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## The Financial Situation.

The action of the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency in attaching a rider, at the instance of Senator Carter Glass, to the McFadden Branch Banking Bill, as it came from the House, with a view to providing perpetual charters for the Federal Reserve banks is unworthy of the name and fame of Mr . Glass. Mr. Glass played an important part in securing the enactment of the Federal Reserve Law and it is natural that he should take a deep interest in anything affecting the welfare and existence of these institutions. But the charters of the Federal Reserve banks still have $81 / 2$ years to run and there is no need of haste in extending their life far in advance of its expiration. Moreover, before steps are taken to grant charters in perpetuity, action should first be taken to deprive the Federal Reserve banks of their war-time powers, under the exercise of which in peace times grave abuses have grown up and the further continuance of which may mean serious menace to the country.

Because of the imperative necessity of abolishing these war-time powers, so as to restore the Federal Reserve banks to their original scope, any device or scheme intended to extend the charters in advance of the passage of these repeal provisions is to be deprecated and should be vigorously opposed. If the life of the banks has once been extended it may prove difficult, if not impossible, to get a repeal provision through the two Houses of Congress, since obstructive measures against legislation of any kind are always easy on the part of even a very small minority. Besides, the matter ought to be broadly and deliberately considered on its own merits and not disposed of by means of a rider to a bill of any
other kind. Some see a plot in the rider to defeat the McFadden Branch Banking Bill, which has many opponents in the Senate, but of course Mr. Glass is above anything of the kind. Yet everyone must regret that he should have allowed the use of his name and prestige in having this particular rider incorporated in the bill.
If the Federal Reserve banks existed to-day according to their original design we doubt that any serious opposition to the extension of their charters could be found. But through the war-time amendments their character and purposes have been entirely changed. It is incumbent, therefore, for the reason already stated, that repeal should first be carried out and then legislation enacted to give the banks perpetual life. The Federal Reserve banks should be restricted, as repeatedly pointed out by us, in their power to issue Reserve notes, the same as before the war, so that notes can be put out only against mercantile paper and not used in addition to corral all the gold in the country, thereby furnishing the basis for promoting speculation of every conceivable type. Then, also, the Reserve banks should not have the custody of the entire reserves of the member banks, but only a part thereof, and the member banks should be obliged to carry the remainder of such reserves in their own vaults in actual gold. Their open market operations should in like manner be restricted. Finally, the Reserve banks should be required to charge for their services instead of giving them gratuitously.

No such gigantic speculation in stocks as has been witnessed in this country during the last two years would have been possible except for the operation and existence of the Reserve banks with their unlimited powers in the acquisition of gold and the emission of Reserve notes. We like to credit men with good motives and we do not, of course, mean to assert that the managers of the Reserve banks have a purpose or design to promote speculation. But nevertheless, the free-handed way in which the unlimited powers at their command are used in itself tends to promote speculative frenzy with all the evils attaching to it.
The havoc caused by the rampant speculation to which we refer is now in evidence on every side, further sharp collapses in Stock Exchange values having occurred the present week. The magnitude of the loans to brokers and dealers on the Stock Exchange tell their own story of the extent to which credit has been extended in carrying on Stock Exchange speculation. It will be remembered that in its first statement the Federal Reserve Board reported that as of Feb. 3 the total of loans to brokers
and dealers (secured by stocks and bonds) made by 61 member banks stood at $\$ 3,091,997,000$; in addition it appeared there were $\$ 999,634,000$ of other loans secured by stocks and bonds, but not to be classed as brokers' loans, making altogether $\$ 4,091$, 631,000 of loans secured by stock and bond collateral. Just think of a total exceeding four billion dollars! Of course, these are loans by the member banks and not by the Reserve banks, but they would not have been possible except for the use of the credit of the Reserve banks granted in such unstinted fashion.
Remember; too, that the figures given cover merely the reporting member banks in the New York Federal Reserve District. How much additional money has been employed elsewhere in aiding stock speculation in Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago and the various other Stock Exchanges which have had a similar rampant speculation on their own Exchanges? Observe, also, that the reporting member banks in the New York District, while showing loans on stock and bond collateral running in excess of over $\$ 4,000$, 000,000 , showed only $\$ 2,234,922,000$ of "all other loans and discounts," or mercantile loans.

Since the collapse on the Stock Exchange the brokers' loans have been rapidly reduced, the decline in the statement the present week (for the week ending March 10) being no less than $\$ 162,783$,000 . This followed a decline of $\$ 60,939,000$ the previous week and of $\$ 29,393,000$ the week before, making altogether no less than $\$ 253,115,000$ for the three weeks combined. The contraction will no doubt be referred to as an illustration of the beneficent way in which the Federal Reserve Banking System functions in providing both expansion and contraction. As a matter of fact, the liquidation now being enforced furnishes the strongest evidence going to show that the accommodation originally extended and now being withdrawn should never have been granted in the first instance. We therefore urge with great strenuousness that the charters of the Federal Reserve banks should not be extended until the law has first been changed so as to make it impossible in the future to use the credit of the Reserve banks in the way indicated.

There have been a number of developments during the week, in connection with the recently disapproved Nickel Plate unification, which render the situation considerably more definite than it has been, but which do not throw any light on the plans of the Van Sweringen interests in respect to going forward with or abandoning the merger plan. Early in 1925 the directors of the Chesapeake \& Ohio and others made it clear that dividend rates on the proposed component roads would not be changed until the merger plan had been consummated or rejected, inasmuch as the change would disturb the situation on which the merger had been based and which had received the approval of directors and stockholders. In the words of these same Chesapeake \& Ohio directors, the Inter-State Commerce Commission has now rejected "some financial features of the unification plan," and the deposit plan committee has agreed to return to holders certificates representing the deposited stock.
On these premises the Chesapeake \& Ohio directors have raised the dividend rate to $8 \%$, and declared an extra dividend of $\$ 4$, thus following the lead set a few days earlier by the directors of the

Pere Marquette Railway in increasing the rate to $\$ 6$ and declaring an extra of $\$ 2$. The directors of the Hocking Valley Railway have taken simultaneous action with that of the Chesapeake \& Ohio, raising their dividend rate to $\$ 8$ and declaring an extra of $\$ 4$, and the directors of the New York Chicago \& St. Louis have recognized in part the extra income to be derived on its holdings of Chesapeake \& Ohio and Pere Marquette stocks by declaring an extra dividend of $\$ 125$ on its own stock, this representing a distribution of approximately $\$ 380,000$, whereas it will receive on the extra dividends of the Pere Marquette and the Chesapeake \& Ohio approximately $\$ 860,000$. The directors of the Chesapeake \& Ohio made the significant statement that the dividend changes were made in view of existing conditions and "pending any further proceedings under the plan." This would seem to be an intimation on the part of some, at least, of the parties concerned that consolidation plans will go forward, but on a new financial basis, as indicated by the release of stock under the present plan, and the public recognition of changed values as against those on which the plan was originally based.

It is widely understood that present Federal law calls for the merger of the railroads of the country into a few large systems, that the public, financial interests and the present administration at Washington are all favorably disposed to this end, and that there is now agitation in Congress to make the present railroad law more effective in this particular objective. There was, furthermore, very wide belief that the Nickel Plate merger would be approved. Rejection, therefore, by the Inter-State Commerce Commission came as a surprise and a great shock to the investment market structure. The recovery in the market price of the various stocks concerned of the losses incurred immediately after the announcement has been an evidence of wide appraisement of the real values concerned. The recent raising of the dividends is evidence of courage in the places of control and of a looking forward, if not to the consummation of this particular merger, at least to a continuation of sound conditions for the railroads. In themselves the raising of these dividends may not be a matter of very great moment in connection with the vast financial structure of this country, but in their significance they are of considerable importance.

During the week there has been no change in the trend toward easy conditions in money and liquid funds. Call money in New York remains around $41 / 4 \%$ and time money around $43 / 4 \%$. The oversubscription to the $\$ 500,000,00033 / 4 \%$ bonds offered at $1001 / 2$ was indication of a trend which has been further confirmed by a slow advance during the week of the average price of investment bonds. Commodity values give no indication of any increased call on liquid capital through advance in prices. On the other hand, whereas volume of business has eased off in some sections, the general average is still very high, as evidenced by freight loadings getting back to record-breaking figures.

During the week there has been considerable nervousness underlying the stock market, indicating the belief that there are still weakly margined accounts and that certain securities have not settled in price to actual values. Yesterday and the day before what appeared to be a concerted bear drive met with considerable success and many further new
low records for the year were established all through the list.

The course of the country's foreign trade, for the time being at least, has changed and for the second successive month the balance of trade is against the United States. This appears from the statistics for the month of February, made public the present week. Imports again exceed those of a year ago by a considerable amount, while exports, on the other hand, are again reduced as compared with February of last year, and also leave an excess on the side of the imports, as was the case in January. Furthermore, as in January, the increase in merchandise imports last month was quite largely due to a heavy increase in shipments of rubber to the United States, both as to quantity and value, the average import price in February, as in January of this year, being considerably higher than it was a year ago. The merchandise exports in turn were very much less this year because of reduced shipments of cotton, and the lower export price of that commodity prevailing in the markets the present year.

February imports of merchandise were valued at $\$ 389,000,000$, against $\$ 416,767,000$ in January and $\$ 333,387,000$ in February of last year, while merchandise exports last month were $\$ 353,000,000$, against $\$ 397,196,000$ in January and $\$ 370,676,000$ in February a year ago. If allowance be made for the difference in the number of days between February and January this year, the decline in imports between those two months, entirely disappears. In fact, the average daily amount of the imports in January was $\$ 134,400,000$, and in February $\$ 139$, 000,000 . Exports, on the other hand, averaged $\$ 128$, 000,000 for each day in January and only $\$ 126,000$, 000 for each day in February. The balance of trade for February on merchandise account is $\$ 36,000,000$ on the import side; for February of last year there was a balance of $\$ 37,289,000$ on the export side, as there has been, until the beginning of 1926, for many months prior thereto. As it happens, too, the revised figures for January of this year show an increase in imports and a decrease in exports as compared with the preliminary report for January printed a month ago, making the revised balance of trade on the import side for that month $\$ 19,571,500$. For the two months of 1926 to date the total balance of trade on the import side amounts to $\$ 55,570$,000 ; in the same two months of 1925, the balance was on the export side and aggregated $\$ 137,566$,864.

Imports of rubber both in quantity and value have added materially to the increase in total imports this year. Detailed reports for February are as yet unavailable, but it is stated that rubber imports last month were valued at $\$ 58,000,000$; in February 1925 rubber imports were valued at $\$ 18,532,000$, the quantity in that month last year being $55,329,000$ pounds, and the average price per pound $331 / 2$ cents. February merchandise imports this year exceed those of February 1925 by $\$ 55,600,000$ and nearly $\$ 40,000,000$ of this gain was due to rubber imports alone. The detailed statement for January, which is now available, shows imports of rubber in that month of $94,985,456$ pounds at an average import price of 76.4 cents per pound, against $73,692,000$ pounds imported in January 1925, at an average import price of only 30 cents per pound. It is apparent from these figures where much of the increase
in January imports this year over a year ago was derived from.

Likewise as to exports. A decline in the single item of raw cotton for January and February of this year, has changed the total value of merchandise exports from a gain over the same months of the preceding year to a loss. For those two months this year, merchandise exports from the United States show a decline from a year ago of $8.2 \%$; omitting cotton from the exports of both years, and the remaining amount for 1926 is $5.4 \%$ larger than it was in 1925. For the current crop year to date cotton exports are considerably less than they were a year ago, which is the more significant as the 1925 crop was an early one and in the earlier weeks of the current crop year cotton exports exceeded those of the corresponding weeks of the preceding crop year. The reverse, however, has been the case for the past two or three months and cotton exports have tended downward. The falling off in February was quite marked, exports of 556,185 bales contrasting with 811,838 bales in February 1925. The decline in cotton values for February this year was even greater than that as to quantity for the average export price of the staple last month was 21.2 cents per pound, as against 25 cents per pound for February 1925.

For eight months of the current fiscal year, total merchandise imports have been $\$ 2,968,600,000$, as against $\$ 2,439,924,000$ for the corresponding period of the preceding fiscal year, an increase this year of $\$ 528,675,600$. The figures for each one of the eigh months of the current fiscal year, exceed those for the earlier period. Merchandise exports, on the other hand, for the past eight months were $\$ 3,296$, 723,000 , in comparison with $\$ 3,318,381,000$ for the same eight months of the preceding fiscal year, a decrease of $\$ 21,658,000$, the first decrease that has appeared in a number of years. For this same period the decline in the value of cotton exports has been $\$ 99,272,500$. Five of the eight months of the current fiscal year show smaller merchandise exports than for the corresponding months in the preceding year. The excess of merchandise exports for these eight months this year is $\$ 328,123,500$; for the same period of the preceding fiscal year it was $\$ 878$,456,000 , a difference against the present year in amount of considerably over half a billion dollars.

Gold imports show another small gain in February, the total for that month being $\$ 25,415,655$, against $\$ 19,351,202$ for January and $\$ 3,602,527$ for February 1925. Gold exports are still very much reduced, amounting last month to only $\$ 3,850,350$, against $\$ 50,599,708$ a year ago. For eight months of the current fiscal year gold imports have been $\$ 132,373,525$, in contrast with $\$ 102,118,959$ for the same period in the preceding year, while gold exports have been only $\$ 78,640,551$, against $\$ 181,918$, 890. The excess of gold imports for the past eight months has been $\$ 53,732,974$, which contrasts with an excess of gold exports of $\$ 79,799,931$, for the same period of the preceding year. Silver.imports in February were $\$ 8,861,871$, and exports $\$ 7,747,324$, the variation from month to month being unimportant.

The much-heralded special meeting of the Assembly of the League of Nations to admit Germany has adjourned until next September without accomplishing anything of real value, except possibly to
demonstrate still further its own lack of power to control or settle any important international question. Announcement was made, however, that "the League of Nations Council at a final meeting on March 18 decided to invite the United States to Geneva on Sept. 1 to discuss with representatives of all League members the American reservations to American participation in the Permanent Court of International Justice, and particularly Reservation 5 , concerning advisory opinions of the Court affecting the United States. The Council also definitely fixed the date of the first meeting of the Preparatory Commission for the disarmament conference for May 17 and decided that it should be held in Geneva." Premier Briand has received a vote of confidence from the French Chamber of Deputies. What the fate of the German and British representatives at Geneva still remains to be seen at this writ ing. Mr. Chamberlain is expected to appear in the House of Commons next Tuesday.

The squabbling at Geneva as to what Powers should be admitted to the League of Nations Council at this time continued during the early part of the week. Not only was it indicated in the cable advices that this particular sitting of the Council might fail as to the specific purpose for which it was called, but also that the whole League of Nations might go by the board. Last Saturday the situation was said to have been particularly bad. Cabling at an early hour on that day, the New York "Times" correspondent said: "At 2 o'clock this morning, after a day and a night of attempts to reach a compromise on the crisis over the League of Nations Council seats, the situation is very near the breaking point." He added that "after the refusal of the Germans to accept the proposal made yesterday morning by which Poland would receive a non-permanent seat when Germany was admitted to the League Council, with Brazil's and Spain's claims adjourned, Britain and France proposed to Germany this morning that the new non-permanent seat be created and be left to the Assembly to fill. After short consideration the Germans rejected this suggestion, reverting to their position that they alone must enter the Council at this time." The "Times" representative further stated that "in a midnight conversation Sir Austen Chamberlain painted the situation in very dark colors.. 'After hearing the reply of the Germans made to-night, and after a discussion of the situation with them, it appears to me quite useless to continue these conversations, and the matter must be referred to the Council. We have made every reasonable concession, and if the Locarno plan fails now the plain fault will be that of Germany.'" The New York "Herald Tribune" representative summarized the situation in part as follows: "Europe's future is trembling in the balance to-night. Another fruitless day of bickering brought Germany and her supporters on one side and France, Great Britain and Italy on the other side, face to face with the tragic probability that the Locarno agreements are in danger of meaning absolutely nothing. Briefly, the situation at a late hour was this: Great Britain and France, with the assent of Italy, made a desperate effort to draw from Germany a promise to permit Poland to enter the Council of the League of Nations, not as a permanent member, but in a temporary capacity. Chancellor Luther of Germany visited the Allied statesmen to-night and delivered

Germany's reply. It was 'Glattabgelehnt'-that is, a flat refusal."

Continuing, the "Herald Tribune" correspondent said: "The Allies as a result to-night are in a state of utter confusion. Premier Briand of France, haggard and worn, received the press to say: 'We proposed to the Germans to-day a transaction which was the extreme limit of all possible concessions. They refused. They will have the full responsibility for what will happen.' Yielding to a demand for a statement from the British correspondents, Sir Austen Chamberlain, the British Foreign Secretary, to-night gave them the impression that nothing could prevent a break in the negotiations. The Secretary laid full blame on the shoulders of Germany for the collapse of the Locarno spirit and said that even if this were not already dead it would take years to repair the damage. Sir Austen, in his concentration on the dramatic tragedy, at times seemed on the verge of tears. While none except Britons were permitted in the conference, those attending stated that they had never seen any Foreign Minister in such an emotional state, or heard such words from the lips of a similar official."
In a wireless message to his paper Saturday evening, March 13, the New York "Evening Post" correspondent said: "The whole atmosphere of Geneva is charged with the feeling of impending catastrophe as the result of the breakdown of negotiations over the expansion of the League of Nations Council. There is a feeling that not only the efforts for new and more friendly relations between nations are endangered, but that the peace of Europe is gravely menaced. As the situation stands, all the leading actors in the drama, after three days of doing their best, are only in a position to face their Parliaments with trouble and confusion as their earnings. The failure of Chancellor Luther threatens the future of his Government in Berlin. Premier Briand, after one speech by Raymond Poincare in the Senate, is doomed. Sir Austen Chamberlain, already tottering in London, appears to be faced with removal from office. The League, with Great Britain weakened, becomes a broken-down machine. At the Secretariat there is a gloomy prospect of the League future, even if some repairs are made in its rickety structure. What has been accomplished as things stand is that the labors of Briand and Chamberlain at Locarno, which were hailed all over the world as insuring the peace and happiness of Europe, have been nullified. 'We have stretched conciliation to the extreme limit and our proposals have been rejected.' Premier Briand of France, who had seemed young and fresh, appeared haggard and weak as he pronounced these words after the German delegates had rejected the allied compromise offer for Germany's entrance."
In a little less figurative, but no less emphatic, language the Geneva representative of "The Sun" cabled, also Saturday evening, March 13, in part as follows: "With the firm refusal of the Germans registered early to-day after a night of conference to budge from their original stand against enlargement of the League Council, the European honeymoon trip which started at Locarno is ending in disaster. All the Powers involved have settled down to apparently unshakable contentions that it may be anybody's fault but theirs. But a ray of hope remains in the fact that although both the Germans and the former Allies have firmly announced that
they have said their last say there has as yet been no exodus from Geneva. Chancellor Luther, when he turned down the Allies' compromise offer at 2 o'clock this morning, said that he was still willing to co-operate to find a solution. He said, however, that the compromise proposed did not accord with the principle of policy laid down by the Reich Cabi-net-that Germany must be admitted to the Council without any enlargement of that body. Sir Austen Chamberlain and Premier Briand thereupon informed him that the Allies had said their last word in whittling down Poland's claim to a permanent seat on the Council to the creation of a non-permanent seat, the occupant of which would be elected by the General Assembly of the League. It was a suggestion, which greatly tickled the Assembly, which was becoming anxious at the encroachments on its power by the Locarnites. But the refusal of this suggestion is considered in Franco-British headquarters to involve the very existence of the Locarno treaties, the destruction of the Locarno spirit and a return to the old system of balancing national antagonisms-and this quite apart from the influence the collapse will have upon the political futures of Briand and Chamberlain themselves. The League has been dealt a shattering blow and already there is talk of resignations."

That national and even personal politics was taking precedence over the international good was stated emphatically by the New York "Times" representative the next day. In part he said: "The representatives of the fifty-five nations gathered at Geneva for the high purposes of promoting the peace of the world, and in particular to put into effect the treaties of Locarno promising tranquillity to Europe, continued to-day to play politics which would scarcely bear favorable resemblance to a session of a municipal council called for the purpose of awarding a new bridge contract to some one else than the lowest bidder. The most fanciful imagination could scarcely imagine a more burlesque situation. It is almost impossible to say what the quarrel is about. No logic and no reason are being used here. All that is clear is that the League leaders on the one hand and Germany on the other wish to have their way. Further than that, one risks becoming demented trying to understand what the racket is about. M. Briand and Dr. Stresemann both stated to-night that the problem was unsettled, and each asserted that it was the other's fault." Continuing his arraignment of the political leaders, the "Times" representative said: "For the first four days in this squabble over League Council seats Germany took the position that it was none of her business and that she was an innocent bystander. But that wellknown diplomat, M. Briand, has turned things so that the Germans have had to shoulder the responsibility which rightly belongs to them, and this has aroused Dr. Stresemann and Dr. Luther to a point where to-night they called the correspondents together and devoted speeches lasting an hour to 'explanations.' Needless to say, they whitewashed themselves to the tint of angels' wings, while half an hour later a French spokesman dilated upon Germany's refusal of 'reasonable proposals.' What would be funny if it was not so serious is that most of the delegates quarreling here will lose their jobs if they go home without reaching an agreement. It is fair and just that the dispute has got down to
the plane of a contest between France and Germany, for that is where it belongs. Spain and Brazil have stepped aside, and when M. Vandervelde of Belgium, acting for M . Briand, got the Swedes to promise to back down if Germany did not mind the last prop was knocked from under the German position of disinterestedness. And so to-night the situation is that Germany will not enter the League unless she enters the Council alone and France, backed by England's delegates, will not let Germany in unless Poland gets a permanent or non-permanent seat. And it is justice to the other nations to say that the situation has so shaped up."

It was made known at that time that it had been decided to call a meeting of the League of Nations Assembly for last Tuesday, March 16.

Continuing his account the next day of the latest developments, up to that time, the "Times" correspondent in part said: "The Sabbath brought no peace in Geneva. With thirty-six hours remaining before the meeting of the League Assembly which is supposed to mark the success or failure of this conference, the French and Germans to-night remain firmly in their positions. The German position is that they must join the Council alone or they will not join the League, while the French position is that the Germans cannot join the Council unless the Poles get a seat at the same time. All the trimmings have been torn off the situation and it is plainly now a diplomatic fight for prestige between France, backed by England, on the hand and Germany on the other hand. Viscount Ishii undertook to-day to solve the situation and evolved a plan by which the Assembly would admit Germany to the League and at the same time create a new non-permanent Council seat to be filled next September. He called on Dr. Stresemann late this afternoon and put the scheme up to him. The German Foreign Minister asked the Japanese delegate to return to see him when he had M. Briand's answer to the proposal. Thereupon Viscount Ishii put the proposal up to M. Briand, who replied that he could not consent to any arrangement which did not admit Poland in the Council now. With this reply Viscount Ishii did not return to see the Germans, evidently taking it for granted that they would not agree. Therefore it appears that the Japanese effort leaves the problem just where it was."

The New York "Herald Tribune" representative brought out several additional features. In part he said, under date of Geneva, March 14: "Premier Briand of France and Foreign Minister Stresemann of Germany met for a long talk to-night in an effort to agree on some solution of the highly dangerous deadlock over the proposed enlargement of the Council of the League. They admitted that it was in the interest both of France and Germany that a settlement should be made quickly, but they were unable to reach the slightest accord as to how this might be accomplished. To-night's meeting came at the conclusion of several futile conversations among the numerous principals of the Geneva drama. The conclusion reached to-night was that the fight had now centred down to a Franco-German affair until the League itself is called on to take over matters on Tuesday. The British delegation is now concentrating on gettting Germany into the League. This leaves Premier Briand in the ticklish position of having to save the Locarno agreements and himself,
but he has not yet given up hope of seating Poland in the Council. Thus it was believed that to-night's conference was the first step toward some compromise. This compromise is not yet in sight, but may be reached to-morrow, which is the last day remaining before the whole matter of Germany's entry comes up in public debate in the Assembly. The Conucil decided yesterday that on Tuesday the Assembly would be called upon to vote Germany into the League."

The following day, Monday, the situation was represented in Geneva dispatches as being more encouraging. The Associated Press representative said: "Prospects for settlement of the League of Nations crisis appeared brighter to-day, with the acceptance of a compromise by France and Germany, under which both Sweden and Czechoslovakia would refrain from seeking re-election to their non-permanent Council seats next September, paving the way for the election of Poland to one of the vacancices thus created. The Foreign Ministers of the two countries are awaiting ratification of their recommendations by their respective Governments, but this is considered a foregone conclusion."
Later cable advices Monday evening showed that the situation was practically hopeless again. The New York "Times" representative said: "After M. Briand had achieved the seemingly impossible in evolving a plan for the admission of Poland to the Council of the League in a manner acceptable to the Germans, the whole situation here has been thrown back into achaos by an official statement by the Brazilian delegation that on new instructions from Rio de Janeiro it must veto the admission of Germany to the Council unless Brazil gets a permanent seat instead of the non-permanent one she now holds and has held since the League was born. It seems absolutely out of the question to give Brazil her permanent seat at this meeting, since Sweden, on the Council, is bitterly opposed and Germany is dead against it. Heavy pressure has been brought on Mello Franco to get him to ask his Government to change its instructions. As a result of their talks yesterday and last night M. Briand and Dr. Stresemann explained to each other that neither could afford to have this meeting break up without the admission of Germany. Each understood the other's desire to obtain a diplomatic victory, as to go back without it would injure his standing. But they also agreed that to go back without success here would be even more serious for them."

It became known in Geneva during the day that Premier Briand had arranged to have the League of Nations Assembly postponed from Tuesday to Wednesday, in the hope that a settlement might be reached in the meantime. He even thought he had a plan that he could put through in spite of Brazil's opposition. It was understood to have provided that "Czechoslovakia and Sweden both to resign now, Poland to be elected to the Czech seat and a neutral, preferably Holland, to Sweden's seat."

The plan failed, and after squabbling for ten days it was decided to postpone the admission of Germany until September. This was made known here through an Associated Press dispatch from Geneva Tuesday evening, March 16. It was stated that "the leaders of the Council of the League of Nations
agreed to-day to postpone the election of Germany to the League until September. Faced by the difficulty of Brazil's continued demand for a permanent Council seat, the leaders agreed that Sir Austen Chamberlain, the British Foreign Secretary, should propose in to-morrow's session of the Assembly that the whole question of Germany's admission to the League and the enlargement of the Council should be put off until the September session." The correspondent added that "in order to show that the Locarno atmosphere of conciliation and accord remains unshaken, all the signatory Powers, including Germany, plan soon to publish a common declaration in which they will re-affirm their faith in the Locarno agreement. Before the leaders' decision became known, Premier Briand of France told French correspondents that Germany had agreed not to withdraw her application for election to the League and that this would be considered in September." It was even claimed that "Premier Briand made the categorical statement that Germany and the Allies now are absolutely united on all questions connected with the reorganization of the Council."
Commenting on the failure of the League undertaking, the Geneva correspondent of the New York "Times" said in a long dispatch March 16 that "the meeting of the League of Nations called to admit Germany and bring into effect the treaties of Locarno has failed. After ten days of the most deplorable exhibition of petty nationalism, an exhibition for which a number of nations must share responsibility, the statesmen here assembled have found themselves unable to agree on the issue of the Council sets and the whole matter has been postponed until September. The Germans, with a rather extraordinary show of conciliation, have agreed to leave their application for membership before the League. Asked to-night whether Germany would come to Geneva in September, Chancellor Luther replied with hard good sense: 'That depends on the German Government of next September.' To-morrow morning the League Assembly will meet to hear the Council's report and then will adjourn. The Germans and Allies and other League members will scatter to the four corners of the earth."

The whole affair ended the next day. The Associated Press correspondent at Geneva cabled (March 17) that "the League of Nations Assembly to-day voted to adjourn the question of Germany's election to the League until the September session. The Assembly then adjourned sine die at 1.15 p . m." Continuing he said: "The vote came after announcement by Alfranio Mello-Franco, Brazilian representative, that the decision of his country not to vote a permanent Council seat for Germany unless Brazil were given one at the same time was irrevocable. A brief session of the Council had been held during the forenoon, and rumors were flying regarding the chances for a last-minute settlement when President Da Costa called the momentous meeting of the Assembly to order at 10.32 a . m. Extraordinary excitement prevailed in the Hall of Reformation as the delegates assembled and the galleries were jammed. Sir Austen Chamberlain, the British Foreign Secretary, took the rostrum and said the announcement which he was about to make depended upon a statement made to him by the representative of Brazil, Senhor Mello Franco thereupon went to the tribune
and explained his country's attitude. Brazil was convinced, he said, the reconstruction of the Council interested all States, and that all viewpoints should be made known. Brazil was deeply interested in the work for peace accomplished at Locarno because she was one of the pioneers in arbitration and conciliation, but she thought the admirable work of Locarno should find its place in the fabric of the League and not that the League should be made to exist as part of the political machinery of Locarno. 'We regret sincerely the great German nation is unable immediately to enter the League, because she would contribute great things to the League,' the Brazilian spokesman said. Then, referring to Brazil's projected veto of Germany for a permanent Council seat, he made the pronouncement: 'The instructions of my Government are irrevocable and final.' Sir Austen Chamberlain, in proposing postponement of Germany's election until September, described Germany's demand for assurance of a permanent Council seat at the present session as just and reasonable, but, he added: 'The statement by the representative of Brazil shows the members of the Council are not in a position to give that assurance.'"

The Geneva representative of "The Sun" described the situation dramatically in part as follows: "The curtain has dropped upon the closing act of the great Mello-Franco drama, wherein the Brazilian delegate, the villain of the peace, is triumphant over virtue as represented by Briand and Chamberlain, while the heavy Fathers Luther and Stresemann make grief-stricken exits. The futility and insincerity of mystery hung heavy upon the Assembly's whole proceedings. None of the chief speakers made any attempt to explain to the wondering world the forces which have been fighting against realization of Locarno or to unmask the interests which, as each successive difficulty was overcome and each fresh country's demands met, immediately mobilized another obstacle to peace. Every country mentioned as having caused difficulties is busy protesting to the world's newspaper men the innocence and highminded nature of their actions, and the real culprit, if culprit there be, remains concealed. No one finds it possible to believe that Brazil on her own would have dared or been able to defy a great European Power. The hero was Unden of Sweden, who dramatically rose from a sick bed to explain the high principles behind the determination of Sweden to give Germany fair play, and who, unable to speak, had to sit on the platform while an interpreter read his speech. It was a veritable 'Hamlet' without the 'Prince,' for the only Germans present were a few minor officials in the lobbies. It is generally felt that the chances of Germany, who maintains her application for League membership, returning to Geneva in September are of the slightest, and that political upheavals are bound to result not only in Germany, but also in France and Britain, which will retard for a long time, if not completely destroy, the prospect of her admission."

Naturally, there was keen interest in all the leading European capitals in the outcome of the Geneva gathering. The London representative of "The Sun" cabled Wednesday evening (March 17) that "in the worlds of politics and finance alike the postponement of Germany's admission to the League of Nations has caused the deepest depression to-day and
has aroused the keenest anxieties. Although the Locarno treaty signatories have tried to gild the pill of failure in a joint statement in which they declare that the spirit of Locarno has not been diluted by the conflict at Geneva during the last eight days, fears are admitted in many influential quarters that the next six months instead of making Germany's entry in September any more certain may make it more difficult, for intrigue is in the air, and already Mussolini's pet project of forming a central European bloc to thwart any union of Germany and Austria has taken very definite shape and has even obtained the blessings of Briand himself. What effect this Geneva imbroglio will have on the personal political fortunes of Sir Austen Chamberlain is a matter of widest discussion to-day. There is a strong element in the Labor Party that is anxious to bring in a vote of censure on the Foreign Secretary."

According to a special Paris cablegram to "The Sun" the same evening, "the French capital is in a state of exasperated disappointment at the news of the League meeting's probable indecisive end. The press of all shades of political belief concurs in the general feeling by calling the Geneva Assembly a 'lost illusion,' a depressing spectacle,' 'a disquieting affair' and 'a drama of jealousy.' Unless an eleventh hour miracle changes the aspect of affairs, M. Briand will have the stormiest entry to Parliament tomorrow of his career. An accumulation of questions regarding the financial situation will be kept back as reserve ammunition."

As to Germany's attitude, the Berlin representative of the same paper cabled that "Chancellor Luther and Foreign Minister Stresemann will be asked to resign following dissolution of the Geneva conference, it is confidently stated by Government leaders here this morning, but, they add that the demand, which will come from the Radical bloc, will fail. Highly placed persons in closest touch with Herren Luther and Stresemann throughout the conference told the correspondent of 'The Sun' to-day that apart from the carping of the critics of the Right, there is general satisfaction with the proceedings and that the outcome is little short of a brilliant victory instead of being an ignominious defeat." He added that "another brilliant result seen here is that from all the turmoil of the League meeting that Locarno agreements have been saved intact and that there will be no change in carrying them out. These principles are regarded as having far greater importance than actual entry into the League, although this, if it had been accomplished peacefully, would have been another tremendous stride in the direction of stabilizing world relations."

In a later dispatch, the Geneva representative of the New York "Times" commented, on March 17, in part as follows on the failure of the League gathering, and also brought out several new features: "Sir Austen Chamberlain, the British Foreign Secretary, termed it a tragedy when the Assembly of the League of Nations, called in special session to admit Germany, recorded to-day its failure to do so because the members of the Council could not agree on the issue of the Council seats. With the Germans allowing their application to remain on file the League officially adjourned the whole matter until the regular Assembly session in September, after deciding to name a commission to study reconstitution of the Council. Meanwhile, the diplomats will work to re-
move the difficulties which wrecked this gathering and thus permit the Locarno treaties to come into effect. Formally, blame for the fiasco goes to Brazil, which before fifty-five nations composing the Assembly accepted responsibility for her 'final and irrevocable' stand that Brazil must have a permanent seat on the Council when any changes are made in its composition, including the entry of Germany. Unquestionably there are other factors in the failure, including the real position of Italy and Spain, but one bright circumstance stands out, namely, that France and Germany are in agreement and the delegates of all the nations which signed the Locarno treaties have here signed an undertaking to work sincerely to bring them into effect."
As might have been expected, both Aristide Briand, French Premier and Foreign Minister, and Austen Chamberlain, British Foreign Minister, were called upon to face determined opposition in their respective Parliaments, following their return from the unsuccessful meeting of the Council of the League of Nations at Geneva. The Associated Press representative in Paris cabled on the afternoon of March 18 that "Premier Briand, speaking in the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon on the League of Nations sessions at Geneva, declared that no discord whatever existed between France, Germany and the other signatories of the Locarno pact, but added, 'in returning to Paris this morning I found an at. mosphere that was not quite the same.' 'There appears to be in this Chamber,' the Premier continued, 'the elements of a majority opposed to the Government. This majority may not be organized, but it exists in a latent state. If it is the intention of this majority to overthrow me it would be better that this be done immediately. I can wait, but the country cannot. We cannot lose more time,' M. Briand went on. 'In any case I hope that if you throw me down you will not wait until dawn to accomplish
it," it.' "
The dispatch further stated that "the Ministerial declaration of the reorganized Briand Government, read this afternoon in the Chamber of Deputies of failure to bring about a solution of the country's financial problems by the date expected calls upon Parliament to 'observe exceptional discipline' so as to vote the necessary measure before the Easter recess. 'It is this Government's urgent duty to insure sincere and complete balancing of the budget,' the declaration says. 'If we can count upon the active and whole-hearted collaboration of both assemblies the country may look forward without fear to prompt financial restoration of the Treasury, which is the aim of all of our efforts. Right now we ask you to observe exceptional discipline of work in order to permit the voting before the parliamentary recess of measures without which it will become im. possible to achieve a return to a normal regime and budgetary regularity.' Referring to foreign policy, the declaration continues: 'The policy of international agreements to which, by a large majority the Chamber and Finance Committee of the Senate have given approbation, will continue to be the policy of this Government.'"

