Jan 2	94 Mar	116 Dec
*41	*41	*41	*41	*41	*41	369	369	Boston & Maine.....100	42 Jan 29	48 1/4 Jan 7	10 Apr	49 1/2 Dec
62 1/2 62 1/2	62 62	62 62	62 62	62 62	62 62	249	249	Do pref.....100	40 Jan 28	47 1/2 Jan 6	11 1/2 Apr	46 Dec
*88 1/2	*88 1/2	88 88	88 88	80 80	80 80	103	103	Do series B 1st pref.....100	85 Jan 2	66 Feb 4	17 Apr	65 Dec
*77	*77	77 77	77 77	80 80	80 80	155	155	Do series C 1st pref.....100	75 Jan 4	80 1/2 Feb 19	25 Apr	87 1/2 Dec
*111	*110	*110	*113 116	*115 120	*115 120	166	166	Do series D 1st pref.....100	105 Jan 29	117 1/2 Jan 7	35 1/2 Apr	116 Dec
97 97	97 97	97 97	97 97	97 97	97 97	166	166	Prior preferred.....100	95 Jan 20	98 1/2 Jan 4	96 Dec	99 Nov
*180 182	*180 182	*180 182	*180 182	*180 180	*180 180	179	179	East & Providence.....100	179 Jan 8	182 Jan 29	167 Feb	180 May
*58	*58	58 58	54 54	55 55	55 55	352	352	East Mass Street Ry Co.....100	54 1/2 Feb 16	61 Jan 6	26 Sept	62 1/2 Nov
64 1/2 65	65 65	65 65	65 65	65 65	65 65	270	270	Do 1st pref.....100	64 1/2 Feb 10	71 Jan 2	60 July	73 Dec
*63	*63	62 1/2 63	62 1/2 63	62 1/2 62 1/2	62 1/2 62 1/2	112	112	Do pref B.....100	62 Feb 15	69 Jan 13	51 Aug	70 Dec
*59 60	*60 60	59 59	59 59	59 59	59 59	885	885	Do adjustment.....100	44 Jan 20	49 1/4 Jan 29	35 Sept	50 Dec
122	120	120 122	120 122	121 121	121 121	200	200	NY N H & Hartford.....100	50 Feb 10	60 Feb 3	23 May	56 Dec
*117 120	*117 120	117 117	117 117	*118 120	120 120	45	45	Northern New Hampshire.....100	40 1/2 Jan 20	45 1/4 Jan 4	28 Mar	46 1/2 Dec
*102 103 1/2	*102 103 1/2	*102 103 1/2	*103 103	*103 103	*103 103	10	10	Vermont & Massachusetts.....100	100 Jan 6	103 1/4 Feb 4	87 Feb	101 Dec
*45 43 1/2	*45 43 1/2	45 43 1/2	45 43 1/2	43 43 1/2	43 43 1/2	85	85	Miscellaneous	41 Jan 15	5 Jan 7	2 1/2 Mar	5 Dec
23 23	23 23 1/2	23 23 1/2	23 23 1/2	23 23 1/2	23 23 1/2	370	370	Amer Telephone & Teleg.....100	22 1/2 Jan 21	24 Jan 29	16 1/2 Mar	24 Dec
147 148 1/2	148 150 1/4	148 1/4 149 1/4	148 1/4 149 1/4	148 1/4 149 1/4	148 1/4 149 1/4	2,375	2,375	Amer Pneu Service.....25	142 1/2 Jan 4	150 3/4 Feb 15	130 3/4 Jan	145 Dec
67 1/2 67 1/2	66 67	64 1/4 66	64 1/4 66	64 1/4 66	64 1/4 66	1,595	1,595	Do pref.....50	73 1/2 Jan 27	77 Feb 15	61 1/2 May	87 Aug
*70 1/2	77 77	77 77	77 77	77 77	77 77	113	113	Do pref.....No par	20 Jan 16	21 1/2 Jan 19	70 1/4 May	86 1/4 July
*21 22	*21 22	*21 22	*21 22	*21 22	*21 22	215	215	Art Metal Construc, Inc.....10	60 Jan 21	63 1/4 Jan 23	45 1/2 Aug	67 1/2 Dec
62 63	62 62	61 1/2 62	61 1/2 62	61 1/2 62	61 1/2 62	50	50	Atlas Plywood T c.....No par	16 Feb 15	17 1/4 Jan 2	9 1/2 Aug	21 Dec
16 17	16 16	15 16	15 16	15 16	15 16	375	375	Beacon Oil Co com T C.....100	18 1/4 Jan 19	20 1/2 Jan 14	9 1/2 Aug	21 Dec
18 1/2 18 1/2	18 1/2 18 1/2	18 1/2 18 1/2	18 1/2 18 1/2	18 1/2 18 1/2	18 1/2 18 1/2	507	507	Bigelow-Hart Carpet.....No par	93 Feb 8	98 1/2 Jan 2	97 1/2 Nov	109 1/2 Oct
95 95	95 95 1/4	95 95	95 95	94 1/2 94 1/2	94 1/2 94 1/2	90	90	Boston Gas pref 6 1/2 %.....100	105 1/2 Jan 25	108 1/2 Feb 18	103 Jan	108 1/4 Aug
*107 1/2	*107 1/2	*107 1/2	*107 1/2	*108 108 1/2	*108 108 1/2	400	400	Dominion Stores, Ltd.....No par	65 Jan 8	68 1/2 Feb 1	28 1/4 Jan	74 Oct
67 67 1/2	66 67	66 67	66 67	66 1/2 67	66 1/2 67	104	104	Do pref A.....100	104 Jan 5	112 Jan 23	99 June	100 Dec
*108	*108	*108	*108	*108	*108	160	160	East Boston Land.....100	2 1/4 Feb 10	3 1/2 Jan 21	1 1/2 Apr	6 3/4 Sept
3 3	*28 3 1/2	*28 3 1/2	*28 3 1/2	*28 3 1/2	*28 3 1/2	5	5	Eastern Manufacturing.....5	4 Jan 12	4 1/2 Jan 19	3 July	6 1/4 Jan
*4 1/2	*4 1/2	4 1/2 5	4 1/2 5	4 1/2 5	4 1/2 5	2,315	2,315	Eastern S Lines, Inc.....25	82 Jan 8	88 1/2 Jan 22	42 Mar	89 1/2 Dec
*85 86	83 1/2 84 1/4	83 1/2 85	83 1/2 85	84 1/4 84 1/4	83 1/4 84 1/4	60	60	Do 1st pref.....No par	43 1/2 Feb 30	45 Jan 6	35 Jan	46 1/4 Oct
*44 44 1/2	*44 44 1/2	*44 44 1/2	*44 44 1/2	*44 44 1/2	*44 44 1/2	4,260	4,260	Economy Grocery Stores.....20 1/2	20 1/2 Jan 2	26 Feb 5	18 Aug	23 1/2 Sep
*97 99 1/2	*97 99 1/2	98 1/2 98 1/2	98 1/2 98 1/2	98 1/2 98 1/2	98 1/2 98 1/2	1,162	1,162	Edison Electric Illum.....100	220 1/2 Jan 15	250 Feb 11	200 Jan	213 May
25 1/2 27 1/4	24 1/2 27 1/4	24 25	24 1/2 25 1/2	25 1/2 26 1/4	25 1/2 26 1/4	100	100	Elder Mfg Co (v t c).....100	2 1/2 Jan 11	2 1/2 Jan 8	2 Dec	5 1/4 Oct
236 1/2 245	*231 236 1/2	228 237 1/2	232 1/2 235	233 235	232 235	110	110	Galveston-Houston Elec.....100	22 Jan 7	24 Feb 19	17 Oct	38 Jan
*21 22	*21 22	*21 22	*21 22	*21 22	*21 22	10	10	General Pub Ser Corp com.....100	12 Jan 26	17 Jan 22	7 1/2 Apr	8 1/4 Sept
10 11	10 11	10 11	10 11	10 11	10 11	735	735	Georgia Ry & Elec 5 % pref 100	38 Jan 21	40 1/2 Jan 12	32 1/4 Apr	34 1/2 Sept
119 111	106 1/4 110	107 108 1/2	108 1/2 109	110 111 1/2	109 110 1/2	727	727	Gilchrist Co.....No par	107 1/2 Jan 13	113 1/2 Feb 6	57 1/2 Jan	115 1/2 Dec
12 1/2 12 1/2	12 1/4 14	12 1/4 12 1/2	12 1/2 12	12 1/2 12 1/2	12 1/2 12	220	220	Greenfield Tap & Die.....25	10 1/2 Jan 12	12 1/2 Feb 11	11 May	15 1/2 June
65 1/2 67	64 65 1/2	63 1/4 65	65 65	65 1/2 65 1/2	65 65	1,195	1,195	Hou Rubber.....No par	60 Feb 9	68 1/2 Feb 4	52 May	72 Oct
*66 67	*66 67	*67 1/2 68	67 1/2 67 1/2	*66 1/2 67 1/2	*66 1/2 67 1/2	5	5	Internat Cement Corp.....No par	66 1/2 Jan 7	68 1/2 Feb 9	52 1/2 Jan	80 Oct
*10 .50	*10 .50	*10 .50	*10 .50	*10 .50	*10 .50	35	35	International Products.....No par	10 Jan 2	15 Feb 19	.05 Dec	2 Jan
*30 1	*30 1	*30 1	*30 1	*30 1	*30 1	57	57	Do pref.....100	.55 Jan 5	.55 Jan 5	.10 Dec	10 1/2 Jan
*95 4	95 4	95 4	95 4	95 4	95 4	344	344	Kidder, Peabody Acceptance Corp Class A pref.....100	94 1/4 Jan 5	95 1/4 Jan 9	82 1/2 Jan	95 1/2 Nov
11 1/4 11 1/4	11 1/4 11 1/4	11 1/4 11 1/4	11 1/4 11 1/4	11 1/4 11 1/4	11 1/4 11 1/4	160	160	Libby, McNeill & Libby.....10	7 1/4 Feb 18	9 1/4 Feb 1	6 1/4 Apr	9 1/2 Jan
84 84 1/2	84 85	84 1/4 85 1/2	85 85 1/2	85 85 1/2	85 85 1/2	842	842	Loew's Theatres.....100	11 1/2 Jan 12	12 1/2 Jan 5	11 1/4 Aug	13 1/2 Jan
68 68	68 68	68 68	68 68	68 68	68 68	251	251	Massachusetts Gas Cos.....100	23 1/2 Jan 5	25 1/2 Feb 10	68 Feb	85 Dec
*216 218	216 216	214 216	213 1/4 214	214 214	214 214	82	82	Mergerthal Linotype.....100	193 1/2 Jan 6	218 Jan 26	167 Jan	197 Oct
*91 1/2	*91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	82	82	Morgan Investment, Inc.....100	8 1/2 Jan 29	10 1/4 Jan 7	7 1/4 Sept	10 1/2 Jan
*95 96	95 96	95 96	95 96	95 96	95 96	112	112	Mississippi River Power.....100	85 Jan 6	85 Jan 6	36 Jan	124 Oct
4 4 1/4	4 1/4 4 1/4	4 1/4 4 1/4	4 1/4 4 1/4	4 1/4 4 1/4	4 1/4 4 1/4	677	677	Do stamped pref.....100	95 Jan 2	96 Jan 4	87 1/2 Jan	96 1/4 Nov
25 1/2 26 1/4	25 1/2 26	24 1/2 25 1/2	25 1/2 26 1/4	27 25 1/2	28 28 1/4	5,622	5,622	National Leather.....100	3 1/2 Jan 4	4 1/2 Jan 5	3 1/4 Dec	6 3/4 Jan
*30 .50	*30 .50	*30 .50	*30 .50	*30 .50	*30 .50	19	19	Nelson (Herman) Corp.....5	15 1/2 Jan 9	28 1/2 Feb 19	11 1/2 Dec	17 Dec
*97 99	*97 99	98 99	98 99	98 99	98 99	145	145	New Eng Oil Refs Co tr cfts.....20	20 Jan 2	50 Feb 9	10 Dec	2 June
*4 8	*4 8	*4 8	*4 8	*4 8	*4 8	10	10	Do pref (tr cfts).....100	9 Feb 6	10 1/2 Jan 6	5 1/4 Apr	12 Sept
*25 27	*25 27	*25 27	*25 27	*25 27	*25 27	10	10	New England Pub Serv prior pf	98 Jan 4	100 Jan 6	27 1/2 Dec	11 Feb
116 1/4 117	116 1/4 116 3/4	116 1/4 116 3/4	117 1/2 118 3/4	116 1/4 118 1/2	116 1/4 118 1/2	3,684	3,684	New Eng South Mills.....No par	4 1/4 Jan 26	8 Feb 18	20 Dec	55 Jan
*29 31	*29 31	*28 30	*28 30	*28 30	*28 30	10	10	Do pref.....100	25 Jan 16	28 Jan 29	20 Dec	55 Jan
51 51	50 51	47 49	46 47	46 47	45 46 1/4	2,946	2,946	New Eng'd Teleg & Teleg.....100	115 Jan 11	118 1/2 Feb 17	99 Apr	122 1/2 Nov
*50 60	*50 60	*50 60	*52 60	*52 60	*52 60	154	154	Orpheum Circuit, Inc.....100	29 1/2 Jan 9	30 Jan 14	21 1/2 Oct	32 1/4 July
*15 1/2 16 1/4	*15 1/2 16 1/4	*15 1/2 16 1/4	*15 1/2 16 1/4	*15 1/2 16 1/4	*15 1/2 16 1/4	1,090	1,090	Pacific Mills.....100	42 Jan 26	55 Jan 2	50 Dec	81 1/2 Jan
115 115 1/2	115 115 1/2	115 115 1/2	115 115 1/2	115 115 1/2	115 115 1/2	1,090	1,090	Reece (Thos G), 1st pref.....100	51 1/2 Feb 8	68 1/4 Jan 12	32 Aug	75 Oct
68 68	65 65	65 66 1/2	66 67	66 67	66 67	1,090	1,090	Reece Button Hole.....100	15 Feb 8	17 Jan 12	15 1/4 Aug	18 Apr
15 15	14 14	12 12	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	137	137	Ryce Folding Machine.....10	1 1/2 Jan 19	1 1/2 Feb 19	1 1/4 Nov	2 1/4 Jan
49 49 1/4	49 1/2 50	49 1/2 50	49 1/2 50	49 1/2 50	49 1/2 50	1,233	1,233	Swift & Co.....100	112 1/2 Jan 2	116 1/2 Feb 19	109 1/4 Apr	120 Feb
28 28	28 28 1/2	28 28	28 28	28 28	28 28	8,121	8,121	Torrington.....25	65 Feb 7	70 Jan 4	45 1/2 Apr	73 1/2 Dec
19 1/2 20	18 1/2 19 1/2	18 1/2 19 1/2	19 1/2 19 1/2	19 1/2 19 1/2	19 1/2 19 1/2							

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, and Sugar Stocks.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Feb. 13 to Feb. 19, both inclusive:

Table of Boston Bond Record with columns for Bonds, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Feb. 13 to Feb. 19, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Philadelphia Stock Exchange with columns for Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange Feb. 13 to Feb. 19, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Baltimore Stock Exchange with columns for Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

* Per share. † No par value. ‡ Basis. § Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. ¶ New stock. // Flat price. & Last sale. * Nominal. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. † Ex-stock dividend. ‡ Sale price. r Canadian quotation.

Table of stock prices for Chicago Stock Exchange, including columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Feb. 13 to Feb. 19, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Chicago Stock Exchange, including columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table of stock prices for St. Louis Stock Exchange, including columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange Feb. 13 to Feb. 19, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for St. Louis Stock Exchange, including columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

* No par value.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange Feb. 13 to Feb. 19, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Am Laundry Mach, Amer Rolling Mill, etc.

* No par value.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Feb. 13 to Feb. 19, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Am Vitrified Prod, Am Wind Glass Mach, etc.

* No par value.

Note.—Sold last week and not reported: 15 Amer. Vitrified Prod, pref. at 94; 23 Amer. Window Glass Co. pref. at 109; 10 Bank of Pittsburgh at 142; 90 A. M. Byers Co. pref. at 99; 100 Blaw-Knox Co. at 53; 72 Colonial Trust Co. at 245; 245; 350 Devonian Oil at 16; 69 Independent Brewing Co. pref. at 7; 7; Peoples Savings & Trust Co. at 500; 10 Pittsburgh Trust Co. at 225; 1,000 Pittsburgh & Mt. Shasta Mining at 3c

New York Curb Market.—Official transactions in the New York Curb Market from Feb. 13 to Feb. 19, inclusive:

Table with columns: Week Ended Feb. 19, Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Indus. & Miscellaneous, Abraham & Straus, etc.

Stocks (Continued) Par	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.			Stocks (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.			
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Low.			High.	Low.		High.			
Foundation Co—								Prophy-lac-tie Br com...*	43	43 1/2	500	42	Feb	43 1/2	Feb	
Foreign shares Class A..*	38 1/2	33	39 1/2	11,600	33	Feb	55	Jan	57	56 1/2	57 1/2	1,100	51 1/2	Feb	66 1/2	Jan
Fox Theatres, Cl A, com..*	26 1/2	25	29 1/2	20,000	25	Feb	34 1/2	Jan	41 1/2	39 1/2	41 1/2	1,400	35 1/2	Feb	42	Jan
Franklin (H H) Mfg, com..*	31 1/2	31 1/2	32	700	31	Jan	33	Jan	37	35 1/2	37	700	35 1/2	Feb	39 1/2	Jan
Preferred.....100	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	400	82	Jan	85 1/2	Jan	10 1/2	10 1/2	11	600	10 1/2	Jan	11	Feb
Freed-Elsemann Radio...*	6 1/2	6 1/2	7	1,200	6 1/2	Feb	8 1/2	Jan	44	43	45 1/2	2,400	41	Jan	48	Jan
Freshman (Chas) Co.....*	23 1/2	23 1/2	25 1/2	17,500	17 1/2	Jan	25 1/2	Feb	40	40	45 1/2	1,100	40	Feb	52 1/2	Jan
Gamewell Corp common...*	59	59	59	100	59	Jan	59 1/2	Jan	110	110	110	25	109 1/2	Jan	113 1/2	Jan
Garland Steamship.....*	90c	1	500	90c	1	Jan	1	Jan	23 1/2	23 1/2	24	1,100	23 1/2	Jan	25 1/2	Jan
Garland Corporation.....*	6 1/2	7 1/2	17,000	6 1/2	Feb	7 1/2	Jan	10	9	9 1/2	300	8 1/2	8 1/2	Jan	18 1/2	Jan
General Baking class A...*	68	67 1/2	71 1/2	6,200	64	Feb	70 1/2	Jan	203	206	210	100	206	Feb	210	Feb
General Fireproofing com..*	12	11 1/2	12 1/2	42,700	11 1/2	Feb	17 1/2	Jan	39 1/2	39	39 1/2	400	38 1/2	Feb	39 1/2	Feb
General Paving class A...*	12	11 1/2	12 1/2	42,700	11 1/2	Feb	17 1/2	Jan	20 1/2	17 1/2	23	7,100	15	Jan	23	Feb
General Fireproofing com..*	12	11 1/2	12 1/2	42,700	11 1/2	Feb	17 1/2	Jan	39 1/2	39	39 1/2	400	38 1/2	Feb	39 1/2	Feb
Gen'l Ice Cream Corp.....*	54 1/2	52	55	1,600	50 1/2	Jan	56 1/2	Jan	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	12,100	7 1/2	Feb	9 1/2	Jan
General Public Serv w l...*	15	14 1/2	15 1/2	800	13 1/2	Jan	15 1/2	Feb	190	192	192	30	190	Jan	213	Jan
7% preferred.....100	103	103 1/2	103 1/2	1,000	103	Feb	103 1/2	Feb	126 1/2	127	127	20	123	Jan	128 1/2	Jan
Georgia Ry & Pow. com 100	140 1/2	142	3,000	138 1/2	Feb	168	Feb	81	79 1/2	81	1,700	78 1/2	Feb	90	Jan	
German General Electric...*	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	400	23	Jan	24	Jan	21	21	21	100	21	Feb	24 1/2	Jan
Gillette Safety Razor.....*	109 1/2	106 1/2	111 1/2	12,600	106 1/2	Jan	114	Feb	53 1/2	54	54	400	53 1/2	Feb	56 1/2	Jan
Glen Alden Coal.....*	160 1/2	157 1/2	168	10,700	138 1/2	Jan	166	Jan	54	55 1/2	55 1/2	600	54	Feb	57 1/2	Jan
Goodyear Tire & R. com 100	35	34 1/2	36 1/2	5,800	33	Jan	38 1/2	Jan	26 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	3,400	26 1/2	Feb	30 1/2	Jan
Grimes Ra & Cam Recr...*	5 1/2	3 1/2	5 1/2	15,100	3 1/2	Jan	7	Jan	42	42 1/2	42	200	42	Feb	42 1/2	Feb
Happiness Candy St cl A...*	7 1/2	6 1/2	8	3,100	6 1/2	Feb	8 1/2	Jan	202	202	202	50	202	Feb	213 1/2	Jan
Founders shares.....*	6 1/2	6 1/2	7	2,100	6	Jan	7 1/2	Jan	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	100	24 1/2	Feb	28 1/2	Jan
Havana Elec Util v t c...*	43 1/2	44	47	1,100	43 1/2	Jan	44 1/2	Jan	18 1/2	18 1/2	20 1/2	700	18	Jan	22 1/2	Jan
First preferred.....*	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	Feb	99 1/2	Feb	372	378	380	372	378	Feb	385	Jan
Hazeltine Corporation...*	15	15	15 1/2	300	15	Jan	17 1/2	Feb	40c	40c	1 1/4	13,100	40c	Feb	2 1/4	Jan
Hellman (Rich), Inc.....*	35	35 1/2	35 1/2	500	33 1/2	Jan	36 1/2	Feb	15	15	15 1/2	1,100	15	Jan	16	Jan
Hellman (Rich), Inc.....*	150	150	150	10	145	Jan	152	Feb	133	132 1/2	135	2,700	128	Jan	142	Jan
Hercules Powder, com 100	2	2	2 1/2	1,500	2	Jan	2 1/2	Jan	25	25	25	600	24	Jan	27	Jan
Heyden Chemical.....*	25 1/2	25	26	1,800	24 1/2	Feb	26	Jan	52	51	55 1/2	5,600	48	Jan	57	Feb
Hires (Chas E) Co.....*	25 1/2	25	26	1,800	24 1/2	Feb	26	Jan	36 1/2	34 1/2	35 1/2	46,000	35 1/2	Jan	39 1/2	Feb
Class A common.....*	58	58	58	200	57 1/2	Feb	62 1/2	Jan	38 1/2	38 1/2	39 1/2	7,200	38	Jan	40 1/2	Feb
Hollander (A) & Son, com..*	58	58	58	200	57 1/2	Feb	62 1/2	Jan	38 1/2	38 1/2	39 1/2	7,200	38	Jan	40 1/2	Feb
Horn & Hardart Co.....*	58	58	58	200	57 1/2	Feb	62 1/2	Jan	38 1/2	38 1/2	39 1/2	7,200	38	Jan	40 1/2	Feb
Imperial Tob of C B.....*	17 1/2	15 1/2	17 1/2	16,600	15 1/2	Feb	19 1/2	Jan	63 1/2	63 1/2	65	1,600	61	Feb	65 1/2	Feb
Industrial Bonding Class A..*	7 1/2	6 1/2	7 1/2	1,800	7	Jan	8 1/2	Jan	13 1/2	13 1/2	14 1/2	3,200	13	Feb	15 1/2	Feb
Insurance Co of Nor Am 10	7 1/2	7	7 1/2	700	7	Jan	8 1/2	Jan	27	26 1/2	27	5,100	25 1/2	Jan	27 1/2	Feb
Int Concrete Ind Frs sh 10	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	600	12 1/2	Feb	15 1/2	Jan	29 1/2	27	30 1/2	1,900	24 1/2	Jan	30 1/2	Feb
Internat Projector Corp...*	31	31	32	300	31	Feb	32	Feb	113	113	113	90	113 1/2	Jan	113 1/2	Jan
Internat Rys v t c.....*	36 1/2	35 1/2	37 1/2	700	35 1/2	Feb	39	Jan	99 1/2	99 1/2	100	100	99 1/2	Feb	102 1/2	Feb
Internat Utilities, Class A...*	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	2,400	7 1/2	Jan	9 1/2	Jan	27	26	28	1,000	21 1/2	Jan	28 1/2	Jan
Class B.....*	147	151	151	450	142 1/2	Feb	159	Jan	40 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	300	38 1/2	Jan	43 1/2	Jan
Johns-Manville, Inc.....*	50c	50c	50c	200	50c	Feb	1 1/4	Jan	23 1/2	20 1/2	23 1/2	700	20 1/2	Feb	23 1/2	Feb
Jones (Jos W) Radio Mfg...*	17	17	17	100	16	Jan	18 1/2	Jan	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	5,900	16 1/2	Jan	19	Feb
Keeler Williams Stamp...*	80	82	82	500	78 1/2	Jan	83 1/2	Jan	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	75	29 1/2	Jan	29 1/2	Feb
Kelvinator Corporation...*	30c	30c	30c	1,000	24c	Jan	45c	Jan	45 1/2	44	45 1/2	4,700	40 1/2	Jan	45 1/2	Feb
Keystone Solether.....*	84	84	84	200	81 1/2	Jan	83 1/2	Jan	32 1/2	30	34 1/2	21,100	29	Jan	37 1/2	Jan
Kraft Cheese.....25	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	1,800	19 1/2	Feb	20 1/2	Feb	116	115	116	200	113	Jan	116	Feb
Kroger Grocery & Bak'g 10	20	19 1/2	19 1/2	1,800	19 1/2	Feb	20 1/2	Feb	10	10	10	4,500	10 1/2	Jan	10 1/2	Jan
Kruskal & Kruskal Inc...*	41 1/2	37	44	2,200	37	Feb	47 1/2	Jan	321 1/2	309 1/2	321 1/2	370	292	Jan	321 1/2	Feb
Lake Pop Box 1st pf 10	36 1/2	36 1/2	37	600	33 1/2	Jan	37	Feb	1	1	1 1/2	1,500	1	Feb	2 1/2	Jan
Land Co of Florida.....*	35	31 1/2	35	1,100	28 1/2	Jan	35	Feb	47	46	47	300	45 1/2	Feb	47	Feb
Landover Hold'g Corp Cl A 1	114	114	120 1/2	4,400	110	Jan	120 1/2	Feb	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	800	3 1/2	Feb	5 1/2	Jan
Lehigh Coal & Nav.....50	18 1/2	17 1/2	20 1/2	61,300	17 1/2	Feb	22	Jan	11	10 1/2	11 1/2	4,100	9 1/2	Jan	11 1/2	Jan
Lehigh Power Securities...*	86	82 1/2	86	675	80 1/2	Jan	86 1/2	Jan	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	100	4 1/2	Jan	4 1/2	Jan
New Cons Corp.....*	42 1/2	42 1/2	45 1/2	18,700	37 1/2	Jan	45 1/2	Jan	12 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	30,200	8 1/2	Jan	13 1/2	Jan
Lehigh Valley Coal Sales 50	18 1/2	17 1/2	20 1/2	61,300	17 1/2	Feb	22	Jan	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	300	24 1/2	Feb	30 1/2	Jan
Libby, McNeill & Libby 10	168	168	175	220	168	Feb	219	Jan	226	226	229	70	215	Jan	240	Jan
Libby Owens Sheet Glass 25	50c	50c	60c	4,600	50c	Feb	3 1/4	Jan	9	9	9 1/2	800	8 1/2	Jan	10 1/2	Jan
Liberty Radio Co Stores...*	184 1/2	184 1/2	184 1/2	10	184 1/2	Feb	184 1/2	Feb	20	19 1/2	20 1/2	2,200	19 1/2	Feb	20 1/2	Jan
MacAndrews & Forbes	46	46 1/2	46 1/2	1,100	46	Feb	46 1/2	Feb	84 1/2	80 1/2	84 1/2	11,300	77 1/2	Jan	85 1/2	Feb
Old common.....100	40	41	41	700	40	Feb	43	Feb	41 1/2	40 1/2	44 1/2	3,500	35	Jan	44 1/2	Feb
Marconi Wireless of Can. 1	24	24	24	200	23 1/2	Jan	25 1/2	Jan	114 1/2	115 1/2	117 1/2	1,000	115 1/2	Feb	117 1/2	Feb
Marconi Wirel Tel, Lond. £1	42 1/2	42 1/2	46	550	42 1/2	Feb	52	Jan	61	62 1/2	63 1/2	5,700	56 1/2	Jan	66	Jan
McCall Corp new.....*	144 1/2	144 1/2	144 1/2	100	140	Feb	145	Jan	125 1/2	124 1/2	135	33,300	118 1/2	Jan	144 1/2	Jan
McCord Rad & Mfg v t c...*	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	500	4	Jan	4 1/2	Jan	132 1/2	131 1/2	133 1/2	20,600	125 1/2	Jan	143 1/2	Jan
Mengel Co.....100	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,100	1 1/2	Feb	1 1/2	Jan	20 1/2	20 1/2	25	55,200	20 1/2	Feb	28	Feb
Mercantile Stores Co 100	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	500	4	Jan	4 1/2	Jan	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2					

Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries (Concluded)	Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range of Prices		Sales for Week Shares	Range Since Jan. 1.			Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range of Prices		Sales for Week	Range Since Jan. 1.				
		Low.	Hgh.		Low.	High.	Low.		Hgh.	Low.		Hgh.				
Standard Oil (Neb).....100	247	240	248	80	230 1/2	Jan	254	Feb	127 1/2	125 1/2	127 1/2	240,000	125 1/2	Feb	127 1/2	Feb
Standard Oil of N. Y.....235 1/2	346	335 1/2	36 1/2	11,200	35 1/2	Jan	47 1/2	Jan	102 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	109,000	101 1/2	Jan	102 1/2	Feb
Standard Oil (O) com.....100	103	118	118	20	116 1/2	Jan	118 1/2	Feb	100 1/2	94	94 1/2	173,000	93 1/2	Jan	94 1/2	Feb
Vacuum Oil.....25	103	102 1/2	105 1/2	7,100	102 1/2	Jan	109 1/2	Jan	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	12,000	100 1/2	Jan	107 1/2	Jan
Other Oil Stocks																
Amer Contr Oil Fields.....5	6 1/2	6	6 1/2	7,100	5	Jan	6 1/2	Feb	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	23,000	85	Jan	92	Feb
Amer Maracaibo Co.....9 1/2	9 1/2	8 1/2	10	17,300	8	Jan	14 1/2	Jan	99	99	99 1/2	15,000	99	Feb	99 1/2	Feb
Arkansas Natural Gas.....10	6 1/2	6	6	1,000	6	Feb	6 1/2	Jan	109	109 1/2	109 1/2	10,000	109 1/2	Jan	109 1/2	Feb
Atlantic Lobos Oil com.....4 1/2	2	2	2 1/2	200	2	Jan	2 1/2	Jan	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	35,000	92 1/2	Jan	95 1/2	Jan
Beacon Oil Co.....18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	4,200	18 1/2	Jan	19 1/2	Feb	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	12,000	94 1/2	Jan	95 1/2	Feb
Cardinal Petroleum Corp.....10	2 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	11,400	10	Jan	11 1/2	Jan	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	20,000	104 1/2	Jan	106 1/2	Feb
Carib Syndicate.....19	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	118,200	10	Jan	22 1/2	Jan	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	12,000	98 1/2	Jan	98 1/2	Jan
Consol Royalties.....1	8 1/2	8 1/2	9 1/2	1,000	8 1/2	Jan	9 1/2	Jan	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	171,000	103 1/2	Jan	107 1/2	Jan
Creole Syndicate.....5	13	12 1/2	13 1/2	12,600	12 1/2	Feb	15 1/2	Jan	84	83 1/2	84 1/2	32,000	84 1/2	Jan	84 1/2	Feb
Crown Cent Petrol Corp.....4	4	4	5 1/2	4,000	4	Feb	7 1/2	Jan	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	24,000	98 1/2	Jan	98 1/2	Jan
Derby Oil & Refg com.....1	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	600	2 1/2	Jan	3	Jan	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	95,000	93 1/2	Jan	93 1/2	Jan
Euclid Oil.....1	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	4,600	2 1/2	Jan	2 1/2	Feb	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	2,000	102	Jan	103	Jan
Gibson Oil Corp.....1	5 1/2	5 1/2	7	84,800	5	Jan	6 1/2	Jan	132	132	132	2,000	132	Feb	138	Jan
Gilleland Oil Co com v t c.....10	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,400	1	Feb	2	Jan	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	32,000	101 1/2	Jan	102 1/2	Jan
Granada Oil Corp.....10	55c	90c	1.20	1,200	48c	Jan	1	Jan	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	100,000	93 1/2	Jan	94 1/2	Feb
Gulf Oil Corp of Pa.....25	87 1/2	87 1/2	89 1/2	3,500	86 1/2	Jan	93 1/2	Jan	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	460,000	93 1/2	Jan	99 1/2	Feb
International Petroleum.....34	3 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	18,300	3 1/2	Jan	3 1/2	Jan	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	89,000	98	Jan	99 1/2	Jan
Kirby Petroleum.....10	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,000	2 1/2	Jan	2 1/2	Jan	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	3,000	107 1/2	Jan	109 1/2	Jan
Lago Oil & Tr Corp et A.....23 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	24 1/2	65,800	21	Jan	25 1/2	Feb	80	85 1/2	86	119,000	85 1/2	Jan	86	Jan
Lago Petroleum Corp.....11 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10,900	10 1/2	Jan	13	Feb	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	14,000	98 1/2	Feb	101	Feb
Leonard Oil Developm't.....25	12	10	12 1/2	108,300	9 1/2	Jan	12 1/2	Feb	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	39,000	94	Jan	96 1/2	Feb
Lion Oil & Refining.....25 1/2	24 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	5,500	23 1/2	Feb	25 1/2	Jan	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	4,000	104 1/2	Jan	105 1/2	Feb
Livingston Petroleum.....76c	75c	1	1.50	75c	Jan	1 1/2	Jan	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	22,000	100 1/2	Feb	100 1/2	Feb	
Lone Star Gas.....25	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	300	52	Jan	56	Jan	99	99	99 1/2	121,000	98 1/2	Feb	99 1/2	Feb
Mexican Oil Corporation.....1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,600	1 1/2	Jan	1 1/2	Jan	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	51,000	84 1/2	Jan	85 1/2	Feb
Morgan Panuco Oil.....10	5	4 1/2	5 1/2	22,300	3 1/2	Jan	5 1/2	Feb	93 1/2	93	93 1/2	99,000	90 1/2	Jan	93 1/2	Feb
Mexico Oil Corp.....10	10c	11c	3.00	10c	Jan	12c	Jan	93 1/2	93	93 1/2	99,000	90 1/2	Jan	93 1/2	Feb	
Mountain Producers.....10	25	24	25	8,500	23 1/2	Jan	26	Jan	95	95	95 1/2	56,000	95	Feb	95 1/2	Feb
National Fuel Gas.....10	15 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/2	1,800	15 1/2	Jan	15 1/2	Feb	97	97	97	5,000	97	Jan	97 1/2	Feb
New Bradford Oil.....5	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	7,300	6 1/2	Jan	6 1/2	Jan	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	15,000	104 1/2	Jan	105 1/2	Feb
New England Fuel Oil.....25	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	100	4 1/2	Jan	4 1/2	Jan	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	1,000	107 1/2	Jan	107 1/2	Feb
New York Oil.....25	12 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	300	11 1/2	Jan	11 1/2	Jan	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	14,000	100 1/2	Jan	101 1/2	Jan
Noble Oil & Gas com.....1	7c	7c	12.00	7c	Jan	9c	Jan	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	33,000	103 1/2	Jan	105 1/2	Jan	
North Central Tex Oil.....11	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	1,900	10 1/2	Jan	12 1/2	Feb	96	96	96	10,000	96	Feb	96	Feb
Ohio Fuel Corp.....25	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	100	34 1/2	Jan	36	Jan	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	184,000	99 1/2	Jan	101 1/2	Feb
Oklahoma Natural Gas.....25	33	33	33	30	32	Jan	33	Feb	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	1,000	104 1/2	Jan	105	Jan
Peer Oil Corp.....1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	15,100	1 1/2	Feb	2 1/2	Feb	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	128,000	96 1/2	Feb	99	Jan
Pennock Oil Corp.....25	21	21 1/2	21 1/2	700	20 1/2	Jan	22 1/2	Feb	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2	143,000	123	Jan	131	Jan
Reiter-Foster Oil Corp.....18	15 1/2	15 1/2	21	5,200	14 1/2	Jan	24 1/2	Jan	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	27,000	103	Jan	104 1/2	Jan
Royal-Can Oil Syndicate.....7 1/2	41c	41c	45c	6,000	32c	Jan	66c	Jan	95 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2	73,000	94	Jan	95 1/2	Feb
Ryan Consol Petroleum.....10	6 1/2	6 1/2	7 1/2	1,800	6 1/2	Jan	7 1/2	Jan	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	98,000	101 1/2	Jan	104 1/2	Jan
Salt Creek Consol Oil.....10	10	9 1/2	10	1,300	9 1/2	Jan	10	Feb	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	10,000	98 1/2	Feb	98 1/2	Feb
Salt Creek Producers.....32 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	32 1/2	4,500	31 1/2	Jan	36	Jan	100	100	100	1,000	100	Jan	107 1/2	Feb
Salpula Refining.....5	2	2	2	100	1 1/2	Feb	2	Feb	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	114,000	98 1/2	Jan	106	Jan
Savoy Oil.....5	2	2	2	100	1 1/2	Feb	2	Feb	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	8,000	98	Jan	99	Jan
Venezuelan Petroleum.....5	7 1/2	6 1/2	7 1/2	32,700	4 1/2	Jan	7 1/2	Jan	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	19,000	98	Jan	99	Jan
Wileoil & Gas new.....26	25 1/2	26	26	1,100	25	Jan	27 1/2	Jan	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	3,000	102	Jan	102 1/2	Jan
Woodley Petroleum Co.....6	5 1/2	6	6	600	5 1/2	Jan	6	Jan	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	31,000	103 1/2	Jan	104 1/2	Feb
"Y" Oil & Gas.....1	6c	6c	6c	1,000	5c	Jan	6c	Jan	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	1,000	105 1/2	Jan	105 1/2	Feb
Mining Stocks																
Arizona Commercial Min.....5	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	200	12 1/2	Feb	12 1/2	Feb	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	28,000	97 1/2	Jan	99 1/2	Feb
Arizona Globe Copper.....10c	16c	21c	18,000	11c	Jan	21c	Feb	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	10,000	102 1/2	Jan	103 1/2	Feb	
Beaver Consol Coped.....1	80c	80c	200	45c	Jan	90c	Feb	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	81,000	107	Jan	115	Jan	
Calaveras Copper.....1	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	2,800	3 1/2	Jan	4	Jan	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	105,000	94	Jan	98	Feb
China Extension.....1	5c	4c	6c	4,200	3c	Jan	6c	Jan	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	42,000	96 1/2	Jan	96 1/2	Feb
Consol Copper Mines.....50c	50c	50c	100	50c	Feb	50c	Feb	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	75,000	96 1/2	Jan	96 1/2	Feb	
Copper Range Co.....25	18 1/2	18 1/2	100	17 1/2	Jan	20	Jan	86 1/2	85 1/2	86 1/2	21,000	85	Jan	86 1/2	Jan	
Cortez Silver Mines Co.....1	6c	6c	2,000	6c	Jan	7c	Jan	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	62,000	96 1/2	Jan	100	Feb	
Cresson Cons Gold M & M.....1	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,000	2 1/2	Jan	2 1/2	Jan	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	4,000	102	Jan	102 1/2	Jan
Dolores Esperanza Corp.....2	74c	74c	1,000	55c	Jan	84c	Jan	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	125,000	94	Jan	96 1/2	Feb	
Engineer Gold Mines, Ltd.....15	14	17	1,900	12	Jan	18 1/2	Feb	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	3,000	102	Jan	102 1/2	Jan	
Eureka Croesus.....1	5c	5c	5c	12,000	5c	Jan	7c	Jan	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	31,000	103 1/2	Jan	104 1/2	Feb
First Thought Gold Min.....1	5c	5c	10c	21,000	6c	Jan	10c	Jan	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	4,000	104	Jan	105	Jan
Golden Centre Mines.....6	1 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	4,400	1 1/2	Jan	2 1/2	Jan	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	51,000	106 1/2	Jan		

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the second week of February. The table covers 5 roads and shows 3.02% increase over the same week last year:

Second Week of February.	1926.	1925.	Increase.	Decrease.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburg	387,549	319,679	67,870	-----
Canadian National	4,338,765	4,228,324	110,441	-----
Canadian Pacific	3,100,000	2,976,000	124,000	-----
Minneapolis & St Louis	307,728	340,337	-----	32,609
St Louis-San Francisco	1,751,063	1,730,195	20,868	-----
Total (5 roads)	9,885,105	9,594,535	323,179	32,609
Net increase (3.02%)	-----	-----	290,570	-----

In the table which follows we also complete our summary of the earnings for the first week of February:

First Week of February.	1926.	1925.	Increase.	Decrease.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Previously reported (5 roads)	9,692,772	9,122,658	633,869	63,755
Duluth South Shore & Atl.	89,305	105,432	-----	16,127
Georgia & Florida	38,100	37,700	4,400	-----
Great Northern	1,677,000	1,728,233	-----	51,233
Mineral Range	6,011	12,237	-----	6,226
Mobile & Ohio	374,093	368,478	5,615	-----
Nevada Calif & Oregon	2,863	3,428	-----	565
St Louis Southwestern	523,000	501,067	21,933	-----
Southern Ry System	3,985,425	3,726,734	258,691	-----
Texas & Pacific	661,290	664,250	-----	2,962
Western Maryland	453,148	375,402	77,746	-----
Total (15 roads)	17,503,007	16,641,621	1,002,254	140,868
Net increase (5.17%)	-----	-----	861,336	-----

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)	23,422,685	23,465,424	-----	-0.18
4th week Jan. (15 roads)	17,503,007	16,641,621	+861,386	5.17
1st week Feb. (15 roads)	9,885,105	9,594,535	+290,570	3.02
2d week Feb. (5 roads)	-----	-----	-----	-----

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

Month.	Gross Earnings.		Net Earnings.	
	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Jan	483,195,643	467,329,225	101,022,458	83,680,754
Feb	454,009,669	478,451,607	99,460,389	104,441,895
Mar	485,498,143	504,362,976	109,230,086	114,677,751
Apr	472,591,665	474,287,768	102,861,475	97,471,685
May	487,664,385	476,549,801	112,859,624	96,054,494
June	506,020,036	464,774,329	130,837,324	101,487,318
July	521,638,604	480,948,003	139,606,752	111,786,887
Aug	554,559,318	507,537,854	166,585,066	134,737,211
Sept	564,443,591	544,063,587	177,242,895	159,216,004
Oct	590,161,046	571,576,038	185,895,428	168,640,671
Nov	531,742,071	504,781,775	148,157,616	131,381,847
Dec	523,041,764	450,450,580	134,445,634	124,090,958

Note.—Percentage of increase or decrease in net for above months has been: January, 20.73% inc.; February, 4.77% dec.; March, 4.74% dec.; April, 5.53% inc.; 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 236,098 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 236,564 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:

Canadian National—	Gross from Railway—		Net from Railway—		Net after Taxes—	
	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
*Chic Detroit & Can Grand Trunk Junction—						
December	430,751	276,651	269,357	164,238	262,985	150,097
From Jan 1	3,353,723	2,926,234	1,686,030	1,355,051	1,573,823	1,209,078
*Detroit Grand Haven & Milwaukee—						
December	559,625	480,895	203,722	51,098	198,434	41,285
From Jan 1	7,073,872	6,438,868	2,374,891	1,445,805	2,319,994	1,375,269
*Central Vermont—						
December	620,574	577,277	157,365	-27,808	132,971	-48,983
From Jan 1	8,463,639	8,380,752	1,105,721	1,082,625	867,056	851,968
*Buffalo & Susquehanna—						
December	91,598	194,656	-1,436	39,243	-482	53,877
From Jan 1	1,463,315	1,914,201	-46,656	-27,147	-83,125	-71,029
*Duluth Winnipeg & Pacific—						
December	206,292	190,647	37,180	11,314	27,260	3,313
From Jan 1	2,251,163	2,176,475	363,965	252,072	252,452	144,269
*Grand Trunk Western—						
December	1,636,917	1,071,874	536,298	474,760	481,065	402,049
From Jan 1	18,635,062	17,623,843	4,184,413	3,194,088	3,411,145	2,282,271
*Newburgh & South Shore—						
December	201,155	189,620	18,691	86,139	-41,894	59,659
From Jan 1	2,086,098	2,017,985	450,506	323,655	243,712	149,252
The Pullman Co—						
December	6,679,982	5,887,327	909,158	423,023	633,380	212,683
From Jan 1	80,198,066	72,757,836	16,779,031	11,215,499	12,546,004	7,755,368
*Seaboard Air Line—						
December	6,106,272	5,303,674	1,952,435	1,373,279	1,530,011	1,060,219
From Jan 1	62,864,711	53,384,173	16,131,347	11,996,539	13,085,363	9,536,196
*Union RR (Pennsylvania)—						
December	874,565	790,861	79,358	-4,185	53,459	18,767
From Jan 1	11,454,385	10,719,728	2,566,482	839,336	2,170,888	668,624

* Figures corrected.

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.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Brazilian Traction, Light & Power Co. Ltd.	3,111,251	2,443,315	1,714,418	1,403,530
12 mos ended Dec 31	31,243,760	26,936,767	17,489,406	16,643,472
Community Power & Light Co and subsidiaries	316,414	252,900	*88,854	*99,587
12 mos ended Dec 31	3,522,531	2,854,307	*1,371,898	*1,102,182
Western Un Tel Co	11,764,731	10,324,303	*1,585,912	*1,432,664
12 mos ended Dec 31	127,078,023	112,861,555	*162,89,785	*134,19,829

* After taxes.

Companies.	Gross Earnings.		Net after Taxes.		Fixed Charges.		Balance, Surplus.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Adirondack Power & Light Co	821,521	330,249	170,004	c160,245	170,004	c160,245	170,004	c160,245
12 mos ended Jan 31	7,474,124	2,390,079	1,835,660	c1,378,458	1,835,660	c1,378,458	1,835,660	c1,378,458
Boston Elev Ry	*3,232,405	968,776	664,541	304,235	664,541	304,235	664,541	304,235
12 mos ended Dec 31	*3,187,091	977,402	671,898	305,504	671,898	305,504	671,898	305,504
Chicago Aurora & Dec Elgin RR Co	226,829	*39,825	20,914	18,911	20,914	18,911	20,914	18,911
12 mos ended Dec 31	2,707,617	*697,549	212,583	484,966	212,583	484,966	212,583	484,966
Cleveland El III Co	2,048,502	*1,029,948	142,552	887,396	142,552	887,396	142,552	887,396
12 mos ended Dec 31	2,825,634	*886,018	124,279	761,739	124,279	761,739	124,279	761,739
12 mos ended Dec 31	20,053,939	*10,303,521	1,842,573	8,460,948	1,842,573	8,460,948	1,842,573	8,460,

Equipment.—We purchased and put into service during the year new equipment costing \$4,729,539, comprising 10 switching locomotives, 10 2-10-2 type locomotives, 5 baggage and mail cars, 1,200 box cars, 400 coal cars, 2 buffet-baggage cars, 2 Mack motor cars, 1 locomotive wrecking crane, 4 Jordan ditcher spreaders.

We also rebuilt 1,000 refrigerator cars at a cost (including the appraised value of the old material) of \$2,565,000, or a total investment in equipment for the year of \$7,294,539, which was financed through the issue of \$5,400,000 equipment trust certificates.

Additions and Betterments.—The additions and betterments to roadway and structures were paid for without any financing. The principal item was the completion of 19 miles of additional double track on the Kansas Division. No other large projects were undertaken, but the road and equipment were maintained in condition entirely adequate.

St. Louis Southwestern Ry.—During the year we purchased a minority interest in the stock of St. Louis Southwestern Ry. which we regarded as a desirable purchase at the price paid for it. While our ownership of this interest was still under consideration by the I.-S. C. Commission, a favorable opportunity arose to sell our holdings, and we disposed of them to the Kansas City Southern Ry. at a net profit for our stockholders of approximately \$2,467,000. The Rock Island purchased the stock directly from its owners and sold it directly to the purchaser. There were no commissions or fees of any kind in connection with the transaction. This profit is not included in the above-mentioned earnings for the year 1925, but is in addition thereto.

Not Considering any Consolidation.—Notwithstanding the progress of voluntary consolidations under the present Transportation Act, and the prospect of further legislation looking to permissive consolidations, the directors are not at this time planning any merger or consolidation of your property, but are bending every effort to its strengthening and upbuilding.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Operating Revenues—				
Freight	95,923,398	95,185,730	93,109,327	87,718,340
Passenger	24,356,632	25,886,047	27,458,814	27,650,134
Mail	2,515,758	2,576,690	2,636,220	2,556,607
Express	3,649,875	3,409,377	3,518,313	3,799,099
Other transportation	1,786,406	1,756,728	1,710,990	1,515,528
Dining and buffet car	817,225	707,012	659,895	631,391
Miscellaneous	1,633,352	1,359,927	1,309,527	1,215,135
Total operating rev.	130,683,246	130,880,512	130,403,086	125,086,233
Operating Expenses—				
Maint. of way & struct.	15,622,835	15,086,589	15,669,452	15,701,142
Maint. of equipment	28,271,705	27,937,080	29,153,666	26,103,922
Traffic	2,941,232	2,629,300	2,410,660	2,299,232
Transportation	49,868,630	51,781,162	54,103,307	52,871,908
Miscellaneous operations	1,152,292	943,262	833,621	2,984,821
General	3,754,781	3,601,701	3,371,291	822,377
Transp. for investment	Cr. 841,989	Cr. 772,549	Cr. 551,852	Cr. 212,476
Total ry. oper. exp.	100,769,486	101,206,546	104,990,136	100,570,926
Net revenue from oper.	29,913,760	29,673,966	25,412,950	24,515,307
Tax accruals	7,037,771	6,571,087	5,600,634	6,163,176
Uncollectible revenue	76,044	56,722	17,002	21,788
Total railway oper. inc.	22,799,945	23,046,156	19,795,314	18,330,344
Other Income—				
Rent from equip. (other than freight cars)	296,394	305,949	549,329	549,164
Joint facilities and misc. rent income	744,869	780,969	717,140	734,097
Inc. from lease of road	34,764	34,393	38,737	40,005
Miscellaneous income	1,001,916	365,161	490,243	442,274
Gross Income	24,877,887	24,532,629	21,590,763	20,095,884
Deductions—				
Hire of fgt. cars (deb. bal.)	3,328,423	3,758,492	3,317,118	1,990,280
Rent for equip't (other than freight cars)	404,794	564,580	865,166	800,301
Joint facil. & misc. rents	1,989,765	1,908,417	1,855,778	1,997,800
Rent for leased roads	172,734	265,831	408,554	432,682
Int. on fund. & unf. debt	11,861,206	11,030,796	10,483,184	10,365,844
Other charges	154,833	169,293	179,460	223,598
Total deductions	17,911,756	17,697,409	17,109,260	15,110,506
Net income	6,966,132	6,835,221	4,481,502	4,585,379
7% Preferred dividends	2,059,547	2,059,547	2,059,547	2,059,547
6% Preferred dividends	1,507,638	1,507,638	1,506,588	1,507,788
Balance, surplus	3,398,947	3,268,036	915,367	718,044
Per cent on common stk.	4.54%	4.36%	1.22%	0.96%

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT DECEMBER 31 1925.

Credit balance Dec. 31 1924	\$19,833,796
Surplus for year 1925 (as above), \$3,398,947; profit and loss on property and securities sold, \$81,835; sundry credit adjustments, &c., not affecting current fiscal year, \$52,291	3,533,373
Total credits	\$23,367,169
Less—Depreciation on tracks removed, \$77,614; structures sold removed and destroyed, \$81,835; equipment sold, dismantled and destroyed, \$567,613	727,061
Property abandoned—Davenport-Stockton and Winnfield-Parkton lines	251,750
Discount on funded securities sold, \$298,440; expenses in connection with issuance of funded securities, \$17,499; Galveston Terminal Ry., advances and taxes, \$39,294; Kankakee & Seneca Ry.—deficit from operation, &c., since 1912, \$95,043; Pueblo Union Depot & R.R. relinquishment of proprietary interest, \$16,830; sundry debit adjustments, &c., not affecting current fiscal year, \$670,090	1,137,196
Credit balance Dec. 31 1925	\$21,251,161

CONDENSED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

	1925.	1924.		1925.	1924.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Investments			7% pref. stock	29,422,189	29,422,189
Road & equip.	409,703,663	398,576,427	6% pref. stock	25,127,300	25,127,300
Imp. on leased railway prop	524,661	493,819	Common stock	74,482,522	74,482,522
Misc. physical property	2,467,581	3,155,790	Funded debt	265,374,815	257,668,063
Affiliated cos.	18,158,978	18,364,876	Non-negot. debt		
Other investm'ts	168,187	169,310	to affil'd cos.	62,100	64,758
Cash, time drafts & special dep.	6,247,462	10,692,426	Loans & bills pay	1,584,500	
Loans & bills rec	3,489	272,432	Audited accts. & wages payable	10,032,796	8,168,151
Material & supp	11,404,616	11,552,980	Interest & divs. matured unpd	1,182,541	1,189,569
Oth. curr. assets	19,235,543	7,084,141	Unmatured Int.		
Other def. assets	81,300	101,909	& rents acer'd	2,575,443	2,597,138
Rents & insur'ee premiums paid in advance	39,211	17,190	Misc. accts. pay	2,976,491	3,032,678
Oth. unadjusted debits	1,747,041	2,185,191	Other def'd liab.	90,577	106,018
			Tax liability	4,258,095	4,091,111
			Acce. depr. equip	25,119,764	22,342,983
			Oth. unadj. cred	5,536,977	3,906,667
			Add'ns to prop. through inc. & surplus	701,461	613,549
Total (each side)	469,778,732	452,646,494	Profit and loss	21,251,161	19,833,796

—V. 122, p. 880, 606.

Gillette Safety Razor Company.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

The remarks of Chairman J. E. Aldred, together with income account and balance sheet for 1925, are given in the advertising pages of to-day's issue. Our usual comparative tables were given in V. 122, p. 877.

General Baking Corp. (of Md.) and Sub. Companies.
(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

The remarks of Chairman William Deinger and President Paul H. Helms, together with income account and balance sheet for 1925 will be found under "Reports and Documents" on a subsequent page.—V. 122, p. 890.

Kelly-Springfield Tire Co.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

The remarks of Pres. Samuel Woolner Jr., together with the income account and balance sheet for the year ended Dec. 31 1925.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross profits—	a\$9,895,843	b\$7,255,746	\$9,559,804	\$12,531,379
Admin., oper. exp., &c.	c6,434,048	6,838,513	8,797,398	7,305,176
Net operating income	\$3,461,795	\$417,233	\$762,406	\$5,226,203
Other income	224,846	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	610,000	690,000	770,000	800,000
Miscell. deductions	395,325	301,033	354,062	464,465
Depreciation	1,228,738	1,252,374	1,149,759	1,168,832
Net income	\$1,452,577	\$1,525,749	\$1,166,285	\$3,144,549
Previous surplus	3,792,580	5,638,045	8,231,956	6,116,777
Miscellaneous credits	deb28,168	deb170,172	28,136	11,078
Total	\$5,216,989	\$3,942,124	\$7,093,807	\$9,272,404
Inc. & excess prof. taxes			427,916	70,446
Adjustments			173,262	97,744
Retirement of pref. stock			252,308	253,959
Prov. for fluctuations in crude rubber prices	1,000,000			
Total surplus	\$4,216,989	\$3,942,124	\$6,240,321	\$8,850,256
Divs. on 6% preferred		44,250	177,900	181,113
Divs. on 8% preferred		105,294	424,376	437,186
Appr. sur. 6% pf. stk. red.	Cr808,200	Cr808,200	Cr808,200	Cr721,100
do 8% do	Cr595,500	Cr595,500	Cr595,500	Cr415,500
Balance, surplus	\$5,620,689	\$5,196,280	\$7,041,745	\$9,368,556

a Before depreciation. b Gross profits on sales before depreciation, but after deduction of refunds on account of price changes in 1924. c Selling, administrative and general operating expenses, including cash discounts allowed customers, excise tax on sales, interest on current loans, &c.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1925.	1924.		1925.	1924.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Plant accts., pat., equipment, &c.	\$20,077,605	20,735,953	6% pref. stock	2,950,000	2,950,000
Cash	1,699,127	2,590,974	8% com. pref. stk.	5,264,700	5,264,700
Common stock for employees		20,493	Common stock	9,096,003	9,096,003
Sale of Cumberland homes	89,163	96,089	10-year 8% notes	7,000,000	8,000,000
Sundry investm'ts	32,370	24,729	Accounts payable	2,460,041	889,682
Notes & accounts receivable	4,410,928	4,626,715	Notes pay. to bks.	750,000	3,000,000
Deferred charges	502,739	681,806	Balance due cus'trs	21,475	184,623
Inventories	8,051,957	6,489,819	Accrued taxes, &c.	254,974	262,689
			Acce. int. on notes	82,500	92,500
			Prein. on 10-yr. 8% gold notes red.	249,547	234,997
			Other reserves	1,113,961	95,105
			Surplus—general	4,216,989	3,752,580
			do appropriated	1,403,700	1,403,700
Total	\$34,863,889	\$35,266,577	Total	\$34,863,889	\$35,266,577

x Property and equipment at plants and branches, patent rights, &c., less depreciation. y Customers' accounts receivable, \$4,883,470; sundry debtors and other notes receivable, \$82,254; making a total of \$4,965,724; less reserves of \$554,795.

Note.—Dividends paid to April 1 1924 on 6% preferred stock and to Feb. 15 1924 on 8% preferred stock.—V. 122, p. 892.

Shawinigan Water & Power Co.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

President J. E. Aldred says in substance:

Financial.—The money market became more favorable during the year, consequently the company took advantage of it and created series E of its 1st ref. mtge. sinking fund gold bonds, bearing int. at rate of 5% per annum, \$1,000,000 of this issue was sold in September at the best terms obtained since the war.

For some time past the company has followed the policy of interesting its customers and employees in the ownership of the company's common stock. This policy has met with marked success. There was a very large subscription to the shares offered in June of this year, and as a result the shareholders' list has been increased to a total of 7,677.

During the last quarter of the year the shareholders were given an opportunity to subscribe to new shares at par to the extent of 5% of their holdings. All of the shares offered have been fully subscribed. While the company's capital, represented by common shares, stands at \$25,000,000, the increase of \$3,000,000 made during the year has not been entirely employed by the company owing to recent payments and to the deferred payments of customers and employees. The average amount employed from this source during the year was about \$600,000.

The profit and loss account shows that the amount of power purchased this year has materially increased. This is due to the power which was purchased from the St. Maurice Power Co., Ltd., as a result of placing in full operation the power plant of that company at La Gabelle. All of the power generated by the St. Maurice company is sold to the company under a long term contract. The wide difference shown between the increase in the gross revenue and that of net revenue is largely accounted for by the absorption into the power load of this large amount of extra power. This additional load is gradually being incorporated into the primary load of the company and will naturally show greater profits as this primary consumption expands.

The company's reserve funds are increasing year by year and now aggregate \$6,421,177.

Construction Work.—A large amount of construction work was carried out by this company and its subsidiary companies during the year. The principal works carried out were the construction of a new terminal station in Montreal and improvements and extensions to the transmission lines and distribution facilities for the large industries in Three Rivers, as the increased loads demanded by the paper industries aggregating about 25,000 h. p. required new transmission lines and new switching stations.

A new contract for power having been made with the Montreal Light, Heat & Power Consolidated, calling for the delivery of a large additional amount of power over the next several years, necessitated the construction of the new terminal station. This station has been erected in proximity to No. 2 terminal station in Maisonneuve, and was completed at the end of the year.

The North Shore Power Co. has been constructing a power development on the Batiscan River at St. Narcisse. Work has been carried on throughout the year and the development will be completed before the end of 1926 and will be connected with the company's system at Three Rivers.

Investigations have been made anticipating additional storage reservoirs on the St. Maurice and on other rivers in which this company is interested. This subject of additional conservation of water has had the active study of the officers of the company. It is hoped that within the next few years it will be possible to obtain additional amounts of power from further storage projects.

Numerous small extensions to the rural distribution systems controlled through your subsidiary companies have been made during the year. A total of 178 miles of rural distribution lines has been built and 31 communities have been added to these systems.

St. Maurice Power Co., Ltd.—The development of this company at La Gabelle has been in successful operation during the year with no accidents or serious troubles. The construction plant has been dismantled and removed, construction buildings torn down, and the property in the vicinity, in general, put into permanent and neat condition.

Distribution Companies.—The electrical distribution companies have had an active year, not only in extending the rural lines, but in developing the business in the districts in which these various companies operate. Although rural and small town business does not grow rapidly, it increases slowly year by year and is a very stable business. The financial results in the operation of these electrical distribution companies have been satisfactory.

Quebec Power Co.—The company, which is the holding company doing the public utility business in Quebec, has had a successful year. The business in Quebec is growing and, with the possibility of the location near that city of new pulp and paper industries, this subsidiary, improved as it has been through replacements and betterments, is in a position to largely augment its business.

Electric Generating Plants.—In speaking of the output of electricity and water power sold by the Shawinigan company, it is well to understand that included in this output is power generated at the two plants at Shawinigan Falls, power purchased from the Laurentide Power Co. and from the St. Maurice Power Co., Ltd. The total gross output in kilowatt hours of the Shawinigan company for the year was 1,529,339,180. The peak load for the year was 340,000 h. p. This amount did not include the secondary power nor the water power sold at Shawinigan Falls, approximating 55,700 h. p. The total secondary power output for the year was 473,845,930 k.w.h.

Manufacturing Companies.—The Canadian Electro Products Co., Ltd., manufacturers of chemicals from acetylene gas, has been in full operation during the year, and the results, not only from a technical but from a financial standpoint as well, have been satisfactory. The knowledge and technique in connection with the intricate manufacturing operations of the company have been considerably increased during the year and improvements in the manufacturing methods have been made with resultant benefits. There is an increased and steady demand for the products and their quality is favorably commented upon by the company's customers.

During the year the Canada Carbide Co., Ltd., has benefited by reason of the large use of carbide by the Canadian Electro Products Co., Ltd., and also from the increased demand for carbide in Canada, the United States and other parts of the world. The tonnage sold is the largest in any year since its establishment on a commercial basis after the war, with corresponding results in earnings.

The result of successful operation of these two plants during the year has been of financial benefit to your company.

Maintenance.—The maintenance and repairs of the physical properties of the company have always had the special attention of the management. During the year the usual inspection by the directors took place, and it was evident from this inspection that the properties have been kept in an excellent condition.

United Securities, Ltd.—With respect to the various affiliated companies taken over by United Securities, Ltd., considerable work has been done during the year to correct the somewhat complicated conditions involved in these organizations. The capital stock of some of these affiliated companies, in particular the Quebec New England Hydro Electric Corp. and the Canadian Light & Power Co., has been substantially reduced, and a composition has been effected with the bondholders of the latter company.

Special Shareholders' Meeting.—The shareholders will be asked, at a meeting, for authority whereby the directors will be empowered from time to time to dispose of common shares up to a total of \$30,000,000. It is not intended that any immediate action shall be taken under this authority.

The income account and balance sheet for 1925, together with list of officers, will be found in the advertising pages of this issue.

RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings, all sources	\$6,702,034	\$5,741,079	\$5,110,539	\$4,629,642
Operating exp., &c.	3,001,153	2,420,528	1,939,646	1,676,580
Bond interest, &c.	1,354,538	1,274,652	1,189,333	1,155,778
Dividends (7%)	1,676,250	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000
Balance, surplus	\$690,089	\$645,899	\$581,560	\$397,283
Previous surplus	(adj) 308,158	(adj) 229,070	(adj) 159,253	(adj) 145,594
Total	\$998,247	\$874,969	\$740,813	\$542,877
Depreciation reserve	350,000	350,000	350,000	200,000
Reserve and sinking fund	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Other reserves	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
x Total surplus Dec. 31	\$573,246	\$449,969	\$315,813	\$267,877
x Surplus subject to deduction for income tax.				

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Property	17,078,360	16,814,888	Capital stock	25,000,000
Machinery	6,386,029	6,290,604	Bonds	23,148,500
Lines	7,992,892	7,247,133	Accts. & bills pay.	314,031
Equipment	582,871	690,003	Int. & div. payable	902,255
Prepaid charges	170,739	159,302	Stinking fund, &c.	2,566,862
Securities of subsidiary, &c., cos.	19,020,702	17,245,496	Depreciation, reserve, &c.	3,281,069
Accts. & bills rec'd	3,074,156	1,974,988	Pension fund	60,000
Call loans	750,000	300,000	Surplus	573,247
Cash	790,215	692,883		
Total	55,845,964	51,415,297	Total	55,845,964
x Subject to deduction for income tax.				

Baldwin Locomotive Works.

(15th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

President S. M. Vaulain, says:

Throughout the year difficulty was experienced in obtaining, at any price, sufficient business to operate our workshops and maintain an irreducible minimum organization. Trade relations with foreign countries were sustained and improved. Workshops and machinery have been fully maintained and the transfer of equipment and operations from our works in Philadelphia to Eddystone continued. Your management considers the outlook favorable for a satisfactory business throughout the year 1926.

ANNUAL RESULTS BALDWIN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, CAL. YEAR.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross sales	\$27,876,064	\$26,080,352	\$102,762,075	\$33,087,259
Cost	30,235,689	26,437,172	92,577,320	31,092,897
Mfg. profit	loss \$2,359,625	loss \$356,820	\$10,184,755	\$1,994,362
Other income	3,373,262	3,256,255	2,912,844	6,078,574
Gross profit	\$1,013,637	\$2,899,435	\$13,097,599	\$8,072,936
Deduct oth. exp., &c.	817,073	979,408	1,166,077	1,307,422
Profit	\$196,564	\$1,920,027	\$11,931,521	\$6,765,514
Res. for depr. & adj.		600,000	600,000	600,000
Res. for tax & remov'ls.			4,400,000	300,000
Deferred profits			415,058	658,995
Net profit	\$196,564	\$1,320,027	\$6,516,464	\$5,266,519
Div. on pref. stk. (7%)	y 1,400,000	y 1,400,000	x 2,800,000	1,400,000
Div. on com. stk. (7%)	y 1,400,000	y 1,400,000	x 2,800,000	1,400,000
Surplus	def \$2,603,436	def \$1,479,973	\$916,464	\$2,406,519
Sur. brought forward	18,367,269	19,847,242	18,930,778	13,257,534
Adj. S.S.W. Co. stk. div.				Cr 3,000,000
Sinking fund int.				Cr 266,725
Total p. & l., surplus	\$15,763,833	\$18,367,269	\$19,847,242	\$18,930,778
x Includes \$1,400,000 special dividend reserve for year 1924, in addition to regular dividend. y Being dividend for the following year transferred from dividend reserve.				

Note.—Report is subject to revision to meet any changes in interpretation of Federal tax laws, regulations or rulings.

BALDWIN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Real estate, machinery, &c.	29,375,015	29,028,465	Preferred stock	20,000,000
Stand. St. Wks. Co.	7,041,501	7,041,501	Common stock	20,000,000
Chicago plant	418,578	407,991	Bonded debt	10,000,000
Other real estate	5,880	5,880	Accounts payable	3,371,202
Inventories	8,037,935	5,078,358	Bills payable	2,000,000
Accts. receivable	8,798,475	9,222,186	Savings funds, &c.	1,659,848
Bills receivable	2,862,051	3,321,118	Accr. int. on bonds	83,334
For'n Govt. sec.	15,588,049	18,749,819	Interest receivable in advance, &c.	286,856
Miscell. securities	3,030,868	2,132,576	Res. for removals and taxes	1,529,536
Cash	2,263,293	2,804,690	Reserve for deferred profits	3,011,223
Deferred charges	158,622	171,222	Res. for divs.	2,800,000
1st mtge. bond sinking fund	2,925,575	2,591,100	Surplus	15,763,833
Total	80,505,832	80,554,907	Total	80,505,832

x Includes: Republic of Poland 5% bonds, \$3,890,000; Rumanian Treasury 7% notes, \$976,751; Argentine State Ry. notes, \$7,107,850; Mexican Government Ry. notes \$1,860,793; Chinese Government (Kinhin Ry.), \$1,485,000; Republic of Colombia (notes), \$267,645. y Land and buildings, \$15,663,094; machinery and fixtures, \$13,711,921. —V. 122, p. 216.

United Drug Co., Boston, Mass.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

President Louis K. Liggett, Feb. 15, reports in substance: Record Year.—The statement for 1925 records a year of substantial achievement and progress. Sales in the United States amounted to \$78,145,594, which surpasses all previous sales figures and represents an increase over 1924 of approximately \$8,000,000.

Net income amounted to \$8,009,543, which establishes a new high record of earnings and represents an increase over the normal profit of 1924 of approximately \$1,250,000.

After setting aside reserves for Federal taxes earnings on the common stock amounted to \$12.27 per share.

The foregoing figures of net income and earnings on the common stock represent the income actually received by the company, and is without giving effect to company's part of the undistributed earnings of investments in Great Britain and Canada, which undistributed earnings amounted to approximately \$2.50 per share additional on the common stock.

Consolidation of Liggett's International.—The plan to consolidate Liggett's International Ltd. was accomplished through the acquisition of all the outstanding common and preferred stocks of that company, and the United Drug Co. is now the direct owner of the investments in the English and Canadian companies, formerly held by Liggett's International. These investments have substantially enhanced in value during the year and the outlook for their future operations is most favorable. This consolidation accounts for the increase in the amount of first preferred stock outstanding. The second preferred stock that has been previously outstanding has either all been converted into common or called for payment.

Cash Ample to Retire Notes.—The \$1,962,500 5½% year 8% gold notes outstanding mature June 15, for the retirement of which there is ample cash on hand.

Liggett Company (retail subsidiary) is actively expanding and has opened during the year 61 new retail drug stores and has closed 12 on account of expiring leases or duplications, or a net increase of 49 stores. Notwithstanding the abnormal expenses incident to opening so many new stores, this subsidiary company completed the year with a substantial increase in net profits over the previous 12 months. Many of these stores were opened during the latter part of the year and should contribute materially to the advancement of the company's interests in 1926.

The opening up of the Pacific Coast has given our retail company a fertile field for exploration, and 21 Liggett stores are now operating in that section, with 11 additional leases under contract. This expansion to the Coast greatly strengthens the distribution of our trade-marked products in that important field.

Strengthened by a preceding year of conspicuous advancement and with sound business conditions prevailing throughout the country, we look forward to the year 1926 with confidence.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Net sales	\$78,145,594	\$70,112,133	\$67,244,671	\$61,186,906
Cost of goods sold	53,078,482	47,129,649	45,816,779	41,213,430
Operating expenses	17,061,771	15,296,463	14,912,425	14,162,386
Merchandising profit	\$8,005,341	\$7,686,021	\$6,515,467	\$5,811,090
Other income	1,325,996	450,071	236,551	68,754
Total net income	\$9,331,337	\$8,136,092	\$6,752,018	\$5,879,844
Deprec., doubtful accts. receiv. & current taxes	1,321,794	1,388,114	1,346,894	1,377,739
Int. on bonds and notes	961,356	1,201,419	1,240,302	1,270,838
Divs. on all pref. stocks	1,957,954	1,204,991	y 2,244,051	x 1,198,069
Divs. on common stock	2,279,440	2,150,963		
Balance, surplus	\$2,810,793	\$2,190,606	\$1,920,771	\$2,033,198
Adj. p. & l. surp. Jan. 1.	5,071,395	4,516,869	2,920,383	874,266
Special divs. from invest.		1,200,000		
Surp. acq. in liquid'n of Liggett's Int. Ltd., Inc	2,588,762			
Total	\$11,470,946	\$7,907,475	\$4,841,154	\$2,907,464
Fed. taxes & misc. adjus.	825,274	493,736	324,284	Cr 12,919
Prem. & disc. on bonds		2,342,348		
Balance	\$10,645,672	a \$5,071,391	\$4,516,869	\$2,920,383
x In 1922 divs. on all pref. stock, incl. sub. cos. y Includes (in addition to pref. divs.) divs. of 3% on the common stock (incl. sub. cos.) z After deducting \$314,159 Federal taxes for 1924. a Before Federal taxes.				

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

(Inter-Company Accounts Eliminated).

	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Real est. & bldgs. (owned in fee)	6,012,399	5,633,339	Capital stock:	
Bldgs. & improv'ts to leaseholds	4,470,589	4,348,098	First preferred	32,552,500
Mach'y, furn., &c.	10,812,626	10,349,666	Second preferred	146,300
Stock in oth. cos.	26,141,474	13,732,649	Common	34,749,300
Trade mks., pat'ns, formulae, &c.	22,793,689	22,793,689	Stocks of sub. cos.	13,100
Cash	8,171,453	3,725,385	Subscr. to com. stk.	4,900
Notes & accts rec.	8,280,812	7,190,771	Real estate mtges.	1,154,000
Merchandise	16,805,362	14,861,691	5½-yr. 8% notes	1,962,500
Advances and suspense accounts	1,381,618	1,095,405	20-yr. bonds	12,500,000
			Curr. accts pay'le	4,155,823
			Notes pay. by subs.	650,000
			Res. for Fed. taxes	657,500
			Reserves	6,479,626
			Surplus	10,645,673
Total	104,870,023	83,730,694	Total	104,870,023

a Stock holdings in other companies (including Boots Pure Drug Co.). b Trade marks, patents, formulae, processes, leaseholds and good-will. c Surplus before 1924 Federal taxes.—V. 122, p. 764.

Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company.

(105th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

Pres. S. D. Warriner reports in substance:

Capital Stock.—No change occurred in the capital stock during the year. **Funded Debt.**—Bonds issued under the funding and improvement mortgage of 1898 to the amount of \$29,000 were purchased and canceled, under the provisions of the sinking fund; the sum of \$27,144 being 5 cents per gross ton of coal mined from the lands west of the Little Schuylkill River during the year 1924, having been paid to the trustee. On Dec. 31 1925 the bonds of the funding and improvement mortgage outstanding in the hands of the public amounted to \$3,787,000.

Consolidated mortgage sinking fund gold bonds, series A, to the amount of \$95,000 were purchased and canceled during the year, into which com

pany paid \$96,836, being 5 cents per gross ton of coal of pea and larger sizes mined and shipped from the mortgaged premises during 1924, less so much of the sinking fund payment under the funding and improvement mortgage as applied to coal shipped during the same year from properties subject to both mortgages. In addition to the above, there were redeemed and canceled, in accordance with the provisions of the consolidated sinking fund mortgage of 1914, \$9,000 of series A bonds, the funds therefor being provided by the redemption, under the sinking fund provisions, of \$10,000 of Panther Valley Water Co. gen. mtge. sinking fund 6% gold bonds, pledged under the consolidated sinking fund mortgage. The amount of consolidated mortgage sinking fund gold bonds outstanding in the hands of the public at the end of the year was \$14,330,000.

Taxes.—Taxes to the amount of \$1,263,244 were charged against income for 1925, an increase of \$19,706 as compared with the previous year.

Strike.—The mines ceased production on Aug. 31 1925 due to a general suspension of anthracite operations called by the United Mine Workers of America at the expiration of the wage agreement on that date. Efforts to negotiate a new agreement having been unsuccessful, the suspension was still in effect at the end of the year. [Settlement between miners and operators was effected Feb. 13 1926 and the miners returned to work Feb. 18 1926.—Ed.] On account of this suspension the total number of hours worked was greatly reduced and the commercial production for the year showed a decrease of 839,822 tons as compared with the previous year.

Briquetting Plant.—Operation of the briquetting plant at Lansford was discontinued about the end of February 1925 because of lack of market demand, the total production during the year being 5,722 tons as compared with 30,732 tons in the previous year. Experimental work to produce an improved type of briquette is being vigorously carried on both at the Lansford plant and at the Perth Amboy plant of the Navico Corp. (the capital stock of which is owned by the company).