According to a later dispatch to the New York "Times" the same evening, Premier Briand received support in the Chamber of Deputies for his policies in an unexpected way. It was stated that "a bitter
attack upon the inclusion of Jean Louis Malvy in the Cabinet, which evoked a dramatic defense by the Premier and culminated in the temporary suspension of a tumultuous session when the Minister of the Interior fell in a dead faint and had to be carried out, solidified the Socialists and the Radicals against the Right in the Chamber of Deputies tonight and gave to the new Government of Aristide Briand an expression of confidence by a vote of 341 to 165." The New York "Herald Tribune" correspondent added that "the international tragedy at Geneva and France's financial crisis were forgotten in the debate, which was centred entirely on the presence in the new Government of a man exiled from France during the war for endangering an Allied
victory." victory."

Opposition in Berlin to Chancellor Luther and Foreign Minister Stresemann was no less pronounced than it was in Paris and London to the French and British representatives at Geneva, according to cable advices from the German capital. The Berlin representative of "The Sun" cabled on the evening of March 18 that "Chancellor Luther and Foreign Minister Stresemann arrived back in Berlin from Geneva late this afternoon. The forces that are attempting to compel their resignations were already at work last night. While they failed to interrupt the Reichstag proceedings with denunciatory speeches, party leaders were busily at work on wording resolutions of no confidence, and these are now practically prepared, to be hurled almost before the Geneva delegates have pronounced the last words of their reports. From the hour of the arrival of the delegates here this evening action will be fast and furious, culminating in a vote early next week on whether or no the foreign policy established by Luther and Stresemann is to be abandoned, and thus another crisis will be brought on which will tie up legislation and economic reforms for half the summer." He also stated that "the German delegates realized that the deadlock was complete at Geneva from the very beginning, it was authoritatively stated to the correspondent of 'The Sun' here to-day. It was added, however, that the delegates did not dare to risk a hasty return for fear of seeming to knuckle down to the Government's opponents, and that M. Briand and Sir Austen Chamberlain were in the same position. This statement bears out the information given to 'The Sun' yesterday to the effect that the formation of struggling groups was hastily accomplished when the Brazilian bombshell was hurled-apparently by Signor Mussolini -into what would otherwise have been a peacefully cut and dried session."

As for the British sentiment, it was asserted in a special London cable dispatch to the New York "Times" on Thursday evening that "a hornet's nest will be a mild term for describing the sort of England Sir Austen Chamberlain will find on his homecoming to-morrow night from Geneva, unless all present signs fail. His Government colleagues and many of his friends outside the Government are loyally rallying to his defense, but they are badly outnumbered by those growling and cursing at what happened at Geneva. These malcontents are only too prone to attribute the major part of the blame to Sir Austen. Even among those inclined to poohpooh the idea that the Geneva conference was a
'catastrophe,' as is commonly assumed here, it is admitted that what happened there was a serious defeat for Britain."

The leading European Powers are still planning to hold a preliminary session to consider a general disarmament conference. This was made known in an Associated Press dispatch from Geneva on March 18. It stated that "the League of Nations Council to-day set May 17, at Geneva, for the first meeting of the Preparatory Commission of the Disarmament Conference. It decided to add delegates from the United States, Germany, Japan and Russia to the joint committee of experts which will advise the Commission. It also decided to submit all military questions to a special sub-commission including representatives of all States which participate in the Preparatory Commission." According to another Associated Press dispatch from Geneva the same day, "the League of Nations Council to-day adopted a resolution offered by Austen Chamberlain, British Foreign Secretary, to convoke a conference of delegates of States signatory to the protocol of the Court of International Justice at Geneva on Sept. 1." It was added that "this meeting will attempt to reach a common accord concerning the attitude to be taken toward the United States Senate's reservations to American adherence to the Court." The Geneva representative of the New York "Herald Tribune" asserted that "the Council of the League of Nations to-day administered a rebuke to Secretary of State Kellogg of the United States when it rejected his idea that the Governments who have already ratified the protocol of the Permanent Court of International Justice should signify in writing to the Washington Government their acceptance of the Senate reservations accompanying the adherence of the United States to the protocol of the Court." Announcement likewise was made that "the March session of the Council adjourned late this afternoon" (March 18).

Notwithstanding this action at Geneva, Washington appears to doubt that a disarmament conference actually will be held. Alanson B. Houghton, Ambassador to Great Britain, and Hugh S. Gibson, Minister to Switzerland, according to Washington dispatches, brought a discouraging report to President Coolidge and Secretary of State Kellogg relative to conditions in Europe. It was claimed in a special Washington dispatch to the New York "Times" on March 17 that, "although Secretary Kellogg, Ambassador Houghton and Minister Gibson declined to make any statement with regard to the character and scope of their conversations, it was apparent that the visit of Mr . Houghton and Mr . Gibson had assumed a greater importance than was attributed to it. No doubt seems to remain that the chief officers of the Administration view the current happenings at Geneva with concern, with apprehension engendered that not merely the fate of the disarmament conference, in which President Coolidge has shown a deep sympathetic interest, but that the success of the League of Nations, certainly so far as American public opinion is likely to appraise it, hangs in the balance."

The Washington representative of the New York "Evening Post" went much further in a dispatch the next day. He said in part: "The United States
once more is swinging toward an isolationist point of view with regard to Europe. The hopes raised in Washington by the signing of the Locarno treaty have been dissipated by the quarrels which broke out among the Powers over the admission of Germany to the Council of the League of Nations, by the failure to admit Germany and by the doubt whether an agreement to include Germany can be reached even at next September's meeting of the League. This revelation that Europe still is full of the hostilities which brought on the great war, together with the postponement of the disarmament conference and the profound disbelief that disarmament can come from the international conference the League has initiated, has induced great pessimism about the political outlook in Europe. At the end of the course Europe is pursuing, the Administration learns from its European advisers, nothing can be forecast but war. Europe is moved by the same motives and is setting up the same kind of balances of power which brought on the war. The same causes produce the same results, bearing in mind, of course, the possibility that Europe will so exhaust itself economically, it will, in a decade or so, be compelled to disarm and really organize for peace. This picture of European conditions has been allowed to come out in a semi-official way here, following the report Ambassador Houghton and Minister Gibson brought to President Coolidge on the prospects of disarmament. The frankness with which the press was informed was unprecedented in international relations and may be taken as indicating the profound disappointment the Administration feels over the failure of Europe to proceed in the spirit of the Locarno treaty. The Europe with which this country has to deal in seeking disarmament, according to the information before the President, is not governed by statesmen who have learned the lesson of the great war and are moved by a determination to prevent another one. The sooner we abandon the illusion the better. The peoples of Europe may desire disarmament, but their Governments are thinking of national prestige and imperialist ambitions and of setting up combinations and alliances which will be able to face any other combination or alliance which an opposing group of nations may present. They called a disarmament conference through the League of Nations, not because they felt about disarmament as the American people feel about disarmament, but because, under the Treaty of Versailles, having compelled the disarmament of Germany, they were obligated to attempt their own disarmament. Having called this conference merely to fulfill their treaty obligations, they drew up an agenda for it under which, in the opinion of the President's advisers, any agreement on disarmament was impossible."

In a special Washington dispatch to the New York "Times" yesterday morning it was stated that, "while word from Geneva that the Council of the League of Nations to-day had set May 17 for the first meeting of the Preparatory Commission on the proposed European disarmament conference was gratifying to Administration officials, they were taken by surprise by the decision of the Council to convoke a conference at the Swiss capital on Sept. 1 in an effort to reach an accord on the American reservations governing adherence to the World Court." It was added that, "in the absence of definite infor-
mation officials withheld comment, but it became evident to-night that they were at a loss to understand the meaning of the move. That quick advantage will be taken of it by the irreconcilables, who aim to effect the withdrawal of the United States from entry into the Court, was demonstrated when Senator Reed of Missouri in the Senate today assailed both the League and the Court."

Official bank rates at leading European centres continue to be quoted at $8 \%$ in Berlin; $71 / 2 \%$ in Belgium; 7\% in Italy; 6\% in Paris and Norway; $51 / 2 \%$ in Denmark; 5\% in London and Madrid; $41 / 2 \%$ in Sweden and $31 / 2 \%$ in Holland and Switzerland. In London open market discount rates were firmer and finished at $45 / 8 @ 43 / 4 \%$ for short bills, as against 47-16@41/2\% last week, and $41 / 2 \%$ for three months' bills, against $43 / 8 @ 47-16 \%$ a week ago. Money on call at the British centre was likewise firm early in the week, touching $45 / 8 \%$, but declined and closed at $41 / 8 \%$, in comparison with $41 / 4 \%$ last week. In Paris and Switzerland the open market discounts have not been changed from $41 / 4 \%$ and $2 \%$, respectively.

The Bank of England lost gold this week to the amount of $£ 30,862$, the first decline in several weeks. Note circulation, however, continues to decline as a result of a decrease of $£ 40,000$, the reserve in gold and notes in the banking department increased $£ 9,000$. A slight lowering in the proportion of reserve to liabilities was reported, viz., $20.08 \%$, as against $20.20 \%$ a week ago. In the corresponding week of 1925 the ratio stood at $197 / 8 \%$ and a year earlier at $175 / 8 \%$. Public deposits were again materially expanded, increasing $£ 3,0 \check{7} 7,000$, while "other" deposits fell $£ 2,321,000$. The Bank's temporary loans to the Government diminished $£ 1,275$,000 . Loans on other securities, however, expanded $£ 1,994,000$. Gold stocks aggregate $£ 145,561,670$, which compares with $£ 128,618,554$ 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 $£ 128,105$,046 in 1924. Reserve totals $£ 24,105,000$, against $£ 24,294,619$ in 1925 and $£ 22,949,676$ a year earlier. Loans stand at $£ 76,176,000$, as compared with $£ 76$,349,489 and $£ 76,748,003$ one and two years ago, respectively, while note circulation is $£ 141,206,000$, in comparison with $£ 124,073,935$ last year and $£ 124$,905,370 the year immediately preceding. Clearings through the London banks for the week totaled $£ 726,849,000$, which compares with $£ 777,879,000$ last week and $£ 741,008,000$ a year ago. No change has been made in the Bank's minimum discount from $5 \%$, the rate prevailing for some time. We append herewith comparisons of the different items of the Bank of England return for a series of years:


According to the weekly return of the Bank of France, note circulation declined $252,562,000$ francs, reducing the total outstanding to $51,798,935,485$ francs. Last year notes in circulation stood at $40,880,024,375$ francs and the year before at $39,-$ $905,980,835$ francs. The gold item shows a fu ther small gain, namely, 4,950 francs. The Bank's gold holdings, therefore, now aggregate $5,548,291,875$ francs as compared with $5,545,904,836$ francs for the corresponding date last year and $5,541,640,171$ francs for the year previous. Of these amounts $1,864,320,-$ 907 francs were held abroad in each of the years 1926, 1925 and 1924. The French Government repaid $200,000,000$ francs of its borrowings to the Bank, reducing the total of advances to the State to 35,250 ,000,000 francs. During the week silver holdings increased 869,000 francs, bills discounted gained 171,086,000 francs, and treasury deposits rose $11,595,000$ francs. On the other hand, trade advances decreased $36,891,000$ francs and general deposits fell $150,957,000$ francs. Comparison of the different items in this week's return with the figures of last week and the corresponding dates in both 1925 and 1924 is as follows:


The Imperial Bank of Germany in its statement, issued as of March 15, reported a decline in note circulation of $125,201,000$ marks, but at the same time an expansion in other maturing obligations of 159 ,817,000 marks. Other liabilities increased 24,357 ,000 marks. On the assets side, there was an increase in holdings of bills of exchange and checks of $7,679,000$ marks, and in advances of $3,868,000$ marks. Deposits held abroad increased 12,748,000 marks, reserve in foreign currencies $7,679,000$ marks and silver and other coins, $4,867,000$ marks. Increases were also shown of $8,793,000$ marks in notes on other banks, 485,000 marks in investments and $2,569,000$ marks in other assets. Gold and bullion holdings showed a gain of $23,034,000$ marks, which brought the Bank's gold reserve up to $1,427,936,000$ marks. Note circulation aggregates 2,604,506,000 marks.

The Federal Reserve Banks' weekly statements, issued on Thursday, revealed continued shrinkage in rediscounting, as well as open market operations, and for the banks as a group, another gain in gold of approximately $\$ 12,000,000$. The report of the System further shows that rediscounts of all classes of paper were reduced $\$ 21,800,000$, thus bringing total bills discounted for the week down to $\$ 480$,615,000 , as compared with $\$ 0502,425,000$ last week. Holdings of bills purchased in the open market declined $\$ 27,300,000$. Total bills and securities (earning assets) decreased roughly $\$ 57,000,000$, while deposits fell off $\$ 16,600,000$. There was a contraction of $\$ 12,500,000$ in the amount of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation, but member bank reserve accounts increased $\$ 20,600,000$. The New York bank lost gold, albeit a small amount, namely $\$ 997,000$. Here, also, however, a heavy falling off
was shown in rediscounting of both Government secured and "other" paper; $\$ 38,700,000$ and $\$ 13$,100,000, respectively, with a decrease in total bills discounted of $\$ 51,800,000$. Bill buying in the open market was reduced $\$ 11,700,000$. On the other hand, total bills and securities increased $\$ 8,900,000$ (as the result of the issuance to the Bank by the United States Treasury of a temporary Certificate of Indebtedness for $\$ 99,000,000$ pending the collection of the quarterly income taxes), and deposits $\$ 15$,100,000. Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation by the New York Reserve Bank remained almost sta-tionary-increasing $\$ 463,000$. Member bank reserve accounts recorded an expansion of $\$ 15,200,000$. As a result of the addition to gold reserves and smaller deposits, the reserve ratio of the System advanced $1.0 \%$, to $75.6 \%$. At New York there was a shrinkage of a like amount- $1.0 \%$, to $77.8 \%$.

Last Saturday's statement of the New York Clearing House banks and trust companies was featured by another addition to surplus reserve of more than $\$ 12,000,000$. Loans expanded $\$ 2,576,000$. Net demand deposits were reduced $\$ 25,374,000$, while time deposits increased $\$ 13,278,000$, to $\$ 573,717,000$. The total of demand deposits is $\$ 4,383,441,000$, exclusive of $\$ 44,537,000$ in Government deposits. Cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank fell off $\$ 547,000$, to $\$ 48,341,000$. This, however, does not count as reserve. Reserves of State banks and trust companies in own vaults declined $\$ 62,000$ and reserves of these institutions kept in other depositaries fell $\$ 313,000$. Member banks added to their reserves in the Federal institution $\$ 9,762,000$; a factor that was responsible for the increase in surplus reserve of $\$ 12,220,840$, bringing excess reserves up to $\$ 27,095,680$, as compared with $\$ 14,874,840$ last week. The calculation is on the basis of $13 \%$ legal reserve requirements against demand deposits for member banks of the Federal Reserve System, but does not include $\$ 48,341,090$ cash in own vault held by these member banks on Saturday last.

The local money market has experienced a natural reaction following the large interest and dividend disbursements on March 15 and the further heavy liquidation in stocks; and the heavy income tax payments to the Government have been without effect. Call money ruled at $41 / 4 \%$, while time loans dropped yesterday to $41 / 2 \%$ for 60 days to 6 months. Even at the lower level, the time money market was quiet. The slackening in some lines of general business that is reported probably contributed its share to the generally easy monetary conditions. The extent to which loans have been affected by the liquidation in securities was shown by the Federal Reserve figures yesterday. They disclosed a decrease of nearly $\$ 163,000,000$ for the week on the part of the New York banks reporting. With the unsatisfactory stock market, from the point of view of those working for higher prices, the offerings of new securities fell off somewhat. Still, the aggregate was by no means small, and embraced a wide variety of issues. Conflicting reports are coming to hand relative to actual conditions in several important industries, and also as to the nearby outlook. At best, there are indications that trade is becoming somewhat "spotty." Car loadings on the railroads keep up well. Further liberal dividend increases, both by railroad and industrial corporations, have been
reported, reflecting larger earnings for last year and confidence over prospects for this year. Mergers continue to come forward in various lines, with the exception of the railroads. They are still affected by the adverse Nickel Plate decision of the InterState Commerce Commission.

Dealing with specific rates for money, the call loan market has been motionless throughout, with all loans placed at $41 / 4 \%$, which compares with a range of $4 @ 41 / 2 \%$ last week. In other words, from Monday to Friday the only rate named has been $41 / 4 \%$, this having been the high, low and renewal basis during the entire period. Call funds were in ample supply and in the outside market loans were negotiated at $4 \%$. For fixed date maturities there was very little demand and trading was dull and featureless. Toward the close there was a general easing up as a result of unusually free offerings and quotations declined to $41 / 4 @ 41 / 2 \%$ for sixty days and $41 / 2 \%$ for all maturities from ninety days to six months, as compared with a range of $43 / 4 @ 5 \%$ for short and long periods last week.

Commercial paper was inactive, although a good demand was reported and high grade names were readily absorbed. The supply of offerings, however, was extremely limited. Both local and out-of-town banks were among the buyers. Quotations have not been changed from $41 / 4 \%$ for four to six months' names of choice character, with names not so well known still requiring $41 / 2 \%$. New England mill paper and the shorter choice names continue to pass at $41 / 4 \%$.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances were in fair demand, although trading was restricted by lack of offerings. Most of the business passing was for account of country banks. The tone of the market was easier, but actual rates remained unchanged. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council continues at $33 / 4 \%$. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rate on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks $35 \%$ bid and $31 / 2 \%$ asked for bills running 30 days, $33 \%$ bid and $35 / 8 \%$ asked for 60 and 90 days, $37 / 8 \%$ bid and $33 / 4 \%$ asked for 120 days, $41 / 8 \%$ bid and $4 \%$ asked for 150 days and 180 days. Open market quotations are as follows:

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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:
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Sterling exchange was neglected and the small up-and-down movements that characterized the week's dealings attracted very little attention. The whole market was dull and featureless with traders almost wholly absorbed in the wild changes that have been taking place in values of Belgian francs. Nevertheless, sterling price levels were well maintained and demand rates ruled throughout between 485 11-16 and $48527-32$. Offerings of commercial bills were light and buying usually adequate. The unexpected debacle in Belgian francs, coming at a time when it was believed that Belgium had turned the corner and was on the high road to financial recovery, was a keen disappointment to local bankers and financiers, and the resultant effect for a time was to depress the tone of sterling, although, as already indicated, actual price changes were small. Later on, when the first shock of surprise had subsided, a better feeling began to prevail, and it was felt that the break had been considerably overdone, especially as Belgium's economic and financial position is considered preeminently sound.

So far as sterling itself is concerned, despite the very apparent lack of interest shown, there is a very well defined feeling that price levels will be well maintained if they do not actually move higher. Thus far the dreaded Indian demand for gold has failed to assume the large proportions feared some weeks back, while labor conditions, though still unsettled, give better promise of satisfactory readjustment in the not distant future. It is noted that whereas before the war sterling rates were weakest from the latter part of December until well into May, firmness in these later years is apt to set in around the end of February.

Referring to quotations in greater detail, sterling exchange on Saturday last was a shade easier and demand sold at $4853 / 4$ (one rate), cable transfers at $4861 / 8$ and sixty days at $4821 / 2$; trading was inactive. On Monday there was a further fractional decline to 485 11-16 for demand, partly in sympathy with the slump in Belgian francs; the high was $4853 / 4$, while cable transfers ranged between $4861-16$ and $4861 / 8$ and sixty days at $4827-16 @ 4821 / 2$; the volume of business transacted was small. Moderate improvement set in on Tuesday, so that demand covered a range of $48511-16 @ 48525-32$, cable transfers $4861-16 @ 4865-16$ and sixty days 4827-16@ 482 17-32; the market, however, continued inactive. Wednesday the undertone was firm and rates moved up on quiet trading to $4853 / 4 @ 48527-32$ for demend, 4861/8@4867-32 for cable transfers and 4821/2@ 482 19-32 for sixty days. Sterling was dull, but steady on Thursday and demand sold at $4853 / 4$ @ $48513-16$, cable transfers at $4861 / 8 @ 4863-16$ and sixty days at $4821 / 2 @ 4829-16$. Friday's market was inactive and unchanged, with quoted rates still at $4853 / 4 @ 48513-16$ for demand, $4861 / 8 @ 4863-16$ for cable transfers and $4821 / 2 @ 4829-16$ for sixty days. Closing quotations were $4829-16$ for sixty days, $48513-16$ for demand and $4863-16$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at $48511-16$, sixty days at $4821-16$, ninety days at $4815-16$, documents for payment (sixty days) at $4825-16$ and seven-day grain bills at $4849-16$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 485 11-16.
No gold engagements were noted during the week either for export or import. The Bank of England reported sales of gold bars to the amount of $£ 120,000$.

In the Continental exchanges the event of the week was the unlooked for crash in the value of Antwerp francs, which, after nearly six months of practical stability, slumped about 50 points from the previous level of $4533 / 4$. The break occurred on Monday with almost startling suddenness and immediately following cable advices to the effect that serious difficulties had arisen over Belgium's budget between the Belgian Government and the bankers engaged in arranging details for the proposed Belgian loan. Coupled with this was the circulation of rumors that the stabilization credits granted the Belgian Government some time ago had been completely exhausted; and this in conjunction with the strain of the Geneva situation and the sharp recessions in French francs, all served to undermine confidence, and precipitated a sort of semi-panic. Violent fluctuations ensued that carried Belgian franc quotations down from $4523 / 4$ to 403 ; back to 424 , only to drop again to 413 ; then crash through the 4.00 mark to 3.96 , or the lowest point touched since the collapse in the spring of 1924, with the close about 4.01. Quotations moved up and down with great rapidity as a result of frenzied attempts to sell, interspersed by spurts of short covering and occasional buying by interests who regarded the decline as unwarranted. It should be noted, however, that most of the excitement and the bulk of the trading took place in London, which appeared to be the seat of the disturbance. Certainly London dealers were responsible for a large proportion of the demoralizing selling. Local operators took only a minor part in the proceedings and price changes here simply reflected developments abroad. Those familiar with inside affairs in Europe claim that the advance in the discount of the Na tional Bank of Belgium last week to $71 / 2 \%$ ought to have been interpreted as a danger signal, and no doubt was so regarded in some quarters since the advance was followed by the putting out of large quantities of Belgian franc futures, which naturally reduced the rate to well below the spot figure and thus led to the liquidation of heavy holdings of Belgian exchange. The incident revived statements put forth months ago as to the doubtful wisdom of stabilizing franes at so high a level. Later in the week, when part of the hysteria had died down, it began to be rumored that Antwerp currency would likely be stabilized at around 404 , as Belgium's position is economically sound. Much will depend upon the success attained in floating new loans to replace the exhausted stabilization credits, also, to a lesser extent, rehabilitation of French financial affairs.

The feverish unsettlement displayed by Belgian franes affected adversely the remainder of the European list and French francs, as well as Italian lire, were under considerable selling pressure, although price changes were relatively small. Very little progress has been made this week in straightening out France's tangled finances, and publication of unfavorable February foreign trade figures helped increase the depression and led to a drop of about 10 points to 3.52 , although later part of the loss was recovered. Trading was sporadic and the market is still in a waiting attitude. Practically no hope is entertained of securing a vote on the budget or even of passing special tax legislation before Easter, while labor unions in France are said to be asking for wage increases. Considerable official support was neces-
sitated to prevent depreciation. The same is true of lire, which were held at around $4.003 / 4$ to 4.01 , on quiet trading. German and Austrian currencies remained motionless. Greek currency opened and ruled for a time at 1.40 , but later declined to $1.351 / 2$. The minor Central European exchanges were dull and about steady; except Polish zloties, which dropped back 50 points to 12.50 , then closed at 12.75 .

The London check rate on Paris finished at 1 36.63, against 133.28 last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre closed at $3.521 / 2$, against $3.631 / 4$; cable transfers at $3.531 / 2$, against $3.641 / 2$; commercial sight bills at $3.511 / 2$, against $3.641 / 4$, and commercial sixty days at 3.47 , against $3.573 / 4$ a week ago. Closing rates on Antwerp francs were $4.001 / 2$ for checks and $4.01 \frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers. This compares with $4.527 / 8$ and $4.537 / 8$ a week earlier. Reichsmarks continue to be quoted at 23.81 (one rate) for both checks and cable transfers. Austrian exchange is now quoted in shillings, the par being 14.07 per shilling and the trading rate $141 / 8$. Lire closed at 4.01 for bankers' sight bills and at 4.02 for cable transfers. Last week the close was $4.003 / 4$ and $4.013 / 4$. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at $2.961 / 4$, against $2.963 / 8$; on Bucharest at $0.421 / 2$, against $0.421 / 4$, and on Finland at 2.52 , against $2.521 / 4$. Polish zloties closed at 12.75, against 12.70 last week. Greek exchange finished at $1.351 / 2$ for checks and at 1.36 for cable transfers, as contrasted with $1.391 / 4$ and $1.393 / 4$ the preceding week.

Movements in the neutral exchanges, formerly so-called, were not particularly significant. The undertone of the market was depressed by the drop in Belgian francs and declines were registered in a number of currencies, notably Norway, which broke no less than 58 points, to 21.12 , chiefly on active selling in London, with few takers. Danish and Swedish exchanges were steady at close to the levels of the previous week. Guilders remain dull at within a point or two of 40.05 . Swiss francs ruled at $19.241 / 4$ then closed higher at $19.251 / 2$. Pesetas were quiet and still quoted around 14.08 ; all on a narrow volume of featureless trading.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished at $40.053 / 4$, against $40.053 / 4$; cable transfers at $40.073 / 4$, against $40.073 / 4$; commercial sight bills at $39.973 / 4$, against $39.973 / 4$, and commercial sixty days at $39.613 / 4$, against $39.613 / 4$ last week. Final quotations on Swiss francs were $19.251 / 2$ for bankers' sight bills and $19.261 / 2$ for cable transfers, which compares with $19.241 / 2$ and $19.251 / 2$ a week ago. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.19 and cable transfers at 26.23 , against 26.26 and 26.30. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.77 and cable transfers at 26.81 , against 26.78 and 26.82 , while checks on Norway finished at 21.41 and cable transfers at 21.45 , against $21.861 / 2$ and. $21.901 / 2$. Spanish pesetas closed at $14.081 / 8$ for checks and at $14.101 / 2$ for cable transfers, as contrasted with 14.08 and 14.10 the previous week.

With regard to South American exchange, renewed weakness made itself felt in Argentine pesos, which broke to 39.07 for checks and to 39.11 for cable transfers, then rallied and closed at 39.50 and 39.55 , as compared with 39.75 and 39.80 a week ago. Much of the weakness is ascribed to speculative maneuvering. It is claimed that this currency had been built up too high in the expectation of crops for export. The reaction of this week is, therefore, due to the general belief that currencies
have been moved up too far. The same is true of Brazil exchange, although to a lesser extent. Brazilian milreis closed at 14.31 for checks and 14.36 for cable transfers, against 14.43 and 14.48 . Chilean exchange was steady and closed at 12.05 , as against 12.01 last week. Peru was easier, finishing at 3.85 , against 3.90 last week.

Far Eastern exchange was dull, at close to the levels prevailing a week earlier. Hong Kong finished at $563 / 8 @ 563 / 4$, against $561 / 4 @ 565 / 8$; Shanghai, $731 / 4 @ 731 / 2$, the same as a week ago; Yokohama, $451 / 2 @ 453 / 4$, against $453 / 8 @ 451 / 2$; Manila, $495 / 8 @ 497 / 8$, against 493/4@49 15-16; Singapore, $57 @ 571 / 4$, against 563/4@57; Bombay, 363/4@37, against 37@ $371 / 4$, and Calcutta, 363/4@367/8, against 367/8@37.

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 ,
MARCH 131926 TO MARCH 18 1926, inclusive.

| Country and Monetary Untt. | Noon Buytng Rate for Cable Transfers in Neto York. Value in United States Monev. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mar. 13. | Mar. 15. | Mar. 16 | Mar. 17. | Mar. 18. | Mar. 19. |
| EUROPE- | ${ }_{\text {S }}{ }^{\text {S }}$ | $\stackrel{\text { ¢ }}{\text { \$ }} 14069$ |  | ${ }_{5}{ }^{\text {S }}$ |  |  |
| Belglum, frano. | 8.14057 | ${ }^{\$ .14069}$ | ${ }^{8.14051}$ | \$.14058 | ${ }^{8.14058}$ | $\begin{array}{\|} 8.14072 \\ 0402 \end{array}$ |
| Bulgarla, lev | . 007188 | . 007246 | . 007214 | . 007214 | . 007221 | . 007194 |
| Czechoslovakia, krone | . 029618 | . 029618 | . 029617 | . 029619 | . 029617 | . 029618 |
| Denmark, krone-.-.-- England, | . 2626 | . 2623 | . 2618 | . 2618 | . 2617 | 2623 |
| ling | 4.8610 | 4.8605 | 4.8604 | 4.8615 | 4.8614 | 4.8611 |
| Finland, mark | . 025214 | . 025223 | . 025220 | . 025217 | . 025220 | . 025218 |
| France, franc- | . 0363 | . 0360 | . 0361 | . 0357 | . 0358 | . 0355 |
| Germany, relchsma | . 2380 | . 2380 | 2380 | . 2380 | . 2380 | . 2381 |
| Greece, drachma | . 014066 | . 013985 | . 013975 | . 013844 | . 013704 | 013628 |
| Holland, gullder | . 4006 | . 4005 | . 4005 | . 4005 | . 4007 | . 4008 |
| Hungary, peng | . 17545 | . 1754 | . 1758 | . 17501 | . 17502 | . 17508 |
| Norway, kr | . 2183 | . 2169 | . 2159 | . 2148 | . 2131 | . 2151 |
| Poland, zloty | . 1259 | . 1278 | . 1286 | . 1268 | . 1241 | . 1249 |
| Portugal, escu | . 0513 | . 0513 | . 0513 | . 0513 | . 0514 | . 0514 |
| Rumania, leu | . 004237 | . 004230 | . 004228 | . 004227 | . 004214 | . 004218 |
| Spain, peseta | . 1409 | .1409 | . 1408 | . 1408 | . 1410 | . 1410 |
| Sweden, krona | . 2681 | . 2681 | . 2680 | . 2680 | . 2680 | . 2680 |
| Switzerland, fran | .1925 | . 1925 | . 1925 | . 1925 | . 1925 | .1925 |
| Yugoslavia, dina | . 017611 | . 017628 | . 017613 | . 017613 | . 017617 | . 017606 |
| China- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chefoo, tael | . 7583 | . 7554 | .7567 | .7590 | . 7588 | 7563 |
| Hankow, tael | . 7513 | . 7509 | . 7508 | . 7519 | . 7517 | . 7503 |
| Shanghal, tae | . 7279 | . 7276 | . 7273 | 7282 | . 7280 | . 7273 |
| Tlentsin, tael | . 7688 | . 7654 |  | . 7669 | . 7667 | . 7654 |
| Hong Kong, dollar | . 5604 | . 5573 | . 55881 | . 5615 | . 5625 | . 5609 |
| Mexican dollar- | . 5294 | . 5270 | 80 | . 5283 | . 5244 | . 5246 |
| dollar | . 5350 | . 5308 | . 5325 | . 5329 |  |  |
| Yuan, do | . 5479 | . 5438 | . 5454 | . 5458 | . 5433 | . 5458 |
| Indla, rupee | . 3671 | . 3668 | . 3662 | . 3659 | . 3644 | . 3643 |
|  | . 4537 | . 4540 | . 4530 | 4514 | . 4528 | . 4524 |
| singapore(8.S.), dollar NORTH AMER. | . 5663 | . 5663 | . 5658 | . 5663 | . 5658 | . 5663 |
| Canada, dollar....-- | . 996514 | . 996419 | . 996154 | . 996286 | . 996038 | . 996205 |
| Cubs, peso- | . 999531 | . 999156 | . 999469 | . 999469 | . 999469 | . 999406 |
| Mexico, peso.-.-.-- | .485000 | . 485167 | . 485000 | .485333 | . 485500 | . 485667 |
| Newfoundland, dollar SOUTH AMER. | . 993938 | . 993828 | . 993938 | . 994125 | . 993750 | . 993750 |
| Argentina, peso (gold) | . 9018 | . 8985 | . 8807 |  |  |  |
| Brazil, milrets. | . 1457 | . 1455 | . 1432 | . 1445 | . 1437 | . 1442 |
| Chile, peso (paper) | . 1203 | . 1204 | . 1206 | . 1205 | . 1208 | .1210 |
| Uruguay, Deso | . 0235 | 1.0211 | 1.0172 | 1.0155 | 1.0174 | 1.0220 |

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained $\$ 3,887,144$ net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ended March 19. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated $\$ 4,879,644$, while the shipments have reached $\$ 992$,500 , as per the following table:
CURRENCY regeipts and shipments by new york banking institutions.

| Week Ended March 19. | Into <br> Banks. | Out of <br> Banks. | Gain or Lose <br> to Banks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Banks' interlor movement.......... | $\$ 4,879,644$ | $\$ 992,500$ | Gain $\$ 3,887,144$ |

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.

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

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

| Banks of | March 181926. |  |  | March 191925. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Gold. | Suter. | Total. | Gold. | Suter. | Total. |
| England - | $\frac{\mathcal{L}}{145,561,670}$ | $\pm$ | $\stackrel{£}{145,561,670}$ | $\stackrel{\underset{128,618,554}{£}}{ }$ | £ | $\underset{128,618,554}{\stackrel{\&}{5}}$ |
| France a-- | $147,358,839$ $55,211,750$ | 13,160,000 | 160,518,839 | 147,263,357 | 12,280,000 | 159,543,357 |
| Germany c | 55,211,750 | d994,600 | $56,206,350$ b2,000,000 | $35,568,500$ b2,000.000 | 99.600 | 36,563.100 |
| Spain.-.-- | 101,475,000 | 26.451.000 | 127,926,000 | 101,440,000 | 26,133,000 | b2,000.000 127.573 .000 |
| Italy--- | 35,687,000 | 3,410,000 | 39,097,000 | 35,585,000 | 2,362,000 | 38,947,000 |
| Netherlds. | 35,870,000 | ${ }_{3}^{2,122,000}$ | 37,992,000 | 42,040,000 | 1,700,000 | 43,740,000 |
| Natitzerl'd | 16,685,000 | $3,658,000$ $3.709,000$ | $14,612,000$ $20,394,000$ | 10.891 .000 $19.189,000$ | 3,002,000 | 13,893.000 |
| Sweden | 12,763.000 | 3,709,000 | 12,763,000 | 13,1800,000 | 3,599,000 | 22.788 .000 13.000 .000 |
| Denmark | 11,623,000 | 842,000 | 12,465,000 | 11,637.000 | 919,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 13,000,000 \\ & 12,556,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| Norway | 8,180,000 | 812,00 | 8,180,000 | 8,180,000 | 919,00 | $\begin{array}{r} 12,556,000 \\ 8,180,000 \end{array}$ |
| Total weel | 583,369,255 | 54,346,600 | 837,715,859 | 555,412,411 |  |  |
| Prev. week\|5 | 583.162,973 | 54,514,600 | 337,677,573 | 555,669,684 | $\begin{aligned} & 51,989,600 \\ & 52,183.600 \end{aligned}$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 507,402,011 \\ & 607.853,284 \end{aligned}\right.$ |

## The Breakdown at Geneva and Its Consequences.

The extraordinary session of the Assembly of the League of Nations which was called for the express purpose of admitting Germany to the League of Nations, in accordance with the assurances given to Germany at Locarno, adjourned on Wednesday with Germany still out of the League. After ten days of wrangling, the Council found itself unable to settle the controversy which had developed over the proposed enlargement of the Council of the League and the distribution of permanent seats therein, and until the Council had acted the Assembly could not proceed. Accordingly, the matter has been postponed until September, the question of enlarging the Council being in the meantime relegated to the consideration of a commission. The German delegates, whose conduct apparently has been free from criticism, have gone home empty-handed, save for some fine phrases doubtless intended to console them in their disappointment and rebuff. Whatever the reception accorded to them by the Reichstag or the people of Germany, they at least will have nothing save a straight story to tell and an honorable attitude to defend. The representatives of the other Powers who mixed in the controversy will be kept busy for a time in explaining why and how it all happened, with the possibility that their reports may precipitate more than one change of Government before the Assembly reconvenes in September.
No one who has followed with an open mind the proceedings at Geneva, as they have been reported from day to day (and no meeting of the League has been more fully reported in the American press), should find any difficulty in making a just appraisal of the merits of the dispute, or in putting the blame for the catastrophe exactly where it belongs. Technically and formally, the offending State is Brazil, which stubbornly refused to abate its demand for a permanent seat in the Council as its price for approving the entry of Germany into the League with a permanent place in the Council. Precisely what motives determined the action of Brazil is not clear, nor do we yet know, as we doubtless
shall some time know, whether it acted for itself or as the catspaw of some other Power or some group of Powers. Whatever the motive, its course lays it fairly open to condemnation, and the repercussions of its conduct at Geneva will be felt throughout South America and in the future relations between the South American States and the League. The report that Spain, which did not withdraw its candidacy, apparently stood ready to do what Brazil did, does not exculpate Brazil, and on the surface Brazil is the scapegoat and will be made to bear as much of the burden of odium as the other Powers shall succeed in heaping upon it.