Capital Expenditures.—During the year capital expenditures made for additions and betterments in connection with coal lands, mining and marketing property and real estate amounted to \$1,927,982, and reserve and other accounts were charged \$1,590,246 to cover retirement of property, making the increase in capital accounts \$337,736.

In connection with coal mining and marketing property, there was charged to operation during the year for depreciation and obsolescence and other reserves \$1,115,808. There was also charged to operation \$215,115 for depletion of coal lands and culm banks.

Canals.—Canal operations for the year show a net loss of \$76,182, compared with a net loss of \$91,041 for the previous year. Charges to operation on account of depreciation of canal boats and other equipment amounted to \$9,444.

TRANSPORTATION BY CENTRAL RR. OF NEW JERSEY OVER LEHIGH & SUSQUEHANNA RR. AND BRANCHES.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Tons of anthracite coal.....	5,678,729	7,444,463	7,633,650	5,036,557
Passenger & mail revenue.....	\$959,404	\$985,221	\$984,762	\$880,614
Freight & express rev.....	10,096,929	9,014,419	9,250,095	8,180,287
Anthracite revenue.....	5,381,776	7,473,846	7,551,831	5,163,460
Total revenue.....	\$16,438,109	\$17,473,487	\$17,786,689	\$14,224,361
TONS OF COAL MINED, &c., BY COMPANY AND ITS LESSEES.				
	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Coal mined by company.....	2,480,739	3,543,958	3,848,096	2,123,769
Coal mined by lessees.....	161,586	208,529	204,248	140,493
Total mined.....	2,642,325	3,752,487	4,052,344	2,264,262
Recovered from culm banks by co. & lessees.....	174,489	53,361	483,052	236,179
Total produced.....	\$2,816,814	\$3,805,848	\$4,535,396	\$2,500,441
Less—Fuel coal produced by company.....	141,141	243,410	290,265	195,754
do by lessees.....	32,280	38,767	38,170	27,723
Total commercial coal produced.....	\$2,643,393	\$3,523,671	\$4,206,961	\$2,276,964

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Revenue (coal).....	\$16,257,733	\$20,258,498	\$23,173,664	\$14,857,374
Expenses (coal).....	14,264,461	17,735,845	18,222,264	13,232,241
Taxes (coal).....	902,239	895,858	1,033,558	617,188
Depletion (coal).....	215,116	253,683	376,675	199,846
Deprec. & oth. res. (coal).....	1,115,808	1,241,837	1,837,403	1,211,037
Net revenue from coal.....	\$239,891	\$131,275	\$1,703,765	loss \$402,938
Canals revenue.....	206,541	195,145	207,473	161,973
Canal exp., tax., dep., &c.....	282,723	286,186	261,868	265,581
Canals net loss.....	\$76,183	\$91,041	\$54,395	\$103,608
Lehigh & Susq. and other railroad rentals rec'd.....	2,271,264	2,271,264	2,271,264	2,271,264
Revenue from invest'ns.....	1,079,321	1,521,199	1,102,679	1,258,674
All other revenue.....	225,142	216,676	342,943	237,147
Gen'l exp., taxes, &c.....	81,421	79,756	80,723	81,501
Net miscell. revenue.....	\$3,494,305	\$3,929,383	\$3,636,162	\$3,685,584

Summary—

Gross revenue.....	20,040,001	24,462,782	27,098,022	18,786,432
Gross expenses.....	14,610,611	18,083,912	18,540,690	13,554,734
Taxes—operating.....	910,455	904,160	1,042,174	625,694
Depletion.....	215,116	253,683	376,675	199,846
Deprec. & other reserves.....	1,125,588	1,251,409	1,852,951	1,227,121
Net revenue.....	\$3,178,231	\$3,969,617	\$5,285,533	\$3,179,037
General admin. expenses.....	220,019	215,687	202,551	201,887
Taxes—General.....	352,789	339,377	604,535	381,105
Interest on funded debt.....	798,588	863,364	986,035	992,497
Other interest.....	12,037	3,121	—	—
Reserve for uncollectible accounts and notes.....	—	—	18,604	16,524
Dividends (8%).....	2,339,472	2,339,472	2,339,472	2,339,472
Balance, surplus.....	def \$544,676	\$208,596	\$1,134,036	def \$752,448

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—				
Coal lands, mining & mark't'g prop.....	\$35,811,520	\$35,457,166	\$35,811,520	\$35,457,166
Canal property.....	3,361,272	3,483,463	3,361,272	3,483,463
Real estate.....	1,817,985	1,834,602	1,817,985	1,834,602
RR. physical prop.....	16,051,400	16,051,400	16,051,400	16,051,400
RR. secs. pledged.....	9,516,128	9,525,628	9,516,128	9,525,628
RR. secs. unpledged.....	3,839,801	3,839,801	3,839,801	3,839,801
Adv. to affil'd cos.....	4,617,750	4,687,750	4,617,750	4,687,750
U. S. Liberty bds.....	2,303,800	3,003,800	2,303,800	3,003,800
Cash.....	2,691,107	1,320,572	2,691,107	1,320,572
Customers' acc'ts.....	321,148	2,984,003	321,148	2,984,003
Sundry debtors.....	605,332	271,312	605,332	271,312
Coal stock.....	21,551	1,903,705	21,551	1,903,705
Materials & supp.....	822,417	873,463	822,417	873,463
Acerr'd int. receiv.....	15,718	18,223	15,718	18,223
Workmen's comp'n.....	—	—	—	—
Insurance fund.....	934,999	965,151	934,999	965,151
Susp. debit accts.....	412,835	663,711	412,835	663,711
Total.....	\$3,144,765	\$6,884,351	\$3,144,765	\$6,884,351
Liabilities—				
Capital stock.....	29,243,400	29,243,400	29,243,400	29,243,400
Funded debt.....	18,117,000	18,117,000	18,117,000	18,117,000
Notes payable.....	—	600,000	—	600,000
Audited vouchers and pay-rolls.....	198,223	1,520,237	198,223	1,520,237
Sundry creditors.....	7,440	17,209	7,440	17,209
Accrued taxes.....	1,761,006	2,148,650	1,761,006	2,148,650
Matured interest on funded debt.....	400,400	403,845	400,400	403,845
Mat'd & acerr. rents.....	2,525	2,568	2,525	2,568
Divs. unclaimed.....	5,250	9,369	5,250	9,369
Susp. credit acerr.....	110,312	292,999	110,312	292,999
Deplet'n, deprec'n &c., reserves.....	13,041,072	13,580,332	13,041,072	13,580,332
Reserve for workmen's compen'n.....	934,999	965,151	934,999	965,151
Profit & loss surp.....	19,323,139	19,850,591	19,323,139	19,850,591
Total.....	\$3,144,765	\$6,884,351	\$3,144,765	\$6,884,351

A Canal property consists of: Physical property, \$2,300,259; securities pledged, \$1,047,911; securities unpledged, \$13,102. b Funded debt, \$23, - \$32,000; less treasury bonds, unpledged, \$5,715,000. c Depletion, \$3,169, - \$91; depreciation and other operating reserve, \$9,871,181.—V. 121, p. 2282.

Air Reduction Co., Inc., New York.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

President C. E. Adams, Feb. 15, wrote in brief: **Earnings.**—Net earnings after all charges, depreciation and other reserves and allowance for Federal taxes, were \$2,016,866. This is equivalent to \$10.02 per share on the 201,123 shares outstanding on Dec. 31 1925. This figure compares with \$8.56 per share earned in 1924 on the 191,014 shares outstanding at the end of that year.

Balance Sheet Adjustments.—In conformity with the final audit of the company's income tax return for 1918, certain desirable readjustments of property and reserve accounts were made during the year and are reflected in the balance sheet.

Expansion.—During 1925 company purchased land and erected an acetylene plant at Kansas City, Kan. It purchased land at Buffalo for a new acetylene plant, which will be erected this spring, and purchased property and erected a new oxygen plant at Oklahoma City. Company had formerly operated a small plant on leased property at that point.

In Feb. 1925 company made an offer to the minority stockholders of the National Carbide Corp., of the common stock of which latter company it then owned 51%, to exchange 2 shares of National Carbide Corp. common stock for one share of Air Reduction. Air Reduction stock for this purpose was purchased in the open market. As a result of this offer, Air Reduction Co. now owns all but 119 shares out of 6,000 shares of the outstanding common stock of the National Carbide Corp. It also owns all but 803 shares of an outstanding issue of 4,623 shares of the pref. stock of that corporation. Although the National Carbide Corp. has always been operated as an independent company (and such independent operation will be continued), with the purchase of the additional common shares Air Reduction's holdings became proportionately so large that it was deemed advisable, indeed necessary, to consolidate that company's balance sheet and operating statement with its own. This was done on April 1 1925.

In August 1925 Air Reduction Co. purchased all the assets of Gas Tank Recharging Co. (Wis.) and for this purpose issued 9,750 additional shares of stock. The assets so obtained, in addition to the good will, business and current assets of the Gas Tank Recharging Co., consisted of an acetylene plant at Milwaukee, Wis., and one at Bettendorf, Iowa, together with the necessary complement of acetylene cylinders to take care of the production of those plants, and a carbide manufacturing plant at Keokuk, Iowa, which latter was sold to the National Carbide Corp. at its cost to Air Reduction Co.

Controlled and Affiliated Companies.—The results of the operations of the California Cyanide Co. for 1925 were unsatisfactory, although substantial and encouraging progress was made. Production difficulties were very largely eliminated and a satisfactory volume of sales obtained. A price war developed, however, in Southern California in so far as the company's main product, liquid hydrocyanic acid, was concerned, and this was largely accountable for the company's final disappointing showing. The company has developed certain new products, however, on which broad patent protection has been obtained, and in spite of the price situation for liquid hydrocyanic acid, it is felt that this whole venture looks as encouraging as at any time since its inception. This feeling is strengthened by the attitude of our California associates who continue to give this company their enthusiastic support, financially and otherwise.

The Compressed Carbolic Co. completed a satisfactory year and paid a dividend of \$5 per share on its stock.

The results of the operations of the Cuban Air Products Corp. were also satisfactory. The same dividend, \$4 per share, was paid in 1925 as in 1924.

Plans for 1926.—While it is felt that a further extension of the company's manufacturing and distributing facilities must be provided in 1926, it is not anticipated that such expansion will require any public financing.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT CALENDAR YEARS.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross income.....	\$10,500,600	\$9,204,836	\$10,201,061	\$7,021,209
Operating expenses.....	6,837,719	6,167,416	6,475,464	4,352,034
Operating income.....	\$3,662,880	\$3,037,420	\$3,725,597	\$2,169,175
Reserves.....	1,294,159	1,102,807	1,031,168	958,971
Bond int. and expenses.....	—	5,387	118,138	142,963
Prem. on bds. redeemed.....	—	—	23,265	—
Compens. to off. & empl.....	108,546	101,874	112,500	64,034
Federal taxes.....	243,309	192,131	302,503	123,700
Dividends paid.....	986,857	954,483	687,588	627,466
Balance, surplus.....	\$1,030,005	\$681,739	\$1,451,435	\$252,041
a 1925 Federal taxes, \$238,884; add correction of estimate for 1924 Federal taxes, \$4,425.				

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—				
Land, bldgs., &c.....	\$6,715,488	6,126,920	\$6,715,488	6,126,920
Misc. investments.....	2,563,834	1,108,463	2,563,834	1,108,463
Patents & licenses.....	7,705,308	647,451	7,705,308	647,451
Cash.....	1,924,518	1,358,612	1,924,518	1,358,612
Notes & loans rec.....	—	1,162,576	—	1,162,576
Accts. rec. (less res.).....	1,959,592	1,312,726	1,959,592	1,312,726
Inventories.....	1,271,173	1,039,215	1,271,173	1,039,215
Other curr't assets.....	812,552	—	812,552	—
Deferred charges.....	95,042	66,042	95,042	66,042
Total.....	16,047,507	12,822,004	16,047,507	12,822,004
Liabilities—				
Common stock.....	20,891,564	8,948,678	20,891,564	8,948,678
Accounts payable.....	342,685	189,811	342,685	189,811
Divs. payable.....	202,526	191,012	202,526	191,012
Res. for local taxes.....	—	—	—	—
accruals, &c.....	210,961	158,311	210,961	158,311
Federal tax reserve.....	244,754	208,204	244,754	208,204
Res. for cont'g.....	483,147	—	483,147	—
Minority int. in Nat. Carb. Corp.....	88,999	—	88,999	—
Surplus.....	3,582,870	3,125,988	3,582,870	3,125,988
Total.....	16,047,507	12,822,004	16,047,507	12,822,004
x After deducting \$5,957,410 deprec. reserves. y After deducting \$1,818,461 reserve for amort. z Represented by 201,123 1-5 shares of no par value.—V. 121, p. 2158.				

The Pullman Company, Chicago.

(Results from Operating Cars for Year ended Dec. 31 1925.)

A statement filed with the I.-S. C. Commission shows:

CARS AND AUXILIARY OPERATIONS.

	Calendar Year		Month of December—	
	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Berth revenue.....	\$76,232,518	\$70,440,298	\$6,146,233	\$5,508,239
Seat revenue.....	9,996,735	9,610,519	826,387	777,939
Charter of cars.....	1,845,395	944,287	83,197	51,676
Miscellaneous revenue.....	201,322	145,188	12,035	15,447
Car mileage revenue.....	795,397	692,887	67,016	84,577
Contract revenue—Dr.....	8,873,299	9,075,34		

financing the major part of their own capital requirements. The common stocks of these subsidiaries would then be held unpledged by a holding company capable of co-operating in their financing operations through the sales of the holding company's long-term debenture bonds, preferred or common stock as the prevailing market conditions might dictate.

In order to accomplish this result an intermediate holding company under the corporate title of Penn-Ohio Edison Co. was created in July 1923 to assume the obligations toward the subsidiary companies which Republic Railway & Light Co. itself was at the time unable to assume. The next step in carrying out this purpose is well under way at the present time and involves a re-grouping of the subsidiary companies in the following manner:

- (1) Pennsylvania-Ohio Power & Light Co., which would own all the electric properties situated in the State of Ohio.
- (2) A company, to be known as the Pennsylvania Power Co., which would own the electric properties situated in the State of Pennsylvania.
- (3) Ohio River Edison Co., a power house company, the vehicle for owning the new power production facilities of the system.
- (4) Another company, to own all, or the greater part, of the street railway properties now controlled by the Republic System.

The proposed incorporation of the electric properties separately in the two States has obvious advantages in simplifying the relations of the system with the respective utility commissions while the segregation of the railway operations may be counted upon to remove the adverse effect which such facilities sometimes exert upon the credit of a combined electric and railway property.

Plan of Financing.—Following out this general plan Penn-Ohio Edison Co. created a new issue of 7% prior preference stock which it offered, share for share, in exchange for the 7% preferred stock of the Pennsylvania-Ohio Electric Co. Practically 82% of Pennsylvania-Ohio Electric Co. preferred stock was exchanged in accordance with this offer.

Meantime Penn-Ohio Edison Co. sold \$6,000,000 6% gold debentures, series A, due Nov. 1 1950, and \$1,000,000 of its 7% prior preference stock. Out of the proceeds of this financing the entire issue of \$3,250,000 secured 6 1/2% gold notes was redeemed on Jan. 2 1926, thus freeing the company's assets from pledge under that note issue. Approximately \$1,000,000 of the remaining funds have been devoted to the retirement of underlying debt in pursuance of the plan for realignment of subsidiary companies and the balance has been advanced to subsidiaries to provide for working capital and further extension of power manufacturing facilities.

During the year Pennsylvania-Ohio Power & Light Co. completed the sale of \$500,000 7.2% preferred stock to its customers and employees. Subsidiary bonds of a par value of \$143,500 were retired through sinking funds and \$930,500 have been or will shortly be retired through purchase or call, in addition to the \$3,250,000 Penn-Ohio Edison secured notes refunded.

Electric Light and Power Business.—With the full resumption of business activity in the company's territory during 1925, the industrial demand upon its power facilities reached an unprecedented level which would have substantially exceeded the resources of the system without the timely completion of the Toronto power house. Even that large gain in generating capacity will not long suffice to meet the needs of the territory and plans are already being made for the installation of the next two units of the Toronto station.

The total output for 1925 was 405,947,325 kilowatt hours, a gain of 64,768,937 kilowatt hours, or nearly 19%, over the preceding year. At the same time the number of electric customers increased from 68,801 to 76,298; approximately 11%.

Electric Railway Business.—Inaugurating a policy to be followed out with moderation, looking toward the gradual elimination of the unprofitable portions of the electric railway lines, the company last year abandoned the operation of 2 1/2 miles of track in Youngstown known as the North Avenue Line.

The purchase of 13 new light-weight cars during the year marked the final elimination of all two-man cars from regular schedules of the system, so that the property is now operated 100% with one-man light-weight cars.

The wage agreement for car operators which expired June 1 was renewed for another year at the same rates which prevailed in the previous year and the labor situation is considered very satisfactory.

Busses.—During the past year considerable progress was made in the policy of co-ordinating the street car and bus service, and important economies have been put into effect which it is expected will enable the company to continue bus operations on a more profitable basis.

Company now has 67 busses of the city type and 23 of the interurban coaches, making a total of 90 gasoline operated vehicles in the passenger transportation service.

With receipts of about 31c. per bus mile on the interurban coaches and an operating cost of 23c., this service has shown a very good profit during the past year, after providing for interest on investment and a deduction of 25% for depreciation, in accordance with the company's policy for bus depreciation.

The bus service in city operation has not been so satisfactory, although the receipts have been sufficient to take care of the cost of operation, depreciation and interest on the investment. In this field of operation the busses are of strategic value as the introduction of bus service has been practicable where extension of railway facilities would have been unprofitable. Through the supplementary use of busses the company has maintained its ability to take care of the entire transportation requirements of the community which, in the opinion of the officers of the company, is vital to the conservation of its railway investment. This policy has obviated the necessity of track extensions for several years past.

Taxes.—Contributions to the Government in the form of taxes paid by the company and its subsidiary companies have increased and in the past year there was accrued out of earnings for this purpose \$699,482, as compared with \$619,899 the previous year. This is in addition to local taxes, direct or indirect, in the way of paving requirements, car licenses, pole taxes, snow removal, street sprinkling, &c.

Customer-Ownership.—Company has continued its policy of distributing preferred stock to its customers, having just completed the sale of \$500,000 7.2% preferred stock of Pennsylvania-Ohio Power & Light Co. to customers in the territory, through the efforts of "employee sales campaigns."

Company now has 2,914 customer-stockholders and 1,046 employee-stockholders and is maintaining an organization among its employees for the continual distribution of its securities to employees and customers.

INCOME ACCOUNT, INCL. SUBSIDIARY COS., FOR CAL. YEARS.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings	\$11,270,108	\$10,280,746	\$9,808,760	\$8,125,792
Oper. expenses & taxes	7,132,843	6,993,632	6,655,552	5,726,102
Net earnings	\$4,137,265	\$3,287,113	\$3,153,207	\$2,399,689
Other income	44,416	265,522	127,165	280,091

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross income	\$4,181,681	\$3,552,635	\$3,280,372	\$2,679,780
Deduct—Interest	\$1,915,195	\$1,709,532	\$1,806,517	\$1,502,936
Discount on bonds	312,050	303,678	167,351	128,592
Contingent reserve				135,211
Divs. on pref. stock of subs. in hands of pub.	870,657	836,882	608,557	490,889

Bal. for dep., divs. & sur. \$1,083,779 \$762,543 \$697,947 \$422,151

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Property franchises and inventory	\$59,092,873	\$54,574,433	6% pref. stock	\$5,191,400
Special funds by trustees	5,046,342	1,490,919	Common stock	6,206,000
Investments	138,572	33,431	Cap. stock of subs.	13,182,900
Advances	178,274	341,390	Fund. debt of subs.	44,009,900
Disc. on securities	6,905,801	6,589,127	Matured bonds & coupon interest	703,143
Suspense accounts	\$799,255	\$49,842	Deferred liabilities	888,896
Deferred charges	162,849	118,780	Car trust & coach purchase notes	90,712
Cash and working funds	736,998	896,311	Notes payable	79,467
Accounts & notes receivable	1,051,066	1,052,509	Accounts payable	512,529
Subscriber's stock of sub. cos.	64,499	154,174	Accrued taxes	651,484
Liberty bonds	184,330	184,330	Accrued interest	167,496
Material & supp.	1,116,798	943,362	Acct. divs. on pref. stock of subs.	87,499
			Sundry items	94,146
			Res'v for deprec'n	1,266,186
			Sundry reserves	365,953
			Surplus	1,979,996
				1,261,991
Total (each side)	\$75,477,707	\$67,044,278		

x Arising from operation of Youngstown City Lines under service-at-cost franchise; Operating expenses plus stipulated return on agreed valuation in excess of revenues prior to Dec. 31 1921, to be offset against future earnings \$614,496; repaving assessments chargeable to future operating costs, \$184,759.—V. 121, p. 3005.

Illinois Bell Telephone Co.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

Pres. W. R. Abbott, Chicago, Feb. 1, wrote in substance:

Additions to Plant and Equipment.—The expenditures for new plant to take care of the demands for service in this territory were the greatest in the history of the company, and it is estimated will be even larger during 1926. For each telephone gained during the year there was added to the plant \$288.29, resulting in an average investment per telephone at the end of the year of \$159.31, which compares with \$117.83 per telephone at the close of 1915 and \$129.32 at the close of 1920. This increase in the investment per telephone is to a considerable extent the result of the decreased purchasing power of the dollar since 1914, and it will probably be several years before the full effect is reflected in the cost of plant per telephone of the company.

The expenditure for new construction during 1925 amounted to \$29,381,505. The principal items were as follows: Land and buildings, \$1,129,388; switchboard and other equipment in telephone exchanges, \$7,355,077; subscribers' station equipment, \$7,787,437; exchange and toll lines, \$12,751,897.

During the year 227,660 telephones were connected and 156,460 disconnected, making a net gain of 71,200 for the company as a whole. In Chicago the net gain was 48,828 telephones.

1926 Budget.—Expenditures contemplated for 1926 for new construction approximate \$29,000,000; for the next five years, \$141,500,000.

New Toll Cable.—Was installed jointly with the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. between Peoria and St. Louis via Springfield, a total distance of 170 miles, and was cut into service Dec. 1. Protection against interruptions to service during storms is now assured for the important circuits routed in this cable. There is at present a toll cable from Chicago to Joliet, and it is planned to extend this to Peoria in the near future, which, with the Peoria-St. Louis cable just completed, will provide an all-cable route between Chicago and St. Louis, and will form part of an all-cable network extending from the Middle West to the Atlantic seaboard.

During the year 1925 the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. completed the installation of the cable extending from New York to Chicago. This cable connects up the toll cable system within our territory, including the cable to Milwaukee, with the cable system along the Atlantic seaboard, and establishes practically a storm-proof telephone connection between these two important areas, and between points in Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania, and our territory.

Storm Damage.—The restoration of the plant damaged by the severe sleet storm of December 1924 was completed in the past year, temporary restoration being aided by the concentration of some 1,200 men with adequate equipment, including assistance from other associated companies of the Bell system. A total of approximately 1,700 miles of toll pole line was rebuilt. This was the most extensive storm damage which has ever occurred in the territory of this company, and the cost of temporarily restoring service and of the plant which has been erected to take the place of that destroyed by the storm, has been approximately \$2,500,000.

New Financing.—The stockholders on Feb. 25 1925 authorized an issue of \$10,000,000 additional capital stock. This was offered to the stockholders at par, and paid for in three installments falling due July 29, Sept. 30 and Dec. 31. The stock was issued Dec. 31.

Traffic.—The average number of calls daily for the entire company was approximately 5,224,000. For the City of Chicago the daily average was approximately 3,534,000, reaching a peak of 4,512,000 at the end of December.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Telep. oper. revenues	\$60,944,656	\$55,798,975	\$51,635,444	\$47,667,284
Telep. oper. expenses	43,809,668	41,054,437	38,723,597	35,401,645
Net telep. oper. revs.	\$17,134,988	\$14,744,538	\$12,911,846	\$12,265,639
Net other oper. revenues				2,296
Total revenues	\$17,134,988	\$14,744,538	\$12,911,846	\$12,267,935
Uncoll. oper. revenues	458,681	325,093	204,058	171,826
Taxes assignable to oper.	5,564,398	4,809,292	4,362,393	3,967,434
Operating income	\$11,111,908	\$9,610,223	\$8,345,395	\$8,128,675
Non-oper. rev. (net)	491,573	724,266	1,005,378	500,219
Total gross income	\$11,603,481	\$10,334,489	\$9,350,773	\$8,628,893
Rent & misc. deduc'ns.	428,215	322,265	248,844	203,229
Bond & other interest	2,938,839	2,614,126	2,789,402	2,072,035
Other appr. fr. net inc.	900,000	160,402	460,297	
Dividends	5,600,000	5,401,752	4,803,408	4,000,000
Surplus for year	\$1,736,426	\$1,835,943	\$1,048,820	\$2,353,629

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Intangible cap'l.	3,978	3,978	Capital stock	\$80,000,000
Land & bldgs. & teleph. plant	180,045,350	159,519,068	Prem. on cap. stk.	3,433
General equip't.	3,049,169	2,734,528	Funded debt	49,252,900
Investments	979,303	936,093	Advances	3,000,000
Cash & deposits	1,677,589	1,257,694	Accts. payable	3,609,511
Marketable sec.	35,904	13,362	Acct. liabilities, not due	5,555,081
Bills receivable	27,827	4,127	Empl. ben. fund	2,900,000
Accts. receivable	5,815,050	8,223,106	Other def'd cred. items	32,422
Mat'l's & suppl's	943,022	833,704	Res'v for acct'd depreciation	44,366,948
Accrued income, not due	10,277	8,133	Other reserves	191,050
Deferred debits	4,884,799	4,914,915	Approp. surplus	4,149,337
			Corporate surp.	4,406,386
Total	\$197,472,269	\$178,448,708	Total	\$197,472,269

—V. 121, p. 2750.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

STEAM RAILROADS.

Norfolk & Western Ry. Grants Clerical Workers Wage Increase of \$4 per Month and Inspectors and Car Repairmen 2 Cents per Hour.—New York "Times," Feb. 19, p. 30.

Southern Pacific, Kansas City Southern Chicago & Western Indiana Roads and Joplin Union Depot Co. Refuse Wage Demands by Brotherhood of Ry. & SS. Clerks.—New York "Times," Feb. 17.

Texas & Pacific RR. Employees Vote To Strike To Protest Against Employment of Missouri Pacific Crews on T. & P. Track Though Mo. Pacific Has Trackage Rights Over Route in Question.—Dallas "News," Feb. 9 and 10.

Car Surplus.—Class I roads on Feb. 7 had 240,424 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 10,511 cars under the number reported on Jan. 30. Surplus coal cars in good repair on Feb. 7 totaled 95,307, an increase of 1,167 within approximately a week, while surplus box cars in good repair totaled 101,714, a decrease of 12,146 during the same period. Reports also showed 23,491 surplus stock cars, an increase of 885 over the number reported on Jan. 30 while surplus refrigerator cars totaled 12,268, an increase of 540 compared with the previous period.

Car Shortage.—Practically no car shortage is being reported. **Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Feb. 13.**—(a) Gross and net earnings for December, p. 801. (b) Loading of revenue freight running ahead of last year, p. 814. (c) Railway taxes increase 500% in 20 years, p. 845.

Akron Union Passenger Depot Co.—Final Value.—The I.-S. Co. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$401,713 on the owned and used property of the company, as of June 30 1916.

Atlantic Coast Line RR.—Equipment Trusts.—The I.-S. Co. Commission has authorized the company to assume obligation and liability in respect of \$5,100,000 equipment trust certificates to be issued by the Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Baltimore under an agreement dated Feb. 1 last, and to be sold to J. P. Morgan & Co., at not less

than 97 1/2 and divs. in connection with procuring new equipment at a total cost of \$6,400,000.—V. 122, p. 606.

Boston & Maine RR.—Reorganization.—The general readjustment committee has issued the following statement:

The general readjustment committee at a meeting on Feb. 15 expressed the opinion that deposits of stock were sufficiently encouraging to justify a request to bondholders to deposit their bonds under the plan before April 1; 83% of all stock has been deposited to date and additional deposits are expected.

How the Road Proposes to Invest the Proceeds of Prior Preference Stock Issue.—

The company has furnished the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities with detailed information regarding the proposed expenditure on the property of \$16,000,000, of which \$13,000,000 is to be provided by the sale of that amount of 7% prior preference stock. It is estimated that investment of this \$16,000,000 will result in annual savings of \$2,750,000, or 17% of cost.

There are 13 separate projects which the company believes advisable. The largest is the terminals and yards in Boston. When the Eastern, Boston & Lowell and Fitchburg railroads were consolidated, each owned property in the Boston district, and no comprehensive effort has been made to unify these terminals. It is now proposed to rebuild the freight yards and houses at East Cambridge to allow use of heavier power, give more convenient yards and release large areas for industrial development. The cost of this improvement is estimated at \$6,000,000, with an annual saving to the railroad of more than \$900,000.

Company intends to provide additional sidetrack facilities at East Deerfield, Mass.; Waverly and Clematis Brook, Mass.; Northern Railroad; Manchester, N. H.; and Mecanicville, N. Y. Cost of these additions is estimated at \$267,688, and the annual saving at \$37,532.

The Stony Brook and Portland divisions are badly congested at present, but for advantageous routing they should be used more. Therefore, the road will construct 8.8 miles of second track on these divisions and additional passing sidings. Cost will be \$523,807, and annual saving \$34,608.

The railroad intends to consolidate the Portland division, strengthening the Dover branch and the Dover Point bridge, and relaying tracks for operation of heavy Ka and P3 type locomotives. This would permit turning traffic from Portsmouth to Dover and abandonment of line from Portsmouth to North Berwick and from Jewett to South Berwick. Cost is estimated at \$199,600 and saving at \$117,946 a year.

It is believed advisable to install connection between eastern and western routes west of Biddeford, Me., to permit use of present eastbound route from that point to North Berwick as westbound main line. The road also plans to construct 85-car sidings at North Berwick, Old Orchard, High Pine and West Kennebunk. This will permit abandonment of eastern route between Saco and Rigby, and costing \$100,665, will save \$55,414 annually.

Strengthening of bridges and improving of clearances is planned between Ayer and Middlesex and Middlesex to Lowell Junction. This will permit use of the heavy Santa Fe engines, will cost \$252,000, and save \$53,382 a year.

Enlarging of clearance by lowering the eastbound track of the Hoosac Tunnel will cost \$466,000 and result in annual saving of \$56,360.

About 14.4 miles of track will be ballasted with crushed stone, and 102.6 miles with gravel. Cost of ballasting is estimated at \$664,800, of which \$308,200 is capitalizable, with remainder to be charged to operating expense.

The general office building being constructed by Boston & Maine at Lechmere Square, Cambridge, is costing \$450,000. Figuring depreciation at 3%, interest on land at 6%, plus the taxes, makes carrying charges of \$29,094. The road would save \$25,000 each on rent of the Bent and Fitchburg buildings, and would receive \$20,000 a year as additional rent of North Station. In addition it is figured that there will be an improvement of about 5% in efficiency by having departments closely co-ordinated, or expressed in dollars, a saving of \$78,000. That is a total saving of \$148,000, or net economy of \$119,006.

Construction of three new steel discharging towers and one coal storage bridge at Mystic Wharf, with repairs to the two steel towers at present there, will cost \$450,000. Estimated that in discharging 1,218,000 gross tons of coal, which is minimum the road expects to handle at that point of combined railroad and commercial tonnage, annual savings would be \$90,312 on labor, fuel, &c.; \$26,396 through saving of 4 cents a ton on 659,914 gross tons B. & M. coal as result of quicker release of steamers, and saving of \$53,996 on storage of 100,000 gross tons of B. & M. coal, or a total saving of \$170,704 annually. If commercial companies were permitted to store coal at the wharf, it is estimated that net revenues would be increased at least \$27,349. Further saving of \$22,500 is probable as B. & M. will buy at least 90,000 tons spot coal on account of having storage facilities, thus saving 25 cents a ton. Also, if tonnage handled should increase to 1,600,000 tons, which is likely, there would result a further saving of \$83,768, or a total possible additional saving of \$133,617.

Greater efficiency at low speeds will be attained on 30 Santa Fe and Consolidated locomotives by placing boosters on them. Cost is estimated at \$375,000, with annual saving of \$100,875.

Purchase of 50 Diesel locomotives by B. & M. is included in the plans, to cost \$5,000,000. The resultant annual saving, through more efficiency, smaller repair costs, lower fuel costs compared with steam locomotives, is placed at \$576,720. The fuel cost is a big feature in the Diesel engines, the cost being only one-seventh that of steam locomotives.

The company has recently ordered 12 gasoline rail cars with 5 trailers at cost of \$500,000. It is proposed to order 20 additional gasoline units with reasonable number of trailers, bringing the total cost of the 32 units to \$1,300,000. Estimated annual saving through use of these cars is \$500,000. The road intends to install sprinkler systems in the service shops at East Deerfield, Fitchburg, Billerica and other points at a cost of \$225,000. Saving of \$25,000 a year in fire insurance premiums is estimated, as well as anticipation of smaller fire losses.

Another plan calls for construction of a new bridge at Eagle Bridge, N. Y. The bridge over the Hoosick River used at present is owned by Delaware & Hudson, and the contract between the roads calls for maintenance of bridge and track by Boston & Maine. Within two years the bridge will have to be rebuilt at an estimated cost of \$224,185. Instead, Boston & Maine desires to build a bridge of its own parallel to its westbound track at cost of \$213,000. Saving is estimated at \$14,079 annually plus more efficient and safe operation.—V. 122, p. 744, 345.

Boyer City, Gaylord & Alpena RR.—Tentative Value.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$1,706,500 on the company's property, as of June 30 1918.—V. 112, p. 743.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry.—Equip. Trusts Sold.—Kuhn, Loeb & Co. announce that they have purchased, subject to the approval of the I.-S. C. Commission, \$930,000 5% equip. trust certificates, maturing in equal annual installments from Feb. 1 1927 to Feb. 1 1941, both incl., which they have placed privately.

The company has asked the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$930,000 5% equip. trust certificates, which it proposes to sell to Kuhn, Loeb & Co. at 99 1/2 and div. and apply the proceeds to the purchase of 500 hopper cars costing about \$1,280,000.

Earnings for Calendar Years.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings	\$26,574,508	\$26,068,789	\$28,405,408	\$24,731,348
Net after taxes	3,084,255	2,155,917	2,563,431	2,435,876
Other income	def\$26,754	def\$302,539	1,205,616	1,299,888
Gross income	\$2,557,501	\$1,853,378	\$3,769,047	\$3,735,764
Interest, rents, &c.	2,395,534	2,421,825	2,460,914	2,948,429
Sinking, &c., funds	215,251	209,104	196,171	184,668
Balance, sur. or def.	def\$53,284	def\$777,551	sr\$1,111,962	sur\$602,676

—V. 121, p. 194.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.—Acquisition.—The Island Creek Coal Co. has sold the Island Creek RR., a 10-mile line at Logan, W. Va., to the Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. The road has been operated by the Chesapeake & Ohio for 12 years under lease and is the only connection between the Chesapeake's Logan & Southern RR. and the main line into Logan County.

The Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. has asked the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to acquire control of the Island Creek RR. of W. Va. by purchase

of its total capital stock at a cost of \$400,000 and to assume the road's indebtedness to the Island Creek Coal Co. of \$465,550, a total cost to the C. & O. of \$1,500,000.—V. 122, p. 850.

Delaware & Hudson Co.—Bonds Sold.—Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and First National Bank have sold at 92 and int. to yield over 4.68%, \$2,196,000 1st & ref. mtge. 4% gold bonds. Dated May 1 1908; due May 1 1943.

Denom. \$1,000 c* & r*. Int. payable M. & N. Entire issue outstanding, but not any part, red. at 107 1/2 and int. on any int. date upon not less than 13 weeks' notice. Annual sinking fund of 1% in cash of the par value of all bonds outstanding is provided for, which shall be invested either in the purchase and cancellation of 1st & ref. mtge. bonds or in construction, additions or improvements, all of which shall come under the mortgage as additional security.

Legal.—These bonds are a legal investment for savings banks in the States of New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut and elsewhere.

Listing.—Application will be made in due course to list these bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of V.-Pres. W. H. Williams, New York, Feb. 17.

Security.—Secured by a first lien on the entire railroad property of the company, leasehold interests and important trackage rights, together constituting a continuous line of railroad from Rouses Point, N. Y., on the Canadian border, to Plymouth, Pa. (opposite Wilkes-Barre, Pa.), with various branches, a total of about \$40 miles; on valuable terminal properties in Albany, Mechanicville, Schenectady, Binghamton and Rouses Point, N. Y., and Carbondale, Scranton and Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and on equipment having a depreciated book value of \$21,810,577, including 1,500 cars subject to \$2,654,000 equipment trust certificates maturing in installments on or before Jan. 15 1935. Of the aforesaid mileage, about 343 miles is owned in fee on which the 1st & ref. mtge. is a first lien, subject only to prior lien bonds of \$1,000,000 on a branch line of 60 miles. Parts of the 440 miles, the leases of which are pledged under the first and refunding mortgage, are subject to \$12,000,000 bonds of certain of the lessor companies, of which bonds \$3,556,000 are owned by the company.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be applied in the reimbursement of the company for expenditures on account of a new 14-mile low-grade line in New York, about 2.3 miles of second track in Pennsylvania, application of boosters to 14 freight locomotives, revision of grade at Green Island, N. Y., and other additions and betterments to its railroad.

First & Ref. Mortgage.—Limited to \$50,000,000, of which there will be outstanding in the hands of the public, after the present issue, \$39,000,000 bonds. \$10,000,000 bonds are pledged as part security under the 7% notes due 1939 and the remaining \$1,000,000 are reserved to retire a like face amount of prior lien bonds due in 1942 on a branch line.

Capital Stock.—Company has paid dividends on its stock uninterruptedly since 1881, and since 1907 at the rate of 9% per annum. Present outstanding capital stock amounts to \$42,503,000.

Earnings.—Total income for the year ended Dec. 31 1925 applicable to the payment of fixed charges amounted to \$10,413,973, while the total of such charges amounted to \$5,506,265.—V. 121, p. 1786.

Doniphan Kensett & Searcy Ry., Ark.—Final Value.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$39,770 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1917.

Durham & Southern Ry.—Tentative Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$946,000 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1917.—V. 109, p. 577.

Erie RR.—Plea in Merger Halted.—Preferred stockholders who announced their intentions recently to intervene in the Nickel Plate merger case before the I.-S. C. Commission, have been denied the right. In refusing their application the Commission said the case had been closed for final decision and would not be opened.—V. 122, p. 606, 744.

Escanaba & Lake Superior RR.—Tentative Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$1,740,000 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1918.—V. 116, p. 515.

Ft. Smith Subiaco & Rock Island RR.—Value.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$130,042 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1919.—V. 110, p. 2291.

Georgia Southern & Florida Ry.—Final Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$9,451,992 on the property of the company as of June 30 1915.—V. 121, p. 68.

Gulf & Ship Island RR.—Final Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$9,034,850 on the owned and used property of the company, as of June 30, 1916.—V. 121, p. 2871.

Houston & Shreveport RR.—Tentative Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$752,710 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1918.—V. 103, p. 1210.

Huntington & Broad Top Mountain RR. & Coal Co.—Earnings Cal. Years

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Operating income	\$786,783	\$677,758	\$990,081	\$804,707
Other income	36,029	35,626	152,919	58,849
Total income	\$822,812	\$713,384	\$1,143,000	\$863,556
Operating expenses, &c.	620,031	586,682	794,103	747,763
Interest, deprec., &c.	299,618	307,522	303,875	181,674
Balance	loss\$96,836	loss\$180,820	sur\$45,021	loss\$65,881

—V. 120, p. 2546.

Keesville Ausable Chasm & Lake Champlain RR.—Final Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$113,619 on the company's property, as of June 30 1916.—V. 77, p. 146.

Mississippi Central RR.—Tentative Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$4,775,000 on the owned and used property of the company, as of June 30 1918.—V. 120, p. 2809.

New York Central RR.—Abandonment of Branch Line.—The I.-S. C. Commission on Feb. 10 authorized the company and the Beech Creek RR. to abandon operation, as to inter-State and foreign commerce, of a branch line of railroad of the Beech Creek extending from Kermoor to Gazzam, a distance of 2.98 miles, all in Clearfield County, Pa.—V. 122, p. 346.

New York Connecting RR.—Bonds Authorized.—The I.-S. C. Commission on Feb. 2 authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$3,333,000 1st mtge. gold bonds, series B, to be sold to Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and J. P. Morgan & Co. at not less than 97 1/2 and int. (see offering in V. 122, p. 211).

Authority was also granted to the New York New Haven & Hartford RR. and the Pennsylvania RR. to assume obligation and liability as guarantors in respect of the bonds by indorsements thereon.—V. 122, p. 211.

New York New Haven & Hartford RR.—Bus Operations.—The wide extent of the New Haven's operation of co-ordinated rail-and-highway schedules was made apparent in a statement by Pres. E. J. Pearson, in which he pointed out that the New England Transportation Co., the motor coach subsidiary, now has in operation 777.6 miles of lines, supplementing the New Haven's 1,958.14 miles of railroad. In addition, in its plan for supplying the public with the most modern and economical means of transportation, the road has 25 gasoline rail cars operating on 567.1 miles of rail line and covering a weekly distance of 10,505 miles.

Pres. Pearson further states: "The fundamental reason behind our adoption of the gasoline vehicle, both on rail and on the highway, is our two-fold obligation: (1) the

obligation to the public to perform a full transportation service, which includes the carrying of passengers, baggage, mail and express in passenger train service, and of freight in freight service. And (2) the obligation to protect the investment of the owners of the property.

"In the performance of the first of these obligations we feel that the New Haven must always keep itself in readiness to provide adequate movement of passengers and property so that the needs of the communities it serves will be fully met.

"To fulfill the second obligation, the New Haven management feels that it is incumbent upon it to carry out the first obligation in as efficient and economical a manner as possible, by the use of every modern approved method.

"This embraces the maximum service by rail which the company can afford to give at prices which the public can afford to pay. Because after all our people and our industries must always look to rail service for the greater part of freight and long distance passenger transportation. Besides this any attempt to divert this business to the highways would result in intolerable congestion and poor service.

"In the development of our modern transportation, automobile operation over the public highways has become a factor. At the beginning there was some doubt as to whether the New Haven could afford, in view of its then limited financial condition, to invest in this new transportation facility, however desirable it might be. But as time went on it became increasingly apparent that we must be in a position to protect ourselves from further diminution of revenue through the taking away of passengers by automobiles.

"In many instances the beginning of highway operation by the railroad has meant better transportation service for communities than they have ever had before."—V. 122, p. 606.

Northwestern Terminal Railway.—Reorganization Plan.

The committee below representing holders of the \$2,217,000 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds and of certificates of deposit for the bonds, has prepared and adopted a plan for the reorganization of the company. Undeposited bondholders may become parties to the plan by depositing their bonds with Jan. 1 1918 and subsequent coupons attached, with International Trust Co., depository, Denver, Colo., or Bankers' Trust Co., agent of depository, 16 Wall St., New York on or before March 31.

Committee.—S. M. Perry, Chairman, W. A. J. Bell, W. M. Bond, R. M. Perry, Thomas B. Stearns with W. M. Bond, Secy., International Trust Building, Denver, Colo.

Conditions Rendering Reorganization Imperative.—Prior to Aug. 16 1917, the property was being operated by Denver & Salt Lake RR. under a lease, which, among other things, required the lessee to provide the funds necessary to pay the taxes upon the property and interest upon its present bonds. On Aug. 16 1917 receivers were appointed for the Denver Company, who immediately took steps to disaffirm the lease, taking the position that they were not bound thereby, that they possessed and used only a small portion of the Terminal Company's property and that they were liable, if at all, only for a reasonable rental for such limited portions so possessed and used. The receivers therefore made no further payments to meet the interest upon the Terminal company bonds or the taxes upon its property. The Terminal Company did not acquiesce in this determination of the receivers and controversies resulted. The Denver receivers have at all times claimed and asserted that during this period the earnings of the Denver in the hands of the receivers were barely sufficient to meet actual operating expenses, leaving no funds available for the payment of rental under the lease even though the receivers had been bound thereby. Under these conditions the Terminal company received no payments whatever from the receivers, although the receivers continued to possess and operate those portions of the property of the Terminal company known as its main line and its belt line.

On Jan. 1 or July 1 1918 (which date has always been a matter of dispute) the Denver property and the belt line of the Terminal company, were taken under Federal control and remained thereunder to and including Feb. 29 1920. During the period of Federal control the U. S. RR. Administration paid the taxes assessed in said period upon the property of the Terminal company, but made no other payments to or for account of the Terminal company.

On Jan. 21 1920, Henry McAllister, Jr., was appointed receiver of the properties of the Terminal company. At termination of Federal control the Denver receivers again took possession of and thereafter operated as before the main line and belt line of the Terminal company. Further controversies arose and remained unsettled between the U. S. RR. Administration, the Denver receivers and the Terminal receiver as to the period of Federal control over the properties of the Terminal company, what, if any, compensation was payable therefor, and whether the same was payable to the Denver receivers or to the Terminal receiver, or, if apportionable between them, the basis of apportionment. The Denver receivers were also making large claims against the Terminal receiver and the Terminal company for the cost of maintaining and operating the belt line, for moneys advanced, and similar matters. It was impossible to obtain money with which to pay taxes upon the property of the Terminal company or interest upon its bonds. It was impossible to reorganize the Terminal company even for the sole benefit of the present bondholders without heavy expense to the bondholders, involving large assessments to meet the cost of foreclosure and reorganization and to raise funds with which to discharge the delinquent taxes constituting a lien in priority to the mortgage securing the bonds.

By Oct. 24, 1925 these delinquent taxes, without int. or penalties, amounted to a sum in excess of \$300,000, and interest upon the present bonds was in default beginning with the coupon due Jan. 1 1918.

Meanwhile construction of the Moffat Tunnel was financed and was and still is in progress with practical certainty that it will be completed and in use not later than Dec. 31 1927, and probably at an earlier date. This for the first time rendered it possible to propose a reasonable plan for the reorganization of the Denver & Salt Lake RR. and a plan (V. 121, p. 835) was promulgated under the U. S. RR. Administration. This plan rendered it possible for this committee, to negotiate for the settlement upon a reasonable basis of the complicated claims, counterclaims and disputes referred to above and thus enabled to present a reasonable plan for the reorganization of the present terminal company. The opportunity was promptly availed of and as the result of negotiations between the Terminal receiver, this committee, the Denver receivers, and the Denver reorganization committee a contract was agreed upon and executed.

Contract Rendering this Reorganization Possible.

Under date of Oct. 24 1925, a contract was entered into between the Terminal receiver, the Denver receivers, this committee and the Denver reorganization committee. Thereby all pending controversies and disputes were disposed of, provision was made for the payment and discharge of all delinquent taxes on the properties of the Terminal company, the future utilization and operation of said properties was provided for, and thereby also was rendered possible a reorganization of the present Terminal company, for the sole benefit of and without cost to the present bondholders, who may assent to this plan.

The salient features of the contract are as follows:

(1) The Denver receivers shall for the full period of their receivership (not, however, beyond Dec. 31 1927) operate and at their own expense maintain and repair the main line property and the belt line of the terminal company. All conflicting claims and counterclaims of the Terminal company and the Terminal receiver on the one hand and the Denver company and the Denver receivers on the other are reciprocally released and discharged or adjusted.

(2) The Denver reorganization committee agrees to pay all unpaid taxes and assessments upon the properties of the Terminal company (obtaining such abatements thereof as may be possible), including those for 1925, together with all interest and penalties thereon; also all such taxes and assessments as may be hereafter levied or imposed prior to the completion of the Moffat Tunnel and the commencement of use and occupancy thereof by the new reorganized Denver company.

(3) The new Terminal company to be organized pursuant to this plan is required to make and execute a new lease on all the properties of the present company, which lease shall run to the new reorganized Denver company, and shall provide that (a) the term of the lease shall be not less than 49 nor more than 99 years as shall be agreed; (b) the lessee shall maintain and operate the leased properties at its own expense in connection with and as a part of its railroad system; (c) the lessee shall pay all taxes and assessments against the leased properties during the term of the lease; also corporate expenses and current obligations of the lessor not exceeding \$2,000 per annum;

(d) The lessee shall pay as rental, in cash, an amount representing 2% per annum on \$2,217,000 (being the face amount of the present bonds of the Terminal company now outstanding and hereinafter called the "base sum"), such rental to begin on the completion of the Moffat Tunnel and its use or occupancy by the lessee not later than Dec. 31 1927; such annual payment (initially 2% on the base sum) to be increased 1/2 of 1% on the

base sum annually for each increase of \$500,000 in the annual gross or total operating revenues of the lessee over such gross or total operating revenues for the fiscal year last preceding the date when rental payments are to begin until such annual rental payment shall equal 5% on the base sum, at which amount it shall remain to the end of the lease; in case of consolidation, merger or sale of the properties of the lessee the annual rental payment shall, if it has not already reached that figure, automatically become and remain at 5% of the base sum with the option in the successor lessee to decline to pay such additional rental and, in case of such declination with the option to the lessor to cancel the lease upon 6 months written notice.

Digest of Plan of Reorganization Dated Dec. 15 1925.

Purpose of Reorganization.—This plan contemplates the reorganization of the present company for the sole benefit of and without cost to the holders of the present bonds. This is to be accomplished by: (1) The prompt foreclosure of the present mortgage; (2) termination of the receivership as soon as reorganization can be consummated, (3) the elimination of the present bonds, with all unpaid interest thereon, and in lieu thereof the issuance by the new company of new bonds and stock; (4) the transfer to the new company of the Terminal property and the leasing thereof to the Denver company as contemplated by the plan and required by the contract.

New Company.—New company will be organized under the laws of such State as the committee may decide. The reorganization is to embrace all the properties acquired through foreclosure sale and such other rights, property, franchises, leases and contracts as may be acquired or entered into by the Terminal receiver prior to the confirmation of the foreclosure sale. The present bonds will be extinguished and the properties acquired through foreclosure sale and all properties embraced in the reorganization will be vested in the new company.

Securities to be Issued by New Company and Disposition Thereof.

New Bonds.—A new mortgage will be created upon all of its property subject to the lease from the new company to the Denver company required by the contract above. The interest of the new company as lessor in the lease shall be expressly pledged under and made subject to the lien of the new mortgage and the new mortgage shall expressly provide that the lease shall not be modified in any respect or surrendered by the new company unless due notice thereof shall first have been given to the holders of the new bonds then outstanding, and not then if the holders of 25% of the new bonds then outstanding shall in writing object.

Failure of the new company to enforce essential provisions of such lease, for an unreasonable period of time, shall constitute an item of default in the new mortgage, at the election of the holders of a certain percentage of new bonds. New mortgage shall provide for and secure an issue of new bonds with such name or designation as the committee may determine, to be limited to a total authorized principal amount of \$2,217,000 and to mature at such date as the committee may fix, not later than the date fixed for the termination of the lease. New bonds will be issued on the date such date as determined by the committee, but not later than one year after the date at which rental begins to accrue to the new company under the lease. Interest shall be fixed at 5% per annum, but shall be payable only out of the net income of the new company, to the extent hereinafter provided. In each and every fiscal year from and after the date when said interest begins to accrue the directors shall authorize the distribution and payment of, and there shall be paid as, and in full of, interest on the new bonds for said fiscal year, the entire net income of the new company for the preceding fiscal year up to but not exceeding 5% upon the principal amount of the new bonds then outstanding; provided, however, that so long as the lease from the new company to the Denver company shall remain in effect the amount so paid and distributed in any fiscal year as interest on the new bonds shall, up to 5% on the principal amount of the new bonds then outstanding, be not less than 80% of the total cash rental received by the new company under the lease during the preceding fiscal year. Within 3 months after the close of each fiscal year the directors shall determine the amount of net income for such preceding fiscal year and the amount payable, during the current fiscal year, as int. on the new bonds and the interest shall be paid during the current fiscal year in one or more installments as may be provided in the new mortgage.

Beginning with the 6th year after the date of the new mortgage, 5% of the cash rent received from the Denver company under the lease, shall be set aside, as received, with the trustee under the new mortgage until it amounts to \$50,000, and to be thereafter successively maintained at such amount, if any part thereof is used, to constitute a reserve fund under the lien of the new mortgage, but to be subject to use by the new company in defense or preservation of the mortgaged property or rights, provided that in no event shall the deduction from such cash rent exceed 20% thereof for both the other purposes as provided in the plan, and for this particular 5% deduction.

New bonds shall be redeemable, all or part, on any interest date on sixty days' publication, at 102 and interest.

Stock.—An issue of stock all of one class shall be created by the new company, which shall possess all voting rights and shall consist of 2,217 shares (plus 5 shares to qualify directors of the new company).

Disposition of New Securities.

Holders of present bonds or of certificates of deposit therefor who shall be entitled to the benefits of this plan will be entitled on the completion of the reorganization, and surrender of their certificates of deposit and (or) bonds receive new securities as follows:

For each \$1,000 of present bonds accompanied by the coupon due Jan. 1 1918 (and all subsequent coupons), the holders will receive \$1,000 in new bonds and one share of stock in the new company.—V. 110, p. 2658.

Pittsburgh & West Virginia Ry.—Equip. Trusts Sold.

—Dillon, Read & Co. have placed privately \$2,000,000 4 1/2% equip. trust gold certificates, series of 1926. Issued under the Philadelphia plan.

Dated March 1 1926; due in annual installments of \$134,000 each, March 1 1927 to 1940 incl., the remaining \$124,000 being due March 1 1941. Denom. \$1,000's. Red. as a whole on any div. date at 102 1/2 and div. upon 30 days' notice. Principal and divs. (M. & S.) payable at the office of Dillon, Read & Co. or other agency of the trustee in N. Y. City, and at the office of Union Trust Co., Cleveland, trustee.

The Pittsburgh & West Virginia Ry. unconditionally guarantees the payment of principal and dividends on these certificates by endorsement on each certificate.

The equipment consists of 400 steel hopper cars, 700 steel gondola cars, 300 composite gondola cars, and six caboose cars, costing \$2,450,000.

During the first 11 months of 1925 the company earned net, after rentals on outstanding equipment trust issue, \$1,883,627, as against \$1,777,332 in the corresponding period of 1924.

Subject to the approval of the I.-S. C. Commission.—V. 122, p. 607, 346.

Savannah & Atlanta Ry.—Receivers' Certificate.

The I.-S. C. Commission on Feb. 4 approved the issuance of \$150,000 8% receivers' certificates to retire a certificate of like amount which matured on Dec. 29 1925. Charles E. Gay Jr. and Thomas B. Felder are receivers.—V. 121, p. 1786.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.—Opens up a New and Important

Through Rail Route Extending Along the West Coast of Florida Across Georgia to Alabama Gateways—637 Miles to Be Added to System—\$10,000,000 Additional Annual Gross Revenue Will Be Added to Seaboard System.—A new and important through rail route, opening up new gateways to connections throughout the West and extending along the west coast of Florida and across the State of Georgia, will be established as part of the Seaboard System, it was announced Feb. 18.

With the new construction proposed, with cutoffs, leased lines and trackage rights, it is said that approximately 637 miles of important railroad will be added to the system, which, with subsidiaries and upon completion of lines now under construction on the east and west coasts of Florida—including the Miami and Fort Myers extensions—will total nearly 5,500 miles. It is stated that the new route will add approximately \$10,000,000 additional annual gross revenue to the Seaboard system.

This is announced in a letter from President S. Davies Warfield, addressed to all stockholders, in which the privilege is given to subscribe to the capital non-par stock of the Investment & Securities Co. of Florida, which was organized to acquire large acreages of property through which the new line will run. After rights of way, station and terminal sites are either donated or supplied the railroad at cost, the balance will be developed in the interest of the Seaboard System.

Through West Coast Route.

Mr. Warfield states: "The new construction, leased lines, cutoffs and trackage rights will give the Seaboard System its third line of railroad to Tampa, St. Petersburg, intermediate and other Florida points and a new short main line to and from these points, opening up new gateways via the west coast, Perry (Fla.), Albany (Ga.), Montgomery (Ala.), and Birmingham (Ala.), to the West; and a short line to Atlanta (Ga.), Macon (Ga.), and intermediate points, also a short line from Atlanta via Macon to Jacksonville, Fla., shortening the Seaboard's present haul via Savannah; and the shortest line from Atlanta via Macon to Savannah, Ga. This opens up a new and important short line route from the West via the Western gateways of Birmingham and Montgomery, Ala., also from Atlanta, Ga., via the proposed Inglis-Dunnellon-Wildwood cutoff, to West Palm Beach, Palm Beach, Miami, Homestead, Florida City and other important points on the east coast and in the ridge country of Florida."

"Thus will be realized the Seaboard's long contemplated plan for a connection between its Atlanta-Birmingham line and its Savannah-Montgomery line and its Florida lines; the new line will also materially relieve the Jacksonville-Tampa main line to the East and West. The new construction, together with the cutoffs, leased lines and trackage rights, in conjunction with other Seaboard lines, will insure the prompt handling of Florida's growing traffic by the Seaboard System to all points."

The necessary for opening up new traffic gateways to the Seaboard System and to provide for the continuing development of Florida and other territory, it is stated, was foreseen by President Warfield during 1924, and on March 31 1925 the Seaboard was the first railroad to recognize these far-reaching necessities in a tentative application filed with the I. S. C. Commission outlining substantially the present route; formal application is now to be made to the Commission.

86,000 Acres to Be Developed.

Mr. Warfield's letter states that the investment company has acquired approximately 86,000 acres of land situated in eight counties of Florida and susceptible of a high degree of cultivation, has a large coastal frontage and includes sites for hotels, towns and industries, and a large acreage in the towns of Naples and Fort Ogden, to which points the Seaboard is now extending its lines.

It is also stated that the price at which these lands were acquired justify a substantial profit, but it is to be understood that profits will be subordinated to the primary object of securing rights of way, station and terminal sites and profitable business from the character of development of the property.

A Compact Railroad System.

It being evident that the Seaboard is rapidly effecting a consolidated system within a compact and extensive territory in the southeastern section of the country and differing from the consolidation plans that have been suggested in other directions, an interesting feature of Mr. Warfield's letter is the vigorous position he takes against and points out the dangers to arise from proposed very large continuous mileage consolidated systems. Mr. Warfield says:

"The President of the Seaboard wishes to add that the plans set forth herein if carried out would knit the Seaboard lines of railroad into a compact transportation system within a territory of a character and of such size as will preserve the personal contact between railroad officials and the shippers and users of transportation which is essential to secure efficient service and the comprehensive development of territory traversed and not attainable in the greater territories contemplated by the larger continuous mileage systems advocated in some directions."

"The Seaboard Air Line Ry. prefers to establish its western frontier not far distant from the Birmingham and Montgomery (Ala.) gateways to the West. At these gateways the Seaboard System possesses admirable competitive advantages through connection with four competing systems of railroad leading into and through the West, which would not be obtainable in the larger continuous mileage systems, nor could the personal contact referred to between officials and shippers be preserved, which would be prohibited by distance."

"The impression often sought to be created that a very great aggregation of continuous railroad mileage in one system extending across the continent is economically sound is a mistake. It has been further suggested respecting such consolidations that the territories they occupy should be laid out so as to yield comparatively like returns to the respective competitive consolidated systems operating there, apart from this being destructive of effective competitive service it would retard development. Any plan which has for its objective the laying out of railroad territories which shall yield a like return to the respective so-called competitive consolidated systems operating therein must in itself be destructive of competitive service and is uneconomical in its conception—it is a contradiction on its face."

"The Seaboard Air Line Ry. should develop its territory—an empire within itself—making extensions as the public interest may demand within the limits of a reasonable mileage and such as will permit the personal relations and contact between its officials and its people essential to study and know their wants. The Seaboard wishes to be left free to exchange its traffic not as part of or with one railroad system but with many at competitive points, and not be made a party to unwieldy and ill-advised consolidations with more attention paid to the profits in their making than to meet the demands of traffic by preserving its natural flow. This is exemplified in what the Seaboard has accomplished for Florida and other territory."

Offer to Seaboard Shareholders.

The Investment & Securities Co. of Florida has an authorized capital of 500,000 shares of stock without par value; 304,753 shares of this stock are offered Seaboard stockholders at \$25 per share on the basis of one-half share of Investment Co. stock for each share of preferred or common stock of the Seaboard Air Line Ry. owned and standing in the name of shareholders of record at the close of business on Feb. 24 1926, subscriptions to be accompanied by check for \$10 per share, the right of subscription closing March 11. Further payments run from one to ten years.

A Recognition of Loyalty.

An important feature in the letter is where Mr. Warfield states, under the heading "A Recognition of Loyalty," that "20,000 shares of stock will be offered those officials and others of the Seaboard Air Line Ry. below the rank of President (who is a stockholder) who have refrained from opportunities offered for individual investment in Florida lands because of the unwritten purpose of those having intimate relations with land purchases and with the railroad not to do anything which might interfere with the railroad securing the requisite property for its purposes at the lowest obtainable cost." President Warfield had stated in testimony before the I. S. C. Commission on Oct. 6 1925 that while large opportunities had been offered for his individual participation in the purchase of Florida lands, he had refrained as a duty to act for the Seaboard alone in such matters.

The total cost of the land is given at \$7,500,000, exclusive of working capital and unadjusted taxes.

Extension of Raleigh & August Air Line RR. Bonds.

The I. S. C. Commission on Feb. 4 approved the extension of \$1,000,000 Raleigh & Augusta Air Line RR. 6% 1st mtge. bonds to Jan. 1 1931, with interest at 5%.

The bonds which became due Jan. 1 1926 are to be extended to Jan. 1 1931 with interest at the rate of 5% per annum, payable semi-annually on Jan. 1 and July 1. Company has entered into an agreement with Baker, Watts & Co., Baltimore, under which the bankers have agreed to purchase at par all bonds presented for payment by persons not assenting to the proposed extension, and to extend the bonds so purchased in accordance with the terms of the company's offer. This agreement further provides that for their services and undertaking thereunder the company will pay to the bankers a commission amounting to 2% of the principal of the bonds purchased by them and will reimburse them for certain expense to be incurred in connection with the extension of the bonds. The present security for the bonds is to remain unimpaired. Company proposes to enter into an agreement under date of Jan. 1 1926 with the trustees, under the terms of which the extended bonds will be subject to redemption upon 30 days' notice at a premium of 1% at any time to and including Jan. 1 1927, and at any time thereafter at a premium of 1/4 of 1% for each full year to elapse between the date designated for redemption and Jan. 1 1931.—V. 121, p. 880, 745.

Sewell Valley RR.—Final Valuation.

The I. S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$423,365 on the company's property, as of June 30 1916.—V. 121, p. 327.

Southern Railway.—Bonds.

The I. S. C. Commission on Feb. 4 authorized the company to issue \$1,774,000 1st consol. mtge. 5% gold bonds, to be sold at not less than par and int., and the proceeds used in retirement of Virginia Midland Ry. serial 5% bonds due Mar. 1 1926.—V. 122, p. 880, 746.

Stewartstown RR. (Pa.).—Final Valuation.

The I. S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$156,040 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1916.—V. 121, p. 975.

Union RR. (Pa.).—Tentative Valuation.

The I. S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$14,905,000 on the total owned and \$22,980,263 on the total used property of the company as of June 30 1917. This road is a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corp.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Alabama Power Co.—Bonds Offered.—Harris, Forbes & Co. and Coffin & Burr, Inc., are offering at 98 and int., to yield over 5.14%, \$5,000,000 1st mtge. lien & ref. gold bonds, 5% series, dated Dec. 1 1922; due June 1 1951.

Issuance.—Subject to approval by the Alabama P. S. Commission.

Data from Letter of Pres. Thos. W. Martin, Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 16.

Company.—Principal operating subsidiary of Southeastern Power & Light Co. Serves directly or at wholesale practically all the urban population and industrial power requirements in a territory comprising the northern two-thirds of the State of Alabama, including the important Birmingham industrial district.

The present installed generating capacity of the company's plants aggregates 328,600 h. p., of which almost two-thirds is hydro-electric. The property includes two of the largest hydro-electric developments and one of the largest steam generating stations in the South. A third large hydro-electric plant is now under construction at Cherokee Bluffs and should be in service with an initial installed capacity of 135,000 h. p. in the fall of 1926.

Company now has in direct service a total of 50,650 customers' meters, and current is being supplied directly and indirectly to approximately 100,000 customers. The present connected load of the system is approximately 638,749 h. p., and for the year ended Jan. 31 1926 the electrical output of the system was over 1,121,000,000 k. w. h.

Security.—In addition to being secured by a general mortgage on the entire property, bonds are secured by the pledge of \$33,302,000 1st mtge. 5s and \$1,276,000 (closed) underlying divisional bonds (including those to be deposited in connection with the authentication of bonds now offered). No additional 1st mtge. bonds, of which \$10,221,000 are now outstanding with the public, can be issued except for pledge as further security for the 1st mtge. lien & ref. bonds.

Earnings—12 Months Ended Jan. 31 1926.

[Including earnings of recently acquired properties in Sheffield, Florence and Tusculumbia.]

Gross earnings, including other income \$11,961,320
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes 6,494,903

Net earnings \$5,466,417
Annual interest on funded debt with public (incl. this offering) 2,697,260

Balance \$2,769,157

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding.
Common stock (no par value) 600,000 shs. 391,020 shs.

Pref. stock (no par, divs. \$7 per share, cumulative) 300,000 shs. a165,366 shs.

Income deb. certificates, due 2020 \$13,000,000 b\$12,170,000

1st mtge. lien & ref. bonds—
5% series, due 1951 (incl. this issue) c 17,700,000

6% series, due 1951 d 21,000,000

1st mtge. 5s, due 1946 d c10,221,000

Underlying divisional bonds (closed) c\$24,200

a Including 4,253 shares of no par value sold on time payments maturing during the next few months. b These debentures are a non-foreclosable security having a contingent interest in the balance available after the payment of preferred stock dividends. c Unlimited except by the conservative restrictions of the indenture as outlined herein. d \$33,302,000 additional 1st mtge. bonds and \$1,276,000 additional underlying divisional bonds (incl. these to be pledged in connection with the authentication of bonds now offered) are pledged under the indenture securing the 1st mtge. lien & ref. bonds and no additional 1st mtge. 5% bonds may be issued except for pledge thereunder.—V. 121, p. 1787.

American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.

President H. Hobart Porter in a letter to the stockholders, says: "The annual report of the company and its subsidiaries for 1925 will show: A greater amount of electric current generated and sold in 1925 than in any previous year, and an increase of more than 18,000 electric consumers; an increase, not only in the use of electricity, but in the uses to which it is put; last year 17,500 new customers were attached to the mains of our water works companies, equivalent to an additional community of 100,000 people; new water works plants, having 22,000 customers, were acquired and included in the group of 31 water works companies under "American" ownership and management.

"This growth is naturally reflected in increased earnings, which substantially exceeded those of the previous year."

E. S. Thompson, formerly Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary, has been elected Treasurer succeeding Philip L. Ross who has been elected a Vice-President.

Jesse H. Purdy, senior Vice-President, died at Pittsburgh, Pa., on Feb. 16.—V. 122, p. 607, 478.

Asheville Power & Light Co.—Bonds Called.

All of the outstanding 1st mtge. 30-year 5% gold bonds, dated April 1 1912, have been called for payment April 1 at 105 and int. at the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., 55 Cedar St., N. Y. City.—V. 120, p. 207.

Attleboro Steam & Electric Co.—To Issue Stock.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities has authorized the company to issue 3,328 shares (par \$25) at \$45 a share, to provide for the payment of indebtedness incurred for capital additions to the company's property.—V. 118, p. 3082.

Calumet Gas & Electric Co.—Name Changed.

Effective Jan. 28 1926 the corporate name of the company was changed to Northern Indiana Public Service Co.—See V. 122, p. 607.

Cambridge (Mass.) Gas Light Co.—Stock Offered.

The company is offering to its employees and customers, 3,000 shares of capital stock (par \$25) at \$55 per share. Total holdings of any customer after subscription to the new issue shall not be more than 5 shares. Employees may subscribe to 10 shares of such portion of 10 shares as added to their total holdings, will aggregate not more than 20 shares. Shares may be paid for at the time of purchase, or may be bought on the instalment plan.—V. 122, p. 746.

Canadian Western Natural Gas Lt., Ht. & Power Co.

Period—	15 Mos. End.		—Year End. Sept. 30—	
	Dec. 31 '25.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Sales of gas	\$1,590,923	\$918,597	\$875,443	\$891,566
Interest	13,907	8,973	10,958	13,452
Profit on exchange, &c.	11,986	24,165	13,938	25,522
Total income	\$1,616,816	\$951,735	\$900,339	\$930,540
Gas purchased	119,216	192,753	123,954	74,043
Exp. of maint. & business	463,327	319,508	399,869	365,431
Appl. of incr. gas rate exp	—	8,387	13,092	12,566
Bad debts written off	1,028	545	802	1,212
Int. on cons. gas depos.	7,782	5,066	5,744	—
Prof. of deb. interest	112,653	105,483	119,494	136,311
Int. on advances	17,164	4,125	—	—
Deprec. & depletion	389,080	302,277	545,969	524,581
Prov. for dom. inc. tax	20,136	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	2,252	1,212	6,882	—
Balance	—	—	—	—
	prof. \$484,174	prof. \$12,377	def. \$315,467	def. \$183,602

—V. 122, p. 212.

Capital Traction Co. of Washington.—New President.

John H. Hanna, Vice-President in charge of operations, has been elected President, succeeding George E. Hamilton, effective March 11.—V. 121, p. 328.

Central Power & Light Co.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding 1st mtge. & prior lien 6% 30-year gold bonds, dated Oct. 1 1916, have been called for payment April 1 at 105 and int. at the Equitable Trust Co., N. Y. City.—V. 121, p. 1907.

Chicago Aurora & Elgin RR.—Consolidation.—

The stockholders have approved the consolidation of the Chicago Westchester & Western RR. with the above company. See also V. 122, p. 607.

Cities Service Co.—Dividends.—

Regular monthly dividends of 1/2 of 1% in Common stock and 1/2 of 1% in cash have been declared on the Common stock, together with the usual monthly cash dividends of 1/2 of 1% on the preferred and preference B stocks, all payable April 1 to holders of record March 15. Like amounts are payable March 1.

More than 311,000,000 gallons of gasoline were marketed in 1925 by the subsidiaries of Cities Service Co., according to Henry L. Doherty & Co. Over 360,000,000 gallons of other products were distributed. The gross business done by the marketing and refining companies of the organization reached a total of more than \$100,000,000 for the year. The sale of furnace oil and distillates for house heating showed an increase of 30% over the preceding year.—V. 122, p. 881, 747.

Commonwealth Edison Co., Chicago.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Operating revenues	\$58,691,584	\$53,672,442	\$49,136,042	\$43,107,956
Operating expenses	31,329,442	28,996,333	27,670,691	25,131,735
Uncollectible oper. rev.	305,000	339,047	177,722	165,147
Retirement expense	4,932,967	4,327,878	3,912,725	3,287,212
Taxes	4,500,000	4,375,861	4,230,000	3,400,000
Municipal compensation	1,756,268	1,606,280	1,469,585	1,283,883
Operating income	\$15,867,905	\$14,026,094	\$11,675,313	\$9,839,978
Other income	937,239	728,221	557,270	687,565
Total	\$16,805,144	\$14,754,315	\$12,232,583	\$10,527,543
Interest on bonds	4,544,280	4,089,363	3,052,613	3,048,222
Dividends (8%)	7,202,942	6,230,288	5,389,002	4,602,416
Other deductions	1,494,078	1,557,033	1,627,853	1,202,947
Balance, surplus	\$3,563,844	\$2,877,631	\$2,163,115	\$1,673,959
Previous surplus	15,563,361	12,703,312	10,608,466	9,083,639
Total	\$19,127,205	\$15,580,943	\$12,771,581	\$10,757,597
Miscellaneous	26,380	deb17,582	deb68,268	deb28,345
Other reserves				120,787
Profit & loss, surplus	\$19,153,585	\$15,563,361	\$12,703,312	\$10,608,466

x After deducting adjustment of charges made to investment in affiliated companies prior to 1922. y Other reserves, insurance reserve and liability for provident funds.—V. 122, p. 609.

Connecticut Power Co.—Stock Increased—Rights.—

The stockholders on Feb. 15 increased the authorized common stock from \$3,000,000 to \$4,500,000, par \$100. The common stockholders will be given the right to subscribe for the additional stock at par on the basis of one new share for each two shares held. The Hartford Electric Light Co., by vote of the directors, having assigned its rights to its stockholders, they will be entitled to subscribe for stock in proportion of one share of Connecticut Power Co., common stock for every 24 shares of Hartford Electric Light Co. held. Rights are to be adjusted on or before May 15.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross revenue			\$2,269,840	\$2,031,688
Operating and maintenance expenses			1,192,845	1,183,544
Taxes			149,404	115,716
Retirement reserve			246,666	224,696
Interest and amortization charges			215,821	212,937
Net income			\$465,103	\$294,795
Net direct credits to profit and loss			Cr11,337	Cr11,136
Preferred dividends			88,299	76,942
Common dividends			255,000	203,458
Balance, surplus			\$133,141	\$25,531

Cumberland County Power & Lt. Co.—Annual Report.

Results for Calendar Years. (Including operations of Cumberland County Power & Light Co. and Portland RR. Co. (leased).)

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross income	\$3,892,442	\$3,857,706	\$3,771,968	\$3,467,564
Operating expenses	1,672,960	1,777,049	1,899,369	1,711,288
Taxes accrued	343,073	353,536	309,157	295,077
Depreciation	356,200	328,200	265,200	229,200
Other deductions	758,056	746,589	747,341	719,472
Preferred dividends	241,416	199,419	159,549	159,646
Common dividends	257,500	139,744	107,872	
Balance, surplus	\$263,237	\$333,169	\$283,480	\$352,881

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 (Cumberland County Power & Light Co.)

	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—				
Plant account	\$15,462,106	\$15,002,157		
Securities	591,778	591,778		
Supplies	340,986	340,986		
Cash & curr. assets	1,052,977	402,349		
Dep. acct. mat. bds.		500,000		
Unam. disc. on sec.	443,526	478,534		
Prep'd & def. chgs	21,244	30,783		
Special funds	37,820			
Total (each side)	\$17,909,452	\$17,346,589		
Liabilities—				
Preferred stock			\$4,024,000	\$4,024,000
Common stock			\$3,680,310	\$2,915,578
Funded debt			8,253,000	8,804,500
Accrs. pay. and ac.			510,748	\$627,961
Portland RR. Co.			484,270	436,926
construction, &c			621,970	502,355
Deprec. reserves			35,154	35,269
Unadjusted credits				
Profit & loss, surp.			see y	see y

Represented by 35,000 shares of no par value. x Incl. notes payable.—V. 121, p. 329.

Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph Co., Inc.—Acquis.

The I.-S. C. Commission on Feb. 1 approved the acquisition by the company of the properties of the Rogersville Telephone & Telegraph Co. By a contract made Aug. 25 1925 the Cumberland agrees to purchase all of the properties of the Rogersville for \$5,000 cash. The appraisal engineer of the Cumberland estimates the reproduction cost new of the properties, less depreciation, to be \$14,916. The estimated value of property to be retired is \$6,915, and the unification of the properties is expected to cost \$4,155. In 1924 total receipts and expenses of the Rogersville were \$3,165 and \$3,103, respectively.

The Commission on Jan. 30 also approved the acquisition by the company of certain properties of the Tri-State Telephone Co.

By a contract made June 30 1925 the Cumberland agrees to purchase the exchanges of the State Company at Middleboro, Pineville and Harlan, with 105 pole miles of toll lines, for \$35,000, to be paid in cash. The engineers of the Cumberland company estimate the reproduction cost new of the properties to be acquired, less depreciation, to be \$24,805. The estimated present value of acquired property to be retained in service by the Cumberland company is \$23,873. It is testified that none of the properties to be acquired is in condition to give satisfactory service except, perhaps, the office equipment at Middleboro, which is comparatively new. Some of the toll lines have been out of commission for nearly 4 years. The Cumberland company, upon acquiring the properties, proposes to expend \$119,576 for replacements and additions, of which \$92,292 will be for new switchboards and instruments.—V. 121, p. 1788.

Des Moines Gas Co.—Bonds Offered.—Drexel & Co. Philadelphia,

are offering at 98 1/2 and int., yielding about 5.10%, \$2,200,000 1st mtge. gold bonds, 5% series, due 1956. Dated March 1 1926; due March 1 1956. Interest payable M. & S. at Bank of North America & Trust Co., Philadelphia, trustee, without deduction for Federal income tax not exceeding 2% per annum. Penna. taxes not exceeding \$4 per \$1,000 bond annually refundable. Red., all or part and for the sinking fund on any int. date on not less than 30 days' notice at a premium of 5% on or before March 1 1946; thereafter at successively reduced premiums. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500's.

Data from Letter of Pres. C. M. Benedict, Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 13

Company.—Incorporated in Iowa in 1906 as successor to the Capital City Gas Light Co. Supplies artificial gas without competition in Des Moines and Valley Junction, Iowa, serving a population estimated at approximately 150,000. Company owns and operates a gas plant with a daily capacity of 4,000,000 cu. ft. It also owns gas storage holders of 3,900,000 cu. ft. capacity. Gas is supplied to over 30,800 customers through company's 299 miles of mains. Principal franchise is perpetual and contains no burdensome restrictions.

Purpose.—Proceeds will provide funds to pay at maturity the company's present funded debt aggregating \$1,500,000, to reimburse the company for additions and betterments to its property and for other corporate purposes.

Security & Valuation.—Secured by first mortgage on the entire property (except shares of stock, bonds and other securities unless specifically pledged) now owned and, subject to existing prior liens (if any), on property hereafter acquired for which additional bonds may be issued under the conservative restrictions to be contained in the mortgage. The value of the company's property as of Dec. 31 1925 has been conservatively placed at \$8,800,000.

Capitalization Outstanding upon Completion of Present Financing.

Common stock (par \$50)	\$2,250,000
Preferred stock, 8% cumulative	500,000
Preferred stock, 7% cumulative	250,000
1st mtge. gold bonds, 5% series, due 1956 (this issue)	2,200,000

Earnings—Years Ended Dec. 31.

	1923.	1924.	1925.
Gross earnings	\$1,129,285	\$1,215,429	\$1,197,445
Oper. exp., maint. & taxes (except Federal taxes)	833,913	899,607	886,156
Net earnings (before depreciation)	\$295,372	\$315,822	\$311,289
Annual interest on funded debt outstanding upon completion of present financing			110,000

Balance

\$201,289

Sinking Fund.—The mortgage will provide for the payment by the company as a sinking fund semi-annually on June 1 and Dec. 1 in each year, commencing Dec. 1 1926, of a sum equal to 1/2 of 1% of the total amount of bonds of this series outstanding at the time such payment is made, the moneys to be applied by the trustee to the purchase of bonds of this series at or below the redemption price existing at the next ensuing interest date, or, if not so purchasable, to their call by lot at such redemption price on such interest date. All bonds so purchased or redeemed are to be cancelled.

Management and Control.—More than 90% of the outstanding common stock is owned by the United Gas Improvement Co.—V. 117, p. 1668.

General Public Service Corp.—Organization Completed.

The organization of this corporation was completed Feb. 16 by the election of a permanent board of directors, which includes representatives of Stone & Webster, Inc., Estabrook & Co., Blodget & Co., and Tucker, Anthony & Co. The General Public Service Corp. was formed primarily to invest in stocks of public utilities, and as a result of an exchange of securities, it owns practically the entire common stock and a large majority of the preferred of the Public Service Investment Co., which owns stocks of public utilities to a total present market value of about \$8,500,000. In addition, subscriptions to common stock of the new corporation make available \$2,500,000 of new money for investment.

The officers of the new corporation are: C. W. Kellogg, Pres.; Henry R. Hayes, V.-Pres.; Howard F. Neill, Treas.; F. T. Pratt, Sec.

The directors are: C. W. Kellogg, F. H. Cabot Jr., Henry R. Hayes, G. O. Muhlfeld and Frederick B. Boyce, all of Stone & Webster, Inc.; C. R. Ford and J. C. Maxwell, both of Tucker, Anthony & Co.; Chas. E. Ober and Bayard F. Pope, both of Blodget & Co.; and Arthur Sinclair and Philip L. Spalding, both of Estabrook & Co.

The company has just opened executive offices on the 14th floor of the Equitable Building, New York City.—V. 122, p. 882, 479.

Great Western Power Co.—To Issue Preferred Stock.

The company has applied to the California RR. Commission for authority to issue 20,000 shares of 6% preferred stock, par \$100, at not less than 91 and interest.—V. 121, p. 2156.

Hughes Electric Co.—Bonds Offered.—Merchants Trust

Co., St. Paul, are offering at 99 and int., to yield about 5.60% \$425,000 1st mtge. 5 1/2 sinking fund gold bonds, series A.

Dated Jan. 1 1926; due Jan. 1 1946. Interest payable J. & J. at Merchants Trust Co., St. Paul, Minn., trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. all or part, on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 103 and int.

Company.—Incorp. in Delaware in Sept., 1925, succeeding to business and properties operated by a predecessor company incorp. in Minn. in 1905. Company supplies without competition electric light and power and steam heat in the cities of Bismarck and Mandan, N. Dak. It also serves a number of smaller towns among which are Beulah, Hazen, Zap, Golden Valley, Dodge and Halliday, to which will be added early in 1926 the towns of Killdeer, Dunn Center and Werner.

Security.—First mortgage lien on entire property which includes 3 modern and efficient electric generating stations with a combined rated capacity of 4,242 kilowatts, together with 47 miles of high tension transmission lines with a further extension of 21 miles of lines now under construction and the distributing systems in all of the towns.

Earnings.—12 months ended Dec. 31 1925.

Gross earnings	\$323,868
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	186,435
Net available for bond interest & depreciation	\$137,434
Annual interest charges on series A bonds	23,375

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse company for expenditures in connection with the acquisition of the Mandan properties, the construction of the Beulah Station and for the extension of the transmission lines.

Illinois Southeastern Telephone Co.—Bonds Offered.

Chicago Trust Co. recently offered at 100 and int. \$500,000 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds.

Dated Jan. 1 1926; due Jan. 1 1946. Interest payable J. & J. in Chicago or New York without deduction for normal Federal income tax, not to exceed 2%. Callable on any int. date upon 60 days' notice at 103 and int. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Chicago Trust Co., trustee.

Issuance.—Approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Company.—Owns and operates the telephone properties formerly owned and operated by the Coles County Telephone & Telegraph Co. and the Queen City & Shelby County Mutual Telephone Co. The territory served lies in the south central part of the State of Illinois, just east and south of Springfield, and covers practically the entire counties of Coles and Shelby and a portion of Douglas County. Population of the territory served approximately 75,000. Company has 8,745 connected telephones and handles an extensive toll business. Through a joint operating agreement, long distance service is handled in connection with the lines of the Illinois Bell Telephone Co. and the American Telephone & Telegraph Co.

Security.—The property comprising the company has been appraised as of Sept. 30 1925 as having a net depreciated value of \$1,235,870.

Earnings of Combined Properties.

Calendar Years—	1923.	1924.	1925.
Gross earnings	\$216,448	\$231,210	\$237,939
Operating exps. & taxes	124,586	127,040	126,782
Net income	\$91,862	\$104,170	\$111,156
Annual interest on \$500,000 1st mtge. 6s			30,000

Balance \$81,156

Purpose.—These bonds are issued in connection with the consolidation of the two properties, to be used to furnish a portion of the cost of acquisition and to retire an outstanding bond issue.

Sinking Fund.—Company covenants and agrees to pay annually to the trustee as a sinking fund, either 1% of the highest aggregate amount of bonds outstanding, or 5% of the net earnings of the company for the last preceding calendar year, whichever is the greater. These funds shall either

be used to purchase and retire bonds of this issue, at or below the call price, or to reimburse the company for additions and extensions, against which no bonds may be issued.

Indianapolis Newcastle & Eastern Traction Co.—Receivership Asked.

Suit asking that the company be placed under control of a receiver, and that Arthur W. Brady, President and receiver of the Union Traction Co., be made receiver, was filed in the Delaware (Ind.) Circuit Court Feb. 6 on petition of the Fidelity Trust Co., trustee for the \$1,500,000 6% bonds due June 1 1932. The suit then was taken to the Madison Circuit Court at Anderson, Ind., on a change of venue, where other receivership suits involving the Union Traction Co. and its subsidiaries are awaiting action.—V. 114, p. 2580.

International Utilities Corp.—Earnings—Tenders.

Earnings of Subsidiary Companies 11 Months Ended Nov. 30.		
	1925.	1924.
Gross revenue	\$5,217,550	\$4,771,478
Operating expense &c., charges	3,048,830	3,096,246
Interest charges	924,011	842,244

Balance for property retirement reserves, sinking funds, Federal taxes and dividends. \$1,244,709 \$832,987
This is not an earnings statement of the International Utilities Corp., but is a combined statement of the following companies: Kentucky Securities Corporation; Canadian Utilities, Ltd.; Canadian Western Natural Gas, Light, Heat & Power Co., Ltd.; Buffalo & Erie Ry.; Coffeyville Gas & Fuel Co. and Southwestern Utilities Corp.—V. 122, p. 213.
The corporation, 120 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Feb. 24 receive bids for the sale to it of preferred stock to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$25,521, at prices not exceeding 115 and int.—V. 122, p. 213.

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.

Bankers Making Offering.—E. H. Rollins & Sons, National City Co. of California, American 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.
Dated Oct. 1 1925; due July 1 1938. Interest payable J. & J. without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000*. Red. all or part on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 102 and int. if red. on or before Jan. 1 1931; thereafter at 100 and int. plus a premium of ¼ of 1% for each year or portion thereof of unexpired term. Interest payable at Oakland Bank, Oakland, Calif., and at National City Bank, New York. Principal payable at Oakland Bank, Oakland, Calif., trustee. Exempt from personal property tax in California.

Issuance.—Authorized by the California RR. Commission.
Company.—Provides transportation service for Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda and other cities on the eastern shores of San Francisco Bay. The population served is in excess of 450,000. In connection with its electric lines, it operates a frequent and rapid trans-bay ferry service between San Francisco and Oakland. For the 12 months ended Nov. 30 1925 the total number of passengers carried was in excess of 115,000,000.

Security.—Secured by a first mortgage on all property now owned or hereafter acquired, including all rolling stock and marine equipment. The present appraised reproduction value, depreciated, of this property is approximately \$31,000,000. The appraised depreciated value of the rolling stock and marine equipment alone is over \$6,345,000. These bonds are senior to gen. & ref. mtge. bonds.

Earnings.—Average net earnings for the past 3 years, before depreciation, have been \$2,021,216, or 3.37 times the annual interest on outstanding 1st mtge. bonds, including this issue, and 2.17 times annual interest on all outstanding funded debt. Average annual gross revenue is approximately \$7,300,000.

Capitalization upon Completion of Present Financing.

Common stock	\$3,262,500
7% cumulative preferred stock	732,100
7% cumulative prior preference stock	5,909,200
Key System Securities Co. 6% coll. trust notes due 1933 (guaranteed as to int. only by the Key System Transit Co.)	2,500,000
General & refunding mortgage bonds, due 1938	8,951,000
First mortgage bonds, due 1938	5,494,000

Sinking Fund.—The mortgage provides for an annual sinking fund equal to ½ of 1% of bonds of this issue outstanding.
Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the company's treasury for capital expenditures heretofore made, and will provide funds for additional improvements.—V. 122, p. 883.

Lake Superior District Power Co.—Acquisition.

The company has purchased the Hayward Electric Light & Power Co., effective Feb. 1. The latter company serves 345 customers and its gross revenue for the past year was \$18,340.—V. 120, p. 1458.

Laurentide Power Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—				
	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Revenue from power	\$1,496,522	\$1,478,087	\$1,411,180	\$1,333,642
Miscellaneous revenue	3,890	2,775	6,642	15,388
Total revenue	\$1,500,412	\$1,480,862	\$1,417,822	\$1,349,030
Expenses	248,249	242,585	247,537	199,367
Interest	467,854	475,350	474,857	474,400
Exchange on bond int.	69	3,994	8,393	4,457
Prop'n of bond conv.	7,860			
Balance	\$776,380	\$758,903	687,035	\$670,806
Adjustments			127,458	
Sinking fund	90,250	89,340	89,340	89,200
Income tax	65,000	65,000	64,000	
Dividends (5%)	525,000	525,000	525,000	525,000
Balance, surplus	\$96,130	\$79,563	def\$118,763	\$56,606
Previous balance	30,038	10,474	69,238	adj. 12,632
From contingent fund		Dr. 60,000	Cr. 60,000	
Trans. to deprec. res.	Dr. 100,000			
Profit & loss, balance	\$26,168	\$30,038	\$10,474	\$69,238

A settlement of income taxes, 1918-1922, \$107,198; settlement water rentals, 1918-1922, \$20,259; total, \$127,458.—V. 122, p. 748.

Lenawee County Gas & Electric Co.—Sale.

The sale of the company to a committee representing its bondholders at the receiver's sale for a consideration of \$300,000, has been confirmed in Detroit by George A. Marston, referee in the U. S. District Court in bankruptcy. Through an agreement between the bondholders' committee and the Henry L. Doherty Co., the property is to be sold to the Doherty organization after a new operating corporation has been formed.—V. 121, p. 2156.

Lone Star Gas Co.—Listing.

The Pittsburgh Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$2,825,000 additional capital stock, par \$25 (see V. 121, p. 2273).—V. 122, p. 611.

Louisville Hydro-Electric Co.—Power House.

The contract calling for the construction of a Government dam on the Ohio River at Louisville has been awarded to the Bylesby Engineering & Management Corp., who submitted a bid of \$2,056,187. It is announced that the dam, which will be more than 1½ miles long, will be constructed in connection with the 135,000 h. p. hydro-electric development at the falls of the Ohio River and will be a combination navigation and power dam. The engineering company also is building the power house on this project for the Louisville Hydro-Electric Co., a subsidiary of the Louisville Gas & Electric Co.—V. 121, p. 1348.

Mexico Tramways Co.—Interest Due Sept. 1 1919.

On and after March 1 coupon No. 26, dated Sept. 1 1919, detached from the consol. 1st mtge. 50-year 5% gold bonds, will be paid at the Bank of Montreal, Toronto, Montreal, or London, England, or at the agency of the Bank of Montreal, New York, N. Y., at the holder's option.—V. 121, p. 1222.

Mackay Companies.—Annual Report.

Period—	Years Ended Dec. 31			11 Mos. End.
	1925.	1924.	1923.	Dec. 31 '22.
Receipts	\$4,801,207	\$4,787,286	\$4,898,564	\$8,623,181
Oper. ex., Fed. tax., &c.	184,937	173,955	292,489	164,272
Prof. dividends (4%)	4,605,701	4,601,561	4,596,502	8,439,248
Common dividends				
Rate of Common divs.—	(7%)	(7)	(7%)	(16¼%)
Balance, surplus	\$10,569	\$11,770	\$9,573	\$19,661

Includes \$4,138,040 received from the accumulated reserves of subsidiary companies.—V. 121, p. 1569.

Minneapolis Gas Light Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—			
	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross income	\$3,582,650	\$3,667,840	\$3,640,076
Expenses and taxes	2,705,961	2,702,179	2,691,659
Depreciation	184,828	180,840	174,194
Interest charges, &c.	427,400	374,422	349,704
Sinking fund			9,000
Net income	\$264,460	\$410,399	\$424,519

—V. 122, p. 348.

New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Dividends Hereafter to be Paid Out of Current Earnings.

Following the meeting of the directors at which the quarterly dividend of 2% was declared, President M. B. Jones made the following statement: "Our earnings for January are unexpectedly poor but in the hope that they will improve during the remainder of the quarter, the directors have declared the usual dividend, although as we stated after the November meeting, the dividends for the year will have to follow current earnings and cannot be made up out of surplus, which has been very seriously depleted during the past two years and a half.
January telephone revenues, incl. int. from operations. \$5,036,060
Telephone expenses. 4,121,418
Total telephone earnings applicable to interest and dividends. 914,642
The net earnings for the month were at the rate of only 4.8% per year. There was an increase in expense due chiefly to increased taxes in 1926 over 1925 and there was an unexpected falling off in toll revenue. Including earnings from all sources, the company failed by about \$125,000 of earning the monthly proportion of its usual 8% dividend.—V. 122, p. 742, 94.

New Jersey Gas & Electric Co., Dover, N. J.—Control.

Control of this company, it is announced, has been acquired by the Pitkin utility interests, who contemplate the extension of the gas mains from Dover to Stanhope and Netcong, N. J. The extension of the mains, easterly to Bonton also is under consideration. The capacity of the Dover plant is now 30,000 cu. ft. daily.—V. 111, p. 1477.

New York & Long Island Traction Co.—Lines to Stop.

George LeBoutillier, V.-Pres. of the Long Island R.R., announced Feb. 9 that the notice of the foreclosure sale of the New York & Long Island Traction Co. and the Long Island Electric Ry. Co. meant that operation of cars on both lines would be discontinued.
Mr. LeBoutillier also announced that the Long Island had determined to discontinue service on the Ocean Electric Ry. between Far Rockaway and Hammels before spring, because the operation of trolley cars there slowed up regular train service, for which, he said, the company needed all its trackage.—V. 121, p. 1348.

New York Rapid Transit Corp.—To Increase Stock.

The corporation has applied to Transit Commission for permission to increase its capital stock and issue the increased number of shares in exchange for its outstanding refunding mortgage 5% sinking fund gold bonds at the rate of four shares of stock for each \$100 of bonds. Hearings were begun before the Commission on Feb. 18.
The outstanding common stock of the corporation would be increased from 189,000 to 284,000 shares under the plan. The Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp. owns all the no par common stock of the New York corporation. The bonds of the latter corporation had been deposited as assets for the B. M. T. 6% bond issue, the retirement of which provides for the release of the New York corporation bonds.—V. 121, p. 76.

New York State Railways.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—			
	1925.	1924.	1923.
Railway oper. rev.	\$10,027,907	\$10,358,199	\$10,800,518
Railway oper. exp. (incl. depreciation)	7,199,140	7,257,745	7,708,178
Net rev. ry. oper.	\$2,828,767	\$3,100,454	\$3,092,339
Net rev. auxil. oper.	1,247	665	2,484
Net oper. revenue	\$2,830,014	\$3,101,119	\$3,094,821
Taxes	695,146	711,305	797,122
Operating income	\$2,134,868	\$2,389,814	\$2,297,700
Non-operating income	132,942	125,072	76,869
Gross income	\$2,267,810	\$2,514,886	\$2,374,569
Deductions	1,507,672	1,478,479	1,451,177
Sinking fund	32,664	34,636	34,130
Preferred divs. (5%)	193,125	193,125	193,125
Common dividends			(2¼) 448,763 (1¼) 299,175
Surplus	\$534,350	\$808,646	\$247,374

—V. 121, p. 3132.

North American Co.—Acquires New Properties.

It was announced on Feb. 15 that the company had extended its holdings in Wisconsin and Michigan through the purchase of large majorities of the common stocks of the Iron Mountain (Mich.) Light & Power Co., and the Niagara (Wis.) Light & Power Co. No purchase price was announced but the physical valuation of the two acquired properties approximates \$500,000. The properties will be operated as a part of the large holdings of the North American Co. in Wisconsin and the upper Peninsula of Michigan, the 5,000 electric service customers on the two new systems, being served with power purchased from the Peninsular Power Co., another recent acquisition of the parent company.—V. 121, p. 3132.

Northern Indiana Gas & Electric Co.—Merger.

Merger of this company into the Northern Indiana Public Service Co., until recently called the Calumet Gas & Electric Co., is proposed in a petition filed with the Indiana P. S. Commission at Indianapolis on Feb. 10. Operating revenue of the two companies last year aggregated in excess of \$10,000,000. Their combined capitalization is \$4,928,000.
Upon completion of the merger, the combined properties will be operated under the name of the Northern Indiana Public Service Co. Both companies now operate in the same general territory in northern Indiana and the proposed merger will permit the development and financing of the properties to better advantage.
The number of communities served by the Northern Indiana Public Service Co., after the merger, will be 119. The number of customers supplied with gas by the two companies at the close of 1925 was 119,091, and 58,430 customers were supplied with electricity.
The common and class A preferred stock of the Northern Indiana Gas & Electric Co. will be converted into common and preferred stocks of the Northern Indiana Public Service Co., share for share.—V. 122, p. 95.

Northern Indiana Public Service Co.—Merger.

See Northern Indiana Gas & Electric Co. above.
Quarterly Dividend Periods Changed.
The stockholders of the Northern Indiana Public Service Co. have just received checks in payment of a dividend on their preferred stock for the month of Dec., 1925. The quarterly dividend periods have been changed to correspond with the quarters of the calendar year.
A notice sent to stockholders which accompanied their dividend checks stated: "Heretofore, the quarterly dividend periods of the company have not coincided with the quarters of the calendar year, the last quarterly dividend on the preferred stock having been applicable to the 3 months ended Nov. 30 1925. In order to bring the four dividend periods of the company into agreement with the calendar year, the directors have de-

clared a special dividend applicable only to the month of Dec. 1925, and payable to holders of record on Dec. 31 1925. Hereafter, the quarterly dividend periods will end with the months of March, June, September and December, to correspond with the quarters of the calendar year.—V. 122, p. 612.

Northern States Power Co.—Pref. Stock Increased.—The stockholders on Feb. 15 increased the authorized preferred stock from \$50,000,000 to \$150,000,000, par \$100, and approved the issuance of the \$100,000,000 of new preferred stock from time to time in series, which will be entitled to cumulative dividends at a rate not exceeding 7% per annum. See also V. 122, p. 482.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—Rights—Earnings.—The common stockholders of record Feb. 23 will be given the right to subscribe on or before March 31 for additional common stock at par (\$100 per share), on the basis of one new share of stock for each 10 shares held. The rights of common stockholders residing outside of the United States, Canada and Mexico will expire on May 1 next. The total amount of new stock will be somewhat less than \$5,000,000.

Payments for the new stock may be made in full at time of subscription or in two equal installments of \$50 each, the first payable by March 31 and the second by May 1. Subscribers paying in full, with accrued dividends, before March 31 will receive full paid stock certificates dated April 1 and those completing payment after March 31 will receive full paid certificates dated July 1. Interest at the rate of 6% per annum will be paid on installments until the full payment has been made, and thereafter at the rate of 8% until issuance of certificates. No fractional stock will be issued.

Subscriptions are payable and warrants are transferable either at the company's office in San Francisco or at the Bankers Trust Co., New York. President Creed recently stated that it is the company's plan to finance its future capital requirements in the approximate ratios of 50% from bonds, 25% from preferred stock and 25% from offerings of common stock at par to the common stockholders. It will, therefore, be the company's policy to follow this offering of common stock with similar offerings at intervals as required by the expansion of its business. It may be anticipated that additional offerings will occur about once a year.

Following is a preliminary statement of the company's income account for the calendar year 1925, compared with the preceding years:

	x1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross revenue, including miscellaneous income	\$48,066,897	\$44,934,683	\$39,971,743	\$39,204,605
Maint., oper. exp., rentals, taxes (incl. Fed. taxes) and res. for casualties & uncoll. accts.	28,898,712	28,203,096	23,493,410	23,416,876

Net income	\$19,168,185	\$16,731,587	\$16,478,332	\$15,787,729
Net interest charges	7,078,183	6,261,528	6,497,281	5,598,371
Bond discount & exp.	430,654	384,293		
Reserve for depreciation	3,807,990	3,057,417	3,224,757	3,602,199
Pref. dividends (6%)	3,266,606	3,252,118	3,103,847	2,574,157
Common dividends	3,624,337	3,040,122	2,310,498	1,820,431

Balance, surplus, \$960,413 \$736,109 \$1,341,949 \$2,192,572
x Preliminary figures.—V. 122, p. 612, 214.

Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Annual Report.—(Includes Southern California Telephone Co., Home Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Spokane and Bell Telephone Co. of Nevada.)

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Operating revenues	\$67,681,759	\$57,860,649	\$51,755,565	\$46,577,858
Operating expenses	47,446,094	43,204,551	40,184,831	35,827,109

Net revenue	\$20,235,666	\$14,656,098	\$11,570,734	\$10,750,750
Deduct—Uncoll. op. rev.	466,500	451,000	209,000	205,900
Taxes assign. to oper.	5,266,246	4,144,190	3,573,367	3,121,912

Operating income	\$14,502,919	\$10,060,907	\$7,788,367	\$7,422,938
Non-operating income	955,654	940,120	1,094,918	1,036,591

Gross income	\$15,458,574	\$11,001,027	\$8,883,284	\$8,459,529
Less—Rent & misc. chgs.	653,348	606,900	549,217	490,892
Bond interest	3,576,406	3,625,414	3,672,501	3,259,892
Other interest	2,426,469	2,267,846	1,121,991	908,502
Pref. dividends (6%)	4,920,000	4,357,500	3,420,000	2,670,000
Common divs (6%)	2,580,000			
Other appropriations	500,000			

Balance, surplus, \$802,350 \$143,367 \$119,574 \$1,130,152
—V. 122, p. 482.

Penn-Ohio Securities Corp.—To Increase Stock and Create New Issue of Preferred—Present Stock to Get Four Shares Common for Each Share Held—Offer to Preferred Stockholders of Republic Ry. & Light Co.—Rights to Stockholders—To Redeem Funded Debt.—The stockholders will vote Feb. 27 on:

- (1) Changing the present capitalization from 124,120 shares of capital stock of no par value to 51,914 shares of pref. stock (no par) bearing divs. at rate of \$6 per annum and 1,000,000 shares of common stock (no par).
- (2) Authorizing the change of each share of the present capital stock (no par) into 4 shares of common stock (no par).
- (3) Authorizing the officers to (a) offer to exchange 1 share of new pref. stock and \$34.50 in cash for 1 share of pref. stock of Republic Ry. & Light Co.; (b) offer to the holders of the common stock of the corporation for each share held by them after the split-up of 1 into 4 above mentioned, the right to subscribe to an additional 1/4 shares of the common stock at \$6.75 per share; (c) to call for redemption the bonds of this corporation.

President R. P. Stevens in a letter to the stockholders says in substance:

Corporation now owns over 72% of the entire outstanding common stock of the Republic Ry. & Light Co., the only asset it now holds.

The directors have deemed it desirable to acquire the outstanding preferred stock of Republic Ry. & Light Co. and thus enable the corporation to carry out constructive plans for the Republic system. It is proposed to acquire this preferred stock by making an offer to the holders of the Republic Ry. & Light Co. pref. stock to exchange for their stock 1 share of Penn-Ohio Securities Corp. pref. stock to be created and \$34.50 in cash. This cash is equal to the amount of the dividends accrued and unpaid up to Jan. 15 1926 on Republic Ry. & Light Co. pref. stock. In order to make this offer attractive and because it is deemed to be for the best interests of the Penn-Ohio Securities Corp., irrespective of this offer, it has been thought advisable, subject to the approval of stockholders, to redeem and retire outstanding bonds of the Penn-Ohio Securities Corp.

To provide the funds to be used in the redemption of these bonds and to make the necessary cash payments on the exchange of the Republic Ry. & Light Co. pref. stock, it is necessary for the Penn-Ohio Securities Corp. to raise approximately \$3,000,000. As a part of the plan for the raising of this money, it is proposed, first, to split the present common stock so that each holder of the old stock now held, and, second, to authorize the issue of an additional 450,000 shares and to offer these additional shares for subscription pro rata among the stockholders of record on such date which will entitle the holders of each share of the old stock on that date to subscribe to 5 shares of new stock at the rate of \$6.75 per share of new stock. Payment for this subscription must be made by March 30 1926 to the company, 120 Broadway, New York. Payment may be made either in cash or in whole or in part in bonds of the Penn-Ohio Securities Corp. at par and interest. The entire subscription has been underwritten by bankers without cost to the company, subject to the necessary stockholders' action and subject to the acceptance of the above offer to Republic pref. stockholders by 51% thereof.

Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.—Equip. Trusts Sold.—Dillon, Read & Co., New York, have sold at prices to yield about 4.75% to 5.35%, according to maturity, \$1,700,000 equip. trust series J 5% certificates. Issued under Philadelphia plan.

Dated Feb. 15 1926; maturing in equal annual installments Feb. 15 1927 to Feb. 15 1936 incl. Denom. \$1,000*. Dividends payable F. & A. without deduction for Federal normal income tax up to 2% per annum. Certificates and divs. payable at Fidelity Trust Co., trustee.

Data from Letter of W. C. Dunbar, President of Company.

Company.—Leases and operates substantially the entire street railway system of the City of Philadelphia and vicinity, operating about 700 miles of track, including approximately 39 miles of elevated and subway track. In addition, company owns entire capital stock of Philadelphia Rural Transit Co., which operates motor coaches over a system of routes which at the present time covers over 150 miles of city streets. The initial motor coach installation in Philadelphia was made in Sept. 1923, when the Roosevelt Boulevard line, connecting Frankford and the North Philadelphia section, was placed in operation. Philadelphia Rapid Transit motor bus system has during 1925 been extended through the installation of nine new routes.

Security.—These \$1,700,000 certificates are to be issued by the trustee in part payment for new equipment, consisting of: 50 standard double-truck vestibule street railway passenger cars; 75 double-deck motor coaches, and 60 single-deck motor coaches, to be constructed at a total cost of not less than \$2,283,750.

Earnings Years Ended Dec. 31.

	Operating Revenue.	a Income.	Interest and Equip. Rentals.
1925	\$50,603,586	\$4,155,455	\$1,399,370
1924	45,655,018	4,154,617	1,371,252
1923	44,930,491	4,161,637	1,161,637
1922	42,529,543	4,499,368	1,020,090

a After taxes and rentals of leased lines, available for interest and equipment trust rentals.

To Issue Income Statements Quarterly.—

P. R. T. income account statement, heretofore prepared and printed monthly for the information of stockholders, will hereafter be issued quarterly to coincide with the dividend period on P. R. T. common stock. The next income account statement will accordingly be issued during April for the first three months of 1926.—V. 122, p. 612, 482.

Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois.—Bonds Offered.—Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., are offering at 98 1/2 and int., yielding about 5.08%, \$7,500,000 1st lien & ref. mtge. 5% gold bonds, series C.

Dated Feb. 1 1926; due May 1 1966. Int. payable M. & N. in Chicago and New York, without deduction for normal Federal income tax net in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100, and \$5,000 or \$5,000. Red. on or before May 1 1936 at 105; after May 1 1936 and on or before May 1 1946 at 104; after May 1 1946 and on or before May 1 1951 at 103; after May 1 1951 and on or before May 1 1956 at 102; after May 1 1956 and on or before May 1 1961 at 101; after May 1 1961 and on or before May 1 1965 at 100 1/2; and after May 1 1965 to maturity at 100. Company agrees to reimburse holders of series C bonds for (a) Penna. 4-mill tax, (b) Conn. personal property tax not exceeding 4 mills per dollar per annum and (c) Mass. income tax on int. of bonds not exceeding 6% of such interest per annum.

Issuance.—Authorized by the Illinois Commerce Commission. **Listing.**—Application will be made to list these bonds on the Chicago Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of Chairman Samuel Insull, Chicago, Feb. 15.

Company.—Now serves 224 communities located in a compact area of Illinois, containing some 6,000 sq. miles and located in 16 counties, having a combined population, according to the 1920 census, of 1,070,849, excluding the City of Chicago. Electric service is rendered in 220 communities, gas in 65, water in 5 and heat in 4. Company's field of operation, embracing the wealthy suburban territory tributary to Chicago, and the surrounding widely diversified manufacturing districts, is an excellent market for light and power and industrial gas.

Capitalization Outstanding in Hands of Public (Including this Issue).

Preferred stock, 6%	100,000 shs.
Preferred stock, 7%	63,576 shs.
Common stock	263,926 shs.
1st lien & ref. mtge. gold bonds—	
Series A, 5 1/2%, due June 1 1962	\$2,250,000
Series B, 5 1/2%, due July 1 1964	5,000,000
Series C, 5%, due May 1 1966 (this issue)	7,500,000
1st & ref. mtge. 5% gold bonds, due 1956	18,926,000
Underlying div. bonds, various maturities, 1927 to 1956	8,363,300

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the company for expenditures made in connection with the enlargement of its Waukegan Generating Co. station at Waukegan, and for extensions and additions to the company's transmission system, generating station equipment and sub-station equipment, for the extension of the company's private right-of-way in connection with the development of its 132,000-volt steel-tower transmission system connecting its own stations and forming interconnection with the systems of other public utility companies and for the expansion of its general gas and electric service to provide for the rapid growth of its territory.

Security.—Secured (a) by a first mortgage collateral lien on the power plant of the Waukegan Generating Co., through pledge of substantially all of the latter's capital stock and all of its 1st mtge. gold bonds, from time to time outstanding, such bonds aggregating, upon completion of the present financing, \$4,461,000; (b) by pledge of \$30,289,000 1st & ref. mtge. gold bonds, and (c) by a direct mortgage lien on all of the company's physical property now or hereafter owned.

Results for Calendar Years.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Total operating revenue	\$20,646,821	\$18,003,904	\$16,014,342	\$13,712,095
Operating expenses	11,010,152	10,318,858	9,586,835	8,218,491
Depreciation	1,200,000	803,553	730,660	670,660
Taxes & uncollectible rev	1,610,404	1,446,271	1,116,174	931,831

Net operating income	\$6,826,264	\$5,435,222	\$4,580,673	\$3,891,113
Other income	800,620	1,005,229	726,367	513,021

Total income	\$7,626,884	\$6,440,451	\$5,307,040	\$4,404,134
Interest charges, &c.	3,480,334	3,234,489	2,872,640	2,568,663
Preferred dividends	1,004,412	671,191	595,272	589,133
Common dividends	1,710,289	1,452,336	1,075,276	799,965

Balance, surplus	\$1,431,849	\$1,082,434	\$763,197	\$446,373
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Chairman Samuel Insull, in the annual report, says in part: "On Dec. 3 1925, the company applied to the Illinois Commerce Commission for authority to purchase the entire capital stock, and ultimately, the physical property of the Chicago Suburban Power & Light Co., a company furnishing electric service in a territory of about 126 square miles, including the cities of West Chicago, St. Charles, Geneva, Batavia and the west portion of Elmhurst, the villages of Villa Park, Lombard, Winfield and Westmore, and the towns of Wayne and High Lake. A hearing has been had upon the application, and the company anticipates that it will be authorized to consummate this purchase, in which event, the properties of the Chicago Suburban Power & Light Co. will be merged into this company's system. The electric service in this new territory is capable of considerable expansion.

"During the year the company purchased the electric light and power properties in the villages of Peotone and Irwin and extended its lines to Essex, Forest View, Long Lake, Oak Forest, East Chicago Heights, Westchester, Russell and Berkeley. All these villages are now being supplied with electricity by the company. The company extended its gas service to the villages of Volo, Elmwood Park, Berkeley, Hillside, Westchester, Wheeling and Broadview.

"In the latter part of 1924 the Illinois Light & Traction Co. (of which this company owns all the capital stock), with the approval of the Illinois Commerce Commission, discontinued its street railway service in the city of Streator and vicinity. Only three cars were operated by this company and the establishment of a bus line in Streator made the service unnecessary. The Illinois Light & Traction Co. as a corporation is now in process of being dissolved.

"A somewhat similar situation existed with respect to the Bloomington, Pontiac & Joliet Electric Ry. which operated a small railway system in and between Pontiac, Odell and Dwight, and of which this company owns all the capital stock. The recent building of a state concrete highway, paralleling the railway, obviated the need, at least for the present, of the railway service. In Nov., 1925, the Illinois Commerce Commission, upon petition

of the railway company, entered an order authorizing it to suspend service until such time as economic and operating conditions shall warrant the Commission in ordering a resumption of service. Pursuant to the provisions of this order the railway service was suspended on Nov. 28, 1925.—V. 122, p. 613.

Railway & Light Securities Co.—Bonds Offered.—Estabrook & Co., Stone, Webster & Co., Inc., and Parkinson & Burr are offering at 95½ and int., yielding 5¾%, \$500,000 collateral trust sinking fund 5% bonds, seventh series.

Dated as of Nov. 2 1925; due Nov. 1 1945. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Principal payable at office of Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, trustee. Interest (from Feb. 1 1926) payable M. & N., without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%, in Boston, New York and Chicago. Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 103 up to and incl. May 1 1940, and thereafter at 103 less ½ of 1% for each 12 months or fraction thereof to and incl. May 1 1945, and in any case with accrued interest.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Collateral trust bonds (including this issue)	\$3,500,000	2,107,000
Preferred stock, 6% cumulative	2,000,000	1,500,000
Common stock, paying 6% divs. and extras	1,200,000	1,000,000

Company.—A Maine corporation organized in 1904 for the purpose of holding for income and (or) for sale the securities of power, illuminating, transportation and other public service enterprises. Unusual stability of earnings results from the wide diversification of the company's present holdings, which include stocks of 20 and bonds of 38 public utility companies. The business has been profitable, due both to the steady income from and to the market appreciation of these holdings.

Security.—Seventh series 5% bonds are secured by pledge of collateral of \$675,000 face value of bonds. Indenture provides that the face value of collateral, consisting of bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness, shall be at all times equivalent to at least 125% of the face value of bonds of the seventh series outstanding. Furthermore, company covenants to maintain a market value of collateral which may include stocks, of at least 120% of the face value of bonds of this series outstanding.

Sinking Fund.—Indenture provides that company, beginning in 1930, shall retire annually \$20,000 of the bonds at not more than the call price and int. Sinking fund will retire \$300,000 of bonds prior to maturity.

Income 12 Months Ended Dec. 31 1925.

Gross income	\$385,294
Expenses and taxes	32,304
Balance for interest charges	\$352,990
Required for interest charges (including this issue)	105,350

Management.—Stone & Webster, Inc.—V. 122, p. 349.

Republic Ry. & Light Co.—Offer to Holders of Preferred Stock—To Receive One Share of Preferred of Penn-Ohio Securities Corp. and \$34 50 Cash for Each Share of Preferred Held.—V. Pres. H. H. Clarke says:

There is now accrued and unpaid on the preferred stock dividends at the rate of 6% per annum from April 15 1920 to Jan. 15 1926 a total aggregate amount of \$1,791,033, or \$34 50 per share. The only assets of the company are the preferred and common stocks of Penn-Ohio Edison Co. Although the earnings of Penn-Ohio Edison Co. have been steadily improving, it is impossible at this time to obtain from the earnings or from the surplus of that company or of your company sufficient cash to pay any substantial part of these back dividends.

More than 72% of the outstanding common stock of the company is held by the Penn-Ohio Securities Corp. This corporation has made an offer to the holders of the preferred stock of Republic Ry. & Light Co. The offer gives an opportunity for each preferred stockholder to receive his back dividends in full in cash and to receive Penn-Ohio Securities Corp. preferred stock share for share for Republic Ry. & Light Co. preferred stock surrendered. The holder of preferred stock who makes the exchange, in addition to receiving cash in place of his back dividends, will maintain in substance his exact proportionate equity in the whole situation.

Holders desiring to make the above exchange should deposit their preferred stock certificates with Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., N. Y. City, on or before April 10. See also Penn-Ohio Securities Corp. above.—V. 121, p. 3005.

Southern California Edison Co.—Customer Ownership.—Cash receipts for stock sold by the company in the Los Angeles territory in 1925 reached \$23,697,780, while 17,239 new stockholders were added, according to the company.

R. H. Ballard, executive Vice-President, announced that since 1917 the number of stockholders has increased from 1,864 to a total of 85,269 at the close of 1925.—V. 122, p. 750.

Southern California Gas Co.—Bonds Sold.—Peirce, Fair & Co., Blyth, Witter & Co., Banks, Huntley & Co. and E. H. Rollins & Sons have sold at 100 and int. \$2,000,000 1st & ref. mtge. 5½% series B of 1952 gold bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1922; due Sept. 1 1952.

Data from Letter of A. B. Macbeth, ex-V. Pres., Los Angeles, Feb. 11.

Company.—Organized in 1910 in California. Business is the supplying of gas on a retail and wholesale basis for heat, fuel, light and industrial purposes. Operates in Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties, serving cities of Los Angeles, Glendale, Riverside, San Bernardino, Redlands, Redondo and 56 other cities and towns. Population of territory is about 1,700,000.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Issued.
First mortgage bonds (closed)	\$10,000,000	\$4,399,000
1st & ref. mtge. bonds (incl. this issue)	25,000,000	12,865,000
Preferred stock (6% cumulative)	4,000,000	2,826,800
Common stock	6,000,000	6,000,000

a In addition to \$4,399,000 1st mtge. bonds outstanding with the public, there are \$5,411,000 of such bonds pledged with the trustee under the 1st & ref. mtge. b In addition to the stock shown as outstanding, the company has subscriptions for \$593,275 preferred stock which is being paid for on partial payment plan.

Value of Property.—The total value of the physical property and current assets of the company upon completion of the expenditure of proceeds from bonds just sold, will be \$30,559,243, against which there will be outstanding at the end of this present financing a bonded indebtedness of \$17,264,000, or in other words, the property is worth over 77% in excess of the par amount of the bonds which will then be outstanding.

Earnings Years Ended Dec. 31.

	Gross Earnings.	Oper. & Taxes.	Exp. from Oper.	Net Earnings.	Total Net Earnings.	Bond Interest.
1916	\$974,788	\$633,082	\$341,705	\$418,927	\$194,700	
1918	2,090,875	1,540,013	550,861	567,156	209,460	
1920	3,080,553	2,264,462	816,090	839,303	274,860	
1922	6,101,227	4,549,973	1,551,254	1,561,912	492,435	
1924	9,462,372	6,730,532	2,731,839	2,783,236	840,412	
1925a	9,820,972	6,966,130	2,854,842	2,913,159	933,203	

a 1925 earnings are preliminary only.

Purpose.—During 1925 company expended approximately \$3,000,000 for additions and betterments, without issuing any bonds. It is expected that capital expenditures in 1926 will exceed \$3,000,000. The purpose of the issuance of these \$2,000,000 of bonds is to reimburse the company's treasury for money heretofore actually expended and for additions and betterments to be made during the year 1926.—V. 121, p. 2274.

United Gas Improvement Co., Phila.—Earnings.—The company in an advertisement furnishes the figures for 1925 shown in the following comparative statement, and calls attention to the fact that its operations outside of Philadelphia produced \$8,516,131 net profit, which after the loss from operation of Philadelphia Gas Works of \$414,555 left a net profit of \$8,101,676. Adding the proportionate interest of the U. G. I Co. in the undistributed earnings for the year, of companies in which it owns a majority of the common stock (which earnings were not paid out in dividends but were retained as undivided profits by such companies or their subsidiaries) of \$1,947,511, the net profits, totaled \$10,049,187. This is the equivalent of 12.34% on the \$81,461,100 capital stock outstanding Dec. 31 1925, or 14.73% on the average stock outstanding during the year.

Earnings—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Regular sources	\$9,955,285	\$9,326,510	\$8,483,135	\$7,767,382
Profit from sale of secur.	37,467	235,933	18,288	-----
Total income	\$9,992,751	\$9,562,443	\$8,501,423	\$7,767,382
Taxes, salaries, &c.	1,476,620	1,310,707	1,247,346	1,093,450
Disc. & int. on gold notes	-----	-----	-----	344,219
Profit for year before deduction of loss of Phila. Gas Works	\$8,516,131	\$8,251,736	\$7,254,077	\$6,329,714
Loss on oper. of Philadelphia Gas Works	414,455	154,480	820,121	895,682
Preferred dividends	231,417	427,236	427,236	427,237
Common dividends	5,250,665 (7%)	4,272,204 (6)	3,661,788 (4)	2,441,192
Balance, surplus	\$2,619,594	\$3,397,816	\$2,344,931	\$2,565,603

United Railways Co. of St. Louis.—Plan.—Receiver Wells has applied to the U. S. District Court for permission to enter into contract with reorganization committee, whereby \$4,200,000 of receiver's certificates would be paid in full in cash, and \$4,100,000 underlying bonds exchanged for general 4% bonds. The plan for handling the certificates is for the receiver to pay \$2,300,000 and the committee \$1,900,000. The reorganization would receive \$6,000,000 in general 4s for its cash and underlying bonds be taken up. The question of issuing additional general 4s was one point which held up reorganization. The general 4s will continue as first lien on the property under the reorganization plan.

Federal Tax Court has fixed April 1 as the date by which all claims against the company must be filed with Special Master Fred L. Williams. The claims, not including mill tax owed to the City of St. Louis, were incurred by the company prior to the receivership in 1919.

Frank A. Gannon and J. Sheppard Smith have been elected directors, succeeding Murray Charleston, resigned, and John I. Beggs, deceased.—V. 122, p. 483.

United Traction Co., Albany, N. Y.—Seeks Fare Inc.—The company has filed a petition with the New York P. S. Commission for a 10-cent fare with 13 tokens for \$1. The present fare is 7 cents.—V. 116, p. 2390.

Utility Shares Corp.—Initial Preferred Dividend.—The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 30c. per share on the participating preferred stock payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 15. See also V. 121, p. 2523, 2878.

Waterloo, Cedar Falls & Northern Ry.—Earnings.—The protective committee for the 1st mtge. bondholders (E. V. Kane, Chairman) has submitted to the bondholders a three years' condensed comparative statement of operations of the company, as follows:

	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross earnings	\$827,353	\$860,308	\$896,104
Operating expenses	750,899	792,602	828,385
Taxes	48,166	38,612	38,659

Net inc. appl. to 1st mtge. bonds—\$28,288 \$29,093 \$29,060
The amount necessary to pay the annual interest on the outstanding \$5,773,000 1st mtge. 5% bonds is \$288,650.

The committee further says: While the results of 1925 were on the surface less than those of 1924, it is significant that the last quarter of 1925 showed a gross increase of \$23,835 over the same period of 1924, which encourages the hope that business conditions in Iowa—long depressed—have at last turned the corner. Jan., 1926, opened auspiciously, with earnings exceeding those of Dec., the best month of 1925. The outlook for this year is therefore promising.

Long continued unfavorable business conditions in the territory served by your company, combined with aggressive bus competition, the general use of the automobile, and a falling off in coal and grain freights, explain the decrease in gross earnings; while the high cost of operation and necessary outlays for maintenance, together with the necessity for meeting accumulated taxes and equipment obligations, have reduced the net income to about one-tenth of the amount required to pay the first mortgage bond interest. The foregoing situation explains why the committee has thus far been unable to submit to the bondholders a plan of reorganization.

Up to date there have been deposited with the protective committee \$5,188,000 out of a total of \$5,773,000 outstanding 1st mtge. bonds; and \$2,170,000 out of a total of \$2,333,000 outstanding common stock.—V. 118, p. 3199.

Western United Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Called.—All of the outstanding general mortgage gold bonds dated Aug. 1 1913 have been called for payment Aug. 1 next at 102½ and int. at the First Trust & Savings Bank, 78 West Monroe St., Chicago, Ill.

Any holder may surrender bonds at any time prior to Aug. 1 and receive 102½ and int. to Aug. 1 1926, less a bank discount of 4½% for the unexpired term.—V. 122, p. 483.

Wisconsin Power & Light Co.—Acquisition.—The company has acquired the Cambridge-Albion Electric Co., which supplies Cambridge, Albion, Rockdale, London and other communities in Indiana.—V. 122, p. 484.

Wisconsin Telephone Co.—Acquisition.—The I.-S. C. Commission on Feb. 2 approved the acquisition by the company of the properties of the Ozaukee-Washington Telephone Co. On Nov. 2 1925 the companies made a contract whereby the Wisconsin agrees to purchase the properties of the Ozaukee for \$75,000 cash. An appraisal made by the chief engineer of the Wisconsin finds the reproduction cost new of the properties to be \$113,480, and less depreciation \$76,032. No property will be retired from service, and the cost of connecting the lines of the two companies will be nominal.—V. 119, p. 93.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Refined Sugar Prices.—On Feb. 15 Federal Sugar Co. reduced price 5 points to 5.20c.; Arbuckle, 15 points to 5.25c.; National, McCahan, Pennsylvania and Warner, each 20 points to 5.30c. per pound. American did not change list price but was reported to be meeting competition at 5.30c. On Feb. 16 Pennsylvania reduced 5 points to 5.25c., and Revere 10 points to 5.30c. per pound. On Feb. 17 National, Revere, Warner and McCahan each reduced 5 points to 5.25c. per pound.

Fur Trade Disrupted by Strike.—12,000 workers are reported as striking because employers refused 14 new demands respecting working conditions, unemployment insurance, equal division of work throughout whole year, 44-hour week and no right of employer to discharge workers. Old agreement expired Jan. 31 and no new agreement was reached during February. "New York Times" Feb. 12, 13 and 16.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle." Feb. 13.—(a) Goodyear Co. denies wage increase—15,000 workers ask raise, basing claims on high cost of living, p. 815. (b) Pepperell Mfg. Co. strike called off, p. 815. (c) Annual report of War Finance Corporation—Making of new loans discontinued—In process of liquidation, p. 825. (d) New York Cotton Exchange Retracts Charges against A. H. Lamborn, p. 828. (e) Movement toward revival of Copper Export Association—Avaluing of Webb-Pomeroy Act, p. 830. (f) Rubber Exchange, Inc., to begin operations Feb. 15, p. 830. (g) 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, p. 831. (h) Government sues to prevent merger of baking companies—Alleges Ward and others conspire to control bread companies through formation of Ward Food Products Corp., p. 833. (i) Suit based on a misapprehension of facts, says Ward—"Trust" not contemplated—Plan outlined, p. 837. (j) Associates in baking merger all favor philanthropic project, declares Wm. B. Ward, p. 838. (k) Coal miners and operators again gather in Philadelphia, p. 838. (l) United States Senate adopts Senator Copelands' resolution for intervention by President Coolidge in coal strike—Robinson bill and other Congressional proposals, p. 839. (m) Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania renews demand for public regulation of anthracite industry—Criticism of mines committee for failure to act—Points to large dividends of coal companies, p. 840. (n) S. D. Warner, of anthracite operators, in answer to Governor Pinchot, disputes latter's figures of profits, p. 841. (o) Secretary Work opens public hearings on petroleum—750 million barrels of oil produced and consumed in 1925, p. 843.

Air Reduction Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

3 Mos. End.	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross income	\$3,014,542	\$2,309,081	\$2,529,121	\$2,171,496
Operating expenses	1,845,078	1,559,196	1,650,043	1,450,347
Reserves	410,851	282,550	255,086	224,472
Bond int. & exp.	-----	-----	21,074	34,369
Prem. on bonds red.	-----	-----	23,265	-----
Balance before Fed tax	\$758,613	\$467,335	\$579,652	\$462,308
-V. 121, p. 2158.				

Aluminum Co. of America.—Justice Department Clears Company in Anti-Trust Probe—Senator Walsh, However, Urges Prosecution and in Resolution Proposes Grand Jury Proceedings.—The affairs of the company were brought before the Senate again this week when the minority report of the Senate Judiciary Committee was submitted by Chairman Cummins. The minority report opposes the Senate investigation of the company as proposed in the majority report submitted Feb. 1 by Senator Walsh. The minority report also stated that after careful investigation the Department of Justice has reached the conclusion that contempt proceedings against the company cannot by any possibility be successfully maintained.

Senator Cummins said the Department was "in possession of all the information known or believed to exist, including not only everything that was available to the Federal Trade Commission, but also many items of information not submitted to the Commission."

"After carefully considering the entire case and exhausting every available source of information, the Department has reached the conclusion that contempt proceedings cannot by any possibility be successfully maintained."

In view of this finding, Senator Cummins challenged the legal right of the Senate to make a further investigation.

"It is the judgment of the majority of the Committee," the report added, "that there is no constitutional authority for the resolution (of investigation) recommended in the majority report, and that if the course indicated in the proposed resolution becomes the settled practice of the Senate, the overthrow of our form of government is the certain result."

"The struggle which must ensue will end either in the complete subordination of the executive or judicial branches of the Government to the legislative branch or in subjecting the legislative power to the executive power. Stripping the proposal to enter upon this inquiry of everything save its bare essentials, it means just this—no more and no less."

"The Senate, because it doubts the conclusion reached by the Department of Justice, is to try the Aluminum company for the alleged violations of the decree. If it finds the defendant guilty it will then set about discovering a lawyer who holds the Senate opinion and direct the President to employ him."

"We deny the right or power of the Senate to try this case. We deny the jurisdiction of the Senate or any committee of the Senate to summon and hear witnesses upon the issue of a violation of this decree."

The original inquiry into the Aluminum company was ordered by the Senate in 1922. Two years later the Trade Commission held that provisions of the consent decree entered into in 1912 between the Government and the company had been violated. This report was transmitted to the Justice Department, which nearly a year ago started the investigation now concluded.

Proposing a Senate investigation soon after the Senate met, Senator Walsh reviewed the whole aluminum case from 1912 up to the present. He said the record showed that the company has a monopoly of the raw material from which aluminum is made.

Coming to the report of the Trade Commission, Senator Walsh declared that since it has been charged that "political bias" is the only foundation for this report. He would state that the vote of the Commission had been unanimous with two Republican and two Democratic senators.

He quoted former Attorney-General Stone as believing the Aluminum company had violated the consent decree on the basis of the Trade Commission's report. Recalling that Mr. Stone then had ordered an investigation by the Department, Senator Walsh asked: "Why, if there were violations of the decree, was an investigation necessary?"

"Sixteen months have passed, and no prosecutions instituted," he said. "Yet we have forgiven this company by allowing the statute of limitations to run for every offense it may have committed up to January 1923."

Senator Walsh's resolution proposing a Senate investigation of the company follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Judiciary be and it hereby is directed to secure, as the same shall be transcribed, a copy of the testimony taken or that may hereafter be taken, by or under the direction of the Federal Trade Commission in connection with the charge made in that certain complaint issued by it on the 24th day of July 1925 against the Aluminum Co. of America;

That the Attorney-General be directed at the earliest convenient date to report to the Senate his conclusion as to whether the charge made against the Aluminum Co. of America in the letter of Attorney-General Stone of date Jan. 30 1925, to the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission and by the said Commission in the report referred to in said letter is sustained, and that in the event that he finds no warrant for the institution of proceedings upon such charge that he afford to the said Committee on the Judiciary access to and leave to take copies of all files, documents and evidence in his department relating to such charge; that the said Committee on the Judiciary having so assembled such evidence and documents be, and it hereby is, directed to make a study of the same and such other evidence and documents relating thereto as may heretofore have been transmitted by the said Commission to the Senate and, considering the same together with any other evidence it may take, report to the Senate whether a proceeding against the Aluminum Co. of America is warranted and ought to be undertaken; provided that the said Committee is not hereby authorized or empowered to take any testimony except such as may be supplementary and not in duplication of any that may be by it secured as herein provided.

Resolved, Further that to aid it in the discharge of the duties hereby devolved upon the Committee of the Judiciary, it is authorized and empowered to employ counsel at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.—V. 122, p. 752, 484.

American Bosch Magneto Corp.—Sale.—The stockholders will vote April 13 on approving the proposed sale of the company's starting, lighting and battery ignition business to the Electric Auto-Lite Co. See V. 122, p. 885.

American Brake Shoe & Foundry Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
*Net profits	\$2,786,607	\$2,464,905	\$2,727,097	\$2,120,540
Preferred dividends (7%)	667,695	667,695	667,695	667,725
Common dividends	(\$5¼)829,900	(\$5)789,599	(\$5)792,083	(\$4)620,496
Divs. paid by sub. cos.	300	11,617	112	216
Balance, surplus	\$1,288,712	\$985,994	\$1,267,206	\$832,103

* Net profits from operation of plants are shown after deducting manufacturing, administration and selling expenses and depreciation of plants and equipment and including dividends received on stocks of associated companies whose earnings are not incorporated herein and other income (net) less estimated Federal taxes.—V. 121, p. 2879.

American Metal Co. (Ltd.)—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Income after expenses	\$5,296,109	\$5,317,995	\$4,948,467
Depreciation & depletion & reserve	1,606,956	1,285,168	2,245,261
Prov. for reduc. of invest. & inventory	335,287	721,781	-----
Preferred dividends	350,000	350,000	350,000
Common dividends	(\$3¼)1,926,775	(\$3)1,773,395	(\$3)1,642,467
Balance, surplus	\$1,077,091	\$1,187,651	\$812,439
Profit and loss surplus	\$10,348,170	\$9,264,946	\$7,152,175

x Includes approximately 90% of Cia Minera de Penoles, S. A., earnings.
y After provision for United States and Mexican Federal income taxes, but before depreciation, &c. a Includes \$1,000,000 special appropriation to general reserve.—V. 122, p. 350.

American Chicle Co.—Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Dec. 31 '25.		Dec. 31 '24.		Dec. 31 '25.		Dec. 31 '24.	
Assets—		Liabilities—		Assets—		Liabilities—	
Land, bldgs. & machinery aft. deprec.	2,902,767	3,284,153	Preferred stock	3,577,375	-----	-----	-----
Goodwill, patents & trade-marks	5,000,000	8,766,099	Prior pref. stock	138,100	3,000,000	-----	-----
Cash	228,327	452,408	Common stock	3,731,900	10,395,166	-----	-----
Acc'ts rec., less res.	339,803	307,002	Accounts payable	125,169	106,299	-----	-----
Inventories	2,250,446	1,556,251	Notes payable	250,000	915,200	-----	-----
Chicle at for. supp.	222,159	167,373	Accruals	33,758	57,315	-----	-----
Adv., chicle purch.	317,104	321,477	Fed. inc. taxes (1925)	127,554	-----	-----	-----
Inv. & note rec.	295,500	146,500	Sen Sen bonds	1,578,000	1,720,000	-----	-----
Prepayments	163,876	323,062	5-year notes	-----	684,000	-----	-----
			Def. debentures	-----	275,500	-----	-----
			Reserve for contin.	-----	548,190	-----	-----
			Sur. through re-capitalization	1,530,437	-----	-----	-----
			Earned surplus	627,689d2	3,773,344	-----	-----
Total	11,719,982	15,324,326	Total	11,719,982	15,324,326	-----	-----

x Represented by 186,595 shares of no par. stated value \$20. y Represented by 35,773¼ shares, no par value, \$100 stated value.
The usual comparative income account was given in V. 122, p. 885.

American Products Co.—Pref. Stock Sold.—W. E. Hutton & Co. and Coggeshall & Hicks, New York, have sold at \$25 per share to net 8% 40,000 shares preference stock (without par value).

Transfer Agent: First National Bank of Cincinnati. Registrar: Fourth & Central Trust Co., Cincinnati. Preference stock is preferred and cumulative as to dividends of \$2 a share per annum and participates with the common after \$2.50 per share has been paid on the common in any year. The preference stock is non-voting except as provided in the certificate of incorporation. Upon voluntary liquidation preference shares are entitled to receive \$40 a share, and if the liquidation be involuntary, \$30 a share. Preference stock is callable any time all or part on 30 days' notice at \$40 a share and divs.

Data From Letter of Albert Mills, President of the Company.

Capitalization.—Authorized, Outstanding. Preference stock (no par value) 40,000 shs. 40,000 shs. Common stock (no par value) 80,000 shs. 80,000 shs.

Practically the entire issue of common stock is retained by the present owners of the company.

History & Business.—Business was founded about 1907 by Albert Mills with an initial investment of \$500 in cash and its subsequent gradual growth was financed by reinvestment of earnings. Company is engaged in the manufacture and distribution of food products, toilet articles and miscellaneous household articles, sold under the trade name of "Zanol" and comprising about 300 items, most of which are manufactured or packaged by the company. Company's policy is to manufacture only such consumable articles of small bulk and of a retail value most frequently purchased by the average household. Plant located in Cincinnati. Company is now moving into larger quarters in a new fire proof, concrete building which will provide approximately 120,000 sq. ft. of floor space.

Earnings.—Earnings after deducting all charges, were as follows for the last five years ending Sept. 30: 1921, \$57,147; 1922, \$150,787; 1923, \$125,713; 1924, \$346,360; 1925, \$370,583.

Earnings for 1925 were over 4.6 times and the average for the last two years 4.4 times, and the average for the past five years 2.6 times the amount required for the dividends on the preference shares.

Dividends.—The management has agreed that no dividends will be declared on the common stock during the first year, but that earnings applicable to common dividends will be allowed to remain in the company to create an earned surplus.

Listing.—Application will be made to list the stock on the Cincinnati Stock Exchange.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1925 (After New Financing.)

Assets—	Liabilities—		
Cash	\$6,529	Accounts payable	\$69,609
Notes receivable	1,421	Unfilled cash orders	9,166
Accounts receivable	80,121	Credit vouchers outstanding	21,919
Securities owned	231,516	Accrued wages, taxes, &c.	54,780
Accrued interest	2,446	Reserves	80,281
Inventories	338,267	Capital stock	a647,489
Property	218,423	Total (each side)	\$883,245
Unexpired ins. premiums	4,519		

a Preference, 40,000 shares (non-voting), Common, 80,000 shares (voting).

American Railway Express Co.—New Director.—Frederick H. Ecker, Vice-President of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., has been elected a director to fill a vacancy.—V. 122, p. 350.

American Snuff Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
x Net earnings	\$1,640,158	\$1,858,588	\$2,082,520	\$2,193,955
Prof. dividends (6%)	237,168	237,168	237,168	237,168
Common dividends (12%)	1,320,000	(12)1,320,000	(14)1,540,000	(12)1,320,000

Balance, surplus \$82,990 \$301,420 \$305,352 \$636,787
x After deducting all charges and expenses of management, including provisions for income taxes.—V. 120, p. 1092.

Anglo-American Corp. of South Africa, Ltd.—Report.

Quarter Ended Dec. 31 1925—	Brakpan			Spring West		
	Mines, Ltd.	Mines, Ltd.	Springs, Ltd.	Mines, Ltd.	Mines, Ltd.	Springs, Ltd.
Working revenue	£394,591	£380,732	£219,588	-----	-----	-----
Working costs	234,761	203,826	125,210	-----	-----	-----
Working profit	£159,830	£176,906	£94,378	-----	-----	-----

—V. 122, p. 614.

Appleton Co.—Par Value of Common Stock Changed—An Issue of \$1,000,000 of 7% Preferred Stock Created.

The stockholders on Feb. 11 voted to change the authorized capital stock from 6,000 shares, par \$100, to 40,000 shares of com. stock of no par value, and that each share of capital stock outstanding on Feb. 11 1926 be exchanged for 5 shares of the new common stock. The balance, 10,000 shares, are to be retained in the treasury for conversion of preferred shares (see below).

The stockholders also voted to increase the capital stock by the authorization of \$1,000,000 of 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, to be redeemable at \$110 per share and to be convertible share for share into common stock at the option of the holder after Jan. 1 1933. Estabrook & Co. have underwritten this issue.

The stockholders will be given the right to subscribe on or before March 1 for the new \$1,000,000 of pref. stock at par in proportion to their present holdings of capital stock.—V. 122, p. 753.

Arnold Print Works, North Adams, Mass.—Bonds Offered.—Ames, Emerich & Co., New York, are offering at 99 and int., to yield about 6.10% \$2,750,000 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Feb. 1 1926; due Feb. 1 1941. Red. all or part on 60 days' notice on any int. date at 105 and int. on or before Feb. 1 1936, and at ½ of 1% less for each year or part thereof elapsed since Feb. 2 1936. Principal payable at Mechanics & Metals National Bank, trustee, and int. (F. & A.) payable at offices of Ames, Emerich & Co., New York and Chicago, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2% per annum. Company will also agree to refund to holders of the bonds, resident in such states, respectively, upon application, as provided in the mortgage, the Pennsylvania 4 mill tax; the Connecticut personal property tax not exceeding 4 mills per dollar per annum; the Rhode Island 4 mill tax and the Massachusetts Income tax on the interest not exceeding 6% of such interest per annum. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c.

Data From Letter of Samuel M. Jones, Vice-Pres. of the Company.
Company.—Incorp. in Mass. Is the outgrowth of a business founded 65 years ago, and is now one of the leading companies in the United States engaged in the bleaching, dyeing, printing and finishing of textiles. Customers are the large cotton converters who buy and own the unbleached

fabrics known as grey goods, thus eliminating on its part the necessity and risk of an investment in inventories.

Earnings.—Earnings have been consistent and substantial. The continuous need for draperies, dress and other wash goods, shirtings and similar textiles assures the company a steady business, while the fact that it owns no inventories eliminates losses due to market fluctuations.

Net earnings, after depreciation and all other deductions except Federal taxes, and after excluding certain non-recurrent charges, but without giving effect to income from outside investments, have been as follows:

1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
\$479,066	\$939,223	\$775,088	\$509,485

Net earnings as thus computed for the 4 years 1922 to 1925, inclusive, averaged \$675,716, or over 4 times maximum annual interest charges of \$165,000 on this issue. For the ten year period, 1916 to 1925, inclusive, average annual net earnings, on the basis indicated above, were \$555,658, or over 3.3 times the interest on these bonds.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire the stock of several inactive owners, which will leave the control of the company in the hands of the active management.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage provides for an annual sinking fund to retire \$2,065,000, or approximately 75% of this issue, before maturity.

Balance Sheet, Dec. 31 1925 (As Adjusted).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$288,858	Accounts payable	\$88,271
Acc'ts rec. less res.	374,907	Accrued payroll	25,358
Inventory	477,273	Res. for Fed. & state taxes	92,444
Real estate, Mach. & equip.	4,928,000	1st mtge. 6s.	2,750,000
Copper rollers	616,259	First pref. stock	1,000,000
Deferred charges	67,222	Second pref. stock	175,000
Miscellaneous assets	17,014	Common stock	a2,638,861
Total	\$6,769,934	Total	\$6,769,934

a 100,000 shares, no par value.
New Control.—Control of this company has passed from the Houghton-Gallup interests to Dr. Samuel M. Jones and associates. Dr. Jones has been connected with the company for 10 years and during the past five years has held the position of General Manager and during the past year as Vice-President.—V. 118, p. 2827.

Auburn Automobile Co.—Rights.—The stockholders of record Feb. 15 are given the right to subscribe on or before Feb. 25 for additional common stock, at \$65 per share, on the basis of two new common shares for each three held. This would increase the outstanding stock to 100,000 shares.—V. 122, p. 886, 753.

Baldwin Co., Cincinnati.—Notes Offered.—First National Bank, W. E. Hutton & Co. and First Investment & Securities Corp., Cincinnati, are offering at 98 and int., to yield over 5 3/4% \$2,200,000 10-year 5 1/2% gold notes.

Dated Feb. 15 1926; due Feb. 15 1936. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Int. payable F. & A. Callable on any int. date upon 4 weeks notice up to and incl. Feb. 15 1934, at 102 and int., and at 100 and int. on any int. date thereafter after 4 weeks notice. First National Bank, Cincinnati, O., trustee.

Data From Letter of Pres. G. W. Armstrong, Jr., dated Feb. 10.
Listing.—Application for the listing of the notes on Cincinnati Stock Exchange is to be made.

History & Business.—Original business was founded in 1862 as D. H. Baldwin & Co. It was incorp. in 1898 in Ohio. Company and its subsidiaries are manufacturers of Grand, Upright, Player and Reproducing Pianos and supplies, having received the "Grand Prix" in Paris in 1900, the "Grand Prize" in St. Louis in 1904, and in London in 1914. Company's manufacturing plants are in Cincinnati and Chicago. Subsidiary companies are: Baldwin Piano Co., Cincinnati; Baldwin Piano Manufacturing Co., Cincinnati; Ellington Piano Co., Cincinnati; Hamilton Piano Co., Chicago Heights, Ill.; Monarch Piano Co., Chicago, Ill.; Howard Piano Co., Cincinnati. Company also owns the controlling interest in Baldwin Piano Co. of Indiana.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire the 3-year 6% notes, due June 1 1926, amounting to \$1,800,000 and for other corporate purposes.

Capitalization—		Authorized.		Outstanding.	
10-year 5 1/2% (this issue)		\$3,000,000	\$2,200,000		
6% preferred stock		232,700	232,700		
6% pref. stock series A 1924		6,000,000	2,000,000		
Common stock		4,000,000	2,249,568		

(Sales, Earnings and Dividends Calendar Years.)

	Sales.	Earnings.	Reserves.	Pref. Div.	Cash Div.	Stock Div.
					on Com.	on Com.
1906	\$4,423,572	\$372,278	\$64,701	\$48,000	\$40,000	
1916	7,121,781	624,306	144,903	48,000	97,102	60,690
1920	10,534,647	697,445	119,210	62,907	118,050	593,265
1923	12,938,924	1,008,989	241,003	176,181	121,152	80,000
1924	13,459,779	866,525	153,848	185,838	125,910	83,144
1925	15,683,001	1,014,796	193,978	133,962	163,311	86,424

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 (Before Giving Effect to this Financing.)

[Corporation and Subsidiary Companies.]

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Mfg. plants (real estate & bldgs.)	\$1,106,087	1,144,187	
Mach. & equip.	733,999	711,630	
Cash & U. S. secur.	284,517	413,830	
Investment	176,500	168,500	
Bills and acc'ts rec.	7,811,227	6,921,201	
Inventories	3,668,784	3,380,641	
Total	13,781,115	12,739,989	
		1925.	1924.
		Preferred stock	2,232,700
		Common stock	2,249,568
		Reserves	2,783,209
		Funded debt	1,800,000
		Bills payable	200,000
		Accounts payable	642,883
		Reserve for taxes	202,340
		Surplus	3,670,415
		Total	13,781,115

The comparative income account was published in V. 122, p. 887.

Barnard Mfg. Co.—Balance Sheet Jan. 2.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Plant	\$1,461,803	\$1,432,946	
Trucks, &c.	1,269	1,269	
Cash acc'ts rec.	623,498	702,957	
Inventory, &c.			
Total (each slide)	\$2,086,570	\$2,137,172	
		Capital stock	\$1,250,000
		Bills payable	150,000
		Accounts payable	35,573
		Res. for city taxes	11,000
		Depreciation	553,469
		Tax reserve	9,691
		Profit and loss	73,837
		Total	\$1,250,000

V. 121, p. 463.

Bankstocks Corp. of Maryland.—Pref. Stock Offered.—B. A. Harris & Co., Baltimore, are offering at \$50 per share, plus accrued divs., and carrying one-half share of common stock class A as bonus, \$250,000 convertible 6 1/2% preferred stock (par \$50).

Preferred as to both assets and dividends over common stock. Fully paid and non-assessable. Dividends payable Q. & J. Transfer Agent: Union Trust Co. of Maryland. Registrars: Century Trust Co. of Baltimore. Dividends exempt from present normal Federal income tax. Callable after July 1 1930 at \$55 per share and divs.

Capitalization.—Cumulative 6 1/2% conv. pref. stock \$1,000,000 \$250,000. Common stock, class A, no par value (vot. stk.) 25,000 shs. 17,500 shs. Common stock, class B, \$10 par (non-voting) 100,000 shs. None.

Company.—Organized in Maryland in May, 1925, to invest in the capital stock of the more prominent banks and trust companies of the United States and Canada, together with high grade securities within the jurisdiction of the charter. Company's investments are limited to 10% of its assets in any one security unless the company is acquiring control of an institution. Company will thus afford its shareholders a participation in a carefully selected and properly diversified group of bank and trust company stocks, and the shareholders will in effect become an investor in all of the institutions whose stock is held by the company.

The company is the culmination of a long and thorough investigation into bank and trust company stocks, public utilities, casualty companies, &c., over a period of years. This class of business has been operated successfully and profitably in England, Scotland and other European

countries for the past century. The corporation has earned, declared and paid all dividend requirements since its inception.

Listing.—Application will be made to list this stock on the Baltimore Stock Exchange.

Convertible.—Holders of the preferred stock have the right to convert their holdings into class B common stock at the rate of one share of preferred for 5 shares of common stock at any time up until July 15 1930. The class B common stock shares equally as to dividends and earnings with class A, when such dividends are declared.

Barnsdall Corp.—Quarterly Dividend of 50c.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50c. per share on the class A and class B stock, payable April 2 to holders of record March 15. A similar distribution was paid on these issues on Jan. 2 last, when dividends were resumed after a lapse of about five years.—V. 122, p. 485, 887.

Bausch & Lomb Optical Co., Rochester, N. Y.—Herbert Eisenhart, Joseph H. Hammerle, Carl S. Hallauer, Theodore Drescher, Carl S. Bausch and J. F. Taylor have been elected directors.

Mr. Eisenhart has also been elected a Vice-President, to succeed George N. Saegmuller, and will be associated with Vice-Pres. Edward Bausch in the general management of the business. Mr. Eisenhart will serve as an assistant to Mr. Bausch.

The officers of the company, who are also directors, are: President, John Jacob Bausch; Vice-Presidents, Edward Bausch, Carl F. Lomb and M. H. Eisenhart; Treasurer, William A. E. Drescher, and Secretary, William Bausch.—V. 116, p. 413.

Belding-Corticelli, Ltd.—Balance Sheet Nov. 30.

Assets—		1925.		1924.	
Property account	\$1,563,728	\$1,478,303			
Goodwill & trade marks	500,000	700,000			
Investments	1	1			
Sinking fund	12				
Cash	50,016	65,321			
Call loans & acer. int	75,049	75,443			
Acc'ts & bills rec.	494,589	397,252			
Inventories	698,482	563,776			
Bonds acquired for sinking fund	29,183	49,381			
Deferred charges	13,269	13,347			
Total	\$3,424,329	\$3,342,823			
Liabilities—		1925.		1924.	
7% pref. stock	\$865,300	\$865,300			
Common stock	749,500	749,500			
1st mtge. 25-yr 6s.	400,434	433,523			
Acc'ts & bills pay., &c.	178,411	96,083			
Acer. chgs., wages, &c.	40,679	35,290			
Pref. divs. payable	15,143	15,142			
Common divs. pay.	22,485	14,990			
Deprec. & s. f. res.	738,444	647,452			
Accid. & emp. ins. reserve	55,867	45,000			
Replacement res.		78,644			
Profit & loss, sur.	358,065	361,899			
Total	\$3,424,329	\$3,342,823			

The usual comparative income account was given in V. 122, p. 754.

Berkshire Knitting Mills, Reading, Pa.—Notes Sold.

Dillon, Read & Co. and W. H. Newbold's Son & Co. have sold \$2,500,000 5% serial gold notes. The notes were offered at the following prices: Feb. 1927 maturity, par; Aug. 1927, 99.82; Feb. 1928, 99.53; Aug. 1928, 99.19; Feb. 1929, 98.91.

Dated Feb. 1 1926; due \$500,000 semi-annually Feb. 1 1927 to Feb. 1 1929. Denom. \$5,000 c*. Int. payable F. & A. without deduction for Federal normal income tax up to 2% per annum. Notes of any one or more maturities red. as a whole only on any int. date upon 30 days' notice at 100 3/4 and int. Prin. and int. payable at office of Penn. Co. for Ins. on Lives & Granting Annuities, Philadelphia, trustee. Free of present Pennsylvania 4-mill tax.

Data from Letter of Ferdinand Thun, President of Company.

Company.—Incorp. in 1906 in Penna. Engaged in the manufacture of silk hosiery. It is believed to be the largest manufacturer in the world of women's high grade hosiery. Company's mills, located in Reading, Pa., in which approximately 2,200 people are employed, are large and modern. Unfilled orders on the books as of Nov. 1 1925 amounted to 1,038,908 doz. pairs, having a market value of \$11,455,922. This latter figure compares with gross sales for the fiscal year ended Oct. 31 1925 of \$16,694,402.

Earnings After Reserves for Depreciation and All Other Charges Except Federal Income and Excess Profits Taxes, Years Ended:

Oct. 31 1925	\$3,696,964	April 30 1923	\$4,349,781
April 30 1925	2,811,573	April 30 1922	2,255,565
April 30 1924	2,199,488		

The average annual profits before Federal taxes as shown above for the 4 years and 6 months ended Oct. 31 1925 are \$2,994,303. This is at the rate of 119% of the principal amount of this issue, and in excess of 23 times maximum annual interest requirements on these notes. Such profits for the year ended Oct. 31 1925 are approximately 150% of the principal amount of this issue, and more than 29 times maximum annual interest requirements thereon.