This is only the surface, however. The real responsibility is elsewhere. However overweening the ambition of Brazil may have been to play a greater part than formerly in the affairs of the League, there is small reason to suppose that it would have insisted so stubbornly upon its claims if other Powers of far greater consequence had not set the fatal example. What that example was, the record of events clearly shows. The responsibility for the Geneva catastrophe rests primarily with France, which, by championing the claims of its ally, Poland, to a permanent seat in the Council, made itself the dominating factor in a political move whose main object was to reconstruct the membership of the Council to Germany's disadvantage, and to seize the occasion of Germany's application for admission as the opportune moment for putting through the scheme. Had not France, with M. Briand as its spokesman and leader, thrown its whole weight on the Polish side, the demand of Poland, and the demands of Brazil and Spain as well, would unquestionably have been withdrawn under pressure from the Powers. To the policy of France, admittedly in contravention of the assurances given to Germany at Locarno, the British Government, in the person of Sir Austen Chamberlain, became virtually committed, while to that which France coveted and Great Britain was willing to aid, Mussolini hastened to give his support. These are the essentials of the Geneva story. Germany is to-day outside the League because the three Power's which have dominated the League from the beginning, and whose wishes should naturally, under ordinary circumstances, entitle them to superior weight, have given their active support to a movement to impose new and extraneous conditions to the admission of Germany to membership in the League Council. The efforts to place the chief responsibility elsewhere, or to make it appear that this or that large question of general League policy was involved, are only clumsy attempts to conceal from the world the game of nationalistic politics that was being played, to the discredit of the players and the debasement of the League.

What lay back of the extraordinary course which the three Powers pursued was the thing against which President Wilson repeatedly protested, and the achievement of which he did his best to circumvent. The struggle at Geneva, as the whole world now perceives, was a struggle for the restoration of the old idea of balance of power. Never has the League appeared less a genuine association of nations, never have its supposed authority and resourcefulness appeared more impotent, than when it was faced with schemes for the re-establishment of a political system which President Wilson rightly branded as discredited, and which he declared ought under no eircumstances to be allowed to return.

With the Locarno treaties only a few months old, and with the memory of M. Briand's cordial expression regarding Germany and the "new spirit" fresh in mind, the League of Nations was confronted with a scheme to maintain the peace of Europe by grouping Germany's for mer enemies in allied camps, and balancing one group against another. Such a policy is the natural consequence of the Little Entente among the Balkan Powers and Mussolini's recent appeal for a Latin union against Germany, and it is the only policy, apparently, upon which the Powers feel disposed to rely, but it is the negation of the League idea and the certain enemy of international peace. The "new world order" which the war was supposed to have ushered in turns out to be only the old order revamped, and the "Locarno spirit" appears as little better than a form of words. For all practical purposes, Europe is back where it was before the war, with nationalistic enmities and rivalries, and political suspicions and ambitions, unfurling their standards in the capital of international peace.

The immediate consequences of the calamitous break-down at Geneva will show themselves widely. The prestige of the League has received a severe blow, and the statesman will indeed be hardy who shall undertake now to defend it as a peace agency. The Locarno agreements are under a cloud, and the sincerity of the statesmen who signed them, apart from Germany, has been impugned. If there still exists in the United States a respectable body of opinion that desires to see the United States a member of the League, its spirit may well have been broken by the spectacle of a nationalistic squabble which well-informed American correspondents, to a man, have not hesitated to describe in unbridled terms. American adhesion to the World Court, if so be it that the reservations imposed by the Senate resolution are swallowed by the Council, will become henceforth a matter of misgiving, for the Court is a creation of the League, and the League is in contempt. The gloomy accounts which Mr. Houghton and Mr. Gibson are reported to have given to President Coolidge regarding the actual political situation in Europe, while on the surface containing nothing that was not already known or widely suspected, are such as to justify the firm continuance of a policy of complete independence in European relations.
It would be gratifying to be able to hope that, in the six months which must elapse before the League is again convened, the Powers which are responsible for the Geneva fiasco may come to their senses and exert themselves to undo the mischief that has been done. Unfortunately, there is little in the situation at the moment to sustain the hope. The Mussolini Government is still in the saddle, and to build an Italian empire or a Latin union on the ruins of a merely formal European peace would not, apparently, be out of harmony with the Mussolini policy. Sir Austen Chamberlain may have the fight of his political life in defending himself before the House of Commons, but it is not yet certain that Premier Baldwin will repudiate him or that the Conservative majority in the Commons will withhold its support. M. Briand, upon whose shoulders the heaviest burden rests, has actually obtained a breathing space sufficient to enable him to win approval of his new Ministry, so that, for the moment at least, he would seem to be in a position further to advance his views regarding
the League Council and to continue his efforts to maintain the balance of power. All this, however, is of the future. The immediate lesson, writ large on the face of the record made at Geneva, is the complete futility of the League as a device for insuring international peace and cultivating the spirit of international good-will, and the deliberate return to the balance of power as the means of regulating the relations between States. The former may perhaps be dismissed as no more than a grievous disappointment of high and generous hopes, but the latter is a world calamity.

## "Out Where the West Begins"-Helping the

In the springtime the sower goes forth to scatter the seed in good ground. The black loam, turned and leveled; the sturdy figure, striding forward with rhythmic swinging arm; the benignant sky overhead and the trustworthy earth beneath; these constitute a picture and a type that will endure through the ages. It matters not that the good grain is now drilled in by machinery, the modern farmer is essentially the husbandman of old, and the elements that he combines in primal production are unchanged and unchangeable. Man's law and his government can never alter the ancient equation. The man needs the soil and the soil needs the man. They are brothers working in and by and under the natural law. And it follows that in the exchange and commerce that ensue, the governing power, to at least a guiding extent, lies in this solitary union of man and nature. No man, no law, no Government, can grow figs from thistles. The seed that falls in stony places will not thrive. And if, "out where the West begins," there is corm and wheat and grass lands, man alters them at his peril. Therefore, as an individual tied to the soil, he cannot follow the acreage limitations set for him by the combinations of theorists who would, from their remote heights, fit production to consumption in order to fix price. He cannot impose his will upon the will of the soil. By a small margin he can resist the quality of the soil he tills, but if he defies it utterly by growing wheat on land best adapted to corn he defeats his own best prospects and in the end shatters the dream of price by attempting to fit production to an estimated consumption. The talent that is given him lies in the quality of the soil over which ownership gives him personal power.

It happens that at this sowing time of the year, when in the vast stretches of the Middle West thousands of farmers are in the fields, there exists at Washington in the halls of legislation a deep yearning for this solitary figure who trusts in God and keeps his plowshares bright. It is a curious anomaly that this seasonal worker who goes forth in the morning with confident heart that le who sows snall reap accordingly should listen to the theories of those who, like the lilies, do not sow, neither do they reap. So anomalous is it that it may be doubted that he listens as carefully as he does to the murmurings of the quickening earth, the melodies of the winds, and the plangent music of the falling rains. If he works not in the springtime, if he waits for the fixing of prices by his legislative friends and by his political benefactors, no one knows better than he that he will wait in vain. Whatever he may hope for from Congress, he puts his first trust in God and
his own right hand. He sows that he may reap. He is alertly aware that as far as his own personal interest is concerned it is better to have two bushels of good grain at the market price than one bushel at a fixed price that may materialize and may not. He knows that his own farm is the only one over which he has personal control. He knows that while he may associate with his neighbor to produce a given amount of grain he must thereby give up some of his independence and sacrifice some of the power that lies in his own soil. And he knows that these far-off estimates of total consumption are so distant from his own acres that he is trusting his own fortunes, his own possibilities, to a supposition that is a mere mass of figures. And so he works on, in much the same old way, and does what he can to produce a good crop, knowing the uncertainties of his calling, yet never doubting the returns of the soil beneath and the sky overhead.

It also happens that the time the Capitol at Washington is dripping grief there comes a smash in stocks in "Wall Street." Now the gentle, unsuspecting farmer "out where the West begins" has been taught in divers and sundry political campaigns that this region in the City of Greater New York has many of the characteristics Dante found in his explorations and Dore subsequently pictured, but he does not altogether believe it, for he sometimes takes a "flyer" in stocks himself, though this is the exception, not the rule. And so, in keeping with the idea that the best of us secretly and subconsciously "rejoice a little over the misfortunes of our friends," he smiles when the speculative house of cards comes tumbling down on the heads of those who built it. In a small way he, too, has "lost his stake"; but he knows that this is foreign to his sowing and reaping, save that it induces him to work the harder. It may and does affect the price of grain, though he has little usually to sell in the spring of the year. What troubles him most is the periodical "boom" in land values he cannot prevent and to which he, being human, too often succumbs. When the land boomers are shouting at every crossroads, he catches the speculation fever unbeknown to himself; and too often for his own good sells at high price and then, sick at health, buys at a still higher, and so comes to grief when the mortgage falls due. He knows, as he meditates in the long furrows, that all these booms are apart from the ancient and honored vocation of producing food for the human race. He knows, in the midst of the percentages of returns which his friends figure out, even what the National Industrial Conference does not seem to appreciate, that he is sure of his own living-though all the booms burst and cloture be never invoked against those in legislative halls who would, by law, line his meagre purse with abundant gold. He feels that he is not perforce a wage-earner, compelled to advance the price of his toil by strikes and picketing. This, he senses, belongs to the East, an environ of "Wall Street"; where population congests; where rents are high and skyscrapers abound; and where the "protective tariff" flourishes as a green bay tree, about the only tree that will grow in the exhausted soil. Thus, when the bluebird sings, albeit the March winds twist and turn like Satan, be fastens his thought on good seed and gathers a spirit of independence from the sunshine and the soil. While Congress talks he works. Anomalous, but quite true.

He hears what Congress so generously and sympathetically says about the creation of "co-operative marketing associations" to take care of the "farm surplus," but he tries to make sure that his own farm produces a surplus. He is not averse to associations that will aid him in selling, but he is shy when he is asked to take stock in a corporation organized to take over a string of elevators at a faney figure. He is not averse to high prices, but when he has to pay for them himself through a revolving fund drawn from his sales tickets at the market-place to enable the Government or some legalized Commission to peg the price or to take over the "surplus" he does not unanimously follow his self-constituted leaders who are in charge of the farmers' organizations. He has heard of the plan of an erstwhile Secretary of Agriculture friend to fix the minimum price (to be maintained by an excise tax of one-half of one per cent, on the "value of the annual marketable crop" as computed by the Commission) for wool at 40 cents, for butter at 40 cents, for cotton at 25 cents, for wheat at $\$ 125$ and for corn at 65 cents." And he wonders, in his hard-headed simplicity, what effect such a "standardization" of price will have on the local prices for domestic consumption. And he feels, in his contemplative moments, that some time or other he may yet be forced to pray for relief from his friends. He has his mental reservations, has this farmer of many friends. He does not enter Leagues, by any new name, without them. And despite his waning propensity to join in politically-bred associations, he does not surrender his individual independence and his free thought and action thereby. The National Industrial Conference has lately found that this farmer, nurtured in the concentrative silences of nature, is more "radical" than the city dweller, nourished on the confusing noises of roaring industries where the bright lights twinkle in the sign-boards and the "million lilied" Milky Way of the night-sky is obscured by the electric glare of the earthly Great White Way, but he cannot prevent it. He knows he is something of a myth to his friends the investigators. He has, if it must be told, a profound sense of his own reality. And no real thing is ever much disturbed by the fables of the statisticians. Modest as he is, often unused to the ways of the $\log$-roller reformers who sound the loud tocsin of Middle West revolt, he deems himself a useful citizen of the Republic, entitled for what he is and what he does to the respect of all good men and true. And he is not quite carried away by what others think of him and proclaim what they would do for him.
So, in the springtime, the sower goes forth to scatter the gain in good ground! Leagues of Nations may fail and Locarno treaties fall into premature desuetude, but they raise no crops on the American prairies. As was asked once of the nervous but puissant State of Kansas, one hundred and ten millions of his countrymen may always ask in the smiling springtime: What's the matter with the Western farmer? When the cobwebs are all blown away there is nothing much the matter with him save that he works and never strikes. Downtrodden and oppressed and poor, as the myth-makers see him, he is nevertheless the ground-sill of all prosperity, the food-maker of the nation, the tireless toiler of the finest valley of earth, with courage in his heart and God for his friend. And he will always "get along," despite the theorists, reformers, lawmakers and organizers. If, perchance, in the legislative
mania for the Governmental lifting of all men by their boot-straps, he complains of certain injustices, such as the "protective tariff," he is not really pleading that this false favoritism be bestowed upon himself. Having good, common sense he sometimes wonders at the sudden zeal for railroad "consolidations" while the magnificent system of natural waterways goes unimproved. He uses, to a not alarming extent, Land banks and Intermediate Credit banks provided for him in a burst of political generosity. But of the thirty thousand local banks, a large proportion in his own territory, which he helped to create and now uses with satisfaction, he may now seem indifferently concerned. If, however, by any Congressional fumbling "branch banking" should be saddled on him with a prospective financial domination, he will some day turn and rend the system responsible for it and scatter it to the four winds.

What this real farmer of the West resents, albeit unconsciously, is this effusive political friendship which would set him apart as a class to be coddled and patronized by laws and bureaus. He is somewhat suspicious of patent nostrums. He works in all kinds of weather, fights weeds, insects and rust that destroy, and he asks only justice, not condescension in the guise of helpfulness. If he were a believer in the efficiency of Governmental intervention he would soon become a slack worker and some day "lay down on his job." Does he? If these moving figures in the fields in spring could be visualized on a small canvas what fine duty and conscientious toil and untiring endeavor would the panorama disclose! Not a class to be mourned over by politicians, but a body of citizens to be respected and consulted on all occasions of State affairs. Hungry unions clamoring for increases in already inordinate pay, long lines of jeering "picketing" iconoclasts, stuffed prophets of reform in stifling halls, and eloquent sophists in legislatures, these are not native to the Westwhere the bannered armies of the Corn march in solid ranks to the Rockies and the billowy seas of Wheat wash waves of gold over all the valleys. With such strength and mind, such opportunity and environment, such potential power and decisive determination, taught in the school of nature and learned in the lore of fields, woods and streams, this real farmer asks no pitying favors from any class, section, organization or self-constituted political or legislative friend. Is it any wonder that he wonders why favors are showered on others?

Some poet has said that generations rise and fall like billows on the ocean. And it is true that races migrate, continents are peopled, and Governments appear and disappear. But within the few centuries coming, upon which we may now speculate, what of this vast valley of the Mississippi that forms the heart of our nation? Surely as the decades hurry by, the residue of its rich production will fall down upon the new generations that till the soil in this inexhaustible reservoir of wealth. Already it is a growing market-place for the bonds that feed the factories of the East. And as credit and consumption link these two areas in profit and amity, sectionalism and class will disappear in an indissoluble union of strength and independence. It is sometimes seemingly apparent that the Western farmer better appreciates this than does his Eastern brother. But if this be not so, it cannot but be true that setting him apart as a class, when at last financial dominance does come to him and his fellow-workers, will
not make the way easier or the result more abiding. He is a farmer-citizen not a farmer-crank; a worker, not a beggar for the crumbs of the overburdened legislative table; and a voter, who, if he brushes aside the details of economic speculation, can the more surely come to the core of the truth of economic conditions. And so, self-reliant and sincere, the Sower goes forth in the springtime!

## The Making of Political Issues.

Announcement in the Washington dispatches that after the disposal of the tax bill the Democrats in Congress contemplated unified action to the end of creating political issues for the fall elections was doubtless a discerning and true statement. But the best laid plans "gang aft awry." And as the election approaches the people may well consider the origin of the political issues they will be called upon to endorse or reject. This origin is not easy to define.

Currently, in a democratic form of government, and in a two-party system, it would appear that the rank and file on the respective sides make the issues. Going deeper than this it would appear that the people experience some overshadowing need that can only be brought about by government; or that the Government has proved faulty or inefficient and must be amended or reconstructed; or that a party in power, responsible for the conduct of the Government, is recreant, morally or financially, to its trust. But none of these "issues" ever are clearly defined, free from temporary alignments and qualifying details. As so often said it is largely true that great principles of statesmanship are no more.

We cannot argue from this that experience has perfected our form of government, or that we are no longer in need as a people of vital and revivifying principles. Rather the reverse. Few can doubt that we need some powerful issues that will rescue us from the mass of details and temporary expediencies in which we are enmeshed. We stand at the dividing of the ways. Behind us lie the simplicity and comprehensiveness of a theory of Government as servant, not master, as agency and not principal, and as limited and not autocratic. In front of us lie the complexities of a growth and development that seems to call for definite action by Government in the interest of the people lest they be undone by their own energies and destroyed by their own untrammeled progress. To a small extent this condition appears in and influences the two parties of to-day. But there is so much of sectionalism and class interest in evidence that the natural distinction is not sharp. Both the parties have swung from their historic moorings. And it may be said also that each is swerved by the calls of partisan success. Furthermore, it is questioned whether there are great leaders, as of old, to formulate paramount issues, that should emerge from present conditions and imperative needs. These principles and these leaders may exemplify themselves either in the executive or legislative division of the Government. But the important question is can they do so unless the people themselves, in contemplative mood, can see the Government whole and rise above party interest?
Moves upon the Senate chessboard for position in which to meet an election cannot develop great principles of government in the very nature of things.

As to this, the Senate itself is becoming an issue as yet only hinted at and not paramount in politics. No one will deny that the overwhelming questions, the comprehensive issues, rarely take predominance in party platforms. For instance, in view of prohibition, one party might be dry and the other wet. But such a contention would not more than touch the surface of an abiding and tremendous question: "Are we going to end in summary manner the creeping and continual creation of Boards and Commissions that steal away the personal guaranteed rights of the people in and under a limited form of Government?" We would get some of the argument in campaign discussions, but the imperative gravity of an explicit declaration we would be likely to escape. A short time has elapsed when, due to some over-vig orous Chief Executives, it was said that the President was more powerful than any ruler in the world and was overshadowing Congress if not in fact controlling it. Now, it is beginning to dawn on the people that Congress, and especially the Senate, is the overruling and arrogant power, vesting through Boards and Commissions new duties upon a technically, already, Autocrat. But how get this into a platform, how get it specifically before the electorate?
Again, owing to the clamorous appeal of Western farmers (millions are quietly sowing and reaping) and in their behalf of Northwestern Senators and Representatives, there is believed to be a paramount question of "farmer relief." Dire political revolution is predicted unless "something is done." Peril, heaving up like a tornado-cloud on the prairies, is said to threaten the "Administration." And probably, no matter what instant laws are enacted, there will be a stirring plank in this behalf. But does this touch the growing power of sectionalism, which, if not some time, and perhaps soon, abandoned, will disrupt the Government in reality as a unified power and purpose if not physically and geographically. In face of this fact, will either of these two great parties embody a plank in its coming platform that will declare anew the principle of unionism? Will there be a statement anywhere that to legislate for a class or a section is rank favoritism and not in keeping with an indissoluble union of indestructible States? In the light of these conditions petty, indeed, must be the efforts of any party to manufacture ammunition for a campaign through legislation in any form. And puerile must be the loudsounding "Investigations" intended to show that "big business" is defiant of law and Courts and that by a policy of party encouragement "monopolies" are throttling the free life of the people.
While the people are not too easily fooled as to the worth of big business and consolidated corporations, as witness the last election, they may be drawn temporarily from the main issue, in a single campaign, by the loud shouting over a minor matter. Reaction was heralded as a prospective issue. But since we have no other foundation than the past those who would have us turn utterly to the future do not make any very triumphant headway. The past is pastand we must go forward; but to throw away experience and deny truth merely to embrace an uncharted course in an unexplored country in the magic name of Progress is not likely ever to capture the sober thought of the people. It rather failed in the last contest. Reaction as a political thought does not mean that the past is either sacred or impeccable.

New times make new demands. But as a people we cannot blindly run any course that the winds of chance compel and preserve the fundamental principles embodied in the present form of government. Is this a Government by and for free electors possessed of personal rights guaranteed by the limitations put upon Government in the original conception as expressed in a written and therefore inescapable Constitution? Or is it a thing of shreds and patches, a conglomeration of Boards and Commissions, a law-made tyrant, holding in its clutches the social conduct of citizens, and their daily business procedure?

We attained a small degree of this consideration in the last election, and whether the voters realized the full import, it is recorded that they voted overwhelmingly for limitations in Government. And this is a far more comprehensive issue than the old States rights question, though that is in part embodied therein. And strange as it may seem, the party that the most nearly met the issue was not the former State's rights party. What we are endeavoring to suggest is that just as in law-making a multiplicity of detail obscures principle so manufactured, issues framed by investigations, partisan uproar, and the expediency of party charge and countercharge, obscure the great issues that affect all the people. And the people may be depended upon to discern "whither" the Government is tending, and to sweep aside the fog of partisan campaign-making, for they are yet loyal to its principles and purpose. They make and meet the issue-whatever the parties may do. It is said of Mr. Coolidge that he is an "enigma." But the important thing is to ask: Does he cling to the great underlying principles or is he tossed about on the waves of party expediency? Congress may submit a Constitutional Amendment as to the date of succession, but is that comparable to an amendment that overrules the States in the administration of property, in the control and supervision of education, and in the assertion of the rights and duties of parents touching child labor?
Nothing is more essential to the full and free life of the people than banking, credit and currency. None of these is a function of Government. Yet the dead past is strewn with the wrecks of party attempts to fasten them in and upon Government. Each of these looms in the present. And owing to complications that are the outcome of growth and development, each is involved in what, owing to legislative effort, may be made a party issue. But shall not the people stand upon the base rock that banking, credit and currency are prerogatives of the people in their free commerce and finance and not functions of a servant-Government? Obscure this as may be by partisan expedients, tactics, laws, if you will, still the people will not surrender these rights without a tremendous struggle.
And so we may conclude, as we do of laws, that uness party issues grow out of actual, tangible wants and needs of the people in their natural life-functioning, individually and collectively, they will serve no good purpose to any political organization. If they are in conformity to natural law their success is a mere accord with the wishes and wants of the citizenry, if they are not they fail, and though through the fortunes of politics they for a time prevail they ultimately overthrow the party that sponsors them. And lastly, we may say that unless principles shall be clearly enunciated and sustained the futile ef-
forts of party leaders to coin issues out of partisan tactics will fail. We have a surfeit of law-making. We have a plethora of "investigations." We have an insidious encroachment of Socialism and autocracy in our affairs. The party that will stand fast -that will turn away from favoritism to class and section-that will hold to a past that has functioned well, that will confront a future bravely and yet cautiously, that party will have vital issues that will win.

## Some Advanced Thought of To-Day.

We reviewed in our issue of Oct. 31925 the problems of the New Philosophy in its bearing upon life. As they are receiving wide attention, we return to the subject to cover late material.
This is found in a successful series of books, small enough to be read by the busiest men and in a form to challenge attention, published by E. P. Dutton \& Co. They deal with the questions of the hour that are of permanent interest and present the thought of men most worthy to be heard upon underlying principles and scientific facts as now known.

We select three of the attractive books which may be set together as bearing upon the great business of life, and give a brief outline of them as suggestive of the series.
The first is "Hephaestus," or "The Soul of the Machine," by Dr. Fournier d'Albe, an English scientist. He takes for his book the name of the "God of Fire," later known as Vulcan, who eventually dominated Olympus and established awe-inspiring volcanos like Etna and Stromboli, and kept them at full blast until Paul of Tarsus came with his claim to have found "the unknown God," who was to establish a new Roman dominion to take the place of the Empire of the Caesars. Vulcan's fires are still dominant in the great forces which drive the machinery of modern life and substantiate the materialistic aspect of all existence. Thus stating his case, our author proceeds to deal with it. The great question is: Will man survive? In the midst of these vast forces of the material universe is there to be seen any loss of man's power of resistance or in the trustworthiness of his impulses, or any deterioration in his ability to survive in full possession of himself?

If man, as we all believe, is to be recognized as an individual and the ultimate agency in whatever the race is to accomplish, and, beyond that, as himself the finest product, the highest attainment of the system, we must be slow to accept the conception that he is only a part of the machine, and that even when he makes use of fire, which has fusing and transforming power in the world about him, he is only resorting to what is the same element, or its counterpart within himself. If this is true, it is difficult to prove that in the multiplication of machinery and the organization of power, of which so much is made to-day, there is to be found a corresponding progress in Man, in happiness or in what must be regarded as the realm of the spirit, and his attainment of that existence to which he looks forward as the home of the soul. It is difficult to see how upon his conception of an "organized and unified earth," the protoplasm of the race will build a "supernatural edifice which in its full beauty and perfection will be nothing less than divine."

The difficulties in the way are set forth in "Tantalus," or the "Future of Man," by Dr. F. C. S. Schiller of Oxford. He finds his theme in the story
of the poor man who had offended Zeus and was condemned to the pit where drink and food should continually appear but never come within his reach. He sees the man of to-day, even the successful rich man, as the modern Tantalus. The tree that bears the fruit he desires is the Tree of Knowledge; the water at his feet trampled into mud is the "Elixir of Life"; the barrier that confines him is built of the debris of his animal life, and Forgetfulness envelops him. Then our author proceeds to discuss the life of to-day.
Man, he says, has pushed on his knowledge, his culture, his power over nature, because he has devised institutions which have created a continuous social memory that defies death. The wise and the best must perish; in civilization the baby is relieved from his hereditary ignorance by the apparatus which has come down to him, and is potentially the heir of such wisdom as man has accumulated. Language extends the possibility of united action, and writing permits a record of what is worth remembering. Upon these two inventions are built all the intricate structures, social, religious, political, which knit together human society and permit an accumulated knowledge. Consequently, knowledge and education of a sort have become world-wide. But these can readily be rendered useless by the perversity of human nature. Many may defeat all.

He proceeds to show how men are doing this. There is a common tendency. Human institutions incline to get clogged with their own waste products. Churches may be seen by formalism and the elaborateness of their worship becoming deadeners of religion. Civil government, which is essential to human society, becomes the entrenched fortress of corruption and graft. The school blunts the desire for knowledge, and educational systems may be seen to be the chief enemies of education. Culture is often embalmed by its reserve and held as a paddock for the chosen few. As a matter of fact, faith cannot be pinned to the actual working of existing educational institutions nor business integrity to the perfection of industrial or commercial establishments. The more expert a man is, the more authoritative; the more of a specialist, the narrower and the more enwrapped in the mysteries of technical jargon. Religion perishes in ritual and dogma; Science is degraded into assumption; Logic becomes formal nonsense; and Experts in affairs take to mathematical formulae and are content when they have constructed "graphs" and curves. Human institutions are social mechanism, and, unless intelligently supervised, tend to become repressive and destructive.

Consequently, our author concludes, modern man is not intrinsically better than his fathers; it is probable that as a race we are slightly inferior to our ancestors, and markedly so to the great races of antiquity at their best, e. g. the Greeks; our civilization carries within it the seeds of its own decay and destruction.

He sees, however, that we may not despair, possibility of redemption in a revival of Christian ethics, which will be difficult, and, therefore, in what is safer though slower, a eugenic reform and reconstruction of our social organization. Eugenics may lead to a smaller proportion of undesirables; and the social temper, it is to be hoped, will become more intelligent and reasonable than it has been. Psychology, the science of human mentality, now deplorably backward, may become more competent
and join to help "poor Tantalus to muddle along for a good while yet."

Before we close our learned books and "take to the woods," we turn to "Quo Vadimus?" "Some Glimpses of the Future," or, as we may put it, "What are we up against?" by our first author, Dr. Fournier d'Albe. He looks up and not down, and is therefore disposed to be more cheerful. He turns his eyes to the heavens and notes that the age of the stellar universe is put by science at "seven million million years." Over against this the age of the human race is thought to be some 500,000 years. There is evidently a good deal of patience to be recognized in the existing movement. A counterpart of this is found in an insatiable interest in the minds of men concerning what lies beyond. Furthermore, in certain countries, e. g. England, great advance has been made by men, advance toward perfection, toward happiness, a fuller and more enduring life. He quotes Professor Haldane, the biologist, for the statement that physiology will eventually invade and destroy mathematical physics, and that the speeding up of the whole nervous system and the brightening of the intelligence of all but an insignificant fraction of the population has produced a more agile generation. If the profound difference can be made in 20 years, as it has been, what will be the effect of even 200 years of continually accelerated progress!

Unless the "Russian blight" extends over Europe and America (we may add that it seems to be changing for the better in Russia), we may look forward, our author believes, to a long era of steadily accelerated progress. The form of that progress is varied. The greatest material change is in transportation, as increasing intercourse and enlarging the sphere both of man's effective operation and of personal influ-
ence. It stimulates enterprise and adds value to every form of productive industry. It multiplies experience and raises the temperature of national life. The amenities of private life in housing, clothing, light and heat, and personal privacy, are marked. The care and education of children are receiving constant attention; their conduct and progress will be more assured. Co-operation and improved machinery are working highly important and what will be surely recognized as beneficial changes in the conditions and character of Labor. A new spirit is already powerfully felt in all its relations with Capital as place is made for its individual advance and co-operating activity.

Civil government cannot fail to be helped by the general advance. Almost every discovery of science and invention makes the maintenance of public order and security easier, however disturbing its introduction in any given community may be.
In all this, historical guidance fails us, for progress is in many directions both revolutionary and rapid; witness for a single instance, the amazing widening of the power of hearing, of sight, and of speech. Who can fix a limit? War may not soon cease to be possible, but it will cease when it is seen to mean loss to every belligerent and to the whole world. The unification of the earth which is being accomplished puts its energies more and more under the direction of man for his service. It is not necessary to assume, as our author does, that the earth will have become a "sentient being," with man as the "gray matter of its brain."
Fortunately for our peace of mind, we do not have to visualize in what, and when, progress in material things will result. We know that man is not of the earth, earthy; that "God is in His heaven and it is right with the world"; and "Love never fails."

## Indications of Business Activity

## THE STATE OF TRADE-COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Mar. 191926. It is still plain enough that the recent abnormally cold weather, together with the bad conditions of many of the roads at the West and South, has had a more or less injurious effect on trade. It is significant that retail business makes the poorest showing in the interior. It is admitted, too, that wholesale trade which at one time made a better exhibit than at the same time last year, is no better now than it was then. The low temperatures all over the country have been the subject of general remark and undoubtedly have tended to cut down transactions both at wholesale and retail, apart from the storms which have intensified the effect of such conditions. And there is no doubt that the decline in the stock market, which has latterly been resumed, has had a certain moral effect on the country not at all to the advantage of general trade. The situation in Europe is in some respects deplorable. Besides the break of late in Belgian francs, French francs to-day dropped to a new low level, not only in Paris, but in New York. Premier Briand won a vote of confidence in the French Parliament the other day, but it is admitted that the question of French finances will be the crucial one in the immediate future of French affairs. An even graver question is that of the League of Nations, in which there has been an amount of quarreling that tends to make the citizens of this country more pleased than ever that the United States Senate blocked the plan some years ago to have this country enter the League. It now seems to have degenerated into something very much like a European council and it is none too clear that the lessons of the war have been taken thoroughly to heart, as they should have been. And now a date in September has been fixed for the meeting of the League of Nations Preparatory Commission on Disarma-
ment, with a suggestion that the United States explain to the League Council its reservations to the League Court protocol. This action was apparently not expected by the United States Government at this time. The whole thing, together with the recent bickering in Geneva, tends to make the average American citizen recall George Washington's advice to his countrymen: "Friendly relations with all, entangling alliances with none." It will need a firm hand and plain speech at Washington to make it clear to Europe that this country is not going to enter into any dubious agreements with foreign nations, or for that matter into any new relations at all, unless and until there is a disposition in foreign countries to get together, drop squabbling and take sincere, honest and decisive steps looking to disarmament and peace with the ultimate goal of abolishing war as civilization advances. It is the cloud in Europe which has been reflected more or less in all the markets at home and abroad, directly or indirectly. It is true that London to-day was in a more cheerful mood because there is to be no engineering strike, but curiously enough, is surprised at the American dissatisfaction with the outlook in Europe.
The grain markets were rather chaotic to-day, with a break of 5 to 7 cents in wheat and a sharp decline also in other grain. The drop in wheat was due to declining foreign markets and a sudden falling off in the export demand after foreign buying on Wednesday estimated at as high as $4,000,000$ bushels. One reason for the decline, too, was the generally favorable weather of late in the winter wheat belt. It is on some accounts regrettable that prices of corn have fallen during the week some 4 to 5 cents. Corn planting is making rapid progress in the Southwest, and there is no great demand for this grain at the present time. There was also a sharp decline in rye and other
grain, for which there is little or no export demand. Cotton has declined somewhat during the week, but on the whole has shown a steadiness that has mystified a good many in the trade. They stress the dulness of raw and manufactured cotton at home and abroad, the big stocks, and the indications that the next acreage will again be large. It would seem that for the time being, at any rate, all the conditions making for lower prices have been at least to a considerable extent discounted, with prices 6 to 12 cents lower than in recent years and the new crop months selling at considerable discounts under the old. Coffee has dropped sharply, as Brazil has shown an anxiety to sell and Brazilian markets have fallen. Supplies are plentiful and dealers in this country evidently prefer the hand-to-mouth policy of buying. Raw sugar has been active at about steady prices for prompt delivery, though futures have declined under what looked like heavy liquidation, in the presence of large supplies. Refiners have had a larger trade at 5 cents for prompt delivery. Rubber has been firm here and in London, even though trading has not been on a large scale. There is certainly no burdensome supply, and it will take the American consumer some time to arrange for new sources of production. Steel plants are said to be working at $95 \%$ of capacity, with the structural and tin plate mills the most active. But it seems clear enough that prices are no more than steady if even that much can be said of the quotations in all departments of the business. For pig iron there is talk of a larger inquiry here, but here, again, prices seem inclined to weaken as trade in the main halts. The production of hard coal is increasing, even if that of soft coal has fallen off. It would seem that the tendency of coal prices is on the whole downward. There is a larger trade in hardware, and the same is true of fertilizers and farm implements. The business in staple cottons is rather small. Raw wool has been declining and there is no pronounced improvement in woolen goods. The situation in this line, in fact, still leaves very much to be desired. At automobile centres operations are on a big scale. There is considerable building being done where the weather permits, but bad conditions have recently curtailed this work.
The buying of lumber, however, is on a larger scale than a year ago. The car loadings thus far this year slightly exceed those up to the same time last year. After all, the aggregate trade of the country is large. For the second month this year, however, the foreign trade in February showed an excess of imports over exports, this time of $\$ 36$, 000,000 , making an excess for two months of about $\$ 55$,000,000 . Money has been lower, but with the rate steady enough to-day at $4 \%$. Not only stocks, but bonds, declined to-day. As heretofore, however, the solid securities of the list give no bad account of themselves. Fundamentally, the business situation in this country is sound, regardless of the drastic and, it must be added, corrective liquidation in some branches of the stock market.

London cabled that lockout notices which would have thrown $1,000,000$ men in engineering trades out of work and created havoc in Great Britain, will be withdrawn by employers. The withdrawal is a victory for the employers, for the announcement was accompanied by a statement that 900 striking employees of the Hoe Printing Press Co. would return to work.

Fall River wired that operations have been resumed in the No. 2 Stafford mill. New Bedford, Mass., estimated that artificial silk is taking the place of at least 75,000 bales of cotton annually in the mills of that section. New Hampshire cotton mills are running at $80 \%$ against $40 \%$ a year ago. The Amoskeag Co. sounded a note of optimism at a meeting of the workers' congress in Manchester, N. H., when it told delegates that prospects are good for worsted lines and that the corporation's rayon cloth product is on a par with any on the market. The Amoskeag cotton mill workers have decided by vote to continue until October 1 the present wage agreement which expires April 1. This means that the $10 \%$ reduction in wages which went into effect Oct. 1 will be retained by the thousands of Amoskeag operatives. To-day the Amoskeag mills, it is stated, will put in operation 1,500 additional looms on ginghams. The tendency is towards better trade. It is not pronounced, but that is the trend. The Amoskeag has about 10,000 operatives at work. The Devonshire mills at Goff Falls, N. H., are now producing only about $10 \%$ of their normal output. In Vermont textile part time operations continue. In Maine part time operations are in effect. Working quotas were slightly
increased. In New York City unemployment was heavy in women's wear industry during February, while men's clothing industries resumed normal operations. There was a slight improvement in other manufacturing activities.