Balance Sheet Oct. 31 1925.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$236,478	7% 1st pref. stock	\$3,400,000
Bills receivable	25,776	8% 2d pref. stock	2,100,000
Accounts receivable	958,170	Common stock	2,400,000
Loans, trade bills, marketable investments	2,588,021	Acc'ts payable (mdse.)	30,770
Accrued int. receivable	25,195	Unpaid portion subscrip'n hospital fund	210,000
Inventories	2,169,758	Unpaid wages, bonuses and commissions	476,139
Inter-co. advs. & invest.	1,001,329	Federal income tax	357,549
Deferred accounts	39,964	Reserve for pensions, contingencies, &c.	188,834
Real estate, buildings, machinery, &c.	5,970,580	Earned surplus	1,353,388
Total	\$13,015,270	Surplus arising from re-val. or property	2,498,589
Total	\$13,015,270	Total	\$13,015,270

Total \$13,015,270

Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—		1925.		1924.		1923.		1922.	
Sales	\$21,418,081	\$18,251,920	\$26,590,371	\$22,652,673					
Net earnings, after deprec. and Federal taxes	2,123,672	1,617,120	4,671,242	4,016,984					
Preferred divs. (6%)	\$163,456	\$134,035	\$205,100	330,000					
Common dividends	\$1,449,000	\$1,449,000	\$1,412,900	724,500					
Rate on common divs.	(\$6)	(\$6)	(\$8 80)	(\$4 50)					
To reserve account				1,201,250					
Balance, surplus	\$511,214	\$34,085	\$3,053,242	\$1,761,234					

*Approximate, inserted by Editor.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		1925.		1924.	
Land, buildings &c. (less res'v)	10,904,130	10,578,120			
Cash	1,667,959	1,507,795			
U. S. Govt. sec's	483,999	483,999			
N. Y., N. H. & H. 6% bonds	91,000				
Acc'ts. & notes rec. (less reserve)	3,315,345	2,684,827			
Acc'ts. rec. (stock plan)	90,993				
Inventories	6,295,280	6,966,909			
Sundry investm'ts	11,000	11,000			
Deferred charges	120,315	120,345			
Total (each slide)	22,980,022	22,352,996			
Liabilities—		1925.		1924.	
6% pref. stock	2,724,300	2,724,300			
Com. stk. & sur.	18,046,089	17,526,397			
Draft payable	81,909	72,949			
Accounts payable	255,132	427,934			
Res. for Fed. taxes	800,038	524,659			
Res'v for ontng.	1,072,553	1,076,768			

x Represented by 241,500 shares common stock, no par value.—V. 121, p. 1911; V. 120, p. 1093.

Bloomingdale Bros., Inc., N. Y. City.—New Financing.—Lehman Brothers and Goldman, Sachs & Co. will in the near future have an issue of securities. Bloomingdale Bros. is one of the large and well-known New York City department stores.

(J. G.) Brill Co.—Personnel.

The board of directors now consists of: Samuel M. Curwen (Pres.); H. W. Woodin, E. P. Rawle (Treas.); Francis A. Lewis, William Clarke Mason, W. H. Woodin, W. M. Hager, C. S. Sale and W. C. Dickerman. J. W. Rawle is a Vice-President and E. L. Oerter is Secretary.

Balance Sheet December 31.

1925.		1924.		1925.		1924.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Properties acct.	x7,739,993	7,793,787	Preferred stock	4,580,000	4,580,000		
Patents	1	1	Common stock	4,810,200	4,810,200		
Good-will	1	1	Accounts payable	654,854	563,879		
Material, raw & in process	3,301,928	2,492,915	Adv. pay on contr.	14,250	4,000		
Bills receivable	170,124	267,082	Fed., &c., tax	¥182,791	191,460		
Accts. receivable	1,736,538	1,121,287	Miscell. reserves	66,589	77,879		
Marketable secur.	603,343	1,757,681	Surplus	4,916,668	4,905,309		
Misc. investments	972,622	356,637					
Cash	650,333	1,303,119					
Deferred assets	50,471	40,216					
			Tot. (each side)	15,225,353	15,132,727		

x Value of properties, \$11,845,975, less deprec., \$4,105,982. y This consists of \$82,791 estimated Federal and State income taxes for 1925 and \$100,000 estimated additional Federal income and profits taxes for 1919 and 1920.

The usual comparative income account appeared in V. 122, p. 888.

Brunner Turbine & Equipment Co.—Trustee, &c.—

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed trustee, paying agent and registrar for an authorized issue of \$4,000,000 7½% closed first mortgage 30-year sinking fund gold bonds, dated Nov. 1 1925, and due Nov. 1 1955 (see V. 121, p. 2642).—V. 121, p. 3007.

Butler Mill, New Bedford.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

1925.		1924.		1925.		1924.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Plant	\$3,735,215	\$3,731,915	Capital stock	\$2,300,000	\$2,300,000		
Cash & accts. rec.	254,764	259,835	Notes & accts. pay	837,449	793,949		
Inventory	1,043,457	1,322,868	Res. for taxes		152,000		
Prepaid items	80,218	80,201	Deprec. reserve	1,467,675	1,511,534		
			Surplus	508,530	637,336		
Total	\$5,113,654	\$5,394,819	Total	\$5,113,654	\$5,394,819		

—V. 116, p. 2640.

Burdine's, Inc., Miami, Fla.—Initial Pref. Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 95 cents per share on the preferred stock, no par value, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 15. See offering in V. 121, p. 2642, 2524.

Calamba Sugar Estate.—Initial Common Dividend.—

An initial quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share has been declared on the outstanding 50,000 shares of common stock, no par value, payable April 1 to holders of record March 31.—V. 120, p. 586.

California & Hawaiian Sugar Refining Corp.—

At the annual meeting held Feb. 12, the directorate was increased from 9 to 15 by the election of the following new directors: George M. Rolph, Louis R. Campiglia, William F. Sampson, A. M. Duperu, Vernon E. Tenney and Charles H. Falrer.

The following nine directors were re-elected: Andrew P. Welch, Wallace M. Alexander, J. B. McFarland, Ronald T. Rolph, P. A. Drew, Warren D. Clark, George G. Montgomery, Charles V. Bennett and Frank B. Anderson.

George M. Rolph, who has been General Manager of the company since 1905, was elected President to succeed Andrew P. Welch, who was elected Chairman of the Board. Louis R. Campiglia was elected First Vice-President in charge of sales; William F. Sampson as Second Vice-President and Treasurer, in charge of finance, and A. M. Duperu as Third Vice-President in charge of manufacture.—V. 114, p. 742.

California Packing Corp.—Extra Dividend of 50 Cents Declared—Split Up of Stock Planned.—

President R. I. Bentley, Feb. 11, said in substance: "At the regular meeting of the directors, it was decided to increase dividends to a basis of \$8 a share on the present issue. To that end, an extra dividend of 50 cents per share was declared, payable March 15 to holders of record Feb. 27. This, together with the regular dividend of \$1.50 already declared, will amount to \$2 a share for the present quarter. It was also resolved to submit and recommend to stockholders at the annual meeting to be held May 18 a proposition to increase the present authorized stock from 500,000 shares to 1,500,000 shares and to distribute to the stockholders the additional shares of new stock equal to their present holdings. The remaining shares will remain in the treasury for corporate purposes." See also V. 122, p. 888.

California Petroleum Corp.—Acquisition.—

The corporation has acquired the California Gasoline Corp., a large producer of casinghead gasoline, for approximately \$5,000,000. The five absorption plants of the California Gasoline Corp. located in the Signal Hill, Huntington Beach and Athens fields, are said to have a present daily production of 60,000 gallons of natural gasoline. With the addition of this output, the California Petroleum Corp. will have a daily production of natural gasoline amounting to 110,000 gallons. The six casinghead plants already owned by the California Petroleum Corp. are located in the Signal Hill, Santa Fe, Huntington Beach, Montebello and Ventura fields.—V. 122, p. 217.

(William Z.) Campbell Land Co., Detroit, Mich.—

Bonds Offered.—An issue of \$600,000 10-year 6½% 1st mtge. sinking fund gold bonds was recently offered by Wm. L. Davis & Co. and Joel Stockard & Co., Detroit at 100 and int.

Dated Jan. 2 1926; due Jan. 1 1936. Exempt from existing personal property taxes in Michigan. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at Security Trust Co., Detroit, trustee. Red. all or part on 30 days' notice at 101 and int. up to and incl. Jan. 1 1931, and 100½ and int. thereafter to maturity. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500.

Security.—As security the trustee, has taken title to 3,763 lots located in the 11 subdivisions covering in all approximately 435 acres of land. This property is located in the northeast section of the metropolitan district of Detroit, in close proximity to the City Limits, between Jefferson and Van Dyke Avenues, and between the Seven and Twelve Mile Circles. It is in the most rapidly growing district in suburban Detroit.

The properties pledged under this mortgage have been appraised by the Security Trust Co., for \$1,557,900, or over 2½ times the amount of this bond issue.

Company has assigned to and deposited with the trustee all of the land contracts now made and covenants to deposit those to be made covering these properties. Of the 3,763 lots, 3,488 have been sold for a total sales price of \$1,536,370. The unpaid balance on land contracts as of Dec. 31 1925, amounts to \$1,247,013 or more than twice this issue of bonds. It is estimated the sale price of the remaining lots will add \$148,840 to the above unpaid balance on land contracts.

Average monthly collections from land contracts assigned to and deposited with trustee are at the rate of over \$18,000 per mo. The mortgagor agrees to pay to the trustee monthly, one-sixth of the next maturing interest for the payment of interest on these bonds. The mortgage further provides that a minimum of 60% of the principal payments received from collections on land contracts now made and to be made, shall be deposited with the trustee for the retirement of principal of bonds of this issue at the call price, if not purchasable in the open market at a lower price.

Canada Cement Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—				
1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.	
x Income from operations	\$2,344,006	\$2,205,590	\$2,235,439	\$2,403,101
Bond interest	307,459	326,190	343,592	360,250
Fire ins. trans. to res. acct.	150,570		40,455	148,732
Contingent reserve	200,000	210,000	190,000	275,000
Renewals, &c. reserve	40,000	40,000	40,000	35,000
Res. for indus. accidents	11,000	23,500	24,000	
Pref. dividends (7%)	735,000	735,000	735,000	735,000
Common dividends (6%)	810,000	810,000	810,000	810,000
Balance, surplus	\$89,976	\$60,900	\$52,392	\$39,118

x Profits from operations (and other income) after making provision for depreciation.—V. 122, p. 888.

(Philip) Carey Mfg. Co.—Complaint Dismissed.—

The Federal Trade Commission has dismissed its complaint against the following manufacturers of paving joints used to allow for contraction and expansion of concrete paving: The Philip Carey Manufacturing Co., and its subsidiary, Philip Carey Co., both of Lockland, O.; Waring Underwood Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; Pioneer Asphalt Co., Lawrenceville, Ill.; and Western Elaterite Roofing Co., Denver, Colo.

These manufacturers were charged with entering into a combination to suppress competition among themselves in the sale of paving joints and to maintain a fixed uniform price at which such products were to be sold.—V. 121, p. 2277.

Caterpillar Tractor Co. (Calif.)—Sales, &c.—

Net sales of the company and its two predecessors for 1925 total approximately \$20,800,000. Earnings for the same period before Federal income taxes and interest charges amounted to approximately \$4,400,000. Cash and certificates of deposit as of Dec. 31 1925 total about \$1,400,000. The current liabilities consisted only of current accounts payable aggregating approximately \$600,000.

The 25% stock dividend declared on Feb. 5 last is payable to stockholders of record Feb. 15, subject to the approval of the California Corporation Commission.—V. 122, p. 888.

Certain-teed Products Corp.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—				
1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.	
x Gross operating profit	\$5,950,864	\$5,255,679	\$4,996,155	
Income from other sources	51,487	32,587	62,321	
Total income	\$6,002,351	\$5,288,266	\$5,058,476	
Selling, adm. & gen. exp. & bank int.	3,397,747	3,306,544	3,494,988	
Interest on bonds	426,310	530,400	394,321	
Federal taxes	78,000	174,000	82,000	
Propor. of net profits repaid to stockholders of cos. acquired			316,171	
Sundry adjustments (net)	Cr705	Cr15,137	Cr20,529	
Net income	\$2,100,999	\$1,292,459	\$791,525	
Earned surplus at Dec. 31	1,195,418	592,768	424,509	
Total surplus	\$3,296,417	\$1,885,226	\$1,216,035	
1st preferred dividends	\$317,450	\$330,925	\$321,650	
2nd preferred dividends	187,250	187,250	187,250	
Common dividends	746,000			
Appro. for redemp. of 1st pref. stock	170,042	171,634	114,367	
Premium on bonds retired	385,895			
Earned surplus Dec. 31	\$1,489,779	\$1,195,418	\$592,768	

x After deducting repairs maintenance and depreciation.—V. 121, p. 2161.

Chesebrough Mfg. Co. Consolidated.—Dividend Rate Increased and Extra Dividend Declared.—

The directors on Feb. 18 declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share in addition to a quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the \$3,000,000 common stock, par \$25, both payable March 31 to holders of record March 10. On Dec. 29 1925, the company paid a regular dividend of 62½ cents and an extra dividend of 62½ cents per share on the common stock.—V. 121, p. 2524.

Childs Co., New York.—Annual Report.—

[Including Childs' Dining Hall Co. and Childs Co. of Providence.]			
Calendar Years—			
1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Restaurant sales	\$24,493,006	\$23,483,854	
Building rentals	1,132,388	1,191,710	
Total sales	\$25,625,393	\$24,675,564	
Cost of restaurant sales	21,166,053	20,550,396	
Cost of building rentals	1,059,634	1,074,974	
Total cost of sales	\$22,225,687	\$21,625,396	
Gross income from restaurants and buildings	3,399,706	3,050,195	
Less other departmental losses and expenses	304,212	287,383	
Gross income from operation	\$3,095,494	\$2,762,811	
Federal and State tax reserve	298,463	945,051	
Other general expenses	798,598		
Net income from operation	\$1,998,432	\$1,817,760	
Other income (net)	364,248	578,838	
Total income	\$2,362,680	\$2,396,598	
Depreciation	706,786	587,629	
Net profit	\$1,655,894	\$1,808,969	
Previous surplus	5,782,250	5,028,910	
Total surplus	\$7,438,145	\$6,837,879	
Reserve account	158,663	147,950	
Preferred dividends Childs Co.	350,000	350,000	
Preferred divs. Childs Dining Hall Co.	6	6	
Common divs. (cash)	743,000	557,672	
Common divs. (stock)	247,667		
Profit and loss surplus	\$5,938,808	\$5,782,251	

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

[Childs Co., Childs' Dining Hall Co., Childs Co. of Providence.]			
1925.		1924.	
\$		\$	
Assets—			
Estab. & plants	a12,283,249	10,582,281	
Real estate	b8,496,882	7,355,043	
Real estate cos.			
Capital stock	687,918	626,918	
Mtges., notes & accounts	1,677,092	569,370	
Leaseholds, good will, &c.	3,916,297	3,916,685	
Reserve fund			
Cash	1,150,082	1,141,507	
Govt. & State bds.	487,340	593,269	
Other securities	14,475	4,550	
Mtges. receivable		222,500	
Notes & accts. rec.	70,875	191,423	
Acce. mtge. int. rec.		5,179	
Misc. inventories	395,348	272,506	
Deferred charges	1,138,439	1,022,144	
Total	30,315,997	26,483,374	
Liabilities—			
Preferred stock	5,000,000	5,000,000	
Common stock	c9,049,057	5,346,000	
Fractional scrip	20,647		
Sub. co. minor stock	1,200	1,200	
Real est. mtges. & gr'd rent leases	3,424,750	3,672,750	
5-year 6% notes	2,000,000	1,980,000	
Sub. real estate cos.' accounts	22,660	9,810	
Notes payable	25,000	30,000	
Accts' payable and acc'd liabilities	1,451,048	1,346,334	
Reserve for taxes	315,040	419,368	
Deferred credits	282,213	268,751	
Res'v for conting.	1,000,000	1,000,000	
Special reserve	d1,785,574	1,626,917	
Surplus	e5,938,808	5,782,251	
Total	30,315,997	26,483,374	

a After deducting \$5,224,176 for depreciation. b After deducting \$295,797 for depreciation on buildings. c Represents 333,000 shares of no par value when exchanges shall have been made. d Invested in real estate, first mortgage on real estate, Government and other bonds and cash on deposit. Note.—Contingent liability on guaranty of mortgage bonds of subsidiary real estate companies, \$500,000.—V. 122, p. 889.

Consolidated Cigar Corp.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—				
1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.	
Gross profit on sales	\$3,945,937	\$3,342,622	\$2,754,473	\$3,225,653
Selling, adm. & gen. exp.	1,702,978	1,620,630	1,769,896	1,637,867
Operating profit	\$2,242,959	\$1,721,992	\$984,577	\$1,527,786
Int. on loans, discount & miscell. losses (net)	489,797	475,560	458,594	357,496
Fed. & State taxes (est.)	230,000	165,000	54,000	115,000
Net income	\$1,523,162	\$1,081,433	\$471,983	\$1,055,290
Profit and loss surplus	1,599,829	960,004	191,111	99,390

During 1925, all arrears of dividends were paid on the preferred stock and in addition the preferred stock sinking fund has been brought up to date.—V. 122, p. 889, 615.

Coldak Corp. (Del.).—Stock Sold.—DeRidder, Mason & Minton, New York, and Plimpton & Plimpton, Boston, have sold at \$11 per share 360,000 shares class A stock. The stock was offered as a speculation. See full details in V. 122, p. 615.

It was announced this week that the management of the corporation is planning to establish agencies in all principal cities throughout the United States, the first to be opened in Boston next week. According to the company, negotiations are being carried on also for distribution of its products in Europe.—V. 122, p. 615.

Conley Tank Car Co.—Annual Report.

Income Account—Year Ending Dec. 31 1925.

Income from rentals, mileage, &c., \$340,407; other income, \$1,250	\$341,657
Car repairs, \$71,878; general & adm. exp., \$56,249; int. & amortiz., \$64,161; Federal income &c., taxes, \$6,415; uncollectible & doubtful accounts charged off, \$2,253	200,956
Dividends paid—common stock, \$20,442; preferred stock, \$22,611	43,053
Balance, surplus	\$97,647

The above figures are before allowing for 1925 income tax and depreciation on tank car equipment.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1925.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$95,163	8% preferred stock	\$396,500
Certificate of deposit	2,500	Com. stock (3,407 shs. no par)	68,140
Notes receivable	251	Equip. trust certificates	898,000
Accounts receivable	31,637	Car trust note	80,000
Tank car equipment	1,682,357	Accounts payable	14,659
Office furn. & fixtures	1,846	Acct. int. on trust certif.	14,928
Deferred assets	44,052	Reserve accounts	6,258
Prepaid insurance	1,943	Surplus	281,263
Total	\$1,759,749	Total	\$1,759,749

Consolidated Distributors, Inc.—Capital Increased.—The stockholders on Feb. 16 increased the authorized capital stock from 300,000 shares to 450,000 shares, no par value, the 150,000 new shares to be offered to stockholders of record Mar. 26 at the ratio of 1 new share for each two shares now held, at \$3.75 per share. The right to subscribe will expire April 15. The proceeds will be utilized for the expansion of the company's business.

President Jesse Froehlich, says in part: "There were many obstacles confronting the company at the time of its reorganization (which became effective on Feb. 14 1925), all of which have been successfully overcome, and the company has shown a 35.5% increase in its business in the last 3 months over the same period in 1924 without any added capital."—V. 122, p. 889.

Consumers Company, Chicago.—Annual Report.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Total sales	\$19,826,992	\$21,677,134	Not reported	Not reported
Oper. and other income	2,938,241	2,110,917	3,091,059	2,627,601
Admin. & gen. expenses	1,123,906	1,445,617	1,364,808	1,303,112
Deprec. & depletion	532,846	573,063	241,651	238,424
Interest and discount	602,784	645,587	644,308	679,133
Preferred dividends	x472,500	201,250	315,000	315,000
Net profit	\$205,205	loss\$754,600	\$525,292	\$91,932
Previous surplus	\$921,579	\$2,420,032	\$2,181,335	\$2,089,403
Surplus arising from red. par val. of common stk		3,250,000		
Apprec. due to appraisal of capital assets in 1925	2,551,049			
Total surplus	\$3,678,833	\$4,915,432	\$2,706,627	\$2,181,335
Adj. of prop. values due to deprec. & disposal of capital assets	320,635	3,873,898	206,595	
Approp. toward writing off the discount on the new bonds and notes	500,000			
Writing off the unamort. bal. of disc'ts. & exp. on old bds. & notes ret'd.	326,091			
Writing off disc't. on prior preferred stock sold	100,000			
Appropriated as reserve for contingencies	500,000			
Miscell. adj. prior years	6,348	119,955	80,000	
Profit & loss surplus	\$1,925,759	\$921,579	\$2,420,037	\$2,181,335
x Accrued but not paid				

Continental Baking Corp.—Government Suit.—See under "Current Events and Discussions," "Chronicle," Feb. 13, p. 833, 838.—V. 122, p. 889.

Courtaulds, Ltd., England.—Dividend—Earnings.—The directors have declared a dividend of 3s 6d, a share. An interim dividend of 1s. 6d. was paid last July. Net income for the year ended Dec. 31 1925, was £4,411,413 after taxes, depreciation, expenses and reserves, against £3,880,745 in 1924.—V. 121, p. 712.

Creole Syndicate, Inc.—Receivership Denied.—The application to put the company in the hands of a receiver was denied Feb. 16 by Supreme Court Justice Gavegan, who permitted the filing of a supplemental complaint and summons by Julio E. Ramon, one of the largest stockholders. Justice Gavegan said that public interest, on account of the wide holdings of the stock, outweighed that of the complainant. Ramon said that the defendants named in his suit got his share of the stock, amounting to 50%, which has greatly increased in value. He said he was one of the originators of the project, which is concerned with the exploitation of oil lands in Venezuela and adjacent islands. The application for permission to file a supplemental complaint in order to name other defendants in the suit was made last December with the application for the receivership. If Ramon can locate his stock, Justice Gavegan said, he would be willing to consider the matter further.—V. 122, p. 587.

Cumberland Pipe Line Co.—Annual Report.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Profits for year	\$367,551	\$439,446	\$786,420	\$723,605
Dividends	360,000	(12)360,000	(10)299,999	(12)179,999
Balance, surplus	x\$7,551	\$79,446	\$486,420	\$543,605
x Before adding \$82,286 adjustment on prior years' accounts; \$64,180 profit or sale of securities in prior years; \$61,762 adjustment of profit and loss suspense account for year.				
<i>Balance Sheet Dec. 31.</i>				
Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.
Plant	\$4,659,709	\$4,626,729	Capital stock	\$3,000,000
Other investm'ts	2,660,470	2,835,637	Depreciation	2,791,495
Acc'ts receivable	167,082	165,721	Acc'ts payable	456,546
Cash	310,965	63,610	Oil purchased and sale cont'g.	145,716
			Profit and loss	914,964
Total (each side)	\$7,798,226	\$7,741,697		1,550,185

Dillman Bakery, Inc.—Bonds Called.—All of the outstanding 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds, due March 1 1935, have been called for redemption March 1 next at 105 and int. at the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., trustee, 60 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 122, p. 487.

Dominion Stores, Ltd.—Stock Sold.—Hitt, Farwell & Co. and Campbell, Starring & Co., New York, have sold 15,000 shares common stock (without par value) at \$66 per share.

Authorized 90,000 shares; to be presently outstanding (incl. this issue) 75,000 shares. Company proposes to pay divs. Q-J. It has been the custom to pay divs. in U. S. dollars to stockholders residing in the United States. Transfer Agents: Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, and Trusts & Guarantee Co., Ltd., Toronto. Registrars: The First National Bank, Boston, and Chartered Trust & Executor Co., Toronto.

Data From Letter of Robert Jackson, President of the Company.
Company.—Incorp. in Canada in 1919. Operates a chain of retail grocery stores. In the 6 years, the number of stores has increased from 3 to 386, located in Toronto and most of the other principal cities of Ontario and in Montreal and surrounding communities. Company has the largest chain store system of any kind in Canada. Distributing warehouses are maintained in Toronto and Montreal and a bread and cake bakery is owned and operated in Toronto.

Sales and Earnings for Calendar Years.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Sales	\$12,616,588	\$10,348,233	\$7,663,653	\$5,059,509
Net before taxes	291,849	187,399	131,206	100,092
No. of stores	386	354	285	191

Purpose.—Company has outstanding \$608,900 preference stock class A and B, which will be called for redemption July 2 1926 with part of the proceeds from the sale of these 15,000 shares.

Recapitalizes—Increases Dividend Rate on Common Stock.—The company this week announced a capital readjustment which involves the retirement of its outstanding classes of preference stock. The company's \$608,900 of class A and B preference stock, now outstanding, will be called for redemption on July 2 1926, after which there will be no securities ranking the common stock except for \$84,000 of real estate mortgages. To provide funds in part for this retirement, the company has sold 15,000 shares of additional common stock to bankers. (See above.)

The company also announces an increase in the dividend rate on its common stock of which 75,000 shares, including the additional issue sold Feb. 16, are now outstanding. The new rate will be \$2.40 annually and the initial quarterly payment of 60 cents a share will be made next April 1 to holders of record March 20. The present rate has been \$1 annually, paid semi-annually. Increased net profits and the strong financial position of the company resulting from the retirement of its preference stock are said by officials to entitle common stockholders to the increased return.

The balance sheet as of Dec. 31 last shows current assets of \$1,778,000, against current liabilities of \$654,000. Capital and surplus is carried at \$1,847,000. The company now operates 386 stores and plans in 1926 to open 50 additional stores. Sales in 1925 were \$12,617,000 and for 1926, President Robert Jackson estimates total sales at over \$15,000,000.—V. 121, p. 1913.

Douglas-Pectin Corp.—Usual Dividend.—The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents a share on the capital stock, payable March 31 to holders of record March 1. On Dec. 31 1925 the company paid an extra dividend of 25 cents a share in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of 25 cents.—V. 121, p. 2525.

(E. I.) du Pont de Nemours & Co.—Common Stock Placed on a \$10 Annual Dividend Basis.—The directors on Feb. 15 declared a quarterly dividend of 2½% on the common stock, par \$100, payable March 15 to holders of record March 1. In the previous two quarters, the company paid regular dividends of 2% on the common stock, and in addition an extra of 1% on Sept. 15 and one of 5% on Jan. 8 last (see V. 121, p. 2525). This increase in the dividend rate follows an increase by the General Motors Corp. (see below).—V. 122, p. 741, 616.

Eagle-Picher Lead Co.—Dividends.—The directors have declared three regular quarterly dividends of 2% each (40c. per share) on the common stock, payable June 1, Sept. 1 and Dec. 1 to holders of record May 15, Aug. 15 and Nov. 15, respectively. Dividends at this rate have been paid since March 1 1925.—V. 120, p. 1095.

Edmund-Clark Building, Detroit.—Bonds Offered.—Hayden, Van Atter & Co., Detroit, are offering \$175,000 1st (closed) mtge. serial 6½% gold bonds at prices ranging from 100 and int. to 101.40 and int., to yield from 5¾% to 6½%, according to maturity.

Dated Feb. 1 1926; due serially Feb. 1 1928-1939. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at Fidelity Trust Co., Detroit, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Callable all or part on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 102 and int. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100.*

Building.—To be occupied by the Edmund-Clark Co. as furniture sales-rooms. Situated on the East Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Mich. Company's warehouse, with a floor space of 60,000 sq. ft., adjoins the rear of the new show room. The building will be 3 stories of the most modern fireproof construction.

Security.—These bonds will be the direct obligation of Mrs. Mary Streng, whose sworn statement shows a net worth of over three times the amount of this issue of bonds, and are secured by a direct closed first mortgage upon land and building, together appraised at \$369,760.

Edmund-Clark Co. was established in 1890 and is well known as one of the oldest firms handling highest grade furniture in Detroit.

Earnings.—The building has been leased to the Edmund-Clark Co. for a period of 25 years under very satisfactory terms, and this lease has been deposited with the trustee as additional security. The terms of the lease require the payment of \$20,000 per annum the first two years and \$30,000 the next 12 years, compared with maximum interest charges of \$11,375 and average interest charges of \$8,482.

Edmunds & Jones Corp.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.
Real estate, plants mach., eq't., &c.	\$1,495,709	\$1,251,497	Preferred stock	\$519,600
Patents	1	1	Com. stk. (no par)x1	260,000
Cash	214,313	227,310	Land contract pay.	100,000
Dom. & Can. bds.		30,000	Surplus	715,163
Accts. & notes rec.	389,850	301,523	Accts. & note pay.	393,058
Inventories	830,264	667,949	Reserve for Federal taxes	36,384
Investments	5,000	5,000		35,666
Deferred charges	89,067	38,736	Total (each side)	\$3,024,204

x Represented by 50,000 shares of no par (authorized 80,000 shares). The usual comparative income account was given in V. 122, p. 890.

Electric Auto-Lite Co.—Centralizes Business.—A despatch from Toledo, O., says: The company on Feb. 9 disposed of its Poughkeepsie, N. Y. plant to the Thompson Radio Corp. The plant was sold after centralization of the Auto-Lite and De Jon electric business to the Toledo and Fostoria (O.) plants. See V. 122, p. 890.

Electric Refrigeration Corp.—Consolidation Effective.—The plan by which the corporation becomes operative as a consolidation of the Kelvinator, Nizer and Grand Rapids Refrigeration corporations has been declared effective. About 90% of all Kelvinator Corp. stock and 80% of the Nizer stock as well as all the securities of the Grand Rapids company have been deposited.

The directors of the new company are: A. G. Boesel, J. R. Crouse, J. W. Cutler, S. C. Dobbs, Percy J. Ebbott, F. C. Finkenstaedt, A. H. Goss (President), Otis A. Glazebrook (Vice-President and Treasurer), J. M. Hoyt, W. G. Lerchen, Grayson M.-P. Murphy, Ernest Stauffen, Jr., H. A. Tremaine (Chairman), W. D. Mercer (Vice-President), H. A. Lewis and Heman Ely. Merlin Wiley is Secretary.

The capitalization of the company is \$3,000,000 10-year 6% conv. gold notes and 571,250 shares of no par value capital stock. It is the intention of company to inaugurate dividends at the rate of \$2 a share in cash and 5% in stock annually.—V. 122, p. 890.

Emerson-Brantingham Co., Rockford, Ill.—Readjustment Plan.—The directors have submitted to the stockholders a plan of readjustment of the company's affairs, that is

expected to place the company in a better position than it has been since 1920 when the world-wide agricultural depression began, which depression seriously affected the entire farm machinery business. A circular letter to the stockholders, says in substance:

The losses of the past five years, including operating, inventory and partial liquidation, have been very heavy. The operating losses of the company in 1925 are a little over one-half what they were in 1924.

Because of these losses and the constant shrinkage in working capital together with the fact that the Geiser plant at Waynesboro, Pa., and the Reeves plant at Columbus, Ind., have both been unprofitable or low earning plants even before 1920, the directors authorized the private sale of these plants, two years ago. Due to there being many other plants offered for sale, throughout the country, at very low prices, the sale of these plants at satisfactory figures has been impossible. Therefore, the officers were authorized to sell both plants at public auction in Oct., 1925. This was done, and prices obtained that, while considerably below the book value of the properties, were regarded by the board as acceptable in preference to continuing to operate them longer at a loss. These sales also caused further losses through the liquidation of the inventories at these plants the total losses on these plants and inventories being approximately \$2,750,000.

These are stern facts that have caused the board to consider ways and means of meeting this entire situation in the most constructive and conservative manner possible. At present, the future outlook in this industry is decidedly the best since 1920, although not nearly normal; consequently, this appears to be the opportune time to readjust the company on a basis that is in keeping with its resources. Therefore, after many months of careful consideration and much time spent in consultation with the banks interested, as well as with the company's and other attorneys, the following plan is submitted in the belief that it is in the best interest of the stockholders.

Digest of Proposed Plan of Readjustment.

Purpose.—(a) To safeguard the interests of the banks and other creditors; (b) to protect the stockholders' interests; (c) to provide current working capital; (d) to strengthen the company's trade and operating position; (e) to improve and increase operating efficiency, including the spirit of the organization which naturally drops during a long period of depression.

New Company.—It is proposed that a new company be organized under the name of Emerson-Brantingham Corp. in Illinois. All of the assets of the present company are to be transferred to the new corporation which will assume all of the obligations of the present company.

Capitalization.—The new corporation will issue: 200,000 shares class A stock and 20,000 shares class B stock.

Both classes of stock shall be no par value and with equal voting privilege, but the A stock shall have a preference of \$50 per share as to assets, in event of liquidation, and \$3.50 per share as to divs. paid, and shall participate share for share with class B stock on any divs. paid over \$3.50 per share. Dividends on the class A stock to be non-cumulative.

Exchange of Stock.—Holders of preferred stock of present company, upon surrender of each share of such preferred stock and any divs. or rights that may have accumulated thereon, are to receive one share of class A stock of new company in exchange for each share of pref. stock which they hold. Common stockholders of present company are to receive one share of class B stock of new company in exchange for and upon the surrender of each 5 shares of common stock they own in present company.

Stock for Employees.—A portion of the class A stock shall be set aside for the benefit of employees participating in the management of the company, to be distributed among them in such manner and at such prices as may be determined by the directors, in the event of the company showing satisfactory earnings. None of the stock reserved for employees participating in the management of the company shall be distributed until 25% of the original issue of debentures (mentioned below) shall have been retired.

To Offer Additional Stock.—After this exchange, a part of the excess class A stock remaining in the treasury of new company shall be later either offered to preferred stockholders at such price as may be deemed fair and adequate by the directors, or otherwise disposed of, for the purpose of acquiring additional working capital.

Bank and Creditors to Convert Indebtedness.—In the event that the plan is consummated with the practically unanimous consent of the stockholders, the banks and the larger creditors are to consent to convert the indebtedness owing by the company to them as of Oct. 31 1925, into 5% 5-year debenture notes. The banks have further consented to make such additional loans as may from time to time be agreed upon as necessary in the conduct of the business, provided, of course, the company is making satisfactory progress. The indenture securing the debenture notes shall contain among others, the following provisions:

(a) Each year an annual audit is to be made by competent accountants. If such audit reveals a loss from operations, after all proper charges including the usual reserves in accordance with the practice of the leading companies in the industry, of as much as \$400,000 in any one year, or losses aggregating \$750,000 or more in any three consecutive years, or if any such audit shall show that the company's net quick assets do not equal at least 75% of the then outstanding obligations, upon request of the holders of 50% of the then outstanding debenture notes, the trustees shall declare the entire issue in default and proceed to exercise all rights given the trustee under the indenture in the event of any default on the part of the company. (b) No mortgage or prior lien shall be placed on any of the company's assets, nor shall any sale of the Rockford or Batavia plants be had without first obtaining the written consent thereto of the holders of a majority in amount of the debentures remaining outstanding. (c) No dividends shall be paid to either A or B stockholders until the indebtedness evidenced by the debenture notes is reduced to \$2,500,000; and then only on consent of the holders of a majority of the debentures remaining outstanding. (d) Debenture notes may be retired at par and int. at any time before maturity.

Balance Sheet Oct. 31 1925 (Giving Effect to Plan.)

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$425,000	Current liabilities	\$460,000
Receivables	3,035,000	Debtenture notes	5,000,000
Inventories	3,150,000	Reserves	625,000
Plants	5,100,000	Capital stock	5,180,000
Prepaid int. & ins., etc.	55,000	Surplus	500,000
Total	\$11,765,000	Total	\$11,765,000

Operations.—To enable the company to better absorb its overheads and produce at lower costs, it is proposed to operate the remaining plants at Rockford and at Batavia as near capacity as sales will permit. During the past year, further progress has been made in the reduction of overheads and in standardization and simplification of the products at the Implement, Harvester and Wagon Works.

Prospective Earnings.—While it is impossible under present conditions to forecast accurately earnings for a year or more ahead, yet it is estimated—provided the plan as proposed is carried out during the early part of this fiscal year ending Oct. 31 1926, and crops and prices of farm products are approximately normal—that moderate earnings may be reasonably expected for the year ending Oct. 31 1926, also that prospects seem reasonably good for increased earnings in the years following. To aid in accomplishing this result, the sales department has been materially increased and strengthened, and the management generally, has been reinforced and strengthened wherever possible.

Committee.—To facilitate the readjustment, the directors selected a committee to prepare and submit a definite plan, the members of this committee being: Charles W. Folds, James L. Martin, George Armsby, Cecil F. Sanders, and C. S. Brantingham.

Results for Years Ended Oct. 31.

	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.	1921-22.
Loss from oper. after exp. &c.	\$425,725	\$1,183,172	\$1,608,201	\$1,690,308
Interest on loans	353,493	418,243	569,876	516,360
Depreciation	136,696	195,675	203,702	239,118
Balance, deficit	\$915,914	\$1,797,089	\$2,381,779	\$2,445,786
x Exclusive of special losses.—V. 121, p. 2163.				

Eureka Vacuum Cleaner Co.—Sales—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Net sales	\$10,090,152	\$9,614,790	\$8,215,162	\$5,009,533
Net profits	\$1,626,602	\$1,601,660	\$1,575,948	\$22,529
x After deducting \$8,150,936 for manufacturing, administrative and selling costs, \$81,614 for miscellaneous charges and \$231,000 for provision for Federal income tax and reserves.—V. 121, p. 3137.				

Emporium Corp. (Del.), San Francisco.—Initial Div.

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share, the outstanding capital stock, no par value, payable March 24 to holders of record March 4. See also V. 121, p. 3009.

(E. S.) Evans & Co., Inc.—Stock Offered.—Charles D. Robbins & Co. and Parker, Robinson & Co. are offering at \$25 per share 30,000 shares class B stock (voting). This offering involves no new financing on the part of the company.

Entitled in any year to non-cumulative divs. of \$2 per share, after payment of full cumulative divs. at the annual rate of \$2 per share on Class A stock, and to participate share for share with class A stock in all further dividends. On liquidation, class B stock is entitled to receive \$30 per share, after payment of \$30 per share and div. on the class A stock, and to participate share for share with the class A stock in the remaining assets. Class A stock is convertible share for share at any time into class B stock. The class B stock has sole voting power, except in respect of certain matters affecting the rights and preferences of class A stock and in case dividends are not paid in full on the class A stock for a period of twelve consecutive months. Transfer Agents: Central Trust Co., Chicago, and Chemical National Bank, New York. Registrars: Chicago Trust Co., Chicago and Central Union Trust Co., New York.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Class A stock (par \$5)	40,000 shs.	40,000 shs.
Class B stock (par \$5)	*100,000 shs.	60,000 shs.
*40,000 shares reserved for conversion of class A stock.		

Data From Letter of E. S. Evans, President of the Company.

Business.—Company (incl. its subsidiary, Lumber Products Corp.) is the largest manufacturer in the world of patented devices for the efficient domestic and export shipment of automobiles, and controls the patents for and is the sole distributor of Cornell shipping cases.

These automobile shipping devices, consisting of shipping blocks, decking, tie-downs and floor loading bucks, enable the user to obtain maximum load capacity per freight car with a minimum amount of time, labor and cost.

These devices are used by approximately 90% of the automobile manufacturers in the United States, including Chrysler, Ford, General Motors, Nash, Packard and Studebaker. It is estimated that these devices are used on 75% of all the assembled automobiles shipped by freight in this country. It is estimated that during the past 11 years the application of Evans equipment and scientific methods to the loading of automobiles in freight cars has saved the automobile industry in excess of \$60,000,000. Company's principal manufacturing plant located at Detroit, Mich. Lumber is collected and seasoned at its plant in Jackson, Miss., comprising 45 acres of land, a planing mill, factories and yards. A third plant for the manufacture of blocks is located at York, Ala., and an assembly plant at South Bend, Ind.

Contracts have been effected with factories at Summer, Wash. and Burlington, Ont., for the production of automobile shipping devices to supply the demand on the Pacific coast and in eastern Canada, and with a factory in Chicago for the manufacture of Cornell shipping cases.

Consolidated Net Profits After Taxes & Depreciation.

Calendar Years—	1923.	1924.	1925.
Net profits	\$301,872	\$283,839	\$460,195
Dividends.—Both the class A stock and the class B stock are at the present time on an annual dividend basis of \$2.25 per share.			

Listing.—It is expected that application will be made to list the class B stock on the New York Curb Market.

Consolidated Balance Sheet, Dec. 31 1925.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Land, bldgs. & equipment	\$551,305	Class A stock	\$200,000
Patents, licenses & goodwill	826,892	Class B stock	300,000
Cash	70,598	Accounts payable	43,670
Accts & notes rec. (less res.)	147,428	Accrued expenses	6,166
Inventories	307,915	Federal income taxes	67,029
Deferred charges	23,932	Purchase money oblig.	45,094
Investments (at cost)	10,000	Capital surplus	833,324
		Earned surplus	442,787
Total	\$1,938,070	Total	\$1,938,070

—V. 121, p. 2882.

Fagan Iron Works of Jersey City.—Receivership.

Vice-Chancellor John Bentley at Jersey City Feb. 8 appointed James F. Mitchell and William F. Cane, Jersey City, joint receivers. In the application it is stated that the assets of company are conservatively estimated at over \$1,000,000, including accounts payable of over \$200,000, and \$125,000 in notes, while on the liability side there are accounts payable of \$80,000, and notes payable of \$85,000, and there is also a mortgage on the property.

Fairbanks, Morse & Co.—Dividend Increased.

The directors have declared four quarterly dividends of 75c. each on the common stock, payable March 31, June 30, Sept. 30 and Dec. 31 to holders of record the 15th of each preceding month. From June 30 1924 to Dec. 31 1925 incl., the company paid quarterly dividends of 65c. per share on the common stock.

Preliminary figures indicate a net profit of approximately \$3,000,000 for 1925 after depreciation and Federal taxes, compared with \$2,056,838 in 1924.—V. 121, p. 2163.

Fairfield Dairy Corp., N. Y.—Definitive Notes Ready.

Bauer, Pond & Vivian announce that Fairfield Dairy Corp. 3-year 6 1/4% collateral trust gold notes, due Dec. 1 1928, are ready for delivery in definitive form in exchange for the temporary notes at the offices of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., 55 Cedar St., N. Y. City. See also offering in V. 121, p. 3010.

Fairhaven Mills.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		1925.		1924.		Liabilities—		1925.		1924.	
Land & buildings	\$1,217,878	\$1,217,878	Common stock	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000						
Mach'y & equip't.	2,662,452	2,681,258	Preferred stock	2,000,000	2,000,000						
Inventories	32,558	591,151	Notes payable	1,303,194	1,475,000						
Accts. & notes rec.	374,738	314,079	Depreciation	791,610	760,523						
Cash	250,374	207,144	Surplus		72,489						
Pemaquid stock	750,000	750,000									
Invest—mtge.	21,900	46,500									
Deficit	304,904										
Total	\$5,594,804	\$5,808,013	Total	\$5,594,804	\$5,808,013						

—V. 121, p. 1574.

Financial Center Building (California—Montgomery Co.), San Francisco.—Bonds Offered.

Peirce, Fair & Co. and Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., San Francisco, are offering at 100 and int. \$2,000,000 1st (closed) mtge. 6% serial gold bonds.

Dated Feb. 1 1926; due serially 1929-46. Principal and int. (F. & A.) payable at Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co., San Francisco, Calif., trustee. Callable on any int. date on 30 days' notice all or part in inverse order of maturities during first 10 years at 103 and int., and thereafter at 101 1/2 and int. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 ea. Interest payable without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%, which the corporation may be required or permitted to pay at the source. Exempt from personal property tax in California.

Security.—Bonds will be an obligation of the California-Montgomery Co., and secured by a first closed mortgage on the land and at the Northwest corner of California and Montgomery Streets, San Francisco, Calif., fronting 137 1/2 ft. on both California and Montgomery Sts., and a modern 15-story class A office building to be erected thereon. The land has been appraised at \$900,000. The value of the land and the estimated cost of the completed building will be in excess of \$3,000,000.

Earnings.—The net annual income has been estimated as between \$214,000 and \$259,000. The low estimate is based upon a per square foot rental charge much below that at present prevailing in the financial district among the class A office buildings, and allows 7 1/2% for vacancies, while the present average in the leading office buildings in this district is less than 2%. The lowest estimate is over 1 1/2 times interest charges and it is apparent that available income will always provide an ample margin above both interest and serial maturities.

Fitz Simons & Connell Dredge & Dock Co.—Initial Dividend Declared on Common Stock.

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, par \$20, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 20.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net profits after all charges, incl. deprec. taxes, &c.	\$272,712	\$283,223	\$185,992
Total work completed for 1925 was	\$1,602,377.	—V. 121, p. 2832.	

Fisher Body Corp. (Incl. Sub. Cos.)—Earnings.

Period—	3 Months Ended—	9 Mos. Ended—	
Jan. 31 '26.	Jan. 31 '25.	Jan. 31 '26.	Jan. 31 '25.
*Net earnings & income.	\$10,035,853	\$2,957,548	\$25,887,407
Deduct—Int. charges.	293,805	288,826	754,471
Prov. for Fed'l income & Profits taxes & Can'n income taxes.	1,257,924	361,533	3,203,407
			1,060,676

Balance, surplus, \$8,484,124. \$2,307,188. \$21,929,529. \$7,181,558. *From all sources after deducting all expenses of the business, including expenditures for repairs and maintenance of properties and an adequate allowance for accruing renewals and depreciation.—V. 121, p. 2645.

Forhan Co.—Dividends.

The directors have declared regular quarterly dividends of 25c. a share on the common stock and of 40c. a share on the class A stock, both payable April 1 to holders of record Feb. 28. Initial dividends of like amount were paid Jan. 2 last.—V. 121, p. 2526.

Frances Building (Co.), Sioux City, Ia.—Bonds Offered.

S. W. Straus & Co., Inc. are offering at prices to yield from 6% to 6.30% according to maturity \$750,000 1st mtge. 6 1/4% serial coupon bonds. Safeguarded under the Straus plan.

Dated Dec. 30 1925; due serially Dec. 1927-1937. Bonds and coupons (J. & D.) payable at offices of S. W. Straus & Co. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Callable at 103 and int. on and prior to Dec. 30 1930 and at 102 and int. thereafter; 2% Federal income tax paid by borrower; Calif. 4 mills, Cole. 5 mills, Iowa 6 mills, Kansas 2 1/2 mills, Kentucky 5 mills, Minn. 3 mills personal property taxes refunded.

The bonds are secured by a direct closed first mortgage on the Frances Building, an 8-story and basement, store and office building, in successful operation, and land owned in fee, located on one of the best business corners in Sioux City, Ia. The location of this building on the northeast corner of Fifth and Pierce St., is in the heart of the business district, and is surrounded by the principal department stores, banks, hotels and office buildings of the city. The building is the finest office building in Sioux City, and in construction, design and equipment, compares favorably with modern fireproof office buildings anywhere.

Earnings.—The earnings of the building for the year ending July 1 1925, available for payment of principal and interest were \$73,049 after excluding certain extraordinary and unusual expenses. Under the new management which has taken over the property the income should be considerably increased.

Franklin Mortgage Co., Atlanta, Ga.—Bonds Offered.

Ward, Sterne & Co., Birmingham, Ala., are offering at par and int. \$100,000 1st mtge. collateral trust 6% gold bonds, guaranteed by National Surety Co.

Dated Dec. 1 1925; due Dec. 1 1930. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at Trust Co. of Georgia, Atlanta, Ga., trustee, or at Guaranty Trust Co., New York. Red. on any int. date upon 60 days' notice at par and int. plus a premium of 1/4 of 1% for each year or portion of a year by which maturity is anticipated. Denom. \$1,000.

Company.—Recently organized for purpose of dealing in real estate mortgages. Has a paid-up capital of \$100,000.

Security.—Secured by deposit with the trustee of a like principal amount of notes secured by first mortgages on fee simple improved real estate, consisting principally of residence property, located in Atlanta and its environs. No mortgage exceeds 60% of the appraised value of the land and building.

Garden City Bond & Mtge. Co., Inc., N. Y.—Increase.

The stockholders on Jan. 15 increased the authorized 7% preferred stock from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000, par \$100. It is intended to issue the stock from time to time so as to provide funds to supply more adequately the demands that are made upon the company in the following counties in New York State: Nassau, Queens, Suffolk and Westchester Counties. The company's main office is at Mineola, N. Y. Henry J. Simonson, Jr., is President and Frank Ware is Secretary.

General Baking Co.—Government Suit.

See under "Current Events and Discussions," "Chronicle," Feb. 13, p. 833, 838.—V. 121, p. 3137.

General Baking Corp.—Government Suit.

See under "Current Events and Discussions," "Chronicle," Feb. 13, p. 833, 838.—V. 122, p. 890.

General Electric Co.—Employees Securities Corp. Bonds.

According to a statement issued by the company, 24,272 individuals on Jan. 1 were holders of General Employees' Securities Corp. bonds, fully paid for, aggregating \$18,453,770. In addition to this amount, bonds subscribed for by employees and in course of payment under the installment plan aggregated \$2,645,740, making the total of bonds paid and subscribed for \$21,099,510. These bonds bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum, but while the original holder remains an employee of the company an extra 2% is given, making a yield of 8% on the investment.—V. 122, p. 891, 756.

General Motors Acceptance Corp.—Notes Sold.

J. P. Morgan & Co., First National Bank, National City Co. and Bankers Trust Co. have sold \$50,000,000 5% serial gold notes.

The notes were offered for subscription at the following prices plus accrued interest:

Notes due 1927 at 100%, to yield 5 1/2%	Notes due 1932, 97.47%, yield 5 1/2%
Notes due 1928, 99.53%, yield 5 1/2%	Notes due 1933, 97.13%, yield 5 1/2%
Notes due 1929, 99.31%, yield 5 1/2%	Notes due 1934, 96.80%, yield 5 1/2%
Notes due 1930, 98.23%, yield 5 1/2%	Notes due 1935, 96.49%, yield 5 1/2%
Notes due 1931, 97.84%, yield 5 1/2%	Notes due 1936, 96.19%, yield 5 1/2%

Dated Mar. 1 1926; due \$5,000,000 annually Mar. 1 1927 to 1936 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness at office of J. P. Morgan & Co., New York. Denom. \$1,000 c*. Red. but only as to the whole amount of any one or more maturities, on any interest date, on 60 days' notice, at 100 plus a premium of 1/4% for each 6 months of unexpired life. Bankers Trust Co., New York, trustee.

Data from Letter of Curtis C. Cooper, President of the Corporation.

Ownership and History.—Entire capital stock except directors' qualifying shares owned by General Motors Corp., which has paid an average price of \$125 per share in cash therefor, thus providing a paid surplus equal to 25% of the capital stock. Corporation was organized in Jan. 1919 under the investment company provisions of the New York State Banking Law, and is subject to examination by the State Superintendent of Banks. Its operating operations with capital funds of \$2,500,000, additional capital has been provided in proportion with the growth of the business until to-day the corporation employs approximately \$20,250,000 of capital funds, represented by capital stock of \$13,500,000 and surplus and undivided profits of \$6,750,000.

Business.—Business consists of financing (through the purchase of receivables), exclusively for General Motors distributors and dealers, the distribution and sale of General Motors products, including the nationally known automobiles, Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Oakland, Oldsmobile, Pontiac and GMC trucks, and equipment such as Delco farm lighting and power machines and Frigidaire electric refrigerators.

In the 7 years from its organization to Dec. 31 1925, the corporation purchased receivables amounting to \$1,091,389,555, of which, as of Dec. 31 1925, \$975,102,795 had been liquidated with a loss ratio of less than 1-7 of 1%. The credit reserve fund set up as of Dec. 31 1925 against receiv-

bles amounted to \$1,511,902, which exceeds the total credit loss experienced from the organization of the corporation to that date. In 1925, the total amount of receivables purchased was \$281,426,773, comprising 392,397 items averaging \$717 each.

The receivables held on Dec. 31 1925 amounted to \$116,286,760, consisting of over 260,000 items with average outstanding balances of less than \$450, and distributed throughout the United States, Canada, Great Britain and other foreign countries.

Purpose.—To fund at a fixed rate of interest a portion of the corporation's normal borrowings and to provide for the further growth of its business. After giving effect to the issue of these notes, the corporation's other borrowings, consisting of bank loans and short-term notes, will amount to approximately \$75,000,000.

Earnings.—Corporation has consistently maintained the policy of charging for its services rates which yield a reasonable but not excessive banking profit on the capital employed. Such profit, after providing for the corporation's expenses and interest on its indebtedness, has been sufficient to permit dividends since the end of 1922 at an average rate exceeding 12% on the capital stock as outstanding from time to time, and in addition to build up undivided profits of \$3,374,998 since organization in 1919. See balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1925 in V. 122, p. 890.

General Motors Corp.—Common Stock Put on \$7 Annual Dividend Basis.

The directors on Feb. 11 declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the common stock, payable March 12 to holders of record Feb. 23. During 1925, the company paid four quarterly dividends of \$1.50 each and an extra of \$1 per share on the common stock. An extra dividend of \$5 per share was also paid on Jan. 7 last.

President Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., following the meeting of the directors, said in substance:

Net earnings for 1925 amounted to \$115,980,099. After allowing for dividends on the preferred stocks, there was a balance of \$108,340,103 for the common stock, equal to \$20.99 a share. This includes \$9,609,722, which is the corporation's proportion of the earnings of subsidiary operations in excess of dividends actually received. Cash on hand and in banks, together with marketable securities, Government and otherwise, amounted to \$145,142,087 at the close of 1925.

Sales of General Motors Cars to Users.

The following tabulation shows monthly sales of General Motors cars by dealers to ultimate consumers and sales by the manufacturing divisions of General Motors to their dealers:

	Dealers Sales to Users.			Divisions Sales to Dealers.		
	1926.	1925.	1924.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Jan. —	*53,721	25,593	33,574	*76,238	30,642	61,398

*These preliminary figures include passenger car and truck sales in the United States, Canada and Overseas by the Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, Oakland, Buick and Cadillac manufacturing divisions of General Motors.—V. 122, p. 891, 756.

General Petroleum Corp.—To Retire Notes.

The Bank of California says in substance: "The corporation has called for redemption at this bank on and after March 15 1926 all of the outstanding 6% convertible gold notes dated Sept. 15 1922 at 102 and int. to March 15. The conversion privilege will automatically cease on the 10th day prior to March 15 1926. Up to that time every holder of a 6% convertible gold note made deliver the notes to us as conversion agent and receive in exchange common stock of the General Petroleum Corp. on the basis of \$32.50 per share plus accrued cash dividend theretofore declared but not yet paid."—V. 122, p. 618.

General Railway Signal Co.—Receives Order.

It is announced that the company has received an order from the Erie RR. to equip the Delaware division with train control equipment, involving the equipment of 86 engines.—V. 122, p. 891, 757.

Gilliland Oil Co.—Annual Report.

Year Ended Oct. 31—	1924-25.	1923-24.
Operating revenue	\$2,794,310	\$2,847,416
Non-operating revenue	12,787	34,695

Adjustment crude oil inventory	\$2,807,096	\$2,882,111
Direct profit and loss	11,881	41,771
Operating expense	1,731,014	1,567,872

Net profit (before depreciation and depletion) \$1,109,637 \$1,272,468

Comparative Balance Sheet Oct. 31.			
Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—
Leaseholds, equip., &c.	\$8,202,855	\$7,572,907	Capital stock
Cash	23,419	45,416	\$3,236,600
Accts. & notes rec.	162,267	221,226	Bonds issued
Stock of crude oil and gasoline	48,481	36,255	4,265,755
Wareh'g material and supplies	224,914	277,277	Pur. money oblig.
Deferred charges	370,652	438,704	66,291
Deficit	467,320	1,321,802	Accounts payable
			302,482
			Notes payable
			447,559
			Notes & accr. int.
			60,663
			Contingent liab'l.
			571,089
			Deferred liabilities
			549,470
			460,414

Total \$9,499,909 \$9,913,588 Total \$9,499,909 \$9,913,588

x After deducting \$10,404,643 for reserves for depreciation and depletion. y Represented by 32,366 shares of 6% pref. stock at \$100 par, and 600,000 shares of common stock, no par value.—V. 120, p. 1335.

Glen Alden Coal Co.—Named in \$5,000,000 Suit.

The company is being sued for damages aggregating \$5,000,000 for alleged breaches of two contracts governing leases of 800 acres of coal lands in North Scranton, both actions having been brought in October 1921 and evidence having been presented at various times to date at closed hearings. The next hearing is scheduled for Feb. 23 at the company's offices in Scranton.

Both actions are based on leases entered into in 1864 and 1868 by relatives of the plaintiffs and agents for the defendants. In addition to money damages, the plaintiffs ask for a complete termination of the coal company's operations on their property. Hearings are expected to continue throughout the spring before former Judge Frank C. McLaughlin who was appointed referee by the Supreme Court of Broome County, New York.

Complaints by the lessors of what are known as the Central and Luzerne leases were first made by Helen B. Millard and Charles P. Bennett, owners and lessors of the property, in 1921 and amended complaints were filed in September 1922, both drawn against the Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR., whose liability in the action is admitted to have passed to the Glen Alden Coal Co. upon segregation of the anthracite mining company.

The Central lease was signed June 25 1864 and the Luzerne lease Oct. 1 1868 by those from whom plaintiffs inherited the properties. The first lease was estimated to contain 30,000,000 tons of merchantable anthracite and the Luzerne lease 20,000,000 tons, both leases to extend "for and during the term necessary and required to mine and carry away all merchantable coal" with 12 c. a ton to be paid as royalty for each ton of coal mined. At least 90,000 tons from the Central and 70,000 tons from the Luzerne leases were to be mined annually, although plaintiffs claimed that the exercise of diligence would have resulted in the mining of far more coal annually from the two properties.

The complaints state that in the first 25 years after the signing of the Central lease an average of 25,000 tons of coal was mined; instead of a minimum of 70,000 tons from Luzerne, an average of 25,000 tons annually was mined. Had proper diligence been exercised, plaintiffs say, all merchantable coal should have been removed by 1911. Delay is alleged to have resulted in greater profit to lessees, the complaints contending that present royalty on the coal should be 70c. a ton higher.

Damages claimed are \$6,243,069 specifically, but probably will come to about \$5,000,000. If a decision were ultimately given awarding the plaintiffs the damages claimed and ordering the defendant off the leased properties, mining equipment and financial loss to the coal company would reach \$12,000,000. ("Wall Street Journal.")—V. 121, p. 2884.

Greif Bros. Cooperae Corp.—Notes Sold.

Hornblower & Weeks and Paine, Webber & Co. have sold at 100 and int.

\$1,800,000 10-year 6% sinking fund gold notes (with stock purchase warrants).

Dated Feb. 1 1926, due Feb. 1 1936. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 105 and int. on or before Feb. 1 1931, the premium decreasing 1/2% each 6 months thereafter. Principal and interest (F. & A.) payable at United Banking & Trust Co., Cleveland, trustee, interest also payable at New York Trust Co., New York, and Union Trust Co., Chicago, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Mass. 6% income tax, Penn. 4 mills tax, Conn. 4 mills tax, Maryland 4 1/2 mills tax refundable.

Stock Purchase Warrants.—Each note carries a detachable stock purchase warrant entitling the holder to purchase from the company 20 shares of class A common stock for each \$1,000 note at \$45 per share until Feb. 1 1928, thereafter at \$50 per share until Feb. 1 1930 and thereafter until Feb. 1 1932 at \$60 per share. Noteholders are privileged to turn in their notes with warrants attached to apply at par and int. against purchase of class A common stock.

Corporation.—Incorp. Jan. 26 1926 in Delaware to succeed a business established in 1877. Is to-day the dominant factor in the slack or dry cooperage industry. Product consists of wooden staves, headings, kegs and barrels used in packing and shipping a widely diversified line of commodities other than liquids. Customers include many of the largest manufacturers and shippers of such necessities as flour, salt, sugar, starch, meats, fish, dry milk, cocoa, apples, potatoes, dry chemicals, glass pottery, tile, glue, lime, zinc, hardware, nails, bolts, wire and other metal products.

Consolidated Net Earnings Have Averaged as Follows:

Annual rate Jan. 1 to Oct. 31 '25	Earns. Avail. for Int. but B for Federal Taxes.	Times Interest Earned.	x Earns. Avail. per sh. cl. A After Adjust. for Interest and Taxes.
2 years & 10 mos. average rate.	\$755,545	6.99	\$8.85
3 years & 10 mos. average rate.	578,341	5.35	6.43
	483,416	4.47	5.13

* Based on present capitalization without allowing for participation with class B.

Sinking Fund.—Commencing with Aug. 1 1926, \$50,000 of these notes will be retired semi-annually from the sinking fund by purchase or redemption at the prevailing call price. Company further covenants to apply the proceeds from the sale of additional class A shares, reserved under the stock purchase warrants, to the reduction of these notes through purchase in the open market or through call by lot.

Purpose.—Proceeds of this financing, including sale of class A stock as well as \$1,800,000 gold notes, will be used to retire the company's present 8% preferred stock, amounting to \$2,887,000 and to provide additional working capital.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Oct. 31 1925 (After Present Financing).

Assets	Liabilities
Properties, &c. \$2,869,356	Prof. stock of Kimbell \$30,000
Cash 373,365	Heading Co. \$3,901,834
Notes & acceptances rec. 37,062	Capital and surplus \$3,901,834
Accounts receivable 932,315	Notes payable 357,201
Inventory 1,757,793	Accts. payable & accrued 209,296
Sundry notes & accounts receivable, &c. 212,742	Long term notes payable 221,673
Investments 481,788	Mortgage payable 8,000
Good-will 1	Accts. pay. to affil. cos. 28,053
Deferred assets 66,634	Reserve for estimated Fed. taxes & contingencies 175,000
	10-yr. sin. fund gold notes 1,800,000
Total (each side) \$6,731,058	

a Represented by common stock (no par value): Class A, to be authorized 100,000 shares; to be issued, 64,000 shares. Class B, to be authorized, 54,000 shares; to be issued, 54,000 shares. Compare also V. 122, p. 57.

Greenfield Tap & Die Corp.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets	1925.	1924.	Liabilities	1925.	1924.
Plant & Equip., &c.	\$4,291,711	\$4,294,109	Common stock	\$3,248,825	\$3,248,825
Cash	405,473	442,302	8% pref. stock	3,112,000	3,112,000
Notes & acc'ts rec.	416,398	417,916	6% pref. stock	35,000	35,000
Inventories	2,812,606	2,917,711	Notes payable	1,500,000	1,800,000
Prepaid expenses	39,768	49,496	Accounts payable	55,612	17,196
Investments	330,087	329,172	Reserve for deprec	1,059,724	992,134
Deferred assets	48,910	39,898	Other reserves	244,815	118,990
Good-will	1,068,813	1,068,813	Surplus	309,422	386,837
Pat'ts & trade mks	151,641	151,569			
Total	\$9,565,408	\$9,710,986	Total	\$9,565,408	\$9,710,986

See also comparative statement of earnings in V. 122, p. 891.

(W. F.) Hall Printing Co.—Bonds Ready.

Permanent 1st mtge. 6 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds, due 1939, are now ready for delivery in exchange for outstanding interim certificates at the offices of Leo, Higginson & Co., New York, Boston and Chicago. (For offering, see V. 118, p. 1275.)—V. 119, p. 947.

(M. A.) Hanna Co., Cleveland.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net income after all charges	\$1,958,016	\$1,544,596	\$4,276,753
Interest on funded debt	408,609	592,004	514,792
Depreciation & depletion	1,365,242	1,181,737	1,382,039
Federal taxes	60,871	32,427	52,080
Net corporate profit	x\$123,294df	\$1,651,572	\$2,327,842
Previous surplus	1,885,542	4,693,095	3,545,004
Miscellaneous credits	164,280	42,142	
Total surplus	\$2,173,116	\$3,083,665	\$5,891,147
Dividends paid by Co.:			
On 1st pref. 7% cumul.	395,302	\$10,901	\$26,175
On 2d conv. pref. 8% cumul.	51,896	207,584	201,789
Divs. paid by other controlled (but not wholly owned) (net)	y111,867	179,638	170,088
Balance carried to balance sheet	\$1,614,052	\$1,885,542	\$4,693,095

x Applicable to the M. A. Hanna Co. stock, \$323,941, applicable to minority stock holdings, (loss) \$200,647. y After deducting \$223,983 received by M. A. Hanna Co.—V. 121, p. 2165.

Hawaiian Pineapple Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Net profit on sales	\$2,904,838	\$3,176,454	\$3,635,524	\$2,106,070
Depreciation	386,514	\$320,390	268,842	234,907
Interest charges	92,483	51,815	29,138	49,145
Special credits		Cr.1,205		Cr.1,116
Special charges	39,356	29,401	25,928	27,344
Res. for income taxes	391,802	456,633	551,605	302,152
Res. for empl. compen.				5,000
Res. for empl. pensions			25,000	
Realiz. in excess of par val. on sale of cap. stk.	Cr.38,700	Cr.16,631	Cr.98,895	Cr.2,070,139
Recov. of exp. costs	Cr.9,239			
Adj. 1924 bonus distrib.	Cr.915			
Prof. on sale Lib. bonds		Cr.21,549		
Ref. 1919 Federal taxes		Cr.1,770		
Loss on investment	25,000			
Divs. paid (in cash)	1,053,903	1,021,802	1,019,295	635,605
do (in stock)	2,007,560			2,196,360
Balance, surplus—def.	\$1,042,927	\$1,337,570	\$1,814,610	\$726,812
Previous surplus	5,434,694	4,097,124	2,282,514	1,555,702
Profit & loss, surplus.	\$4,391,767	\$5,434,694	\$4,097,124	\$2,282,514

Honolulu Consolidated Oil Co.—Stock Put on a \$2 Annual Dividend Basis.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50c. a share on the new capital stock, par \$10, payable March 15 to holders of record March 5. This is at the rate of 20c. per annum on the old stock of \$1 par value, which was exchanged for the new stock on the basis of one new for ten old. Last year the company paid a total of 27c. a share on the old stock.—V. 122, p. 618.

(Geo. W.) Helme Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Real estate, mach., trade marks, &c.	\$3,329,951	3,395,713	Preferred stock	4,000,000	4,000,000
Supplies, &c.	6,222,206	5,629,668	Common stock	6,000,000	6,000,000
Cash	2,026,710	1,943,061	Preferred dividend	70,000	70,000
Bills & acct. rec.			Common dividend	1,080,000	1,080,000
Real estate stocks and bonds b.	4,938,937	5,010,386	Prov. for adv. est. insurance, &c.	2,824,031	2,602,961
Liberty bonds, &c.	2,000,281	1,999,500	Accts payable	c710,434	695,521
			Surplus	3,833,571	3,529,847
Total	18,518,085	17,978,328	Total	18,518,085	17,978,328

a After deducting depreciation funds. b Also non-competing corporations. c Including provision for income taxes. The usual comparative income account was given in V. 122, p. 891.

Hotel Sherman Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1925.

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Land & buildings	\$9,901,034		Common stock	\$1,290,400	
Furn., fixt. & equipment	1,495,731		Preferred stock	1,964,800	
Leaseholds	748,180		Bonded indebtedness	6,203,333	
Cash	459,561		Notes payable	1,488,114	
Accounts receivable	327,461		Accounts payable, including accrued wages	607,205	
Inventories	699,261		Sundry liabilities	35,412	
Stocks & bonds	58,925		Reserves for taxes	234,889	
Miscellaneous assets	57,794		Res for depreciation	472,345	
Discount on bonds	235,645		Surplus	2,087,957	
Good-will	400,863				
Total	\$14,384,456		Total	\$14,384,456	

—V. 120, p. 836.

Household Products, Inc.—Annual Report.

	x1925.	1924.	1923.
Net profits	\$2,908,400	\$2,628,176	\$2,630,355
Federal taxes (estimated)	345,950	316,216	311,635
Dividends	1,843,750	1,750,000	1,125,000
Surplus	\$718,700	\$561,960	\$1,193,720
Profit and loss surplus	\$1,810,680	\$1,423,387	\$959,027

x Includes Pepsin Syrup Co.—V. 121, p. 2758.

Humble Oil & Refining Co.—To Increase Stock.—President W. S. Farish, Feb. 8, said in substance:

The expansion of the company's business makes it advisable, in the opinion of the directors, to increase the capital stock. In order to permit the working out of such stock increase plan for submission to the stockholders, the annual meeting, which was to have been held Feb. 8 1926, was adjourned to March 1 1926. It is contemplated that the following plan will be submitted:

That the capital stock be increased from 1,750,000 shares (par \$25) to 3,000,000 shares, an increase of 1,250,000 shares; that this new stock, except such amount as may be reserved for sale to employees, be sold at par (\$25 per share) to stockholders of record 12 o'clock noon, March 1, at which time the books will be closed.

The company has had in effect for a number of years different plans whereby employees have been enabled to purchase stock in the company either directly or through the medium of a trust fund. It is estimated that during the next few years approximately 83,333 shares of stock will be required for this purpose. To buy this stock in the open market would probably entail considerable useless expense and inconvenience. It is deemed advisable, therefore, that provision for this stock be made in the present stock increase plan; the simplest and fairest way to all concerned to accomplish this is for each stockholder to waive any preference right he may have to a pro rata part of this amount. If this plan is adopted and entitled to subscribe for two shares of the new stock for each three shares of stock held by him at the time the books are closed. This block of stock set aside for employee purchase and trust fund contracts will be sold to the employees and the trustees for the employees stock purchase funds from time to time as required, at a price to be fixed by the directors, the proceeds going into the company treasury.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Net earnings before taxes and divs. (approx.)	\$22,000,000	\$10,835,195	\$5,058,192df	\$1,156,478

—V. 122, p. 892.

Hydraulic-Press Brick Co., St. Louis.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.
Net profit for year	\$632,051	\$838,465
Cash dividends on preferred stock	437,160	327,870
Balance, surplus	\$194,891	\$510,595
Profit and loss surplus Dec. 31	\$1,752,530	\$1,575,096

—V. 120, p. 3073.

Imperial Tobacco Co. (of Great Britain & Ireland).

Ann. Rept. Oct. 31 Yrs.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.	1921-22.
Net after deprec., &c.	£8,884,990	£8,369,061	£7,474,637	£7,199,077
Pensions	250,000	250,000	200,000	200,000
To general reserves	500,000	500,000	479,039	225,677
Am't. acct. freehold bldgs				500,000
Dividends on—				
Prof. B shares (5 1/2%)	272,759	272,759	272,759	272,759
Prof. B shares (6%)	315,628	315,628	315,628	315,628
Prof. C shares (10%)	263,822	263,822	263,822	263,822
Ordinary shares	7,188,407	6,739,132	5,990,340	5,056,348
Ord. divs.—Regular—	(16 1/2%)	(15%)	(15%)	(15%)
Extra	(7 1/2%)	(7 1/2%)	(5%)	(7 1/2%)
Surplus for year	£94,374	£27,720	def£46,901	£364,843

—V. 122, p. 489.

Industrial Finance Corp.—New Director.

William M. Bertles, of Howe, Snow & Bertles of New York, has been elected a director.—V. 122, p. 892.

Industrial Rayon Corp.—Earnings.

Net profits of corporation and affiliated companies for 1925 amounted to \$1,169,306 after depreciation charges, interest and amortization charges of all kinds, but before Federal taxes. The corporation is entitled to all these earnings except a small amount which applies to a minority interest still outstanding in Industrial Fibre Corp. Earnings for the year were in excess of \$2 a share on the present outstanding stock. The company entered 1926 with \$204,078 cash on hand or loaned out on call either directly or through its affiliated companies. It had no bank indebtedness of any kind.—V. 121, p. 1684.

International Business Machines Corp.—Split-Up.

The stockholders on Feb. 16 increased the authorized common stock from 200,000 shares to 750,000 shares, no par value, three new shares to be distributed on Feb. 27 to stockholders of record Feb. 16 in exchange for each share held. It is the intention of the board to place the new stock on a dividend basis of \$3 per share per year, which will be equivalent to \$9 per share on the old holdings on which dividends at the annual rate of \$3 per share had been paid. The company paid a 20% stock dividend on the old common stock on Dec. 15 last.—V. 122, p. 758.

International Cement Corp.—Sub. Co. Completes Mill.

The Virginia Portland Cement Corp., a subsidiary has completed and placed in operation a new mill at Norfolk, Va., which has an annual capacity of 1,200,000 barrels. The International Cement Corp., through its subsidiaries, now has in operation 10 mills and one is in the course of construction at New Orleans.—V. 122, p. 358.

International Harvester Co.—Acquires a Controlling Interest in Timber Lands in British Columbia.

Announcement was made on Jan. 28 of the acquisition by the International Harvester Co. of a controlling interest in extensive properties in British Columbia. The properties include quantities of fir and other saw timber sufficient for the Harvester company's large lumber requirements for

many years; also quantities of pulp wood and valuable water power rights which will be needed in developing the properties.

The Canadian holding of the White Brothers Lumber Co. and the Beaver Cove Lumber & Pulp Co., Ltd., were on Jan. 28 sold and conveyed to a consolidated and reorganized company known as the Canadian Forest Products, Ltd. The officers of the new company are: Cyrus McCormick, Jr., President; George A. Ranney and William M. Reay, Vice-Presidents; George C. Pratt, Secretary, and Arnold B. Keller, Treasurer. The directors are the president, the two vice-presidents, the secretary, and William S. Elliott, Ralph G. Brooks, Wendell B. Farris, C. B. Battle and W. H. White. It is understood that the price paid for the properties by the new company was approximately \$6,000,000.

The Harvester company states that its investment in this British Columbia enterprise evidences its faith in the future of Western Canada. Plans for development have not been formulated, but it is the company's intention to proceed at once with a thorough investigation for that purpose.—V. 122, p. 489.

International Silver Co.—Initial Common Dividend.

The directors on Feb. 18 declared an initial quarterly dividend of \$1.50 a share on the common stock and the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the preferred stock, both payable April 1 to holders of record March 17. A dispatch from Meriden, Conn., says: Announcement was made on Feb. 11 that the company has given an option to R. P. Tracy on the purchase of its holdings in Manning, Bowman & Co. of Meriden, Conn., and it is understood that the financial interests represented by Mr. Tracy will pay individual shareholders the same price of \$40 that will be paid the International Silver Co., or they may exchange their stock for securities in a corporation to be formed to take over the industry. The Manning, Bowman & Co. is capitalized for \$800,000 with shares having \$25 par value and paying 8%.—V. 121, p. 2885.

Jewel Tea Co., Inc.—Annual Report.

Years Ended—	Jan. 2 '26.	Dec. 27 '24.	Dec. 29 '23.	Dec. 31 '22.
Net sales	\$14,178,478	\$13,603,745	\$12,554,875	\$10,240,810
Operating profit	\$749,288	\$773,808	\$713,906	\$101,700
Other income	207,354	210,589		(121,374)
Total income	\$956,642	\$984,397	\$713,906	\$223,074
Int., inv. adj., &c.				49,189
Federal tax reserve	117,694	129,321	89,705	21,736
Balance	\$838,948	\$855,076	\$624,201	\$152,149
Bad debts res. not requir			208,959	
Prof. dividends (14%)	463,275			
Surplus	\$375,673	\$855,076	\$833,160	\$152,149
Profit & loss, surplus	998,414	654,555	def200,520	def1,033,681

Note.—Preferred stock dividends in arrears at Jan. 2 1926 amount to 29 3/4% or \$946,050.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

	Jan. 2 '26.	Dec. 27 '24.		Jan. 2 '26.	Dec. 27 '24.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Land, bldgs., &c.	x754,259	711,664	Preferred stock	3,180,000	3,640,000
Good-will	120,000	12,000,000	Common stock	120,000	12,000,000
Inventories	2,194,509	2,243,665	Letters of credit & acceptances	917,624	781,994
Acc'ts & notes rec.	399,017	330,811	Acc'ts payable	188,021	100,211
Investments	y1,014,795	953,454	Sundry accruals	86,818	73,764
Trust funds	62,450	58,627	Prof. divs. uncl.		728
Cash	460,211	518,988	Federal inc. taxes	117,694	129,321
Advances	542,358	532,330	Surety deposits	62,451	58,626
Other def'd charges	124,749	88,901	Surplus	998,414	654,555
Total	5,672,350	17,438,470	Total	5,672,350	17,438,470

x After deduction of \$391,880 for depreciation. y Marketable securities include company's common stock held for employees.—V. 122, p. 892.

Journal Publishing Building (Journal Publishing Co.), Pittsburgh, Pa.—Bonds Offered.—Century Trust Co., Baltimore, C. T. Williams & Co. and Townsend Scott & Sons recently offered \$225,000 1st (closed) mtge. serial 6% guaranteed gold bonds at par and int. Principal and interest guaranteed by Maryland Casualty Co., Baltimore, Md.

Dated Feb. 1 1926; due serially Feb. 1 1927-1934. Int. payable F. & A. Company will agree to pay principal and int. without deduction for the normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Refund of the Maryland 4 1/2 mills tax and Penn. 4 mills tax to resident holders upon proper application within 60 days after payment. Red. all or part on any int. date upon 60 days' notice at 102 and int. Century Trust Co., Baltimore, trustee.

Building.—The Journal Publishing Building is located at 218-222 Third Ave. and extends through to 217-219 Boulevard of the Allies, and is between Wood and Market Sts., two of the four leading business cross streets in the financial district, Pittsburgh. The building consists of 5 1/2 stories and basement and is modern in every detail. It is of brick and concrete construction with heavy steel reinforcements, having a floor capacity of 400 pounds per square foot. It is primarily designed for light manufacturing and offices. Total valuation, land and building, \$353,750.

Earnings.—The building has a total net rentable area of over 35,000 square feet, and is 100% rented, at an average net rental of over \$38,000 per annum, which will cover the interest on the bonds outstanding and provide for the serial maturities as they come due.

Kirby Lumber Co.—Stock Put on \$7 Annual Div. Basis.

The directors have declared four quarterly dividends on its capital stock of \$1.75 each, payable March 10, June 10, Sept. 10 and Dec. 10 to holders of record Feb. 27, May 31, Aug. 31 and Nov. 30, respectively. These dividends are payable out of the net surplus profits for 1925.—V. 120, p. 2409.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Sales	\$105,965,610	\$90,096,249	\$81,843,233	\$65,191,467
Net profit	13,509,260	11,564,164	10,893,988	7,576,417
Res. for Fed. taxes	1,700,000	1,450,000	1,400,000	960,000
Res. for contingencies	200,000			
Preferred dividends (7%)	140,000	140,000	141,350	141,445
Common cash divs.—(8%)	2,941,406	(8)1,961,451	(8)1,958,258	(7)1,168,558
Balance, surplus	\$8,527,854	\$8,012,713	\$7,394,381	\$5,306,415
Apprec. on appraisal of sub. co. props		641,143		
Previous surplus	15,398,585	11,161,180	9,888,033	4,581,619
Total	\$23,926,439	\$19,815,036	\$17,282,414	\$9,888,034
Goodwill wr. off		4,061,677		
Adjustment of leasehold amortiz., &c. (net)		354,774		
Stock divs. con. com. stock	(50%)12,258,264		(33 1-3)6,121,233	
Profit & loss, surplus	\$11,668,176	\$15,398,585	\$11,161,180	\$9,888,034

Comparative Balance Sheet December 31.

	1925.	1924.		1925.	1924.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Land, bldgs., &c.	39,997,358	32,023,505	7% cum. pref. stk.	2,000,000	2,000,000
Leaseholds, org'n, good-will, &c.	799,084	859,093	Common stock	36,786,197	24,527,933
Inventories	12,843,265	12,007,830	Mtges. & land con-tracts pay., &c.	7,686,670	7,342,500
Accts. receivable	299,042	231,524	Accts. pay. (incl. prov. for Fed. taxes & conting. reserve)	5,594,683	6,415,098
Lib. bds., &c. sec. (at market)	2,369,825	2,571,319	Rents & int. accr'd	299,592	
Cash	5,515,909	6,406,812	Notes payable	1,200,000	300,000
Deferred charges	3,410,837	1,884,033	Surplus	11,668,176	15,398,585
Total	65,235,319	55,984,116	Total	65,235,319	55,984,116

Landay Bros., Inc.—Gain in Earnings.

The first earning report to be issued since the company admitted the investment public to ownership shows net profit before Federal taxes for

the 6 months ended Dec. 31 1925, of \$408,994. After allowing for Federal taxes at the 1925 rate, net profits available for dividends amounted to \$357,866. This 6 months profit compares with profits for the entire fiscal year ended June 30 1925, of \$182,199.

Dividends on the class A participating stock were earned nearly 6 times during the 6 months ended Dec. 31 1925, or at the rate of nearly 12 times for the entire fiscal year.—V. 122, p. 222.

Larowe Milling Co., Toledo.—300% Stock Dividend—Dividend of 37 1/2c. a Share Declared on New Stock.

The stockholders have authorized an increase in stock from 65,000 to 260,000 shares and the directors have voted to distribute three additional shares to present holders.

The directors also declared a cash dividend of 37 1/2 cents a share payable on the new stock and it is understood that it is the intention to place the stock on a \$1.50 annual basis which is equivalent to \$6 a share on the old stock. Dividends of \$2.50 regular and \$1.50 extra were paid last year.—V. 122, p. 490.

Lawton Mills Corporation.—Balance Sheet Nov. 30.

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Real estate	\$4,561,995	\$4,506,316	Capital stock	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Securities	33,602	33,602	Notes & accounts payable	734,004	804,033
Bills & accts. rec'd	182,876	239,558	Reserve for deprec.	1,240,604	1,106,922
Inventory	1,595,611	1,345,899	Reserve for taxes	62,400	20,200
Cash	233,351	258,279	Surplus	2,639,287	2,521,794
Deferred assets	68,860				
Total	\$6,676,294	\$6,452,949	Total	\$6,676,294	\$6,452,949

(Louis K.) Liggett Co.—Sales.

Month of January—	1926.	1925.	Increase.
Sales	\$3,894,913	\$3,319,043	\$575,870

Lockwood, Greene & Co., Inc.—Earnings.

Net profit before interest for 1925 totaled \$448,596. After interest charges there was a net loss of \$278,361 for the year.—V. 122, p. 758.

McDougall Co., Frankfort, Ind.—Bond Offering.

Hitchcock & Co., Chicago, are offering at prices ranging from 98.15 and int. to 101.20 and int., to yield from 5% to 6 1/4%, according to maturity, \$350,000 1st mtge. 6% serial gold bonds.

Dated Feb. 1 1926; due serially May 1 1927-1936. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of the trustee. Denom. \$1,000 & \$500 c*. Red. on any int. date upon 60 days' notice at 103 and int. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Union Trust Co. and Rufus F. Chapin, Chicago, trustees.

Company.—Incorporated in 1909, company manufactures kitchen cabinets, kitchen tables and built-in units such as ice boxes, broom closets, cupboards, &c. The plant of the company is well located for the manufacture and distribution of its product, is modern, completely sprinklered throughout and ample for its requirements. The land, building and equipment have been appraised as having a sound replacement value of \$536,789.

Earnings.—Net earnings, after depreciation and before interest and Federal taxes for the past 3 years, 1923 to 1925 inclusive, have averaged \$99,565, or more than 4.7 times the maximum interest requirements of this issue, and for the year 1925 were nearly 5 1/2 times these requirements. Net sales for 1925 amounted to \$1,048,654.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire current indebtedness.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Issued.
Preferred stock	\$200,000	\$35,500
Common stock	300,000	285,000
First mortgage serial 6s	350,000	350,000

(H. R.) Mallinson & Co., Inc.—Report.

	14 Mos. End Dec. 31 '25.	1924.	Years Ended Oct. 31 1923.	1922.
Operating income	\$805,718	loss\$2,246	\$1,556,595	\$338,401
Other income	93,767	36,233	89,851	148,124
Total income	\$899,485	\$33,987	\$1,646,446	\$986,525
Deductions incl. depr., &c	249,528	195,442	183,897	245,200
Est. Federal taxes	64,000		185,000	90,000
Prof. dividends (7%)	209,116	179,594	181,090	192,000
Balance, surplus	\$376,841	def\$341,049	\$1,096,459	\$459,325

—V. 121, p. 337.

Manufacturers' Finance Co. (& Subs.).—Ann. Report.

Consolidated Statement of Operations 12 Months Ended Dec. 31 1925.	
Compensation, &c., less all charge-outs	\$2,823,150
Expenses	1,305,596
Interest paid	738,663
Federal income taxes, estimated	83,000
Preferred dividends: Subsidiaries—preferred and common	51,918
Company—Preferred	100,663
Company—Second preferred	97,522
Common stock dividends paid—Company	207,227
Extraord. exp.—Opening new branches, refinancing charges, &c.	96,865

Balance, surplus and undivided profits Dec. 31 1924. \$860,628
Adjustments—Common stock premiums and prepaid interest. Cr. 704,719
Federal taxes, furniture and fixtures, and misc. adjustments. Dr. 148,086

Surplus and undivided profits Dec. 31 1925. \$1,558,958
—V. 122, p. 359.

Massey-Harris Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.

Years Ended Nov. 30—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Income from operations	\$2,346,543	\$1,065,180	\$1,120,937
Recovery, in cash, of assets previously written off	661,139		
Total	\$3,007,682	\$1,065,180	\$1,120,937
Interest on borrowings	480,513	667,668	616,087
Approp. for deprec. of plants, &c.	939,165	282,567	174,708
Approp. for possible losses on rec.			233,309
Approp. for for. exch. and taxes			95,834
Approp. for pension fund	26,831	27,235	23,447
Approp. for income taxes	150,000		
Net profit	\$1,411,173	\$87,711	loss\$22,448
Previous surplus	818,710	750,153	772,601
Less amt. to adj. subs. cos. stk. to par		19,154	
Add amt. held in conting. acct. of subs. cos., not now reg.	130,000		
Surplus at Nov. 30	\$2,359,883	\$818,710	\$750,153

Mathieson Alkali Works, Inc.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
xTotal earnings	\$2,285,553	\$1,521,477	\$1,833,734	\$1,644,186
Depreciation & depletion	\$657,320	\$553,336	\$549,238	\$524,903
Income charges (net)	15,724	21,295	37,551	44,882
Federal income tax	147,476	73,780	150,000	96,000
Preferred dividends	175,567	344,634	250,549	155,036
Common dividends	147,207			
Balance, surplus	\$1,142,260	\$528,430	\$846,394	\$823,365

x After deducting manufacturing, selling and general administrative expenses.—V. 121, p. 2761.

Metropolitan Chain Stores, Inc.—Acquires Add'l Stores.

The company has purchased the property of the Pacific Stores Co., operating a chain of seven stores on the Pacific Coast, located in San Francisco, Fresno, Riverside, Orange, Whittier, Fullerton and Oakland, Calif. With the acquisition of these units, Metropolitan will have a chain of 78 stores.—V. 122, p. 893.

Midland Coke & Iron Corp.—Name Changed.—

This company, which recently was formed to acquire the properties of the old St. Louis Coke & Iron Co., has changed its name to *St. Louis Coke & Iron Corp.* (see V. 121, p. 2532).—V. 121, p. 2530.

Moline Implement Co.—Annual Report.—

Pres. R. W. Lea, Moline, Ill., Feb. 1, said: Operations of the company during 1925, its first year, were fully up to expectations. The income account for the year was as follows:

Gross income from sales	\$1,249,894
Other income	54,497
Total income	\$1,304,391
Expenses & charges	992,068
Dividend paid	300,000
Surplus Dec. 31 1925	\$12,322

The capital stock was all owned by and in the treasury of the Moline Plow Co., Inc. until Dec. 15 1925, when it was distributed to the individuals entitled thereto. A dividend of \$300,000 was paid Sept. 30 1925, to the then owners of all the stock.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1925.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Plant prop. (less deprec.)	\$464,260	Accounts payable	\$140,888
Cash	255,955	Accrued expenses & charges	115,347
Bankers acceptances	99,203	Capital stock	2,968,741
Notes & acc'ts rec., less res.	418,915	Surplus	12,322
Inventories	1,970,187		
Prepaid expenses	25,278		
Sundry accrued income	3,500		
Total	\$3,237,299	Total (each side)	\$3,237,299

a Authorized—40,000 shares of no par value. Issued—30,000 shares.—V. 121, p. 2413.

Monsanto Chemical Works, St. Louis.—Business.—

President John F. Queeny says: "The business of the company for 1925 showed a large increase over 1924, and was, in fact, the best year since 1920. Tonnage sold during 1925 was more than double that of 1920. Business booked by the corporation for delivery in 1926 is in excess of the total sales made during 1925, which would tend to indicate a greater stability and confidence in the future of the chemical industry than it has had since the year 1920."—V. 120, p. 712.

National Cloak & Suit Co.—Sales.—

Month of January	1926.	1925.
Net sales	\$2,832,347	\$2,990,908

—V. 122, p. 879, 760.

National Dairy Products Corp.—No Connection with National Food Products Corp.—

The corporation through its Vice-President makes the announcement that it has no connection, directly or indirectly, with the National Food Products Corp. It understands from the public press that the only interest which the latter has in the National Dairy Products Corp. is the ownership of 200 shares of Common stock out of a total of approximately 752,000 shares outstanding. None of the stock of the Sheffield Farms Co., Inc., the Sheffield Condensed Milk Co. or the Sheffield By-Products Co. is held by the National Food Products Corp., as it is all owned by the National Dairy Products Corp.

B. S. Halsey, a director of the National Dairy Products Corp. and of the Sheffield Farms Co., Inc., who as an individual is mentioned as one of the directors of National Food Products Corp., states that he is severing his connection with the National Food Products Corp. by resigning from its board. Mr. Halsey in a statement said:

"I have resigned both as officer and director of National Food Products Co. While the business purposes of this company are wholly different from those of National Dairy Products Corp. and Sheffield Farms Co., Inc., with which I am associated, some confusion in the public press between those companies makes this action by me desirable. My resignation is not to be considered in any wise as a reflection upon National Food Products Co., but is simply to remove this erroneous impression in the public press."—V. 122, p. 224, 101.

National Fireproofing Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Net earnings after all charges and taxes	\$813,091	\$971,338	\$1,066,289	\$29,316
Deprec. & depletion	303,388	299,591	301,425	100,000
Preferred dividends (5 1/4%)	414,776	(6) 474,030	(4) 316,020	-----

Balance, surplus	\$94,927	\$197,717	\$448,844	def\$70,684
Profit & loss, surplus	\$2,013,919	\$2,028,927	\$1,831,210	\$1,382,366

—V. 120, p. 3323.

National Food Products Corporation.—Government Sues to Stop Food Store "Trust"—Would Halt Stock Sale—Monopoly, Alleged Aim—Officer Resigns.—

For details of Government's anti-trust suit against company see under "Current Events and Discussions" on preceding pages. B. S. Halsey, a director, has resigned. See also V. 122, p. 760.

National Grocer Co., Chicago.—Dividends.—

The dividend of 2% recently declared on the common stock is payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 18. The directors also declared two regular semi-annual dividends of 3% each on the preferred stock, payable July 1 1926 and Jan. 1 1927, to holders of record June 20 and Dec. 20, respectively.—V. 122, p. 622.

National Transit Co.—Extra Dividend of 25 Cents.—

An extra dividend of 25 cents a share has been declared on the capital stock, payable March 15 to holders of record Feb. 27. On Dec. 15 last the usual semi-annual dividend of 25 cents a share was paid and three months previously an extra distribution of 25 cents a share was made.—V. 122, p. 622.

New England Lime Co.—Earnings.—

Income Account for Five Months Ended Nov. 30 1925.

Gross income	\$214,155
Interest on bonds	33,750
Deprec. & depl., \$46,454; bond discount, \$5,625; total	52,079
Less: Dividends on preferred stock	29,167
Balance to surplus	\$99,159

Note.—The fiscal year has been changed to end Nov. 30.—V. 121, p. 1799.

New York Auction Co., Inc.—Initial Dividends.—

The directors have declared initial quarterly dividends of 37 1/2 cents per share on the class A and class B stocks, both payable March 15 to holders of record March 1. See also V. 121, p. 2887.

New York Cannery, Inc.—Initial Preferred Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the 6% cumulative convertible preferred stock, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 22 (see offering in V. 121, p. 2762).—V. 122, p. 894, 101.

New York Transit Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Net income	\$243,792	\$186,418	\$238,732	\$549,194
Dividends	(3%) 150,000	(2) 100,000 (7 1/2%) 375,000	(95) 475,000	-----

Balance, sur. or def. sur\$93,792 sur\$86,418 def\$136,268 def\$4,200,806 x Includes special dividend of \$80 per share amounting to \$4,000,000 distributed on Dec. 30 1922, of which \$13 42 per share was paid out of earnings accumulated since March 1 1913, and \$66 58 per share was paid out of earnings accumulated prior to that date.—V. 122, p. 622.

Northwestern Debenture Bond Co.—Bonds Offered.—

Hitchcock & Co., Chicago, are offering at prices ranging from 100 and int. to 101 and int., to yield from 5% to 6%,

according to maturity, \$450,000 collateral trust 6% gold debentures, Series A.

Dated Feb. 1 1926; due serially Feb. 1 1927-1931. Principal and interest (P. & A.) payable at Hitchcock & Co., 39 South La Salle St., Chicago. Red. on any int. date on 30 days' notice at par and int. plus a premium of 1/2 of 1% for each year or fraction thereof between date of redemption and maturity; this premium in no event to exceed 1%. Demos. \$1,000 and \$500. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Chicago Trust Co., Chicago, trustee. Listed on the Chicago Stock Exchange.

These debentures are secured by deposit with the trustee of \$500,000 6% serial notes of Tennant Finance Corp., of which \$100,000 mature on Jan. 31 1927 and \$100,000 yearly until Jan. 31 1931. The notes of the Tennant Finance Corp. are in turn secured by \$600,000 automotive lien paper taken by that company in the regular course of business and deposited with the Chicago Trust Co., trustee, under a trust indenture which provides among other things:

(a) That there must at all times be on deposit with the trustee \$120 live collectible automotive lien paper for each \$1 of notes issued.

(b) That the automotive lien paper shall not have a longer maturity than 18 months and that as the paper matures and is taken down, other paper of this character only may be substituted.

These collateral trust debentures are therefore secured: (1) by self-liquidating collateral in the ratio of \$1 33 for each \$1 of debentures issued; (2) by the resources of the Tennant Finance Corp. (capital and surplus over \$600,000); and (3) the direct obligation of the Northwestern Debenture Bond Co. (paid in capital \$100,000).

Northern Pipe Line Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Net income all sources	\$316,748	\$214,205	\$308,155	\$482,167
Dividends	240,000	240,000	400,000	1,000,000
Rate	(6%)	y(6%)	y(10%)	x(25%)

Balance, surplus \$70,748 def\$25,795 def\$91,845 def\$517,833 x Includes special dividend of \$15 per share (\$600,000) distributed Jan. 1 1923, all of which was paid out of earnings accumulated since March 1 1913. y These dividends were distributed from earnings accumulated since March 1 1913.—V. 122, p. 622.

Ohio Leather Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.
Net earnings after estimating Federal taxes	\$77,238	\$128,890
Preferred stock dividends	63,888	67,706

Balance, surplus \$13,350 \$49,184
Second preferred stock dividends in arrears Dec. 31 1925, \$127,525.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Plant & equip., &c.	1925. 1924.	First pref stock	1925. 1924.
less deprec.	\$938,262 \$957,008	Second pref. stock	798,600 798,600
Cash	41,291 71,313	A common stock	790,800 790,800
U. S. Treas. notes	-----	Acc'ts pay. & accr. accounts	677,609 677,609
& acc. interest	356,500 665,896	10-yr. 6% notes	91,379 119,643
Acc'ts & notes rec., less discount	264,844 476,112	Cont'g. res. reserve	1,200,000 1,450,000
Inventory	2,116,527 1,798,548	Liability ins. res.	41,490 36,571
Prepaid expense	17,754 17,342	Conting. cred. res.	13,729 14,783
		Fed. tax res.	10,000 -----
			6,000 9,000
Total (each side)	\$3,735,178 \$3,986,219	Balance	105,571 89,212

a Consisting of 48,657 shares of no par value.—V. 121, p. 2050.

Ohio Oil Co.—Extra Dividend of 25 Cents.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share and the usual quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the outstanding \$60,000,000 capital stock, par \$25, payable Mar. 31 to holders of record Feb. 27. On Dec. 31 last an extra dividend of 50 cents per share was paid. Record of dividends paid since 1917:

	1917.	'18.	'19.	'20.	'21.	'22.	'23.	'24.	'25.	y'26.
Regular (per cent)	20	20	20	20	20	20	9	6	8	2
Extra (per cent)	76	76	68	60	23	x20	--	--	2	1

x Also 300% in stock. y Payable March 31.—V. 121, p. 2531.

(S.) Oppenheimer & Co.—Earnings.—

The annual report for 1925 shows net earnings of \$427,562 after deducting reserves for taxes. Net after pref. stock dividends amounted to \$388,120. The balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1925 shows total current assets of \$1,963,669, compared with current liabilities of \$143,439. Cash amounted to \$281,771.—V. 121, p. 1234.

Otis Steel Co.—Bonds Sold.—Blair & Co., Inc., New York, and Union Trust Co., Cleveland, have sold \$12,000,000 1st mtge. 15-year 6% sinking fund gold bonds, series A, at 98 1/2 and int., to yield 6.15%.

Dated March 1 1926, due March 1 1941. Red. in whole at any time, or in part on any int. date on 6 weeks notice at 105 and int. up to and incl. March 1 1931; thereafter at 105 and int. less 1/2% for each 12 months or part thereof elapsed after March 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Interest payable in New York at office of Blair & Co., and in Cleveland, without deduction for any Federal income taxes to the extent of 2% per annum. Penn. personal property tax and Calif. personal property tax not exceeding 4 mills, Maryland personal property tax not exceeding 4 1/2 mills, and Mass. income tax on int. not exceeding 6% on such int. refundable. Union Trust Co., Cleveland, trustee. Authorized, \$25,000,000.

Data From Letter of Pres. E. J. Kulas, Cleveland, Feb. 16.

Company.—Organized in Ohio. Conducts a business which was originally established in 1873. Business consists in the manufacture and sale of steel sheets, hot and cold rolled strips, plates, castings, pig iron, coke and by-products. The output is sold to a wide range of customers, including railroads, locomotive shops, boiler manufacturers, automobile manufacturers, oil companies, builders, machinery concerns, and other large steel companies. Some of the large railroad systems have been customers for nearly 45 years.

A comparison of the net sales for the last five years is as follows:

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
\$28,897,687	\$23,385,449	\$25,567,900	\$12,271,013	\$6,166,654	

Purpose.—Issued (a) to refund on or before Aug. 1 1926 the present outstanding 7 1/2% and 8% 1st mtge. bonds, of which there were \$3,750,000 outstanding on Dec. 31 1925; (b) to pay off all bank debt, amounting on Dec. 31 1925 to \$1,000,000; and (c) to provide over \$1,000,000 additional working capital. There will be deposited with the trustee under the existing mortgage a sufficient amount out of the proceeds of sale of these bonds to provide for the retirement of all outstanding bonds on or before Aug. 1 1926.

Capitalization.—Company proposes to submit a plan to its stockholders for the creation of a new prior preference stock which will rank as to assets and dividends prior to its existing preferred and common stock; and upon creation of such prior preference stock it is proposed to offer the holders of existing preferred stock the right to exchange such stock for new prior preference stock to a par amount equal to the par amount of the existing preferred stock plus all accrued and unpaid dividends thereon.

Upon completion of this proposed financing and the consummation of the exchange of all the existing preferred stock for new prior preference stock, the company will have no other outstanding funded debt except these new 1st mortgage bonds, and its share capitalization adjusted as of Dec. 31 1925 would be as follows:

Prior pref. stock, 7% cum. (par \$100)	Authorized. \$25,000,000	Outstanding. \$11,612,300
Common stock (no par value)	1,000,000 shs.	741,000 shs.

First Mortgage.—Upon retirement of existing bonds, these new bonds will be secured by a first mortgage on all the real estate, plants, fixtures and equipment now owned, and will also be secured on any additional similar properties hereafter acquired or constructed with the proceeds of the 1st mtge. bonds. Bonds will be further secured by pledge with the trustee of the entire \$150,000 capital stock (except directors' shares) of the Cuyahoga Valley Ry. The properties to be covered by the mortgage were carried on the books (less depreciation) as of Dec. 31 1925, at more than \$24,700,000, or over twice the amount of the present issue of 1st mtge. bonds.

Earnings.—For the ten years ended Dec. 31 1925 the net profits available for interest and Federal taxes, after allowance for depreciation and after absorbing unusual inventory adjustments sustained generally in the industry in 1920-1921, averaged \$2,138,306 per annum, or about three times the annual interest on the present issue of \$12,000,000 1st mtge. bonds. The profits of the Cleveland Furnace Co. from April 1 1916 to Oct. 1 1919, the date of its acquisition, have been included in these average earnings.

For the year ended Dec. 31 1925 the net profits available for interest and Federal taxes, after allowance for depreciation were \$2,263,402, or about 3.15 times said annual interest charges.

Based on operating results to date this year, and unfilled orders on hand, it is estimated that net profits for the first quarter of 1926, available for interest and Federal taxes, will alone be sufficient to cover the annual interest requirements on the present issue of new bonds for the entire year of 1926; on the basis of this estimate, the net profits for the first quarter of 1926 would be at the rate of four times the interest requirements on the present issue of bonds.

Sinking Fund.—As a sinking fund for the series A bonds, the company will covenant to pay to the trustee an amount in cash sufficient to retire at the then current redemption price the following percentages of the maximum amount of the series A bonds issued and outstanding prior to March 1 1929: 2% payable on March 1 1929; 3% per annum payable semi-annually from Sept. 1 1929 to March 1 1933 incl.; 4% per annum payable semi-annually from Sept. 1 1933 to March 1 1937 incl.; 5% per annum payable semi-annually from Sept. 1 1937 to March 1 1941 incl. The funds thus paid are to be applied to the purchase or redemption of series A bonds on or before the next succeeding interest payment date. Company may deliver bonds in lieu of cash for the sinking fund.

Listing.—Application will be made to list these bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.

Pro Forma Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1925.

[Adjusted to give effect to the application of proceeds from issuance of \$12,000,000 1st mtge. 6s and proposed issuance of \$11,612,300 prior pref. stock in exchange for present outstanding preferred stock and in liquidation of dividends accumulated thereon.]

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Cash, incl. proceeds from this issue not otherwise applied.....	\$808,594	Accounts payable.....	\$2,086,345
Customers' accts. & notes less discounts, &c.....	1,558,438	Accrued taxes.....	518,972
Inventory.....	6,337,985	1st mtge. 15-year 6s.....	12,000,000
Invest. in other cos.....	1,395,320	Res. for relin. furn. &c.....	197,853
Misc. claims, accts., &c.....	15,584	Res. amort. of plants.....	220,525
Real est., pl't., equip., &c.....	24,939,752	Liabil. ins., &c., res.....	366,246
Reorg. & refinan. exp., &c.....	939,852	Common (no par value).....	11,612,300
		Surplus, incl. surplus incident to reorganization.....	5,288,342
Total.....	\$35,995,593	Total.....	\$35,995,593

a Authorized, 1,000,000 shares; issued, 741,002 shares; declared value, \$5 per share.

The directors have authorized expenditures for improvements and additions to the company's plant which are expected to effect substantial savings in operating costs. One of the most important of these proposed betterments is the increase in the power plant equipment. At a cost of about \$450,000 it is planned to double the power plant at the blast furnaces. Since the blast furnaces provide free fuel as a by-product, savings in the company's coal bill of many thousands of dollars annually will result.

The company's power plant at the Riverside works will be maintained as a reserve unit. In addition, it is planned to install turbo blowers at the blast furnaces, replacing the present blower engines. These improvements, all told, will cost about \$800,000 and they will result in adding about \$500,000 annually to the company's earning power.

Another betterment under consideration involves the conversion of the jobbing mills to sheet mills. This change is designed to bring the company's products into a higher-priced and a more profitable market. This, together with some proposed changes of the plate mills, would augment the company's profits by \$500,000 annually in a normal year, it is stated.—V. 122, p. 894.

Pacific Mills.—Notes Offered.—Lee, Higginson & Co., National City Co., Guaranty Co. of New York, First National Corp. of Boston, Old Colony Trust Co., Shawmut Corp. of Boston, Brown Brothers & Co., Jackson & Curtis, Boston, and Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago, are offering at 96 3/4 and int., yielding over 6 1/4% \$17,500,000 5-year 5 1/2% gold notes.

Dated Feb. 1 1926; due Feb. 1 1931. Interest payable F. & A. at offices of Lee, Higginson & Co. in Boston, New York and Chicago without deduction for Federal income taxes not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Callable on 60 days' notice as a whole at any time or in part on any int. date at 102 during first two years, at 101 during next two years, and at 100 1/2 the last year, plus int. in each case. Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, trustee.

Capitalization (to be outstanding upon completion of this financing)

5-Year 5 1/2% gold notes (this issue).....	\$17,500,000
Common stock (par \$100).....	40,000,000

Data from Letter of Edwin Farnham Greene, Treas. of the Company.

Company.—Is one of the largest textile manufacturers in the world. Plants at Lawrence, Mass., Dover, N. H., and Columbia and Lyman, S. C., are well arranged for efficient production and are in excellent operating condition. The mills contain 663,680 cotton and worsted spindles and 16,212 looms. The finishing plants are capable of finishing over 400,000,000 yards of cotton cloth annually, about one-third of which is produced in the company's own mills and two-thirds purchased. Thus the company has an unusual opportunity to run its own mills at capacity through times of depression by reducing the proportion of purchased cloth. The ability to buy the balance of the cloth requirements of its finishing plants in the cheapest market, and the fact that over 40% of its cotton spindles and looms, and 20% of its finishing capacity are in the South, place the company in a strategic position to take advantage of low cost production, North or South.

Products consist of cotton, wool, silk and rayon goods, including finished fabrics for most women's and children's clothing from lingerie to dresses and suits; for men's underwear, shirts and light weight suits; for draperies, sheets and other domestic uses; and for shoe linings and automobile upholstery. A large proportion of the company's sheetings are made up in its Lyman plant into finished sheets and pillow cases. Its products are more diversified than those of any other organization in the textile industry, giving the company a great advantage in meeting style changes. Sales in 1925 of 314,968,980 yards were the largest, in volume, in the company's history.

Assets.—Company's balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1925, adjusted to give effect to this financing, shows total net assets applicable to these notes, of \$60,930,290, more than 3 times the amount of these notes, and net current assets of \$30,294,439, which alone are more than 1.7 times the amount of these notes. Current assets of \$33,365,349 are more than 10 times current liabilities of \$3,070,910.

Earnings.—For the 10 years ended Dec. 31 1925, net earnings, after depreciation, averaged \$4,580,157, equal to more than 4.2 times the interest requirement of \$1,079,193, made up of \$962,500 interest on these notes and interest, at the average rate now being paid, on balance of current loans as of Dec. 31 1925, outstanding after applying the proceeds of these notes.

For the five years from 1921 to 1925 incl., such net earnings average \$2,073,107, more than 1.9 times such interest requirement. This period includes the years 1922 (when the company had a seven months' strike) as well as 1924 and 1925, two of the worst years on record in the textile industry. In 1924 the company incurred an operating loss. In 1925 the company's earnings applicable to interest, before depreciation and inventory mark down, amounted to \$2,909,594 and, after deducting \$1,384,562 reserve for depreciation and \$966,068 inventory mark down, amounted to \$558,964. The newly completed plant at Lyman, S. C., has recently reached capacity production, and since Oct. 1 1925 the plants as a whole have been operating at a profit after depreciation and interest charges.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reduce current loans as such loans come due or satisfactory arrangements can be made for prior payment. The balance sheet, adjusted to give effect to this financing, shows current loans of \$2,580,000 which amount the company believes to be ample to meet present requirements.

[At annual meeting, Daniel G. Wing was added to the board of directors.]—V. 122, p. 761.

Pacific Oil Co.—Sale of Associated Oil Stock.

Supplementing his circular letter of Jan. 11, addressed to the stockholders Henry W. de Forest, Chairman of the Executive Committee, gave out the following statement Feb. 11:

Certain of the larger stockholders of the Associated Oil Co., including the Standard Oil Co. of California as to the shares it would receive from the Pacific Oil Co., have agreed to sell to Blair & Co., Inc., and the Chase Securities Co. a minimum of 25% of the capital stock of the Associated company, payment to be made at the option of the sellers, either in cash at the rate of \$59 per share, including the dividend of 50c. per share payable April 25 1926, or in certain other securities, the nature of which will be made known later, on or before March 12 1926.

In connection with this agreement the purchasers agree that all stockholders of Associated Oil Co. shall have the right to sell or exchange their stock upon the same terms.

As the Pacific Oil Co. will be the registered owner (on the record date, viz.: March 4 1926, for purposes of this dividend) of the shares of Associated Oil Co. that may be distributed to the stockholders of the former company on March 6 1926, the dividend allocable to the Associated Oil Co. shares involved in this distribution will be paid to Pacific Oil Co. and the latter's shareholders will receive it in connection with any further distribution of its assets that may be made.

The result will be that Pacific Oil Co. stockholders desiring to sell their Associated Oil stock for cash will receive \$53 50 per share.

Depositories to which the stock may be delivered will be designated by Blair & Co., Inc., and the Chase Securities Co. later.—V. 122, p. 360, 225.

Paraffine Companies.—Dividend Rate Increased.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% (\$1 50 a share), payable March 27 to holders of record March 17. In December last the company paid a quarterly dividend of \$1 per share and an extra dividend of \$1 per share.—V. 121, p. 2531.

Parke, Davis & Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings.....	\$7,904,974	\$7,037,751	\$6,400,864	\$6,590,813
Reserve to equalize value of current assets in foreign countries with market rates of exchange.....	8,550	66,037	263,877	125,886
Reserve for depreciation.....	343,146	242,808	198,945	304,169
Federal and foreign taxes.....	975,000	825,000	750,000	900,000
Cash dividends.....	5,696,065	4,745,816	5,218,618	3,555,114
Bal., sur. for cal. year.....	\$882,213	\$1,158,090	def\$30,575	\$1,705,645
Previous surplus.....	\$8,788,301	\$7,330,211	\$7,360,786	\$7,109,627
Employees pension fund.....	100,000	100,000	-----	100,000
Formulae processes, trade marks, &c.....	-----	-----	-----	Cr10,500,000
Stock dividend (100%).....	-----	-----	-----	11,854,485
Profit and loss surplus.....	\$9,170,514	\$8,388,301	\$7,330,211	\$7,360,786

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—		
1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.	
Land, buildings, machinery, &c.....	5,160,385	4,978,743	Capital stock.....	23,734,820
Formulae, trade marks, &c.....	10,500,000	10,500,000	Accounts payable.....	801,645
Inventories.....	6,564,227	6,347,843	Reserve for special taxes.....	1,488,806
Investments.....	7,848,783	7,459,626	Dividend reserve.....	1,898,762
Cash.....	2,837,599	2,578,287	Surplus.....	9,170,513
Accts. receivable.....	4,183,553	4,138,581	Tot. (each side).....	37,094,547
				36,003,080

—V. 121, p. 1578.

Penmans, Ltd.—Extra Dividend of 2%.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 2% on the Common stock, payable Feb. 27 to holders of record Feb. 25. An extra dividend of like amount was paid on the common shares on Feb. 28 1924 and 1925.—V. 120, p. 1099.

Phoenix Hosiery Co., Milwaukee.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Net income.....	\$2,170,173	\$480,722	\$1,008,991	\$1,025,400
Interest paid.....	102,640	167,694	-----	-----
Federal & State taxes.....	415,593	42,800	-----	-----
Divs. on 7% pref. stock.....	294,460	305,893	308,875	26,250
Common dividends.....	-----	-----	-----	(2 1/2)\$75,000
Surplus.....	\$1,357,480	def\$35,665	\$700,116	\$1,824,150
Previous surplus.....	3,870,402	3,982,511	3,314,911	1,490,761
Total surplus.....	\$5,227,882	\$3,946,846	\$4,015,027	\$3,314,911
Unused portion res'v for conting. (Cr.).....	-----	-----	53,669	-----
Profit on redem. of pref. stock (Cr.).....	10,291	16,753	7,012	-----
Deprec'n for year.....	93,197	93,197	93,197	-----
Profit & loss surplus.....	\$5,144,975	\$3,870,402	\$3,982,511	\$3,314,911

Consolidated Balance Sheet December 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—		
1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.	
Land, buildings, mach. & equip.....	4,720,838	4,855,876	7% cum. pf. stk.....	3,629,100
Cash.....	731,550	551,848	7% cum. 2d pt. stk.....	500,000
Customers' accts. and notes rec.....	2,577,897	2,328,387	Common stock.....	875,000
Other accts. and notes receivable.....	58,245	57,816	Notes payable.....	310,000
Cash value of life insur. policy.....	171,524	91,453	Trade accep. pay.....	98,090
Inventory.....	4,612,724	4,876,994	Accts. payable, &c.....	725,078
Prepaid expenses.....	63,427	126,804	Bank acceptances.....	502,076
Sundry investm'ts.....	45,744	45,744	Res. for pref. divs.....	24,320
			Res. for taxes.....	565,256
Total.....	13,001,950	12,934,921	Sav. c'tfs. & depos.....	628,054
			Surplus.....	5,144,975
			Total.....	13,001,950

x After deducting \$2,237,015 for reserve for depreciation and \$155,000 serial mortgage 5% bonds.—V. 121, p. 210.

Pierce, Butler & Pierce Mfg. Corp.—Report.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net earnings.....	\$978,452	\$696,514	\$693,394
Dividends paid (cash).....	410,252	363,872	276,705
Surplus.....	\$568,200	\$332,642	\$416,689
Previous surplus.....	1,665,920	1,333,279	916,590
Divs. paid in stock.....	1,500,000	-----	-----
Profit and loss surplus.....	\$734,120	\$1,665,920	\$1,333,279

Piggly Wiggly Western States Co. (Del.)—Stock Offered.

—Geo. H. Burr, Conrad & Broom, Inc., Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc. and Hunter, Dulin & Co. are offering at \$21 50 per share 70,000 class A shares (no par value).

Dividends payable Q.-F. at rate of \$1 50 per share per annum. Citizens Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles and Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co., San Francisco, transfer agents. Pacific-Southwest Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, and Anglo-California Trust Co., San Francisco, registrars. Stock is non-callable and has preference over class B stock as to assets and cumulative dividends at the rate of \$1 50 per share per year and participates equally share for share in all dividends declared in excess of \$0 75 per share per year on the class B stock.

Capitalization.—Authorized, Issued.
Class A shares (no par).....250,000 shs. 70,000 shs.
Class B shares (no par).....100,000 shs. 100,000 shs.

Data from Letter of A. C. Jones, President of the Company.

Company.—The business was originally established in 1919 to operate in California a chain of retail cash grocery stores under the well known "Piggly Wiggly" trade name. The purpose of the company will be to

retail groceries at the lowest possible cost consistent with quality. It will operate 66 stores which are now doing an annual volume of business in excess of \$7,000,000 and are located in the following Southern California cities: Los Angeles, Hollywood, San Bernardino, Riverside, Redlands, Pomona, Whittier, Anaheim, Fullerton, Santa Ana, Long Beach, San Pedro, Monrovia, Alhambra, Pasadena, So. Pasadena, Glendale, Burbank, Lancaster, Van Nuys, and San Fernando; also Salt Lake City, Utah.

Since 1921 the company has increased the number of stores more than 200%, the annual volume of sales about 365%, and the annual net earnings over 840%.

Net Sales and Earnings (after Taxes and Depreciation) Years ending Dec. 31

No. of Stores	Net Sales	Net Profits	No. of Stores	Net Sales	Net Profits
1920	\$1,117,924	\$4,087	1923	3,732,032	\$127,516
1921	1,478,263	22,448	1924	4,915,015	186,444
1922	2,334,721	68,874	1925	7,164,741	213,338

Proceeds of this issue will enable it to open approximately 50 new stores during 1926, which should increase the net earnings 50%.

Purpose.—To acquire the assets and business above mentioned and the control of the company for the present management, and to provide the company with additional working capital for the expansion of the business.

Listing.—Company expects to make application to list this stock on the Los Angeles Stock Exchange and San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange.

Postum Cereal Co., Inc.—To Increase Stock.—The New York Stock Exchange has received notice from the company of a proposed increase in its authorized common stock from 1,375,000 shares to 1,475,000 shares, no par value. The stockholders will meet Mch. 10.

Of the 100,000 additional shares of new capital stock, the company proposes to issue 95,000 shares for the purpose of acquiring the properties and other assets of Lehigh Brothers, manufacturers of cake flour. Flow-consumption of the deal there will be outstanding 1,470,000 shares of Postum common stock, leaving 5,000 unissued shares in the company's treasury.—V. 122, p. 894, 623.

Pressed Steel Car Co.—Merger Approved.—The stockholders on Feb. 18 approved the merger with the company of the Western Steel Car & Foundry Co. (as outlined in V. 122, p. 623).—V. 122, p. 762.

Procter & Gamble Co.—Distribution to Employees.—Over \$500,000 in profit-sharing dividends for the year 1925 were distributed to employees of the company at the 77th semi-annual profit-sharing dividend day celebration held in Ivorydale, Cincinnati, Ohio, and also in New York, Kansas City, Dallas and Hamilton, Canada, where the company operates plants. Approximately 3,528 persons were included in the profit-sharing plan.—V. 121, p. 2051.

Provincial Paper Mills Co., Ltd.—Usual Dividends.—The directors have declared the usual quarterly dividends of 1 1/2% on the common and 1 1/4% on the preferred stock, both payable April 1 to holders of record Mar. 15. On Jan. 2 last the company paid an extra dividend of 1% on the common shares.—V. 121, p. 2532.

Railway Steel Spring Co.—New Common Stock Put on a \$4 Annual Dividend Basis.—The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 2% on the new common stock, par \$50, payable March 31 to holders of record March 5, and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 a share on the preferred stock, payable March 20 to holders of record March 5. The dividend on the common stock is equal to \$12 a share per annum on the old \$100 par value common stock, on which dividends at the rate of \$8 a share annually was paid prior to the split-up and the distribution of a 50% stock dividend. The company also paid an extra cash dividend of 2% on the common stock on Dec. 31 last.

Calendar Years—

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Net earnings, all sources	\$2,348,244	\$1,841,159	\$3,341,271	\$2,327,294
Preferred divs. (7%)	945,000	945,000	945,000	945,000
Common divs. (10%)	1,350,000	(8)1,080,000	(8)1,080,000	(8)1,080,000
Balance, surplus	\$53,244	def\$183,841	\$1,316,271	\$302,294
Previous surplus	13,903,714	14,087,555	12,771,284	12,468,991
Profit & loss, surplus	\$13,956,958	\$13,903,714	\$14,087,555	\$12,771,284

xAfter deducting manufacturing, operating, maintenance repairs, admin. exps., depreciation, reserve for taxes, &c.—V. 122, p. 623.

Rand Mines, Ltd.—Dividend on "American" Shares.—The Bankers Trust Co., as depository of certain ordinary sterling shares of Rand Mines, Ltd., has received dividend No. 45 of 50% and is paying to holders of its certificates for "American" shares (each such certificate representing 2 1/2 deposited ordinary shares), \$1.52 per "American" share, the equivalent of such dividend at the current exchange rate. The dividend will be paid on Feb. 26 to holders of record of "American" shares on Feb. 16. A dividend of \$1.52 per "American" share was also paid on Aug. 25 last.—V. 122, p. 361.

Ray Consolidated Copper Co.—58th Quarterly Report.—The report covering the fourth quarter of 1925 shows:

Production.—The net production of copper during 1925, by quarters, is as follows:

Quarter Ended—	March 31.	June 30.	Sept. 30.	Dec. 31.
Net lbs. copper produced	36,242,239	34,700,792	35,082,897	36,059,783
Aver. mthly. production	12,080,746	11,566,931	11,694,299	12,016,928

During the fourth quarter a total of 1,561,000 tons of ore, averaging 1.40% copper, was treated at the concentrators, as compared with 1,554,800 tons, averaging 1.42% copper, treated at the mills during the preceding quarter. This is equivalent to a daily average of 16,967 tons in the current quarter, as against an average of 16,900 tons in the third quarter.

The average mill recovery was 83.10% of the copper contained in the ore milled, corresponding to an extraction of 23.37 pounds of copper per ton of ore treated, compared to the recovery of 81.88% and extraction of 23.31 pounds in the preceding quarterly period.

The cost per pound of net copper produced from all sources, including depreciation of plant and equipment and all fixed and general expenses and after crediting gold and silver and miscellaneous earnings, was 11.40 cents, as compared with a cost, similarly computed, of 11.41 cents per pound for the previous quarter.

Financial Results, Quarter and 12 Months Ended Dec. 31.

	—Quar. Ended Dec. 31—	12 Mos. Ended Dec. 31—	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Oper. profit from copper production	\$1,204,973	\$917,629	\$4,314,893	\$2,039,003		
Other income	100,224	70,113	314,616	350,075		
Total income	\$1,305,197	\$987,742	\$4,629,509	\$2,389,078		
Depreciation	209,097	914,096				
Net income	\$1,096,101	\$987,742	\$3,715,413	\$2,389,078		

The earnings for the fourth quarter of 1925 are based on a carrying price of 14.40 cents per pound of copper produced, as compared with 14.24 cents in the third quarter, 13.50 cents in the second quarter and 14.41 cents in the first quarter.—V. 121, p. 2764, 2649.

Reid Ice Cream Corp.—Denies Rumors.—The company announces: "The directors wish to correct false reports regarding this company being connected with other companies. No negotiations have taken place or are being considered which would result in this company being merged or affiliated with other companies. Reid is an independent organization."—V. 122, p. 762.

Richmond Radiator Co.—Earnings, &c.—Net profits for 1925, after taxes and charges, were \$525,468, against \$341,767 in 1924. The balance sheet as of Dec. 31 last shows current assets of \$1,954,000, against current liabilities of \$310,000, leaving working capital of \$1,644,000. The company has outstanding no bonds, mortgages, notes or banking indebtedness.

W. G. Langford has been elected President, to succeed the late Lloyd G. McCrum.—V. 121, p. 2764.

(Robert) Reis & Co.—Resumes Dividends on 1st Pref. Stk.—The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the 1st preferred stock payable on April 1 to holders of record March 10. This declaration follows a lapse of several years in dividend payments.

The company reports for the calendar year 1925, manufacturing and merchandising profits of \$438,148. After allowing for interest and taxes there remained net profits of \$348,752.—V. 122, p. 623.

Rockwood & Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.—Bonds Offered.—Bond & Goodwin, Inc., Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc., Minneapolis, and Lane, Roloson & Co., Inc., Chicago, are offering at prices ranging from 99 and int. to 100.75 and int. to yield from 5 1/4% to 6.15%, according to maturity, \$1,250,000 1st (closed) mtg. 6% serial gold bonds.

Dated Feb. 1 1926; due serially Feb. 1 1927-1936. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Principal and int. (r. & A.) payable at the National Park Bank, New York, trustee without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Penn. and Conn. 4 mills State taxes, the Mass. income tax not in excess of 6%, and Calif. Personal property tax not exceeding 4 mills and any similar taxes that may be imposed in Rhode Island, Vermont, Maine or New Hampshire not in excess of 4 mills, refunded. Red. all or part prior to maturity, upon 60 days' notice at 100 and int., plus a premium of 1/2% for each year or fraction thereof between date of redemption and date of maturity, such premium in no event to exceed 3%.

Data from Letter of Wm. M. Evans, President of the Company.—The present corporation and its predecessors have been engaged continuously for more than 39 years in the manufacture and sale of chocolate, chocolate coatings, cocoa and cocoa butter, and for a number of years the company has maintained its position as one of the three largest manufacturers in the chocolate and cocoa industry in the United States. Its manufacturing plants are located in the industrial section of Brooklyn, N. Y., where it occupies in one city block approximately 79,200 sq. ft. of land, of which 65,100 sq. ft. are owned in fee. The buildings, most of which are modern, contain 368,000 sq. ft. of floor space. These plants have a capacity of 260,000 pounds of manufactured and refined products daily.

Security.—Secured by a closed first mortgage upon real estate, buildings, equipment and machinery owned, which as of Sept. 30 1925, have a sound value appraised at \$2,494,455.

Earnings.—After deducting all charges including depreciation and employees' bonus, but before Federal taxes, net earnings for 1925 were \$569,324 or more than 7 1/2 times the maximum annual interest charges of these bonds. For the 4 years ended Dec. 31 1925 such net earnings averaged \$415,188 or more than 5 1/2 times such interest charges.

Purpose.—To provide funds for the retirement of certain small existing mortgages, for improvements to plant facilities and to provide additional working capital.

Capitalization Outstanding and Surplus.

1st (closed) mtg. 6% serial gold bonds	\$1,250,000
Mortgage payable	14,000
Preferred stock—8% cumulative	2,108,100
Common stock, 25 (0) shares (no par value)	1,243,096
Surplus (including surplus arising from appraisal of property)	938,631
	—V. 113, p. 2828.

St. Louis Coke & Iron Corp.—New Name.—See Midland Coke & Iron Corp. above.

San Jacinto Hotel Co., Houston, Tex.—Bonds Offered.—G. L. Miller & Co. are offering \$1,250,000 1st mtg. 7% bonds.

Secured by the new 16-story San Jacinto Hotel now being erected at the northwest corner of Fannin Street and Rusk Avenue, Houston, Tex. The bonds, which mature in 2 to 15 years, are secured by a direct closed first mortgage on the hotel building and 99 year leasehold, which have been independently appraised at \$1,964,000. The bonds are callable at 102 1/2 and int. and are the direct obligation of the San Jacinto Hotel Co., which is headed by Frank P. Sterling, Vice-Pres. of the Humble Oil & Gas Co. Interest coupons are payable J. & J.

Servel Corp.—Forms Foreign Subsidiary.—The corporation has completed arrangements in London for the formation of a foreign subsidiary. These arrangements were made with important British interests, and it is planned to have the new unit not only establish a foreign market for Servel refrigerators, but also to handle other electrical household appliances, for which there is a good demand; particularly in Great Britain.—V. 121, p. 2285.

Sharon (Pa.) Steel Hoop Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross profit	\$3,523,382	\$3,533,630	\$4,321,377	\$1,469,820
Maintenance & repairs	1,599,836	1,468,731	1,240,260	898,515
Idle time expense	144,070	386,461	205,213	352,618
Deprec'n & renewals	896,144	796,866	785,409	561,353
Int. & discount (net)	308,020	357,258	462,821	489,897
Loss from sale of prop., securities, &c.		33,601	119,129	—
Prov. for Fed. taxes	63,898	—	—	—
Profit for the year	\$511,414	\$490,715	\$1,808,545	loss\$32,562
Deficit Jan. 1.	1,688,574	1,561,071	3,291,340	adj1,437,098
Adj. of Fed. tax pr. yrs	D-60,523	Cr121,553	—	—
Adj. of deprec. pr. yrs.	Cr187,707	Cr76,205	—	—
Amortization allowed	—	x736,999	—	—
Com. stl. issued in connec. with new financ'g	—	—	Cr2,700	1,002,400
Preferred dividend	(8%)79,976	(8)79,976	(8)79,976	(2)19,280

Profit and loss deficit, \$1,129,952. \$1,688,574. \$1,560,071. \$3,291,340 x Amortization allowed by the Internal Revenue Dept. now credited to property accounts.—V. 120, p. 963.

Shredded Wheat Co., Niagara Falls, N. Y.—Par Ch'g'd.—The stockholders on Feb. 9 voted to change the authorized capital stock from 100,000 shares, par \$100 (all outstanding), to 400,000 shares of no par value, four new shares to be issued in exchange for each share of \$100 par value.

Calendar Years—

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross inc., less op. exp.	\$1,827,974	\$1,891,226	\$1,740,627	\$2,088,442
Depreciation	188,403	176,950	172,932	176,132
Reserved for taxes	247,819	297,635	290,705	388,752
Net income	\$1,391,752	\$1,416,642	\$1,276,989	\$1,523,558
Previous surplus	x1,859,564	x1,470,383	1,755,403	2,181,846
Total surplus	\$3,251,316	\$2,887,025	\$3,032,392	\$3,705,404
Dividends declared	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,176	950,000
Charged to good-will	500,000	—	500,000	1,000,000
Cred. to tax reserve	—	—	70,000	—
Special advert. reserve	—	34,417	—	—
Profit & loss surplus	\$1,751,316	\$1,852,608	\$1,462,216	\$1,755,403

x As adjusted.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1925.	1924.		1925.	1924.
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$
Land, bldgs. & eq.	4,860,512	4,380,579	Capital stock	10,000,000	10,000,000
Pat's., good-will & trade-marks	3,500,000	4,000,000	Curr. to sundry creditors	388,626	393,928
Cash	983,965	1,236,988	Reserves	182,708	567,830
Inv. in securities	437,075	796,378	Surplus	1,751,316	1,852,608
Accts. receivable	440,746	463,784			
Inventories	2,100,352	1,936,637			
Total	12,322,650	12,814,366	Total	12,322,650	12,814,366

—V. 120, p. 968.

South West Pennsylvania Pipe Lines.—Report Dec. 31.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Profits for year	\$200,907	\$91,199	\$268,464	\$315,871
Dividends	(4%)140,000	(7)245,000	(7)279,999	(7)245,000
Loss in adj. acct.	101,628	—	—	—

Balance, sur. or def. def\$40,722 def\$153,801 def\$11,535 sur\$70,870 —V. 122, p. 624.

Southern Dairies, Inc.—Sales.—
 Month of January— 1926. 1925.
 Gross sales— \$538,736 \$330,978
 The company's new plant at Miami, Fla., will open Feb. 22.—V. 122, p. 493.

(H. A.) Stahl Properties Co., Cleveland.—Bonds Offered.—The Tillotson & Wolcott Co., Guardian Trust Co., Cleveland, L. R. Bollinger, Cincinnati and Trenton, Davis & Boyle, Detroit, are offering at prices to yield from 6% to 6½% according to maturity \$2,000,000 1st mtge. & coll. trust 6½% gold bonds.

Dated Feb. 1 1926; due serially Feb. 1 1927-1934. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Principal and int. (F. & A.) payable at Guardian Trust Co., Cleveland, O., trustee. Red. all or part upon 15 days' notice at a premium of ½% for each year or fraction thereof that the bonds have to run at the time of redemption, up to a maximum premium of 2%. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Kentucky 5 mills, the Penn. 4 mills and the Mich. 5 mills tax refundable.
Security.—Secured by a first mortgage, or by first mortgage collateral, covering over 5,000 building lots comprising about 922 acres of land. Over 3,000 of these lots have been sold for over \$3,500,000 under land contracts and mortgages, upon which total cash payments of over \$1,500,000 have been made, leaving balances aggregating over \$2,000,000, payable over a period of about 6 years. These and such additional contracts and mortgages as may be taken in the sale of the rest of the lots will be assigned to and deposited with the trustee as collateral security. The land contracts and mortgages bear interest at 6%, payable semi-annually, and in addition the purchasers agree to pay the taxes.

Sales and Collections.—Company's sales for 1925 were over \$1,500,000, and for the past 3 years have averaged over \$1,100,000 per annum. Its total collections, including cash sales and cash down payments for 1925 were over \$1,000,000, and for the past 3 years have averaged over \$750,000 per annum. For 1925 collections of the principal of land contracts alone have been over \$500,000.

Earnings.—Company's net earnings available for interest charges, but after provision for Federal taxes and contingencies, for 1925 amounted to \$531,772, and for the past 3 years have averaged \$395,674 per annum.—V. 119, p. 2189.

Standard Oil Co. of Calif.—Notes Called.—
 The company announces that when the consolidation with the Pacific Co. becomes effective, it will call the entire outstanding issue of 8% gold notes for redemption on Aug. 1 1926 on the following basis, with interest to date of redemption: Series maturing Aug. 1 1927 at 100½; series maturing Aug. 1 1928 at 101; series maturing Aug. 1 1929 at 101½; series maturing Aug. 1 1930 at 102; series maturing Aug. 1 1931 at 102½; series maturing Aug. 1 1932 at 103; series maturing Aug. 1 1933 at 103½. At present there are outstanding \$20,000,000 of these notes.

Stockholders Approve Merger.—
 The stockholders of the Standard Oil Co. (Calif.), the old company, ratified the plan to consolidate the Standard and Pacific Oil companies at a special meeting held Feb. 10, and approved the proposal of the board of directors to transfer the assets of the old corporation to the new one. The official statement of the company following the meeting was as follows:
 "The special meeting of stockholders of the Standard Oil Co. (Calif.) called for the purpose of passing upon the proposal to consolidate the Standard Oil Co. and the Pacific Oil Co., Feb. 10, adopted a resolution authorizing the sale, assignment, transfer and conveyance of the assets of the corporation to the Standard Oil Co. of Calif., a new company incorporated under the laws of Delaware."

"Of the total of 9,516,434 shares of stock outstanding, 7,677,057 shares were voted in favor of the proposal and 10 shares against it. The affirmative vote represents 80.67% of the total outstanding shares. Ratification required a two-thirds vote. More than 63% of the total number of stockholders were represented by proxy or by their presence.
 "President Kingsbury announced that as soon as possible after consolidation shall have been effected the stockholders of the present Standard Oil Co. will receive share for share in the Standard Oil Co. of Calif.—V. 122, p. 895.

Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana.—New President.—
 Cal K. Clark, senior Vice-President, has been elected President, succeeding D. R. Weller.—V. 118, p. 3209.

Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.—New Director.—
 D. R. Weller, formerly President of the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana, has been elected a director to succeed the late A. C. Bedford.—V. 122, p. 895, 494.

Studebaker Corp.—Business Increasing—Outlook Good.—
 An official statement says:
 "The corporation is launched on what promises to be a very prosperous year according to figures given out Feb. 18 by President A. R. Erskine. His statements follow: "Production for January and February 1926 will exceed the corresponding months of 1925 by 40%. We now have 1,000 more men on our payroll than at this time last year. This follows the splendid record made in 1925 when we gained 3% compared with a gain of 18% for the automobile industry as a whole. The Studebaker sales Co. of Chicago has placed with us the largest order we have ever received from a dealer. It calls for delivery during January and February of 1,275 cars, valued at \$1,806,000."

The corporation has purchased a section and a quarter of land 12 miles from its South Bend plant, on which is being laid out proving and experimental grounds.—V. 122, p. 895, 763.

Sun Oil Co.—Usual Cash Dividend—Earnings.—
 The directors have declared the regular quarterly cash dividend of 25c. per share on the common stock, payable March 15 to holders of record Feb. 25. On Dec. 15 last the company paid a regular quarterly cash dividend of 25c. per share and a 3% stock dividend on the common shares.

Earnings Statement for the Year 1925.
 Gross income from operations (excluding inter-company sales) \$48,697,403
 Cost of materials, operating and general administrative expenses 42,751,625
 Operating income \$5,945,778
 Other income 775,645
 Total income \$6,721,423
 Interest on funded debt \$675,821
 Depreciation and depletion 2,099,439
 Estimated Federal income tax (1925) 344,035
 Dividends paid in cash 836,997
 Dividends paid in stock 1,082,847
 Increase in surplus account \$1,682,284
 —V. 122, p. 226.

Superior Oil Corp.—Earnings.—
 —Quarter Ended Dec. 31— —Calendar Years—
 1925. 1924. 1925. 1924.
 Gross income \$244,607 \$371,088 \$1,268,274 \$1,375,799
 Oper., gen. & adm. exp.; loss on expired leases, &c., bond interest 352,468 238,363 1,024,315 549,515
 Deprec. of plant & equip. & depletion 218,050 394,847 981,823 1,176,316
 Net loss \$325,911 \$262,128 \$737,861 \$350,032
Deficit Account.—Deficit Sept. 30 1925, \$2,658,128; net loss for quarter ended Dec. 31 1925, \$325,912; direct entries to surplus, \$103,296; deficit Dec. 31 1925, \$3,087,336.—V. 121, p. 2418.

Texas Gulf Sulphur Co.—Dividend Rate Increased.—
 The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$2.50 a share on the capital stock, payable March 15 to holders of record March 1. In the previous quarter the company paid an extra dividend of 75 cents a share and a quarterly dividend of \$2 a share, which made a total of \$8.75 a share paid in 1925, against \$7.50 in 1924 and \$6.25 in 1923.—V. 122, p. 603.

(John R.) Thompson Co.—Registrar.—
 The Chase National Bank has been appointed registrar of 240,000 shares of common stock, par \$25.—V. 122, p. 896.

United Bakeries Corp.—Government Suit.—
 See under "Current Events and Discussions" "Chronicle" Feb. 13 p. 833-838.—V. 119, p. 2300.

United Cigar Stores Co. of America.—Declares a 2% Cash and a 1¼% Stock Dividend on Common Stock.—
 The directors have declared a cash dividend of 2%, and a stock dividend of 1¼% on the common stock, both payable March 31 to holders of record March 10. Like amounts were paid on the common stock in the seven previous quarters.—V. 122, p. 103.

United Fruit Co.—To Change Capitalization.—
 The stockholders will vote March 24 on changing the authorized capital stock from \$150,000,000 (consisting of 1,500,000 shares of \$100 par value, of which 1,000,000 shares are issued and outstanding) into 3,000,000 shares of no par value. It is proposed to substitute 2½ shares without par value for each outstanding share with par value.

The present rate of dividend is \$10 per share. The directors have voted the regular quarterly dividend of \$2.50 per share and an extra dividend of \$2 per share, making \$4.50 in all per share payable April 1 to holders of record on March 5. The present regular quarterly dividend of \$2.50 per share or \$10 a year is the equivalent of \$1 quarterly per share on the 2,500,000 shares of no par value which will be outstanding after the above mentioned action has been taken, or an annual rate of \$4 per share. It is proposed that certificates for the new shares will be issued on April 15.—V. 122, p. 764, 604.

United Paperboard Co., Inc.—Common Stock Put On Quarterly Dividend Basis.—
 The directors on Feb. 18 declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents a share on the outstanding \$12,000,000 common stock, par \$100, payable April 15 to holders of record April 1. In July 1925 the company paid a dividend of like amount on the common stock; none since. This latter distribution was the first made on the junior stock since Jan. 10 1924, at which time a dividend of 2% was paid.—V. 122, p. 495.

United States Envelope Co.—Extra Dividend.—
 The directors have declared an extra dividend of 2% on the outstanding \$1,750,000 common stock, par \$100, in addition to the usual semi-annual dividend of 4%, both payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 15. The last extra cash disbursement on the common stock was 2½% made in 1921.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Net profits	\$1,386,314	\$1,035,181	\$1,210,397	\$1,088,026
Interest	67,917	84,625	101,125	117,625
Depreciation	363,948	394,128	448,792	435,874
Tax reserves	160,000	100,000	75,000	30,000
Preferred dividends (7%)	280,000	280,000	280,000	280,000
Common dividends (8%)	140,000	140,000	140,000	140,000
Surplus	\$374,450	\$36,428	\$165,480	\$84,527
Profit and loss surplus	\$2,503,873	\$2,127,653	\$2,129,030	\$1,963,551

—V. 120, p. 1102, 970.

United States Printing & Lithographing Co.—Stock Put on 7% Annual Dividend Basis.—
 The directors have declared quarterly dividends of 1¼% on common and preferred stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 20. Previously the company paid 1¼% on each issue.—V. 120, p. 1758.

United States Realty & Improvement Co.—New Stock Put on \$4 Annual Dividend Basis.—The directors on Feb. 18 declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 a share on the new no par value capital stock, payable March 15 to holders of record March 5. This is equal to \$2.50 a share quarterly, or \$10 a share annually, on the old \$100 par value capital stock, which was split up recently on the basis of 2½ shares of the new stock for each old share. A quarterly dividend of 2½% was paid on the old stock on Dec. 15 last, while on Sept. 15 1925 the company paid 2%.—V. 122, p. 896, 764.

Ward Baking Co.—Government Suit.—
 See under "Current Events and Discussions" "Chronicle" Feb. 13 p. 833-838.

Ward Baking Corp.—Government Suit.—
 See under "Current Events and Discussions" "Chronicle" Feb. 13 p. 833-838.

Consolidated Balance Sheet (incl. Sub. Cos.).

	Dec. 26 '25.	Dec. 27 '24.		Dec. 26 '25.	Dec. 27 '24.
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$
Cash	3,774,258	3,715,730	Capital stock	31,841,500	31,271,400
U. S. cts. of indeb.	1,338,150	509,250	Min. int. in Ward		
Accts. receivable	876,259	964,354	Bak. Co. & subs.	47,797	584,921
Inventories	2,002,744	1,784,551	Funded debt	5,511,400	5,553,600
Investments	168,202	336,202	Mortgage payable		40,000
Stk. held for empl.	10,272	150,049	Reserve for self-ins	33,344	100,449
Res. fd. investm'ts	127,363	1,200,496	Reserve for conting.	1,068,493	1,073,493
Property & plant	22,966,730	21,940,828	Accounts payable	552,911	644,570
Deferred charges	672,353	640,705	Salesmen's & cus-		
Organization exps.		122,883	tomers' deposits	116,667	103,614
Pats., copyrights,			Est. Federal taxes	602,936	509,192
goodwill, &c.	11,481,428	11,383,413	Dividends payable	558,065	558,170
			Empl.'s inv. fund.	7,270	111,930
			Sundry accruals	83,457	72,529
			Surplus	3,995,921	2,124,593
Total (each side)	44,417,759	42,748,461			

a U. S. Third Liberty Loan bonds deposited with Department of Labor under Workmen's Compensation Laws, \$25,513; U. S. certificates of indebtedness to cover self insurance, \$33,350; U. S. certificates of indebtedness to cover contingencies, \$1,068,500. b Appraisal value as at Dec. 31 1922, \$21,179,724; net additions since appraisal to Dec. 26, 1925, \$8,772,758; total \$29,952,483; less reserve for depreciation, \$6,985,753. c 7% cumulative preferred stock (par \$100 each), \$318,415, common stock class A (no par value), \$84,093; common stock class B (no par value), \$500,000.

The comparative income account was given in V. 122, p. 626.

Ward Food Products Corp.—Government Suit.—
 See under "Current Events and Discussions" "Chronicle" Feb. 13 p. 833-838.—V. 122, p. 764.

Washington Oil Co.—300% Stock Dividend.—
 The directors have declared a 300% stock dividend on the outstanding \$100,000 capital stock, payable to holders of record Mar. 1. No fractional shares will be issued.

The stockholders on Feb. 15 increased the authorized capital stock from \$100,000, par \$10, to \$500,000, par \$25. The annual meeting of the company will be held April 7 for which books will close March 8, before which time stock should be presented for exchange, as only holders of new stock will be entitled to vote.—V. 121, p. 2767.

(Glover) Watson, Detroit, Mich.—Bonds Offered.—Benjamin Dansard & Co. and Union Trust Co., Detroit, are offering at 100 and int. \$550,000 (closed) 1st mtge. 6½% real estate sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Jan. 15 1926; due Jan. 15 1936. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100*. Principal and int. (J. & J.), payable at Union Trust Co., Detroit, trustee. Red. all or part by lot on 30 days' notice at 103 and int. Int. payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%.

Security.—As security for payment of the bonds, the trustee, has taken title to real estate aggregating 1,308 lots in Dearborn Township and located in Golf View, Golf View No. 1, Belmont No. 2 and Watsonia Park Sub. divisions, being resident lots readily accessible to the River Rouge plant of the Ford Motor Co. Of these lots 1,187 have been sold on contract a

selling prices aggregating \$1,446,049. The selling prices of the unsold lots amount to \$204,175, giving the properties pledged a total value, based on the selling prices, of \$1,650,224—more than 3 times the amount of the bond issue.

In addition to taking title and establishing a first lien on the real estate pledged, to further assure prompt payment of the bonds, the contracts covering the lots sold have been assigned to and deposited with the trustee. These contracts have unpaid principal balances amounting to \$1,023,376 and call for monthly payments aggregating \$16,293. Additional contracts will be deposited as the remaining properties are sold. Lots are not released until the contracts are paid up in full.

Sinking Fund.—To provide for the retirement annually of not less than 10% of the total bonds issued, the trust indenture provides that payment of \$4,721 shall be made each month to a sinking fund out of the collections. These bonds are red. as a whole or in part by lot on Jan. 15 1927, and annually thereafter, but not less than \$55,000 par value must be redeemed annually at 103 and int., unless purchased in the open market at the call price or lesser figure. Collections in excess of the minimum sinking fund requirements shall be used by the trustee.

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be used chiefly for the retirement of existing indebtedness against the properties and to pay for improvements installed in the subdivisions in which the properties are located.

Western Steel Car & Foundry Co.—Merger.—

See Pressed Steel Car Co. above.—V. 95, p. 425.

White Eagle Oil & Refining Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Sales.....	\$16,483,518	\$14,335,001	\$14,693,387	\$13,834,818
Cost of sales.....		9,239,910	9,554,572	9,036,343
Gen., admin. & sell. exp.	13,343,372	2,488,592	2,317,033	1,467,809
Other deductions—net.....	388,531	344,030	230,134	278,628
Depreciation.....		845,786	793,589	589,253
Depletion.....	1,120,754	273,298	410,144	377,849
Federal taxes.....	164,000	114,000	40,000	192,000
Dividends paid.....	965,000	920,000	920,000	894,042
do rate.....		(\$2)	(\$2)	(\$2 25)
Net income.....	\$501,860	\$109,386	\$427,916	\$998,896

—V. 122, p. 897.

White Motor Co.—Stock Dividend and Rights.—The company announces that an error was made in the dates previously announced in connection with the stockholders' meeting and the dates as of which stockholders of record would be entitled to the stock dividend of 20% and the rights to subscribe for the new stock to be offered to stockholders at the rate of 2-5ths of a share for each share held.

The correct date for the stockholders' meeting is March 19. When the proposed increase in capital stock to \$50,000,000 is authorized by the stockholders, the stock dividend and rights to subscribe to the new stock will go to stockholders of record March 25. See also V. 122, p. 897.

White Motor Securities Corp.—Annual Report.—

Profit and Loss Statement Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.

Interest and discount earned, \$824,357; less int. on money borrowed, \$311,518.....				\$512,839
Admin. & gen. exp., \$38,944; taxes, \$20,273; organization exp., \$6,250.....				65,468
Provision for Federal taxes (estimated).....				57,000
Preferred dividends paid.....				175,000
Balance.....				\$215,371

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1925.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Cash in banks.....	7% preferred stock.....
U. S. Govt. secur. & int. 2,614,090.....	Common (no par value).....
Notes receivable.....	8,850,000
Prepaid int. & corp. taxes 75,643.....	Accounts payable.....
	658,778
	Accrued taxes.....
	16,234
	Reserve for Fed. taxes.....
	57,000
Total (each side).....	Notes rec., financing chgs. 280,058
\$13,077,903	Surplus.....
	215,333

x Representing 25,000 shares no par value.—V. 120, p. 3078.

(Wm.) Wrigley, Jr., Co.—To Build New Plant—Suit.—

The company has purchased a tract of land in London, Eng., for the construction of a plant costing between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000. This will make the third plant to be built outside of the United States, the others being in Germany and Australia.

In connection with the suit of L. P. Larson, Jr., Co., for alleged infringement of the color scheme on "Doublemint" wrappers, Wrigley officials point out that if the Appellate Court affirms the lower court's decision awarding Larson Co. damages of \$1,471,000, the case will be carried to the Supreme Court.

The directors have declared three regular monthly dividends of 25 cents each on the capital stock payable May 1, June 1 and July 1 to holders of record April 20, May 20 and June 20, respectively. On Jan. 2 last the company paid an extra dividend of 50 cents per share.—V. 122, p. 765, 627.

Zellerbach Corp., San Francisco.—Prof. Stock Sold.—

Blyth, Witter & Co. and J. Barth Co. have sold at \$97 50 per share and div., yielding 6.15%, 60,000 shares (no par value) conv. pref. stock. Cumulative dividends at rate of \$6 per share per annum.

Preferred as to assets and dividends. Divs. Q.—M. Entitled to receive \$100 per share and divs. in event of involuntary dissolution or liquidation and to \$120 per share and divs. in event of voluntary dissolution or liquidation. Non-red. for three years after date of issuance, and thereafter red., all or part, on any div. date at \$120 per share and divs. Divs. exempt from present normal Federal income tax. Transfer office, Zellerbach Corp., San Francisco, Calif. Registrar, Bank of California, N. A., San Francisco, Calif.

Conversion Rights.—Each share pref. stock convertible at option of holder into 2 1/2 shares common stock prior to Aug. 1 1927; into 2-2/3 shares of common stock on and after Aug. 1 1927 and prior to Feb. 1 1929; into 2 1/2 shares common stock on and after Feb. 1 1929 and prior to ten days before date fixed for redemption, if called for redemption. No fractional shares of common will be issued. Corporation will pay cash in lieu of fractional shares of stock. Accrued divs. to be adjusted as of date of conversion.

Data from Letter of I. Zellerbach, President of the Corporation.

Corporation.—A holding company organized in Nevada. At present, directly or through subsidiaries, controls, and on completion of present financing will own (except directly 16,000 h. p.) Tissue and towel papers pref. stock of Northwestern Power & Light Co., all of the stock of Zellerbach Paper Co., National Paper Products Co., Renshaw, Jones & Sutton Co., Sanitary Products Corp., Olympic Paper & Paper Co., Washington Pulp & Paper Corp., Northwestern Power & Light Co., Graham Island Timber Co., Ltd., and American Investment & Realty Co. Corporation is the outgrowth of a business founded in 1876. Corporation and its predecessors have a record of over half a century of successful operation. Through the above subsidiaries, corporation is in the position of controlling its product from the raw material to the consumer.

The newsprint paper plant located at Port Angeles, Wash., has a daily producing capacity of 140 tons. The power for operating the Port Angeles plant is supplied by a hydro-electric plant, owned by the corporation, having a capacity of approximately 16,000 h. p. Tissue and towel papers are produced by the corporation's mills at Carthage, N. Y., which have a capacity of 35 tons per day. The mill at Stockton, Calif., has a daily capacity of 200 tons of boxboard. This is the largest and most modern capacity of boxboard in the West. Corporation has a substantial interest in boxboard mill in the West. Corporation has a substantial interest in a company engaged in the collection and packing of waste paper used in the Stockton mill.

Corporation operates 11 paper jobbing houses in all the large cities on the Pacific Coast, which sell all types of paper and paper products, in addition to those manufactured in the corporation's plants. Corporation

operates 14 selling offices throughout the eastern part of the United States, which distribute a complete line of sanitary supplies.

Through the American Investment & Realty Co., the corporation owns properties in the principal cities of California and other Western States, which are leased to one or more of the subsidiaries, or otherwise held for investment purposes.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding.
Conv. cum. \$3 div. pref. stock (no par)..... 120,000 shs. 60,000 shs.
Common stock (no par)..... 1,200,000 shs. b507,803 shs.

A upon completion of present financing subsidiary companies (above) will have neither funded debt nor pref. stock outstanding, except pref. stock of subsidiaries, which pref. stock will be owned by Zellerbach Corp. or its subsidiaries, \$13,850 6% pref. stock of Northwestern Power & Light Co. not owned by Zellerbach Corp., and \$833,000 Washington Pulp & Paper Corp. 1st mtge. 6 1/2% bonds, non-red. prior to Dec. 1 1931, and then at 105 and int. Proceeds from the sale of all or any part of 8,330 shares pref. stock to be hereafter issued will be applied to the retirement of these bonds. Zellerbach Corp. will immediately offer 105 and int. to all holders of these bonds. Corporation forthwith will take the necessary steps to increase the authorized number of no par value shares to 1,320,000, of which 1,200,000 shall be common and 120,000 pref. stock. 345,000 shares of the unissued authorized common stock, as increased, will be reserved for conversion of the total authorized 120,000 shares of pref. stock, b of which American Investment & Realty Co. a subsidiary, owns 100,000 shares.

Purpose.—All bonds, with the exception mentioned in the preceding section, and pref. stocks of the subsidiary companies, except subsidiary pref. stocks owned by the corporation or its subsidiaries, and \$13,850 pref. stock of Northwestern Power & Light Co., will be retired by application of the proceeds of this issue. The bonds and pref. stocks to be retired have a par value of \$5,082,400. Proceeds of this issue, not applied to the retirements of bonds and pref. stocks, will be used for general corporate purposes.