Charlotte, N. C., wired that "despite curtailment talk carded yarn production is not being reduced much. The combed yarn mills in Gaston County began a curtailment on Monday, over $1,000,000$ spindles being affected, curtailing one day a week." Other Charlotte advices said that no other short-time operations have taken place there beyond those in the combed yarn mills, and that the full-time operations since the first of the year have not yet created heavy yarn stocks. Greenville, N. C., wired that while no mills there have as yet curtailed their output, there is evidence that such a program is to be carried out. The cloth market is bad. Textile mill employment in general showed a slight improvement during February as compared with January, with the exception of the New Jersey district, according to a survey just made public by the Department of Labor.

Passaic, N. J., wired March 15 that 800 strikers, after a meeting in Garfield, marched to East Paterson to picket the mills of the National Silk Dyeing Co., but were stopped by the Sheriff and a posse. A delegation of strikers went to see President Coolidge, but the President did not receive them. Burlap prices declined again and are $30 \%$ below the high of two months ago.

It has been cold here during the week, with snow flurries on the 16th inst. The temperatures continued to be far below the normal. On the 17 th inst. they were 21 to 38 degrees, or an average of 30 , or 12 degrees below the average on the same date last year and 18 degrees below the average on the same date for 40 years past. At Chicago it was 22 to 44, at Cleveland, 18 to 36 ; at Indianapolis, 26 to 48 ; at Kansas City, 34 to 74 ; at Milwaukee, 16 to 44 ; at Philadelphia, 24 to 42 ; at St. Paul, 24 to 50. Some think the winter has seen its worst. The last three or four snowfalls have been light. It was milder here on the 18 th inst., reaching 49 degrees at 2.40 p . m., with the lowest 31 degrees. To-day was clear and rather springlike. It was warmer in the cotton States and mild in the grain belt, with 40 in Chicago, 66 in Cincinnati, 46 at Minneapolis, also 74 at Abilene and Miami. Here, to-day, at $4 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. it was 40 ; at $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m} .42$. The forecast is cloudy and warmer.

## Domestic Business Conditions According to the Government.

Further figures on February business conditions show increases over a year ago in the consumption of cotton by textile mills, in the production of Douglas fir lumber and newsprint paper, in car loadings of merchandise, and in the value and square footage of new building contracts awarded. Newspaper advertising also showed an increase over February 1925 , while declines from a year ago were noted in the output of copper, in the production of California redwood lumber, North Carolina pine and maple flooring, cement production and in the sales of mechanical stokers, says the statement of the Department released for publication to-day (March 20).

As compared with the preceding month, increases were noted in February in the sales of mechanical stokers and in the production of Douglas fir and North Carolina pine, while declines occurred in car loadings, consumption of cotton, production of copper, the output of maple flooring, and cement, newspaper advertising and in the production of newsprint paper, most of the declines from the previous month being very largely due to seasonal considerations as well as the shorter month.

Slight Decline in Wholesale Prices in February.
A slight decline in the general level of wholesale prices from January to February is shown by information gathered in leading markets by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor. The Bureau's weighted index number, which includes 404 commodities or price series, registered 155 for February, compared with 156 for the preceding month. Compared with February 1925, with an index number of 160.6 , there was a decrease of $31 / 2 \%$. In stating this on March 18, the Department adds:

Farm products and foods declined apprectably below the level of January. Slightly lower prices were reported also for clothing materials, metals, building materials, chemicals and drugs, and housefurnishing goods. In the group of miscellaneous commodities, due to reduced prices of cattle
eed and ruiser, there was a decrease of $13 / 4 \%$. Fuels, on the other hand, Of the 404 comman in January.
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INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES BY GROUPS OF

| Groups and Subgroups. | 1925. | 1926. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | February. | January. | February. |
| Farm products | 161.5 | 151.8 |  |
| Grains. <br> Livestock and poultry | 198.7 | 169.7 | 163.5 |
| Oooder farm products. | 175.7 | 129.5 163.4 | 135.9 155.4 |
| Foods. | 175.7 | 163.4 156.2 | 155.4 |
| Muats- cheese and mil | 141.6 | 150.7 | 149.0 |
| Other foods and ..... | 147.7 168.1 | 152.8 160.9 | 151.2 |
| Clothing materials | 191.0 | 160.9 185.5 | 156.8 183.9 |
| Boots and shoes Cotton goods. | 185.9 | 186.1 | 185.1 |
| Woolen and worsted goods | 184.3 218.9 | 172.5 206.7 | 170.0 |
| Fuels, \&c.-................. | 168.5 | 206.7 177.9 | 204.9 175.1 |
| Fuels Anthracite coal. | 177.5 224.9 | 176.5 | 179.4 |
| Bituminous coal | 196. 22 | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ | 203.1 |
| Other fuels---_-.-. Metals and mewal product | 154.8 | 148.1 | 154.1 |
| Mron and steel ........ | 135.6 | 128.9 | 128.4 |
| Nonferrons metals | 112.4 | 136.7 111.7 | 136.1 |
| Building materials Lumber | 182.8 | 177.9 | 177.1 |
| Brick | 197.5 | 151.6 | 191.1 |
| Structural steel -...-.-.-. | 208.5 | ${ }_{129.1}^{205.5}$ | 205.6 129.1 |
| Other building materials Chemicals and drugs | 169.6 | 166.0 | ${ }_{164.8}^{129.1}$ |
| Chemicals and drugs | 134.5 | 133.2 | 132.3 |
| Fertilizer materials-..--.-.-.- | 126.8 | 121.6 | 119.5 |
| Drugs and pharmaceuticals | 180.3 | 183.0 | 113.1 182.9 |
| Housefurnishing goods Furniture.-......- | 172.5 | 164.9 | 183.9 |
| Furnishing | 153.5 234.9 | 144.7 | 143.7 |
| Miscellaneou | 124.5 | 135.3 | 229.8 132.9 |
| Cattle feed | 130.0 | 129.9 | 117.6 |
| Peather and pulp | 153.2 | 140.1 | 140.1 |
| Other mixcellaneous | 158.1 104.9 | 181.5 121.2 | 187.8 116.9 |
| All commodities ..... | 160.6 | 121.2 | 116.9 155.0 |

INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES OF THE PRINC
OF FOOD IN THE UNITED STATES.

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Year } \\ & \text { and Month. } \end{aligned}$ | Strl'n Steak | Rouna Steak | $\begin{array}{l\|l} \text { R } \\ \text { Roast } \end{array}$ | Chuck <br> Roast |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { e Pork } \\ & \text { Chops } \end{aligned}$ | Bacon | Ham | Lard | Hens | Egos | $\begin{aligned} & \text { tut- } \end{aligned}$ |
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| 1924 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 153 | 149 |  | 129.4 | 109.9 | 130.5 | 137 | 166.2 | 118.4 | 162.0 | 158.31 | 160.1 |
| Febru | 152 | 148.0 |  |  | 109.9 | 127.1 | 135.6 | 165.1 | 113. | 164.8 | 144.31 | 157.2 |
|  |  |  | 1 | 128 | 109.9 | 9128.1 | 134.4 |  |  |  | 100.9 | 151.4 |
| May |  | 55.3 | 148 |  |  | 14 | 13 | 16 |  |  | 93.01 | 130.8 |
| Ju | 160 | 156.1 | 148.5 | 132.5 | 109.1 | 143.8 | 134.1 |  |  |  | ${ }^{95.1} 1$ | 126.4 |
|  | 160 | 155.2 | 147.0 | 131.3 | 108.3 | 144.3 | 134.8 | 168.2 |  | 165.7 | ${ }_{1} 114.2$ | 129.2 |
| Augu | 160 | 156.1 | 147.0 | 131.3 | 108.3 | 165.7 | 141.9 | 173.2 | 122.2 | 163.4 | 129.3 | 126.1 |
| Septem | 158. | 153.8 | 146.5 | 130.6 | 109.1 | 170.5 | 145.6 | 174.3 | 126.6 | 165. | 150.4 | 126.6 |
| Octobe <br> Novem |  |  | 144.4 |  |  |  | 148.5 | 175.1 | 135.4 | 164.8 | 173 | 125.1 |
| Decemb | 150 | 45.3 | 42.4 | 127.5 | 09.1 | 1 | 148 | 174.7 |  | 162.0 | 197.4 | 127.7 |
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| Averag 192 |  | 151.6 | 145.5 | 130.0 | 109.1 | 146.7 | 139.6 | 168.4 | 120.3 | 165.7 | 13 | 135.0 |
| January |  |  | 143.9 | 28.1 | 109.9 | 146. | 149. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Februar | 151 |  | 143.4 |  |  | 144.3 | 150.7 | 178.8 | 144.3 | 169. | 154.81 | 132.1 |
| Maril |  |  | 147.0 | 13 |  | 178 | 164.4 | 190.3 | 146.2 | 173.2 | 113.31 | 144.9 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 171 | 198.9 | 146.8 | 177.9 | 110. | 139.2 |
| Ju | 161 | 157 | 150.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 11 | 185.5 |
| Ju | 166. | 163.7 | 153.5 | 140.0 | 115.7 | 186. | 180. |  |  |  | ${ }_{123}^{122} 1$ | 137.6 |
| Augu | 165. | 162.3 | 153.0 | 138.1 | 114.9 | 190.5 | 182.6 | 204.1 | 153.8 | 170.0 | 141.71 | 138.9 |
| September | 163 | 58 | 51.5 | 137 | 14.9 | 92 | 83 | 204.1 |  | 171.8 | 150.4 | 145.7 |
| October | 15 | 58. | 51.0 | 137. | 16.5 | 86. | 183.7 | 201.9 | 152.5 | 171.4 | 174.8 | 155.1 |
| December | 158. | 154.3 | 49 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 168. | 201.2 |  |
| Average | 159.8 | 155.6 | 149.5 | 135 | 114.1 | 174.3 | 173.0 | 195.5 | 147.5 | 171.8 | 15 |  |
| January |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Feb | 159.8 |  |  |  | , |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| uary |  |  |  |  |  | 12.6 | 4.7 | 85.5 | 28.2 | 0.5 |  |  |
|  | 166 |  | 155.4 | 139.4 | 146.7 | 12.6 | 164.7 | 187.3 | 1302 | 130.2 | 147 | . 3 |
|  | 161. | 155.1 | 155.4 | 139.4 | 146.7 | 112 |  | 189.1 | 136.9 | 130.3 | 143 | . 7 |
|  | 156. | 152.8 | 155.4 |  |  | 113 | 70.6 | 167.3 |  |  | 141 | 1.3 |
|  | 155. | 151.7 | 155.4 | 139,4 | 146.7 | 113.8 | 194.1 | 150.9 | 141.9 | 130.3 |  |  |
|  | 155.7 |  | 155.4 | 145.5 | 150.0 |  | 194.1 | 152.7 | 142.3 | 130.1 | 143 | 3.8 |
|  | 155 | 153.9 | 157.1 | 154.6 154.5 | 156.7 | 117. | 152.9 | 149.1 |  | 1303 | 144 | 4. 2 |
| October | 157.5 | 156.2 | 157.1 | 160.6 | 166.7 | 119.5 | 141.2 |  |  | 132.5 | 148 | . 8 |
| November | 157.0 | 155.1 | 158.9 | 163.6 | 170.0 | 120.7 | 129.4 | 160.0 | 164.4 | 135.1 | 148 |  |
| De | 157 | 155.1 | 1 | 169.7 | 173.3 | 121.8 | 135 | 100.0 | 169.5 | 135.7 | 151 | 1.5 |
| Average for yr. 1925. | 159.7 |  |  | 5 | 13 | 116.1 | 158 | 167 | 145.3 | 131.4 | 45 | 8 |
| January. | 162.4 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 47 | 173.2 |  |  |  |
| Februa | 164.7 | 156.2 | 169.6 | 193.9 | 183.3 | 124.1 | 1529 | 140.0 | 174.8 | 137.5 |  |  |
|  | $165 .$ |  |  | 193.9 |  | 125.3 | 147.1 | 140.0 | 175.5 | 138.1 | 151 |  |
| Ap | $165.2$ | 155.1 | 167.9 | 184.8 | 183.3 | 4 | 141.2 | 136.4 | 174.8 | 138.8 | 150 | . 8 |
|  | 165.21 | 153.9 | 167.91 |  | 180.0 | 126.4 | 158.8 205.9 | 130.9 | 175.2 | 139.0 | 151 | 6 |
| July | 165.6 | 155.1 | 167.9 | 1848 | 180.0 | 128.7 | 258.8 | 129.1 | 170.5 | 139.5 | 155 |  |
| Aug | 166.5 | 156.2 | 167.91 | 184.8 | 180.0 | 129.9 | 258.8 | 127.3 | 170.8 | 139.3 | 160 |  |
| Septer | 167.4 | 159.8 | 167.9 | 184.8 | 180.0 | 129 | 211.8 | 127.3 | 171.1 | 139.3 | 159. |  |
| October | 168. | 160.7 | 167.91 | 178.8 | 178.7 | 129 | ${ }^{6}$ | 123.6 | 1715 | 139.2 | 161 | . 6 |
| Dece | 169.71 | 160.7 | 167 | 184.8 | 173.3 | 131 | 305.91 305.9 |  |  | 139.2 | $\begin{aligned} & 167 . \\ & 165 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7.1 \\ & 5.5 \end{aligned}$ |
| Average for yr . 1926 | 166.1 | 15 | 16 | 184.8 | 180.0 |  |  |  |  | 138.8 | 157. |  |
| January | 170.1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| February-...-- | $169.71$ | $159.61$ | $167.91$ | $190.91$ | $173.31$ | $133.3$ | $335.3$ | $\begin{aligned} & 121.81 \\ & 121.81 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 172.2 \\ & 172.1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 359.9 \\ & 140.1 \end{aligned}$ | $161 .$ |  |

## Industrial Conditions in Illinois During February

 Month Marked Greatest Activity in Two Years.The factories of Illinois were the busiest during February of any time in nearly two years, according to Reuben D. Cahn, Chief of the Bureau of Industrial Accident and Labor Research of the Illinois Department of Labor, who says that not since May 1924 were as many persons at work in the manufacturing plants of the State as were found employed by the survey of the Department during February. Continuing, he says under date of March 12
In thirty days the names of $1.6 \%$ more persons were added to the payrolls of the factories, and if the operations of approximately 1,200 employ-
ers reporting information may be taken as ers reporting information may be taken as representative of the whole
realm of factory employment, fully 11,000 persons have been put to work realm of factory
since January.
The fact that there was an upward trend in employment quite generally prevalent during February is not so important, since there is generally pick-up following inventory-taking in January. But it is of importance pick-up following inventory-taking in January. But it is of importance
that the newest gain was substantial, and that it follows the sion of preceding months. The increase has been constant since July, and sion of preceding months. The increase has been constant since July, and
in the seven months' interval nearly 43,000 persons have been added to the
payrolls of the manufacturing establishments payrolls of the manufacturing establishments of the State.
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is indicated by a comparison of the number of in industry during February is indicated by a comparison of the number of industries expanding in Feb-
ruary with those reducing the ruary with those reducing the number of their workers. Of the 55 principair wastries represented in the tabulations, 40 increased the number of heir workers in February.
are of the utmost importanceasing their working foress. The changes here are involved, but because the metal industries of the large number of work
arnish ers involved, but because the metal industries furnish materials and equip-
ment utilized by industry initial recovery was noted in the last review, car building industry whose in the number of persons employed. In anticipation addition of $12.4 \%$ cooking, heating and ventilating equipment this in of the demand for number of productive workers by $9.5 \%$ in February industry increased the there was an aggregate growth in employment which was tools and cutlery $5.9 \%$. Elsewhere in the metal group, the changes were calculated to be but were substantial in practically every case. Emplore of lesser extent, cultural implement factories was still on the up-grade with in the agri$1.8 \%$ in the number of workers. The slight curtailment with an increase of iffected the electrical apparatus industry in Januaryt of operation which February through a more than compensating expansion of $1.1 \%$ in the number of workers employed.
The building material industries forecast a busy year when they increased the number of their workmen during February. Brick, glass, lumber finishing and paint factories all showed healthy gains, which run from
$1.3 \%$ in the case of paint factories to $5 \%$ in
adverse trend in this group affected the lime and cement plants, which reduced the size of their forces by $2.7 \%$.
The seasoned contraction of employme
The seasoned contraction of employment which has been affecting the wood products group came to an end in February. In all but one of the four industries in this group employment conditions were improved. The furniture manufacturing industry by taking on $1.6 \%$ more workers almost recovered the ground lost in January, when $1.7 \%$ of the workers were laid
off. Makers of pianos and other musical instruments reported an employoff. Makers of pianos and other musical instruments reported an employ-
ment trend contrary to that for the wood products group as a whole; the ment trend contrary to that for the wood products group as a whole; the
reduction in employment amounted to $3.9 \%$. This decrease was seasonal reduction in employment amounted to
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facturers reducing their operations by $7.6 \%$. Reports from boot and shoe facturers reducing their operations by $7.6 \%$. Reports from boot and shoe
firms, which employ more than two-thirds of the workers in this group, indicate an improvement over January amounting to $1-10$ of $1 \%$.
February-the reduction in this case amounting to only $1 / \mathrm{m}$ decined in February-the reauction the the tact that oil refineries reduced their . The tions slightly and that firms producing miscellaneous chemicals got along with $2.8 \%$ fewer employees. On the other hand, plants manufacturing drugs added to their working forces by $2.6 \%$.
Although three of the five industries which comprise the printing and paper group reported an adverse employment trend, compensating gains on ployment of $1.1 \%$ for the group as a whole. The favorable gains applied to the paper box and the newspaper and periodical industries. Newspapers and periodical firms, which added $29 \%$ to the number of their employees in January, took on an additional $1.8 \%$ in February. Firms making paper boxes and bags employed $4.8 \%$ more workers; cuis most important industry in the group, had a loss of $1-10$ of $1 \%$ in the number employed.
Industries in the textile group expanded all along the line, the improvement for the group as a whole amounting to $2.5 \%$. The clothing group showed an increase of $4 \%$ in the number of wage earners. But the expansion which began in men's clothing in January came practically to a stand-解 favorable in the women's clothing industry- $12.6 \%$ more persons were hired in contrast to an expansion of $5.6 \%$ in February last year.
Industries in the food, beverages and tobacco group reported a mixed trend-seven showed increases in employment while four showed decreases. The aggregate result was a decline of $2-10$ of $1 \%$ for the group as a whole Ohiefly contributory to this outcome was the decrease in the meat packing industry. The reporting packers who employ more than half of the workers in this group reduced their forces $1.5 \%$. The flour and feed, canning beverage and tobacco industries all had suhstantial increases in employment
The customary large January decline in employment in the department stores and mail order houses continued into February, but in the latter month amounted for each industry to only between 1 and $2 \%$. In February During the mail order houses added $5.2 \%$ to the number of their employees. During the year there was a decline of $20 \%$ in the number employed. In fact, this is, no doubt, to be ascribed to the somewhat reduced purchasing sell goods in large volume.
There was a pick-up in building activity, as indicated by an increase of $4.9 \%$ in the number of workers. This shows a recovery of some of the ground which was lost during January, when contractors let go nearly $15 \%$ of their employees.
Another year of
Another year of intense building activity is forecast by the large volume of new projects authorized during February. In 25 reporting cities there were 1,963 permits issued for buildings estimated to cost $\$ 30,419,235$. In January the comparable figures were 1,276 and $\$ 21,483,141$. The totals
were larger in February 1925, but the differences were not extreme: 309 were permits were issued and the total cost was $\$ 1,608,000$ extrene. 30 Despite the general improvement in the manufacturing inreater.
Despite the general improvement in the manufacturing industries, there is considerable unemployment, and numbers of those without work were the down-State cities have continued to come in of record-breaking appeals for charity. The revival of the outdoor trades with the budding of spring will reneve the situation materially. During February the State free emprom infice superintendents, generally, reported the receipt of inquiries were small. Where single ported the same rates were being offered as last, year, that is 40 nent reper month on grain farms, and $\$ 50$ to $\$ 60$ per month on grain and dairy farms.
The free employment offices of Illinois placed 8,960 job seekers in February. This was 607 more than a year ago, but 1,165 less than the number placed in January. The employment ratia for the whole State showed imprailable in comparison with 190 in January. The ratio for February of this year showed a slight improvement in the situation in comparison with February 1925, when there were 174 applicants for every 100 jobs.
The coal mining industry has passed the peak of its seasonal operations, and recessions are in progress in the amount of working time. The closing of several more mines during February was reported to the Department of Labor.
The following analysis of the industrial situation in Illinois by cities, during February, is furnished by Mr. Cahn under date of March 13 :
Aurora.-February showed further gains in the number of employees in manufacturing establishments in this city. The increase of $3.5 \%$ was the fifth one to be reported, the cumulative growth in the factories amounting
to $10 \%$ since September. The February increase was well distributed among the different industries represented. Employment in railroad shops continued to improve, but they were still operating on a schedule substantially below that of February a year ago. With persistently cold weather slowing down the building trades, the number of unemployed is quite large. There were 175 applicants for each 100 jobs available last month, this ratio comparing with 165 in January and 174 in February a year ago. The superintendent of the free employment office reports that dairy farm. ers have not been active in hiring help since the tuberculosis tests have
been instituted. Building plans were being drawn in increasing numbers in February, there being 62 permits authorized for buildings estimated to cost $\$ 225,347$; this compares with 28 permits valued at $\$ 63,800$ in January and amounts to a gain of about $\$ 77,000$ over February of 1925 .
Bloomington.-There was an employment gain in February of $9.2 \%$ for 12 representative manufacturing firms in Bloomington. The increase ran
through practically all of the city's plants with confectionery factories
taking the lead. It is reported that manufacturing in Bloomington is to undergo further expansion in the near future through the location there of an important automobile accessory plant. Superintendent Jones of the schedule. schedule. The ratio of registrations to job opportunities at the free employment office reflected a relatively good condition for this time of the for February 1925 was 122 and for 1924 136. The present situation is promised further improvement because of increased demand for help on the part of farmers who were beginning to hire as the month closed. Although building permits were larger in number than in the previous month, their value, which amounted to $\$ 51,000$, was $\$ 35,500$ less than the figure for anuary and $\$ 17,000$ less than for February 1925. With better weather Chicago.-In February, the manufacturing industries of expected tinued the expansion which stopped temporarily in December and was resumed in January. The increase in employment in February amounted to $2.4 \%$ for the 591 firms which report to the Illinois Department of Labor. Is in January, the machinery and metals group of industries were most responsible for the increase, but other grouns, especially the clothing group, contributed their quota. Placements by the Chicago offices of the free emary and 5,152 in December. During February 1925 the Chicago offices placed 375 fewer workers than in the same month this year. The ratio of here were 197 registrations for every 100 jobs, while in February the figure was 167 . The February ratio for the four preceding years has been: 1925, 176 ; 1924, 151; 1923, 95 ; 1922, 239. Building permits increased both in number and value during February. There were 1,002 permits for buildings estimated to cost $\$ 24,924,000$. This was $\$ 6,421,000$ more than the estimated cost of
ruary of last year
Cicero.-In line with other Illinois cities, there was an expansion of employment in Cicero during February. The gain over January amounted facturing plants in that city. This gain follows one of about the same proportions during the previous month. The largest plant in the community continued its policy of moderate expansion. Superintendent Hlavin of the free employment office states that two additional firms are to locate sortly in Cicero. The employment ratio also showed that betterment is taking place; there were 165 registrations for each 100 jobs available, compared with 175 in January. The improvement from February 1925 was marked: in that month there were 246 registrations for each 100 jobs avail able. The most recent ratio indicates the best February since 1923, when the ratio was 139. Building authorization increased both in number and n value over the previous month. The figure for February was $\$ 236,595$ crease of $\$ 3100$ from the total for Februry. How
Danville.-Reports from 18 manufacturing plants of Danville indicate a jump of $8.2 \%$ for February in the number of employees on the payrolls of identical firms. However, the improvement in the aggregate figure was mainly due to a large brick manufacturing plant nearly trebling its forces; about half of the firms reported slight decreases during February. A further indication that employment conditions are not ideal in Danville is shown by the fact that the free employment office reports an increase in the employment ratio for the month of February. There were 199 regis trations for each 100 jobs open-or about two job-seekers for every job opportunity. The situation was a. little better in January, when the ratio was 187. But there was a great improvement over a year ago when, largely due to slack employment in the coal mines, the free employment office record showed seven job-seekers to each job open. Building authoriza$\$ 20,800$. This was a decided drop from January, the figure for which was $\$ 227,000$.
Decatur.-There was a favorable change in manufacturing employment in this city during February. Twenty-two manufacturing plants reported an increase of $5.6 \%$ in the number of their employees. This contrasts with a decline during January of nearly $1 \%$. The betterment was most marked in the meat packing and women's clothing industries. The machants
ery manufacturing industry also showed a substantial increase. Plants representing other industries for the most part were satisfied to keep their forces about the same. It is reported that a new wall paper plant is to be put into operation on or about April 1; the plant is expected to give employment to 100 men. The free employment office ratio declined from the previous month, but the report indicates that there is still much room for improvement: there were 237 registrations for each 100 jobs open, in contrast with 247 in January and 195 in December 1925. This index of the employment situation shows that February last year was somewhat better with a ratio of 178. The ratio in February 1924 was 288 and in 1923 it was 111. Building operations were active during February. The number of permits, 97 , was more than double the January figure. New authorizations were estimated to cost $\$ 239,000$, an increase of $\$ 55,000$ over January, but somewhat less than half of the total for February 1925, when authorizations were valued at $\$ 535,000$.
East St. Louis,-A further expansion took place in the volume of manufacturngy employment in East St. Louis during February. The gain iron and steel 190 and followed one of $2.5 \%$ for the previous month. The crease. Some firms, it is true, showed losses, but with two exceptions these were small in amount. The ratio of registrations to job opportunities continued to show an adverse trend. In February there were 251 persons registered for each 100 jobs. This was a marked increase from the Japuary ratio, which was 211. February was the fourth successive month during which the ratio has increased. There was a decided pick-up in building
operations, authorizations being valued at $\$ 227,000$, compared with $\$ 87$,330 in January. Construction was at about the same level as in February of last year, when permits were issued for buildings valued at $\$ 234,000$. Joliet.-There was a substantial increase during February in the aggregate number of workers on the payrolls of Jollet mandacturing establishments. The increase, $6.1 \%$, did not extend to all types of firms, for in more than half of the 28 which reported there were slight decreases. But ucts, mansion in the other firms, particularly in those making me free employment office the number of applicants, 215 for each 100 jobs, was still high. But the tendency was toward improvement, for the February ratio was five less than that for January. There was little demand for farm help during February, but Superintendent Rogers of the free employment office reported that many inquiries were coming in concerning the prospects for farm help the middle of March or the 1 st of April. The February ratios for the puiters prertions are reated to ; ective and both , willed and unskilled workers in the building trades have been kept busy all winter on inside work.

Moline-Rock Island,-Manufacturing operations continued to expand in the tri-cities during February. Increases affected plants in nearly all the City Cries represented, thus indicating a generally healthy condition. The 52 acres of swamp land located near the railroad tracks and purchase of ideally fitted for factory purposes. The number of workers placed by the Rock Island free employment office was more than double the number in February 1925. There were 167 registrations for each 100 jobs. The ratio for January was 160, but in February 1925 it was 246 . Rock Island and Moline each showed striking increases in the value of building authorizations when comparisons are made with January and with February 1925. Rock Island, with 36 permits for buildings estimated to cost $\$ 178,000$, doubled the January total, and authorizations for February one year ago were valued at only $\$ 15,631$. In Moline the February total of $\$ 110,183$ compares with that of $\$ 17,579$ in January and is nearly double the February 1925 figure. Each city had the largest February volume of authoriza tions in six years.
Peoria.- Thirty-four Peoria manufacturing plants in widely varied in-
dustries dustries reported employment figures for February, which disclose a gen eral upward tendency. The increase amounted to $3 \%$-machinery and metal plants especially contributing to the expansion. Further expansion may be expected with the spring months. This will be most welcome, for Superintendent Metts of the free employment office reports that a large number of factory workers and skilled mechanics are idle. Reflecting this situation was a high ratio of registrations to places open-in February 313 persons registered at the free employment office for each 100 job opportuyear ago. Placements in February numbered 452; in February 1925 the number was 513 . Building authorizations were valued at $\$ 1,550,000$. This was the largest total for any city outside of Chicago, and marks a great nerease over the January figure, which was $\$ 92,550$. The total for Feb ruayy a year ago was $\$ 158,635$. From all indications, the large amount of new construction which took place in 1925 will be exceeded during the current year.
Quincy.-A reversal took place in February in the downward tendency which has characterized the volume of factory employment in this city for a number of months. The increase, 5-10 of $1 \%$, though not large, is regarded as a favorable indication. A number of firms, including the stove foundries, are taking back men who were laid off during the January in-
ventory. The free employment office ratio also indicates ventory. The free employment office ratio also indicates improvement there were 190 registrations for each 100 jobs, in comparison with 252 in
January and 244 in Feb. 1925. With better weather the help will increase and several contracts for weather the demand for farm help will increase and several contracts for hard road building and street paving-the work on which was discontinued with cold weather-will soon supply jobs for part of the common labor which is now without employnearly three times the number in January. February authorizations were valued at $\$ 85,000$-more than double the January total author Rockford - Most of the 62 double the January total.
igures on employment which indicate little situation. Such changes as did take place were commenty in the direc tion of expansion. The furniture, metal and machinery industries maintained operations at about the same level as during the previous month There was some expansion in the textile industry. The free employment office placed 1,007 persons in February. Placements for January num bered 1,046 and were 812 for February 1925. In February of this year here were 91 registrants for each 100 jobs available. The ratio was also 91 in January; in February 1925 it was 83. Superintendent Anderson of the free employment office reported that the shortage of workers was made up of molders, tool and diemakers and machine carvers. Building permits were issued for construction estimated to cost $\$ 333,000$. This was $\$ 227,000$ ahead of the previous month and $\$ 89,000$ more than February 1925. Due to many mild days during the winter, building operations have been well maintained and employment conditions for building workers have been good.
Springfield.-For the fourth consecutive month, ten manufacturing plants in this community reported an aggregate gain in employment. In none of the four months has the increase been a striking one, but the advance has been substantial and further betterment is anticipated. The February increase in the number of employees was $2.6 \%$. The report from the free employment office also indicated improvement in February. Placements numbered 349 -an increase of 44 over January and more than doule the number placed in February a year ago. There were 117 applicants for each 100 jobs open, while the figure in January was 123 . The ratio in ebruary reports that the immediate future appears to be bright for further decreases in the considerable amount of unemployment which still prevails. However, an important adverse influence is the fact that the coal mines have curtailed operations since the peak of their activity in January. Building operations expanded during February. There were 72 permits, compared with 41 in January and their value amounted to $\$ 218,000$-an increase of $\$ 60,000$ over January. In February 1925 building authorizations numbered 81 and totaled $\$ 231,500$.

Increase in Employment and Wages in Pennsylvania and Delaware During February-Slight Decrease in New Jersey.
Reporting that employment and wages increased during February in Pennsylvania, whereas in New Jersey, a slight decrease took place, the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphira in its monthly statement made public March 15, says:
Many plants in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey reported gains over last month, due to the resumption of operations after the shutdown in January because of inventory or annual repairs. In a few instances, such as to the fact that one plant in the industry is reopening after an entire shutdown for a few days,
In Pennsylvania, all groups reported increases in both employment and wages with the exception of the textile and construction and contracting group. Reports from the building industry are shown for the first time this month. The textile group only declined slightly in employment, but each industry in the construction group showed large declines in both employment and wages. These were the only notable decreases in Pennsylvania. Automobile and heating appliance factories, iron and steel blast furnaces, cement plants, paint and varnish plants, petroleum refineries, leather product and boot and shoe factories reported the most marked increases in employment and wages.
Many of the New Jersey industries reported decreases. The most notable losses occurred at automobile factories, steel works and rolling mills, ments. A strike at two of the woolen and worsted mills caused the very
large decrease in that industry. There were no outstanding increases in dustry decreases in total wages paideing and finishing textile factories had large Both employment. leather industries experienced the greatest advaces. The metal and was er indergest decline Only five out of the fit
ment, and the the reporting cities showed decreases in employ reported the largest advance, whe payments. Reading and Wilkes-Barr in both employment and wages.
The compilations follow
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN NEW JERSEY.

|  | No. of | $\underbrace{\text { Inc }}_{\text {Feb }} 1$ | ase or Decr 26 Over Jan | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ase } \\ & 1926 . \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Group and Industry- | Plants Reporting | Employ- | Total | Average |
| All industries (37)....... | --315 | -0.3\% | Wages. |  |
| Metal manufactures. | -91 | +0.9\% | -0.6\% | - 1.1 |
| Automobiles, bodies and parts. |  | -7.0 | -8.6 | -1.8 |
| Electrical machinery and apparatus | -. 20 | +1.4 | +5.3 | +3.9 |
| Engines, machines and machine to |  | +4.1 |  | -3.9 |
| Foundries and machine shops. | - 14 | +0.6 | -6.7 | -7.3 |
| Heating appliances and apparat | - 3 | +1.1 | $-11.6$ | -12.6 |
| Steel works and rolling mills | - 5 | -3.6 | -7.1 | -3.6 |
| Structural iron works |  | +2.0 | -8.4 | -10.2 |
| Miscellaneous iron and steel product | - 16 | +3.7 | +8.4 +3.9 | -10.2 +0.2 |
| Shipbuilding-- |  | $-2.2$ | $-5.0$ | +2.9 |
| Non-ferrous met |  | +1.6 | +4.5 | +2.8 |
| Textile products | - 70 | -3.4 | +3.3 | +7.0 |
| Carpets and rugs |  | +3.6 | -0.4 |  |
| Clothing - |  | +1.7 | +2.7 | +1.0 |
| Hats, felt and oth |  | -0.9 | $+1.9$ |  |
| Cotton goods |  | +2.5 | +13.0 | +10.3 |
| silkgoods. |  | -0.2 | +6.3 |  |
| Woolens and worsteds. | - 10 | -36.2 | $-38.4$ | -3.5 |
| Dyeing and finishing textiles |  | +4.8 | +19.4 | +13.9 |
| Miscellaneous textile products |  | +1.0 | -10.8 | -11.7 |
| Foods and tobacco. | - 10 | -3.5 | -4.2 | -0.8 |
| Canneries |  | -5.1 | -4.1 | +1.1 |
| Cigars and tobacco | 4 | +1.2 | -4.6 | -5.8 |
| Building materi |  | -0.4 | -2.7 | $-2.3$ |
| Brick, tile and terra cotta products | - 9 | -0.1 | -0.5 | $-0.4$ |
| Glass. |  | -6.1 | +1.9 | +8.5 |
| Pottery |  | +1.4 | -4.2 | -5.5 |
| Chemicals and alled products | 41 | -0.9 | -3.6 | -2.8 |
| Chemicals and drugs | - 23 | -4.2 | -1.9 | +2.5 |
| Explosives |  | -0.0 | +3.0 | +3.1 |
| Paints and varnlshe |  | +3.7 | +3.9 | +0.2 |
| Petroleum refining. | - 3 | +0.6 | -5.8 | -6.4 |
| Miscellaneous industrie | -80 | +1.8 | +0.2 | $-1.6$ |
| Lumber and planing mill products. | - 3 | -3.9 | $-4.5$ | $-0.6$ |
| Furniture. |  | +0.3 | +0.4 | +0.1 |
| Musical instruments |  | +5.3 | +6.4 | $+1.1$ |
| Leather tanning |  | $-0.2$ | +0.7 | +0.9 |
| Boots and shoes_ |  | +0.9 | $+7.8$ | +6.9 |
| Paper and pulp products |  | $-1.0$ | -2.1 | $-1.0$ |
| Printing and publishing |  | $-6.3$ | $-15.5$ | -9.9 |
| Rubber tires and go |  | $+4.2$ | +0.9 | -3.1 |
| Novelties and jewelry |  | $-16.0$ | -15.3 | +0.9 |
| All other industries.. | 13 | +2.3 | -5.9 | -8.0 |

Ali other industries..
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN PENNSYLVANIA.
(Compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and the Department
of Labor and Industry, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania)
Group and Industry
All industries
Metal manufactures.

| No, of | Feb. 1 | Over | 1926. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Employ- | Total | Avera |
| Reporting. | ment. | Wages. | Wages. |
| 908 | +1.9\% | +4.6\% | +2.7\% |
| 303 | +3.1 | +5.6 | +2.4 |
| - 20 | +4.9 | +5.7 | +0.8 |
| -. 19 | $+2.2$ | +0.9 | -1.3 |
| -- 19 | +2.0 | +4.1 | +2.1 |
| -- 39 | +2.0 | +3.2 | +1.1 |
| -. 60 | +1.6 | +6.1 | +4.4 |
| -- 16 | +7.8 | +14.6 | +6.3 |
| - 14 | +24.6 | +29.4 | +3.9 |
| - 12 | +0.0 | +13.2 | +13.2 |
| - 40 | -0.2 | +1.8 | +1.9 |
|  | $-1.4$ | +4.8 | +6.3 |
| - 27 | +1.8 | $+5.8$ | +3.9 |
| ${ }_{8}$ | $-2.5$ | $-3.7$ | $-1.3$ |
| 8 | +2.1 | +6.5 | +4.3 |
| 179 | +2.3 | $+2.4$ | +0.0 |
| --179 | -0.5 | +3.7 | +4.3 |
|  |  | -3,4 | -3.4 |
| 33 | -0.6 | +0.2 | +0.8 |
| ${ }^{6}$ | +0.8 | +10.9 | +10.1 |
| -. 17 | +1.9 | +2.8 | +0.9 |
| -- 45 | -2.2 | +3.4 | +5.8 |
| 42 | +0.6 | +7.9 | +7.3 |
| 11 | +3.2 | +5.0 | +1.7 |
| 116 | +0.8 | +1.5 | +0.7 |
| 39 | +0.9 | +0.4 | $-0.5$ |
| 14 | +2.1 | +5.9 | +3.7 |
| 14 | $-1.9$ | $-2.4$ | -0.5 |
| 39 | $+0.6$ | +0.6 | +0.1 |
| 72 | +2.4 | +4.4 | +2.0 |
| 14 | +0.6 | +4.7 | +4.1 |
| 14 | +5.3 | +4.0 | -1.2 |
| 25 4 | +0.9 | +5.4 | +4.5 |
| $4{ }^{4}$ | -1.1 -13.3 | -2.5 | -1.5 -6.4 |
|  |  |  |  |
| 21 | -17.7 | $-15.1$ | $+3.2$ |
|  | $-15.6$ | -13.4 | +2.6 |
| 10 | $-5.4$ | $-27.2$ | -23.0 |
| 39 | +7.1 | +10.1 | +2.8 |
| 22 | +0.8 | -1.4 | $-2.3$ |
| 3 | $-1.0$ | +2.5 | +3.5 |
| 9 | +5.7 | +9.2 | +3.4 |
| 3 | +9.2 | +13.4 | $+3.9$ |
| 163 | +0.8 | +3.2 | +2.4 |
|  | -3.4 | +2.1 | +5.7 |
| 18 | $-1.3$ | +4.7 | +6.0 |
| 18 | -0.1 | +4.4 | +4.4 |
| ${ }^{9}$ | +8.2 | +4.9 | -3.0 |
| 23 | $+5.4$ | +7.7 | +2.1 |
| 18 | +0.2 | +0.7 | +0.4 |
| 40 | +3.0 | +1.9 | -1.1 |
| 3 | +4.5 | +2.3 | $-2.1$ |
| 3 | -0.2 | +3.6 | +3.8 |



EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN THE CITIES OF THE PHILADELPHIA
FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT. (Compiled by the Department of Statistics and Rese
Bank of Philadelphla.)


Prevalence of Smut Wheat in Northwest Alarming According to Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.
The prevalence of smut in wheat in the Northwest has reached alarming proportions, according to the March 1 number of the Monthly Review issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. The Review says:
A campaign is under way under the direction of the Northwest Grain Smut Prevention Committee to eradicate or at least control this disease. According to a letter from this committee dated Feb. 151926 more than at terminal elevators in Minneapolis, Duluth, Superior, and St. Paul since Sept. 1 1925. It is estimated that smut cost the farmers and local elevators in the last year $\$ 8,000,000$ in discounts and low yields. Discounts on hard red spring wheat averaged about 7 cents a bushel and on durum wheat about 15 cents a bushel. The smut situation has become so serious that unless immediate steps are taken to prevent it, a smut epidemic is predicted for 1926.
The 1925 situation is illustrated by a map prepared from grain investigation reports of the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Over $5 \%$ of wheat of the 1925 crop in the inportant spring wheat counties was infected and in a large part of the heaviest producing regions, over $25 \%$ of the wheat was infected.
To check this infection, the United States Department of Agriculture recommends chemical seed treatment. Since smut spores are carried from one community to another in grain sacks and threshing machines and adhere to elevator machinery, it is possible for clean seed wheat to become infected from outside sources. In view of this chance of infection, every
farmer should treat his seed wheat as a means of self protection. Local farmer should treat his seed wheat as a means of self protect

Preliminary Summary of Agricultural and Financial Conditions in Federal Reserve District of Minneapolis.
The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis in a preliminary summary of agricultural and financial conditions in the district, made public March 12, says:

All of the grains dropped in price during February. The quantities marketed in this district declined $21 \%$ as compared with a year ago, and $\mathbf{2 5 \%}$ as compared with the preceding month. However, the movement of wheat was slightly greater than a year ago. Livestock prices were all in the for cattle and calves and decreased one-fourth each for hogs and sheep relative to last year. Although the total receipts of livestock were somewhat reduced, the total value increased. The net effect of the movement of grains and livestock to terminal markets was a decline of $10 \%$ in the total farm income from these two sources as compared with last year for the same month.
Hogs and cattle for feeding purposes continued to move from terminals in large volume during the month, the movement of hogs alone being double that of a year ago. On the other hand, weakness in the price of lambs the holdings of shop to the holdings of sheep.
The total volume of general business in this district made an unfavorable showing in February, both as compared with last year and with January of this year. As compared with a year ago, there were declines of $2 \%$ in and $4 \%$ in the, although the totals doclined, Altough the totals decined, some bright spots are to be found such as the business activity in our reporting group of 8 whe the improvement in the business activing cities and in St, The prospects for business . Pait, all as compared with a year ago. somewhat uncertain. While the permits granted during the figures, are valued at $12 \%$ less than a year ago, the contracts actually awarded increased $15 \%$. There was an increase of $57 \%$ in contracts for residential building and a decrease of $24 \%$ in contracts for commercial, industrial and public awarded both were greater than in January is probably and contracts for by the exceptionally warm weather which prevailed during February this year.

## Increase in Postal Receipts at Fifty Selected Cities.

Postal receipts for the fifty selected cities for February 1926 were $\$ 2,444,47962$, or $9.53 \%$ greater than for February 1925, according to figures received by Postmaster-General New March 5. Jacksonville, Florida, again led the list in percentage of increase with a gain of $47.77 \%$; Fort Worth, Texas, was second with $38.46 \%$; Akron, Ohio, third with $33.90 \%$; Baltimore, Maryland, fourth with $30.65 \%$; Dayton, Ohio, fifth with $23.01 \%$; Kansas City, Missouri, sixth with $21.66 \%$, and Detroit, Michigan, seventh with $20.47 \%$. Tabulated figures follow:

STATEMENT OF POSTAL RECEIPTS AT FIFTY SELEC
THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1926.

| Yos | $\begin{gathered} \text { February } \\ 1926 . \\ \$ \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { February } \\ 1925 . \end{gathered}$ | Increas | $\begin{gathered} 1926 \\ \text { over } \\ 1925 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1925 \\ & \text { over } \\ & 1924 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1924 \\ & \text { over } \\ & 1923 . \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| New York, | 5,546,811 99 | 5,229,465 20 | 317,346 79 | 6.07 | 5.75 | 8.72 |
| Chicago, Il | $4,825,24575$ | 4,668,452 55 | 156,793 20 | 3.36 | 80 | 7.56 |
| Philadelphia, | 1,562,098 99 | 1,403,202 71 | 158,896 28 | 11.32 | 2.51 | *. 25 |
| Boston, Mass | 1,190,813 90 | 1,095,827 95 | 94,985 95 | 8.67 | *2.22 | 8.36 |
| St. Louis, M | 1,016,032 32 | 935,421 95 | 80,61037 | 8.62 | *1.70 | 9.28 |
| Kansas Clity, M | 929,699 35 | 764,209 32 | 165,490 03 | 21.66 | 5.24 | 9.81 |
| Detrolt, Mich | 771,887 44 | 640,70934 | 131,178 10 | 20.47 | . 44 | 19.63 |
| Cleveland, Ohio | 745,962 60 | 648,572 52 | 97,390 08 | 15.02 | *1.50 | 24.70 |
| Los Angeles, Cal_- | 649,849 65 | 609,697446 | 40,152 19 | 6.59 | 2.82 | 22.7 |
| San Francisco, Cal. | 612,475 54 | 560.77367 | 51,70187 | 9.22 | 1.08 | 12.65 |
| Brooklyn, N. Y . | 625,813 81 | 536,263 08 | 89,550 73 | 16.70 | *9.00 | 17.36 |
| Pittsburgh, Pa | 583,319 56 | 542,040 87 | 41,27869 | 7.62 | *1.83 | 10.99 |
| Cincinnati, Ohio. | 581,728 53 | 522,20090 | 59,527 63 | 11.40 | 9.91 | 13.11 |
| Minneapolis, Minn. | 475,830 41 | 450,082 12 | 25,74829 | 5.72 | *. 22 | 8.19 |
| Baltimore, Md. | 552,721 97 | 423,068 72 | 129,653 25 | 30.65 | 86 | 9.21 |
| Milwaukee, Wis | 387,855 13 | 352,358 20 | 35,496 93 | 10.07 | 4.13 | 12.79 |
| Washington, D.C. | 407,823 29 | 357,092 17 | 50,731 12 | 14.21 | *1.70 | 12.40 |
| Buffalo, N. Y | 391,839 14 | 368,856 18 | 22,982 96 | 6.23 | 2.25 | 1.43 |
| St. Paul, Minn | 361,434 47 | 311,872 52 | 49,561 95 | 15.89 | *2.90 | 12.76 |
| Indianapolis, Ind. | 365,397 30 | 319,828 35 | 45.56895 | 14.25 | 1.64 | 16.41 |
| Atlanta, Ga - | 319,479 43 | 278,829 40 | 40,650 03 | 14.58 | *2.38 | 10.33 |
| Newark, N. | 287,388 20 | 261,061 71 | 26,326 49 | 10.08 | 94 | 18.86 |
| Denver, Col | 265,510 25 | 243,068 80 | 22,441 45 | 9.23 | 37 | 9.71 |
| Dallas, Tex | 303,478 65 | 272,484 56 | 30,994 09 | 11.37 | 2.26 |  |
| Seattle, Was | 244,166 99 | 223,243 91 | 20,923 08 | 9.37 | 2.15 | ${ }_{* 1} 1.18$ |
| Omaha, Nebr_ | 222,021 51 | 210,079 58 | 11,941 93 | 5.68 | *3.45 | 1.81 |
| Des Moines, Iowa | 275,296 42 | 251,76755 | 23.52887 | 9.35 | 5.62 |  |
| Portland, Oregon- | 230,516 00 | 219,479 63 | 11,036 37 | 5.03 | .47 | 28.00 |
| Loutsville, Ky | 221,019 21 | 198,94366 | 22,07555 | 11.10 | *.25 |  |
| Rochester, N . Y | 226,721 12 | 205,736 06 | 20,985 06 | 10.20 |  | 13.45 |
| Columbus, Ohio | 241,813 05 | 205.213 39 | 36.599 66 | 17.83 | *9.30 | 24.98 |
| New Orleans, La.- | 226,392 12 | 207.014 33 | 19,377 79 | 9.36 | ${ }_{+3} .39$ |  |
| Toledo, Ohio | 180,243 52 | 152,986 32 | 27,257 20 | 17.82 | *3.93 |  |
| Richmond, Va | 170,819 77 | 158,209 34 | 12,610 43 | 7.97 | 6.44 | 9.84 |
| Providence, R. | 144,590 84 | 137,765 15 | 6.82569 | 4.95 | ${ }^{1} .45$ |  |
| Memphis, Tenn | 169,600 31 | 149,183 26 | 20,417 05 | 13.69 | 3.56 |  |
| Dayton, Ohio | 176,696 34 | 143,646 18 | 33.05016 | 23.01 | 12.14 |  |
| Hartford, Conn... | 151,252 29 | 134,913 41 | 16,338 88 | 12.11 | 6.43 | 15.45 |
| Nashville, Tenn_ | 141,447 92 | 130.85372 | 10,594 20 | 8.10 | 4.34 |  |
| Houston. Texa | 147,396 87 | 128,19761 | 19,199 26 | 14.98 | 6,86 |  |
| Syracuse, N. Y | 119,338 53 | 112,801 88 | 6,536 65 | 5.79 |  |  |
| New Haven, Conn. | 119,964 40 | 116,240 98 | 3.72342 | 3.20 |  |  |
| Gr. Raplds, Mich_ | 122,144 44 | 106,623 37 | 15.52107 | 14.56 |  | 12.48 |
| Akron, Ohio | 124,549 26 | 93,016 30 | 31.53296 | 33.90 |  |  |
| Fort Worth, Tex-- | 173,838 54 | 125,550 29 | 48,288 25 | 38.46 9.30 | ${ }^{14.70}$ | ${ }^{*} 1.62$ |
| Jersey City, N. J.- | 91,484 45 | 83,69936 | 7.78509 |  |  |  |
| Springfield, Mass. | 98,316 78 | 98.29567 | 2111 | 10.18 |  | 24.24 |
| S. L. Clty, Utah.- | 102,970 04 | 93,45807 | 9,51197 | 10.18 | 12.39 | 4.24 |
| Jacksonville, Fla_- | 117.98025 | 79,837 67 | 38.14258 | $\begin{array}{r}47.77 \\ 6.85 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 6 |  |
| Worcester, Mass.- | 87,348 77 | 81,750 85 | 5.59792 |  |  |  |
|  | 088,427 | 643,947 79 | 444,479 62 | 9.53 | 1.50 | 9.45 |

Increase in Postal Receipts at Fifty Industrial Cities.
With seven cities reporting decreases and eight others reporting increases in excess of $25 \%$, postal receipts for the 50 industrial cities for February 1926 were on the average $11.08 \%$ greater than for February 1925, according to figures made public by Postmaster-General New on March 6. The total receipts for February 1926 were $\$ 3,172,25299$ as compared with $\$ 2,855,76463$ for February 1925, an increase of $\$ 316,48836$. Tampa, Fla., led the list in percentage of gain with $49.72 \%$, closely followed by Reno, Nev., with $46.25 \%$ and Sioux Falls, S. D., with $43.56 \%$. Jackson, Miss., ranked fourth with $41.20 \%$; Fargo, N. D., fifth with $37.16 \%$; South Bend, Ind., sixth with $30.97 \%$; Shreveport, La., seventh with $29.77 \%$, and Fort Wayne, Ind., eighth with $25.71 \%$. Tabulated figures follow: STATEMENT OF POSTAL RECEIPTS AT FIFTY INDUSTRIAL OFFICES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1926.


Total............. $\$ 3,172,25299$

* Decrease. Nov. 1925 over Nov. 1924, 13.09; Dec. 1925 over Dec. 1924, 14.1

Lumber Production and Shipments During Month of January.
The "National Lumber Bulletin," published monthly by the National Lumber Manufacturers Association of Washington, D. C., and Chicago, Ill., on March 71926 issued the following table of the production and shipments of lumber during the month of January:
LUMBER PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENTS AS REPORTED MONTHLY BY MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS TO NATIONAL LUMBER MANUFAC

## Assoctation.

California Redwood Calfornia White \& Sugar
Pine Mirs Georgia-Florida Saw Mil North Carolina Pine.-
Northern Hemlock Northern Hemlock Hardwood Mfrs-
Northern Pine Mfrs Southern Cine Mrrs
Cypress Mfrs
Southern Southern Pine... Western Pine Mfrs Lower Mitchigan Mfrs Individual reports...
Total_-...................

| January 1926. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mals. | Production. |  | Shipments. |  |
|  | Hardw'ds. 1 | Sofiwoods. | Hardw'ds. | Softuonds. |
| 15 | Feet. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Feet. } \\ 33,058,000 \end{gathered}$ | Feet. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feet. } \\ & 26,456,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| 28 10 | --..-. | $47,869,000$ $14,156,000$ | -.-.---- | $111,986,000$ $14,147,000$ |
| 55 |  | 30,677,000 |  | 37,160,000 |
| 44 | 48,395,000 | 16,301,000 | 32,696,000 | 14,152,000 |
| 9 | 2,101,000 | $25,939,000$ 7 7 |  | 29,374,000 10,923 |
| 158 | 2,101,000 | 345,090,000 | 2,061,000 | $10,923,000$ $337,008,000$ |
| 98 40 |  | 359,287,000 |  | 407,054,000 |
| + $\begin{gathered}40 \\ \text { No R }\end{gathered}$ | eport | 81,421,000 |  | 104,053.000 |
| 31 | 15,977,000 | 31,903,000 | 16,385,000 | 26,670,000 |
| 497 | 66,473,000 | 993,446,000 | 51,142,000 | ,119.883,000 |


| January 1925. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mills. | Production. |  | Shipments. |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Hardw'ds. } \\ \text { Feet. } \end{gathered}$ | Softwoods. Feet. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Hardwods. } \\ \text { Feet. } \end{gathered}$ | Softwoods. Feet. |
| 15 |  | 34,274,000 | ------ | 28,634,000 |
| 28 9 |  | $34,979,000$ $14,618,000$ |  | $84,316,000$ $18,868,000$ |
| 62 |  | 33,192,000 |  | 32,224,000 |
| 43 | 43,408,000 | 18,611,000 | 27,533,000 | 17,235,000 |
| 10 |  | 26,571,000 |  | 40,853,000 |
| 173 | 1,875,000 | $10,811,000$ $404,463,000$ | 2,368,000 | $9,5 ¢ 3,000$ $368,575,000$ |
| 110 |  | 453,773,000 |  | 466,051,000 |
| 40 |  | 74,968,000 |  | 128,435,000 |
| 10 | 9,304,000 | 3,846,000 | 6,645,000 | 2,807,000 |
| 24 | 10,877,000 | 48,932,000 | 10,144,000 | 43,113,000 |
| 533 | 65,464,0 |  |  | , |

 Total production Jan. 1926, 1,059,919,000 ft.. Total production Jan. 1925, Total shipments Jan. 1926, 1.171,025,000 ft. Total shipments Jan. 1925, 1,287,$394,000 \mathrm{ft}$.
LUMBER PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENTS AS REPORTED BY STATES

|  | January 1926. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mills. | Production. | Shipments. |
| Alabama | 18 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feet. } \\ & 29,156,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feet. } \\ & 29,898,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| Arkansas | 19 | 34,829,000 | 31,826,000 |
| California | 35 | 73,360,000 | 126,806,000 |
| Glorida | 16 | $31,942,000$ $3,327,000$ | 31,926,000 |
| Georgia | ${ }_{12}^{8}$ | $3,327,000$ $19.963,000$ | 3,404,000 |
| Louisiana- | 46 | 97,913,000 | 32,426,000 |
| Michigan | 11 | 18,546,000 | 11,286,000 |
| Minnesota | 5 | 24,601,000 | 24,415,000 |
| Mississippi | 38 | 97,158,000 | 99,297,000 |
| Montana | 10 | 18,295,000 | 19,214,000 |
| North Carol | 13 | 3,858,000 | 3,862,000 |
| Oklahoma | 3 | 8,495,000 | 5,976,000 |
| Oregon. | 57 | 203,924,000 | 200,162,000 |
| South Carol | 16 | 5,469,000 | 6,461,000 |
| Texas | 35 | 68,158,000 | 65,927,000 |
| Virginia_ | 20 | 19,463,000 | 25,087,000 |
| Washingto | 67 | 206,093,000 | 270,941,000 |
| Wisconsin | 34 | 47,488,000 | 36,317,000 |
| Others * | 34 | 47,881,000 | 47,258,000 |
| Total | 497 | 1,059,919,000 | 1,171,025,000 |

* Includes mostly individual reports, not distributed.


## Lumber Industry Shows Continued Activity.

The National Lumber Manufacturers' Association received telegraphic reports of the status of the lumber industry, for the week ended March 13, from 391 of the larger softwood, and 136 of the chief hardwood, mills of the country. The 378 comparably reporting softwood mills showed small increases in production and new business, and a negligible decrease in shipments when compared with reports from 375 mills the previous week. In comparison with reports for the same period a year ago, an increase in all three items, especially in new business-where it was about $20 \%$-was noted. The hardwood operations showed considerable increases in all three factors when compared with reports for the week earlier, when, however, twenty fewer mills reported.

The unfilled orders of 232 Southern Pine and West Coast mills at the end of last week amounted to $763,624,965$ feet, as against $700,783,187$ feet for 226 mills the previous week. The 124 identical Southern Pine mills in the group showed unfilled orders of $300,274,944$ feet last week, as against $293,787,264$ feet for the week before. For the 108 West Coast mills the unfilled orders were $463,350,021$ feet, as against $406,995,923$ feet for 102 mills a week earlier.

Altogether the 378 comparably reporting mills had shipments $104 \%$ and orders $109 \%$ of actual production. For the Southern Pine mills these percentages were, respectively, 95 and 105; and for the West Coast mills 107 and 120.

Of the reporting mills, the 334 with an established normal production for the week of $216,138,682$ feet, gave actual production $104 \%$, shipments $106 \%$ and orders $114 \%$ thereof. The following table compares the national softwood lumber movement as reflected by the reporting mills of eight regional associations for the three weeks indicated:


The following revised figures compare the softwood lumber movement of the same eight regional associations for the first ten weeks of 1926 with the same period of 1925 :

The Southern Cypress Manufacturers' Association of New Orleans (omitted from above tables because only recently reporting) for the week ended March 10, reported from 13 mills a production of $4,523,694$ feet, shipments $5,600,000$ and orders $5,940,000$. In comparison with reports for the previous week, when two more mills reported, this association showed a slight decrease in production, considerable decrease in shipments, while new business was somewhat above that reported for the previous week.

## Estimated Production of Bituminous Coal by States

During January.
The table below presents for the first time estimates of bituminous coal production by States during the month of January. There are also given similar figures for November and December for comparison, as prepared and issued by the U. S. Department of Mines.
Total output during January, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, amounted to $53,662,000$ net tons, the highest January production recorded in recent years. The average daily rate of output, although greater than that in December, was less by about 21,000 tons, or $1 \%$, than that for November.
The detailed figures in the table indicate that in January practically all States produced at a higher daily rate than in December. The few exceptions to the rule were west of the Mississippi. In the Appalachian field as a whole the increase in rate was about $5 \%$, and in the Eastern Interior, consisting of Illinois, Indiana and Western Kentucky, about 4\%.
estimated monthly production of soft coal by states.

| States. | Norember 1925. |  | December 1925. |  | January 1926. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \begin{array}{c} \text { Produc- } \\ \text { tionn- } \end{array} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Daily } \\ \text { Average. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Produc- } \\ \text { tion. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Datly } \\ & \text { Average. } \end{aligned}$ | Production. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dally } \\ \text { Average. } \end{gathered}$ |
|  |  |  |  | 81,500 5 5080 | 2,117.000 | 0 |
| Arkansas | a1,1688,000 | ${ }_{49}^{6.4}$ | 1,250.000 | 5,800 48,100 | 1.079 .000 |  |
| Illino | 6,911,000 | 291,600 | 7.711,000 | 296,600 | 7,767,000 | 307,000 |
| Indiana | 2.076.000 | 87,600 | 2,354,000 | 90,500 | 2,353 |  |
| Kansas. | 419,000 | 17,700 | 439,000 | 16,900 | 449,000 | 17,700 |
| Eastern | 3,564.0 | 150,400 | 3,72 | 143,3 | 3,759 |  |
| Weste | 1,412, |  | 0 |  | 1,642,000 |  |
| Michligan | 76,000 | 3,200 | 99,000 | 3,800 | 77 |  |
| Missouri | ${ }^{\text {a 263,000 }}$ | 11,100 | 278,000 | 10,700 |  |  |
| Montana | 322.000 | 13,600 | 267,000 | 10,300 |  |  |
| New Mexic | ${ }^{235.0000} 152.000$ | ${ }^{9.900}$ | 249.000 108,000 | 4,200 | 104 | 10,700 4,100 |
| Ohio | a2,594,000 | 109,500 | a2,619,000 | 100,700 | 2,745, | 108,500 |
| Oklahon | ${ }^{\text {a } 231.000}$ | ${ }^{9}, 700$ | 228. |  |  |  |
| Pennsylvan | a13398000 | 23,200 | 592, | 22,800 | 13,995,00 | 553,200 21500 |
| Tex | 78,000 | 3,300 | 85,000 | 3,300 |  | 3,400 |
| Utah | 458,00 | 19,300 | 452,000 | 17,400 |  | 00 |
| w | 264,000 | 11,100 | 1235,000 | 9,000 | ${ }_{1}^{1,1791,0}$ | 00 |
|  | a11876000 | 501,100 | 11541000 | 443,900 | ,295,000 | 486,000 |
| Wyoming- |  | 31,800 300 | $\begin{array}{r}734,0 \\ 7,0 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 28,200 300 |  |  |

Total
$\overline{50.780 .000} \overline{2,142,600} \overline{52,816,000}^{2,031,400} \overline{53,662,00}$
$a$ Revised. $b$ Includes Georgia, California, Oregon and Scuth Dakota

## New Automobile Models and Price Changes.

Under date of March 17 the Pierce Arrow dealers of New York, Philadelphia and northern New Jersey advertised the new line of custom-built coaches, Standard Series 80 Chassis, as follows: five-passenger, two-door coach $\$ 3,150$; fivepassenger, four-door coach $\$ 3,250$; seven-passenger, fourdoor coach $\$ 3,350$; seven-passenger four-door limousine coach $\$ 3,450$. For the custom-built De Luxe models prices ran as follows: four-passenger coupe, $\$ 3,695$; five-passenger sedan $\$ 3,895$; seven-passenger sedan $\$ 3,995$; seven-passenger enclosed drive limousine $\$ 4,045$; runabout $\$ 2,895$; four-
passenger touring $\$ 3,095$; seven-passenger touring $\$ 2,895$ All prices are f. o. b. Buffalo, New York, tax extra, $2 \%$ rebate in tax effective immediately

The Moon Motor Car Co. is reported to have increased prices from $\$ 100$ to $\$ 200$ on the Diana straight eight models, effective April 1 and is expected to advance the prices of Moon models on the same date, though the amount of the increase is not reported. The new Diana prices are: roadster $\$ 1,795$, against $\$ 1,695$; cabriolet $\$ 2,095$, against $\$ 1,995$; Brougham $\$ 1,995$, against $\$ 1,795$; four-door de luxe sedan $\$ 2,195$, against $\$ 1,995$; 7 -passenger sedan $\$ 2,695$; berline sedan $\$ 2,895$. Respecting the rumors of the new type of car to be added to Moon-Diana line, Stewart MacDonald, President of the Moon Motor Car Co., says:
In the first place the car will not be brought out until early in the summer instead of early spring as was first reported. In the second place it will be be an entirely different type of car than the preseent Moon Six, Series A. The new Six will be a lighter car of shorter wheel-base and will be considerably lower in price, built to meet competition in the $\$ 1,000$ class. It will not be known by the name Moon and will have an entirely new radiator of different lines and contour and will bear an entirely different name just as Diana, the light eight type manufactured by the Moon Motor Car Co., has no connection either in physical appearance or mechanical construction with the present Moon Six.

Crude Oil and Gasoline Prices Remain Practically Unchanged.
The markets for both crude oil and gasoline remained quiet as regards fluctuations in prices during the present week. The most noteworthy change in the crude oil trade was the announcement that the Gulf Pipe Line Co. had advanced its price for Gulf Coast Grade B oil from 15 to 30 cents per barrel, following the advance announced by the Humble Oil \& Refining Co. last week (see our issue of March 13, page 1386). Reports state that the Texas Co. will probably adjust its prices in accordance with the advance in that sector. Press dispatches from Chicago on March 18 said that fuel oil of the $24-26$ grade had been advanced in price 5 cents to $\$ 130-\$ 135$ a barrel.

Gasoline quotations in Denver, Colo, were moved up March 16 by the Continental Oil Co., which established the prices of 26 cents a gallon tank wagon and 28 cents a gallon service station. The company also made an advance per gallon of $11 / 2$ cents in Salt Lake City, Utah, making the price 25 cents a gallon tank wagon and 27 cents a gallon service station. Wholesale gasoline fell $1 / 8$ cent per gallon to $93 / 4 @ 97 / 8$ cents, U. S. motor grade, according to Chicago dispatches on March 17.

## Slight Increase Recorded in Crude Oil Output.

With an increase of about 14,900 barrels per day, as estimated by the American Petroleum Institute, the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States rose from $1,920,300$ barrels to $1,935,200$ barrels during the week ended March 13. The daily average production east of California was $1,327,700$ barrels, as compared with $1,321,300$ barrels, an increase of 6,400 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production by districts for the weeks ended as indicated:


The estimated daily average gross production of the MidContinent field, including Oklahoma, Kansas, North, East Central, West Central and Southwest Texas, North Louisiana and Arkansas, for the week ended March 13 was 1,031,450 barrels, as compared with $1,028,550$ barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 2,900 barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover, Arkansas, heavy oil, was 898,150 barrels, as compared with 895,250 barrels, an increase of 2,900 barrels.
In Oklahoma production of South Braman is reported at 10,800 barrels against 9,050 barrels; Thomas, 7,350 barrels against 7,450 barrels; Tonkawa, 43,150 barrels against 44,400 barrels; Garber, 23,050 barrels against 25,100 barrels; Burbank, 44,700 barrels against 44,300 barrels; Davenport, 22,450 barrels against 21,050 barrels; Bristow-Stick, 31,500
barrels against 31,700 barrels; Cromwell, 19,200 barrels against 19,300 barrels, and Papoose, 13,300 barrels against 13,800 barrels.
The Mexia pool, East Central Texas, is reported at 13,150 barrels against 13,450 barrels; Corsicana-Powell, 31,900 barrels against 32,800 barrels; Wortham, 10,800 barrels against 11,200 barrels; Reagan County, West Central Texas, 32,200 barrels against 31,600 barrels; Haynesville, North Louisiana, 10,400 barrels against 10,350 barrels; Cotton Valley, 8,450 barrels against 8,400 barrels; Urania, 5,850 barrels against 6,600 barrels, and Smackover, Arkansas, light, 18,250 barrels, against 18,700 barrels; heavy, 133,300 barrels, no change. In the Gulf Coast field Hull is reported at 17,150 barrels against 15,300 barrels; West Columbia, 9,400 barrels, no change; Orange County, 16,650 barrels against 11,500 barrels; South Liberty, 7,350 barrels against 7,800 barrels; Boling, 3,250 barrels against 6,550 barrels, and in the Southwest Texas field Luling is reported at 22,650 barrels against 21,800 barrels; Lytton Springs, 7,650 barrels against 7,400 barrels; Piedras Pintas, 200 barrels against 450 barrels.

In Wyoming Salt Creek is reported at 53,500 barrels against 55,050 barrels.

In California Santa Fe Springs is reported at 50,000 barrels against 48,000 barrels; Long Beach, 110,500 barrels, no change; Huntington Beach, 45,000 barrels, no change; Torrance, 28,000 barrels, no change; Dominguez, 21,500 barrels, no change; Rosecrans, 21,500 barrels, no change; Inglewood, 51,500 barrels, against 52,500 barrels, and Mid-way-Sunset, 92,000 barrels, no change.

Estimated World Production of Petroleum During 1925.
The world's output of petroleum during the calendar year of 1925 , as estimated by the American Petroleum Institute from official sources wherever possible, reached a total of $1,066,220,000$ barrels, comparing with an estimated $1,012,-$ 927,000 barrels during the preceding year of 1924 , as recorded by the United States Geological Survey, an increase of $53,293,000$ barrels, or $5.2 \%$.
The United States produced $764,000,000$ barrels in 1925, or $71.6 \%$ of the total world production. In 1924 the United States produced $713,940,000$ barrels, or $70.5 \%$ of the world production in that year. The United States production in 1925 increased $50,060,000$ barrels, or $7 \%$.
Mexico produced $115,000,000$ barrels in 1925 , or $10.8 \%$ of the world production. In 1924 Mexico produced 139,497,000 barrels, or $13.8 \%$ of the total production that year. The decrease in Mexico in 1925 amounted to $24,497,000$ barrels, or $17.6 \%$.
In 1925 the United States and Mexico combined produced $82.4 \%$ of the world production, and in $1924,84.3 \%$.
Wherever possible 1925 production figures are official estimates. In converting the figures of certain countries from tons to barrels, equivalents are stated in United States barrels of 42 gallons, based upon the average specific gravity of the oil of each country. All the figures shown for 1924 are those reported by the United States Geological Survey.


## Women's Wear Prices Fall 5 to $18 \%$-American Wo.len

 Co. Opens New Line.Regarding the opening on March 16 of the fall line 0 women's suitings and coatings, the New York "Journal of Commerce," says:

The American Woolen Co. opened its women's wear goods for fall yesterday, products of nineteen mills, at prices averaging $71 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. to $571 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. a
yard, or about 5 to $18 \%$, under levels of a year ago on both woolen and yard, or about 5 to $18 \%$, under levels of a year ago on both woolen and worsted coatings, suitings and skirtings, at the same time showing only a slight recession as compared with spring, 1926, which values were 5 to $10 \%$ under those of spring, 1925, indicating a continued trend in the buyer's avor arising from lower wool and labor costs, and a policy of retrenchment
The big company a consumer pressure for more attractive apparel costs. sheen or bolivia coatings for the new season most of its attention on pile worsted division. While plain farics number and in poiret sheens in the novelties as many as 600 it is an continues in piece dyes, which are made in the gray to a considerable extent to await the market's demand for popular colors of the moment. They show some 40 colors in worsteds and an equal number in woolen goods, the majority being of the medium to dark tones.

## See Little Surplus.

That little surplus stock is being held in either mill or second hands, was the assertion of an official of the company, who placed considerable stress on their cotton-warp and all-wool pile sheens which are expected again to be market leader as to type, since "nothing has been introduced as yet to succeed them in popular favor." It is noteworthy, that in the face of a eneral downward movement of prices, their Nos. 16,132 and 13,496 nd $\$ 1.95$ pile sheens have been advanced 5 c . and $71 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. a yard to $\$ 1.921 / 2$ mproved to respectively, but it was explained that the cloth has been increase in the weight of pile effects to 22 ounces, against the previous maximum of 20 ounces heretofore.
It was said the company has had considerable success with pinpoint effect pile coatings because of comparatively few complaints of spotting faults, and for this reason "Venise" petit-tip continues to be featured at $\$ 4.40$ against $\$ 4.621 / 2$ last fall. An interesting development is the decision of the company to discontinue the use of fabric names on pile sheen and petit-tip coatings, except for repeat numbers, the demands of the trade being for numbers rather than names. Rayon is given little prominence, except in the pile cloths and in bayadere mixtures and eponge effects, which tress a high luster. Two new cloths have been added to pile coatings, Petit-Silk-Tip (21640) at $\$ 3.871 / 2$ and Silk Tinge (21637) at $\$ 3,871 / 2$.

Amoskeag Wage Agreement Continued.
Manchester (N. H.) advices March 16 in the New York "Evening Post" state:
The workers' congress of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Co. has voted to continue for six months the wage agreement now in operation. Wages were cut $10 \%$ a year ago because of business depression. At that time it was understood there would be a restoration of the previous wage scale when conditions warranted.