Net Asset Value.—Net assets of the corporation applicable to 60,000 shares of pref. stock of the present issue, are \$23,383,536, which is equivalent to over \$389 per share of pref. stock of the present issue.

Common stock of the corporation represents a substantial equity junior to the pref. stock. The market value of the 807,830 shares of common stock outstanding, as indicated by current sales on the San Francisco Stock & Bond Exchange, is in excess of \$21,000,000.

Earnings.—Average annual combined net earnings of the subsidiary companies for the five years ended April 30 1925, after providing for all charges, depreciation and Federal taxes, thereby showing only such net earnings as would have actually been available for dividends upon the present issue of pref. stock, have been \$1,581,822, which is equivalent to \$26 3/8 per share of pref. stock of the present issue. This is at the rate of more than four times annual dividend requirements on this issue of pref. stock.

The average yearly provision for depreciation, of the corporation and subsidiaries, for the said five-year period has been an average annual amount of \$508,587. This is equivalent to an average annual depreciation charge of \$8 47 per share of pref. stock of this issue.

The combined net earnings of the subsidiary companies available for dividends on the present issue of pref. stock, for the seven months ended Nov. 30 1925, after all charges, depreciation, and estimated Federal taxes, were \$1,386,715, which is at the annual rate of \$39 62 per share of pref. stock of the present issue. This is at the rate of more than six times the annual dividend requirements on this issue of pref. stock.

For the seven months ended Nov. 30 1925 provision for depreciation of the corporation and subsidiaries was \$333,671. This is at the rate of \$9 53 per share of pref. stock of the present issue for the 12 months ending April 30 1926.—V. 122, p. 627.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—The sixty-sixth Annual Statement of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, published today, shows gains in all important items. The assets on December 31st last totaled \$792,405,000, an increase of \$66,793,000 over 1924, which is the largest gain ever made by the company. The outstanding insurance passed the four billion mark a few months ago and now totals nearly \$4,400,000,000. The new insurance paid for during the past year aggregated \$825,000,000, including \$67,000,000 of Group Insurance. This was the largest amount of new business in any year in the history of the company and represents an increase of \$158,000,000 over the amount paid for in 1924. During the year the company paid nearly \$100,000,000 to its policyholders and beneficiaries. A little over \$33,000,000 was set aside for payment on Annual Dividend policies alone during 1926. A further improvement in the company's mortality experience is indicated by the decrease from 54.08% in 1924 to 52.14% in 1925 in the ratio of actual to expected losses.

—Caldwell & Co., have changed the name of their New York office to Rogers Caldwell & Co., Inc. No change in the personnel of the New York organization has been made. The officers and directors of Caldwell & Co. are identical with those of Rogers Caldwell & Co., Inc. R. H. Weber, manager of the New York office has been elected Vice-President and a Director of both companies.

The bond department of the Guardian Trust Co. of Detroit is distributing a two page circular listing offerings of State, municipal, public utility, railroad, real estate, foreign, industrial and short term bonds and notes, together with the rate, maturity, price and yield. Copies will be furnished from either the Detroit or New York offices.

—Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed Trustee and Paying Agent under Electrical Securities Corporation Trust Indenture dated Jan. 2 1926, securing an authorized issue of \$1,000,000 par value Electric Securities Corporation 19th Series 5% bonds due 1956.

—Frederick A. Cox, formerly in the Trust Department of Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., Lincoln Office, is now associated with Taylor, Thorne & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, of 49 Wall Street, New York.

The New York Trust Co. has been appointed Trustee under Trust Agreement providing for an issue of \$4,500,000 Consolidated Municipalities of Baden External Sinking Fund 7% Gold Bonds due Jan. 1 1951.

—Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co. has been appointed Registrar, in New York, of the Class A and Class B stock and Voting Trust Certificates for Class B stock of Copeland Products, Inc.

—Chatham Phenix National Bank and Trust Co. has been appointed Registrar of the Preferred and Common stock of the Interborough Ice Manufacturing Corporation.

—Theodore Hoffacker & Co. announce the removal of their offices from 40 Wall Street to 27 Pine Street, New York, and the change of their telephone number to John 1735.

—Lyon, Walcott & Co. announce the opening of their offices at 24 Broad Street, New York, to conduct a business of underwriting and distributing investment securities.

—Frank B. Cahn & Co., 120 Broadway, New York, announce that J. A. Richards, has become associated with them as manager of their trading department.

—Thompson Ross & Co., Inc., Chicago, announce the opening of a Des Moines Office at 1214 Equitable Building under the management of J. F. Anderson.

—Carroll Dean Murphy, Inc., Financial Advertising Agency, Chicago, announce that Myron T. Harshaw has joined their organization as Vice-President.

—Charles E. Wood, Inc., members of the Rubber Exchange of New York, have prepared a booklet outlining the trading in crude rubber for future delivery.

Reports and Documents.

PUBLISHED AS ADVERTISEMENTS

KELLY-SPRINGFIELD TIRE CO.

ANNUAL REPORT—DECEMBER 31 1925.

New York, February 9, 1926.

To the Stockholders of Kelly-Springfield Tire Company—

Your Directors submit herewith statement of Income of your Company for the fiscal year ending December 31 1925, together with balance sheet of that date.

After charging and deducting depreciation of \$1,228,738 25, the net profit of the Company for 1925 amounted to \$1,452,576.84.

In October 1925 we discontinued manufacturing at our Akron Plant and concentrated all of our manufacturing at Cumberland, Md., in accordance with the original plan adopted when the Cumberland Plant was constructed. We believe this change will show satisfactory results during 1926.

\$1,000,000 of the Company's 8% Ten Year Sinking Fund Gold Notes were called and retired during the year.
SAMUEL WOOLNER, Jr., President.

STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1925.

GROSS PROFIT ON SALES before depreciation	\$9,895,843.50
SELLING, ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSE, including cash discounts allowed customers, excise tax on sales, interest on current loans, etc.	6,434,048 69
NET PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS	\$3,461,794 81
OTHER INCOME	224,845 76
	\$3,686,640 57
DEDUCTIONS FROM INCOME:	
Interest on Ten-Year 8% Sinking Fund Gold Notes	\$610,000 00
Amortization of bond discount and provision for accrual of premiums, etc.	198,139 32
Miscellaneous deductions	197,186 16
	1,005,325 48
DEDUCT DEPRECIATION	\$2,681,315 09
NET PROFIT	\$1,452,576 84

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 1925.

ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
CURRENT ASSETS:	CURRENT LIABILITIES:
Cash	Trade accounts payable
Accounts and notes receivable	Notes payable to banks
Customers' accounts receivable	Balances due customers and accrued allow-
Sundry debtors and notes receivable (other than customers)	ances
	Accrued taxes (other than Federal), accrued wages and other accruals
	Accrued interest (\$70,000 00) and premium (\$12,500 00), pay. bl. May 15 1926 on ten-year gold notes
Less reserves	Total current liabilities
Inventories of merchandise, materials and supplies (on basis of cost, not above market)	RESERVES:
Total current assets	For future redemption premiums on ten-year 8% sinking fund gold notes
INVESTMENTS, ETC.:	For automobile collision insurance, etc.
Balances receivable on sale of Cumberland Homes (secured by second mortgages)	For fluctuations in crude rubber prices
Sundry investments (at cost)	TEN-YEAR 8% SINKING FUND GOLD NOTES, Redeemable in semi-annual installments, May 15 1923 to May 15 1931:
CAPITAL ASSETS:	Originally issued
Property and equipment at plants and branches, unimproved real estate, patent rights, etc., less depreciation	Less notes redeemed (at 110)
DEFERRED CHARGES TO FUTURE OPERATIONS:	CAPITAL STOCK:
Prepaid insurances, taxes, royalties, etc.	6% cumulative preferred stock:
Unamortized discount on ten-year gold notes	Issued
	Less redeemed
	8% cumulative preferred stock:
	Issued
	Less redeemed
	Common stock:
	Issued and outstanding
	Warrants outstanding
	SURPLUS:
	Appropriated surplus under certificate of incorporation:
	For 6% preferred stock
	For 8% preferred stock
	General surplus, as per accompanying statement
\$34,863,888 68	\$34,863,888 68

(Preferred stock dividends paid to April 1, 1924, on 6% preferred stock and to February 15, 1924, on 8% preferred stock.)

STATEMENT OF SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1925.

GENERAL SURPLUS:	
Balance, January 1 1925	\$3,792,579 97
Less sundry adjustments on account of prior years (net)	28,167 64
	\$3,764,412 33
Net profit for the year ended December 31 1925	1,452,576 84
	\$5,216,989 17
Deduct provision for fluctuations in crude rubber prices	1,000,000 00
Balance of general surplus, December 31 1925	\$4,216,989 17
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS under certificate of incorporation:	
For 6% preferred stock retired	\$808,200 00
For 8% preferred stock retired	595,500 00
	1,403,700 00
TOTAL SURPLUS, December 31 1925	\$5,620,689 17

NEW YORK, FEBRUARY 8, 1926:

We have audited the books of Kelly-Springfield Tire Company for the year ended December 31, 1925, and certify that the above balance sheet and accompanying statements of income and surplus are correctly prepared therefrom. Inventories are valued on a crude rubber basis, at cost, below market prices prevailing at December 31, 1925, and in addition there has been set aside from surplus a reserve of \$1,000,000 00 to provide against fluctuations in crude rubber prices; and we certify that the above balance sheet and accompanying statements of income and surplus are properly drawn to show the true financial condition of the Company at December 31, 1925, and the results of operations for the year then ended.

TOUCHE, NIVEN & CO., Public Accountants.

GENERAL BAKING CORPORATION

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 26 1925.

OFFICERS.

WILLIAM DEININGER . Chairman of the Board
 PAUL H. HELMS President
 J. W. RUMBOUGH Vice-President
 R. E. PETERSON Secretary and Treasurer

Transfer Agent.

THE CORPORATION TRUST CO. New York, N. Y.

Registrar.

BANKERS TRUST CO. New York, N. Y.

General Counsel.

CHAMBERLIN, KAUFER & WILDS New York, N. Y.

Auditors.

ARTHUR YOUNG & COMPANY New York, N. Y.

SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

GENERAL BAKING COMPANY
 SMITH GREAT WESTERN BAKING CORPORATION

NEW YORK OFFICE

GENERAL BAKING CORPORATION,
 522 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

To the Stockholders of the

General Baking Corporation:

The Board of Directors of the General Baking Corporation submits to you herewith the annual report of the Corporation for the fiscal year ending December 26 1925, together with the certificate of Messrs. Arthur Young & Company.

Net Earnings of your company, as shown by the surplus account, include the General Baking Company, operating thirty-three plants, and also the nine plants of the Smith Great Western Baking Corporation.

"BOND BREAD," the principal product of the General Baking Company, enjoys unprecedented popularity. Today the name "BOND BREAD" is a universally known household word and the true value of the "good will" of this loaf is perhaps beyond estimate. On the balance sheet, however, you will find that the trade name "BOND BREAD," other Trade Names, Trade Marks, Copyrights and "Good Will" are shown at the nominal value of \$1.00.

The baking plants of our company have been maintained in a high state of efficiency and were never in better physical condition than at the present time. A visit to one of our bakeries to observe the many features of our baking processes would doubtless prove of interest to you. A list of the various bakeries is included in this report for your information. Should there be one of our plants near you, make it a point to become acquainted.

The many stockholders of the Corporation can be of definite material assistance to the company by encouraging the use of "BOND BREAD" and our other products—not only in their own homes, but also in the homes of others.

The Corporation is fortunate in the fact that throughout each of its forty-two plants there is a spirit of earnest co-operation prevailing among our employees.

By Order of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

William Deininger, Chairman.

Paul H. Helms, President.

General Baking Corporation
 and Subsidiaries.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT DECEMBER 26 1925.

ASSETS.

Current Assets:	
Cash in Banks and on Hand	\$12,394,972 36
U. S. Liberty Bonds	2,012,825 13
Accounts Receivable (less Reserve)	792,325 34
Subscriptions Receivable	206,800 00
Inventories	2,454,377 65
Total Current Assets	\$17,861,300 48
Investments	398,295 35
Property and Plant:	
Appraised Value, with subsequent additions at cost	\$25,094,566 47
Less: Reserve for Depreciation	4,907,106 47
	20,187,460 00
Deferred Charges:	
Insurance, Taxes and Organization Expense	538,900 34
"Bond Bread," other Trade Names, Trade Marks, Copyrights and Goodwill	1 00
	\$38,985,957 17

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL.

Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	\$360,990 52
Dividends Payable—Jan. 2 1926	1,479,310 90
Estimated Federal Income Tax for Current Year	919,145 39
Sundry Accruals	91,227 73
Total Current Liabilities	\$2,850,674 54
Funded Debt	387,657 35
Reserve for Contingencies	979,704 66
General Baking Co. Preferred Stock Cumulative 8%, Outstanding 90,775 Shares	9,077,500 00
Minority Interest in Common Stock of General Baking Company	60,451 40
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
	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
Capital Surplus	24,744,154 45
Earned Surplus per Accompanying Statement	885,814 77
	\$38,985,957 17

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 26 1925.

Profit from Operations before deducting Depreciation and Federal Income Taxes	\$8,588,644 69
Deduct: Depreciation	1,053,907 53
	\$7,534,737 16
Deduct: Federal Income Taxes	919,145 39
Net Profit for Year Ending Dec. 26 1925	\$6,615,591 77

SUMMARY.

Net Profit applicable to period prior to acquisition	\$4,249,331 19
Net Profit applicable to period since acquisition	2,366,260 58
	\$6,615,591 77

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF SURPLUS AT DEC. 26 1925.

Net Profit from Operations since acquisition, as above	\$2,366,260 58
Less:	
Dividend payable on General Baking Co. 8% Cumulative Preferred Stock	\$181,550 00
Minority Interest	6,851 91
	188,401 91
Balance	\$2,177,858 67
Less:	
Dividend payable Jan. 2 1926 on Class "A" Stock General Baking Corporation at rate of \$1.25 per share	1,292,043 90
Net Surplus of Earnings after Dividends since acquisition	\$885,814 77

ARTHUR YOUNG & COMPANY

Members American Institute of Accountants
 82 Beaver Street,
 NEW YORK.

January 26 1926.

General Baking Corporation,
 522 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Dear Sirs:

We have examined the books and accounts of the General Baking Corporation and its subsidiaries, including General Baking Company, for the year ended December 26 1925, and have prepared therefrom the accompanying statements:

- (1) Consolidated Balance Sheet as at Dec. 26 1925.
- (2) Statement of Earnings for the year of Companies now owned or controlled.
- (3) Statement of Surplus from commencement to Dec. 26 1925.

We hereby certify that in our opinion these statements show respectively the correct consolidated position of the Companies as at December 26 1925, the combined income for the year ended that date and the correct consolidated statement of surplus from the commencement of the General Baking Corporation to December 26 1925.

Yours very truly,

ARTHUR YOUNG & CO.

Members American Institute of Accountants.

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS
PETROLEUM—RUBBER—HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

The introductory remarks formerly appearing here will now be found in an earlier part of this paper immediately following the editorial matter, in a department headed "INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY."

Friday Night, Feb. 19, 1926.

COFFEE on the spot was firm. Santos 4s, 27½c. to 24½c.; Rio 7s, 19c. Offers included prompt shipment bourbons 3s-5s at 22¾c.; part bourbons 3s-5s at 22¾ to 22.90c.; 4s-5s at 22.90c.; 4s-7s at 22½c.; Santos pea-berry 3s-4s at 22¾c.; 4s-5s at 22½c.; 5s-6s at 22¼c.; Rio 7s at 18.90c.; Victoria 7s-8s for New Orleans on a tramp steamer at lower freight rates at 18.10c. Some contended that milds were dull and that with the Magdalena River rapidly rising coffee should begin to arrive by March 1st. Large deliveries from warehouses are expected at this season of the year but now it is pointed out they are remarkably large. Consumption is believed by some to be larger. Others think roasters and dealers have been buying freely. Santos grades have latterly been dull. As Rios and Victorias are obtainable here at under the prices current in the primary markets, they have been quite firm. Santos 4s have had some decline in sympathy with milds. Milds are fully 1c. a lb. lower on the spot than on shipment from producing markets. Improved navigation on the Magdalena River permit larger receipts from the interior. Rio is not inclined to press its coffee but Santos shippers make concessions in the hope of a larger demand. Increasing stocks at the ports and heavy afloats for this country make some buyers indifferent. The recent raising of daily restrictions on Santos receipts to 36,000 bags, it is said, had no effect on prices. It may improve the selection. Havre cabled: "Market weak owing to selling pressure in Santos and milds. Interior demand rather less." Santos cabled: "Spot quiet, high grades practically unchanged, medium lower, and under-scribed easier, holders generally still reluctant sellers." Cost and freight offers were firmer. Prompt shipment Bourbon 2s-3s here at 23½c.; 3s at 23½c.; 3s-4s at 23.30 to 23.80c.; 4s-5s at 22.90 to 23.10c.; part Bourbon or bean 2s-3s 18, screen at 24.60c.; 3s at 24.40c.; 3s-4s at 23¾c.; 3s-5s at 23 to 23¼c.; 4s-5s at 22.95c. Rio 7s at 19 to 19¼c. Victoria 7s-8s at 18½c. Future shipment Santos 3s-5s part Bourbon August-November at 21¾c. Spot coffee was steady but quiet with Santos 4s quoted at 23¾ to 24½c. and Rios 7s at 18½ to 19¼c. Today spot coffee was dull with Rio 7s 19½ to 19¼c. and Santos 4s, 23¾ to 24c. Santos firm offers on 4s-5s were 22.90 to 23.05c. Futures advanced on the 18th inst. 12 to 17 points with Santos up 300 to 375 reis, Rio 25 reis higher on some deliveries and exchange 7 15/32d. Smaller crops from both Rio and Santos are expected and with the world's visible supply below 5,000,000 bags some prefer to avoid the short side. Not but there is a good deal of coffee in sight in Brazilian stocks and afloat for the United States. And many doubt whether an early advance is likely. The stock of Brazil here is 413,268 bags against 352,475 a year ago; at New Orleans 132,657 bags against 118,564 last year; total 545,925 bags against 466,039 last year. Afloat from Brazil 459,200 bags against 447,900 a year ago. The total in sight for the United States is 1,005,125 bags against 913,939 a year ago. Rio receipts on the 18th inst. were 19,000 bags against 1,000 a week previous and 6,000 last year; at Santos 24,000 against 20,000 last year. The Rio stock was 291,000 bags against 269,000 last year; at Santos 1,250,000 against 1,776,000 a year ago. Today futures dropped 8 to 15 points net with transactions of 28,000 bags. Pre-holiday liquidation figured for not a little in the drop. At one time this week prices were 35 to 45 points higher than on the 15th inst. Profit taking was no more than natural, especially as Rio prices today dropped 250 to 350 reis. Net changes for the week, however, show a rise of 17 to 27 points.

Spot unofficial 18½-¼	May-----18.25a	Sept-----17.34a	17.35
March-----18.52a	July-----17.76a	Dec-----17.07a	17.08

SUGAR.—Prompt raws fell; 19,000 bags sold at 2 15/32c. to 2½c. Later to 2 13/32c. Futures dropped with London and also with refined prices off as well as cost and freight prices. Sugar firms were sellers. Heavy liquidation of March was a feature. The buying was chiefly by Wall Street. Hedges were covered. Later on a sale of 5,000 bags of prompt Cuban raw sugar at 2 13/32c. a spot price was established at 4.18c. duty paid.

A little Porto Rico was offered at 4.18c. c.i.f. but at 2 7/16c. c. & f. offerings of both Cubas and Porto Ricos were free. A pressure to sell duty free sugars was the weak feature. At 5.20c. one refiner did a fair trade with out of town buyers. Cuban receipts for the week were 204,257 tons against 192,274 in previous week, 214,001 in same week last year and 167,675 two years ago; exports 147,885 tons against 101,306 in previous week, 142,003 in same week last year and 97,987 two years ago; stock 502,924 against 446,552 in previous week, 456,038 in same week last year and 345,021 two years ago. The number of centrals grinding was 172 against or the same as in the previous week, 173 last year and 172 two years ago. Receipts for the week ending Feb. 17th at U. S. Atlantic ports were 86,910 tons against 76,277 in previous week, 89,498 in same week last year and 74,582 two years ago; meltings for the week 68,000 tons against 59,000 in previous week, 67,000 last year and 70,000 two years ago; total stock 87,810 against 68,900 in previous week, 79,658 in same week last year and 69,290 two years ago. Before long it is pointed out Cuban production will be at the peak. An increase in stocks at the ports is unavoidable. Cuba some think will be largely dependent on the United States for a market for 60 days at least, or until European stocks are reduced. There is naturally a limit to the storage room in Cuba even though it has been increased in recent years. The world's consumption, however, is put at 24,000,000 tons per annum. It is increasing. One refining company bought 10,000 bags of Porto Ricos due Feb. 22nd at 4.18c. The buying on the 15th inst. at 2 7/16c. is said to have been much larger than generally admitted. The technical position of futures was considered better after the liquidation at the decline. One comment heard is that both buyers and sellers are watching the market sharply and while the present dullness may continue for a time it is contended that it will not be prolonged and that the situation is sound. Producers, some argue, are able to hold back a declining market. The foreign demand for Cuban raws is expected to be renewed on any further decline. Some stress the fact that last week the exports from Cuba to United States ports were upwards of 115,000 tons (94,870 to North Hatteras, according to Guma-Mejer). The increase in the Indian crop and the heavy British stocks are emphasized. The effect of refiners' heavy purchases late in January is seen in some falling off in trade now. Still Cuba's ability to hold out against an adverse market has been clearly shown this year and not a few believe it can and will if necessary give proof of its power to do so. One forecast of February, 1925, for year ending August 31, 1925, was that the world's sugar supply would exceed requirements by 1,782,000 tons and it is estimated that the excess production over consumption for the year ending August 31, 1925, amounted to 1,893,000 tons. For the year ending August 31, 1926, one forecast is that production will further exceed consumption during this period by 1,339,000 tons. This figure is in addition to the excess production of 1,893,000 tons which occurred in the year ending Aug. 31, 1925. The Louisiana Planter said: "The weather conditions during the week have been ideal for field operations with bright sunshine throughout the entire week and spring temperatures prevailing. Work on the plantations has progressed rapidly. As this is the first good spell of weather since the commencement of the year, field operations while not backward have necessarily been delayed. As yet no reports have been received as to the amount of spring planting to be done, however, those having cane for spring planting are rushing this work." One computation of the Cuban movement for the week ending Feb. 13th was: Old crop exports, 977 tons; stocks, 892 tons; new crop arrivals, 184,775 tons; exports, 135,071 tons, and stock, 490,668 tons. Of the exports 49,572 tons were for New York, 20,299 for Philadelphia, 9,719 for Boston, 9,347 for Baltimore, 24,092 for New Orleans, 5,016 for Savannah, 9,370 for Galveston, 1,635 for interior United States, 5,189 for United Kingdom and 832 tons for France. Futures were weaker on the 16th inst. with the tendency toward lower prices for refined sugar, an easier cost and freight market and bearish cables from Europe. First notice day on March deliveries will be Feb. 23rd. Ad- vices from the Central West said that Eastern beet companies have suffered severely from a bad season. On the 17th inst. sales of Cuban and Porto Rican were over 100,000 bags, mostly at 2 13/32c. c. & f. for Cubas, but 23,000 bags Cuban raw sugars due March sold at 2 7/16c. c. & f., or 4.21c. delivered, a rise of 1/32c. On that day 53,350 tons of futures sold at 2 points rise. Refined was

in rather better demand at 5.20 to 5.25c. British refiners reduced granulated sugar 6d. per pound. Beet sugar from Chicago eastward to Buffalo, Pittsburgh or westward to the Rocky Mountains was quoted at 5.20c. Export refined was slow at 3.25c. asked and 3.10c. net, cash in bond bid. Today futures declined 1 to 4 points net. The selling was heavy. This means a decline for the week of 7 to 10 points. Prompt raws were steady at 2 7-16c. but quiet. It is said the offerings amounted to nearly 200,000 bags. Refiners were less disposed to buy after their recent purchases. The effect of a drop in futures was also apparent. British prices were steady at 11s. 7½d. for Cuba. China and the Far East are said to have bought 8,000 tons of Cuba at 2.32 to 2.34c. f.o.b. or equal to about 2 15/32 to 2½c. c. & f. New York. India bought it seems about 5,000 tons from Philadelphia and Canadian refiners this week. At 2 7/16c. prices are 1/32c. lower on prompt raws than on Feb. 11th. On Feb. 18th, however, they were 2 13/32 or 1/16c. lower than about a week ago.

Spot unofficial 2 7-16|May-----2.52a2.53|Sept-----2.74a ---
 March-----2.40a ---|July-----2.63a ---|Dec-----2.81a ---

TEA—In London on February 16th, 18,800 packages of Ceylon teas offered and 18,000 sold at firm prices: Medium pekoe, 1s. 8½d. to 1s 10¾d.; fine pekoe, 1s. 11d. to 2s. 5d.; medium orange pekoe, 1s. 9d. to 1s. 11d.; fine orange pekoe, 1s. 11¼d. to 2s. 6d. In London on Feb. 17th offerings of Indian teas were 22,200 packages, and 21,000 sold at unchanged prices.

LARD on the spot was higher on the 15th inst. with a fair demand. Prime Western, 15.15 to 15.25c.; City, in tierces, 14¾c.; in tubs, 15c. Compound carlots, in tierces, 13¼ to 13½c. Refined, Continent, 15½c.; South America, 16¾c.; Brazil, 17¾c. Stocks of lard at Chicago for the first half of the current month showed a total of 22,083,774 lbs. against 17,060,940 lbs. at the end of Jan. and 71,622,503 lbs. on hand Feb. 14th, 1925. Today spot prices were firmer with a fair demand. Prime Western, 15.35c. Refined, Continent, 15½c.; South America, 16¾c.; Brazil, 17¾c. Futures advanced at one time, with grain and hogs higher and shorts covering. The receipts of hogs on the 15th inst., it is true, increased to 127,000, though last year they were 169,000 on the same date. Stocks of lard at Chicago were reported on the 15th inst. as 22,083,771 lbs. against 17,060,940 on Jan. 31st and 71,622,503 a year ago. On the 18th inst. prices advanced sharply, with hogs, grain and cottonseed oil higher and heavy covering of shorts. Chicago wired on the 16th inst.: "Selling of July lard was credited to packers. Buying was scattered and demand rather small. Market lower with hogs and grains. Increase in local stocks of lard for first half of February was 5,000,000 lbs. This was somewhat larger than generally expected. Market easy." Chicago on the 16th inst. reported hogs 25 to 75 cents lower. Today prices advanced with general buying. Higher prices for hogs have had a noticeable influence. They were up 25 cents. The top was \$13.75. The cash demand, on the other hand, was only moderate. Steadier corn prices had some effect. Western hog receipts today were 60,000 against 116,000 last year. Futures end 30 points higher for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
March delivery	14.45	14.55	14.42	14.47	14.65	14.75
May delivery	14.75	14.85	14.75	14.77	14.95	15.07
July delivery	14.97	15.07	14.95	15.00	15.17	15.30

PORK was in light demand. Mess, \$36.50; family, \$40 to \$41; fat back, \$34.50 to \$37.50. Ribs lower; cash, 16c. basis, 40 to 60 lbs. average. Beef rather weaker; mess, \$24 to \$26; packet, \$24 to \$26; family, \$25 to \$27; 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 sold to a fair extent. Pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs. 22¼ to 24¼c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 21 to 23c. Butter, lower grade to high scoring, 40 to 44½c. Cheese, flats average to fancy, 26 to 29c. Eggs, fresh medium to extra, 27½ to 35c.

OILS.—Linseed has been in only routine demand. Crushers reported only a small buying interest. Paint and linoleum interests are taking only enough to fill immediate requirements. The jobbing demand was disappointing. Spot-February-April carlots, 11.3c.; raw tanks, 10.5c.; boiled tanks, 11c.; May-forward, 11.5c. Coconut oil, Ceylon, f.o.b. coast, tanks, 9¾c.; Manila, tanks, coast, spot, 9¾c.; China wood oil, N. Y., spot bbls., 12¾c.; corn, crude, tanks, plant, 10c.; bbls, spot, 11¾c.; olive, \$1.20 to \$1.25; soya bean, coast, tanks, 10½c.; lard, prime, 17½c.; extra strained, winter, N. Y., 15c.; cod, domestic, 63 to 64c.; Newfoundland, 65 to 67c. Turpentine, 96½c. to \$1.00½. Rosin, \$13.40 to \$16.70. The Census Bureau report proved to be the most bullish for a long time. The total estimated disappearance during January was 368,900 bbls. as against 309,000 last month. One comment was that the heavy consumption for the first four months of the crop year has gone a long way toward offsetting the big cotton crop and also leaves evidently only normal stocks for the remainder of the season. Cottonseed oil sales today, including

switches, 37,300 bbls. P. crude, S. E., 10¼ to 10½c. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	11.62a	April	11.65a11.73	July	11.82a11.83
Feb.	11.62a	May	11.71a	Aug.	11.91a11.93
March	11.64a11.65	June	11.78a11.80	Sept.	11.91a11.92

PETROLEUM.—Gasoline has had a good inquiry from jobbers. At local refineries U. S. Motor was quoted at 12½c., and in tank cars delivered to trade at 13½c. The Gulf markets were quiet at 12c. for U. S. Motor, while 64-66 gravity was held at 15c. Cased gasoline was in fair demand at the Gulf with U. S. Motor quoted at \$2.40. Kerosene was advanced ½c. a gallon at the New York, Philadelphia and other Atlantic Coast terminals by the Consolidated Oil Corporation. The price f.o.b. local refinery is now 9½c., while in tank cars delivered to trade it will be 10½c. Despite the settlement of the coal strike there is still a good demand for kerosene. In the Gulf section water white was steady at 8c., and prime white at 6c. Bunker oil rather quiet at \$1.75 f.o.b. refinery for grade C. Diesel oil slightly more active at \$2.20 at refinery. Gas oil quiet at 6¼c. for 36-40. The movement of lubricating oils was light. Paraffine waxes were in better inquiry, but little actual business has been done. Gasoline sales are increasing somewhat. Kerosene was firm, though there is not much export demand. New York refined export prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, U. S. Motor specifications, deodorized, 28.15c.; U. S. Motor bulk, refinery, 12½c. Kerosene, cargo lots, cases, 18.40c.; bulk, 8½c. Gas oil, Bayonne, tank cars, 23 to 34 degrees, 5½c.; 36-40 degrees, 6¼c. 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.), 18c.; up-State, 18c.

Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas—	Elk Basin	2.15
28-8.9	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	3.75
Corning	Bradford	3.90
Cabell	Lima	2.23
Somerset, light	Indiana	2.00
Rock Creek	Princeton	2.12
Smackover, 27 deg.	Canadian	2.63
	Kosecrans, 42 deg.	2.30
	Torrance, 28 deg.	1.38
	Eureka	3.75
	Illinois	2.12
	Crichton	1.85
	Plymouth	1.65
	Gaines	3.20
	Gulf Coastal A	1.50
		1.38

RUBBER has been quiet at a decline. The new Rubber Exchange opened for business on the 15th inst. and it is said that transactions to the amount of over \$500,000 took place. In the first hour 64 contracts of 2½ long tons each were traded in for March, May, July and December deliveries at 62c. to \$1.10. The world's production of rubber has, it is stated, risen from 53,890 tons in 1900 to 503,000 tons in 1925, and the market value last year approximated \$500,000,000. About 70 per cent of the world's output is consumed in the United States. The new exchange may help to stabilize prices which have ranged from 12c. to \$1.21 a pound in the last 6 years. This is the second rubber exchange to be opened here this year, the Cocoa and Rubber Exchange of America having started business on February 2nd. In the open market prices weakened early in the week with London lower as the supply slowly increases whereas some decrease had been expected. On the 16th inst. first latex crepe, spot and Feb. 64 to 64½c.; March 63½ to 64c.; April-June 63 to 64c.; July-Sept. 61 to 65c.; Ribbed smoked sheets, spot and Feb. 63 to 63½c.; March 62½ to 63c.; April-June 62 to 62½c.; July-Sept. 60 to 61c. Brown, crepe, thin, clean, 61c.; specky 60c.; No. 1 rolled 59c.; Amber No. 2 62c.; No. 3, 61c.; No. 4, 60c. London declined on the 16th inst. ¼ to 1 d. Spot—February-March 31 to 31½d.; April-June 30¼d to 31¼d.; July-Sept. 29¾ to 30¼d.; October-December 29d. to 29½d. In London on February 15th the rubber stock was put at 9,571 tons, an increase of 17 tons over last week. It compares with 9,554 last week, 8,882 a month ago and 26,690 last year. On the 16th inst. New York prices in the open market were: first latex crepe spot 61 to 62c.; Feb. 61 to 61½c.; Mar. 60 to 60½c.; April-June 59 to 60c.; July-Sept. 58 to 59c. Ribbed smoked sheets, spot and February 60 to 60½c.; March 58½ to 59½c.; April-June 58½ to 59½c.; July-Sept. 57 to 58c. Brown, crepe, thin clean 58c.; specky 57c. March at the Cocoa and Rubber Exchange closed 60c. asked. At the Rubber Exchange March 59½c. asked. London fell 2 to 2¼d.; spot, Feb. and March 28¾ to 29½d.; Singapore spot 30¼d.; Feb.-March 29½d. At the new Rubber Exchange here the unit of trading is 2½ long tons, or 5,600 pounds. Price changes will be registered in fluctuations of one cent or in decimals of one-tenth of one cent per pound. A fluctuation of one cent on each contract is equivalent to \$56 on each contract, or for each tenth of one cent per pound, \$5.60. The commissions to non-members for the round turn of buying and selling each contract amount to \$25, exclusive of government tax. The commission for foreign non-members is \$30 for the round turn of buying and selling. The trading will be conducted on the floor of the Exchange, 31 South William Street. The Exchange plans to provide facilities for spot transactions in crude rubber. Cotton Exchange houses were trading. Rubber houses bought; also foreign firms. The Rubber Association of

America says that in the last quarter of 1925 consumers considerably curtailed their takings of rubber. Total consumption for the quarter amounted to 79,926 tons as against 91,534 tons for the preceding quarter and 83,391 tons in the corresponding period of 1924. The consumption of crude rubber for 1925 was 353,873 tons against 30,788 in 1924. The value was \$1,142,090 against \$912,717 in 1924. Inventories dropped sharply in 1925, the close of the year finding only 48,436 tons on hand as against 54,831 in 1924 and 72,920 tons in 1923. Crude rubber arrivals for the quarter were heavy, amounting to 111,689 tons as against 91,499 tons for the previous quarter and 99,094 tons for the final quarter of 1924. Production of reclaimed rubber in the final quarter of 1925 was 38,840 tons against 31,909 for the previous quarter and 25,263 tons for the final quarter of 1924. Consumption of reclaimed rubber for the quarter totaled 23,715 tons. The visible supply afloat and here is estimated at around 100,000 tons. Latterly prices have been more or less unsettled with some effort, however, to sustain them. The demand has not been brisk. A moderate trade was done on the Exchanges. At the Rubber Exchange May and July attracted the most attention. May dropped there to 58.30c. on the 18th inst. and July to 57.60c. At the Cocoa and Rubber Exchange March ended on that day at 59.50c. and May at 58.50c. In the outside market first latex crepe spot and Feb. was 60 to 61c. on the 18th inst.; March 60 to 60½c.; Ribbed smoked spot and Feb. 59 to 60c.; March 58 to 59½c.; Para Upriver fine 56c. London was firmer on that day with quite a good demand; Spot, February and March 29 to 29½c. There was a rumor that seats on the new Rubber Exchange are \$3,000 bid.

HIDES.—Frigorifico declined. There is a belief that the downward trend has not culminated. Some 5,000 Campana steers sold at \$36.75 or 16 11/16c. to European, Canadian and United States tanners. A European buyer took 1,000 Artiga steers at \$39.25, or 17½c. Country hides were dull and weak. So were city packer. Common dry hides, Antioquias, 25½c.; Orinocos, 22c.; packer hides, native steers, 13c.; butt brands, 12½c.; Colorados, 12c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—A new low rate on grain was accepted from St. John to West Italy. But from the North Pacific to Japan grain rates rose sharply. A new low rate was accepted on full cargo grain 8½c. for one port on the Continent.

CHARTERS included sugar from Cuba to United Kingdom-Continent 15s. 3d. option Marseilles 16s. 9d. March 5-10, cancelling; sugar from Santo Domingo to United Kingdom-Continent 18s. March 8, cancelling; coal from Hampton Roads to Rio de Janeiro, \$3.25 or \$3.50, March loading; from Hampton Roads to West Italy, \$2.60 one port, \$2.70 two ports. March loading; time charter, 1839 net, 7 months, West Indies trade, \$1.10, February loading; 1137 net, two months in West Indies trade, \$1.55 delivery Cuba, February loading; 582 net, 18 months, Gulf-West Indies log wood trade, \$3.25, February loading; tankers: 2955 net, Gulf to north of Hatteras 40c. option Tampico loading 43c., February; Gulf to North of Hatteras 38c., option Tampico 43c.; 4,600 tons Tampico to United States Gulf, 20c. prompt loading; 5154 net Gulf to north Hatteras 38c. clean February loading; case oil, 140,000 to 160,000 cases, one port of Gulf to 6 months of Australia and New Zealand, 35c. to one port with 1c. extra each additional port, March loading; nitrate from Chile to U. S. Atlantic \$4. March loading; sulphur from Gulf to 3 ports Australia 29s., March loading; phosphate rock from Fernandina, Fla., to Fremantle 37s. 6d. spot loading; grain from Baltimore to Antwerp or Rotterdam 8½ to 9c. prompt; coal from Hampton Roads to Buenos Aires, \$4.15, March-April loading; from Wales to Colon, 20s. 6d., February 25th loading; tankers 6300 tons clean, from Gulf to United Kingdom-Continent 27s. 6d., April loading; 4083 net from Gulf to north of Hatteras 38c., option Tampico loading 43c., two voyages, March loading; lumber, 3,750,000 feet two ports of North Pacific to two ports of Brisbane Sydney Range, \$14.50 February 28th; 3,400,000 feet two ports of North Pacific to two ports of Japan, \$12.25 March loading; linseed from Rosario to New York \$4.25, second half March loading; grain from Columbia River to United Kingdom-Continent 31s. 3d., early March loading; coal from Wales to north of Hatteras 18s. prompt loading; from Wales to Rosario 20s. prompt; sulphur from two ports of Gulf to two ports of Continent \$2.75 prompt.

COAL has weakened with the hard coal strike settled. Coke has declined; Connellsville furnace early in the week was \$6 to \$7, foundry \$7 to \$8. Navy standard steadied at one time at Hampton Roads. Pennsylvania bituminous declined. Nominal quotations were cut 25 to 50c. Later on Connellsville furnace coke was quoted at \$5 at the oven and crushed at \$6 to \$7.50 with trade very slack. It was recalled that on Feb. 10th domestic coke was quoted at \$22 to \$24. Welsh anthracite at the same time was quoted at \$26.50 to \$28.50. Two of the largest anthracite coal producers announce their f.o.b. mine prices for domestic sizes and pea coal as follows: Egg size, \$8.75; stove, \$9.25; chestnut, \$8.75; and pea, \$6. Work at the anthracite mines of Penn. began on the 18th inst. with 60% of the men answering the call.

TOBACCO.—The inquiry has been mostly for Java and Sumatra tobacco. Some think the supply is getting low. Cigar manufacturers, it is said, are having a satisfactory trade, but in general there is a lack of real life and snap in leaf tobacco and prices, though steady enough, are in some, if not in many, cases, to all appearances little better than nominal.

COPPER of late has been weak at 14¼c. delivered. Large producers however continued quoting 14¾c. Most of them are said to be sold up to April 1st and are therefore not inclined to make concessions at this time. Yet

there was a fair business being done. Domestic demand was better than that for export. For export the price ranged from 14.20 to 14.25 f.a.s. New York. World's production of Blister copper in January was 133,600 short tons against 135,800 in December. Standard copper in London on the 17th inst. fell 2s. 6d. to £59 15s. for spot and £60 15s. for futures. On the 16th inst. the market there dropped uniformly 10s. and this with a declining stock market had a depressing effect on prices here. Latterly New York and London have been declining. Sales were made here at 14¼c. delivered and in one case at 14.20c. it was said. Today standard spot in London was a little steadier than yesterday at £59 10s. against £59 5s. yesterday; futures today £60 10s. against £60 5s. yesterday; electrolytic spot £66 10s. the same as yesterday.

TIN has been quiet and easier. Spot Straits sold at 64c., February at 63¾c., March at 63½c. and 62½c. for June. Spot standard in London on the 16th inst. declined 5s. to £287 15s. for spot and futures fell 17s. 6d. to £280 10s. On the following day, however, that market advanced 5s. to £288 for spot; futures were unchanged. Strait shipments for the first half of February were 3145 tons against 3759 tons for the first half of January. Latterly there has been a fair demand. Spot Straits 64¼ to 64½c. with sales. Supplies are decreasing. London has latterly been rising. Today spot there was £298 7s. 6d.; futures, £282 7s. 6d.

LEAD like other metals has been rather quiet and easier. At East St. Louis 9c. was quoted and at New York 9.15c. While lead is more plentiful than a month or two ago, the supply is not burdensome. Very little February lead is available and many producers are said to be sold out for March. Lead in London on the 16th inst. fell 6s. 3d. to £34 for spot and futures on sales of 100 tons of spot and 1,100 tons of futures. On the next day, however, that market advanced 1s. 3d. to £34 1s. 3d. for spot and £34 1s. 3d. for futures. Latterly lead has been weaker at 8¾c. East St. Louis. New York was rather depressed at 9.15c. with some sales however at 9.10c. Prices have been falling in London but they were a little steadier today; spot, £33 17s. 6d.; futures, £34.

ZINC has been quiet and lower with other metals and a falling London market. At East St. Louis the price was 7.50c. for all positions. Some contend, however, that the decline will be checked very shortly when it is believed consumers will enter the market to cover their March requirements. And the April position is said to be uncovered. London on the 16th inst. declined 5s. on the spot and 7s. 6d. on futures; and on the next day there was a further decline in that market of 5s. to £35 11s. 3d. for spot; futures declined 3s. 9d. to £35 12s. 6d. Latterly prices have been seeking a lower level. They are 1½c. lower than 30 days ago. East St. Louis 7.45 to 7.50c. London prices have been declining though they were slightly firmer today. On Thursday spot was £35 3s. 9d. Today, £35 10s. spot; futures, £35 10s. against £35 5s. yesterday.

STEEL has been quiet. There is still a note of disappointment very apparent in this branch of business. Buyers naturally are cautious with coke, pig iron and scrap tending downward and the anthracite strike settled. Fabricated structural steel sells much less readily than it did a year ago. Buyers are taking small lots and in a word adopting a waiting policy. Recent storms had more or less effect on business, but they did not explain the predominant dullness of the trade. At Chicago and the West trade seemed to be in rather better shape than it is here in the East. But taking the trade as a whole it shows a noticeable falling off as compared with December, even if it exhibits some increase as compared with the first half of January. Railroads are buying very little. Their absence from the market is felt as a matter of course. There is an evident hesitation both east and west on the part of buyers. They prefer to hold aloof for a while and watch the course of events. Yet production is proceeding at the rate of 85 to 90%. As things now stand that can only mean an accumulation of maker's stocks.

PIG IRON.—The break in coke has had a depressing effect on prices for iron. In Chicago, in one instance, it is said to have dropped \$2. Sales have been made it appears at \$21 at Chicago furnace. It is said to have been done, partly under the stress of sharp competition. Eastern Pennsylvania it appears is quoted more frequently now-a-days at \$22, although the nominal quotations are \$22.50 to \$23. Buffalo is quoted at \$21 to \$22 nominally but there are intimations, with or without reason, that Buffalo iron could be had at as low as \$20.50. Furnace coke at one time this week was as low as \$5 net at the ovens, which is a decline of 50% since the 11th inst. Also there is more or less competition in Atlantic markets from foreign iron. A powerful factor, however, has been the settlement of the anthracite strike. Trade moreover has in the main been unsatisfactory. Certainly it is not up to expectations.

WOOL has been barely steady and trade as a rule has been quiet though rather less so than recently. New York has been quiet with prices none too steady.

Domestic fleeces, unwashed Ohio & Penn. fine delaine, 52 to 53c; 1/2 blood, 52 to 53c; 3/8 blood, 52 to 53c; 1/4 blood, 51 to 52c; Territory clean basis, fine staple, \$1.25 to \$1.28; medium, French combing, \$1.20 to \$1.25; medium, clothing, \$1.12 to 1.16; 1/2 blood staple, \$1.15 to \$1.18; 3/8 blood, 95c. to \$1; 1/4 blood, 90 to 93c; Texas, clean basis, fine 12 months, \$1.25 to \$1.28; 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 super, \$1.15 to 93c.; C, 70 to 75c.; Domestic, mohair, best combing, 75 to 80c. Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces in Boston. Delaine unwashed, 53c.; 1/2 blood combing, 52 to 53c.; 3/8 blood combing, 53 to 54c.; fine unwashed, 47 to 48c. Michigan and New York fleeces: Delaine unwashed, 50 to 51c.; 1/2 blood combing, 51c.; 3/8 blood combing, 53c.; 1/4 blood combing, 53 to 54c.; fine unwashed, 46 to 47c. Wisconsin, Missouri and average New England, 1/2 blood, 48 to 49c.; 3/8 blood, 49 to 50c.; 1/4 blood, 50c.; Scoured basis, Texas fine 12 months (selected), \$1.25; fine eight months, \$1.10 to \$1.15; California Northern, \$1.22 to \$1.25; middle County, \$1.10; Southern, \$1. Oregon Eastern No. 1 staple, \$1.25 to \$1.28; fine and fine medium combing, \$1.20 to \$1.25; Eastern clothing, \$1.05 to \$1.10; Valley No. 1, \$1.10. Territory, Montana and similar; fine staple choice, \$1.25 to \$1.30; 1/2 blood combing, 90 to 95c. Pulled, Delaine, \$1.25 to \$1.28; AA, \$1.20 to \$1.25; fine A supers, \$1.12 to \$1.18; A supers, \$1.05 to \$1.10. Mohair, best combing, 75 to 80c.; best carding, 65 to 70c.

The rail and water shipments of wool from Boston from Jan. 1, 1926 to Feb. 11, 1926, inclusive, were 27,947,000 lbs. against 24,852,000 lbs. for the same period last year. The receipts from Jan. 1, 1926 to Feb. 11, 1926, inclusive, were 44,681,700 lbs. against 47,853,700 lbs. for the same period last year. At Melbourne, on February 15, 8200 bales were offered and 7500 bales sold. Selection extremely good. American buyers bought freely of the better grades. Prices firmer. At Perth, on Feb. 16, demand good for Bradfords and topmakers' wools suitable for Bradford and America. Prices firm. At Wanganui, on Feb. 16, 15,500 bales were offered and 11,900 sold, all crossbreds. Prices compared with sales of Jan. 14 were down 10%. Boston wired that 1,000 bales of Australian merinos sold to one mill. Two large Boston houses each bought 500,000 lbs. of fall wool in Texas, last week, reported at 36 1/2c. or between 95c. and \$1 clean landed basis. Two other houses between them bought 800 to 900 bales of wool at the sealed bid sale of Idaho wools, pooled in Portland at 37 to 39c. The first purchase of the new Arizona wools is reported on a basis equivalent to about \$1.10 for good fine wools of French combing staple. Considerable of these wools has been consigned to Boston. The Australian sales at Sydney and Geelong closed in the main firm. The first series of the Colonial wool auctions in London closed with a steadier tone. Withdrawals amounted to about 41,000 bales out of a total offering of 190,000 bales. America bought about 8,000 bales, England over 70,000 and the Continent over 60,000. Prices had recovered most of the early decline. Offerings of average 12 months' wools are made from Durban at about 87 to 88c. clean, in bond, and of 10 to 12 months' wools at about 82 to 83c.

COTTON.

Friday Night, Feb. 19 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 148,404 bales, against 148,354 bales last week and 173,227 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1925 7,756,420 bales, against 7,590,931 bales for the same period of 1924-25, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1925 of 165,489 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	5,674	6,225	13,742	5,761	4,846	5,885	42,133
Houston	7,451	17,426	—	650	7,667	—	33,194
New Orleans	5,190	8,361	13,003	1,092	7,308	9,341	44,295
Mobile	212	343	257	37	611	148	1,608
Jacksonville	—	—	—	—	—	8	8
Savannah	2,062	2,784	2,329	853	1,321	756	10,105
Charleston	1,039	1,032	916	1,275	513	620	5,395
Wilmington	—	471	358	138	215	357	1,539
Norfolk	2,322	1,068	1,758	833	732	853	7,569
New York	—	350	—	—	—	—	350
Boston	—	22	355	108	118	865	1,468
Baltimore	—	—	—	—	—	743	743
Totals this week	23,950	38,082	32,718	10,747	23,331	19,576	148,404

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. 19.	1925-26.		1924-25.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1925.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1924.	1926.	1925.
Galveston	42,133	2,663,956	62,171	3,242,340	589,469	470,769
Texas City	—	18,084	2,902	61,420	17,970	24,839
Houston	33,194	1,372,543	21,021	1,386,274	—	—
Port Arthur, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Orleans	44,295	1,894,528	31,025	1,572,353	508,917	313,245
Gulfport	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mobile	1,608	192,680	4,636	122,943	17,957	9,421
Pensacola	—	15,470	97	9,215	—	—
Jacksonville	8	15,261	12	2,960	578	862
Savannah	10,105	736,974	14,675	514,889	70,444	66,828
Brunswick	—	400	—	539	—	130
Charleston	5,395	247,825	11,068	196,794	51,863	44,405
Georgetown	1,539	102,202	2,167	106,442	31,515	33,101
Wilmington	7,566	400,145	11,115	307,625	135,041	96,319
Norfolk	—	—	—	—	—	—
N'port News, &c.	350	37,351	—	20,116	49,906	224,335
New York	1,468	18,920	5,215	25,665	2,650	1,456
Boston	743	30,575	846	20,378	1,219	1,308
Baltimore	—	9,506	—	978	6,726	3,349
Philadelphia	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	148,404	7,756,420	167,066	7,590,931	1,484,255	1,290,367

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.	1921-22.	1920-21.
Galveston	42,133	62,171	28,831	25,028	30,073	38,594
Houston, &c.	33,194	21,021	15,303	8,180	252	397
New Orleans	44,295	31,025	20,507	29,447	15,038	26,800
Mobile	1,608	4,636	948	1,164	1,849	788
Savannah	10,105	14,675	4,729	9,649	7,006	8,576
Brunswick	—	—	274	—	50	500
Charleston	5,395	11,068	920	1,298	1,987	1,026
Wilmington	1,331	2,167	723	1,963	935	1,089
Norfolk	7,566	11,115	4,632	2,188	3,116	4,461
N'port N., &c.	—	—	—	—	—	47
All others	2,569	9,188	2,057	4,619	15,963	2,345
Total this wk.	148,404	167,066	78,924	83,536	76,269	84,623
Since Aug. 1	7,756,420	7,590,931	5,621,007	4,764,744	4,113,116	4,386,209

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 164,169 bales, of which 46,831 were to Great Britain, 22,553 to France, 25,798 to Germany, 21,917 to Italy, ——— to Russia, 22,789 to Japan and China and 24,281 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 206,671 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 5,657,845 bales, against 5,899,388 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week.

Week Ended Feb. 19 1926. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	13,692	16,243	9,020	10,110	—	2,271	6,117	57,457
Houston	5,792	5,401	5,881	4,798	—	7,552	3,190	32,632
New Orleans	10,119	—	3,405	—	—	2,715	3,814	20,506
Mobile	320	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,209
Savannah	6,153	—	3,701	—	—	—	6,141	16,003
Charleston	4,020	—	2,050	—	—	—	—	7,620
Wilmington	—	—	—	5,500	—	—	—	5,500
Norfolk	1,042	100	—	—	—	—	50	1,192
New York	588	60	1,730	1,301	—	8,959	3,119	16,309
Baltimore	—	—	—	200	—	—	—	200
Philadelphia	303	—	—	—	—	—	—	303
Los Angeles	1,813	200	—	—	—	—	300	2,313
San Francisco	100	—	—	—	—	1,275	—	1,375
Total	46,831	22,553	25,798	21,917	—	22,789	24,281	164,169
Total 1925	73,173	28,001	38,050	8,850	—	32,650	25,947	206,671
Total 1924	19,961	13,323	24,038	12,477	—	2,487	8,409	80,603

From Aug. 1 1924 to Feb. 19 1926. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	479,715	254,653	321,548	49,042	6,000	145,340	224,740	1,581,044
Houston	376,765	244,280	311,028	93,640	97,573	93,611	123,036	1,346,833
New Orleans	388,627	138,685	194,631	137,909	—	223,101	142,185	1,225,125
Mobile	72,284	8,357	28,32	700	—	1,500	4,538	115,703
Jacksonville	6,048	—	4,400	—	—	—	1,924	12,370
Pensacola	7,447	758	1,980	449	—	4,400	481	15,470
Savannah	164,620	11,831	252,08	6,792	—	99,40	45,122	579,890
Brunswick	—	—	400	—	—	—	—	400
Charleston	55,525	—	72,738	—	—	35,256	15,241	179,755
Wilmington	4,000	—	25,770	28,500	—	—	3,400	61,670
Norfolk	89,472	100	81,155	—	—	9,950	6,078	189,755
New York	40,180	16,633	37,127	20,711	200	20,727	33,108	171,686
Boston	2,489	—	311	—	—	—	4,158	6,958
Baltimore	—	3,005	—	2,388	—	—	—	5,993
Philadelphia	470	—	—	1,275	—	—	302	2,047
Los Angeles	14,679	2,000	9,150	509	—	3,311	85	31,077
San Diego	2,200	—	—	—	—	—	1,500	3,700
San Francisco	775	—	100	—	—	70,688	8	71,649
Seattle	—	—	—	—	—	56,420	300	56,720
Total	1,703,294	681,533	1,343,751	444,901	103,773	766,711	410,874	5,657,845
Total '24-'25	2,070,713	704,514	1,321,564	462,853	77,345	681,899	580,501	5,809,388
Total '23-'24	1,436,123	559,465	833,511	377,331	9,958	446,033	425,282	4,087,705

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 January the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 32,172 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 20,696 bales. For the six months ended Jan. 31 1926, there were 148,255 bales exported, as against 111,653 bales for the corresponding six 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. 19 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—						Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign.	Coast-wise.	Total.	
Galveston	9,500	7,000	8,000	26,100	8,500	59,100	530,369
New Orleans	10,840	10,417	12,253	18,546	695	52,751	456,166
Savannah	—	—	—	—	—	—	70,444
Charleston	—	—	—	—	526	526	51,337
Mobile	100	400	—	400	100	1,000	16,957
Norfolk	—	—	—	—	—	—	135,041
Other ports *	3,000	3,000	2,000	7,000	1,000	16,000	94,564
Total 1923	23,440	20,817	22,253	52,046	10,821	129,377	1,354,878
Total 1925	26,688	8,600	18,925	48,063	14,618	116,894	1,173,473
Total 1924	11,830	4,221	26,198	25,292	7,635	75,176	762,732

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been on a very moderate scale, but undoubtedly an undertone of steadiness has characterized it, due largely to the firmness of the March delivery. The tense situation in that month has indeed dominated the whole market. Reports have been rife from time to time that cotton was headed this way for delivery on March. None of them has been confirmed. And the premium on March over May, which was recently down to 48 points, has latterly risen to 58, although more generally 56 to 57 points. Mills have been "calling" cotton steadily. Hedges have been covered in March and transferred to distant months. Liverpool has been buying March in undoing straddles while selling across the water; New York March and Liverpool March have been close to

gether. That is to say, New York March has been at times 20 to 21 points over Liverpool March, strange as that may sound. Moreover, Liverpool May has at times been only 22 points over New York May. These unusually narrow differences have excited a good deal of comment. Straddlers have been liquidating their operations, as already intimated, on both sides of the water. This has helped to brace March in New York, for it involved buying here. There is said to be still a good-sized short interest in the March delivery, for account of the mills, hedgers, Liverpool, New Orleans, etc. Meanwhile an interesting accompaniment of all this has been a steady reduction in the certificated stock at New York. It has fallen to something under 20,000 bales, as against 45,601 bales on Feb. 1, 74,383 on Jan. 1 and 192,068 on Feb. 18 1925. In New Orleans, where the stock is 515,000 bales, the certificated supply at the latest statement was only 19,288 bales. There is very much the same premium on March over May in New York and New Orleans, with 44 points in Chicago. Some laid stress on big rains in parts of the Eastern belt, and a forecast of a cold wave at the Southwest with 16 to 24 degrees in Oklahoma and 22 to 30 in Texas, as likely to delay field work. Spot markets of late have advanced slightly. There is said to be a better demand for the lower grades at the prevailing discounts. According to some reports, indeed, mills at home and abroad are for the time being more interested in un-tenderable than in tenderable cotton. Dallas on the 17th inst. reduced its discount on low middling 25 points, making it 300 points "off" middling. There are reports to the effect, moreover, that in the not distant future Germany is likely to re-enter the American spot markets. Manchester's business has in some respects improved. Sales of cloths to Calcutta by the Lancashire mills are said to be large. Dhooties are selling more freely to India. A good business is reported to be pending with China. English yarns are selling more freely to Germany. Moreover, the British home trade is larger. On this side, Charlotte, N. C., reports in some cases state that the mills there are running on full time. Printers are doing a pretty good day-to-day business here. Nobody pretends that there is any activity. At best there is only a fair business in this country. Yet raw cotton spot prices are so much below futures that a good many are thinking twice before selling the market short. It is noticed that spot houses which sell March buy May. The impression is that the so-called March deal will be carried into May with a liberal premium on the latter month. Shorts have been rather nervous in view of the firmness of March and the indifference of the market to anything in the nature of bearish factors, like dulness of spot cotton, falling off in exports, quietness of goods and the favorable reports in regard to weather and farm work from the South. There is believed to be something bracing underneath the market. What it is if not the strength of the actual staple and the continuing effect of the comparative scarcity of contract cotton in the present crop it would be hard to determine. Possibly these two factors, with a good world's consumption, explain the resistance of the market to pressure as well as anything else.

On the other hand there is very little speculation. It is still largely a professional market. The next thing to dominate it, it is believed, will be the spot situation. If the weather at the South continues favorable and if it continues to seem doubtful whether there will be any decrease in the acreage it may be the signal, it is suggested, for selling out of spot cotton by the South. This might conceivably undermine the price of futures. Whether it will come to pass or not, is another matter. The technical position, theoretically at least, has been more or less weakened by the recent covering of shorts. The consumption and the exports are disappointing. The report of the Census Bureau on the 13th inst. put the domestic consumption for January at 583,192 bales, against 575,271 for December and 594,010 for January last year. Stocks in consuming establishments at the end of January were 1,811,392, against 1,717,972 the previous month and 1,441,699 last year. Stocks in public storage, 5,175,834, against 5,608,066 and 3,860,333 last year. The number of active spindles during January was 32,803,156, against 33,000,874 during December and 33,320,558 last year. Exports during January were only 749,967 bales, against 984,061 during December and 1,076,075 last year. On the 15th inst. Palm Beach operators were credited with selling 35,000 bales of May, which depressed prices some 25 to 26 points on the old crop.

The South, and at times Wall Street, have sold. Local operators incline to the short side, even though they have recently been intimidated in a measure by the firmness of the near months. And whether cotton is coming to New York at the present time for delivery on March or not, there is still perhaps a chance for cotton to be brought here for that purpose. Trading in March ends, of course, on March 10, but deliveries can go on for several weeks longer. The Washington reports in regard to the condition of the soil at the South attracted attention, as it was very favorable.

To-day the old crop advanced 12 to 13 points and the next 1 to 5. The old crop held most of the rise, but the next crop was under selling pressure and ended only a few points net higher. The secret of the rise in the old crop was the steadily disappearing stock here. The certificated supply is supposed to be under 17,000 bales. March shorts were

nervous. They bought quite freely. The premium of 57 points over May was easily maintained. May and July were also wanted. Spot interests which sold March bought May, if not July. All old crop months were firm and in steady demand. There were rumors that 2,000 or 3,000 bales are coming here for delivery on March, presumably from the South. The steadily decreasing stock here, however, took the edge off such rumors. To all intents and purposes they fell flat. To-morrow, Saturday, a half-holiday, is the only chance for shorts to cover between now and notice day on the 23d inst., Monday being a holiday. Spot markets were slightly higher. The better grades were in somewhat greater demand in the Memphis district. There is believed to be still a considerable short interest in March here, though a good many of late have bought in their hedges and moved them to more distant months. Final prices, after all, show a net decline for the week of 3 to 7 points on the old crop, the latter on May and 8 to 12 points on the new, the latter on December. Spot cotton to-day was 20.75c., a decline of 5 points for the week.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Feb. 12 to Feb. 19—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland	20.75	20.60	20.50	20.60	20.65	20.75

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Feb. 19 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1926	20.75c.	1918	32.00c.	1910	14.50c.	1902	8.81c.
1925	24.65c.	1917	16.30c.	1909	9.85c.	1901	9.25c.
1924	30.80c.	1916	11.45c.	1908	11.40c.	1900	8.88c.
1923	28.65c.	1915	8.55c.	1907	11.00c.	1899	6.62c.
1922	18.50c.	1914	12.95c.	1906	11.10c.	1898	6.25c.
1921	13.20c.	1913	12.60c.	1905	8.15c.	1897	7.12c.
1920	39.20c.	1912	10.50c.	1904	14.50c.	1896	7.82c.
1919	25.90c.	1911	14.10c.	1903	10.05c.	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. dec.	Barely steady			
Monday	Quiet, 15 pts. dec.	Very steady			
Tuesday	Quiet, 10 pts. dec.	Barely steady			
Wednesday	Quiet, 10 pts. adv.	Steady			
Thursday	Quiet, 5 pts. adv.	Steady	8		8
Friday	Steady, 10 pts. adv.	Very Steady			
Total			8		8

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Feb. 13.	Monday, Feb. 15.	Tuesday, Feb. 16.	Wednesday, Feb. 17.	Thursday, Feb. 18.	Friday, Feb. 19.
Feb.—						
Range						
Closing						
March—						
Range	20.20-20.38	19.97-20.20	20.01-20.06	19.98-20.11	20.05-20.11	20.08-20.27
Closing	20.23-20.24	20.07-20.08	20.01-20.02	20.08-20.10	20.15	20.26-20.27
April—						
Range						
Closing	19.95	19.79	19.73	19.80	19.81	19.98
May—						
Range	19.67-19.77	19.42-19.62	19.46-19.54	19.43-19.57	19.49-19.61	19.53-19.70
Closing	19.68-19.70	19.52-19.54	19.46-19.46	19.52-19.54	19.58-19.5	19.69-19.70
June—						
Range						
Closing	19.35	19.22	19.14	19.20	19.25	19.36
July—						
Range	19.03-19.08	18.78-18.95	18.82-18.91	18.80-18.90	18.85-18.9	18.87-19.05
Closing	19.03-19.04	18.89-18.90	18.82-18.84	18.88	18.92-18.9	19.04-19.05
August—						
Range						
Closing	18.64	18.50	18.43	18.49	18.53	18.65
Sept.—						
Range				18.34-18.34	18.38-18.34	18.13-18.21
Closing	18.49	18.38	18.29	18.34	18.32	18.19-18.21
October—						
Range	18.29-18.37	18.14-18.25	18.14-18.23	18.11-18.21	18.16-18.21	
Closing	18.33-18.37	18.23-18.24	18.14-18.15	18.20-18.21	18.16	18.01
Nov.—						
Range						18.01
Closing	18.16	18.05	17.96	18.02	17.96	17.77-17.85
Dec.—						
Range	17.92-18.00	17.77-17.92	17.78-17.88	17.77-17.86	17.80-17.87	17.77-17.85
Closing	17.99	17.88-17.89	17.79-17.80	17.85	17.80	17.83-17.85
January—						
Range	17.87-17.94	17.73-17.88	17.74-17.81	17.71-17.76	17.75-17.81	17.72-17.79
Closing	17.93-17.9	17.82	17.75	17.79	17.78	17.78

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Feb. 19 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	19.97	Feb. 15	20.38	Feb. 13	18.34	Oct. 31 1925
Apr. 1926				19.50	Jan. 7 1926	19.89
May 1926	19.42	Feb. 15	19.77	Feb. 13	18.50	Oct. 31 1925
June 1926					18.84	Oct. 31 1925
July 1926	18.78	Feb. 15	19.08	Feb. 13	18.13	Oct. 31 1925
Aug. 1926					18.38	Dec. 31 1925
Sept. 1926	18.34	Feb. 17	18.38	Feb. 18	18.34	Feb. 17 1925
Oct. 1926	18.11	Feb. 17	18.37	Feb. 13	18.02	Jan. 8 1926
Nov. 1926					18.15	Feb. 2 1926
Dec. 1926	17.77	Feb. 15	18.00	Feb. 13	17.77	Feb. 15 1926
Jan. 1927	17.71	Feb. 17	17.94	Feb. 13	17.70	Feb. 1 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. 19—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Stock at Liverpool.....bales	853,000	909,000	881,000	795,000
Stock at London.....	-----	2,000	4,000	4,000
Stock at Manchester.....	73,000	116,000	114,000	78,000
Total Great Britain.....	926,000	1,027,000	999,000	877,000
Stock at Hamburg.....	-----	-----	4,000	2,000
Stock at Bremen.....	281,000	222,000	79,000	57,000
Stock at Havre.....	216,000	204,000	144,000	169,000
Stock at Rotterdam.....	4,000	15,000	14,000	11,000
Stock at Barcelona.....	87,000	83,000	62,000	114,000
Stock at Genoa.....	53,000	42,000	33,000	34,000
Stock at Antwerp.....	-----	5,000	7,000	2,000
Stock at Ghent.....	-----	2,000	2,000	3,000
Total Continental stocks.....	641,000	573,000	345,000	392,000
Total European stocks.....	1,567,000	1,600,000	1,344,000	1,269,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....	182,000	137,000	275,000	193,000
American cotton afloat for Europe.....	432,000	622,000	349,000	276,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat for Europe.....	111,000	84,000	79,000	104,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	301,000	227,000	236,000	292,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	760,000	550,000	778,000	742,000
Stock in U. S. Ports.....	1,484,255	1,290,367	819,120	772,849
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....	1,893,649	1,170,855	823,836	943,669
U. S. exports to-day.....	-----	8,100	-----	-----
Total visible supply.....	6,730,304	5,689,322	4,703,956	4,592,518

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

American	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Liverpool stock.....bales	589,000	738,000	614,000	452,000
Manchester stock.....	62,000	95,000	91,000	49,000
Continental stock.....	589,000	521,000	269,000	350,000
American afloat for Europe.....	432,000	622,000	349,000	276,000
U. S. port stocks.....	1,484,255	1,290,367	819,120	772,849
U. S. interior stocks.....	1,893,649	1,170,855	823,836	943,669
U. S. exports to-day.....	-----	8,100	-----	-----
Total American.....	5,049,304	4,446,322	2,965,956	2,843,518
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—	-----	-----	-----	-----
Liverpool stock.....	264,000	171,000	267,000	343,000
London stock.....	-----	2,000	4,000	4,000
Manchester stock.....	11,000	20,000	23,000	29,000
Continental stock.....	52,000	52,000	76,000	42,000
Indian afloat for Europe.....	182,000	137,000	275,000	193,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat.....	111,000	84,000	79,000	104,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	301,000	227,000	236,000	292,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	761,000	550,000	778,000	742,000
Total East India, &c.....	1,681,000	1,243,000	1,738,000	1,749,000
Total American.....	5,049,304	4,446,322	2,965,956	4,592,518
Total visible supply.....	6,730,304	5,689,322	4,703,956	4,592,518
Middling uplands, Liverpool.....	10.57c.	13.66c.	17.65c.	16.34c.
Middling uplands, New York.....	20.75c.	24.50c.	30.40c.	29.80c.
Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool.....	19.60c.	37.05c.	22.45c.	18.90c.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool.....	23.00c.	20.75c.	24.50c.	18.75c.
Broach, fine, Liverpool.....	9.15c.	12.10c.	15.25c.	13.60c.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool.....	9.55c.	12.85c.	16.40c.	14.75c.

Continental imports for past week have been 130,000 bales. The above figures for 1926 show a decrease from last week of 34,477 bales, a gain of 1,040,982 over 1925, an increase of 2,026,348 bales over 1924, and an increase of 2,137,783 bales over 1923.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS

Towns.	Movement to Feb. 19 1926.				Movement to Feb. 20 1925.			
	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks Feb. 19.	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks Feb. 20.
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.		
Ala., Birmingham	1,000	84,716	2,000	8,130	773	57,629	1,824	6,794
Eufaula	429	21,096	775	6,456	240	18,334	559	4,862
Montgomery	483	92,798	775	23,622	1,235	77,812	1,852	16,782
Selma	785	85,113	1,050	21,518	248	61,607	2,863	13,437
Ark., Helena	2,291	90,642	1,687	35,374	479	63,949	2,200	10,532
Little Rock	4,686	214,152	3,127	64,720	1,732	197,362	5,218	26,375
Pine Bluff	2,938	164,701	3,088	67,035	1,715	101,418	4,710	22,229
Ga., Albany	-----	7,865	-----	2,364	-----	3,875	-----	2,582
Athens	1,012	25,504	970	13,122	684	42,178	609	15,761
Atlanta	3,323	182,739	3,823	53,882	3,958	187,753	6,574	40,979
Augusta	4,791	311,092	6,485	100,318	5,593	196,089	4,935	60,000
Columbus	1,858	70,500	2,575	6,010	2,170	63,596	2,642	8,452
Macon	1,737	61,915	1,451	24,323	1,115	38,335	1,203	9,204
Rome	418	48,942	1,200	15,286	256	41,004	1,350	12,478
La., Shreveport	1,334	168,742	3,219	25,165	-----	95,300	2,000	17,000
Miss., Columbus	903	43,518	1,623	7,896	301	36,026	595	6,979
Clarksdale	6,000	200,422	3,000	71,919	229	108,472	1,799	20,332
Greenwood	3,918	203,098	2,953	61,896	304	133,306	2,532	22,922
Meridian	929	60,859	1,312	14,719	267	36,048	1,268	11,243
Natchez	975	55,864	695	14,483	203	39,618	1,396	5,022
Vicksburg	833	50,816	595	17,975	81	30,488	708	5,623
Yazoo City	326	51,841	855	16,804	10	32,924	182	4,938
Mo., St. Louis	15,002	548,325	14,809	15,597	21,868	590,562	21,412	3,840
N.C., Greensboro	3,358	50,990	1,609	17,306	1,440	48,161	1,797	16,510
Raleigh	187	15,638	708	12,289	108	8,363	200	641
Okla., Altus	2,270	131,979	2,900	19,047	5,383	190,754	6,655	18,428
Chickasha	5,506	171,723	4,825	18,535	4,555	137,517	4,034	12,362
Oklahoma	1,867	159,534	4,219	28,071	1,910	135,238	2,682	16,632
S. C., Greenville	12,895	231,244	8,644	59,612	7,923	162,622	6,264	45,327
Greenwood	-----	9,912	-----	3,705	267	12,585	299	5,269
Tenn., Memphis	49,552	1,508,287	47,878	294,219	27,784	1,059,435	32,329	91,437
Nashville	14	3,279	29	762	-----	828	144	209
Tex., Abilene	944	82,662	1,057	875	1,094	68,175	1,697	1,247
Brenham	111	5,561	114	4,345	1,208	19,900	1,210	5,191
Austin	68	11,776	-----	932	187	31,932	555	1,422
Dallas	717	143,428	1,239	20,462	2,870	183,260	3,017	16,349
Houston	53,881	4,329,284	74,307	701,786	79,616	4,312,198	74,690	572,874
Paris	392	110,675	1,020	4,119	806	92,085	1,119	4,126
San Antonio	204	25,196	116	1,546	699	61,908	360	1,963
Fort Worth	1,341	85,945	2,227	13,433	1,370	151,407	3,661	12,416
Total, 40 towns	188,479	9,917,069	208,607	1,893,049	180,676	8,927,303	209,130	11,708,555

The above total shows that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 19,948 bales, and are to-night 722,194 bales more than at the same period last year. The receipts at all the towns have been 7,803 bales more than the same week last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.

Feb. 19—	1925-26		1924-25	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Shipped	14,809	545,243	21,412	546,992
Via St. Louis	6,150	233,772	8,400	201,300
Via Mounds, &c.	1,722	33,964	1,584	27,878
Via Rock Island	1,008	47,861	1,952	40,454
Via Louisville	5,444	151,516	6,627	153,510
Via Virginia points	10,688	306,387	9,620	371,771
Via other routes, &c.	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total gross overland.....	39,821	1,318,743	49,595	1,341,905
Deduct Shipments	-----	-----	-----	-----
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	2,561	96,987	6,177	68,787
Between interior towns	577	16,339	651	17,263
Inland, &c., from South	23,029	442,614	27,624	404,026
Total to be deducted.....	26,167	555,940	34,452	490,076
Leaving total net overland * 13,654	762,803	15,143	851,829	

* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 13,654 bales, against 15,147 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 89,026 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings.	1925-26		1924-25	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to Feb. 19	148,404	7,758,420	167,066	7,590,931
Net overland to Feb. 19	13,654	762,803	15,147	851,829
Southern consumption to Feb. 19	110,000	2,550,000	80,000	2,467,000

Total marketed.....	272,058	11,069,223	262,209	10,909,760
Interior stocks in excess.....	*19,948	1,737,627	*29,098	996,101
Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to Feb. 1.	-----	702,398	-----	552,573

Came into sight during week.....	252,110	-----	233,111	-----
Total in sight Feb. 19.....	13,509,248	-----	12,458,434	-----

North. spinners' takings to Feb. 19 37,389 1,392,426 61,821 1,340,702 * Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:	Bales.		Since Aug. 1—	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
1924—Feb. 20.....	110,960	1923-24.....	9,998,652	
1923—Feb. 21.....	90,902	1922-23.....	9,179,904	

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.

Week Ended Feb. 19.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed. day	Thurs. day	Friday
Galveston.....	20.45	20.25	20.20	20.25	20.30	20.40
New Orleans.....	20.00	19.82	Holiday	19.86	19.86	19.86
Mobile.....	19.50	19.18	Holiday	19.18	19.18	19.30
Savannah.....	19.43	19.28	19.20	19.51	19.35	19.51
Norfolk.....	20.00	19.75	19.75	19.63	19.63	19.75
Baltimore.....	-----	20.35	20.15	20.15	20.00	20.00
Augusta.....	19.50	19.25	19.25	19.31	19.31	19.44
Memphis.....	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Houston.....	20.20	20.05	20.00	20.05	20.05	20.10
Little Rock.....	19.52	19.25	19.25	19.35	19.35	19.50
Dallas.....	19.55	19.25	19.15	19.20	19.25	19.30
Fort Worth.....	-----	19.40	19.25	19.25		

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1925 are 9,419,827 bales; in 1924 were 8,574,989 bales, and in 1923 were 6,111,321 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 14,404 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 128,446 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 19,948 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 137,968 bales and for 1924 they were 17,842 bales.

WORLD SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

Cotton Takings, Week and Season.	1925-26.		1924-25.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Feb. 12.....	6,764,781		5,715,603	
Visible supply Aug. 1.....		2,342,887		2,190,493
American in sight to Feb. 19.....	252,110	13,569,248	233,111	12,458,434
Bombay receipts to Feb. 18.....	183,000	1,947,000	159,000	1,657,000
Other India shipm'ts to Feb. 18.....	35,000	356,000	22,000	178,000
Alexandria receipts to Feb. 17.....	40,000	1,248,200	22,000	1,282,800
Other supply to Feb. 17.*.....	10,000	535,000	16,000	245,000
Total supply.....	7,290,891	19,938,335	6,167,714	18,011,727
Deduct.....				
Visible supply Feb. 19.....	6,730,304	6,730,304	5,689,322	5,689,322
Total takings to Feb. 19.a.....	560,587	13,208,031	478,392	12,322,405
Of which American.....	344,587	9,592,831	305,392	8,945,605
Of which other.....	216,000	3,705,200	173,000	3,376,800

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 2,550,000 bales in 1925-26 and 2,467,000 bales in 1924-25—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 10,658,031 bales in 1925-26 and 6,478,605 bales in 1924-25, of which 6,952,831 bales and 9,855,405 bales American. b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.