## Cottonseed Production During February.

On March 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 February 1926 and 1925:

| State. | Received at Mills* Aug. 1 to Feb. 28 |  | Crushed <br> Aug. 1 to Feb. 28. |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { On Hand at Mills } \\ \text { Feb. } 28 . \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1926. | 1925. | 1926. | 1925. | 1926. | 1925. |
| Alab | 328,603 | 223,010 | 294,858 | 209,289 | 34,032 | 15,010 |
| A | 53,625 | 45,158 | 52,014 | 42,781 | 2,781 | 2,391 |
| Ark | 419,291 | 295,580 64,597 | 372.419 | 262,803 | 46,953 | 32,827 |
| Georgia_ | 486,108 | 363,488 | 414,440 | 330,570 | 71,649 | 36,834 |
| Leuisian | 227,253 | 147,566 | 202,909 | 140,955 | 24,396 | 6,611 |
| Mississippl | 656,309 | 410,903 | 524,720 | 355,401 | 132,739 | 56,254 |
| North Caro | 346,332 | 259,217 | 292,475 | 228,009 | 54,122 | 31,560 |
| Oklahom | 518.324 | 451,624 | 419,900 | 340,796 | 101,718 | 111,067 |
| South | 244,620 | 204,849 | 221,469 |  |  | 13,971 |
| Tenne | 350,684 | 257,539 | 322,001 | 217,357 | 29,130 | 40,833 |
| Te | 1,328,564 | 1,508,927 | 1,168,661 | 1,294,427 | 180,996 | 220,570 |
| All | 139,187 | 107,933 | 115,731 | 85,056 | 23,742 | 20,881 |
| United Sta | 5,176,676 | 4,340,391 | 4,462,224 | 3,756,993 | 744,296 | 598.021 |

* Includes seed destroyed at mills but not 32,276 tons and 21,711 tons on hand
Aug. 1, nor 109,412 tons and 89,781 tons reshipped for 1926 and 1925 , respectively COTTONSEED PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED, SHIPPED OUT, AND

*Includes 635,825 and $19,082,617$ pounds held by refining and manufacturing
establishments and $1,550,690$ and $44,815,301$ pounds in transit to refiners and estabumers Aug. 11925 and Feb, 281926 , respectively.
$a$ Includes $12,798,458$ and $7,543,321$ pounds held by refiners, brokers, agents and warehousemen at places other than refineries and manufacturing establishments and $6,989,033$ and $9,591,947$ pounds in transit to manufacturers of lard substitute, oleomargarine, soap, \&c, Aug. 11925 and Feb. 28
$b$ Produced from 1,127, 802,362 pounds crude oll.
EXPORTS OF COTTONSEED PRODUCTS FOR SEVEN MONTHS ENDING

|  | Item. | 1926. | 1925. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Oil-Crude | Pounds | 27,814,176 | 16,398,795 |
| Refined. | Pounds | 18,572,829 | 20,035,745 |
| Cake and meal | Tons | 291,646 | 358,718 |
| Linters | Running bales | 59,569 | 97,742 |

Census Report on Cotton Consumed and on Hand in
February-Consumption Below a Year Ago.
Under date of Mar. 131926 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 February 1926 and 1925. Cotton consumed amounted to 567,244 bales of lint and 53,978 bales of linters, compared with 550,775 bales of lint and 51,414 bales of linters in February 1925 and 583,192 bales of lint and 56,465 bales of linters in January 1926. It will be seen that there is an increase over February 1925 in the total lint and linters combined of 19,033 bales, or $3.1 \%$. 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, cotton on hand, active cotton spindles and imports and exports of cotton for the month of February, 1926 and 1925, with statistics of cotton consumed, imported, and exported for the seven months ending Feb. 281926.
The statistics of cotton in this report are given in running bales, counting ound as half bales, except foreign cotton, which is in equivalent 500 pound bales.)
COTTON CONSUMED AND ON HAND IN SPINNING MILLS AND
IN OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS, AND AGTIVE COTTON SPINDLES (Linters not Included)

| Localty. | Year | Cotton Consumed During-(bales). |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Cotton on Hand } \\ \text { Feb. } 28 \text {. } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cotton } \\ & \text { Spindles } \\ & \text { Active } \\ & \text { During } \\ & \text { February } \\ & \text { (Numner) } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Feb. | Seven Months Ending Feb. 28 | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \text { In consum- } \\ \text { ing estab- } \\ \text { lishents } \\ \text { (Bales). } \end{array}$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { In public } \\ \text { storapexa at } \\ \text { compresses } \\ \text { (Bales). } \end{gathered}\right.$ |  |
| United States | $\begin{aligned} & \overline{1926} \\ & 1925 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} * 567,244 \\ 550,775 \end{array}$ | $\left.\begin{array}{\|} \hline 3,744,415 \\ 3,503,792 \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ | $\begin{array}{r} * 1,831,296 \\ 1,542,382 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} *+744,090 \\ 3,073,396 \end{gathered}$ | $33.028,966$ 33,358,798 |
| Cotton-growing States. | $\stackrel{1926}{ }$ | 399,046 | ${ }^{2,591,894}$ | 1,127,859 | 4,526,920 | 17,221,2 |
| New England Sta | 1926 | 372.560 141,300 |  | 915,004 602,581 | 2,749,271 | $1{ }^{16,990,842} 14.239820$ |
|  | 19 | 150,176 | 912,839 | 532,051 |  | $14,783,298$ |
|  | ${ }_{1925}^{1926}$ | 28,898 | 196,154 |  |  | 1,567,910 |

*Includes 19,205 Egyptian, 5,588 other foreign, 941 American-Egyptian and 198
sea-island consumed; 49,877 Egyptian, 24,488 other forelgn, 3,391 American-sea-island consumed; 49,877 Egyptian, 24,488 other foreign, 3,391 AmericanEgyptian and 1,870 sea-island in consuming estimate and 24,534 Egyptlan, 14,703
other foreign, 9,510 American-Egyptian and 513 sea-island in puble storage. Seven months consumption, 117,755
Egyptian and 1,747 sea-island.
Linters not included above were 53,978 bales consumed during Feb. in 926 and 51,414 bales in 1925; 174,976 bales on hand in consuming estabishments on Feb. 28 1926, and 150,913 bales in 1925; and 80,151 bales in public storage and at compresses in 1926, and 69,488 bales in 1925. Linters consumed during seven months ending Feb. 28 amounted to 441,451 bales in 1926 and 356,002 bales in 1925.

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

| Country of Production. | February. |  | $7 \mathrm{Mos}$. Ending Feb. 28. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1926. | 1925. | 1926. | 1925. |
| Total | 38,355 | 59,902 | 198,585 | 212,861 |
| Egypt | 22,812 | 41,284 | 142,484 | 141,393 |
| China | 5,645 | 1.324 8,380 | 12,093 17.042 | 9,590 |
| Mexico | 7,604 | 6,283 | 17,079 | 40,920 |
| British India | 967 | 1,643 | 8,424 | 7,719 |
| All other... | 218 | 988 | 1.465 | 2,108 |

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

| Country to Which Exported. | February. |  | 7 Mos. Ending Feb. 28. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1926. | 1925. | 1926. | 1925. |
| Tot | 556,185 | 811,838 | 5,986,630 | 6,232,024 |
| United Kingdom | 173,192 | 252,032 | 1,761,864 | 2.110 |
| France | 64.647 59 | 82,786 | 709,200 | 733,425 |
| Germany | 95,481 | -199,159 | 469,709 $1,331,560$ | - 505,260 |
| Other Euro | 78,204 | -99,295 | 1,306,301 | $1,361,395$ 670,518 |
| Japan. | 68,093 | 82,633 | 794,213 | 676,692 |
| All Other | 16,706 | 21,496 | 213,783 | 173,848 |

Note.-FIgures include 10,859 bales of linters exported during February in 1926
and 19,800 bales in 1925 and 59,569 bales for the seven months ending Feb 28 in 1926 and 97,472 bales in 1925. The distribution for Feb. 1926. follows: United
Kingdom, 2,005 . Netherlands, Kingdom, 2,005; Netherlands, 1,833; France, 1,698; Germany, 3,471; Belgium, 226;
Sweden, 38; Spain, 400; Canada, 1,185; Mexico, i; Panama, 2 , 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 pounds lint, while the consumption of cotton (exclusive of linters in the United States) for the year ending July 31 1925, was approxicotton spindles, both active and idle, is about The total number of spinning cotton spindles, both active and idle, is about $162,000,000$.

## Steel Consumption High-Prices Steady for Both Steel and Iron.

The sustained rate of operation in industries which consume steel is brought out more clearly by the market developments of the first half of March, in the opinion of the "Iron Age," as expressed in its market review of March 18. Steel production is on a scale exceeding the average for January and February, but still without signs that appeared a year ago of overproduction by several of the leading companies.

There is a good volume of new buying, due in part to the coming on of spring, but these orders plus specifications are
still somewhat less than mill shipments, declares the "Age," giving further details of interest from which we quote:

Mills rolling rails and track accessories have shipped since the first of the year considerably more steel than in the same period last year, rail buying last fall being unusual. On most of the other forms of steel the close connow have point to continuance of such business on the present scale well into the second quarter. Yet contracts covering the full second quarter are few.
Sales of the leading finished products for delivery beyond April 1 indicate the carrying over of first quarter prices. The plate market, which for so long has been the weakest spot, is a shade firmer. Steel scrap, after a show of strength in the Pittsburgh district for two weeks, is tending lower
The Steel Corporation's rate of operations has been above $95 \%$ the past trict as a whole has been not far from $85 \%$. Steel company production of pig iron is running higher than in February.
In the steadily increasing stream of steel imports to the Atlantic seaboard the order for 15,000 tons of $100-\mathrm{lb}$. and $85-\mathrm{lb}$. rails just placed by the Boston \& Maine RR. with the Krupp mill at Rheinhausen, Germany, is conspicuous. The contract includes 5,000 tons of tie plates.
It is found that 26,500 railroad cars were ordered between Jan. 1 and March 15, or 10,000 more than in the same period last year. A large part of the 270,000 tons of steel required, besides axles, will come from Chicago mills.
The Central RR. of New Jersey has inquired for 1,000 box cars and 100 gondolas. The Pennsylvania RR. may authorize the building of 300 locomotives, of which 100 will come from its own shops. The Wabash is in quiring for 30 .
Structural steel mills are operating at an extraordinary rate, but after several remarkable weeks fabricating contracts are light. An office building in New York, up for bids, will take 12,000 tons of structural steel, and
warehouse in Brooklyn calls for 1,800 tons of concrete bars.
Motor car builders, after speeding up purchases for a time, as of sheets, have fallen back to nearby requirement buying.
Spring needs have brought pipe-making operations to a $75 \%$ basis, a gain about $50 \%$ from the low point five or six months ago.
Shipments of wire and wire products are now on the upgrade, and not, they were a year ago. dwinding because mors. hen had completely filled distributers' stocks.
Tonnage wage rates of sheet and tin mill workers in mid-Western mills have been advanced $3 \%$ for March and April under the sliding scale agreemery and February araint 3.10 c in the preceding 60 days. Cot
bringing supply and demand in balance, spot furnace coke being point of at $\$ 3$ at oven. Pig iron producers are holding off on second quarter contracts, looking for a price nearer to $\$ 3$ than to the $\$ 350$ which coke companies ask.
Competition in ferromanganese among domestic producers brought another drop of $\$ 5$ in the past week, and in buying at $\$ 95$ consumers are geting a guaranty against further decline. English makers have dropped out of the contest, their last quotation being $\$ 110$ at seaboard.
In tin the movement above 60 c . seems no more difficult than the advance through the fifties. Sales have been made this week at 66c., the highest price since 1920 .
Both of the "Iron Age" composite prices are unchanged. That for pig iron is at $\$ 2138$ for a second week-the low figure of the year. The finished steel price is 2.431 c . per lb . for the third week, as shown in the fol lowing composite price tables.

Finished Steel-March 16 1926-2.431c. Per Pound
Based on prices of steel bars, beams, tank (One week ago .....
plates, plain wire, open-hearth, tails, One month ago
black pipe and black sheets,
ing $88 \%$ of the U . S. output
Pig Iron-March 16 1926-\$21.38 Per Gross Ton
Based on average of basic and foundry $\begin{aligned} & \text { One week ago } \\ & \text { irons. the basic being Valley quotation, } \\ & \text { One month ago- }\end{aligned}$
the the foundry an average of Chitcago, One month ago-............
One year ago.-.-.-.
Philadelphia and Birmingham.---- year pre-war average

A further speeding up of steel production, already on an unusually high plane, points to the presence of another cycle of expansion of consumption, declares the "Iron Trade Review" this week. This increase is peculiarly gauged under the prevailing conditions where buyers are drawing upon producers only as they actually need the material and are not discounting future probabilities. From the way new capacity is being called into service, there is every indication that March will set a new high mark for the monthly steel output for all time. The first two weeks of March find the Gary works well on the way toward breaking the world's record. To date, output is ahead of March 1925, when the previous record was established. Leading companies in the Chicago district have their mills scheduled on heaviest scale of any March in history, continues the "Review's" summary of market events issued March 18, and from which we add the following:
The Steel Corp. this week is running around the highest point in its history, with operations at $97 \%$. A year ago it was approximately $95 \%$ active. The Bethlehem steel Co. is blowing in three more blast furnaces this weak. More furnaces have gone in this week in the Pittsburgh and
The automobile industry is making good progress, with some larger builders scheduled at the greatest March rate ever known. For this season, farming implement manufactureres are at the highest point in five years.
Volume of prospective structural steel work makes a very impressive showing, since it embraces a number of large projects. Probably 200,000 tons are in some definite stage of planning. New York reports a total of 65,000 tons in sight. In addition preliminary plans are being prepared for two bridges over the Kill Van Kull, greater New York, which will involve 35,000 tons.
Miscellaneous car orders footing up about 2,000 are reported this week. The cast iron pipe market shows widespread buying among municipalities
for spring use; lettings of the week total 16,000 tons with over 50,000 tons pending. Pittsburgh mills will furnish 45,000 to 50,000 tons of 22 -inch line pipe, recently placed by the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.
Pig iron buyers are making more persistent efforts to get lower prices for second quarter and are feeling their way. Another American railroad, the Boston \& Maine, has placed a rail tonnage with foreign mills. This road purchased at least part of its inquiry for 16,000 tons, with German makers.
Further close competition in ferromanganese has resulted in another cut of $\$ 5$ a ton by American and Norwegian producers
The 'rade Review's' composite price of 14 leading iron and steel products this week is $\$ 3889$. This compares with $\$ 3890$ for the past two eeks.
The Market Report of Rogers Brown \& Crocker Bros. Inc. has the following to say concerning the pig iron market under date of March 18
The Pig Iron buying movement in the Eastern district is broadening and here is considerable more inquiry in the market. It is significant that arge inquiries for second quarter specify deliveries must commence at once. om those who are always regarded as mime to buy. Prices have held firm imported iron.
In the Central
al West there is slightly more inquiry, but the market there may still be termed quiet.
Volume of sales is about the same as the previous week. Shipments continue heavy
Low prices on ferromanganese so far have resulted in the placing of a air tonnage. The buying is still under way
Coke market is quiet. There is little change in price.

## Cement Production Smaller-Shipments Also Smaller

 and Stocks Increasing.The production of Portland cement in February the present year was $7,731,000 \mathrm{bbls}$. and in January $7,887,000 \mathrm{bbls}$., as against $8,255,000$ bbls. in February last year and $8,856,000$ bbls. in January last year. Shipments are also on a declining scale, having been $5,820,000$ bbls. in Feb. this year and $5,-$ 672,000 bbls. in Jan., against $6,015,000$ bbls. and $5,162,000$ bbls., respectively, in 1925. Stocks have been steadily rising since last September, and Feb. 28 were $22,493,000$ bbls., against $19,689,000$ bbls. at the same date last year. The following are the figures as furnished by the Bureau of Mines of the Department of Commerce:
PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS OF FINISHED PORTLAND
CEMENT, BY MONTHS, IN 1925 ,

$a$ Revised
Bituminous Coal Prices Drop-Anthracite Trade Steady as Demand Keeps Up.
A marked drop in prices asked for spot bituminous minerun at tidewater all along the coast occurred last week, reports the "Coal Trade Journal" in its usual weekly review of market conditions, issued March 17. Domestic sizes of prepared in most localities along the coast were in very poor demand, as was prepared coke. On account of the great curtailment in preparation, slack occupied a strong position and quotations on most of the fine coals advanced, declared the "Journal," adding further comment, which we repeat herewith:
Production at the anthracite mines showed steady improvement and domestic sized were universally in good demand. Steam sizes, however, lagged in some localities. Sales of company coal were good as were those for the independent coal commanding only small premiums.
In tidewater prices boston bituminous market last week was the break in tidewater prices, particularly for orders involving large tonnages. This reduction in price was for the purpose of arousing customers to action, who had been holding out for lower prices and the drop at the southern piers aided materially. The reduction, however, did not bring out as many but nowhere near as low as the Providence market was a little lower bituminous was at a standstill. Retall demands for anthracite fell off considerably. Company tonnage was coming through well. New England coke was moving well, but Pennsylvania and foreign cokes were difficult to move.
The New York bituminous market was very dull over the past week and sales were rumored at very little over freight charges. Domestic anthracite from company mines are independents, where the premium was small, were in good demand. Steam sizes lagged locally, however, as many industrial consumers were fairly well stocked with soft coal and were unwilling to
enter the market until these stocks were used up. There was practically no demand for coke and some offers were reported below the \$3 mark. Cancellations and rejections of shipments of bituminous coal and coke are frequent in the Philadelphia market, and this situation was hammering down the regular market, resulting in the holding up of considerable contracting. There was a general slump in prices of all pool coal, slack being the only soft coal item that had stiffened at all since the strike. Soft coal men are hoping that the opening of the Lake season will help to counteract this condition. Retailers are getting a very fair allotment of anthracite, but were still working hard to dispose of their stock of substitutes. It is thought by the trade that independent prices will be reduced during the next few weeks, when the first rush is over. Buckwheat was in
of the steam sizes and rice and barley were in good call.

The brightest spot in the Baltimore coal trade was the seeming revival of their export business. Outside of that the bituminous market was withou interest and prices were off. A few contracts were placed, but the big majority of industrial consumers stuck to the holding-off policy and bought small spot lots. Anthracite was coming in better and was being delivered in small lots.
Production and demand in the central Pennsylvania bituminous fields was approaching a basis prevailing prior to the anthracite strike, and prices were considerably lower than those earlier in thear. Loadings dropped about $20 \%$ under these
Consumers in the Pittsburgh market were buying in small lots only. Domestic coal was in smaller demand. Industrial demand had been im proving slowly and considerable contracting negotiations were under way. The slack market was somewhat steadier, due to the lesser screened coal production. The Connellsville coke fields recovered somewhat from the depression of the previous week, and while furnace prices were still low, there was a distinct advance from the extreme depression. Production was under that of the previous week.

The spot coal prices continued to slide a little last week in northern West Virginia, there being a great deal of "no bill" lump, mine-run and slack on the tracks. Prospects of a pick-up in demand before April 1 were not encouraging. Mines supplying contract coal, and these were in the majority, continued
Last week.
Lower production in the higher and lower volatile fields of southern West Virginia last week stiffened the prices of certain kinds of coal, especially some of the domestic grades. This was aided by the cooler weather. There was an appreciable decrease in the smokeless production, which should prevent further price recession. Smokeless slack was in a stronger position with prices higher. Tidewater prices, however, were rather low. The demand for certain of the high volatile prepared sizes was better and mine run was somewhat stiffer in price. There was a large amount of high volatile slack moving at fair prices.
Production in the upper Potomac and western Maryland fields was more than sufficient to take care of demands, resulting in the prices remainin. firm. Spot buying was small and contracting light. There was very little actual change in prices.

Although production in the Virginia fields was still large, the output last week was under that of the preceding week, and the principal movement was in mine-run. Production of coke in this territory was curtailed and prices were lower
The liquidation in bituminous coal production and prices made necessary by the settlement of the anthracite strike is nearing completion, observes the "Coal Age" in its March 18 th summary of conditions in the fuel markets. Notwithstanding the large number of individual price declines reported from various distributing centres last week, the tech nical position of the market has improved. For one thing there is less distress tonnage to create fictitious price bases For another, there is less coal at the mines and en route, continues the "Age," from which we quote additional facts as follows:

The "Coal Age" index of spot bituminous prices for March 15 was 168 and the corresponding price was $\$ 203$. This was an increase of one point and 1c. over the figures for the preceding week. This increase was made in all-rail central Pennsylo acols in New England. Pool prices at New York and Baltimore were weaker
With few exceptions, the prices on prepared coals were shaded in all markets. Naturally, seaboard quotations were the worst sufferers. Inland prices on Eastern and Southern high-volatiles, however, did not escape Quotations in the Southwest and the Far West also sagged. The most conspicuous exception to the general trend was in southern Illinois, where the efforts to stabilize prices were abetted by the weather.
To the weather, too, must be given credit for pushing up anthracite output to $1,787,000$ net tons the first week in March, as compared with $1,655,000$ tons a year ago. The bulk of the buying, of course, is for current consumption. The average householder in the anthracite consuming territory bought sparingly of other fuels during the suspension, so that his mmediate requirements are not inconsiderable in the aggregate.
In so far as there are pronounced indications of choice in the presen buying, chestnut has the call over the lordly stove. The lowly pea size also is experiencing a period of public favor not ordinarily its lot. De mand, however, is not such that independent shippers have been able to move tonnage at the peak prices obtainable the first week production wa resumed.
Spot movement of the steam sizes is back to pre-strike levels. That means that producers have little difficulty in selling rice and barley and that No. 1 buckwheat is more or less of a drug on the market. The chief interest in the situation is in contracts for the coming year.
Spot prices on metallurgical coke in the Connellsville region are close to the levels of a year ago. Furnace coke is possibly 25c. Weaker and foundry 25 c . stronger. Production, however, has hot first week in March was only imits of estimated demand. Output for the first week in
51,290 tons under the record producting in wain for buyers.
There still is yard-crushed coke waiting in vain for buyers. Ovens are aboring to make adjustments wis their is easier, bund excess production is reported.

Output of Bituminous Coal and Coke Continues to
Decline-Anthracite Production Increases.
Continuing the decline in production which has been vident during the last few weeks, the output of bituminous coal fell off by about 390,000 tons during the week ended

March 6, while that of coke decreased by about 55,000 tons during the same period, when compared with the production records of the preceding week in each case. Anthracite production, on the other hand, reached a total of $1,787,000$ net tons or $11 \%$ over the revised figure for the preceding week, according to statistics issued by the U. S. Bureau of Mines on March 13, from which we quote a portion herewith
Production of bituminous coal during the week ended March 6, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at tons, or $3.6 \%$, but is greater by $12 \%$ than output in the corresponding in 1925.
Estimated United States Production of Bituminous Coal (Net Tons) a, Including

Production of soft coal during the present coal year to March 6 (approximately 286 days) is now $505,092,000$ tons. Production for similar periods in other recent years is given below:

ANTHRACITE.
Production of anthracite during the week ended March 6 is estimated at $1,787,000$ net tons, an increase of 178,000 net tons, or $11 \%$ over the revised figure for the preceding week. This is practically the same output recorded for the last week in June, and is but $2 \%$ less than the average for the 22 weeks in the present coal year preceding the suspension. Compared with production during the corresponding week in 1925, the gain is 132,000 tons, or about $8 \%$.

Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons).
Week Ended-
Feb. 20
Feb. 27 b.-.... -........ Week. a Minus one day's production in April to equalize

## BEEHIVE COKE

Continuing the decline which began early in February, and gained momentum with the resumption of anthracite mining, production beehive coke during the week ended March 6 amounted to 265,000 net tons. Compared with output during the preceding week, this shows loss of 55,000 tons, or about $17 \%$, practically all of which was within the State of Pennsylvania.
Total production of beehive coke during the year 1926 to March 6 is now $3,046,000$ tons. Compared with output during the corresponding period in 1025, the present year shows a gain of 621,000 tons, or about $26 \%$

| Estimated P | Production of | Beehive Week En | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Coke ( } \mathrm{N} \\ & \text { ded } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { et Tons). } \\ & 1926 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mar. 6 | Feb. 27 | Mar. 7 | 1926 | ${ }_{\text {to }} 925$ |
|  | 1926.6 | 1926.c |  | Date | Date.a |
| West Vir | 17,000 | 262,000 18,000 | 188,000 14,000 |  | 1,910,00 |
| Ala., Ky., Tenn. \& | 19,000 | 19,000 | 23,000 | 195.000 | 216,000 |
| Virginia | - 10,000 | 12,000 | 10,000 | 100,000 | 93,000 |
| Colorado \& New M | 5,000 | 5,000 | 4,000 | 50.000 | 39,000 |
| Washington \& Utah | 4,000 | 4,000 | 42,000 | 37.000 | 42,000 |
| nited States tot | -265,000 | 320,000 | 281,000 | 3,046,000 | 2,425, |
| Daily aver | 4,000 | 53,000 | ,000 | 54,000 |  |
| jus | rable th |  |  |  |  |

## Reversal of Country's Foreign Trade Position-Balance Now on the Side of the Imports.

The Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce at Washington on March 13 issued a statement of the foreign trade of the United States for February and the 8 months ending with February. The value of merchandise exported in February 1926 was $\$ 353,000,000$, as compared with $\$ 370$,676,434 in February 1925. The imports of merchandise are provisionally computed at $\$ 389,000,000$ in February 1926, as against $\$ 333,387,369$ in February the previous year, leaving an unfavorable trade balance against the United States on the merchandise movement for the month of February 1926 of $\$ 36,000,000$. Last year in February there was a favorable trade balance on the merchandise movement of $\$ 37,289,065$. Imports for the 8 months of 1925-26 have been $\$ 2,968,599$,915 , as against $\$ 2,439,924,346$ for the corresponding 8 months of 1924-25. The merchandise exports for the 8 months of 1925-26 have been $\$ 3,296,723,427$, against $\$ 3,318,380,769$, giving a favorable trade balance of $\$ 25,415,655$ in 1925-26 against $\$ 878,456,423$ in 1924-25. Gold imports totaled $\$ 25,415,655$ in February 1926, against $\$ 3,602,527$ in the corresponding month the previous year, and for the 8 months they were $\$ 132,373,525$, as against $\$ 102,118,959$. Gold exports in February 1926 were $\$ 3,850,350$, against $\$ 50,599,708$ in February 1925. For the 8 months of 1925-26 the exports of the metal foot up $\$ 78,640,551$, against $\$ 181,918,890$ in the 8 months of 1924-25. Silver imports for the 8 months of $1925-26$ have been $\$ 47,038,232$, as against $\$ 51,693,560$ in

1924-25, and silver exports $\$ 66,122,844$, as against $\$ 76,531,-$ 139. Some comments on the figures will be found in an earlier part of our paper in our article on "The Financial Situation." Following is the complete official report: total values of exports and imports of the united states. (Preliminary figures for 1926, corrected to March 12 1926.)

|  | February. |  | 8 Months Ending February. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Increase ( (+) } \\ & \text { Decrease }(-) \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1926. | 1925. | 1926. | 1925. |  |
| Exports <br> Imports | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{s} \\ 353,000,000 \\ 389,000,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{8} \\ 370,676,434 \\ 333,387,369 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \mathbf{3 , 2 9 6 , 7 2 3 , 4 2 7} \\ 2,968,599,915 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{S} \\ 3,318,380,769 \\ 2,439,924,346 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{S} \\ -21,657,342 \\ +528,675,569 \end{gathered}$ |
| Excess of expts Excess of Impts | 36,000,000 | 37,289,065 | 328,123,512 | 878,456,423 | -..........- |


|  | 1925-26 | 924 | 1923-2 | 1922-2 | 192 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| August |  |  | 310,965,891 | 301, |  |
| Septemb | ${ }_{4}^{420,36}$ | ${ }_{6}^{427,459,171,781}$ | - $\begin{aligned} & 381,433,570 \\ & 3999\end{aligned}$ | -$313,196,557$ <br> $370,718,595$ | 15 |
| Novemb |  | 493,572,921 | 401,483,872 | 379,999 |  |
| Decen |  | 445,748,393 | 426,665,519 | 344,327 |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Janua }}$ | ${ }_{353}^{397}$ | ${ }^{446,443,}$ | 395,1 | ${ }_{3}^{33}$ |  |
| March |  | 453,652,842 | ${ }_{339,755,230}$ | 341 |  |
|  |  |  | 346,935,702 |  |  |
| Ju |  | $323,347,775$ | 306,989,006 | 319 | 335, |
| $\begin{gathered} 8 \text { mos. end. } \\ \text { February } \\ \text { 12 mos.end. } \\ \text { June_-- } \end{gathered}$ | ,296,723,427 | 3,318,380,769 | 2, | 2,653,548,111 | 2,480,021,5 |
|  |  | 4,864,581,16 | 4,311,6 | 3,956,733,373 | 3,771,156,489 |
| Imports. July ...... | 325,648,2 | ${ }_{25}^{278,593,546}$ | 287,433,769 | 251,771,881 | 178,159,154 |
| August | 340.085 .626 $349.953,680$ | 254.542.143 | ${ }_{253}^{275}$ | 298,493, | 179,292,165 |
| tob |  | 310,751, | 308,2 | 276,103, | 188,007.629 |
| Novemb | $396,639.809$$416,767.339$ | ${ }_{33}^{29}$ | ${ }_{28}^{29}$ | ${ }_{293}^{291,78}$ | 237,495,505 |
| nua |  | 34 | 295,50 | 329 | 217.185,396 |
| Februar | 389,000,000 | 333,3 | 332,32 | 303.40 |  |
|  |  | 38 | 32 | 364 | ${ }_{217,023,142}$ |
|  |  |  | 320,387, |  | ${ }^{252,817,254}$ |
| June--.--- |  | 325,215,735 | 27 | 320,233,799 | 260,460,898 |
| 8 mos. end, February June. | 2,968,599,915 | 2,439,924,346 | $\left\|\begin{array}{l} 2,332,275,396 \\ 3,554,036,954 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{l} 2,325,999,662 \\ 3,780,958,965 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} 1,621,599,918 \\ 2,608,079,008 \end{array}\right.$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |


|  | February. |  | 8 Mos. Endino February. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Increase }(+ \text { ( } \\ & \text { Decrease } \end{aligned}-$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1926. | 1925. | 1926. | 1925. |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Wr Gold. } \\ \text { Exports } . \end{gathered}$ | $3,80,350$ | $\stackrel{\mathbf{8}}{50,799}$ | $\stackrel{\$}{8}, 58,640,551$ | 181,918,890 | $\stackrel{8}{\mathbf{8} 8,339}$ |
| Excess of exports Excess of impts | 21,565,305 | 46,997,181 | 53,732,974 | 79,799,931 |  |
| sulder. <br> Exports | 7.747,324 | 6,832,647 | 66,122,844 | 76,531,139 | -10,408,295 |
| Imports | 8,861,871 | 4,928,916 | 47,038,232 | 51,693,560 | $-4,655,328$ |
| Excess of exports Excess of Impts. | 1.114.547 | 1,903,731 | 19,084,612 | 24,837,579 |  |


|  | Gold. |  |  | Stleer. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1925-26. | 1924-25. | 1923-24. | 1925-26. | 1924-25. | 192 |
| Expori |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| August | 2,135,690 | 2,397,457 | 2,200,961 | 8,284,991 | ${ }_{8,632}$, | 7,032,221 |
| Sept | 㐌,784,201 28.039190 | ${ }_{4}^{4,579,501}$ | -862,697 | 7.487,317 | 10,345,205 | 8,1123.460 |
| Oeto | ${ }_{24,360,071}^{28,039,190}$ | 6,689,182 | $1,307,060$ 746,794 | 88,118,093 | 9,465,023 | 8,775,474 |
| Dec.- | 5,967,727 | 39,674,653 | 711.529 | 7,589,470 | 11,279,630 | 9,521,083 |
| February | 3,850,350 | 50,599,708 | 505,135 | ${ }_{7} 7,747,324$ | 6,832,647 | 8,876,713 |
| March |  | ${ }^{25,104,416}$ | ${ }^{817,374}$ |  | 7,916,717 | $8.355,278$ |
| ${ }_{\text {April }}$ |  | 13,389,967 | 1, 593,290 |  | ( ${ }_{6,5352,761}$ | 9,688,517 |
| June |  | 6,712,480 | 268,015 |  | 8,522,492 | 8,648,499 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 8months } \\ & \text { end. Feb } \end{aligned}$ | 78,640,551 | 181,918,890 | 7,137,725 | 66,122,844 | 76,531,139 | 64,293,603 |
| ${ }_{\text {end }} 12$. June |  | 248,729,698 | 10,206,941 |  | 108,828,727 | 98,785,586 |
| Imports | 10,204,112 | 18,834,423 | 27,929,447 | 5,238,437 | 7,127,613 | 10,066,463 |
| August. | 4,861,736 | 18,149,981 | 32,856,097 | 7, 7 7, 273,298 | 7,041,630 | 6,465,949 |
| Oetober- | 50,740,649 | 19,701,640 | 29,795,185 | 5,601,851 | 5,828,572 | 6,929,311 |
| Nov... | 10.456,115 | 19,862,384 | ${ }^{39,757,436}$ | 4, ${ }^{4} 749,035$ | 6,481,416 | 5,269,173 |
| Dec--.-̈ | 19,351,202 | 5,037,800 | 45,135,760 | 5,762,760 | 7,338,559 | 5,979,758 |
| February | 25,415,655 | 3,602,527 | ${ }^{35,111,269}$ | 8,861,871 | $4,928,916$ <br> 6660 <br> 6.750 | 7,900,409 |
| March.- |  | - ${ }_{8,869,883}$ | ${ }_{\text {35,418,115 }}$ |  | 6,944,807 | ${ }_{3}^{6,907,745}$ |
| Aprio--- |  | 11,392,837 | 41,073,650 |  | 3,390, | 5,639,582 |
| June |  | 4,426,135 | 25,181,117 |  | 4,918,605 | 4,870,389 |
| 8 8months | 132,373,525 | 102,118,959 | 271,030,381 | 47,038,232 | 51,693,560 | 59,301,335 |
| 12 mos. |  |  | 417,025,638 |  | 71,607,902 | 79,939,985 |

## Total Value of by Grand Divisions and Principal Countries.

The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce at Washington has issued its report showing the merchandise imports and exports by grand divisions and principal countries for the month of

January and the 7 months ending with January for the years 1925 and 1926. The following is the table complete: TOTAL VALUES OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY grand divisions and principal countries.


| Principal Countries- |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Belgium .--.-.-.-- | 10,207,656 | 8,583,584 | 76,315,747 | 68,788,280 |
| Denmark | 4,772,857 | 5,364,712 | 26,399,860 | 33,884,396 |
| France | 29,209,762 | 29,731,416 | 182,544,042 | 174,736,541 |
| German | 49,598,693 | 25,537,436 | 284,734,085 | 267,027,564 |
| Greece | 2,694,692 | 743,259 | 14,816,109 | 7,505,404 |
| Italy | 22,669,082 | 14,382,297 | 125,457,183 | 102,692,628 |
| Neth | 14,725,287 | 10,586,072 | 106,781,853 | 77,577,481 |
| Norway | 3,156,584 | 2,221,070 | 17,123,978 | 14,389,447 |
| Soviet R | 2,506,473 | 6,162,337 | 22,224,483 | 37,032,053 |
| Spain | 7,656,284 | 6,754,660 | 45,745,764 | 48,483,165 |
| Sweden | 3,430,787 | 2,848,590 | 24,735,903 | 24,870,328 |
| Switzerlan | 590,096 | 729,649 | 4,625,811 | 5,543,989 |
| United K | 13,136,945 | 82,158,884 | 700,141,658 | 638,246,935 |
| Canada | 36,931,454 | 47,437,155 | 381,306,392 | 393,146,175 |
| Central | 6,026,261 | 6,364,154 | 40,941,527 | 43,650,050 |
| Mexic | 11,915,043 | 11,076,475 | 83,907,234 | 80,914,110 |
| Cub | 16,411,871 | 14,660,702 | 122,662,601 | 112,904,904 |
| Dominican | 1,599,534 | 1,308,183 | 10,207,299 | 11,001,430 |
| Argentina | 12,892,875 | 14,938,461 | 77,273,367 | 93,213,523 |
| Brazil | 6,799,835 | 6.204,966 | 41,198.519 | 47.474,642 |
| Chile | 2,924,054 | 3,793,025 | 19,647.858 | 25,006,540 |
|  | 2,548,930 | 4,303,984 | 18,038,425 | 27,354,065 |
| Ecuad | 360,919 | 325,705 | 2,891,773 | 4,054,515 |
| Peru. | 1,772,473 | 2,188,436 | 13,990,870 | 14,138,237 |
| Urugua | 1,828,425 | 1,884,939 | 10,088,569 | 12,618,176 |
| Venezuela | 1,825,872 | 3,145,536 | 10,768,020 | 17,259,159 |
| British Ind | 2,829,239 | 3,714,658 | 19,799,594 | 25,110,068 |
| British M | 631,728 | 1.101,997 | 4,650,399 | 7,595,964 |
| China. | 6,291,834 | 10.157,396 | 49,446,647 | 58,637,767 |
| Hongkong | 1,105,051 | 1,817,943 | 8,421,472 | 7,971,504 |
| Dutch East | 1,329,084 | 2,468,256 | 8,700,859 | 13,629,927 |
| Japan, including | 28,093,517 | 23,424,771 | 150,275,126 | 156,645,185 |
| Philippine Is | 4,611,603 | 6,561,375 | 35,565,370 | 37,188,008 |
| Australia | 11,887,596 | 12,856,847 | 73,895,689 | 91,453,535 |
| New Zeal | 2,462.982 | 3,362,688 | 17,402,683 | 23,909,746 |
| British Sou | 3,210,293 | 3,901,503 | 21,153,906 | 27,781,834 |
|  | 622,547 | 823,392 | 3,363,148 | 4,756,666 |
|  |  | Jan | 7 Morth | Jawuary- |
| Imports from, | 1925. | 1926. | 1925. | 1926. |
| Grand Divisio | 8 | S | ${ }^{\text {\% }}$ |  |
| Europe. | 02,808,855 | 111,210,059 | 678,677,838 | 753,740,801 |
| North Am | 77,531,029 | 73,559,135 | 517,834,577 | 534,358,602 |
| South Am | 42,254,476 | 53,517,512 | 276,833,897 | 311,317,701 |
| Asia | 100,965,251 | 154,045,627 | 565,233,595 | 890,014,832 |
| Oceani | 11,954,917 | 8,037,231 | 28,355,798 | 36,808,783 |
|  | 10,650,761 | 16,396,849 | 39,601,272 | 53,048,514 |
|  | 346,165,289 | 416,766,413 | 2,106,536,977 | 580,289,233 |
| Principal Countries--->-->>0, |  |  |  |  |
| Belgium | 6,386,156 | 6,886,242 | 36,589,476 | 39,599,239 |
| Denm | 313,049 | 797,591 | 2,375,590 | 2,410,401 |
|  | 13,923,725 | 12,825,540 | $90,604,833$ | 95,032,140 |
| Germany | 11,402,094 | 16,005,979 | 87,358,686 | 111,440,571 |
|  | 2,153,018 | 1,655,760 | 16,397,197 | 8,410,089 |
| Italy | 8,462,573 | 8,554,604 | 49,466,924 | 56,811,799 |
| th | 7,080,581 | 8,679,103 | 47,666,009 | 62,979,558 |
| Norway | 925,598 | 1,884,759 | 12,346,089 | 13,448,930 |
| Soviet R | 691,889 | 2,022,727 | 4,480,710 | 9.528,003 |
| Spain. | 2,568,195 | 4,393,088 | 16,239,564 | 21,947,874 |
| Sweden | 5,366,352 | 3,437,240 | 29,672,032 | 24,211,075 |
| Switzerla | 3,131,661 | 3,734,350 | 22,669,466 | 25,951,370 |
| United K | 35,177,932 | 34,620,382 | 228,342,171 | 248,455,427 |
| Canada | 32,963,099 | 35,576,299 | 232,021,743 | 280,809,201 |
| Central | 3,224,510 | 4,902,834 | 18,184,360 | 22,893,090 |
| Mexico | 17,609,030 | 14,119,202 | 98,732,621 | 88,967,987 |
| Cuba. | 20,646,566 | 14,831,262 | 150,679,918 | 114,622,333 |
| Dominican | 426,657 | 710,010 | 3,165,650 | 4,012,105 |
| Argentín | 6,522,530 | 7,678,113 | 38,291.595 | 41,546,057 |
| Brazil | 18,433,925 | 22,099,295 | 123,194,892 | 149,941,420 |
| Chile | 6,412,625 | 8,477,180 | 49,654,987 | 41,829,990 |
| Colomb | 4,092,957 | 5,138,519 | 32,093,755 | 37,181,614 |
| Ecuado | 405,332 | 749,201 | 3,872,648 | 5,531,361 |
| Peru. | 1,682,297 | 1,799,338 | 12,799,213 | 12,034,427 |
| Uruguay | 3,015,805 | 4,801,111 | 5,861,185 | 9,204,548 |
| Venezuel | 1,446,834 | 2,608,058 | 9,729,519 | 12,819,369 |
| British In | 12,177,015 | 17,994,657 | $60.541,061$ | 86,313,950 |
| British M | 21,291,359 | 51,613,856 | 89,012,171 | 246,420,592 |
| China | 11,355,463 | 9,624,534 | 68,421,281 | 89,012,575 |
| Hongkong | 1,543,636 | 877.736 | 6,281,299 | 5,007,746 |
| Dutch East | 8,019,270 | 15,102,330 | 35,679,016 | 69,193,223 |
| Japan, including C | 33,285,655 | 40,407,292 | 222,573,069 | 271,471,748 |
| Philippine Islands | 7.744,390 | 8,407,704 | 48,690,779 | 60,292,383 |
| Australia | 10,240,846 | 5,747.086 | 19,634,810 | 26,989,477 |
| New Zeal | 1,482,877 | 1,922,669 | 6,901,361 | 7.744,938 |
| ritish So | 1,389,809 | 2,293,147 | 4,712,783 | 6,560,256 |
| Egypt | 7,863,923 | 8,619,074 | 18,435,220 | 23,225,691 |

United States Senate Confirms Nomination of Charles W. Hunt as Member of Federal Trade Commission.

In an executive session on March 10, the U. S. Senate confirmed, by a vote of 48 to 20 , the nomination of Charles W. Hunt as a member of the Federal Trade Commission. Mr. Hunt had been named last September to succeed himself, having originally been appointed in 1924. Regarding opposition to his continuance on the commission, the New York "Journal of Commerce" in Washington advices March 10 stated:
Opposition to the retention of Commissioner Hunt in his present position developed some time ago among the Progressives and certain of the Democrats because of his alignment with Commissloners Humphrey and Van Fleet in their campalgn for the institution of rules of reason governing the the Wadsworth-Willams ills. the Wadsworth-wiliams bills. Lined up against this group are Commisthe settlement with pubs and George Nugent, who have protested against alled by the or be in the best interests both of the These various matters world.
列 debate on Mr. Hunt. He was criticised as being reactionary, but the opposition probably was more against the system of the commission than

It had generally been acce
men accepted that Mr. Hunt would be kept in office were more than twice as many favorable as unfavorable votes was not a surprise.

## Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks
The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on March 17, made public by the Federal Reserve Board and which deals with the results for the twelve Federal Reserve banks combined, shows a decline of $\$ 21,800,000$ in holdings of discounted bills, of $\$ 27,400,000$ in acceptances purchased in open market, and of $\$ 7,100,000$ in Government securities. Total bills and securities went down $\$ 56,900,000$ and Federal Reserve note circulation $\$ 12,500,-$ 000 , while cash reserves increased $\$ 13,800,000$.

Largely as a result of the Treasury's financial operations on March 15, which included the redemption of securities maturing on that date, member banks in the New York district reduced their borrowings from the Federal Reserve bank by $\$ 51,800,000$. Discount holdings of the Chicago bank declined $\$ 9,500,000$, while those of Atlanta increased $\$ 13,-$ 000,000 , San Francisco $\$ 12,300,000$, Philadelphia $\$ 5,500,000$, and St. Louis $\$ 5,400,000$. All of the Federal Reserve banks show smaller holdings of acceptances purchased in open market, the principal decreases being: New York $\$ 11,700$,000 , Atlanta $\$ 3,600,000$, the Philadelphia $\$ 3,300,000$. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:
Holdings of Treasury certificates of indebtedness increased $\$ 101,400,000$ of which $\$ 99,000,000$ represents a temporary certificate issued by the Treasury to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York pending the collection $\$ 111,900,000$, Holdings of Treasury notes declined The Federal Reserve Banks of Clevels increased $\$ 3,400,000$
declines of $\$ 5,100,000$ and $\$ 2,500,000$, note circula in this item.
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 1578 and 1579. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending March 171926 follows:
> ncreases $(\underset{\text { During }}{+}$ or Decrease $(-)$ Week. During Year.

$+\$ 13,800,000-\$ 45,900,000$ $\begin{array}{ll}+12,100,000 & -\$ 45,900,000 \\ -56,600,000\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{rr}-56,900,000 & +44,800,000 \\ -21,800,000 & +141,100,000\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{rr}-21,800,000 & +141,100,000 \\ -3,400,000 & +78,900,000\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{rr}-3,400,000 & +78,900,000 \\ -18,400,000 & +62,300,000\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{rr}-18,400,000 & +62,300,000 \\ -27,400,000 & -19,600,000\end{array}$ $-27,400,000-19,600,000$ $+3,400,000-75,700,000$ $+3,400,000-15,400,000$ $\begin{array}{rr}-111,900,000 & -146,800,000 \\ +101,400,000 & +86,500,000\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}+12,500,000 & +86,500.000 \\ -61,200,000\end{array}$ $-16,600,000-61,200,000$ $+20,600,000+53,600,000$ | $+20,600,000+54,800,000$ |
| :--- |
| $-41,500,000$ |

Total reserves
Gold reserves.............. Bills discounted, total Oecured by U. S. Govt
Bills bought in open marke
Bills bought in overnment securket.-........Bonds
Treasury notes
Certificates of indebtedness
Federal Reserve notes in circulation
Total deposits.
Members' reserve deposits
osits.

## The Week with the Member Banks of the Federal

 Reserve System.The Federal Reserve Board's statement of condition of 712 reporting member banks in leading cities as of March 10 shows a reduction of $\$ 95,000,000$ in loans and discounts and an increase of $\$ 3,000,000$ in investments. These changes were accompanied by declines of $\$ 113,000,000$ in net demand deposits and $\$ 79,000,000$ in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks. Member banks in New York City reported reductions of $\$ 68,000,000$ in loans and discounts, $\$ 5,000,000$ in investments, $\$ 98,000,000$ in net demand deposits and $\$ 16,000,000$ in borrowings from the Federal Reserve bank. It should be noted that the figures for these member banks are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves.
Loans on corporate stocks and bonds were $\$ 121,000,000$ less than a week ago. Of this decline $\$ 99,000,000$ and $\$ 13,000,000$ were reported by banks in the New York and Boston districts, respectively. "All other" loans and discounts increased $\$ 31,000,000$, the larger increase of $\$ 33,-$ 000,000 in the New York district being partly offset by a decline of $\$ 8,000,000$ in the San Franciseo district. Total loans to brokers and dealers, secured by stocks and bonds, made by reporting banks in New York City show a further reduction of $\$ 163,000,000$, of which $\$ 104,000,000$ was in loans for their own account, $\$ 55,000,000$ in loans for account of out-of-town banks and $\$ 4,000,000$ in loans for the account of others. Further comment regarding the changes shown by these member banks is as follows:

Investments in U. S. securities were $\$ 23,000,000$ less than last week, the principal changes in this item being a reduction of $\$ 24,000,000$ in the New York district and an increase of $\$ 16,000,000$ in the San Francisco
district. Holdings of district. Holdings of other bonds, stocks and securities increased \$20,000,000 at banks in the New York district and $\$ 26,000,000$ at all reporting anks.
Net demand deposits fell off $\$ 113,000,000$, declines of $\$ 107,000,000$ in the
New York district, $\$ 15,000,000$ in the Kansas City district $\$ 9,000,00$ in New York district, $\$ 15,000,000$ in the Kansas City district, $\$ 9,000,000$ in the Cleveland district and $\$ 8,000,000$ each in the Boston and Philadelphia districts being offset in part by increases of $\$ 22,000,000$ and $\$ 12,000,000$ in $\$ 8,000,000$ higher than a wrisco districts, respectively. Time deposits wer $\$ 8,000,000$ higher than a week ago at all reporting banks and $\$ 11,000,000$ higher at banks in the New York district
all districts except Cleveland and Richmond. The prinere reported for were $\$ 20,000,000$ in the Chicago district, and $\$ 16,000,000$ and $\$ 14,000,000$ in the New York and Boston districts, respectively.

On a subsequent page -that is, on page 1579 -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:

$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { Increase }(+) \text { or Decrease }(-) \\
\text { During }
\end{gathered}
$$

Loans and discounts, total
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations
Secured by stocks and bonds......... All other -
Investments, total U . S. bonds
U. S. bonds.
U. S. bonds.........
U. S. Treasury notes
U. S. Treasury notes

Other bonds, stocks and securities Reserve balances with Federal Reserve banks Cash in vault Net demand deposits Time deposits Government deposits Total accommodation at Fed. Res, banks

Digest of Cables Received from Foreign Offices of the
Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.
The summary of foreign cablegrams received by the Department of Commerce at Washington, released for publication to-day, follows:

GERMANY.
A slight diminution of unemployment and a renewal of foreign buying proved some justification for the growing hope that Germany is on the way to a return to normal conditions. The results of the depression of the past six months show that some weaker business concerns which grew during the inflation period have been eliminated, the wholesale and retail price levels have been reduced, and a gradual reduction of imports has brought about a favorable trade balance for January. Interest rates on time loans, call money and private discounts have been reduced, and the banking situation is generally improved.
The program of the new Finance Minister has created a favorable impression, press reports indicate, as it tends towards a policy of tax reduc which has been considered a view to lightening the heavy tax burden tention is also centred on as a contributing factor to the depression. At tion of commercial and investment of obtaining a more effective distribututions. The end of February sht funds through banks and credit instiunemployed receiving Government a slight decrease in the number of risen at the beginning of March. The ant assistance; while the stock index has banks showed a considerable increase during report for all German savings Recent political discussions increase during 1925.
during the past week and a spirit of confidence was evian financial markets ness of the stock exchange. Money remains easy evidenced by the steadioney remains easy
BELGIUM.
Difficulties in connection with negotiations for the stabilization loan, and higher money rates, have depressed the Belgian business situation, The rediscount rate of the National Bank has been increased, likewise the rate on advances against securities and the amount of interest on six months Treasury bills, provoking tight credit, in accordance with the staMetalle Metalurgical markets are uncertain with increased competition. Glass production is normal, but window glass shows a tendency to weaken. Dulcoal industry automobile malk is renewal of activity in Charlerol metallurgy. The consumption. Lumbeod except for medum priced cars or heavy gasoline weaving is slightly nage of Belgian improved; flax business has recovered somewhat. Tonadvanced: import creased, thus reducing the

THE NETHERLANDS.
The gradual strengthening of industry and trade in the Netherlands has continued during the past month. The advance is particularly marked in the artificial silk, shoe, margarine, paper and shipbuilding industries, while glass, textile and airplane manufacturing has shown an unfavorable trend. The new Cabinet has quieted political uncertainty and facilitated the enactment of definite legislation. Note circulation and gold reserves of he Netherlands were reduced during the month, with little change in the elation between them. Money continues to be abundant and German loans have again become an important feature of the market. Government revenues in January exceeded those of January 1925, reaching 43,100,000 guilders as against $40,800,000$ guilders. Wholesale and retail prices both howed decines as compared with last year. Unemployment has been gradually reduced by the activity of the building industries, and seasonal
factors. January import trade was normal but exports reached the lowest figure since June 1924, with reduced exportation to Germany on account of the high tariff.

FINLAND.
General business conditions in Finland during January were quiet with a corresponding dulness in trade caused by the frozen condition of the harbors and heavy ice in the Gulf of Finland. Foreign trade during the
month was very low with a large unfavorable balance, characteristic of this month was very lime of the year. Industries, however, are active and financial conditions show further improvement, as indicated by the easy money market, declining note circulation and a substantial increase in deposits during the past month. A sufficient supply of funds seemed to be available, and demands during
T anuary were somewhat heavy. Price levels showed a marked decline durJanuary were somewhat heavy ing the month.

## ARGENTINA.

Weather conditions continue favorable. Purchases of linseed by American firms have increased and the market is slightly higher. Wheat advanced with other products and an early European demand is anticipated. The wool market has been active but prices have not advanced. Hide prices tendency has been upward with an improved buying interest. Livestock
receits are ample and prices remain unchanged. There has been a rereceipts are ample and prices remain unchanged. There has been a reduced export movement, while the imports continue to increase. Government remittances are depressing the exchange value of the pess. eral depression in local business continues with heavy failures still being
recorded. Bank rates remain steady at from 6 to $8 \%$. Congress is still recorded.
inactive.

## BRAZIL.

Exchange weakened from 6.870 milreis to the dollar on Monday to 6.900 to the dollar on Friday, but firmed again on Saturday. The weakness was due to lack of export bills. The Santos coffee market was firm for spot coffee with a slight fall for futures. The Rio market is weakening. Stocks at Santos on the 12th were reported locally at $1,318,088$ bags. The State of Sao Paulo has negotiated an agreement with the State of Espirito Santo which unites the four principal coffee States in the defense plan. Espirito Santo is to buil Victoria, and the in from state funds without increased taxation. Lloyd Brasileiro has reduced the corfee of 500,000 sterling has been granted in London for a Sao Paulo textile mill.

Break in Belgian Franc-Secretary Mellon Says Debt Settlement Not a Factor in It
The decline in the Belgian franc has been one of the outstanding developments of the week, its sensational fall causing two Cabinet meetings at Brussels on March 15, according to Associated Press cablegrams, which said the decline was due to Washington and London developments, according to the general opinion expressed in political and financial quarters. These cablegrams also said:

Failure of the United States Senate to ratify the Washington Belgian debt agreement and the insistence of British bankers on obtaining close control of the Belgian national ralroads brought unrest in financial circles and heavy sales of Belgian securities, entailing depreciation of the franc.
A rumor which gained popular credence that the American bankers concerned in the proposed loan to Belgium had demanded supervision of the Belgian Congo Colony, wasalso responsible in part, it was asserted in wellinformed financial circles.
Official information this evening indicated that all the foregoing was untrue, but the harm had been done. There had been a wave of selling of Belgian stocks and the purchase of foreign securities, which the Cabinet hopes, with the help of the Belgian bankers, to stem to-morrow.
Depreciation in the last two days has caused a loss of $141 / 2 \%$ in Belgium's national wealth

London Associated Press advices March 15 referring to the decline said:
The feature of the London Exchange market to-day was the sharp relapse of the Belgian franc from 107 to the pound to $1213 / 4$, due to the exhaustion of the credits obtained here and in America with
ment has been supporing the rranc at 107 . a recovery to 117 under covering orders.
The market also was affected by rumors that there has been a hitch in the negotiations in which Belgium is seeking a loan of $\$ 150,000,000$ from

In the New York Market on March 15 a break was also witnessed, the New York "Times" in referring thereto saying in part:

A sudden crash of half a cent in the value of the Belgian franc yesterday caused reports to spread through Wall Street that a hitch had occurred in preparations for a Belgian stabilization loan which had been expected to amount to between $\$ 100,000,000$ and $\$ 150,000,000$. The onslaught of selling came from London, where discussions regarding Belgian financial affairs have been taking place, and New York bankers conversant with the Belgian situation said they were in the dark as to what had inspired the pressure. The attack against the franc was reflected in a decline in the point on the New York Stock Exchange.
Though various explanations were hazarded as to the reason for the break in the Belgian franc, an air of mystery covered the situation, to which, it was declared, the key lies in London. The following were some of the reports received by foreign exchange dealers to account for the break:
Advance information obtained by foreign operators that the Belgian Government's report would show that the budget had not been balanced, which would be expected to delay the granting of the international loan; that there had been a clash of opinion between financiers in London and the Belgian Government as to the proper terms of a large international loan; that the Brussels Government, which has been "pegging" the franc, partly with the use or credis grand allow the franc to finds its "true" devel cided to withdraw its support and allow the frac before attempting an ofricial revaluation, and, in the neighborhood of $41 / 2$ which had been expected to revalue the franc be a more suitable level.

## Credits Expire This Month.

The credits obtained last year by Belgium amounted to $\$ 50,000,000$, the New York portion being advanced by a banking group headed by J. P. regarding their renewal is expected within a few days.

No information is available as to the extent of the use that was made of
the credits, but foreign exchange dealers said it the credits, but foreign exchange dealers said it was likely that the Belgian Government had used about $50 \%$ of the amount available in supporting the franc. It had been generally expected that the large international loan being discussed would absorb the credit. The Federal Reserve Bank in assisting the stabilization plans of Belgium, announced last year that it had offered to buy commercial bills, but it was learned yesterday that the

## Government Support Withdrawn.

Whatever the reason, the Belgian Government withdrew its support of the franc, and this led to selling by speculators. The pressure came almost exclusively from Europe and the break in prices had occurred before trading in New York opened. It was pointed out that speculators knew in advance something of what was coming, for as early as last Friday there had been heavy'selling of francs for future delivery, while spot quotations still were steady,

The opening quotation on the Belgian franc in New York yesterday was $4.241 / 4$ cents, as against a close at 4.53 on Saturday. The rate quickly dropped to $4.04 \frac{1}{4}$, the lowest it has reached since March 1924. There was a reaction from the extreme decline and the close was at $4.22 \frac{1}{4}$, a loss of close to one-third of a cent net for the day. It was the first sharp movement in some time in the Belgian franc, which has held steady in the neighborhood of $41 / 2$ cents in the face of violent movements of the French franc and the Italian lira.
The decline in bonds occurred in the Belgian Government's 6s of 1955, which sold at a new low for the year at $85 \%$ and closed at 86 , a net loss of $5 / 8$ for the day; the $61 / 2$ s of 1949 , which closed $7 / 8$ lower at $931 / 8$ : the 7 s of 1955 , which lost $3 / 8$ at $957 / 8$, and the $71 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$ of 1949 , which lost $1 / 2$ at $1093 / 4$.
On March 15 Associated Press advices from Brussels said: The Cabinet Council, this afternoon decided to suspend all buying of foreign exchange temporarily, and to institute a close investigation of recent deals in dollars and s
The Cabinet gave the Minister of Justice authority to take stern measures against any one found guilty of speculation or unable to prove the genuineness of purchases of foreign exchange for business transactions. It is generally admisted, however, that speculation is the result, not the cause, of the present crisis

The following day (March 16) the following Brussels advices were reported by the Associated Press:

The Finance Commission of the Chamber of Deputies, after the Governmrnt's explanation regarding the negotiations for a foreign loan, decided to day that they should be continued, with some modifications and new resurvations.
Still later advices (March 17 from the same source said:
The "Etoile Belge" to-day says that the Cabinet at a lengthy meeting drafted the terms of a ministerial declaration announcing if not a comple rupture at least a postponement of the negotiations for a foreign loan
The terms of the declaration, the paper adds, make the position of Finance Minister Janssen untenable, and with the failure of the Government to stabilize the Belgian franc inevitably will lead to a Cabinet cris
may come at to-night's meeting of the Chamber of Deputies.

The New York News Bureau on March 17 announced the following from the Central News at Brussels:
Ex-Finance Minister Vanderwyere declared the present situation in the Belgian franc is the result of foreign bankers, including the Bank of England, failing to keep their earlier engagements given verbally only.
Premier Poulett, before the Chamber to-day said that the stabilization plan still held good, and he further intimated that proceedings would be inaugurated for the severe repression of speculators in the currency.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon in a statement on March 16 had the following to say in the matter:
"I do not believe that the speculation in Belgium exchange can be attributed to any doubt of the ratification of the Belgian-American debt settlement here. The settlement passed the House by a vote of 316 to 25 and without the slightest criticism. I have heard of no opposition in the Senate to Belgium. We have made a fair adjustment and I anticipaie a the next few days."

Advices from Washington March 18 to the New York "Journal of Commerce", stated:
The Government will not interfere with pending negotiations between the Belgian Government and New York financiers for the placing of a substantial share of what is understood to be a $\$ 150,000,000$ loan Belgium is seeking to float here and in London.
This was made clear at the Treasury to-day by Secretary Mellon, who indicated that Belgium's efforts to settle her war debt to this country constigood will towards this country. Mr. Mellon denied that the Administration is taking any stand against American nationals becoming creditors of foreign nations or interests in the issuance of long-term obligations.

The Treasury has received word that this reported attitude of the United States Government was principally responsible for the sharp decline in the Belgian franc during the past several days. Secretary Mellon, however, made it clear that the Government has taken no such attitude, adding that the only stand the Government has taken with reference to loans abroad is in connection with war debt funding negotiations and foreign interests said to be using their control of raw materials for artificial maintenance of high prices to American consumers.

In its issue of March 16 the same paper said:
New York bankers yesterday did not confirm the rumor that there was a hitch in the arrangements for the $\$ 150,000,000$ Belgian stabilization loan. Negotiations for the loan, it was said, had not gone beyond the "conversathe stage. Bankers here are awaiting news that Belgium has comper made before of her budget and other financial preparations, which must be

Italy Pays $£ 2,000,000$ to Bank of England on War Debt.
An Associated Press cablegram from Rome (Italy), March 15 , says:
The semi-official Stefani Agency announces that the Italian Government to-day paid $£ 2,000,000$ to the Bank of England, the first payment on Italy's war debt to Great Britain, which was funded recently in London.

Reference to the British-Italian war debt agreement was made in these columns Jan. 30, page 551, and March 13, page 1391.

Denmark House of Commons Passes Disarmament Bill． Copenhagen（Denmark）Associated Press advices，March 13 ，report that the Folketing（House of Commons）passed the third reading of the disarmament bill，which calls for virtual abolition of the Danish army and navy，leaving only frontier and customs guards and a number of vessels for coast duty．The vote was 75 to 71 ．The cablegram says：
Strong opposition was shown by Conservatives and Liberals，who de－ clared their astonishment that the Government dared to support such a measure under present conditions in Europe．M．Rasmussen，the Defense Minister，sponsored the bill．

San Paulo Bond Offering Next Week by Banking Group Headed by Speyer \＆Co．
$\$ 7,500,000$ State of San Paulo $7 \%$ secured sinking fund gold bonds，external water works loan of 1926，due Sept． 1 1956 ，will be offered Tuesday at $961 / 2$ ，to yield about $7.30 \%$ ， by a group headed by Speyer \＆Co．，and including Blair \＆ Co．，Inc．，J．Henry Schroder Banking Corporation，Laden－ burg，Thalmann \＆Co．，E．H．Rollins \＆Sons，the Equitable Trust Co．of New York and Blyth，Witter \＆Co．The balance of the loan，viz．，$£ 2,500,000$ sterling bonds，will be issued simultaneously in London by Baring Brothers \＆ Co．，Ltd．，N．M．Rothschild \＆Sons and J．Henry Schroder \＆Co．The proceeds of the loan are to be used for additions， betterments and extensions to the water supply and sewerage systems of the City of San Paulo．

## Brazilian Cotton Loan

A cablegram to the New York News Bureau from the Central News，London，March 11，says：
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Ratification of Agreement for Settlement of Disputes in Shipbuilding Trades of Great Britain．
At the last quarterly meeting of the Federation of Engi－ neering and Shipbuilding Trades of Great Britain it was announced that the agreement between the men＇s federation and the Shipbuilding Employers＇Federation for the settle－ ment and avoidance of disputes in that industry had been ratified．According to advices received by Bankers Trust Co．of New York from its British Information Service（made public March 15），the figures revealed a vote of four to one in favor of the agreement and aggregated 12,000 votes． The trust company＇s advices state：
Although the boilers makers＇and several other unions not affiliated to the men＇s federation have not participated in the ballot and are not par－ ties to the new agreement，the new negotiating machinery which will come into effect will be available for all shipyard workers．
The purpose of the agreement is to secure more prompt consideration and settlement of questions arising in the industry without recourse to stoppages of work．There is a complete procedure for dealing with ques tions in the yard in which they arise by district or nationally，as the case demands，with provision for mutual reference to arbitration．The question of the regulation of wage fluctuation was not dealt with in the present agreement，but will be the subject of a supplementary agreement．

Plan to Help German Rye Growers Opposed－Grain Trade Assures Reichstag That＂Price－Boosting＂ Plan Would Be Ineffective．
From the New York＂Times＂we quote the following copy right cablegram from Berlin，March 7：
The grain trade organization strongly opposes the plan for artificially maintaining rye prices in the interest of East German farmers．At a ses－ sion of the Reichstag＇s Economic Committee last week representatives of the grain traders stated that out of $8,000,000$ tons of rye produced in 1925 the farmers consumed，including fodder， $5,000,000$ tons．
From this they argued that even if prices were driven up 30 marks per ton the actual gain to producers would be only $90,000,000$ marks．The committee has been considering various other ways of encouraging rye pro－ duction at the expense of the wheat output．

Stock of Money in the Country．
The Treasury Department at Washington issued its cus－ tomary monthly statement showing the stock of money in the country and the amount in circulation after deducting the moneys held in the United States Treasury and by Fed－ eral Reserve banks and agents．The figures this time are for March 1．They show that the money in circulation at that date（including，of course，what is held in bank vaults of the member banks of the Federal Reserve System）was $\$ 4,814,217,046$ ，as against $\$ 4,739,537,429$ Feb． 11926 and $\$ 4,804,208,822$ March 1 1925，and comparing with $\$ 5,628$ ，－ 427,732 on Nov． 1 1920．Just before the outbreak of the European war，that is，on July 1 1914，the total was only $\$ 3,402,015,427$ ．The following is the statement：

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of gold deposited ior redemption of national bank notes，$\$ 4,565$ deposited for retirement of deposited cIrculation（act of May 30 1908），and $\$ 6,576,290$ deposited as a reserve against postal savieg money hel
Boston and Atlanta．
Note．－Gold certificates are secured dollar for dollar by gold held in the Treasury for their redemption；silver certificates are secured dollar for dollar by standard secured by a gold reserve of $\$ 154,188,886$ held in the United States notes are fund may also be used for the redemptlon of Treasury notes of 1890，which are also secured，dollar for dollar，by standard silver dollars，held in the Treasury．Federal
Reserve notes are obllgations of the United State of the issulng Federal Reserve bank．Federal Reserve notes are an all the assets deposit with Federal Reserve agents．of a llke amount of gold or of gold and such
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Act．Federal Reserve banks must maintain a the gold redemption fund which must be deposited with the United Stateg，including agalnst Federal Reserve notes In actual circulation．Lawful money has been de－ posited with the Treasurer of the United States for retirement of all outatanding Federal Reserve bank notes．National bank notes are secured by United States United States for thelr retirement．A $5 \%$ fund is also maintalne Treasurer of the
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secured by Government bonds．

Expansion of State Bank of U．S．S．R．
An official report showing the expansion of the State Bank of the Soviet Union（State Bank of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics）for the past fiscal year has been received by the Russian Information Bureau at Washington．The report is accompanied by the financial statement of the bank as of Oct． 1 last，at the close of the fiscal year．A summary of the report at the year＇s close follows：
Capital remains unchanged at $10,000,000$ chervonetz（ $851,450,000$ ） The reserve，however，has been Increased from 790，000 cherv．（\＄4，064，000 to $1,500.000$ cherv．（ $\$ 7,717,000$ ）．In addition to the increase of reserve）
the bank's earnings during the year 1924-25 amounted to the impressive figure of $\$ 37,114,000$, equivalent to about $63 \%$ of capital and reserve, as compared with earnings of $\$ 17,265,000$, or $31 \%$ of capital and reserve, during the previous year.
Deposits increased from $\$ 164,228,000$ on Oct. 11924 to $\$ 489,518,000$ on Oct 11925 , an increase of $200 \%$ during the course of the year. In the same period loans and discounts increased from $\$ 308,029,000$ to $\$ 774,417$,000 , an increase of $151 \%$. These figures do not include the special deposits of the Government, amounting to $\$ 108,694,000$ on Oct. 11925 , specifically intended for the purpose of Government loans to industry and agriculture, which aggregated $\$ 108,905,000$ on the same date.
The State Bank note circulation increased from $52,185,000$ cherv. ( $\$ 268,492,000$ ) on Oct. 11924 to $75,664,000$ cherv. $(\$ 389,291,000)$ on Oct. 1 1925. The "gold fund," i. e., holdings of stable foreign currencies and precious metals, remained unchanged at about $\$ 153,356,000$.

The Soviet State Bank is extending its network of branch banks, which are already located in every port and industrial and commercial centre of the Soviet Union. There were 390 branches and agencies of the bank in October 1924, which by October 1925 had increased to over 450. The bank's statement as of Oct. 11925 follows:

CLOSING STATEMENT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING


## Grain Crop Statistics of Soviet Russia.

Late statistics of the grain crops of the Soviet Union for 1925 received by the Russian Information Bureau, show larger crops of corn and barley than had been reported, and slight decreases in wheat, rye and other grains. The gross crop of all grains shows a decrease of 22 million bushels from the estimate made about a month ago. A statement by the Burean, issued in February, says:

The grain crop now stands at 2,732 million bushels, as compared with 1,826 million bushels in 1924, and a pre-war production of about 3,200 1,826 million
million bushels.
Individual grains, in millions of bushels, are as follows: Rye, 774; wheat, 663 ; oats, 658 ; barley, 287 ; buckwheat, 62 ; millet, 140 ; corn, 178. The corn crop marks a new high record for Russia
178. Late statistics of cotton, flax and hemp show Russia. estimates. The cotton crop was 906,000 bales, as compared over previous bales in 1924 and a pre-war average of 953,000 bales. The gross flax fibre crop was 404,000 metric tons, as compared with 244,000 in 1924 and 419 . 000 in 1913. The gross hemp fibre crop was 449,000 metric tons, as compared with 308,000 in 1924 and 351,000 in 1913.

## Foreign Trade of Soviet Russia.

The foreign trade turnover of the Soviet Union for the first quarter of the Soviet fiscal year, Oct. 1 to Jan. 1, was $\$ 194,567,000$, as compared with $\$ 113,403,000$ for the same period of last year, an increase of $72 \%$, according to the Russian Information Bureau. Exports for the period were $\$ 88,992,000$ and imports $\$ 105,575,000$, giving an unfavorable balance of $\$ 16,583,000$, as compared with a favorable balance of $\$ 9,373,000$ for the same period of last year. The unfavorable balance was due to heavy imports of industria! and agricultural machinery throughout the quarter, a marked falling off of grain exports during December, and smaller seasonal decreases in the exports of timber, furs and oil products. The December trade turnover showed a decline of $\$ 11,400,000$, as compared with November, and of $\$ 30,260,000$ as compared with October, the high-record month for trade since the close of the war.

## Output of Cement Industry in Soviet Russia in Current <br> Year Planned to Equal that of 1913.

Plans for the cement industry of the Soviet Union for the current fiscal year ending Sept. 1 next call for a total output of nine million barrels, equal to the output of 1913 , according to a report of the industry received by the Russian Information Bureau. Production rose from the low point of 534,000 barrels in the fiscal year 1921-22 to $3,960,000$ barrels during 1924-25. Thirty-three factories are now working, as compared to fifty before the war. The present equipment is considered adequate to cover an increase in the annual
output to $13,000,000$ barrels during the next few ${ }^{\text {In }}$ years. Demand is growing and the present price is $140 \%$ of the prewar price. Exports of Soviet cement last year aggregated 30,078 metric tons, about five times the pre-war average. The export was almost wholly to the Near Eastern countries and Persia.

Increase in Output of Metal Industry of Soviet Russia.
The metal industry of the Soviet Union showed a substantial increase in output for the first quarter of the current Soviet fiscal year, Oct. 1 to Jan. 1, according to a bulletin received by the Russian Information Bureau. Iron and steel production advanced from 16 to $31 \%$ over the previous quarter, while copper smeltings showed no gain. The figures for the quarter, in metric tons, are as follows:

Per Cent Increase Over I Pig iron
Steel
Steel-
Rolled iron.
Copper


Previous Quarter.