February 18. Receipts at—	1925-26.		1924-25.		1923-24.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay.....	189,000	1,947,000	159,000	1,587,000	188,000	1,939,000

Exports from—	For the Week.				Since January 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1925-26.....	1,000	4,000	60,000	65,000	24,000	291,000	883,000	1,201,000
1924-25.....	14,000	73,000	87,000	27,000	229,000	908,000	1,164,000	
1923-24.....	3,000	18,000	46,000	67,000	101,000	527,000	832,000	1,400,000
Other India—								
1925-26.....	1,000	34,000	35,000	62,000	294,000			356,000
1924-25.....	22,000	22,000	22,000	24,000	154,000			178,000
1923-24.....	12,000	33,000	45,000	80,000	273,000			353,000
Total all—								
1925-26.....	2,000	38,000	60,000	100,000	86,000	585,000	886,000	1,557,000
1924-25.....	36,000	73,000	109,000	51,000	383,000	908,000	1,342,000	
1923-24.....	15,000	51,000	44,000	112,000	181,000	809,000	832,000	1,813,000

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an increase compared with last year in the week's receipts of 30,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 9,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an increase of 215,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years.

Alexandria, Egypt, February 17.	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week.....	200,000	110,000	125,000
Since Aug. 1.....	6,234,003	6,488,722	5,734,109

Exports (bales)—	This Week.		Since Aug. 1.		This Week.		Since Aug. 1.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool.....	132,867	9,000	151,209	165,153				
To Manchester, &c.....	129,803	100	169,921	146,241				
To Continent and India.....	7,000	221,911	9,750	256,461	7,750	251,411		
To America.....	105,744	500	97,279	80,353				
Total exports.....	7,000	590,325	19,350	674,870	7,750	643,158		

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ended Feb. 17 were 200,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 7,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both cloths and yarns is steady. Demand for India is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison.

	1925-26.			1924-25.		
	32s Cop Twist.	8 1/4 Lbs. Shrt to Finest.	Cotton Midd'l's Up'ds	32s Cop Twist.	8 1/4 Lbs. Shrt to Finest.	Cotton Midd'l's Up'ds
November—						
13.....	17 1/4 a18 1/4	14 2 a14 6	10.58	23 1/2 a26	17 3 a17 7	13.87
20.....	17 1/4 a18 1/4	14 2 a14 6	10.60	23 1/2 a25 3/4	17 4 a18 0	13.63
27.....	17 a18 1/2	14 2 a14 6	10.74	23 1/2 a25 3/4	17 4 a18 0	13.59
December—						
4.....	16 1/4 a18 1/4	14 2 a14 6	10.42	23 a24 1/4	16 5 a17 1	12.98
11.....	16 1/4 a18 0	14 1 a17 4	10.17	23 a24 1/4	16 5 a17 0	13.11
18.....	16 a17 1/2	14 0 a14 4	9.81	23 a24 1/4	16 4 a16 7	13.28
24.....	16 a17 1/2	14 1 a14 5	9.92	23 a24 1/4	16 5 a17 0	13.24
31.....	16 a17 1/4	14 3 a14 7	10.27	23 1/2 a25	16 7 a17 1	13.57
January—						
8.....	16 1/4 a17 1/4	14 3 a14 5	10.54	23 1/2 a25	16 7 a17 1	13.03
15.....	16 1/4 a17 1/4	14 3 a14 5	10.84	23 1/2 a24 1/4	16 5 a17 0	13.08
22.....	17 1/4 a18 1/2	14 4 a14 6	10.76	23 1/2 a24	16 5 a17 0	12.87
29.....	16 1/4 a17 1/4	14 4 a14 6	10.63	22 a23 1/4	16 5 a17 0	12.92
February—						
5.....	16 1/4 a17 1/4	14 0 a14 4	10.80	23 1/2 a23	16 5 a17 0	13.23
11.....	16 1/4 a17 1/4	14 0 a14 3	10.52	22 3/4 a24 1/4	16 7 a17 2	13.28
19.....	16 1/4 a17 1/4	14 0 a14 3	10.57	22 3/4 a24 1/4	17 2 a17 4	13.66

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 164,169 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

	Bales.
NEW YORK—To Venice—Feb. 11—Alberta, 597.....	597
Guilla, 400.....	997
To Lisbon—Feb. 11—Hektor, 2,311.....	2,311
To Japan—Feb. 9—Eurylachus, 5,000.....	5,000
Prince, 3,791.....	8,791
To Liverpool—Feb. 11—Carmania, 588.....	588
To Bremen—Feb. 15—Berlin, 1,730.....	1,730
To Genoa—Feb. 15—Saucon, 200; Isario, 12; Cabo Tortosa, 100.....	508
To Rotterdam—Feb. 15—Tomalvo, 508.....	604
To Havre—Feb. 15—Vincent, 604.....	300
To Barcelona—Feb. 15—Cabo Tortosa, 300.....	168
To China—Feb. 17—Gothic Prince, 168.....	5,167
HOUSTON—To Liverpool—Feb. 12—Chancellor, 5,167.....	625
To Manchester—Feb. 12—Chancellor, 625.....	1,409
To Venice—Feb. 12—Georgia C., 1,409.....	250
To Trieste—Feb. 12—West Durfee, 5,406.....	5,406
To Havre—Feb. 13—West Durfee, 5,406.....	350
To Antwerp—Feb. 13—West Durfee, 350.....	900
To Ghent—Feb. 13—West Durfee, 900.....	3,139
To Genoa—Feb. 13—West Hobomac, 3,139.....	5,881
To Bremen—Feb. 13—West Munham, 5,881.....	50
To Rotterdam—Feb. 13—West Munham, 50.....	3,965
To Japan—Feb. 13—Edenton, 100.....	650
To China—Feb. 13—Edenton, 1,600.....	1,240
Feb. 17—Belgium Maru, 2,000.....	50
To Copenhagen—Feb. 16—Maryland, 650.....	2,180
To Barcelona—Feb. 17—Mar Adriatico, 1,240.....	2,715
NEW ORLEANS—To Guayaquil—Feb. 5—Heredia, 50.....	9,313
To Vera Cruz—Feb. 11—Freja, 500.....	806
Feb. 12—Baja California, 1,680.....	1,483
To Japan—Feb. 10—Steel Votager, 2,715.....	2
To Liverpool—Feb. 13—Belgian, 9,313.....	99
To Manchester—Feb. 13—Belgian, 806.....	99
To Barcelona—Feb. 13—Prusa, 1,483.....	3,408
To Colon—Feb. 9—Turrialba, 2.....	3,408
To Porto Colombia—Feb. 16—Eidsbotten, 99.....	4,501
To Brenea—Feb. 16—Riol, 3,408.....	10,982
GALVESTON—To Liverpool—Feb. 13—Chancellor, 6,481; Steadfast, 4,501.....	2,710
To Manchester—Feb. 13—Chancellor, 1,233; Steadfast, 1,477.....	16,243
To Havre—Feb. 13—De La Salle, 3,899; West Durfee, 3,499; Brush, 8,845.....	2,910
To Antwerp—Feb. 13—Brush, 650.....	9,020
To Ghent—Feb. 13—Brush, 2,910.....	1,632
To Bremen—Feb. 13—City of Fairbury, 8,570; West Munham, 450.....	6,704
To Rotterdam—Feb. 13—West Munham, 1,632.....	925
To Genoa—Feb. 13—Manbaldo, 2,568; West Hobomac, 4,136.....	1,975
To Oporto—Feb. 13—Jonar, 925.....	300
To Japan—Feb. 13—Edenton, 1,975.....	700
To China—Feb. 13—Edenton, 300.....	2,106
To Naples—Feb. 15—Georgia C., 700.....	600
To Venice—Feb. 15—Georgia C., 2,106.....	842
To Trieste—Feb. 15—Georgia C., 600.....	100
NORFOLK—To Liverpool—Feb. 16—Bellhaven, 842.....	50
To Havre—Feb. 17—Maryland, 100.....	200
To Ghent—Feb. 17—Maryland, 50.....	200
To Manchester—Feb. 18—Manchester Commerce, 200.....	4,735
SAVANNAH—To Barcelona—Feb. 13—Mar Negro, 4,735.....	4,574
To Liverpool—Feb. 16—Woodfield, 4,574.....	1,579
To Manchester—Feb. 16—Woodfield, 1,579.....	3,684
To Bremen—Feb. 16—Tulsa, 9.....	25
To Hamburg—Feb. 17—Bockenheim, 25.....	1,406
To Rotterdam—Feb. 16—Bockenheim, 1,406.....	1,800
CHARLESTON—To Bremen—Feb. 13—Tulsa, 1,800.....	250
To Hamburg—Feb. 13—Tulsa, 250.....	1,550
To Rotterdam—Feb. 13—Tulsa, 1,550.....	2,920
To Liverpool—Feb. 16—Flour Spar, 2,920.....	1,100
To Manchester—Feb. 16—Flour Spar, 1,100.....	200
SAN PEDRO—To Havre—Feb. 11—Silarus, 200.....	300
To Rotterdam—Feb. 11—Silarus, 300.....	1,513
To Liverpool—Feb. 15—Pacific Shipper, 1,513.....	300
To Manchester—Feb. 15—Pacific Shipper, 300.....	100
SAN FRANCISCO—To Liverpool—Feb. 11—Pacific Shipper, 100.....	1,275
To Japan—Feb. 15—Anyo Maru, 1,000.....	303
Feb. 16—Tenyo Maru, 275.....	5,500
PHILADELPHIA—To Liverpool—Feb. 5—Daytonian, 303.....	200
WILMINGTON—To Genoa—Feb. 13—Nico Odero, 5,500.....	1,724
BALTIMORE—To Genoa—Feb. 8—Saucan, 200.....	1,485
MOBILE—To Liverpool—Feb. 15—West Hika, 1,724.....	164,169
To Manchester—Feb. 15—West Hika, 1,485.....	

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

	High Density.	Stand. Density.	Low Density.	Japan.	Shanghai.	Bombay.	Bremen.	Hamburg.	Piraeus.	Salonica.
Liverpool.....	30c.	45c.	50c.	60c.	62 1/2c.	77 1/2c.				
Manchester.....	30c.	45c.	50c.	60c.	62 1/2c.	77 1/2c.				
Antwerp.....	35c.	50c.	55c.	60c.	65c.	70c.				
Ghent.....	42 1/2c.	57 1/2c.	62c.	65c.	70c.	75c.				
Havre.....	35c.	50c.	55c.	60c.	65c.	70c.				
Rotterdam.....	45c.	60c.	65c.	70c.	75c.	80c.				
Genoa.....	40c.	55c.	60c.	65c.	70c.	75c.				

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Jan. 29.	Feb. 5.	Feb. 12.	Feb. 19.
Sales of the week.....	41,000	43,000	33,000	31,000
Of which American.....	26,000	30,000	22,000	20,000
Actual exports.....	3,000	5,000	2,000	1,000
Forwarded.....	73,000	73,000	71,000	68,000
Total stock.....	889,000	863,000	878,000	853,000
Of which American.....	586,000	592,000	614,000	589,000
Total imports.....	61,000	54,000	94,000	40,000
Of which American.....	31,000	35,000	70,000	28,000
Amount afloat.....	215,000	264,000	230,000	253,000
Of which American.....	129,000	161,000	119,000	137,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

	Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12:15 P. M.....	Dull.	Quiet.	Quiet.	More demand.	Quiet.	Quiet.	Quiet.
Mid-Up'ds.....	10.54	10.46	10.37	10.29	10.46	10.57	
Sales.....	2,000	5,000	5,000	7,000	6,000	6,000	
Futures.....	3 to 4 pts. advance.	Quiet.	Barely st'y. decline.	Quiet but steady, unchanged to 5 pts. adv.	Quiet, 1 to 6 pts. advance.	Quiet, 2 to 5 pts. advance.	Quiet, unchanged to 3 pts. dec.
Market, 4 P. M.....	Quiet, 4 to 7 pts. advance.	Quiet, 4 to 7 pts. decline.	Barely st'y. decline.	Easy, 4 to 6 pts. decline.	Steady, 4 to 7 pts. advance.	Steady, 1 to 15 pts. advance.	Quiet, 1 pt. advance to 4 pts. dec.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Feb. 13 to Feb. 19.	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	10.13	10.06	9.93	9.97	9.88	9.89	9.92	9.96	10.07	10.07	10.08	10.08
April	10.17	10.09	9.96	9.99	9.90	9.91	9.94	9.98	10.08	10.08	10.07	10.07
May	10.08	10.01	9.88	9.91	9.82	9.84	9.86	9.91	10.00	9.99	9.99	9.99
June	10.11	10.04	9.89	9.93	9.84	9.87	9.89	9.94	10.01	10.01	9.99	9.99
July	10.03	9.99	9.85	9.88	9.79	9.82	9.85	9.88	9.94	9.92	9.91	9.91
August	9.95	9.96	9.82	9.85	9.76	9.80	9.83	9.86	9.90	9.89	9.88	9.88
September	9.78	9.73	9.62	9.63	9.57	9.61	9.62	9.64	9.65	9.62	9.61	9.61
October	9.71	9.66	9.56	9.56	9.50	9.55	9.55	9.57	9.57	9.54	9.53	9.53
November	9.62	9.57	9.48	9.49	9.42	9.47	9.47	9.49	9.48	9.46	9.45	9.45
December	9.60	9.56	9.47	9.48	9.41	9.47	9.47	9.49	9.48	9.46	9.45	9.45
January	9.60	9.56	9.47	9.48	9.41	9.47	9.47	9.49	9.48	9.45	9.44	9.44

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Feb. 19 1926.

Flour was in fair demand and at one time the tone was firmer with a better trade at the Northwest and Southwest, wheat steadier and export inquiry large. Last week 55,508 sacks were cleared from New York to Norwegian ports. Later 11,114 sacks went to the Continent. The foreign demand increased both from Europe and South America. To Greece, largely, went 25,962 sacks on the 15th inst. from New York. Last week the total exports from New York rose to 110,034 sacks, or double that of the previous week. On the 16th inst. the exports from New York were 82,314 sacks, mostly to Germany. New business for foreign account was understood to be small. The home trade here was still only moderate at best, where it was not dull.

Wheat advanced at one time, partly on estimates that the Argentine exportable surplus would be only 89,000,000 bushels and partly because of an unexpected decrease in the American visible supply last week of 1,167,000 bushels, as against a decrease in the same week last year of only 23,000 bushels. The total now is 42,831,000 bushels, against 75,686,000 bushels a year ago. Moreover, Canada was said to be doing a better export business by way of Vancouver. Argentine advices were that 25% of the nominal surplus of wheat in Argentina was unfit to export. This certainly did not lessen the desire of the shorts to cover. Yet prices fell later. The quantity on passage to Europe increased last week 6,208,000 bushels, reaching 44,768,000 bushels, though a year ago, to be sure, the total was no less than 71,328,000 bushels. The fact that it was increasing outweighed comparisons with last year. Also, North American exports last week were 7,529,000 bushels, against 9,156,000 in the previous week and 5,572,000 last year. The world's wheat exports last week were 16,231,000 bushels, against 15,000,000 in the previous week and 18,600,000 last year. Liverpool showed unexpected weakness. On the 16th inst. came a decline of 1 to 2c. on liquidation due to poor cables and lack of snap in the export trade. Liverpool dropped 1/4d. to 1 1/4d. Bradstreet's visible supply figures showed a decrease of 1,441,000 bushels east of the Rockies; an increase of 296,000 west of the Rockies, a decrease of 556,000 in Canada, an increase of 5,300,000 bushels afloat for and in Europe and an increase of 3,599,000 in the total American and European supply; this latter caused selling. On the 17th inst. prices declined, mainly because of a reported large failure in the British trade. Moreover, export demand was small. Liverpool broke 2 1/4 to 2 3/4d. and Buenos Aires 2 1/4 to 2 1/2c. Export sales were only 200,000 bushels. Winter wheat conditions in some parts of the belt were said to be good. Rain and snow were predicted for Kansas and Nebraska. On the decline there was influential buying, it was reported, at around \$1.65 for May. Primary receipts were still liberal, however. Domestic supplies are considered ample and the foreign demand, as already intimated, is unsatisfactory. Alternate freezing and thawing was reported in the more northerly sections of the winter wheat belt and this for a time had a more or less steadying effect. According to Chicago wires, Arthur W. Cutten, prominent grain operator, believes that "Government interference has demoralized the grain markets," and is driving the country's business to Winnipeg. One reason for the firmness at one time was the undoing of spreads between May and July futures, Northwest Grain Marketing Co., organized to market wheat of the corporation wheat growers' organization of Minnesota, Montana, North and South Dakota, has filed articles of incorporation with Minnesota State Department. The company is expected to aid in financing and forming a federation of farmers' elevators in four States, and in providing a common sales agency. General office will be in Minneapolis. Chicago wired that winter wheat conditions in Kansas are fairly good and in Oklahoma the average condition of wheat is 87. The western part of Texas needs rain, but is not suffering, and throughout Texas conditions are good. Favorable weather for field work generally over the South enabled a great deal of plowing and some planting of cotton to be done. Kansas City wired: "The reason we are getting receipts of wheat about as large as last year in spite of the smaller Kansas crop is because we are drawing wheat this year from very distant points, such as Idaho, Colorado

and Montana. We are reaching out a long way for wheat because of the shortage in our own natural territory." To-day the ending was at a net decline of 1/2 to 1c. in Chicago and Winnipeg. The trading was on only a moderate scale. The opening was at quite a decline, with the cables down and liquidation evident. Liverpool fell 2 1/2d. and Argentina 6c. There was a pressure to sell at Buenos Aires. The weather for the winter wheat crop in this country was generally considered favorable. Export demand was small. Flour sales at the Northwest were reported to be falling off. But later came a rally. After all, there was no great or persistent pressure to sell. Of late the market has shown a better undertone. That fact has not been without its effect, especially as it was in the face of weaker foreign markets. It is believed that the flour trade must soon increase. Consumers' inventories are believed to be small. East India needs rain for the new crop. If drought continues there for another two weeks the effects, it is intimated, may be serious. Some recent sales of Manitoba wheat, it is said, have been at 10 to 13c. below cost. Final prices show a net decline for the week of 2 to 2 1/2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
-----	194 1/2	196 3/8	194 3/8	193 1/2	195 3/8	195 1/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May delivery in elevator	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
-----	164 1/2	166 3/8	164 3/8	163 1/2	165 3/8	165 3/8
July delivery in elevator	-----	149 1/2	150 3/8	149 3/8	148 1/2	149 1/2
September delivery in elevator	-----	141 1/2	143 3/8	142 3/8	141 1/2	142 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

May delivery in elevator	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
-----	153 1/2	155 3/8	154 3/8	153 1/2	155 3/8	154 1/2
July delivery in elevator	-----	152 1/2	154 3/8	152 3/8	152 1/2	154 1/2
October delivery in elevator	-----	134 1/2	136 3/8	136 3/8	135 1/2	136 1/2

Indian corn declined under increasing stocks and considerable liquidation. The American visible supply increased last week 1,362,000 bushels, against 1,534,000 a year ago. The total is now 31,180,000 bushels, against 31,048,000 a year ago. The world's corn exports last week were 2,647,000 bushels, against 4,138,000 bushels in the previous week and 2,924,000 last year. Corn on passage was 18,488,000 bushels, a decrease of 1,996,000 bushels, against a total of 12,609,000 a year ago. Springfield, Ill., wired on the 16th inst.: "Roads in better shape and corn shellers starting again. Will roll in a lot of corn in a few days if it doesn't thaw out." Later corn weakened again with wheat. The receipts were moderate on the 16th inst. and the cash demand better at the West. Yet that could not counterbalance the depressing power of wheat's decline. Rather large receipts had a depressing effect still later. They caused liquidation. The weakness in cash corn increased the desire to liquidate long holdings. Short selling became more confident. The cash demand is light. Stocks are increasing. A good deal of poor corn is coming from Iowa. Elevator interests which operate dryers are buying the Iowa corn and selling May against it, to get carrying charges. Some of the corn has not dried out this winter, and it is pressed on the market. Cash markets at the West on the 17th inst. fell 1 to 6c. Sales of sample grades were made at as low as 47c. This is the low on the crop thus far. Chicago wired: "Cash corn discounts undermining bullish sentiment in futures. With the buying capacity here limited, buyers are backing away from the low grade corn except at extreme discounts." To-day the ending was 1/2c. higher. Trading was rather larger. Corn acted more on its own initiative for a time, ignoring wheat. Still, it opened somewhat lower on general selling, and for a moment, it is true, the weakness in wheat had a certain slight effect. But on the other hand, the receipts were only moderate. Commission houses were disposed to buy. Shorts took the alarm and covered freely. The shipping demand at Chicago had of late been increasing. That had an effect to-day in some quarters. Some were rather inclined to look for a setback, however. Offerings on the upturns increased. The weather was unsettled, though the forecast was for better conditions. The rise in hogs was a factor. The feeding differential is very remunerative. Final prices for the week show a net decline of 2 to 2 1/2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 yellow	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
-----	93 3/4	93 1/4	92 3/8	91 1/2	89 3/8	90 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May delivery in elevator	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
-----	80 3/4	80 3/4	79 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	79 1/2
July delivery in elevator	-----	83 1/4	83 1/2	82 1/2	81 3/8	81 3/8
September delivery in elevator	-----	85 1/4	85 1/4	84 1/2	83 3/4	83 3/4

Oats advanced at the opening of the week partly in response to a rise in wheat and ignoring for a time a decline in corn. The American visible supply decreased last week 1,222,000 bushels, against an increase in the same week last year of 1,355,000 bushels. The total is now 61,495,000 bushels, against 74,999,000 a year ago. Later prices declined with other grain. The trading lacked real life and animation. To-day prices ended 1/4c. higher on moderate trading. The steadiness of corn helped oats. Yet trading was light and largely of a professional sort. On the other hand, receipts were only moderate. The cash demand was fair. Cash prices were steady. Indications point to some decrease in the visible supply on Monday. The stock, however, is liberal enough. Final prices show a rise for the week of 1/4c. The public still seems uninterested in oats. It is purely a scalping affair pending developments of a sort that may stimulate speculation. There was no indication of anything of the kind at the moment.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white	Sat. 50	Mon. 50 1/2	Tues. 50 1/2	Wed. 50	Thurs. 50 1/2	Fri. 50 1/2
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May delivery in elevator	Sat. 41 3/4	Mon. 41 3/4	Tues. 41 3/4	Wed. 41 3/4	Thurs. 41 3/4	Fri. 41 3/4
July delivery in elevator	Sat. 42 1/4	Mon. 42 1/4	Tues. 42 1/4	Wed. 42	Thurs. 42 1/4	Fri. 42 1/4
September delivery in elevator	Sat. 42 3/4	Mon. 43	Tues. 42 3/4	Wed. 42 3/4	Thurs. 42 3/4	Fri. 43

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNEPEG.

May delivery in elevator	Sat. 46 3/4	Mon. 47 1/4	Tues. 46 3/4	Wed. 46 3/4	Thurs. 47 1/4	Fri. 47 1/4
July delivery in elevator	Sat. 47 3/4	Mon. 48 1/4	Tues. 47 3/4	Wed. 47 3/4	Thurs. 48	Fri. 48 1/4
October delivery in elevator	Sat. 45 3/4	Mon. 45 3/4	Tues. 45 3/4	Wed. 45 3/4	Thurs. 46 1/4	Fri. 46 1/4

Rye advanced at one time in response to a rise in wheat. The American visible supply last week increased 262,000 bushels, against a decrease in the same week last year of 111,000 bushels. The total is now 13,790,000 bushels, against 23,570,000 a year ago. Later prices turned downward with those for wheat. No export business was reported. The market was a mere echo of that for wheat. Prices rallied at one time on active covering, especially in May rye. Today prices wound up 1/4 to 3/4c. lower. The influence of a decline in wheat was very apparent. There was general selling. Covering was also noticeable and slowed up the decline. There were rumors of some export business, but they were not confirmed. Last prices showed a decline for the week of 2 1/2 to 2 3/4c. There is a lack of general interest in the speculation. Nothing seems likely to rouse the market but a sharp demand for export. And of that there are no signs.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May delivery in elevator	Sat. 95 3/4	Mon. 97 3/4	Tues. 96	Wed. 94 1/4	Thurs. 95 3/4	Fri. 95
July delivery in elevator	Sat. 97	Mon. 99 3/4	Tues. 97 1/2	Wed. 95 3/4	Thurs. 97	Fri. 96 3/4
September delivery in elevator	Sat. 96 3/4	Mon. 99 1/4	Tues. 97 1/4	Wed. 95 1/2	Thurs. 96 3/4	Fri. 96

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN.

Wheat, New York—	Oats, New York—
No. 2 red f.o.b. 1.95 1/4	No. 2 white 50 1/2
No. 1 Northern None	No. 3 white 49 1/2
No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b. 1.90 1/2	Rye, New York—
Corn, New York—	No. 2, f.o.b. 1.05 1/2
No. 2 mixed 90 1/4	Barley, New York—
No. 2 yellow (new) 90 1/4	Maltng. 82 1/4 a 85 1/4

FLOUR.

Spring patents \$8 60a\$9 00	Rye flour, patents \$5 75a\$6 25
Clears, first spring 7 50a 8 00	Semolina No. 2, lb 5 1/2
Soft winter straights 8 25a 8 75	Oats goods 2 70a 2 80
Hard winter straights 8 60a 9 20	Corn flour 2 30a 2 40
Hard winter patents 9 00a 9 50	Barley goods 4 25
Hard winter clears 7 50a 8 00	Nos. 2, 3 and 4 4 25
Fancy Minn. patents 10 30a 10 95	Fancy pearl No. 2, 3 and 4 7 25
City mills 10 45a 10 95	

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	230,000	346,000	2,161,000	702,000	184,000	26,000
Minneapolis	1,493,000	317,000	355,000	359,000	122,000	
Duluth	319,000	49,000	3,000	71,000		
Milwaukee	19,000	32,000	190,000	206,000	165,000	46,000
Toledo	212,000	147,000	83,000	1,000		
Detroit	29,000	24,000	30,000			
Indianapolis	35,000	316,000	130,000			
St. Louis	83,000	417,000	361,000	684,000	21,000	
Peoria	36,000	19,000	540,000	188,000	57,000	3,000
Kansas City	680,000	496,000	118,000			
Omaha	145,000	302,000	104,000			
St. Joseph	138,000	143,000	30,000			
Wichita	177,000	59,000	20,000	4,000		
St. Paul	15,000	38,000	50,000	2,000		
Total week '26	368,000	4,057,000	5,094,000	2,749,000	795,000	269,000
Same wk. '25	520,000	5,085,000	5,490,000	4,350,000	1,096,000	417,000
Same wk. '24	422,000	3,921,000	10,658,000	4,454,000	787,000	460,000
Since Aug. 1						
1925	12,901,000	247,777,000	1,395,433,000	154,383,000	56,863,000	17,870,000
1924	13,597,000	407,458,000	1,567,980,000	194,656,000	48,710,000	48,959,000
1923	12,162,000	145,982,000	17,411,000	151,651,000	28,523,000	20,085,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, Feb. 13, follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	Barrels	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels
New York	250,000	1,162,000	24,000	142,000	243,000	51,000
Philadelphia	44,000	474,000	5,000	18,000	50,000	
Baltimore	13,000	119,000	25,000	74,000	57,000	7,000
New Orleans*	60,000	30,000	215,000	33,000		
Galveston	8,000					
Montreal	7,000	205,000	3,000	64,000	20,000	
St. John, N. B.	52,000	208,000		37,000	33,000	
Boston	32,000		3,000	14,000	101,000	
Total week '26	458,000	2,206,000	275,000	382,000	504,000	58,000
Since Jan. 1 '26	3,124,000	21,571,000	4,669,000	3,903,000	3,786,000	858,000
Week 1925—	743,000	2,974,000	150,000	693,000	480,000	89,000
Since Jan. 1 '25	3,825,000	19,928,000	1,078,000	3,710,000	3,469,000	4,293,000

* 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. 13 1926, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	Bushels	Bushels	Barrels	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels
New York	1,901,458		79,781	237,322	26,934	130,663
Boston	16,000					222,000
Philadelphia	444,000	13,000	4,000	113,000		20,000
Baltimore	152,000	146,000	3,000	25,000	124,000	507,000
New Orleans	4,000	128,000	9,000	5,000		
St. John, N. B.	208,000		52,000	37,000		33,000
Total week 1926—	2,725,458	287,000	147,781	417,322	150,934	912,663
Same week 1925—	2,704,771	35,000	357,376	488,911	452,697	688,859

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. 13 1926.	Since July 1 1925.	Week Feb. 13 1926.	Since July 1 1925.	Week Feb. 13 1926.	Since July 1 1925.
United Kingdom	37,298	2,319,236	759,460	68,167,129	111,000	1,697,204
Continent	94,278	3,557,993	1,583,889	88,487,843	48,000	3,283,752
So. & Cent. Amer.	3,000	244,467	382,109	2,394,726	108,000	1,661,000
West Indies	5,000	554,529		134,925	20,000	1,244,900
Other countries	8,205	583,466		1,536,234		2,355
Total 1926	147,781	7,259,691	2,725,458	160,720,857	287,000	8,934,211
Total 1925	357,376	11,187,959	2,794,772	216,508,669	35,000	1,970,501

The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, Feb. 12, and since July 1 1925 and 1924, are shown in the following:

	Wheat.		Corn.	
	1925-26.	1924-25.	1925-26.	1924-25.
	Week Feb. 12.	Since July 1.	Week Feb. 12.	Since July 1.
North Amer.	7,529,000	255,658,000	305,405,000	280,000
Black Sea	1,032,000	18,016,000	3,088,000	7,312,000
Argentina	3,636,000	43,771,000	77,687,000	17,947,000
Australia	3,984,000	40,647,000	44,516,000	102,548,000
India		5,768,000	29,592,000	
Oth. count's				33,842,000
Total	16,231,000	363,860,000	460,289,000	158,140,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Feb. 13, were as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.

	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Barley, bush.
United States—					
New York	677,000	78,000	788,000	100,000	87,000
Boston		25,000	62,000	4,000	
Philadelphia	763,000	334,000	204,000	16,000	89,000
Baltimore	781,000	952,000	97,000	63,000	25,000
Newport News			31,000		
New Orleans	257,000	563,000	97,000		
Galveston	384,000			14,000	
Buffalo	4,293,000	1,310,000	1,923,000	92,000	151,000
Toledo	681,000		1,969,000	661,000	267,000
Detroit	956,000	409,000	430,000	25,000	2,000
Chicago	3,116,000	15,788,000	7,633,000	2,980,000	473,000
Milwaukee	376,000	1,406,000	1,590,000	139,000	133,000
Duluth	8,448,000	205,000	92,000	128,000	166,000
Minneapolis	150,000		10,738,000	5,182,000	624,000
St. Louis	8,959,000	463,000	20,363,000	3,502,000	4,279,000
St. Paul	220,000	295,000	588,000	8,000	25,000
Kansas City	1,229,000	1,611,000	890,000	23,000	47,000
Wichita	4,781,000	4,501,000	5,048,000	135,000	76,000
St. Joseph, Mo.	2,346,000	65,000	191,000		
Peoria	1,541,000	447,000	50,000	6,000	4,000
Indianapolis	334,000	683,000	526,000		
Omaha	1,205,000	1,670,000	4,127,000	385,000	23,000
Total Feb. 13 1926	42,831,000	31,180,000	61,495,000	13,790,000	6,398,000
Total Feb. 6 1926	43,998,000	29,818,000	62,717,000	13,528,000	6,602,000
Total Feb. 14 1925	75,686,000	31,048,000	74,999,000	23,570,000	3,651,000

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 197,000 bushels; Philadelphia, 88,000; Baltimore, 135,000; Buffalo, 568,000; Buffalo afloat, 372,000; Duluth, 110,000; total, 1,470,000 bushels, against 1,348,000 bushels in 1925. Barley, New York, 705,000 bushels; Boston, 198,000; Philadelphia, 87,000; Baltimore, 82,000; Buffalo, 1,491,000; Duluth, 155,000; total, 2,719,000 bushels, against 1,407,000 bushels in 1925. Wheat, New York, 2,002,000 bushels; Boston, 34,000; Philadelphia, 801,000; Baltimore, 821,000; Buffalo, 5,253,000; Buffalo afloat, 1,935,000; Duluth, 339,000; Toledo, 89,000; Chicago, 81,000; Fairport, 955,000; total, 13,383,000 bushels, against 15,000,000 bushels in 1925.

Canadian—

Montreal	1,604,000	156,000	1,244,000	183,000	993,000
Ft. William & Pt. Arthur	40,107,000		6,443,000	1,729,000	6,037,000
Other Canadian	5,818,000		511,000		127,000
Total Feb. 13 1926	58,008,000	156,000	11,015,000	1,990,000	8,531,000
Total Feb. 6 1926	57,971,000	140,000	10,990,000	1,953,000	8,568,000
Total Feb. 14 1925	31,801,000	235,000	17,464,000	2,028,000	6,257,000

Summary—

American	42,831,000	31,180,000	61,495,000	13,790,000	6,398,000
Canadian	58,008,000	156,000	11,015,000	1,990,000	8,531,000
Total Feb. 13 1926	100,839,000	31,336,000	72,510,000	15,780,000	14,929,000
Total Feb. 6 1926	101,999,000	29,958,000	73,707,000	15,481,000	15,170,000
Total Feb. 14 1925	107,487,000	31,283,000	92,453,000	25,598,000	9,908,000

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED FEB. 16—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended Feb. 16, follows:

Early in the week there was a reaction to much colder weather over the Eastern States, accompanying a high pressure area that overspread these sections, and by the morning of the 11th the line of freezing temperature extended into northern Florida and to districts along the east Gulf coast. The cold wave was of short duration, however, and the latter part of the week had mild, pleasant weather in most sections east of the Mississippi River. Warm weather for the season was the rule

Chart II shows that the total precipitation for the week was moderate to rather heavy from the Ohio Valley eastward and northeastward, but in all other sections east of the Rocky Mountains the falls were mostly light, with large areas having scarcely measurable amounts or none at all. There was further heavy rainfall in California, with the lower elevations in most of the State receiving from 2 to nearly 4 inches for the week. There was a marked deficiency in sunshine from the middle Mississippi Valley eastward and in the Pacific Coast States, but in many other sections the week was unusually sunny for the season.

The seven weeks from the beginning of the year to the present time constitute a series that have been remarkable for the persistence of mild weather for the season in much of the interior of the country. This is especially true of the Central and Northern States between the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains. Along the central-northern border of the country from Montana to North Dakota, for example, every week of the seven has been warmer than normal, while the average temperature for the entire period shows an excess above normal of 13 deg. to nearly 15 deg. One week, that ending Jan. 26, of this period of nearly two months should be classed as generally cold, and one or two others were moderately cold in the Southern States, but, otherwise, temperatures in general have shown a marked tendency to high readings for the season.

Excepting some injury to truck crops by frost in southeastern districts the first part of the week, conditions were generally favorable for agricultural interests throughout the Southern States. The soil dried out rapidly in the Southeast and considerable plowing for corn and cotton was accomplished during the week, as well as the planting of early vegetables and the seeding of spring oats. The low temperatures during the first part of the week were favorable in retarding the development of fruit buds. In the Southwest, including the area from the lower Mississippi River westward, conditions were again nearly ideal for farm work and much was accomplished. Plowing and other preparations for seeding cotton and corn made excellent advance, and some corn was planted in the southern States. Truck did well in this area, but rain is needed in some sections, particularly in northwestern Texas, western Oklahoma, and southeastern Colorado. The warm weather, however, has caused a too rapid development of fruit buds, as they are now swelling as far north as Oklahoma, and peaches are showing pink to parts of central Arkansas.

In the area from the upper Ohio Valley eastward and northward the heavy snowfall and cold weather made conditions unfavorable for outside operations and very little field work was done. The ground was practically bare in the main Winter Wheat Belt, except in the more northern sections, but from the extreme upper Mississippi River eastward over the Lake region and Northeast, grain and grass fields are still well covered. Work made good advance over the central and northern trans-Mississippi States, with spring oat seeding begun as far north as Kansas. The weather continued favorable for stock interests over the great western grazing districts, with sufficient additional moisture to be of material benefit in many sections west of the Rocky Mountains. Crops show marked improvement in California, but more moisture is still needed in some southern districts of the State.

SMALL GRAINS.—In the Plains area from Nebraska to Texas winter wheat is in good to excellent condition and spring growth is beginning, but more moisture is needed in the western portion of this district. Early sown wheat is fair to good in Missouri and good in Indiana, but late-sown is not doing so well and some has been killed in Indiana. In Illinois wheat is still in an uncertain condition. There is practically no snow cover, except in the colder portions of the winter wheat area where it is sufficient. The condition of wheat is excellent in Washington, has improved in California, and conditions are favorable for this crop in Oregon. In the Southeast winter grains are making fair progress and condition is generally good, although freezing and thawing have done some damage in North Carolina. Seeding spring oats is making good progress.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of conditions in the different States:

Maryland and Delaware.—Baltimore; Week averaged cold; heavy snowfall on 9th and snow cover lasted all week, except in southeast, but nearly gone by 16th, except in mountain districts. Very little outdoor work. Roads, except main thoroughfares, badly blocked by snow for several days.

Virginia.—Richmond; Cold first of week; much warmer latter part, with moderate rains; favorable for preparing tobacco for market, but preparation of beds for new crop delayed. Flow of streams improved. Fruit prospects promising.

North Carolina.—Raleigh; Rainfall light; temperature variable; abnormally high latter part. Heaviest February hail of record in north-central counties on Sunday, but little crop damage possible. Farming activities getting under way in east; sowing tobacco beds and planting potatoes and other truck. Alternate freezing and thawing unfavorable for wheat and oats. Rivers low in west.

South Carolina.—Columbia; Freezing 11th and 12th, followed by warm, pleasant weather, but no premature fruit-bud development. Winter cereals and hardy truck made good advance; considerable oat grazing. Potato and bee planting on coast; spring gardens being prepared and considerable general plowing. Hardy early shrubbery leafing.

Georgia.—Atlanta; Colder weather first three days, with freezing to coast, favorable in restraining development of fruit buds; some warm days in latter portion. Week mostly dry and soil in good condition for plowing, which made rapid progress over southern portion. Much truck and potatoes planted and spring gardening begun. Grass and cereals growing nicely.

Florida.—Jacksonville; Weather dry and sunny, but colder than usual; berry bloom killed and potatoes damaged in north and portions of central division; more tender truck suffered seriously in Everglades district. Potato planting continued in west and planting melons advanced in most sections. Soil dried rapidly and plowing for corn and cotton progressed. Oats did well. Local planting of corn advanced. Some tobacco seed up. Groves good.

Alabama.—Montgomery; Mostly fair; temperature variable. Preparation of land progressing slowly and becoming more general. Spring oats being sown; planting truck, early gardens, and potatoes progressing. Cabbage and other winter vegetables in coast region only slightly injured by freeze and frosts during week. Pastures and ranges reviving in scattered areas. Plum and peach trees beginning to bud and blossom in some sections of southern portion; other fruit trees dormant.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg; Week generally favorable for seasonable farm operations; plowing good progress. Moderate to considerable damage in central trucking region from Thursday freeze. Pastures poor progress in north, fair in central, and good in south.

Louisiana.—New Orleans; Excellent weather for farm work, and plowing for corn, cotton, and rice made good progress. Planting potatoes and cane. Pastures coming out rapidly. Truck and strawberries doing well.

Texas.—Houston; Warm, dry, sunny weather favorable for vegetation and field work; some corn and potatoes planted and spring oat seeding continued. Fruit buds opening in south and swelling in north. Progress and condition of truck, pastures, wheat, and oats good to very good; beginning to need rain in north and west.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City; Warm, mostly clear, and no rainfall; soil moisture good, except in extreme west; much plowing done. Seeding oats well under way. Winter grains made fair progress and condition good, except in extreme northwest where soil very dry. Wheat pasture much improved. Fruit buds swelling rapidly and in danger.

Arkansas.—Little Rock; Dry, warm weather very favorable for farm work and much plowing done; sowing oats and planting gardens, except in mountainous portions of northwest. Wheat, oats, meadows, and pastures starting nicely. Still picking cotton in some localities. Peach buds showing pink in southern and central portions.

Tennessee.—Nashville; Temperatures ranged from much below freezing to 20 deg. above during the warm period about last of week; partly cloudy weather with rain Saturday and Sunday in central portion and rain and snow in east. Wheat and oats making good progress and clover showing improvement. Pastures dry and feed scarce. Much plowing in west.

Kentucky.—Louisville; Freezing and thawing first half of week, but drainage good and little injury to wheat. Some plowing done in west. Warm last half with heavy rains, which washed soil locally. Tobacco moving to market rapidly, but hindered somewhat by bad roads.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Friday Night, Feb. 19 1926.

Developments in textile markets during the past week were rather mixed. While business came forward slowly in some sections, others either maintained or reported increased activity. For instance, cotton goods were a little

more active and a fair amount of business was booked in linens. Rayons pursued a more or less even course. Most producers are sold well ahead and the large increase in production has had little or no actual influence on prices or possible oversupply. Although the increase in imports has led to some talk of probable concessions being made on prices for the next quarter, domestic producers gave no indication that any change will be made for that period. As to the floor covering division, business was said to have been the best for some time past owing to the fact that a large number of out-of-town buyers were in the market. All sections of the country were represented and the week was unusually satisfactory considering the period of the season. Factors claimed that the total orders for spring will bulk much larger than the day-to-day sales indicate. In the silk division, although consumption has continued full, production has maintained a very high level. Most business received centred in printed silks, as it has for some weeks past. Taffetas made further gains in sales which has resulted in a material reduction of available stocks. A contrasting picture was presented in the woolen division where business on fall fabrics to date has been very disappointing. Although mills reduced prices materially in the hope of bringing in reluctant buyers, no such volume has appeared nor is in sight. The principal factors retarding incoming orders were said to include the uncertainty over style developments and the choice of colors for next season.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS: During the past week markets for domestic cotton goods presented a more active appearance, and prices ruled steadier than the preceding week. About the only exception was noted in the gray goods division where, in an effort to stimulate forward buying, some slight concessions were offered on merchandise for deferred delivery. However, these attempts met with but small success. In the matter of current orders there was a general demand for a wide variety of goods. Practically every order received was for immediate delivery. From this it was apparent that the January sales had reduced retailers' stocks and that they were gradually restocking in a more or less limited way. The demand for printed goods was a feature of the market. Purchases of these goods were on a liberal scale, especially the higher-priced merchandise, where sales were much larger than those of a year ago. As a matter of fact, all classes and qualities of printed cottons were in active demand. Much of this business was attributed to active buying for spring by the retail trade. The only fault to be found was the rush with which buyers wanted goods shipped. A larger number of inquiries was also noted for ginghams, and while the volume did not equal that of several years ago, it was larger than last year's. The call for these fabrics centred in spring merchandise and was received from all sections of the country. Cotton goods factors were surprised by the small Government cotton consumption report. Whereas the estimate had been 600,000 bales, the actual figures turned out to be 583,192 bales, compared with 575,271 bales in December and 594,000 bales during January a year ago. While the difference between the estimate and the actual figures was not very large it evoked much comment owing to the reported increase in production during the month covered by the report. Print cloths, 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction are quoted at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., and 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 6c. Gray goods in the 39-inch, 68 x 72's construction, are quoted at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., and 39-inch, 80 x 80's, at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

WOOLEN GOODS: Official announcement was made by the American Woolen Co. that they would open the remainder of their men's wear heavy-weight lines on Monday, Feb. 22 (Washington's Birthday). All of the goods will be suitings, and this completes their heavy weight lines for fall-winter 1926-1927. It was generally expected that the big factor will establish the lowest prices possible in order to stimulate business. The opening was awaited with keen interest and a highly competitive season is looked for. Independents will open their lines immediately after that of the big factor. Whereas in previous years the American Woolen Company opened their fancy lines two weeks after the showing of the staples, this year's display was delayed a week, reflecting the backward tendency of incoming business. However, it was expected that the first real activity of the new season will be witnessed next week and the week or two following.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS: Moderate activity continued to characterize the markets for linens. Although orders were mostly confined to nearby needs, it was generally believed that the business received was the result of more active over-the-counter sales, or in other words, increase in consumption, and not due to any change in attitude on the part of either retailers or wholesalers. A better demand was noted for certain finished sets such as table cloths, napkins and towels. Those which were hemmed enjoyed the greater demand. This was attributed to the fact that the American housewife will not take the time nor put in the work necessary to fashion the edge. Burlap prices have been irregular, moving up one day and down the next, influenced by attempts to limit production and control prices. Domestic manufacturers did no more than cover immediate requirements, having no confidence in the high jute prices. Light weights are quoted at 7.70c., and heavies at 10.65c.

State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS

New Jersey (State of).—\$5,000,000 Bridge Bill Passed by Senate.—The bill introduced by Senator William B. Mackay providing an appropriation of \$5,000,000 as the State of New Jersey's share of the estimated cost of the proposed Hudson River Bridge, was passed on Feb. 16 by the Senate by a vote of 11 to 3. The bill now goes to the Assembly. The site of the bridge approved by the Port of New York Authority is Fort Lee on the Jersey side and Washington Heights on the New York side. As to the provisions of the measure, we quote the New York "Times" of Feb. 17:

"Under the provisions of the measure, New Jersey and New York each to contribute \$5,000,000, which will be considered as a loan to the Port of New York Authority, which will construct the bridge. The States are to be reimbursed by tolls, which will be collected as soon as the bridge is placed in operation. The rest of the money needed for the erection of the bridge is to be raised by the issue of bonds by the Port Authority.

Amendments included in the bill, as passed, provided for the collection of these tolls and stipulated that New York State's \$5,000,000 appropriation must be made available at the same time as that of New Jersey. An amendment adopted just before the bill was passed made the first \$1,000,000 appropriated by New Jersey available in 1927 instead of in 1926, as at first proposed."

Texas (State of).—Petition for Rehearing Filed in Archer County Road District No. 2 Case.—Dan Moody, Attorney-General of Texas on Feb. 12 filed, on behalf of the State and bondholders whose interests had been adversely affected, in the U. S. Supreme Court, a petition for a rehearing in the case of Browning vs. Hooper, known as the Archer County Road District No. 2 case, in which a decision handed down on Jan. 4 by the Supreme Court held that the law under which the road district was created was unconstitutional. Several prominent specialists in bond law have joined the Attorney-General in this petition, including C. A. Wheeler, Asst. Attorney-General of Bond Approvals, John C. Thomson and W. P. Dumas of New York and Dallas, respectively, and John W. Davis, former Democratic candidate for President. We quote the Houston "Post" of Feb. 13 in regard to the petition:

"The petition filed by Mr. Davis stated that large interests are adversely affected by the decision and that arguments had not been adequately presented in behalf of the road district.

"The decision held that the road district had not been properly organized because not created by the Legislature as provided by statute.

Large amounts of securities issued by road improvement districts in other States are seriously affected by the decision, the Davis petition asserted.

It was contended that the recent opinion was based on a misconception of material facts. The Texas Legislature was declared to have concurred on the road district's general power of taxation to provide for payment of bonded debt incurred for general road construction purposes.

The ad valorem road district taxes levied on all real and personal property in the districts have uniformly been held by courts in other States than Texas to be general taxes, the petition insisted. It asserted that recently the decision was in conflict with a long line of Supreme Court decisions and the procedure followed by Texas in organizing road districts and issuing bonds is not only justified by decisions of lower courts but is sanctioned by those of the Supreme Court, which has sustained such bonds and taxes for 50 years.

Other Opinions Cited.

"The petition stated that in former decisions, the Supreme Court had not questioned the validity of such road districts nor had it questioned regularity of procedures which had been declared unconstitutional in the recent decision.

The action taken in creating the Archer County Road District No. 2 was described in the petition as similar to the creation of public and quasi-municipal corporations, exclusively a State affair, and not having any Federal question. State Legislature, it was insisted, did not violate the Federal Constitution in conferring upon such a corporation power to levy general ad valorem taxes for the purposes of paying its corporate debts and liabilities.

The Legislature in conferring power to impose a general tax raised no Federal question, it was asserted, and the evidence has failed to establish that the Archer County road district was arbitrarily created or that the definition of its boundaries was an abuse of statutory authority.

Attention of the Court is called to the Texas statute authorizing issuance of bonds by counties and political subdivisions as well as by defined districts, and the Court was asked to make clear to what extent its decision is intended to apply to counties and political subdivisions, even if the application for rehearing should be denied.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS this week have been as follows:

ADAMS COUNTY (P. O. Decatur), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 16 the following three issues of 4½% coupon Township road bonds, aggregating \$18,640 offered on that date (V. 122, p. 914) were awarded to the Peoples Loan & Trust Co. of Decatur at a premium of \$182, equal to 100.97, a basis of about 4.29%.

\$6,160 Root Township bonds. Due \$308 May and Nov. 15 1927 to 1936 inclusive.

4,320 Jefferson Township bonds. Due \$216 May and Nov. 15 1927 to 1936 inclusive.

8,160 Wabash Township bonds. Due \$408 May and Nov. 15 1927 to 1936 inclusive.

Dated Feb. 15 1926.

ALEXANDRIA, Va.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 4½% public improvement and funding bonds offered in V. 122, p. 642 were awarded to the Detroit Co. of New York at 98.58, a basis of about 4.62%. Date Feb. 1 1926. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1928 to 1947 incl.; and \$5,000, 1948 to 1961 incl.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY (P. O. Pittsburgh), Pa. BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Feb. 26 by John P. Moore, County Comptroller, for the following six issues of 4½% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$6,689,000.

*\$2,400,000 road, series 28-C bonds. Due \$80,000 yearly from Feb. 1 1927 to 1956 incl. Legal details of this issue have been passed upon by Reed, Smith, Shaw & McClay of Pittsburgh.

*2,100,000 bridge, series 14-C bonds. Due \$70,000 yearly from Feb. 1 1927 to 1956 incl. Legal details of this issue have been passed upon by Reed, Smith, Shaw & McClay of Pittsburgh.

840,000 road, series 31 bonds. Due \$28,000 yearly from Feb. 1 1927 to 1956 incl. Legal details of this issue have been passed upon by County Solicitor W. Heber Dithrich.

630,000 bridge, series 16 bonds. Due \$21,000 yearly from Feb. 1 1927 to 1956 incl. Legal details of this issue have been passed upon by County Solicitor W. Heber Dithrich.

*510,000 tunnel, series 3-B bonds. Due \$17,000 yearly from Feb. 1 1927 to 1956 incl. Legal details of this issue have been passed upon by Reed, Smith, Shaw & McClay of Pittsburgh.

109,000 court house extension series 6 bonds. Due on Feb. 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1927 to 1950 incl. and \$13,000, 1951. Legal details of this issue have been passed upon by County Solicitor W. Heber Dithrich.

*These bonds are part of a \$29,207,000 issue, \$10,431,000 of which have been sold. The balance will be held until such time in the future as bonds will be needed. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the office of the County Comptroller. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the County Commissioners, required.

ARKANSAS CITY, Cowley County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The Fidelity National Bank & Trust Co. of Kansas City has purchased an issue of \$179,000 4½% subway bonds at par. Date Nov. 15 1925. Due serially 1926 to 1935 incl. Int. payable M. & N.

ASHLAND, Ashland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Feb. 27 by Lotta Westover, Director of Finance and Public Record, for \$77,450 5½% (special assessment) Samaritan Avenue, Troy Street and Park Street improvement bonds. Denom. \$7,000, \$8,000 and \$450. Dated Mar. 1 1926. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1927 to 1929 incl., \$8,000 1930 to 1936 incl., and \$450 1938. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City of Ashland, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within ten days from time of award.

ASHTABULA COUNTY (P. O. Jefferson), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 8 the \$11,820 5% coupon County Sewer District No. 1 Impt. No. 4 bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 507) were awarded to Vandersall & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$611.59, equal to 105.17, a basis of about 4.37%. Dated March 1 1925. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$800, 1927; \$500, 1928 to 1938 incl.; and \$1,000, 1939 to 1943 incl.

ATLANTA, Fulton County, Ga.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on March 24 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$8,000,000 municipal improvement bonds. It is suggested that the \$8,000,000 be allocated as follows: \$3,500,000 for schools and equipment, \$2,000,000 for sewers, \$1,000,000 for a new city hall, \$1,000,000 for viaducts and \$500,000 for water extensions.

ATLANTIC, Cass County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held recently, the voters authorized the issuance of \$97,500 school bonds.

ATLANTIC CITY, Atlantic County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Feb. 25 by Anthony M. Ruffo Jr., Director of Revenue and Finance, for the following four issues of not exceeding 5% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only or as to both principal and interest) bonds, aggregating \$1,333,000: \$738,000 general impt. bonds. Due on March 1 as follows: \$22,000, 1927 to 1935, incl.; \$21,000, 1936 to 1939; \$29,000, 1940 to 1953; \$22,000, 1954 and 1955, and \$6,000, 1956.

250,000 water bonds. Due on March 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1927 to 1953, incl., and \$8,000, 1954 to 1964, incl.

250,000 school bonds. Due on March 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1927 to 1942, incl., and \$15,000, 1943 to 1948, incl.

95,000 city impt. bonds. Due on March 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1927 to 1935, incl., and \$8,000, 1936 to 1939, incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Dated March 1 1926. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over each of the above issues. Principal and semi-annual int. (M. & S.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York, in gold coin of the United States of the present standard of weight and fineness. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the city, required. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon, and the legality of the bonds will be approved by Clay & Dillon of New York. Bonds will be ready for delivery on or about March 17 1926 and the successful bidder must take up said bonds not later than March 20 1926.

BADGER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2, Towner County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—C. S. Harris, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Feb. 27 for \$8,000 certificates of indebtedness. A certified check, payable to the District Treasurer, for 5% of amount bid required.

BARBERTON, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 13 the \$150,000 5% coupon water bonds offered on that date—V. 122, p. 642—were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis of Toledo at a premium of \$3,472.50, equal to 102.31, a basis of about 4.51%. Dated April 1 1926. Due \$15,000 yearly from Oct. 1 1927 to 1936, incl. Other bidders were:

Bidders—	Premium.	Bidders—	Premium.
Stevenson, Perry, Stacy	-----	Bohner-Reinhart & Co.	\$2,370 00
& Co.	\$2,511 00	Detroit Trust Co.	3,056 00
Seasongood & Mayer	3,256 00	Assel, Goetz & Moerlein	2,584 50
N. S. Hill & Co.	3,347 50	Folds, Buck & Co.	3,284 00
Kinsley & Co.	1,924 50	W. T. Terry & Co.	1,657 00
Providence S. B. & Tr. Co.	2,190 00	W. L. Slayton & Co.	2,867 00
Federal Securities Corp.	3,025 00	Prudden & Co.	2,505 00

BARTOW, Polk County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Mar. 3 by G. J. McNamee, City Auditor and Clerk, for \$225,000 6% street improvement bonds. Date Jan. 1 1926. Due serially Jan. 1 1927 to 1936 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon, N. Y. City. A certified check for 2% of bonds bid for required.

BASTROP COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 (P. O. Bastrop), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered an issue of \$3,400 5% school bonds on Feb. 9. Due serially.

BAXTER SPRINGS, Cherokee County, Kan.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on Feb. 9 the voters authorized the issuance of \$30,000 city building bonds by a count of 294 for to 287 against.

BERRIEN COUNTY (P. O. Benton Harbor), Mich.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 5 the following two issues of 4½% special assessment road bonds, aggregating \$147,455, offered on that date—V. 122, p. 642—were awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit at a premium of \$66, equal to 100.18:

\$74,635 Sodus Twp. First Section Road No. 30 bonds.

72,820 Ballen Twp. Road No. 65 bonds.

BEVERLY, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On Feb. 11 the National Shawmut Corp. of Boston purchased a \$200,000 temporary loan on a 3.80% discount basis plus a premium of \$12. Due Nov. 4 1926.

BEVERLY HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$260,000 5% school bonds offered on Feb. 8 (V. 122, p. 776) were awarded to R. H. Moulton & Co. and Frick, Martin & Co., both of Los Angeles, jointly at a premium of \$15,470, equal to 105.95, a basis of about 4.59%. Date Feb. 1 1926. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1927 to 1932 incl.; \$6,000, 1933 to 1953 incl.; \$8,000, 1954 to 1964 incl.; \$11,000, 1965, and \$17,000 in 1966. Prin. and int. payable F. & A. at the County Treasurer's office, Los Angeles. Legality to be approved by O'Melveny, Milliken, Tuller & MacNell of Los Angeles. Other bidders were:

Bidder—	Premium.
Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago	\$15,158 00
Bank of Italy, San Francisco	14,748 00
Anglo-London-Paris Co., San Francisco; Hunter, Dulin & Co., Los Angeles, and Heller, Bruce & Co., San Francisco	14,574 00
National City Co., N. Y. City, and Security Co., Los Angeles	14,110 50
Beverly National Bank, Beverly	14,051 00
R. E. Campbell & Co. and California Securities Co., Los Angeles, and Dean, Witter & Co., San Francisco	13,789 00
Wm. R. Staats Co. and First Securities Co., Los Angeles, and E. H. Rollins & Sons, Boston	13,320 00
Citizens' National Co. and California Co., Los Angeles	12,050 00

BIRMINGHAM, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Feb. 23 by Hazel E. Lawler, Village Clerk, for the following two issues of 5% water works bonds, aggregating \$99,700.

\$68,200 new well bonds. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$2,200, 1927; \$2,000, 1928 to 1943 incl.; \$3,000 1944 to 1953 incl.; and \$2,000, 1954 and 1955.

31,500 elevated tank bonds. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$500, 1927; \$1,000, 1928 to 1944 incl.; and \$2,000, 1945 to 1951 incl.

Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$200. Date Jan. 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at a place to be agreed upon between the Village

Commission and the purchaser. Certified check for \$1,000 payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Bids should be made separately for each issue, stating whether the bidder or the Village is to pay the legal and printing expense. Legality approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit.

BLAKELY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Peckville), Lackawanna County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. March 3 by Grace L. English, Sec. Board of Directors, for \$182,500 4½% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$500. Date May 1 1926. Int. M. & N. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$2,500, 1927; \$10,000, 1928 to 1930 incl.; \$10,000, 1932 to 1940 incl.; \$15,000, 1941 and 1942, and \$10,000, 1943 to 1945 incl. Certified check for \$1,000 required. Legality approved by Barnes, Biddle & Morris of Philadelphia.

BLOUNT COUNTY (P. O. Maryville), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—John C. Crawford, County Judge, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. March 4 for \$150,000 5% coupon highway bonds. Date April 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 as follows: \$10,000 in 1931 and 1936; \$25,000, 1941; \$35,000, 1946, 1951 and 1956. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. A certified check for \$7,500, payable to the trustee of Blount County, is required.

Financial Statement.

Estimated actual value of taxable property.....	\$50,000,000 00
Assessed value for taxation for 1926—Local.....	\$19,155,450 00
Public utilities.....	2,864,813 07
	\$22,020,263 07
The assessment of Southern Ry. is not in, the former assessed valuation of which is.....	\$922,490 00
Interest-bearing warrants outstanding.....	\$22,942,753 07
Bonded indebtedness including proposed issues:	88,683 27
Roads and highways.....	\$1,995,000 00
Schools.....	150,000 00
Funds on hand Jan. 1 1926 per settlement with Co. Trustee.....	2,145,000 00
	110,101 39

BOONE, Watauga County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—A. Y. Howell, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. March 4 for \$50,000 6% coupon street improvement bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1939 incl.; and \$4,000, 1940 to 1946 incl. Prin. and int. F. & A. payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of Ferebee & Co. of Andrews, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the validity of the seal impressed thereon. Legality to be approved by Story, Thordike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston. A certified check for \$1,000 payable to the Town Treasurer, required.

BRECKENRIDGE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Stephens County, Tex.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$100,000 5% school bonds offered on Feb. 15—V. 122, p. 777—were not sold on that date as the election at which the bonds were voted was declared illegal. A new election will be called in the near future.

BROCKTON, Plymouth, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Brockton National Bank of Brockton purchased a \$500,000 temporary loan on a 3.91% discount basis plus a premium of \$10.

BROOKFIELD TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Masury), Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. (central standard time) March 8 by W. R. Riley, Clerk Board of Education, for \$100,000 5% non-fireproof school-house bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1926. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable at the Western Reserve National Bank, Warren. Due each six months as follows: \$2,000 April 1 1927, \$3,000 Oct. 1 1927, \$2,000 April 1 1928, \$3,000 Oct. 1 1928, and \$3,000 April 1 1929 to Oct. 1 1943, inclusive. Certified check on a bank in Ohio, for \$1,000, required. The successful bidder is required to accept and pay for said bonds at the Western Reserve National Bank, Warren, within five days from time of award.

BROOKLINE, Norfolk County, Mass.—NOTE SALE.—On Feb. 15 the First National Bank of Boston purchased the \$250,000 revenue notes offered on that date—V. 122, p. 915—on a 3.78% discount basis plus a \$4 premium. Date Feb. 15 1926. Due Oct. 28 1926.

BROWN COUNTY (P. O. Hiawatha), Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,100 4½% road impt. bonds offered on Feb. 1—V. 122, p. 508—were awarded to the Morrill & Janes Bank of Hiawatha at par. Date Nov. 1 1925. Due \$910, July 1 1926 to 1935 incl.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 17 the following three issues of 4½% non-taxable coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$1,700,000, offered on that date (V. 122, p. 777) were awarded to a syndicate composed of the First National Bank, Eldredge & Co., Redmond & Co., Detroit Co., Inc., all of New York, and Vieter, Common & Co., Inc., of Buffalo, at 101.492, a basis of about 4.06%:

- \$1,100,000 school bonds. Due \$55,000 Mar. 1 1927 to 1946 incl.
- 400,000 police and fire department bonds. Due \$20,000 Mar. 1 1927 to 1946, inclusive.
- 200,000 public markets bonds. Due \$10,000 Mar. 1 1927 to 1946 incl. Dated Mar. 1 1926. The bonds are being re-offered by the syndicate to investors at prices to yield from 3.75% to 4.00%, according to maturity. Following is a list of the other bidders:

<i>Bidders—</i>	
Eastman, Dillon & Co. and Hayes & Collins, New York.....	Rate Bid. 101.4399
Guaranty Company of New York, Equitable Trust Co., Remick, Hodges & Co. and Barr Brothers & Co., all of New York.....	101.4099
Marise Trust Co. of Buffalo.....	101.3111
Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co., Buffalo.....	101.294
Bankers Trust Co., National City Co. and Harris, Forbes & Co., all of New York.....	101.1599
Chase Securities Corp., A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., Batchelder, Wack & Co., H. L. Allen & Co. and Bonbright & Co., all of N. Y.....	101.0857
R. F. De Voe & Co., Inc., New York.....	101.03
Liberty Bank of Buffalo.....	100.911
White, Weld & Co., Lehman Brothers and E. H. Rollins & Sons, of New York, and O'Brian, Potter & Co. and the Peoples Bank of Buffalo, of Buffalo.....	100.90

BUREAU COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 103 (P. O. De Pue), Ill.—BOND SALE.—H. C. Speer & Sons Co. of Chicago purchased an issue of \$45,000 4½% school bonds at 98.80.

BURLINGAME, Osage County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$111,029 72 coupon paying bonds registered during November (V. 122, p. 374) were purchased by the Fidelity National Bank & Trust Co. of Kansas City as 4½s at par. Dated Sept. 1 1925. Denoms. \$1,000, \$500 and one for \$529 72. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$12,029 72, 1926, and \$11,000, 1927 to 1935, inclusive. Interest payable M. & S. Date of award, Feb. 2 1925.

BURLINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Mount Holly), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11:30 a. m. Mar. 12 by Alfonza Adams, Clerk Board of Chosen Freeholders, for an issue of 5% coupon (convertible into registered bonds at the option of the holder) road and bridge bonds not to exceed \$205,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$205,000. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Mar. 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the Union National Bank, Mount Holly. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$21,000, 1927 to 1931 incl., and \$2,000, 1932 to 1936 incl. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Chosen Freeholders, required. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the Union National Bank, Mount Holly, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the county officials and the seal impressed thereon.

CAMBRIDGE, Dorchester County, Md.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 27 the \$60,000 5% coupon city hall bonds offered on that date—V. 121, p. 2902—were awarded to the Peoples Loan Savings & Deposit Bank and the National Bank of Cambridge at 103.60, a basis of about 4.69%. Date Dec. 26 1925. Due \$10,000 Dec. 26 1930, 1935, 1940, 1945, 1950 and 1955.

CANYON COUNTY (P. O. Caldwell), Ida.—BOND SALE.—The Childs Bond & Mortgage Co., of Boise, purchased on Jan. 31 an issue of \$20,000 4½% tax anticipation notes.

CAPE MAY COUNTY (P. O. Cape May), N. J.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 17 the \$400,000 4½% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only or as to both principal and interest) improvement bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 643) were awarded the First National Bank of Ocean City, paying \$400,179 for \$390,000 (\$400,000 offered), equal to 102.61, a basis of about 4.40%. Dated Jan. 15 1926. Due on Jan. 15 as follows: \$20,000, 1927 to 1931 incl.; \$25,000, 1932 to 1942 incl., and \$15,000, 1943. In above reference we reported the offering under the incorrect caption "Cape May, Cape May County, N. J."

CARLISLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lonoke County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—M. W. Elkins & Co. of Little Rock have purchased an issue of \$30,000 6% school bonds at par. Due in 20 years, optional after 5 years.

CARRIER MILLS, Saline County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago purchased an issue of \$14,000 6% 10-year street paving bonds at 102.50.

CARTERSVILLE, Bartow County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. Feb. 23 by Thos. A. Upshaw, City Clerk, for \$40,000 5% coupon paying, gas and water-main bonds. Date March 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,000 in 1930, \$4,000 in 1935, \$8,000 in 1940, \$10,000 in 1944 and \$15,000 in 1950. A certified check for \$800 is required.

CASTRO COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 (P. O. Dimmitt), Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$1,500 6% school bonds was registered by the State Comptroller of Texas on Feb. 9. Due serially.

CHARLOTTE, Mecklenburg County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—C. M. Creswell, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Feb. 26 for the following coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$1,520,000: \$415,000 water and sewer bonds. Due May 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1928 to 1936, incl.; \$9,000, 1937 to 1946, incl.; \$12,000, 1947 to 1955, incl.; \$13,000, 1956, and \$15,000, 1957 to 1966, incl. 750,000 street improvement bonds. Due May 1 as follows: \$55,000, 1928 to 1937, incl., and \$25,000, 1938 to 1945, incl. 295,000 municipal buildings bonds. Due May 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1928 to 1930, incl.; \$5,000, 1931 to 1939, incl.; \$8,000, 1940 to 1950, incl., and \$10,000, 1951 to 1965, incl. 60,000 fire fighting equipment bonds. Due May 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1928 and 1929; \$6,000, 1930 and 1931, and \$10,000, 1932 to 1955, incl.

Dated Mar. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Bidders to name rate of interest. Prin. and int. M. & N., payable in gold in New York City. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. Legality to be approved by Chester B. Masslich, New York City. A certified check for \$30,400 is required.

CHULA VISTA, San Diego County, Calif.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The following coupon bonds, aggregating \$90,000 purchased by R. E. Campbell & Co. of Los Angeles at 100.22—V. 122, p. 643—bear interest at the rate of 5½% are described as follows: \$40,000 sewer bonds. 50,000 park and athletic field purchase bonds. Date Mar. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially 1927 to 1966 incl. Int. payable M. & S. Date of award Jan. 8.

CLINTON COUNTY (P. O. Clinton), Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Feb. 10—V. 122, p. 777—the voters authorized the issuance of \$1,000,000 road improvement bonds, by a count of 4,332 for to 2,834 against.

COATESVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Coatesville), Chester County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. March 16 by Penrose M. Davis, Secretary School Board, for \$30,000 4½% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1925. Bonds will mature in series each year after date prior to Oct. 1 1944. Certified check for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the District Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay for printing or preparing the bonds.

COLORADO COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20 (P. O. Columbus), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On February 9 the State Comptroller of Texas registered an issue of \$4,000 5% school bonds. Due serially.

COLORADO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mitchell County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Feb. 11 the State Comptroller of Texas registered an issue of \$150,000 5½% school bonds. Due serially.

COLUSA COUNTY (P. O. Colusa), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until March 3 for \$110,000 highway bonds.

CONCORD SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Elkhart), Elkhart County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. March 1, by William J. Segerfoos, Township Trustee, at his office in Room No. 225, in the Menger Building, in the City of Elkhart, for \$90,000 4½% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated March 1 1926. Due on July 1, as follows: \$6,000, 1927 to 1941 incl. Prin. and int. J. & J. payable at the South Side State Bank, Elkhart.

CONCORDIA PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Vidalia), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 school bonds offered on Feb. 3 (V. 122, p. 375) were awarded to the Interstate Trust & Banking Co. of New Orleans as 4½s at 100.13—a basis of about 4.74%. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1927 to 1939, inclusive; \$3,000, 1931 to 1934, inclusive; \$4,000, 1935 to 1940, inclusive, and \$5,000, 1941 to 1945, inclusive, and \$6,000 in 1946.

CORAOPOLIS, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. March 10 by W. E. Cain, Borough Secretary, for \$275,000 4½% coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1926. Int. J. & J. Due on July 1, as follows: \$25,000, 1931; \$15,000, 1932 to 1936 incl.; \$20,000, 1937 to 1944 incl.; and \$15,000, 1945. Cert. check for \$1,000 payable to the Borough of Coraopolis, required. Purchaser to pay for the printing of the bonds.

CORNELL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,500 6% school bonds offered on Feb. 8—V. 122, p. 678—were awarded to Aronson & Co. of Los Angeles at a premium of \$155, equal to 101.84, a basis of about 5.70%. Date Feb. 1 1926. Due \$500, Feb. 1 1927 to 1943 incl.

CORNING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Adams County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$160,000 school bonds offered on Feb. 13—V. 122, p. 778—were awarded to the Iowa National Bank of Des Moines at a premium of \$340, equal to 100.21. (Rate not stated.)

COVINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Kenton County, Ky.—BOND SALE.—The \$425,000 4½% coupon school bonds offered on Feb. 16 (V. 122, p. 915) were awarded to Halsey, Stuart & Co. of Chicago, at a premium of \$21,050, equal to 104.95—a basis of about 4.33%. Date Jan. 2 1926. Due Jan. 2 as follows: \$15,000, 1927 to 1931, inclusive, and \$10,000, 1932 to 1966, inclusive.

DANUBE (P. O. Little Falls), Herkimer County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 11, at public auction, the \$47,000 5% coupon highway bonds offered on that date—V. 122, p. 643—were awarded to Herkimer National Bank of Herkimer at 104.45 a basis of about 4.58%. Dated March 1 1926. Due on March 1 as follows: \$1,000 1927 to 1931, incl., and \$2,000, 1932 to 1952, incl.

DAYTON, Montgomery County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. March 8 by E. B. Haserman, City Accountant, for \$500,000 4½% coupon waterworks extension bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 15 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of the fiscal agent of the City in New York. Due \$20,000 yearly from Sept. 1 1927 to 1951 incl. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Accountant, required.

DEARBORN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Dearborn), Wayne County, Mich.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 8 p. m. Feb. 19 by Myron A. Stevens, Township Clerk, for \$40,000 not exceeding 6% bridge bonds. Dated March 1 1927. Due on March 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1927 to 1931, inclusive, and \$5,000, 1932 to 1937, inclusive. Purchaser to furnish printed bonds and pay attorney's expenses.

DECATUR, De Kalb County, Ga.—BOND ELECTION.—On March 20 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing the following bonds, aggregating \$170,000: \$67,000 school bonds, \$33,000 city hall bonds, \$60,000 water works extension bonds, 10,000 sewer system bonds.

DEER CREEK SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Northwood), Worth County, Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Mar. 2 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$18,000 school bonds. Lester Hall, Secretary.

DELAWARE COUNTY (P. O. Manchester), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The White-Phillips Co. of Davenport has purchased an issue of \$30,000 6% funding bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1926; \$7,000, 1927; \$8,000, 1928; \$7,000, 1929, and \$2,000 in 1930. Prin. and int. M. & N., payable at the County Treasurer's office. Legality approved by Chapman, Cutler & Parker of Chicago.

DUBUQUE, Dubuque County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$29,563.41 4½% main sewer bonds offered on Feb. 10—V. 122, p. 643—were awarded to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport at a premium of \$290, equal to 100.98, a basis of about 4.39%. Date Jan. 1 1926. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1922 to 1940 incl.; and \$2,563.41 in 1941.

DULUTH, St. Louis County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—A. H. Davenport, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. March 22 for \$200,000 4½% local improvement bonds. Dated April 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000 April 1 1927 to 1946, incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the American Exchange-Pacific National Bank, New York City. Legality approved by Wood & Oakley of Chicago. A certified check for 2% of amount bid, payable to the city, required.

Statement of the Financial Condition of the City of Duluth, Feb. 1 1926.
Incorporated as a city, March 1887. Population, 1920, U. S. census, 98,917; population, estimated 1926, 115,000.
Assessed valuation, real.....\$60,358,561
Assessed valuation, personal.....20,767,678

Assessed valuation, moneys and credits.....50,824,943
Actual true value of all property, real.....\$151,576,411
Actual true value of all property, personal.....64,024,856

Actual true value of all property, money and credits.....50,824,943
Tax Rate, 1925:
State.....\$7 65
County.....10 56
School.....24 177
City.....24 113

Bonded Debt
General.....\$3,316,000
Special assessment bonds.....639,000
Debt caused by supplying inhabitants with water.....2,362,000
Debt caused by supplying inhabitants with gas.....1,203,000

Total outstanding debt of all kinds.....\$7,520,000
Less Deductions Allowed:
Water and gas debt.....\$3,365,000
Sinking fund.....212,221
Special assessment certificates.....639,000

Net indebtedness.....\$3,103,779

DUNCAN, Stephens County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The American National Bank, and the Security National Bank, both of Oklahoma City, jointly, recently purchased an issue of \$250,000 5¼% coupon gas plant bonds at par.

DU PAGE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36 (P. O. Wheaton), Ill.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 8 Halsey, Stuart & Co., of Chicago, purchased an issue of \$80,000 4½% school bonds at a premium of \$2,185, equal to 102.73. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000.

DURHAM, Durham County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The following coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$1,675,000, offered on Feb. 15—V. 122, p. 778—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Guaranty Co. of New York, W. A. Harriman & Co., Kean, Taylor & Co., Hannahs, Ballin & Lee and J. A. De Camp & Co., all of New York, and the Fidelity Bank of Durham as 4¼s at a premium of \$37,000 75, equal to 102.209, a basis of about 4.59%:

\$1,000,000 water works extension bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1929 to 1933, incl.; \$20,000, 1934 to 1938, incl.; \$25,000, 1939 to 1945, incl.; \$30,000, 1946 to 1955, incl., and \$35,000, 1956 to 1965, incl.
250,000 municipal building bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1929 to 1934, incl.; \$8,000, 1935 to 1941, incl.; \$10,000, 1942 to 1946, incl.; \$12,000, 1947 to 1950, incl., and \$15,000, 1951 to 1954, incl.
250,000 sewerage bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1929 to 1935, incl.; \$5,000, 1936 to 1943, incl.; \$6,000, 1944 to 1951, incl.; \$8,000, 1952 to 1959, incl., and \$10,000, 1960 to 1966, incl.
175,000 public improvement bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1929 to 1931, incl.; \$5,000, 1932 to 1934, incl.; \$6,000, 1935 to 1939, incl.; \$8,000, 1940 to 1945, incl., and \$10,000, 1946 to 1952, incl.

Dated Jan. 1 1926.
Following is a list of other bidders:

Bidder	Water	M. Bldg.	Sewer	Pun. Imp.
Fidelity Bank	\$1,022,090	\$255,522 50	\$255,522 50	\$178,865 75
White, Wild & Co., Old Colony Trust Co., Blodgett & Co. and Remick, Hodges & Co.	1,016,500	254,125 00	254,125 00	177,887 50
A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., Taylor Ewart & Co., Folds, Buck & Co., Ill. Merchants Trust Co., Federal Commerce Tr. Co., Miss. Valley Trust Co. and W. F. Shaffner & Co.	1,020,300	255,075 00	255,075 00	178,553 00
Bankers Trust Co., National City Co. and Durfee & Marr	1,021,099	255,274 75	255,274 75	178,692 33
First National Co., Durham, N. C.	1,020,530	255,132 50	255,132 50	178,592 75
First Natl. Bank, N. Y., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Redmond & Co., Caldwell & Co. and First Natl. Bank of Durham	1,021,680	255,420 00	255,420 00	178,794 00
Rockingham Investment Co.	1,020,300	255,075 00	255,075 00	178,552 50
Harris, Forbes & Co., C. D. Barney & Co. and Wachovia Bk & Tr. Co.	1,016,320	254,080 00	254,080 00	177,856 00

Financial Statement (as Officially Reported).
Actual valuation.....\$125,000,000
Assessed valuation, 1925.....70,950,773
Total bonded debt (including this issue).....7,404,500
Less Water Bonds.....2,985,000
Less sinking funds.....70,324

*Net bonded debt.....\$3,669,176
Population—special U. S. census, 1925, 42,258.
*The ratio of net bonded debt to assessed valuation is less than 5¼%.
There is no township or separate school debt, all school bonds of the City being included in the above statement.

EL SEGUNDO, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BONDS OFFERED.—Victor D. McCarthy, City Clerk, received sealed bids until 8 p. m. Feb. 19 for \$10,000 5% water works bonds. Dated Jan. 2 1923. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 2 as follows: \$2,000 in 1949 and \$8,000 in 1950. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Legality approved by Bordwell & Mathews of Los Angeles.

EL SEGUNDO HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 5% high-school bonds offered on Feb. 15 (V. 122, p. 916) were awarded to the California Securities Co. of Los Angeles, at a premium of \$9,399, equal to 103.13—a basis of about 4.69%. Date Feb. 1 1926. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1927 to 1931, inclusive; \$12,000, 1932 to 1952, inclusive, and \$13,000 in 1953.

EPSOM SCHOOL TAXING DISTRICT (P. O. Louisburg), Franklin County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—S. C. Holden, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. March 1 for \$30,000 6% school bonds. Due serially in 30 years. Bids may be made to include cost of furnishing bonds. A certified check for 2% of amount bid required.

FAIRBURY, Jefferson County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The Peters Trust Co., of Omaha, purchased on Nov. 3 the following 5% coupon paving bonds, aggregating \$68,000: \$30,000 Paving District No. 10 bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1926. Due \$3,000 in 1928, 1929, 1931, 1933, 1935 and 1936, and \$40,000, 1930, 1932 and 1934. Interest payable annually Jan. 1. 18,000 Paving District No. 11 bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1926; due \$2,000, 1928 to 1936, inclusive. Interest payable annually Jan. 1. 20,000 Intersection paving bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1925. Due Dec. 1 1935, optional Dec. 1 1930. Interest payable J. & D. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and interest payable at the County Treasurer's office. Legality approved by Stout, Rose, Wells & Martin, of Omaha.

The above supersedes the report given in V. 121, p. 2548.
Financial Statement.
Assessed value, as returned, 1925.....\$6,951,363
Total bonded debt.....\$410,500
Less light and water debt.....70,000

Net debt.....\$340,500
Population, estimated, 6,000; Population, 1920 Census, 5,454.

FOARD COUNTY (P. O. Crowell), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Feb. 6 an issue of \$46,000 5% court house refunding bonds was registered by the State Comptroller of Texas. Due serially.

FORESTPORT AND WEBB (TOWNS) COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Otter Lake), Oneida and Herkimer Counties, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 16 the \$7,500 6% registered school bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 778) were awarded to Phillipson & Co., of Utica, at a premium of \$479.45, equal to 106.39—a basis of about 4.96%. Dated Jan. 1 1926. Due \$500 yearly from Jan. 1 1927 to 1941, inclusive.

FORT MADISON, Lee County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—Geo. M. Bechtel & Co., of Davenport, recently purchased an issue of \$10,000 fire engine bonds.

FORT PIERCE, Saint Lucie County, Fla.—BONDS OFFERED.—Charles C. Burry, City Clerk, received sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. Feb. 19 for the following bonds, aggregating \$92,500:

\$50,000 5% Turbo-Generator bonds. Due serially in 25 years.
10,000 6% Jail bonds. Due serially in 10 years.
10,000 6% Fire Alarm System bonds. Due serially in 10 years.
10,000 6% Traffic Signals bonds. Due serially in 10 years.
2,500 6% City Hall and City Court Room Furnishing bonds. Due serially in 5 years.
2,500 6% Incinerator bonds. Due serially in 5 years.
7,500 6% Motor Sweeper bonds. Due serially in 8 years.

The bid for the \$50,000 Turbo Generator bonds must be separate from bids for any other bonds. A certified check for 5% of the amount of the bid required.

FRESNO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Fresno), Fresno County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The following 5% school bonds, aggregating \$600,000, offered on Feb. 13—V. 122, p. 778—were awarded to the National City Co. of New York as follows:

\$300,000 Fresno City School District bonds at a premium of \$15,633, equal to 105.21, a basis of about 4.44%. Due Dec. 3 as follows: \$10,000, 1929 to 1933, incl., and \$25,000, 1934 to 1943, incl.
300,000 Fresno City High School District bonds at a premium of \$12,633, equal to 104.21, a basis of about 4.46%. Due Dec. 3 as follows: \$20,000, 1929 to 1933, incl.; \$30,000, 1934 to 1937, incl., and \$40,000 in 1938 and 1939.

Dated Dec. 3 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the County Treasurer's office.

FROST, Navarro County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$65,000 5% water works bonds offered on Feb. 10—V. 122, p. 778—were awarded to M. W. Elkens & Co. of Little Rock. Date Oct. 10 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 10 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1934 incl.; \$2,000, 1935 to 1944 incl.; \$3,000, 1945 to 1952 incl.; \$4,000, 1953 and 1954 and \$6,000 in 1955. Prin. and int. A. & O. 10 payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City.

Financial Statement.
Estimated actual value of taxable property.....\$2,000,000.00
Assessed valuation taxable property for year 1925.....594,910.00
Total bonded debt, including this issue.....74,500.00
Other deductible bonds included in above.....\$6,500.00
Cash value sinking funds (self supporting sewer).....9,500.00
Special assessment bonds included in total debt.....2,072.90
Net bonded debt, less sewer sinking fund.....72,427.10
Population (estimated), 1,200.

FURNAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 103 (P. O. Holbrook), Neb.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on March 1 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$75,000, not exceeding 5% school bonds.

GALION, Crawford County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 29 the \$2,000 5¼% coupon sewage bonds offered on that date—V. 122, p. 376—were awarded to the Citizens National Bank of Galion for \$2,036, equal to 101.80, a basis of about 5.06%. Dated April 1 1925. Due April 1 1939.

GLENDALE, Dawson County, Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$34,000 refunding bonds offered on Feb. 15—V. 122, p. 509—were awarded to the State Land Board as 6s at par.

GLOBE, Gila County, Ariz.—BOND ELECTION.—On Mar 22 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$150,000 paving bonds.

GLOUCESTER, Essex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 4 p. m. Feb. 17 by the City Treasurer for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$200,000 temporary loan. Due Nov. 15 1926.

GRAND JUNCTION, Mesa County, Colo.—BOND OFFERING.—Fred A. Peck, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. March 3 for \$64,000 not exceeding 6% paving district No. 16 bonds. Date April 1 1926. Due April 1 1938. Prin. and int. A. & O. payable at the City Treasurer's office, or at Kountze Bros., New York City. Purchaser to furnish attorney's opinion and also printed bonds in such form as ordered by the City Council. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for required.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Xenia), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Feb. 26 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. M. & S. Due \$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 1 and \$5,000, Sept. 1 1933; \$4,000, March and Sept 1 1934 and 1935; and \$4,000, March 1, and \$5,000, Sept. 1 1939. Certified check for 5%, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Legality approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland.

These are the bonds originally scheduled for sale on Feb. 19 (V. 122, p. 916.)

HACKENSACK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hackensack), Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Feb. 25 by Sidney G. Sandford, Clerk Board of Education, for an issue of 4½%, 4¾% or 5% coupon (with privilege of registration as to

principal only or as to both principal and interest) school district bonds, not to exceed \$27,500, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$500 over \$27,500. Denom. \$1,000, except 1 for \$500. Dated Feb. 15 1926. Principal and semi-annual interest (F. & A.) payable in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness at the office of Hackensack Trust Co., Hackensack. Due on Feb. 15 as follows: \$1,000 1928 to 1954, incl., and \$500 in 1955. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Custodian of School Moneys, required. The bonds will be engraved under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., which will certify as to the genuineness of the signature of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York.

These are the bonds originally offered on Jan. 4 (V. 121, p. 3158), but not sold.

HAMLET, Richmond County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—L. M. Query, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Feb. 24 for the following, not exceeding 6% bonds, aggregating \$65,000: \$25,000 sewer bonds. Due \$1,000 Jan. 1 1929 to 1953 incl. 40,000 sidewalk bonds. Due \$2,000 Jan. 1 1928 to 1947 incl. Date Jan. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Coupon bonds (with privilege of registration as to principal only). Prin. and int. J. & J. payable in gold in New York. The bonds are to be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the Town officials signing same and the seal impressed thereon. The approving opinions of Caldwell & Raymond, New York City, and J. L. Morehead of Durham, will be furnished the purchaser. Delivery on or about March 17 1926, in New York City, or at such place as purchaser may elect. A certified check for \$1,300 payable to the Town Treasurer is required.

<i>Financial Statement.</i>	
Floating debt outstanding.....	\$10,000
Bonded Debt Outstanding:	
School bonds.....	\$15,000
Sewer bonds.....	53,000
Funding bonds.....	24,000
Street improvement bonds.....	310,000
Municipal building bonds.....	40,000
Bonds Herewith Offered:	442,000
Sidewalk bonds.....	\$40,000
Sewer bonds.....	25,000
Gross debt.....	\$517,000
Deductions:	
Uncollected special assessments heretofore levied against property owners.....	87,970
Net debt.....	529,030
Assessed value for 1925.....	5,229,690
Actual value, estimated.....	8,000,000
All local improvement bonds are direct primary obligations of the Town, payable from an unlimited tax, but the law requires the application of special assessments to the payment of such bonds and interest, thereby reducing the tax levy.	
Population, 1920 census, 3,803; present population 1925, est., 6,500.	

HAMBLEN COUNTY (P. O. Morristown), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—J. F. Cameron, Chairman of County Court, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. March 2 for the following 5% bonds, aggregating \$68,500: \$43,000 highway bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1926. 25,500 highway bonds. Dated Mar. 1 1926. Due in 30 years. A certified check for 10% of amount bid required.

HARDIN COUNTY (P. O. Kenton), Ohio.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 12 m. Feb. 19 by Dean C. Jones, County Auditor and Clerk, of the Board of County Commissioners, for \$3,008 6% County Treasurer's Ditch No. 628 bonds. Denom. \$252 and \$500. Dated Jan. 1 1926. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$752 yearly from Sept. 1 1927 to 1930, inclusive.

HARRIS COUNTY (P. O. Houston), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on March 16 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing the following bonds: \$6,000,000 road bonds. 600,000 jail bonds.

HARRISON COUNTY (P. O. Gulfport), Miss.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on March 9 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$1,400,000 seawall bonds.

HEREFORD, Deaf Smith County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita has purchased the following 5% public improvement bonds, aggregating \$75,000: \$67,500 street improvement bonds. 7,500 water works extension bonds.

HERKIMER (P. O. Herkimer), Herkimer County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 11 the \$21,000 5% highway improvement bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 644) were awarded at public auction to the Herkimer National Bank. Dated March 1 1926. Due \$1,000 yearly from March 1 1927 to 1947, inclusive.

HERKIMER COUNTY (P. O. Herkimer), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 11 the \$655,000 5% highway bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 644) were awarded at public auction to a syndicate composed of Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc.; Roosevelt & Son, and Eastman, Dillon & Co., all of New York, at 108.23, a basis of about 4.19%. Dated March 1 1926. Due on March 1 as follows: \$22,000 1927 to 1938, inclusive, and \$23,000 1939 to 1955, inclusive.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY (P. O. Sebring), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—C. F. Saunders, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until March 2 for \$544,000 6% improvement bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1926.

HIGHLANDS, Macon County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—L. W. Rice, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Feb. 26 for issue of \$70,000 electric light bonds and \$5,000 sewer bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1928 to 1942, incl.; and \$3,000 1943 to 1957, incl. Principal and interest (F. & A.) payable in gold in New York. These bonds are to be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials signing same, and the seal impressed thereon. The approving opinions of Caldwell & Raymond, New York City, and J. L. Morehead, Durham, will be furnished the purchaser. Delivery on or about March 19 1926 in New York City, or at such place as purchaser may elect. A certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company for \$1,500, payable to the Town Treasurer, is required.

<i>Financial Statement.</i>	
Floating debt outstanding.....	None
Bonded debt outstanding.....	\$45,000
Bonds herewith offered.....	75,000
Water bonds included in the above.....	45,000
Electric light bonds included in the above.....	70,000
Net debt, after issuance of bonds now offered.....	5,000
Assessed valuation of property for 1925.....	348,521
Owing to the fact that the assessed valuation of the real estate used as a basis for taxation was last made in 1921, and that a new valuation will be made in May 1926, it is estimated that the assessed value on which taxes will be levied for 1926 will be.....	750,000
And that the actual valuation is over.....	\$1,000,000
Population 1920 Census, 313; estimated population, 475.	

HIGH POINT, Guilford County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The following coupon (convertible into fully registered bonds) aggregating \$1,050,000, offered on Feb. 17 (V. 122, p. 644)—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Commercial National Bank of High Point, Claude E. Miller and R. M. Grant & Co. of New York, as 4 3/4% at a premium of \$3,769 50, equal to 100.35, a basis of about 4.72%: \$600,000 water bonds. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$12,000 1929 to 1943 incl.; \$15,000 1944 to 1951, and \$20,000 1952 to 1966, incl. 200,000 sewer bonds. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$4,000 1929 to 1938, incl.; \$5,000 1939 to 1956, incl., and \$7,000 1957 to 1966, incl. 250,000 street bonds. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$10,000 1929 to 1936, incl.; \$15,000 1937 to 1941, incl., and \$19,000 1942 to 1946, incl. Date Feb. 1 1926

HORNELL, Steuben County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. March 3 by Stephen Holland, Mayor, for \$34,033 87 not exceeding 6% coupon improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$33 87. Dated April 1 1926. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable at the American Exchange-Pacific National Bank, New York. Due as follows: \$4,033 87 June 1 1926, \$7,000 April 1 1927, \$6,000, 1928, \$5,000, 1929 and 1930, \$4,000, 1931, and \$3,000, 1932. Certified check for \$1,000, payable to the city, required.

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Harris County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$2,005,000 5% school bonds was registered on Feb. 4 by the State Comptroller of Texas

HOVEN, Potter County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,250 5% electric light, power and heat bonds offered on Feb. 9—V. 122, p. 779—were awarded to John Bieber of Bowdle at par

ILLINOIS (State of).—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 17 the \$5,000,000 4% coupon (registerable as to principal) highway bonds offered on that date—V. 122, p. 779—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Guaranty Co. of New York, Estabrook & Co., Eldredge & Co. and Ames, Emerich & Co., all of New York, the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago, Detroit Co. of New York, Federal Commerce Trust Co. of St. Louis, Minton, Lampert & Co. and National Republic Co., both of Chicago, at 99.062, a basis of about 4.06%. Dated Feb. 1 1926. Due \$50,000 yearly from May 1 1945 to 1954, incl. The bonds are being re-offered to investors at 100 and interest.

IMOGENE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Fremont County, Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Mar. 8 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$14,500 school bonds.

INDEPENDENCE, Polk County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—B. F. Swope, City Recorder, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. Mar. 3 for \$2,000 6% fire equipment bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 yearly from 1927 to 1930 incl. A certified check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for required.

INVERNESS, Citrus County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The following 6% bonds, aggregating \$200,000, offered on Feb. 15 (V. 122, p. 509), were awarded to Prudden & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$950, equal to 100.47, a basis of about 5.96%:

- \$108,000 street paving bonds. Due \$18,000 Jan. 1 1931, 1936, 1941, 1946, 1951 and 1956.
 - 38,000 water extension bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1931, 1936, 1941 and 1946, and \$7,000 in 1951 and 1956.
 - 22,000 sewer extension bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1931 and 1936, and \$4,000, 1941, 1946, 1951 and 1956.
 - 12,000 street lighting bonds. Due \$2,000 Jan. 1 1931, 1936, 1941, 1946, 1951 and 1956.
 - 15,000 funding bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1931, 1936 and 1941, and \$3,000, 1946, 1951 and 1956.
 - 5,000 general improvement bonds. Due \$1,000 Jan. 1 1936, 1941, 1946, 1951 and 1956.
- Date Jan. 1 1926.

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 102.22, a basis of about 4.78%. Date Feb. 1 1926. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1933 to 1938, and \$4,000, 1939 to 1946, incl. The above supersedes the report given in V. 122, p. 916.

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Steubenville), Jefferson County Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. March 6 by Aug. Behringer, Clerk Board of Trustees, for \$4,500 5 1/2% coupon road bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated Sept. 1 1925. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S.) payable at the First National Bank, Celina. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1926 to 1929, inclusive, and \$500, 1930. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, required.

JESUP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wayne County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The \$80,000 5 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on Feb. 4 (V. 122, p. 509) were awarded to the Citizens' & Southern Co. of Atlanta at a premium of \$4,325, equal to 105.40, a basis of about 5.07%. Date Feb. 1 1926. Due as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1936 incl.; \$2,000, 1937 to 1941 incl.; \$3,000, 1942 to 1946 incl.; \$4,000, 1947 to 1951 incl., and \$5,000, 1952 to 1956 incl.

JOHNSTOWN, Weld County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—James H. Causey & Co. of Denver purchased, on Feb. 2, an issue of \$45,000 4 1/2% water line construction bonds. Due in 15 years, optional after 10 years.

JONES COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31 (P. O. Anson), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Feb. 9 the State Comptroller of Texas registered an issue of \$1,500 6% school bonds. Due in 5 to 20 yrs.

JOURDANTON, Atasca County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Mar. 6 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$40,000 street paving bonds.

KINGSPORT, Sullivan County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 5 1/2% water works bonds offered on Feb. 16—V. 122, p. 916—were awarded to I. B. Tigrett & Co. of Memphis and the Well, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati, jointly, at a premium of \$150, equal to 100.05, a basis of about 4.49%. Date Jan. 15 1926. Due Jan. 15 1946.

KIT CARSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Bethune) Colo.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$24,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds purchased by the International Trust Co. of Denver, subject to their being voted (V. 122, p. 779) are described as follows: Date March 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially. Interest payable semi-annually (M. & S.). Date of award, Feb. 1.

LA FERIA, Cameron County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$30,000 5 1/2% sewer bonds was registered by the State Comptroller of Texas on Feb. 10. Due serially.

LA FERIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cameron County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered an issue of \$45,000 5% school bonds on Feb. 3. Due serially.

LA GRANGE COUNTY (P. O. Lagrange), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 11 the following five issues of 4 1/2% road bonds, aggregating \$80,000, offered on that date—V. 122, p. 644—were awarded to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$1,632 30, equal to 102.04: \$10,000 Bloomfield Township bonds. | \$11,000 Eden Township bonds. 8,000 Newberry Township bonds. | 16,000 Eden Township bonds. 35,000 Newberry Township bonds.

LAKELAND, Polk County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The Well, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati has purchased an issue of \$156,000 5 1/2% water and light bonds. Date Feb. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1930, and \$25,000, 1932, 1937, 1940, 1945, 1948 and 1953. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York City.

LAKE MILLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Winnebago County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Jan. 27—V. 122, p. 377—the voters authorized the issuance of \$83,000 school bonds by a count of 376 for to 30 against.

LAKE OF THE WOODS COUNTY (P. O. Bandette), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The following bonds, aggregating \$114,000 offered on Feb. 9—V. 122, p. 509—were awarded to John Nuvien & Co. of Chicago as 6s at a premium of \$2,500, equal to 102.19, a basis of about 5.70%: \$58,000 drainage bonds. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1931 to 1938 incl., and \$6,000, 1939 to 1941 incl. 56,000 funding bonds. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1929 to 1937 incl., and \$5,000, 1938 to 1941 incl. Dated Feb. 1 1926.

LAKEVIEW, Montcalm County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 23 the \$18,000 5% coupon street impt. bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 377) were awarded to the Farmers & Merchants State Bank and the Commercial Savings Bank, both of Lakeview at 101.07, a basis of about 4.72%. Dated Feb. 1 1926. Due on Aug. 1 as follows: \$2,500, 1927 to 1931 incl.; \$1,500, 1932 to 1934 incl. and \$1,000, 1935.

LAKESWOOD, Chautauqua County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bid will be received until 8 p. m. Feb. 26 by Harry A. Sales, Village Clerk for the following two issues of coupon or registered water main bonds, aggregating \$59,928: \$26,928 6% first series bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1926. Due on Aug. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1926 to 1938 incl.; and \$28, 1939. 33,000 5% second series bonds. Dated March 1 1926. Due \$1,000 yearly from Aug. 1 1926 to 1938 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Bank of Jamestown, Jamestown. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York.

LANCASTER, Fairfield County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. March 10 by J. W. Barnes, City Auditor, for \$15,000 5% water extension bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Dated March 1 1926. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

LANYON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Webster County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The White-Phillips Co. of Davenport recently purchased an issue of \$34,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Date Mar. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1927; \$1,000, 1928 to 1933, incl., and \$2,000, 1934 to 1945, incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of the above named company. Legality approved by Chapman, Cutler & Parker of Chicago.

LARAMIE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Albany County, Wyo.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on March 15 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$150,000 school bonds. E. E. Fitch, District Clerk.

LA SALLE COUNTY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Cotulla), Tex.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for the \$7,331,000 irrigation dam bonds offered on Feb. 15—V. 122, p. 779—were rejected. The bonds will be reoffered.

LEE COUNTY (P. O. Sanford), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—John W. McIntosh, Register of Deeds, will receive sealed bids until Mar. 9 for \$60,000 road bonds.

LEON COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Centerville), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on Feb. 9 an issue of \$2,000 5% school bonds. Due in 20 years.

LINCOLN COUNTY (P. O. Lincolnton), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—J. E. Hoover, Register of Deeds, will receive sealed bids until March 1 for \$275,000 5% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

LITTLE ROCK, Pulaski County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—M. W. Elkins & Co. of Little Rock have purchased an issue of \$53,000 5 1/2% paving bonds. Due serially, 1927 to 1935, incl.

LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Little Rock) Pulaski County, Ark.—BOND OFFERING.—D. R. Fones, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until March 2 for \$246,000 school bonds.

LONG BEACH, Harrison County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 water bonds offered on Feb. 2—V. 122, p. 509—were awarded to S. L. McGlathery, of Pass Christian, as 5s. Due in 20 years.

LONG BEACH CITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 5% high school bonds offered on Feb. 15—V. 122, p. 779—were awarded to Banks, Huntley & Co. of Los Angeles, at a premium of \$10,872.72, equal to 104.34, a basis of about 4.61%. Dated March 1 1924. Due March 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1926, 1927, 1929, 1930, 1932 and 1933; \$6,000, 1928, 1931 and 1934; \$9,000, 1935, 1936, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1942, 1944 and 1952; \$8,000, 1937, 1940 and 1943; \$10,000, 1946, 1949, 1950, 1951 and 1953 and \$11,000, 1945, 1947, 1948 and 1954.

LONG BEACH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$300,000 5% coupon school bonds purchased by a syndicate composed of the Anglo London Paris Co., the Bank of Italy, and Hunter, Dulin & Co., all of San Francisco, at 102.77—V. 122, p. 645—are described as follows: Date Mar. 1 1924. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially 1927 to 1954 incl. Int. payable M. & S.

LOWER MERION TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ardmore) Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 17 the \$500,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 645) were awarded to M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia at 100.689, a basis of about 4.20%. Dated Feb. 1 1926. Due \$100,000 Feb. 1 1936, 1941, 1946 and 1951 and \$100,000 Aug. 1 1955.

LUBBOCK COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14 (P. O. Lubbock), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On February 10 the State Comptroller of Texas registered an issue of \$10,000 5% school bonds. Due serially.

LUBBOCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lubbock County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On February 8 the State Comptroller of Texas registered an issue of \$170,000 5% school bonds. Due serially.

McMINN COUNTY (P. O. Athens), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—W. A. Latham, Chairman County Court, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. March 3 for \$60,000 5% highway bonds. Due in 30 years.

Macon County (P. O. Oglethorpe), Ga.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 (not \$200,000) coupon road bonds offered on Feb. 10—V. 122, p. 779—were awarded to Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo as 4 1/4 at a discount of \$750, equal to 99.25. Date Jan. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially. Int. payable J. & J.

MADISON, Lake County, So. Dak.—BOND ELECTION.—On Feb. 23 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$25,000 water bonds. J. W. Emberg, City Auditor.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Madison), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—D. F. Burnett, Jr., Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Mar. 3 for \$241,000 5% coupon County bonds. Date July 1 1922. Denom. \$500. Prin. and int. payable at the National City Bank, New York City or at any bank in Madison. Legality approved by John C. Thomson, New York City. A certified check for 5% of the bid required.

MADRID INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Madrid), Boone County, Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Mar. 8 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$45,000 school bonds.

MALDEN, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$34,000 4 1/2% coupon sewerage bonds awarded on Oct. 8 to Harris, Forbes & Co., Inc., of Boston—V. 121, p. 1943—at 101.71, a basis of about 4.16%, are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1925. Int. M. & S. Due Sept. 1 1935.

MALDEN, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Curtis & Sanger of Boston purchased a \$200,000 temporary loan on a 3.81% discount basis plus a premium of \$25. Due Nov. 12 1926.

MALHEUR DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Ontario), Malheur County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Thomas W. Claggett, Secretary Board of Supervisors, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. March 17 for \$30,000 6% refunding bonds. Date Dec. 1 1925. Due \$5,000 Dec. 1 1938 to 1943, inclusive. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable at the County Treasurer's office or at the fiscal agency of the State of Oregon in New York City. Legality approved by Teal, Winfree, Johnson & McCulloch of Portland. A certified check for \$1,000 is required.

MANSFIELD, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 10 the \$100,000 5% water works bonds offered on that date—V. 122, p. 510—were awarded to the Farmers Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Mansfield at a premium of \$4,257.95, equal to 104.25, a basis of about 4.48%. Dated Jan. 1 1926. Due each six months as follows: \$3,000, April 1 1927; \$2,000, Oct. 1 1927; \$3,000, April 1 1928; \$2,000, Oct. 1 1928; \$3,000, April 1 1929; \$2,000, Oct. 1 1929; \$3,000, April 1 1930; \$2,000, Oct. 1 1930; \$3,000, April 1 1931; \$2,000, Oct. 1 1931; \$3,000, April 1 1932; \$2,000, Oct. 1 1932; \$3,000, April 1 1933; \$2,000, Oct. 1 1933; \$3,000, April 1 1934; \$2,000, Oct. 1 1934; \$3,000, April 1 1935; \$2,000, Oct. 1 1935; \$3,000, April 1 1936; \$2,000, Oct. 1 1936; \$3,000, April 1 1937; \$2,000, Oct. 1 1937; \$3,000, April 1 1938; \$2,000, Oct. 1 1938; \$3,000, April 1 1939; \$2,000, Oct. 1 1939.

Oct. 1 1939; \$3,000, April 1 1940; \$2,000, Oct. 1 1940; \$3,000, April 1 1941; \$2,000, Oct. 1 1941; \$3,000, April 1 1942; \$2,000, Oct. 1 1942; \$3,000, April 1 1943; \$2,000, Oct. 1 1943; \$3,000, April 1 1944; \$2,000, Oct. 1 1944; \$3,000, April 1 1945; \$2,000, Oct. 1 1945; \$3,000, April 1 1946, and \$2,000, Oct. 1 1946.

MARTIN COUNTY (P. O. Fairmont), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—W. M. Canfield, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Feb. 24 for \$6,698 93 county bonds. Denom. \$1,000. A certified check for 10% of amount bid required.

MARYLAND (State of)—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 11 the \$472,000 4 1/2% coupon (registerable as to principal only) general construction loan of 1924 bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 377) were awarded to Eldredge & Co. of New York at 103.172, a basis of about 4.10%. Dated Feb. 15 1926. Due on Feb. 15 as follows: \$27,000 1929, \$29,000 1930, \$30,000 1931, \$31,000 1932, \$33,000 1933, \$34,000 1934, \$36,000 1935, \$37,000 1936, \$39,000 1937, \$41,000 1938, \$43,000 1939, \$45,000 1940 and \$47,000 1941.

Following is a list of bids received:

Bidders	Rate Bid.
Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co., Baltimore; Baker, Watts & Co., Baltimore; Stein Brothers & Boyce, Baltimore	103.139
Alex. Brown & Sons, Baltimore	103.133
Jenkins, Whedbee & Poe, Baltimore; Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, New York	103.12
Barr Brothers & Co., New York	103.119
Redmond & Co., New York; Phelps, Fenn & Co., New York	103.119
National City Co., New York	102.9171
Guaranty Co. of New York	102.7799
Graham, Parsons & Co., New York	102.779

MEDFORD, Middlesex County, Mass.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 9 a. m. Feb. 19 by Edward A. Badger, City Treasurer, for \$100,000 4% coupon water main bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable in Boston. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1927 to 1936, incl., and \$6,000, 1937 to 1941, incl.

LOAN OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 9 a. m. Feb. 19 by Edward A. Badger, City Treasurer, for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$200,000 temporary loan. Denoms. \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Due Dec. 15 1926. The notes will be engraved under the supervision of the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

BOND SALE.—On Feb. 11 the \$25,000 4 1/2% coupon additional departmental equipment bonds offered on that date—V. 122, p. 917—were awarded to the National City Co. of New York at 100.61, a basis of about 4.04%. Dated Dec. 31 1925. Due \$5,000 yearly from Dec. 31 1926 to 1930, incl.

MENANDS, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Feb. 25 by John J. Mooney, Village Clerk, for \$13,000 5% registered canal bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the National Commercial Bank & Trust Co., Albany. Due \$1,000 yearly from Jan. 1 1927 to 1939, incl. Certified check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for required.

MERCER COUNTY (P. O. Trenton), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. March 2 by Walter C. Fowler, Clerk Board of Chosen Freeholders, for an issue of 4 1/2% coupon or registered road, bridge, drainage and general improvement bonds, not to exceed \$1,000,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$1,000,000. Denom. \$1,000. Dated March 1 1926. Prin. & semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable in gold at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$40,000 1927 to 1936, incl., and \$60,000 1937 to 1946, incl. Certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer required. Bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the county officials and the seal impressed thereon, and the legality of the bonds will be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York.

MITCHELL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Scotts Bluff County, Neb.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Feb. 26 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$150,000 school-building bonds. C. S. Campbell, Secretary Board of Education.

MONESSEN, Westmoreland County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. March 24 by John C. Lermann, City Clerk, for \$150,000 4 1/2% coupon (registered as to principal) city bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated March 1 1926. Interest M. & S. Due on March 1 as follows: \$10,000 1942, \$5,000 1944 and 1945, \$10,000 1946, \$15,000 1947 and 1948, \$10,000 1949, \$15,000 1950, \$5,000 1951 and 1952, \$10,000 1953, and \$15,000 1954 to 1956, inclusive. Certified check for \$5,000, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Legality will be approved by Moorhead & Knox of Pittsburgh.

MONMOUTH, Polk County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—Peirce, Fair & Co., of Portland, recently purchased an issue of \$19,210 50 improvement bonds.

MONROE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Monroe), Orange County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7 p. m. Feb. 23 by Fred L. Jacquemin, District Clerk, for \$175,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated April 1 1926. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable at the Citizens' Bank, Monroe. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1929, inclusive; \$2,000, 1930 to 1932, inclusive; \$3,000, 1933 to 1935, inclusive; \$4,000, 1936 to 1938, inclusive; \$5,000, 1939 to 1941, inclusive; \$6,000, 1942 to 1944, inclusive; \$7,000, 1945 to 1947, inclusive; \$8,000, 1948 to 1950, inclusive; \$9,000, 1951 to 1953, inclusive, and \$10,000, 1954 to 1957, inclusive. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds required.

MONTROSE, Montrose County, Colo.—BONDS OFFERED.—Dori Wittmeyer, City Clerk, received sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. Feb. 18 for \$30,000 city hall and library bonds. Due \$2,000 in 6 to 20 years. Bidders to name rate of interest.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Cabarrus County, No. Caro.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$20,000 6% street-improvement bonds purchased by R. S. Dickson & Co., Inc., of Gastonia (V. 122, p. 510) were purchased at a premium of \$350, equal to 101.75—a basis of about 5.96%. Date Oct. 1 1925. Due \$1,000, 1926 to 1945, inclusive. Interest payable A. & O. Date of award Jan. 12.

MUSCATINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Muscatine), Muscatine County, Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on March 8 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$275,000 school bonds.

NAMPA, Canyon County, Idaho.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 street improvement bonds offered on Feb. 8 (V. 122, p. 510) were awarded to the Childs Bond & Mortgage Co. of Boise and C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago at par as follows: \$15,000 maturing \$3,000 1932 to 1936 incl., as 5s, and \$35,000 maturing \$3,000 1937 to 1941 incl., and \$4,000 1942 to 1946 incl., as 4 1/4s. Date Feb. 1 1926. Following is a list of other bidders:

Bidders	Int. Rate.
Ryan, Sutherland & Co., Toledo	6% \$3,040.00 P.
Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati	5% 173.00 P.
W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo	5% 575.00 P.
N. S. Hill & Co., Cincinnati	5% 51.00 P.
Spitzer, Rorick & Co., Toledo	6% 263.00 P.
W. S. Bruce, Boise	4 1/2% 1,740.00 D.
Central Trust Co., Salt Lake City	4 1/2% 625.00 D.
G. W. Vallery & Co., Denver	5% 500.00 P.
G. W. Vallery & Co., Denver	4 1/2% 815.50 D.
	5% 94.50 P.
	4 1/2% 15.00 P.
	5 1/4% 343.50 P.
R. E. Campbell & Co., Los Angeles	5 1/4% 1,028.00 P.
	6% 2,316.00 P.
	4 1/2% 98.53 *
Benwell & Co., Denver	5% 100.909 *
E. H. Rollins & Sons, Denver	5 1/4% 102.72 *
	5 1/4% 103.72 *
C. W. McNear & Co., Chicago	4 1/2% 98.651 *
Childs Bond & Mortgage Co., Boise	5% 101.03 *

(P) Premium. (D) Discount. (*) Rate bids.

NATCHITOCHE PARISH DISTRICT NO. A-1 (P. O. Natchitoches), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 5 1/2% public improvement

bonds offered on Feb. 1—V. 122, p. 243—were awarded to David Robison & Co., Inc., of Toledo, and the Securities Sales Co., of Louisiana, Inc., of New Orleans, jointly, at a premium of \$3,645, equal to 102.43. Date Feb. 1 1926. Due serially 1927 to 1946, inclusive.

NELSON, Nuckolls County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—Burns, Brinker & Co. of Omaha, recently purchased an issue of \$23,000 4 3/4% refunding bonds.

NEW HAVEN, New Haven County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 11 the following four issues of 4 3/4% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only or as to both principal and interest) bonds, aggregating \$550,000 offered on that date—V. 122, p. 780—were awarded to Estabrook & Co. of Boston and Putnam & Co. of Hartford at 101.82, a basis of about 4.09%:

- \$200,000 street pavement bonds. Due \$10,000 yearly from March 15 1931 to 1938, inclusive, and \$15,000 March 15 1939 to 1946, incl. sewer bonds. Due \$5,000 yearly from March 15 1931 to 1952, inclusive, and \$10,000 March 15 1953 to 1956, inclusive.
- 100,000 lighthouse point acquirement and development, third series bonds. Due \$5,000 yearly from March 15 1931 to 1950, inclusive.
- 100,000 municipal golf course bonds. Due \$5,000 yearly from March 15 1931 to 1950, inclusive.

Dated March 15 1926.
Financial Statement (as Officially Reported).

Assessed valuation	\$300,530,727
Total debt (including this issue)	11,709,000
Sinking fund	713,800
Net debt (3.6%)	\$10,995,200
Population, 1920 Census, 162,519.	

NEW HUDSON (P. O. Black Creek), Allegany County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 25 the Cuba National Bank of Cuba purchased an issue of \$4,000 4 3/4% coupon bonds at a premium of \$23 05, equal to 100.57, a basis of about 4.50%. Due \$1,000 Feb. 1 1927 to 1930 incl.

NEW LEIPZIG, Grant County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The Bank of North Dakota of Bismarck has purchased an issue of \$6,500 community hall bonds.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—\$75,000,000 of Corporate Stock and Serial Bonds Sold by City.—A syndicate composed of the National City Co.; First National Bank, N. Y.; Bankers Trust Co.; Guaranty Co. of N. Y.; Brown Bros. & Co.; Kissel, Kinnicut & Co.; Lee, Higginson & Co.; Equitable Trust Co. of N. Y.; Lazard Freres; J. & W. Seligman & Co.; William R. Compton Co.; Guardian Detroit Co., Inc.; Redmond & Co.; Remick, Hodges & Co.; Illinois Merchants Trust Co. of Chicago; Dominick & Dominick; First Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago; Eldredge & Co.; Ames, Emerich & Co.; Eastman, Dillon & Co.; L. F. Rothschild & Co.; Chas. D. Barney & Co.; The Detroit Co., Inc.; Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc.; The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh; Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh; Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston; Northern Trust Co. of Chicago; Scholle Bros.; American Trust Co.; Clark Williams & Co.; The Coal & Iron National Bank; Robert Winthrop & Co.; F. B. Keech & Co.; Sutro Bros. & Co.; R. W. Pressprich & Co., and Howe, Snow & Berties, Inc., on Feb. 16 was awarded the following 4 3/4% bonds offered on that date—V. 122, p. 780—at a premium of \$794,176, equal to 101.0589, a basis of about 4.18%:

- Corporate Stock—
- \$28,000,000 of corporate stock for the construction of rapid transit railroads.
- 17,000,000 of corporate stock to provide for the supply of water.
- Due Feb. 15 1976. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A. 15) payable in gold in the City of New York. Issued in coupon or registered form in denominations of \$1,000.
- Serial Bonds—
- 30,000,000 in serial bonds to provide for schools and various municipal purposes, payable both as to prin. and int. in gold in the City of New York in series maturing 1 to 40 years as described below:

- \$2,200,000, 10 equal ann. installments, Feb. 15 1927 to 1936 incl. (\$2,000,000 for schools and \$200,000 for various purposes).
- 7,800,000, 15 equal ann. installments, Feb. 15 1927 to 1941 incl. (\$5,800,000 for schools and \$2,000,000 for various purposes).
- 20,000,000, 40 equal ann. installments, Feb. 15 1927 to 1966 incl. (\$17,700,000 for schools and \$2,300,000 for various purposes).

Issued in coupon or registered form in denominations of \$1,000.

The bankers re-offered the bonds at prices to yield 3.75% for the 1927 maturity, 3.85% for 1928, 4% for 1929, 4.05% for 1930 and 1931, 4.10% for 1932 and 1933, 4.125% for 1934 and 1935 maturities, and 4.15% for all other maturities, including the corporate stock. The following is a complete list of bidders:

Name of Bidder—	Amt. Bid.	Bid Price
M. Berardini State Bank	c\$1,000,000	100.75
	Due 1927 to 1966.	
	d100,000	100.20
	d100,000	100.25
	d100,000	100.30
	d100,000	100.35
	d100,000	100.40
	d100,000	100.45
	d100,000	100.50
	d100,000	100.55
	d100,000	100.60
	d100,000	100.65
	e1,000,000	100.0913
	Due 1927 to 1936.	
	a e75,000,000	100.00
	b e75,000,000	100.035
	c e2,200,000	100.35
	Due 1927 to 1936.	
	c7,800,000	100.35
	Due 1927 to 1941.	
	d200,000	100.80
	d200,000	100.85
	d200,000	100.90
	d200,000	100.95
	d200,000	101.00
	e1,400,000	101.223
	Due 1927 to 1966.	
	b d45,000,000	100.7899
	b c30,000,000	100.7899
	a d45,000,000	100.03
	a c30,000,000	100.03
	d1,000,000	100.125
	a d45,000,000	100.00
	a c30,000,000	100.00
	d100,000	100.75
	d100,000	100.85
	d100,000	100.95
	d100,000	101.05
	d100,000	101.15
	b c30,000,000	100.53
	b d75,000,000	101.0589
	b d45,000,000	101.161
	a e75,000,000	100.00
	a d45,000,000	100.00
	a c30,000,000	100.00
	I. M. Levy	50.00
	c100,000	100.00
	First National Bank of Brooklyn	100.00
	Due 1966.	
	d20,000	100.80
	d20,000	100.00
	Total	\$692,090,000

a Indicates "all or any part." b Indicates "all or none." c Serial bonds. d Corporate stock. e Corporate stock and serial bonds.

NEWPORT, Newport County, R. I.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On Feb. 11 Salomon Bros. & Hutzler of Boston purchased a \$100,000 tem-

porary loan on a 3.79% discount basis plus a premium of \$3. Denom. \$10,000. Dated Feb. 15 1926. Due Sept. 1 1926. The notes will be certified as to genuineness by the First National Bank, Boston. Payable at the First National Bank, Boston. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

NEWPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Campbell County, Ky.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. March 8 by E. Gerhardt, Business Director Board of Education, for \$325,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Date Jan. 1 1926. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$40,000 in 1931, 1936, 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956 and 1961 and \$45,000 in 1966. The first \$40,000 maturity will be delivered immediately and the remainder at such time and in such amounts as the Board of Education may from time to time determine, all, however, to be delivered not later than Sept. 1 1927. A certified check for 5% of \$40,000 and in case more are bid for, a bond that the purchaser will comply with his bid.

NEWTON COUNTY (P. O. Kentland), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 15 the \$10,960 5% coupon or registered Jackson Township road bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 917) were awarded to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$368 80, equal to 103.36. Dated Feb. 15 1926. Interest M. & N. Due serially 1 to 10 years.

NEWTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Newton), Jasper County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on Feb. 11 the voters authorized the issuance of \$170,000 school bonds by a 5 to 1 majority. B. C. Berg, Superintendent of Schools.

NORCROSS, Gwinnett County, Ga.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$30,000 water works bonds purchased by the Citizens & Southern Co., of Atlanta, at par—V. 122, p. 780—are described as follows: Date Nov. 1 1925. Denom. \$500. Due \$6,000 Nov. 1 1930, 1935, 1940, 1945 and 1950. Principal and interest (M. & N.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City.

Financial Statement.

Actual values, estimated	\$1,100,000
Assessed values 1925	596,062
Total bonded debt (including this issue)	38,000
Population (estimated)	1,200

The total bonded debt of this city is limited by the constitution of the State to 7% of the assessed valuation.

NORTHAMPTON, Hampshire County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—S. N. Bond & Co., of Boston, purchased on Feb. 9 a \$250,000 temporary loan on a 3.88% discount basis, interest to follow. Dated Feb. 11 1926. Due Nov. 4 1926.

NORWICH, New London County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. to-day (Feb. 20) by Charles S. Avery, City Treasurer, for \$525,000 4 3/4% coupon water bonds. Dated Mar. 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable either in Boston or New York at the option of the holder in gold coin of the United States of America or of equal to the present standard of weight and fineness. Due \$15,000 yearly from Mar. 1 1931 to 1965 incl.

NORMAN, Cleveland County, Okla.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Feb. 23 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$135,000 school bonds.

NORMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cleveland County, Okla.—BOND ELECTION.—On Feb. 23 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$135,000 high school building bonds.

OAKDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Oakdale), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 8 the \$50,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 510) were awarded to M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia. Dated Feb. 15 1926. Due on Feb. 15 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1936, inclusive; \$2,000, 1937 to 1953, inclusive, and \$3,000, 1954 and 1955. Legality approved by Saul, Ewing, Remick & Saul, of Philadelphia.

OKEECHOBEE, Okeechobee County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. March 22 by R. F. Fletcher, City Clerk, for \$210,000 6% municipal improvement bonds. Date Feb. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the Bank of Okeechobee, Okeechobee, or at the American Exchange-Pacific National Bank, New York. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$21,000, 1946 to 1954, inclusive, and \$26,000 in 1955. Certified check for \$1,000, payable to H. H. De Yarnan, President of City Council, is required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, New York City.

OLYMPIA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hollister), San Benito County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,000 6% school bonds offered on Feb. 1—V. 122, p. 510—were awarded to A. M. Runnells, of Hollister, at a premium of \$53, equal to 101.76, a basis of about 5.40%. Date Jan. 1 1926. Due \$500 Jan. 1 1927 to 1932, incl.

ONEIDA, Madison County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 4 p. m. Mar. 2 by E. S. Silverman, City Clerk, for \$50,227 10 1/4% registered paving Series W-2 bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$22 71. Dated Mar. 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of the City Chamberlain. Due \$5,022 71 yearly from Mar. 1 1927 to 1936 incl. Certified check for \$2,000, payable to the City Chamberlain, required. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon of New York.

OSSINING, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 10 the \$48,000 4 3/4% coupon paving bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 781) were awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield, of New York, at 100.97—a basis of about 4.35%. Dated Feb. 1 1926. Due \$5,000 yearly from Feb. 1 1927 to 1942, inclusive.

OTTUMWA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wapello County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. March 10 by the Secretary Board of Education for \$300,000 4 3/4% coupon school bonds. Dated April 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$20,000 April 1 1932 to 1946 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the National Bank of the Republic, Chicago. A certified check for \$1,500, payable to the School District, required.

OYSTER BAY (TOWN) COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 16 the \$218,000 4 3/4% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal and interest) school bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 781) were awarded to R. F. De Vos & Co. of New York at a premium of \$3,115 22, equal to 101.42, basis of about 4.38%. Dated Feb. 1 1926. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1927; \$5,000, 1928 to 1932 incl.; \$6,000, 1933 to 1937 incl.; \$8,000, 1938 to 1943 incl.; \$9,000, 1944 to 1950 incl., and \$10,000, 1951 to 1955 incl.

PACIFIC JUNCTION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, (P. O. Pacific Junction) Mills County, Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on March 8 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$15,000 school bonds.

PALM BEACH COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. West Palm Beach), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 6% school bonds offered on Nov. 21 (V. 121, p. 2436) were awarded to a syndicate composed of Seasongood & Mayer, the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., both of Cincinnati, and Prudden & Co. of Toledo, at a premium of \$5,000, equal to 101, a basis of about 5.91%. Date July 1 1925. Due \$15,000 1927 to 1938 incl., and \$20,000 1939 to 1954 incl.

PALM BEACH COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. West Palm Beach), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$175,000 6% school bonds offered on Nov. 21 (V. 121, p. 2436) were awarded to a syndicate composed of Seasongood & Mayer, the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., both of Cincinnati, and Prudden & Co. of Toledo, at a discount of \$3,325, equal to 98.10, a basis of about 6.20%. Date July 1 1925. Due \$6,000 1927 to 1947 incl., and \$7,000 1948 to 1954 incl.

PALMER, Hampden County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Feb. 24 by the Town Treasurer for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$75,000 temporary loan. Due Nov. 26 1926.

PALMER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Easton), Northampton County, Pa.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 12 m. Feb. 17 by Lee W. Sexton, Secretary Board of Directors, for \$25,000 5 1/2% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 15 1926. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the National Bank, Nazareth. Due Jan. 15 1946, optional Jan. 15 1941. All legal opinions as to the validity of the bonds are to be made at the expense of the purchaser.

PALO VERDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Riverside), Riverside County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Mar. 1 by the County Clerk for \$60,000 6% school bonds. Due serially 1929 to 1948 inclusive.

OREGON (State of).—BIDS.—Following is a list of the other bidders for the \$2,000,000 Oregon Veterans' State Aid Gold Series No. 5 bonds awarded on Feb. 3 to a syndicate composed of Eastman, Dillon & Co., and Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., both of New York, and Ferris & Hardgrove of Portland at par as follows: \$500,000 maturing in 1928 as 4s and \$1,500,000 maturing \$250,000 in 1930, \$500,000 in 1931 and 1932, and \$250,000 in 1933 as 4 1/4s—V. 122, p. 781.

Table with columns: Bidders, Amount of Bonds, Due, Interest Rate, Rate Bid, Net Yield. Includes entries for Harris Trust & S. B., Chic; The National City Co. of California, San Fran; A. M. Wright, Portland; Bankers Trust Co., N. Y.; Blodgett & Co., Boston; Ferris & Hardgrove, Portland; Blair & Co., Inc., N. Y.; Peirce, Fair & Co., Portland; Geo. H. Burr, Conrad & Broom, Inc., Portland; Redfield & Wood, Portland; Detroit Co., Inc., Detroit; reeman, Smith & Camp Co., Portland; R. W. Pressprich & Co., N. Y.; Equitable Trust Co. of N. Y.; W. A. Harriman & Co., N. Y.; A. M. Lamport & Co., N. Y.

Date Jan. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 1 to 5 years. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in gold at the Bank of Clearwater. A certified check for 2% of amount bid, payable to the Clerk, Circuit Court, required.

PITTSFIELD, Berkshire, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The First National Bank of Boston purchased a \$200,000 temporary loan on a 3.81% discount basis plus a premium of \$12. Due Nov. 12 1926.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY (P. O. Plymouth), Mass.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 16 the National Shawmut Corporation purchased an issue of \$82,000 4 1/4% coupon highway bonds at 101.23, a basis of about 3.99%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the Second National Bank, Boston. Due on Feb. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1927 and 1928 and \$8,000, 1929 to 1936 incl.

POLK COUNTY (P. O. Bartow), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—J. D. Raulerson, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until Mar. 10 for \$65,000 6% road bonds.

POLK COUNTY (P. O. Des Moines), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Allen Munn, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. March 15 for \$335,000 4 1/4% road refunding bonds. Due May 1 as follows: \$85,000 1940 and \$50,000 1941 to 1945, inclusive. Legality approved by Chapman, Cutler & Parker, of Chicago. A certified check for \$10,000 required.

PORTLAND, Cumberland County, Me.—LOAN OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Feb. 23, by John R. Gilmartin, city treasurer, for the purchase on a discount basis of a temporary loan of \$300,000 in anticipation of taxes for the year 1926. Notes thereof will be dated Feb. 26, 1926 and payable Oct. 4 1926 at the First National Bank of Boston. The notes will be in denominations to suit the purchaser, and in submitting bids the denominations desired should be stated. The notes will be ready for delivery Feb. 26 1926 at the First National Bank, Boston, and will be certified as to genuineness, and validly by said bank under advice of Ropes Gray, Boydon & Perkins, and all legal papers incident to the loan will be filed with said bank, where they may be inspected at any time.

PORTLAND, Multnomah County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Geo. R. Punk, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. March 2 for \$2,000,000 4% coupon bonds. Date March 1 1926. Due \$100,000 March 1 1937 to 1956, inclusive. Principal and interest (M. & S.) payable at the City Treasurer's office or at the fiscal agency in New York City. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston. A certified check, payable to the city, for 5% of amount bid, required.

BOND SALE.—Carl G. Liebe and Abe Tichner, both of Portland, jointly, purchased on Feb. 3 the following 6% public improvement bonds aggregating \$222,612, as follows: \$33,000 improvement bonds at 106.02, a basis of about 5.22%; 30,000 improvement bonds at 105.91, a basis of about 5.24%; 40,000 improvement bonds at 105.84, a basis of about 5.24%; 40,000 improvement bonds at 105.77, a basis of about 5.25%; 40,000 improvement bonds at 105.86, a basis of about 5.24%; 39,612 improvement bonds at 105.72, a basis of about 5.26%.

Dated Jan. 1 1926. Due Jan. 1 1936, but are callable at any time and will probably run for four years. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the City Treasurer's office.

RAINIER, Columbia County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The Astoria Savings Bank, of Astoria, purchased on Feb. 1 the following 6% improvement bonds aggregating \$53,795.38, at par: \$40,569.78 Series "E" improvement bonds, 10,517.45 Series "D" improvement bonds, 2,708.15 Series "C" improvement bonds.

RICHMOND COUNTY (P. O. Augusta), Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. March 2 by H. A. Norrell, Clerk Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues, for \$750,000 4 1/4% road bonds. Date Jan 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Coupon bonds (registerable as to principal only or as to both principal and interest). Due \$25,000 Dec. 31 1926 to 1955, inclusive. Principal and interest (J. 30-Dec. 31) payable at the County Treasurer's office, the Georgia Railroad Bank, Augusta, or at the American Exchange-Pacific National Bank, New York City, at option of holder. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of and certified as to their genuineness by the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston. Bonds will be delivered at Augusta or at the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, at purchaser's option. A certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company, payable to the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues, for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, required.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—NOTES OFFERED.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Feb. 19 by J. C. Wilson, City Comptroller, for the following six issues of Rochester notes, aggregating \$1,550,000: \$600,000 general revenue, as per ordinance of the Common Council Feb. 9 1926. 500,000 local improvement, as per ordinance of the Common Council Jan. 12 1926. 200,000 subway railroad construction, as per ordinance of the Common Council Mar. 24 1925. 100,000 municipal hospital, as per ordinance of the Common Council Sept. 8 1925. 75,000 municipal building construction, as per ordinance of the Common Council Aug. 25 1925. 75,000 municipal building construction, as per ordinance of the Common Council Feb. 9 1926.

General revenue notes will be made payable three months from Feb. 25 1926; other five issues of notes will be payable eight months from Feb. 25 1926 at the Central Union Trust Co., N. Y. City; will be drawn with interest, and will be delivered at the Central Union Trust Co., N. Y. City, Feb. 25 1926. Bidder to name rate of interest, designate denominations desired, and to whom (not bearer) notes shall be made payable. No bids will be accepted at less than par.

ROCKWOOD, Somerset County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Feb. 27 by S. G. Walter, Borough Secretary, for \$16,500 4 1/4% coupon borough bonds. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Dated July 1 1925. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the Borough Treasurer's office. Due July 1 1950, optional July 1 1930. Certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for required.

ROME, Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Lynn C. Butts, City Treasurer, will sell at public auction at 11 a. m. Feb. 27 \$141,996.44, not exceeding 6% registered assessment bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$499.11. Dated Jan. 15 1926. Principal payable at the office of the City Treasurer in New York exchange. Due \$35,499.11 yearly from Jan. 15 1927 to 1930, inclusive. Sealed bids will also be received by the City Treasurer at his office in city hall until 10.45 a. m. on the same date. A certified check for \$2,500 payable to the city required. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon of New York. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser on March 10 1926.

RUSK COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 30 (P. O. Henderson), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Feb. 9 the State Comptroller of Texas registered an issue of \$1,300 5% school bonds. Due in 10 to 20 years.

ST. GEORGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. St. George), Washington County, Utah.—BOND SALE.—Edward L. Burton & Co., of Salt Lake City, recently purchased an issue of \$30,000 refunding bonds.

ST. LOUIS PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hennepin County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—A. H. Carlstrom, Chairman Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. Feb. 24 for \$35,000 not exceeding 5% coupon school bonds. Date Mar. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1933 to 1935 incl.; \$3,000, 1936 and 1937; \$4,000, 1938, and \$19,000 in 1939. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at a place to be designated by purchaser. Legality approved by Lancaster, Simpson, Junell & Dorsey of Minneapolis. A certified check for \$1,750 is required.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY (P. O. Leonardstown), Md.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 9 Nelson, Cook & Co., Baker, Watts & Co. and Townsend Scott & Son, all of Baltimore, jointly purchased at public auction an issue of \$18,000 road bonds at 102.

SALEM, Marion County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The Hatrem-Nelson Co. of Portland has purchased an issue of \$32,818.47 6% improvement bonds at 105.37. Interest payable F. & A.

PEASE TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Martin's Ferry), Blount County, O.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 2, the \$4,592.55 5% school bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 511) were awarded to the Ohio Teachers Retirement System at a premium of \$22, equal to 100.47, a basis of about 4.395%. Date March 1 1926. Due \$592.55 Sept. 1 1927 and \$500 yearly from Sept. 1 1928 to 1935 incl.

PENNINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Rapid City), So. Dak.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on March 23 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$490,000 funding bonds.

PHILLIPS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 (P. O. Valleytown), Mont.—BOND SALE.—The State Board of Land Commissioners has purchased an issue of \$4,500 6% school bonds at par. Dated Jan. 1 1926. Due in 20 years, optional after 5 years.

PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Phoenix), Maricopa County, Ariz.—BOND SALE POSTPONED.—The sale of the \$80,000 5% school bonds scheduled to be offered on Feb. 16—V. 122, p. 918—has been indefinitely postponed.

PIGGOTT, Clay County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—I. B. Tigrett & Co., of Nashville, has purchased an issue of \$11,000 6% funding bonds at a premium of \$50, equal to 100.45.

PINELLAS COUNTY (P. O. Clearwater), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—K. B. O'Quinn, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Mar. 2 for \$150,000 6% court house and jail bonds.

SALEM CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Salem), Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 11 the \$35,400 5% coupon school building improvement bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 511) were awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit at a premium of \$807, equal to 102.27, a basis of about 4.58%. Dated Sept. 1 1925. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,400 1926 and \$3,000 1927 to 1937, inclusive.

SALINA, Saline County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. E. Banker, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. Feb. 22 for \$13,776 29 4/4% internal improvement bonds. Date Nov. 1 1925. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,176 29, 1926, and \$1,400, 1927 to 1935 incl. A certified check for 2% of amount bid required.

SAUK VALLEY TOWNSHIP (P. O. Williston), Williams County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000 6% township hall bonds offered on Feb. 3—V. 122, p. 647—were awarded to the W. B. De Nault Co. of Jamestown at par. Date Feb. 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due Feb. 6 1946. In above reference the caption was incorrectly given as "Tank Valley Twp. No. Dak."

SCHUYLER (P. O. Herkimer), Herkimer County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 11 the \$60,000 5% coupon highway improvement bonds offered at public auction on that date (V. 122, p. 647) were awarded to the Herkimer National Bank of Herkimer at 103.90—a basis of about 4.59%. Dated March 1 1926. Due \$3,000 yearly from March 1 1927 to 1946, incl.

SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—H. W. Carroll, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. March 19 for \$2,000,000 not exceeding 6% coupon municipal light and power bonds. Date April 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$100,000, 1937 to 1956 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in gold coin of the United States, of the present standard of weight and fineness, at the City Treasurer's office, or at the fiscal agency of the State of Washington, in New York City. Legality to be approved by John O. Thomson, of New York City. A certified check drawn upon a national bank or trust company, for 2% of amount of bid, required.

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. March 4 for \$1,250,000 not exceeding 5% coupon school bonds. Date May 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially 1928 to 1951, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest 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.

In V. 122, p. 918, we incorrectly reported the date of this offering as March 24.

SHEFFIELD, Colbert County, Ala.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on March 15 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$75,000 hospital bonds.

SHERMAN, Grayson County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—J. A. Henderson, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. March 15 for \$100,000 4 3/4% street improvement bonds.

SHONGALOO SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 19 (P. O. Minden), Webster Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—The \$65,000 school bonds offered on Feb. 16 (V. 122, p. 512) were awarded to the City Savings Bank & Trust Co., of Shreveport, and the Interstate Trust & Banking Co., of New Orleans, jointly, as 5 3/4s, at a premium of \$625, equal to 100.96. Dated Feb. 15 1926.

SILVERTON, Marion County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 5% sewer refunding bonds offered on Feb. 9—V. 122, p. 781—were awarded to the First National Bank of Silverton at a premium of \$262, equal to 101.04. Dated March 1 1926.

SOMERSET BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Somerset), Somerset County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 11 the \$100,000 4 3/4% coupon school bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 647) were awarded to the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh at a premium of \$1,391, equal to 101.39, a basis of about 4.34%. Dated Feb. 1 1926. Due \$10,000 yearly from Feb. 1 1932 to 1941, inclusive. Other bidders were:

Table with 4 columns: Bidders, Premium, Bidders, Premium. Includes S. M. Vockel & Co., Graham, Parsons & Co., National City Co. of New York, J. H. Holmes & Co., M. M. Freeman Co., Mellon National Bank.

SOUTH BEND SCHOOL CITY (P. O. South Bend), St. Joseph County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 16 the \$300,000 4 3/4% coupon school improvement bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 779) were awarded to Paime, Webber & Co. and the Federal Securities Corporation, both of Chicago, jointly, at a premium of \$11,506, equal to 103.83—a basis of about 4.15%. Dated March 1 1926. Due \$30,000 yearly from March 1 1936 to 1945, inclusive.

SOUTH GREENSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Greensburg), Westmoreland County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. Feb. 23 by Thomas Barnes, Secretary Board of Directors, for \$97,000 4 3/4% coupon school bonds. Dated March 1 1926. Certified check for \$5,000 required.

SOUTHERN PINES, Moore County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$55,000 coupon (convertible into fully registered bonds) water and street bonds offered on Jan. 28 (V. 122, p. 379) were awarded to Prudential Co. of Toledo as 5 1/2s at a premium of \$77, equal to 100.14—a basis of about 5.49%. Date Dec. 1 1925. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 and \$2,000, 1929 to 1955, inclusive.

SPALDING SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Spalding), Greeley County, Neb.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Feb. 23 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$30,000 school bonds.

SPRINGVILLE, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 10 the \$15,000 coupon electric light and power bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 782) were awarded to the Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo as 4 3/4s at 100.46, a basis of about 4.63%. Dated Jan. 1 1926. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1927 to 1932, inclusive, and \$3,000 1933.

SPRINGWELLS TOWNSHIP UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fordson), Mich.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 17 the \$480,000 school bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 919) were awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. and the Guardian Trust Co., both of Detroit, jointly, at a premium of \$7,896, equal to 101.64. Dated May 15 1925. Due serially in 30 years.

STAMFORD, Fairfield County, Conn.—LOAN OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 12 m. Feb. 19 by Leroy J. Holly, City Treasurer, for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$200,000 temporary loan. Denom. \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Dated Feb. 25 1926. Due Oct. 7 1926. The notes will be certified as to genuineness by the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston.

STARKE COUNTY (P. O. Knox), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. March 3 by Elmer Masher, County Treasurer, for \$9,276 88 6% drainage bonds.

STEPHEN, Marshall County, Minn.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Feb. 24 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$14,000 refunding bonds.

SWAINSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT, Emanuel County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—John W. Giddens, Secretary Board of Trustees, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Mar. 8 for \$40,000 5% school bonds. Denomination \$1,000. Due \$2,000 Jan. 1 1927 to 1946 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in N. Y. City. A certified check for \$250 required.

SYLVAN GROVE, Lincoln County, Kan.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$12,500 4 3/4% coupon water works bonds purchased at par by the State School Fund Commission—V. 122, p. 782—are described as follows: Date Oct. 1 1925. Denom. \$500. Due serially. Int. payable A. & O. Date of award Sept. 10 1925.

TABOR, Columbus County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 6% coupon water and street bonds offered on Feb. 10 (V. 122, p. 647) were awarded to Slayton & Co., of Toledo, at a premium of \$400, equal to 100.53—a basis of about 5.95%. Date Jan. 1 1926. Due \$2,000, 1927 to 1936, inclusive; \$3,000, 1937 to 1946, inclusive, and \$5,000, 1947 to 1951, inclusive.

TERRELL COUNTY (P. O. Dawson), Ga.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Feb. 11 (V. 122, p. 512) the voters authorized the issuance of \$300,000 road bonds.

THURSTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 31 (P. O. Olympia), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$19,000 coupon school bonds offered on Feb. 6—V. 122, p. 647—were awarded to the State of Washington as 4 3/4s.

TUSCARAWAS COUNTY (P. O. New Philadelphia), Ohio.—BOND SALE NOT COMPLETED.—The sale of the following three issues of 5% coupon road improvement bonds reported sold to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit on Nov. 22 at 101.59, a basis of about 4.50%—V. 122, p. 512—was not completed as the Detroit Trust Co. refused to accept the bonds: \$59,723 83 I. C. H. No. 415 Section "A" road improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$11,723 83, 1927 and \$12,000, 1928 to 1931, inclusive.

70,906 89 I. C. H. No. 506 Section "A-2" road improvement bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$13,906 89, 1927; \$14,000, 1928; \$15,000, 1929; \$14,000, 1930 and 1931.

92,186 61 I. C. H. No. 352 Section "I" road improvement bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$18,186 61, 1927; \$18,000, 1928; \$19,000, 1929; \$18,000, 1930; \$19,000, 1931. Date Dec. 1 1925.

BONDS RE-OFFERED AND SOLD.—The above issues of bonds have since been re-offered and sold to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo, at a premium of \$2,128, equal to 100.95, a basis of about 4.70%.

TYLER, Smith County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Mar. 12 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing 2 issues of bonds, aggregating \$50,000, one for the erection of an auditorium and the other for paving.

UNDERWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Pottawattamie County, Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on March 8 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$75,000 school bonds.

UNION (TOWN) UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 5, Broome County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Feb. 24 by F. Bates White, Clerk Board of Education, for \$100,000, not exceeding 6% coupon or registered Harry L. Johnson School House Extension bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness or its equivalent in lawful money of the United States, in New York exchange, at the Workers Trust Co., Johnson City, N. Y. Due Dec. 1 1925 to 1934 incl. A certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, required.

VENTURA, Ventura County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 5% sewer bonds offered on Feb. 15 (V. 122, p. 919) were awarded to the First Securities Co. of Los Angeles at a premium of \$1,541, equal to 103.08.

VERNON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 7 (P. O. Durand), Shiawassee County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 9 the \$78,000 refunding bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 782) were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc. of Toledo as 4 3/4s at a premium of \$1,026, equal to 101.31. Dated not later than June 1 1926. Due serially 1927 to 1950 incl. In the above reference we reported the amount of bonds to be offered as \$77,000.

VINTON INDEPENDENT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Benton County, Iowa.—BOND SALE—CORRECTION.—We are now informed that the report in V. 122, p. 782, of a sale of \$93,000 4 3/4% school bonds to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co., of Davenport, was erroneous.

WAITE PARK, Stearns County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The Northwestern Trust Co. of Minneapolis recently purchased an issue of \$20,000 4 3/4% water works bonds at a premium of \$400, equal to 102. These bonds were voted at the election held on Feb. 4—V. 122, p. 647.

WALLINGFORD, New Haven County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. March 11 by William J. Lum, Town Treasurer, for \$80,000 4 3/4% coupon (registered as to principal) funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the First National Bank of Wallingford, or at the National Park Bank, New York, at holder's option. Due \$4,000 yearly from Jan. 1 1931 to 1950 incl.

WARE, Hampshire County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The First National Bank of Boston purchased a \$100,000 temporary loan on a 3.89% discount basis plus a premium of \$6.

WARRENTON, Warren County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—S. M. Gardner, Register of Deeds, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. March 15 for \$20,000 5% township road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. A certified check for \$500 is required.

WARSAW (P. O. Warsaw) Wyoming County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Wyoming Banking Co. of Wyoming has purchased an issue of \$15,000 5% highway bonds at 101.81.

WAUCHULA, Hardee County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$110,000 6% City Hall and sewer extension bonds offered on Jan. 23—V. 122, p. 513—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Bank of Wauchula, the Carlton Bank, and B. Vance, all of Wauchula, and Spitzer, Rorick & Co., of Toledo, at 97, a basis of about 6.28%. Dated Nov. 2 1925. Due Nov. 2, as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1930 incl.; \$2,000, 1931 to 1935 incl.; \$3,000, 1936 to 1940 incl.; \$4,000, 1941 to 1945 incl.; \$5,000, 1946 to 1950 incl.; \$7,000, 1951 to 1954 incl.; and \$8,000 in 1955.

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Monticello), Ky.—BOND ELECTION.—On March 27 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$300,000 road bonds. H. Roberts, County Judge.

WELLESLEY, Norfolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Estabrook & Co. of Boston purchased on Feb. 15 a \$125,000 temporary loan on a 3.83% discount basis plus a premium of \$275. Due Nov. 5 1926.

WICHITA, Sedgewick County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The First Trust Co. of Wichita recently purchased an issue of \$455,000 internal improvement bonds at a premium of \$4,282 17, equal to 100.94.

WICHITA COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 13 (P. O. Wichita Falls), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Feb. 9 the State Comptroller of Texas registered an issue of \$1,400 6% school bonds. Due serially.

WILDERNESS MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT (P. O. Summerville), Nicholas County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.—The State Sinking Fund has purchased an issue of \$90,000 5% coupon road bonds at par. Date Sept. 1 1925. Due \$3,000 1926 to 1955 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the State Treasurer's office, or at the National City Bank, N. Y. City, at option of holder. These are the bonds scheduled for sale on Nov. 9, but not sold on that date—V. 121, p. 2553.

WILLIAMS COUNTY (P. O. Bryan), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 10 the \$37,800 5% Wabash grade crossing elimination bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 513) were awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit at a premium of \$1,518, equal to 104.01, a basis of about 4.95%. Dated July 10 1925. Due on Sept. 10 as follows: \$1,800, 1926, and \$2,000, 1927 to 1944 inclusive.

WINLOCK, Lewis County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$7,500 fire equipment bond offered on Feb. 2 (V. 122, p. 648) were awarded to the Security Bank & Trust Co. of Olympia as 6s at a premium of \$5, equal to 100.06. Dated Feb. 1 1926.

WINTER PARK, Orange County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$234,000 improvement bonds offered on Jan. 28—V. 122, p. 380—were awarded to the Bank of Winter Park as 6s at par. Date Jan. 1 1926. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$23,000 1927 to 1935, inclusive, and \$27,000 in 1936.

WOODBURY COUNTY (P. O. Sioux City), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The Iowa Loan & Trust Co. and Rinheim & Co., both of Des Moines, purchased on Jan. 12 an issue of \$200,000 4 3/4% coupon refunding bonds. Date Jan. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$50,000 May 1 1940 to 1943, inclusive. Interest payable M. & N.

YANCEY COUNTY (P. O. Burnsville), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—C. B. Fetner & Co. of Cherryville and R. S. Dickson & Co. Inc. of Gastonia, purchased on Jan. 19 an issue of \$50,000 5 1/2% funding bonds at a premium of \$101, equal to 100.20, a basis of about 5.49%. Date Dec. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1926 to 1935, incl., and \$2,000, 1936 to 1955, incl. Int. payable J. & D.

YONKERS, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Mar. 3 by Robert D. Ferguson, City Comptroller, for the following three issues of 4 3/4% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$1,600,000:

\$1,000,000 school bonds. Due on April 1 as follows: \$26,000, 1928 to 1952 incl., and \$25,000 1953 to 1966 incl.
300,000 water bonds. Due \$15,000 yearly from April 1 1927 to 1946 incl.
300,000 refunding bonds. Due \$15,000 yearly from April 1 1927 to 1946 inclusive.
 Denom. \$1,000. Dated April 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable in gold at the City Treasurer's office in New York exchange. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Comptroller, required. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow.

YORK, Sumter County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—The Meridian Finance Corp. of Meridian purchased at private sale on Feb. 5 an issue of \$37,500 6% water works bonds at 98, a basis of about 6.22%. Due May 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1928 to 1935 incl.; \$1,500, 1936 to 1954 incl., and \$1,000 in 1955. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York.

CANADA, Provinces and its Municipalities.

BARRIE, Ont.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received up to 4 p. m. Feb. 15 for the purchase of \$113,000 5% 15-installment highway bonds, guaranteed by Simcoe County, dated Feb. 15 1926, with prin. and int. payable at Barrie. A. W. Smith, Treasurer.

DALHOUSIE PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Dalhousie), Restigouche County, N. B.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 4 p. m. March 11 by J. B. Delaney, Sec. Board of School Trustees, for \$60,000 5½% school bonds, payable at Dalhousie, N. B., and negotiable without charge at the Royal Bank of Canada, St. John, N. B. Due in 25 years.

EAST WAKEFIELD, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received up to Feb. 22 for the purchase of \$2,000 6% 10-year bonds dated Feb. 1 1926 and payable at Hull. F. A. Labelle, N. P. Hull, Que.

EDMONTON, Alta.—BOND SALE.—This city recently sold an issue of \$500,000 5½% 20-year bonds dated Nov. 1 1925, 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.

GALT, Ont.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received up to Feb. 15 for the purchase of \$19,460 5% 40-year and \$27,000 5% 20-installment bonds. J. McCartney, Treasurer.

GUELPH, Ont.—BOND ELECTION.—On March 8 the ratepayers will be asked to vote on \$300,000 street railway bonds by-law.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 31 the \$45,000 5% impt. bonds offered on that date—V. 121, p. 2439—were sold locally. Due in 1935.

NOTRE DAME DES BOIS, Que.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 30 the \$8,000 5½% 20-year serial bonds offered on that date—V. 122, p. 648—were awarded to the Credit Municipal, Ltd. Date Sept. 1 1925. Due serially, 1938 to 1945 inclusive.

KAMLOOPS, B. C.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 22 an issue of \$1,127 5½% 10-year city bonds was sold. Due in 10 years.

KINGSTON, Ont.—BOND SALE.—Wood, Gundy & Co. purchased an issue of \$120,000 5% 30-year bonds at 100.59, equal to a basis of about 4.96%. Other bidders were:

Bidders—	Rate Bid.	Bidders—	Rate Bid.
Bank of Nova Scotia	100.34	C. H. Burgess & Co.	100.02
A. E. Ames & Co., Ltd.	100.33	Harris, MacKeen & Co.	99.92
Royal Securities Corp.	100.317	Hanson Bros.	99.912
R. M. Harcourt & Co.	100.31	Bank of Toronto	99.88
Brouse, Mitchell & Co.	100.27	Dyment, Anderson & Co.	99.80
R. A. Daly & Co.	100.23	Municipal Bankers Corp.	99.77
Fry, Mills, Spence & Co.	100.211	Aird, McLeod & Co.	99.75
Matthews & Co.	100.19	Toronto Bond Exchange, Ltd.	99.70
McLeod, Young, Weir & Co.	100.172	J. A. G. Clark & Co.	99.67
Bell, Gouinlock & Co.	100.17	J. L. Goad & Co.	99.58
Dominion Securities Corp.	100.109	Murray & Co.	99.54
McDonagh, Somers & Co.	100.077	Gairdner & Co.	99.432
Cochran, Hay & Co.	100.06		

REVELSTOKE, B. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. March 3 by W. A. Gordon, City Treasurer, for \$60,000 light plant bonds. Denom. \$500. Prin. and interest payable in Revelstoke. Due \$4,000 yearly from Aug. 15 1927 to 1941, incl.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—BOND SALE.—Royal Securities Corp. purchased an issue of \$90,000 4½% 20-installment bonds at 95, a basis of about 5.10%. Other bidders were:

Bidder—	Rate Paid.
Thomas, Armstrong & Bell, Ltd.	94.72
Eastern Securities Co.	93.73

ST. JOHN, N. B.—BOND SALE.—The Royal Securities Corp. of Toronto purchased an issue of \$90,000 4½% improvement bonds at 95. Due in 20 annual installments.

SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Sask.—BOND SALES.—The following school district bonds, according to the "Monetary Times" of Toronto dated Feb. 12, reported sold by the Local Government Board from Jan. 18 to 30: Violetto, \$720, 6%, 5-years, to Regina P. S. Sinking Fund.

BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The same paper says the following authorizations have been granted by the Local Government Board during the same period: Sanctuary School District, \$4,500, not exceeding 6¼%, 20-years.

SPALLUMCHEEN TOWNSHIP, B. C.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 4 an issue of \$2,500 6% township bonds was sold. Due in 10 years.

TRAIL, B. C.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 18 an issue of \$35,000 5½% 20-year Creek Channel bonds was sold. Due in 20 years.

UXBRIDGE, Ont.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids are invited up to noon Feb. 23 for the purchase of the balance of an issue of 10-installment, 5½% pavement bonds. The original issue was for \$29,000, dated Dec. 15 1924, and the first debenture which matured on Dec. 15 1925, was paid by the town out of taxes. The debenture so paid being \$2,252 for principal and \$1,595 for interest. M. H. Crosby, Clerk.

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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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