## Offering of $\$ 5,000,0005 \%$ Bonds of Dallas] Joint Stock Land Bank.

Lee, Higginson \& Co. and the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. of Chicago offered on March 18 a new issue of $\$ 5,000,000$ $5 \%$ Farm Loan bonds of the Dallas Joint Stock Land Bank of Dallas, Texas. The bonds were offered at $1021 / 2$ and accrued interest, to yield about $4.68 \%$ to the optional date (1936) and $5 \%$ thereafter. The issue will be dated Jan. 1 1926 and will become due Jan. 1 1966. It will be redeemable at 100 and accrued interest on Jan. 11936 or any interest date thereafter. The bonds will be in coupon and fully registered form, interchangeable, in denominations of $\$ 10,000$, $\$ 5,000$ and $\$ 1,000$. Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. 1 and July 1) will be payable at the bank of issue or coupons may be presented for payment at the offices of Lee, Higginson \& Co., in Boston, New York or Chicago. As of March 10 1926, there were outstanding (including this issue) total bonds issued by the Dallas Joint Stock Land Bank to the amount of $\$ 29,947,000$. Security for these was approximately as follows:
First mortgages upon farms, $\$ 29,997,000$ deposited, secured by
farms with appraised value of
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Capital stock pald in (carrying double liability)
$377,900,000$
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Average loans March 101926 represented $38.5 \%$ of the appraised value of the farms.
The loan statistics of the bank as of March 101926 are furnished as follows:
Total amount loans closed............................................- $\$ 32,622,116$
Acreage covered by loans. Acreage covered by loans...
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Appraised value of improvements.
Appraised value of land and impro vements.
Percentage of loans to appraised value of land $\&$ improvements.
The Dallas Joint Stock Land Bank was organized on 1919 under the provisions of the Federal Farm Loan Act. H. W. Ferguson is President.

## Offering of $\$ 2,500,000$ Bonds of Denver Joint Stock Land Bank.

A new issue of $\$ 2,500,000$ tax exempt Denver Joint Stock Land Bank 5\% Farm Loan bonds, dated March 1 1926, is being offered by C. F. Childs \& Co. at $1031 / 2$ and accrued interest, to yield $4.56 \%$ to the optional date and $5 \%$ thereafter. The bonds will become due March 1 1956, they will be redeemable at par and accrued interest on March 11936 or any interest date therereafter. They will be coupon bonds in denominations of $\$ 1,000, \$ 5,000$ and $\$ 10,000$, fully registerable and interchangeable. Principal and interest (March 1 and Sept. 1), will be payable at the Chase National Bank, New York, or at the Denver Joint Stock Land Bank, Denver, Colo. The bank operates in the States of Colorado and Wyoming and is the only Joint Stock Land bank operating in those States. An analysis of the bank's loans as of Feb. 28 1926, follows:
Total loans- 1,607 .
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Average amount loaned per farm-
Average number of acres per farm-
Average number or acre
Total acres mortgaged
Average appraised valu
Average appraised value per acre.
Average amount loaned per acre..................
Ratio of total amount loaned to appraised value
Real estate acquired by foreclosure
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$4,7000 \%$
Its figures of capital, surplus and reserve are announced as follows:
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The Farm Loan bonds outstanding total $\$ 10,381,000$. C. L. Beatty is President and director of the bank.

## Offering of Bonds of Ohio-Pennsylvania Joint Stock Land Bank.

The Union Trust Co. of Cleveland is head of a group, including R. V. Mitchell \& Co., the Herrick Co., and Otis \& Co., which is offering $\$ 1,000,0005 \%$ Farm Loan bonds of the Ohio-Pennsylvania Joint Stock Land Bank. The bonds are offered at $1033 / 4$ and accrued interest to yield approximately $4.53 \%$ to Feb. 11936 and $5 \%$ thereafter. They will be dated Feb. 1 1926, will mature Feb. 11956 and will not be redeemable before Feb. 11936.

## Offering of Oregon-Washington Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds.

At $1021 / 4$ and interest to yield $4.71 \%$ to the optional date in 1936 and $5 \%$ thereafter, Brooke, Stokes \& Co. of Philadelphia, Washington and Baltimore, are offering an issue of $5 \%$ farm loan bonds of the Oregon-Washington Joint Stock Land Bank of Portland, Ore. The bonds will be dated Jan. 1 1926, will become due Jan. 11956 and will not be callable before Jan. 1 1936. They will be coupon or fully registered bonds, interchangeable, in denomination of $\$ 1,000$. Coupons will be payable at the office of the bank, at Portland, or at Brooke, Stokes \& Co., Philadelphia, on Jan. 1 and July 1. The bank reported $\$ 3,011,000$ farm loan bonds outstanding on Dec. 311925.

## Formation of First Federal Foreign Investment Trust

 Regarded as Important Move to Guard American Investor.The formation of the First Federal Foreign Investment Trust is an important effort on the part of the Government to safeguard the American investor in the purchase of foreign securities, according to a review published March 13 by Dominick \& Dominick. The report says:

Americans invested over $\$ 1,100,000,000$ in foreign securities last year. 1926 will see another large sum added to this. As a rule, the investor has very little personal knowledge of the country in whose continued prosperity he is concerned. Now, financiers of wide experience, working under the conservative jurisdiction of the Federal Reserve Board, will offer the investor a chance to participate in the earnings, not of one sound foreign enterprise, but of many.
The trust (mention of which was made in these columns March 6, page 1240, and March 13, page 1394) was created under a provision of the Federal Reserve Act, and the officers and directors are for the most part bankers and economists of this city. The first issue of capital stock to the amount of 20,000 shares has already been offered to the public at $\$ 110$ per share.

Dominick \& Dominick point out that the investment trust has been a successful and important factor in British financing for several years. There are now 200 companies in England with a total capital approaching $\$ 1,500,000,000$ invested mainly in securities from the United States and the countries of South America and Europe. The successful flotation of foreign loans through the British and Scottish investment trusts has stimulated British foreign trade. The report concludes :
The new Government organization will serve the investor by reducing to a minimum speculative elements in foreign financing. It will serve foreign
industry by providing a new market for the securities of a large number of reliable municipalities, land banks, public utilities and industries not yet sufficently prominent to attract participation separately.
Improvement in Business Conditions in Canada
Reported by Canadian Bank of Commerce.
In its monthly "Commerce Letter," dated February, the Canadian Bank of Commerce has the following to say regarding business conditions:

That the improvement in business conditions is becoming more marked throughout the Dominion is evidenced by the reports received during the past month. Many of the industries have sufficient orders on hand to
keep their plants operating at capacity for several months, and a number of keep their plants operating at capacity for several months, and a number of
them have been working on a daily schedule of 24 hours. Reports from wholesalers indicate that the volume and amount of orders received are in excess of the figures for the corresponding period of 1925 , and that collecexcess of the iggurestor than a year ago. Although the retail stores at a number of points are experiencing keen competition from mail order houses, generally increased retail sales are noted in all of the provinces and the outlook is regarded as decidedly brighter than for several years past. With a view to effecting appreciable savings through purchasing their goods as one unit, a federation comprising some thirty department stores in Ontario has been formed. It is estimated that the combined turnover of the firms
in the group amounted last year to $\$ 10,000,000$, and the intention is to maintain purchasing offices in London, Paris and New York.
Illustrative of the real extent of the improvement in conditions in western Canada is the response to the overtures of a Winnipeg wholesale grocery
firm which recentiy offered a larger line of credit to a number of its retail firm which recentiy offered a larger line of credit to a number of its retail customers. Less than $50 \%$ of those written to availed themselves of the
offer, the remainder stating that as payments from the farming community offer, the remainder stating that as payments from the farming commurther
were much more satisfactory additional credit was not desired. A further indication is that good prices have been realized at farm auction sales. The demand for farm lands at improving prices continues and it is expected that the movement will assume considerable proportions in the spring.

A step of importance in the direction of economy for the Canadian National Railways and the Canadian Pacific Railway by the elimination of
costly duplication of train service has been announced by the Minister of costly duplication of train service has been announced by the Minister of
Railways. The outcome of the movement will be watched with consider Railways. The
able interest.
The sales of ordinary life insurance in Canada during the past year were greater than in any previous year. According to figures just published such sales amounted to $\$ 424,872,000$, an increase of $\$ 33,709,000$ over the 1924 figures. Practically every province shows a gain for the year, and gains in Newfoundland increased by $36 \%$. In Ontario and Quebec, the two most important provinces, the gains were $10 \%$ and $8 \%$, respectively.

## J. R. Longmire, of Mississippi Valley Trust Co., on

 Protection Afforded Investors by Banks.John R. Longmire, Vice-President and Bond Officer of the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. of St. Louis, in a recent address over the radio used as his subject "How Banks Help Protect Investors," as to which he said in part:
Sometimes I think the American people exercise less care in purchasing securities and making investments than in almost anything else they do. When the average man plans to buy an automobile, he personally inspects and aval machines made by reputable manufacturers. He talks to his friends struction so to a mechanic in an effort to learn the various points or conWhen he buys a radi get the best value for learn as much as possible from radio users. Even when he purchases a suit of clothes, he tries to get the most for his dollars.
Yet the same man often invests his money with very little personal investigation and, indeed, sometimes with very little consideration. Sometimes he accepts the mere statements of an enthusiastic stock salesman; some-
times it is the tip of an acguaintance that such and such a security is a times it is the tip of an acquaintance that such and such a security is a
good buy. Then he rushes off and places his money without having any good buy. Then he rushes off and places his money without having any actual facts concerning the investment he purchases.
Perhaps this is because it is so difficult to make a personal investigation of bonds and stocks. To be sure, it is practically impossible for the small
investor to check up financial statements and all of the investor to check up financial statements and all of the other elements that enter into the safety of investments. But, on the other hand, it is equally an automobile-he must take the word of a reputable mans made concerning opinion of others qualified by training and experience in the automobile opinion of
business.
Why shouldn't the prospective investor take the same care? Why should he buy an unknown security from a practically unknown person, when he would not buy an unknown make of car? Why shouldn't he deal exclusively with investment houses he knows to be reliable, or at least ask the advice of those who make a life work of banking and finance?
Millions of dollars are lost annually by the American people because without listen to fraudulent security salesmen and hand over their money overawed by the promise to get the real facts. Perhaps they are so conservative banker for fear he might shatter the dream. But the dream is often shattered-after it is too late. My friends, the investment business is one of the most necessary and most honorable pursuits in our civilization, but it is to be regretted that there are many unscrupulous men in our country who make their living by preying upon ininformed people and selling them highly speculative and often worthless stocks and bonds. The banks and reputable investment houses throughout the United States, acting individually and through associations, are attempting to reduce the annual loss by the American people through these unwise investments. The problem is almost entirely one of education. When you have a little money to invest, be fair to yourself. Don't be carried away by glowing promises of big returns. When a proposition offers really big prospects, it is not necessary for the promoters to send salesmen out to canvass small investors to spread the golden harvest.
Within the reach of my voice are residents of many different cities and towns. Within a short distance of every one of you is a good bank. Go to your banker with your investment problems. When a proposition is offered you, consult your banker before you put your money in it. He is your friend; he won't try to sell you something else or try to keep you from withdrawing your money just for his own benefit. He is in business to stay, and in suir dealing with all of the people. He has a specialized knowledge of investments and finance. If he has not all the information regarding a security at his finger tips, he has
the facilities for obtaining it readily.

## Report on Government Cotton Crop Forecasts by Committee of United States Chamber of Commerce -

 Opposed to Two Forecasts a Month.A report by the Agricultural Service of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States on Government methods of cotton crop forecasting was made public on March 13. The report, which surveys the forecasts for the past ten years, says that "under present conditions the system employed by the Crop Reporting Board in forecasting cotton production appears to be the only feasible system for arriving at an intelligent conception of the probable size of the cotton crop." The report adds:
The Government forecasts give valuable information to the cotton trade. In most instances they probably form a basis for trading that more nearly at the same time they do disturb the market, and there shout them. But time between forecasts to allow the market to recover. Evidently this is not possible with two forecasts a month.
All that these forecasts attempt to do is to measure the cotton acreage and its condition of growth as of a certain date, and to calculate a figure for the prospective crop on the basis of the average size of the crop which similar conditions have produced over a series of years.
The accuracy of the Government's method is demonstrated by the fact that the average of its forecasts for a number of years approximates closely the average of the ginning returns.
The Department of Agriculture has the largest statistical organization of any of the agencles forecasting the cotton crop. Its forecasts, on the average, have been nearer to actual ginning returns than the figure commonly variable from one time to the next. All of the forecasts are also been less the same limitations.

The official character of the Government forecasts renders them much more authoritative than any of the private forecasts. Fear of fluctuations slows up the whole cotton trade for several days preceding the date of publication of the forecasts. On account of possible price declines or of falling off in the demand for cotton following the release of the Government re ports, many are afraid to buy.
The disturbed condition of the trade has become greatly aggravated since the institution of the semi-monthly forecasts, and criticism of the forecasts has been correspondingly severe. As a result, a number of bills have been introduced in the present session of Congress providing for a reduction in the number of reports and for the elimination of the early season bale fore casts.
Cotton acreage estimates of the Department of Agriculture are criticized at times, but for the most part the trade accepts them. Very seldo
the preliminary estimates more than $5 \%$ off from the final revision.

## Provision for Perpetual Charters for Federal Reserve <br> Banks Incorporated in McFadden Banking Bill by Senate Committee.

Provision for making perpetual the charters of the Federal Reserve Banks is carrıed in the McFadden Banking bill, as reported to the Senate on Mar. 12 the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency having inserted the provision as a rider to the bill. The newly added section to the bill reads as follows:
Sec. 20. That the second subdivision of the fourth paragraph of Section 4 of the Federal Reserve Act be amended to read as follows:

Second. To have succession fter the approval of this Act until dissolved by Act of Congress or until forfeiture of franchise for violation of law."

The bill as it was passed by the House on Feb. 4 (the text of which was given in these columns Mar. 6, page 1245) was devoid of any legislation respecting the Reserve Bank charters and the action of the Senate Committee in attaching the provision to the bill may, it is feared, have the effect of killing the bill. The Washington accounts to the New York "Journal of Commerce" on Mar. 17, in indicating the possible defeat of the measure as a result of the amendment, said

Chere is looming up a fight in House and Senate, not so much against the proposal itself, but against its inclusion in an omnibus measure

## Dilatory Tactics Possible

The legislative situation in the House is such that should the Senat persist in retaining the provision in question its opponents may proceed to use tactics that will keep the matter open beyond the conclusion of the present session of Congress. The demand is for an opportunity to consider the proposal as an independent proposition.
Members of the House counted upon to attack the provision in question want an opportunity to express their views and to place before Congress information which they say has been furnished by their constituents, the consideration of all of which, they feel, may have the effect of righting some of the matters of which they complain, even

According to the same paper the amendment is understood to have been drafted by a sub-committee composed of Senators Pepper, Edge and Glass and approved by the full Finance Committee. The New York "Times" in Washington advices, Mar. 17, stated that the perpetuation of the Federal Reserve system by granting indeterminate charters to Federal Reserve banks is the aim of a movement started by Secretary Mellon and Senator Glass. That account in which was set out the attitude of Representative McFadden toward the provision, also said in part:

The argument is made by Secretary Mellon that the banking and busines interests of the country have a rignt to assurance by Congress that the Fed eral Reserve system is to be continued in its present form, if that is its intent, and that inasmuch as present Federal Reserve bank chartres expire by limitaion in 1932 it would be well for Congress to act without delay
ff the Senate approves the charter amendment recommended by its committee the matter will at once become a controverted issue between House and Senate, according to Representative McFadden, Chairman of the House Banking and Currency Committee.

## McFadden Favors Special Inquiry.

Mr. McFadden takes the position that extension of Reserve Bank charters as proposed is a matter of such transcendent importance to the business of the country that it should be considered as an independent proposition and not as a "rider" of his bill. which deals primarily with branch banking by national b
Mr. McFadden said to-day that he regarded the question of extension of Reserve bank charters as of such importance that he would advocate inrestigation of its by a special committee, with instruction to report at the December session.
The second subdivision of the Fourth paragraph of Section 4 of the Federal Reserve Act provides that each Reserve bank charter shall have succession for $ヶ$ period of twenty years from its organization unless it is sooner dissolved by Act of Congress, or unless its franchise becomes forfeited by some violation of law." The Senate amendment proposes that such charters shall be granted practically in perpetuity.
Chairman McFadden expressed the opinion that the proposed change in wiv might lead to general तiscussion of the Federal Reserve system and endanger his bill, which, he insisted, is urgently needed by national banks as means for strengthening them in competition for business with State banks and trust companies.
When the House comes to deal with the matter of extending Reserve bank harters, he said, other changes in the law would necessarily have consideration. For example, he pointed out that criticisms had been made that Federal Reserve banks to some extent had encroached upon the banking territory of member banks, and that in the opinion of some opponents of the sysem the Federal Reserve banks had gone far afield from the functions supposed to have been marked out for them in the Act approved by President Wilson in 1913.
It is suggested that when the law is amended a provision may be eancted barring Reserve banks from any business of an international character.

New York Bank Criticized.
In this connection it was pointed out that there had been criticism of the action of the New York Federal Reserve Bank in guaranteeing the Britis credit of $\$ 200,000,000$. The principal duty of the Reserve banks, as con templated by Congress, it was suggested here to-day, is to mobilize credit or use in emgenc that Resere bla ensive activities was the substance of a statement made to-day by a Hous leader.

The amendment to grant indeterminate charters to Reserve banks was dopted by the Senate committee on motion of Senator Glass, who to-day said this change in law was endorsed by Secretary Mellon.
"Its purpose is plain on its face," said Mr. Glass. "It provides that
 definite number of years. We want to perpetuate the Federal Reserve system. Existing Federal Reserve charters expire in six years, and, as we are legislating gestions we decided to adopt thi amendment. That's all there is to it."

There is another Senate amendment to the McFadden bill to which ex ception is taken by Mr. McFadden and other members of the House Banking and Currency Committee. It vests the Comptroller of the Currency with discretionary power in authorizing establishment of national bank branches. As passed by the House the bill provided that branches should with the Comptroller. The House will insist upon the language of its bil on this particular subject.

Wants All Sides Discussed
"There is no objection to the charter extension provided by the Glass amendment, but it should have most careful consideration before approve by Congress," said Chairman McFadden. This question should not bo injected into a bill such as that bearing my naine the to the ment is adopted, no opportunity wou be give the to so discussion its importance dans. It would have to be cosid part of a conference report. In shour sepe the

I believe it much better to deal with charter extension through a specia rite dir to reperts conctur to the bouse. Tull opportunity would thus be the House to determine whether it desired to continue the limitation on Reserve Bank charters stipulated in the organic act.

Regarding other amendments to the bill made by the Senate Committee, we quote the following, appearing in the New York "Commercial" of Mar. 13:

The Senate committee also added as an amendment a provision sponsored by the Federal Peservere tions of the Clayton Anti-Trust Act by authorizing the Board to permit a banker to serve as officer or director of more than two banks if not incom patible with the public interest

The modifications in branch banking provisions of the principal McFad den-Pepper bill as approved by the committee include the elimination of the so-called Hull amendments of the House bill, the extension of the branch banking privilege to continguous territory in the discretion of the Comptroller of Reserve systems hereafter
The original bill prohibits banks from bringing into the national bankin system or the Federal Reserve system any branches outside city limits if they joined either system after the passage of the Act. This has bee amended in the Senate committee bill so that banks may consolidate and join either system after the passage of the Act.

The "Wall Street Journal" notes:
Other sections of revised statutes are amended so as to provide that the capital stock of national associations shall be divided into shares of \$100 each. Tvery director must own at least $\$ 1,000$ of the capital stock, or if the capital of the bank is not more than $\$ 25,000$, at least $\$ 500$. Every director must be a itizen of the United Stas and at least three-guarters of them must have resided in the State, territory or district in which the Association is located, or within fifty miles of its office for one year.

An item regarding the report on the bill by the Senate
Committee appeared in our issue of last Saturday, page 1397.

## St. Paul Bankers Purport to Find a "Joker" in Senate Amendment to McFadden Measure-Bill Would

## Legalize Branch Banking in Minnesota,

Despite State Law.
According to the New York "Journal of Commerce" a joker in the McFadden National Bank Bill as amended by the Senate Finance Committee was developed on March 18, when protests from St. Paul, Minn., bankers indicated the possibility that certain branches, additional offices and teller windows of Minneapolis banks would te legalized, when laws of the State are opposed to branch banking. The account goes on to say:
The discovery by the St. Paul bankers of this feature of the bill, it is pointed out in Congressional circles, raises a very interesting question. The peculiar wording of Senate amendments further amending Section 5,155 of the revised statutes is responsible.

Mr. McFadden Explains.
Paragraph (a) of this section as proposed by the Senate Banking and Gurrency Committee if not modified would confirm and permit to continue in operation the teller windows, additional offices or branch banks which are in operation in Minneapolis," explained Chairman McFadden of the House Banking and Currency Committee, author of the bill.
"My opinion is that these were created without the authority of the Comptroller of the Currency and in contravention of the law of the State of Minnesota and are now being operated without the approval or consent of the Comptroller, I think that Paragraph (a) should be amended, if retained, for the reason that the laws of Minnesota do not permit State banks to have branches of any kind whatsoever and, therefore, no national bank should have the right to establish any branches either inside or outside the city limits.

While maintaining this view of the situation, I cannot see how any bank, either State or nationo1, located in the City of Minneapolis could have branches or additional offices in the City of St. Paul or in any other city within the State as long as State laws prohibit branch banking.
"I appreciate the fact that the branches, additional orfices or teller windows in Minneapolis were established at a time when the State law was
silent on the question of branch banking, and that the law prohibiting branch banking in any form was passed by the State Legislature immediately after the establishment of these forms of banks. However, Paragraph (d) as provided by the Senate committee, would legalize them.
with approval of the is with respect to Paragraph ( $f$ ) which would permit, with approval of the Comptroller of the Currency, the establishment and village as now strictly defined by law as being in the same metropolitan area as that in which the parent bank is situated.

> Public Interest Proviso.
"This paragraph also would confirm the establishment of these additional banking facilities if they are located within the metropolitan area of Minneapolis, but outside of the distinctive city limits. There is an added proviso to the effect that a public interest must be shown as developed at a public hearing.

I consider all of this objectionable as it only serves to continue the present controversy in regard to the establishment of branches beyond the scope provided in the bill as passed by the House. 'Contiguous' territory would be a continuing basis of controversy
"I do not believe we can afford to leave the matter so wide open as to permit the construction of 'contiguous' territory as contemplated by
Senate draft of the bill, as it might lead to State-wide branch banking.
'I hope that, although this bill was roported wide branch banking
Banking and Currency Committee some of unanimously by the senate Banking and Currency Committee, some of these provisions will be so
modified on the floor of the Senate as no, to throw these objectionalbe modified on the floor of
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mendment features referred to by the

## Representative McFadden's Bill for Enlarging Scope of Depositary System of Government-

 Secretary Mellon's Views.A bill introduced by Representative McFadden has for its purpose the designation of State banks and trust companies, members of the Federal Reserve System, as depositaries of public moneys. Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, in a letter to the author of the bill, giving his views thereon, says that "the necessity for strict economy in deposits of Government funds has dictated the present policy of the Treasury in limiting such deposits with national bank depositaries to the minimum amounts required for the transaction of some essential Government business, and no such deposits are maintained at points where Federal Reserve banks or branches are located. Consequently, the Treasury feels that authority to designate State banks as depositaries of public moneys for general purposes, in addition to the present authority of designating national banks as such depositaries, is not necessary at this time." The letter of Secretary Mellon, dated March 10, follows:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.
Office of the Secretary
Washington, March 101926.
My dear Congressman:
I have your letter of Feb. 91926 enclosing a copy of H. R. 7760, a bill to amend Section 9 of the Federal Reserve Act, and requesting an expression of my views of this pending legislation. My reply to your letter has been withheld pending a complete review of the depositary situation.
The Treasury, on several previous occasions has expressed its opposition to any legislation which would result in broadening the scope of the depositary system of the Government. As contemplated by the Federal Revenue Act, the Federal Reserve banks and their branches have gradually become the priscipal depositaries of the Government for the transaction of the regular depositary business, and, as a result, the necessity for the desishing rather than increasing. The necessity for strict economy in deposits of Government funds has dictated the present policy of the Treasury in limiting such deposits with national bank depositaries to the minimum amount required for the transaction of some essential Government business, and no such deposits are maintained at points where Federal Reserve banks or branches are located. Consequently, the Treasury feels that authority to designate State banks as depositaries of public moneys for general purposes, in addition to the present authority of designating National banks as such depositaries, is not necessary at this time. Furthermore, State banks are now authorized to participate in the greater part of all Government deposits carried with banks by the Treasury, inasmuch as such banks are eligible for designation as special depositaries of public moneys under the Act approved Sept. 24 1917, as amended and supplemented. Under this designation banks are permitted to participate in deposits of public moneys arising from such sales of bonds, notes or Treasury certificates of
indebtedness of the United States offered from time to time, as, under the indebtedness of the United States offered from time to time, as, under the terms of the official offerings, may be paid for by credit. The amount of such special deposits is largely determined by the bank's own subseription to current offerings of Government securities for which payment may be made by credit. At the present time there are 7,533 special depositaries of public moneys, of which 3,709 are State banks and trust companies. The total deposits carried with such depositaries, according to the latest available figures, is $\$ 257,532,000$, of which $\$ 105,000,000$ is held by State banks and trust companies. Upon the eame date the total Government deposits carried with general national bank depositaries by the Treasury, for the purpose of transacting the essential business of the Government, was $\$ 7,002$,84866 deposited with some 300 national banks.
In view of the fact that State banks and trust companies are now upon ment deposits, it appears that there is no necessity, from the ston Government deposis, it appears that there is no necessity, from the standpoint of the Government, for enlarging the scope of the present depositary system.
(Signed) A. W MELLON Secret
on. Louis T. McFadden, Chairman Committee on Banking and Currenoy
House of Representatives, Washington, D. O.
The following is the text of the bill:
H. R. 7760.

In the House of Representatives-Jan. 151926.

## A BILL

To amend Section 9 of the Federal Reserve Act.
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled, That Section 9 of the Federal Reserve Act be amended by adding thereto a new paragraph as follows: "All banks or trust companies incorporated by special law or organized under the general laws of any State, which are members of the Federa Reserve System, when designated for that purpose by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall be depositaries of public money, under such regulations as may be prescribed by the secretary; and they may also be employed as financial agents of the Government; and they shall perform all such rea sonable duties, as depositaries of public money and financial agents of the Government, as may be required of them. The Secretary of the Treasury shall require of the banks and trust companies thus designated satisfactory security, by the deposit of United States bonds or otherwise, for the safe keeping and prompt payment of the public money deposited with them and for the faithful performance of their duties as financial agents of the Gov-
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Senate Passes McFadden-Pepper Bill Changing Method of Taxing Shares of National Banks.
The U. S. Senate on Mar. 18 passed the McFaddenPepper bill designed to change the method of taxing national bank shares. On the same day the House Committee on Rules reported a special rule making immediate consideration of the bill an order in the House following the adoption of the rule. Under the rule four-hour debate is provided, preliminary to the reading of the bill for amendment, and final action by the House. We have already indicated the provisions of the bill in these columns-Mar. 6, page 1244, and Mar. 13, page 1397. The New York "Journal of Commerce," in referring to the Senate consideration of the bill on Mar. 17, said:
Chairman McLean, of the Sepate Banking and Currency Committee, brought the measure to the attention of the Senate to-day, but its passage bring about large refunds of taxes heretofore paid by Senator Glass of Virginia pointed out that a similar bill was before the Senate a few years ago, having been sponsored by the present secretary of State Kellogg. The measure proposed, Senator Glass explained involved quite a considerable refund of taxes which had been collected from certain banking institutions.
On the 18 th inst. the New York "Commercial" reported the following advices from Washington:
Senator McLean of Connecticut, Chairman of the Banking and Currency Commitce, gave assurance that the question of refunds of taxes to national banks does not enter into the matter as feared by some Senators when the bill was called up yesterday.
Senator McLean explained that the purpose is to permit States which dopt income tax laws to tax shares and income from national banks on the same basis as State banks are taxed. The bill provides one more alternative method of taxation to those already specified by law. He said that it applies especially to the situation in New York and Massachusetts and that there is a desire that action be taken by Congress before the New York Legislature adjourns.

## The Future of the Bond Market.

"With relatively little new domestic financing in immediate prospect, and a sustained demand, which will, no doubt, be somewhat augmented by the disappointed recruits from the stock market, now rendered more cautious by their recent experience with speculative securities, the outlook remains reassuring for the bond buyer." In brief, such is the opinion of Halsey, Stuart \& Co. as to the outlook for the bond market as expressed in their quarterly review just issued. Commenting on the general business situation, the review says:
Despite some ripples on the surface of things, the underlying situation in business and industry is one justifying confidence in their future. The speculative trend, until recently apparent in some other fields, has been noticeably absent in the conduct of business generally; supply, for the most part, has been gauged to demand; inventories have been kept low, and efficiency in operation, including a satisfactory labor situation, has generally prevailed.
While the stocks of some companies have tumbled from the unwarranted heights to which they were carried by the over-optimism of the stock market, this can hardly be interpreted as a reflection of conditions in the business and industrial situation which gives promise of continuing sound and active.
Discussing the situation with regard to the various classes of bonds, the review says:
The strength and activity that have characterized the bond market over a considerable period continued unabated into the new year, carrying the price level during the latter part of February to the highest point since 1917. Despite some liquidation attending the long-expected break in the speculative market, the undertone in bonds remains distinctly strong.
With careful discrimination, some of the best bargains With careful discrimination, some of the best bargains of to-day are to
be found among the foreign bonds. New offerings of such be found among the foreign bonds. New offerings of such securities, especially corporate issues, have continued in large volume since the first of the year, and for the most part have been well received. Considering the educational process that attends the distribution of successive issues of foreign bonds, the large amount of capital available for investment, and the uncertain supply of new domestic issues, there is good reason to believe that the present wide disparity in yield between foreign and domestic issues will narrow.
But in view of the fact that American investors are still relatively inexperiencedin the foreign field and often lack complete information re garding foreign corporations-and even Governments and municipalities, While new offerings should be used in selecting such issues.
volume since the first volume since the first of the year, some recession in the output seems not
improbable, considering the present well-financed condition of the in-
dustry. With supply therefore somewhat uncertain and demand steadily expanding-much of it coming from institutions which previously have accorded first choice to high grade rails-
level of utilities will be well maintained.
The quick absorption by investors of the $\$ 15,000,000$ Commonwealth Edison Co. $41 / 2 \%$ bonds, recently offered, is a striking indication of the high favor in which first-class utilities are held. This is the first $41 / \%$ high favor in which first-class utilities are held. This
Fairly consistent activity has characterized the market for tax-exempt bonds during the opening months of 1926, and the demand for the obligations of the States and larger cities, has, in general, tended to exceed the supply of new offerings.
The reduction in Federal income tax rates was apparently discounted by nvestors well in advance of the adoption of the new Revenue Act. The ments, promise a greater degree of permanency than the high rates previously prevailing, and therefore constitute a sounder basis upon which to capitalize the value of tax exemption in. a long-term investment.
Indications, therefore, are that current price levels will be well sustained. Bonds of many smaller political subdivisions, and of various joint stock land banks, are still priced at relatively attractive figures.

Dr. ${ }^{-}$Anderson, of Chase National Bank, on Credit Situation-Says Federal Reserve Banks Have Pursued Cheap Money Policy.
Benjamin M. Anderson Jr., Ph.D., Economist of the Chase National Bank of New York, in discussing before the Bankers' Club of Chicago, on Feb. 25, "The Credit Situation," while referring to the commercial credit situation as sound, declared that the Federal Reserve banks have been pursuing a "cheap money" policy, which has led to a great surplus of funds. The following is an abstract of his remarks, to which we referred editorially in our issue of March 6, page 1212:
The commercial credit situation, by and large, is very sound. Banks and business men have been prudent. The volume of "commercial loans" of the reporting member banks" of the Federal Reserve System increased only $85,000,000$ (about 1\%) from Jan. 71925 to Jan. 61926.
But the commercial banks and business men have not had full control of the matter. The Federal Reserve banks have been pursuing a "cheap money" policy which has led to a great surplus of loan funds. They have kept their rediscount rates systematically below the market rates. When, despite low rediscount rates, the banks have been reluctant to borrow unnecessary funds, the Federal Reserve banks have gone into the open market and bought Government securities and acceptances on a vast scale. This was particularly true in 1924, when hundreds of millions of unneeded Commerce would not on a reluctant money market.
Commerce would not use the funds thus artificially created. But the 1926 the stock and borbed them cheerfully. From Jan. 71925 to Jan. 6 1926 the stock and bond collateral loans of these same reporting banks increase in this twelve-month beriod for all or over $20 \%$. How great the is not easy to say, but the period for all the banks of the country is, it total bank resources of the country. ver into the real the rapid growth of installment buying.
The present volume of bank credit afloat in the United States stands The present volume of bank credit afloat in the United States stands modity prices are far lower and although commercial period, although comthe figures of 1920. I do not believe that these tendens stand well below garded with indifference.

From a dispatch to the New York "Times" from Chicago, Feb. 25, giving an account of what Dr. Anderson had to say, we take the following:
Early in 1924 the Federal Reserve banks glutted the market with money by buying Government securities. They did this to employ funds which were not needed in commerce. Ever since then the banks have forced money discount rates artificially low and so tempted the mey have kept their reand relend profitably.
This practice has marked an undesirable change in the conduct of the Reserve System. It has generated a prolonged stock market boom and brought about a situation that is not conducive to safety
The mission of the Reserve banks is to avert crises, if possible, and to assist in times of crises by extending credit. But it is not their mission to finance stock market booms and they have done this by keeping their rediscount rates below the open money market rates.

The same paper contained the following in its Feb. 27 issue relative to the views expressed by Dr. Anderson:
Bankers in close touch with Federal Reserve policies took exception yesterday to remarks made in a Chicago address Thursday night by Dr. Benjamin M. Anderson Jr., Economist of the Chase National Bank, who said that the Reserve banks had fostered the prolonged stock market boom and had thus gone beyond their rightful function. Dr. Anderson asserted that the banks glucted the market with money and tempted borrowing by keeping the rediscount rates artificially low. He further declared that member banks in the year ended Jan. 61926 increased commercial loans by only $\$ 85,000,000$, whereas their stock and bond collateral ${ }^{\circ}$ loans increased about $\$ 1,000,000,000$.

The figures bearing on the situation speak for themselves, and so does the economic position of the country," said an authority on Federal Reserve operations. "In 1921 the total of Federal Reserve credit was about $\$ 3,000$,000,000 . Early in 1922, with the bulk of the war-time financial left-overs cleaned up, the total declined to about $\$ 1,250,000,000$. Since then the amount has remained almost stationary. At the end of 1925 and the start of 1926 it rose rather sharply, but it has since receded and now stands at about $\$ 1,200,000,000$, virtually the same level as four years ago.

Sees No Inflation.
"If the rediscount rate had been kept artificially low, the assumption would be that it was for the purpose of inducing the member banks to worease their borrowings from the Reserve banks. Such an increase has not taken place. The borrowings have been on about the same level for several years. Dr. Anderson contends that the Reserve System's policy has tended to engender inflation. The inflation question is settled best by a study of prices. Indexes show that wholesale prices have been almost stationary for four years.

As a matter of fact this country has had fine business, level prices and no undue expansions of credit. As for the high prices of stocks, the Re serve banks cannot be blamed for that. Stock prices always are moving in ne direction or another due to causes outside of banking policies.
pace increase in stock and bond loans is due to a change that has taken place in the method of financing industry in this country. For the last few years it has been relatively easy for businesses to obtain new financing and the sales of new securities have been unusually large. Where in former years business men obtained their needed funds through commercial banking channels, they have recently been attending to this through the sale new securities. This has transferred the borrowing to the other end of the credit line-the buyer of the securities. Bank loans obtained by the purchasers of the securities account for the increase in the volume of col lateral loans."

Speech Caused Much Talk.
Dr. Anderson's address caused considerable discussion in Wall Street, as the rediscount rate and the question of credit expansion have been in the public eye since the decision early this year of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the New York Stock Exchange to publish the amount of brokers' loans. For the most part bankers said that the totals did not seem large in view of the increase in the nation's business and the volume of new financing that it entailed.
At the Chase National Bank, officials made it clear that Dr. Anderson spoke only for himself and did not present the official views of the bank in his Chicago address.
"We realize that the Reserve System is doing invaluable work and that we could not get along without it," an officer of the bank said. "The bank, of course, would not dream of engaging in a controversy over Reserve policies. At the same time we all have the greatest respect for Dr. Ander-
son as an economist, and a difference of opinion is as wholesome in the son as an economist, and a differ
financial world as anywhere else."

## Walter Lichtenstein, of First National Bank of Chicago, <br> Undertakes to Answer Dr. Anderson's Criticisms <br> of Federal Reserve System

Walter Lichtenstein, Executive Secretary of the First National Bank of Chicago, on March 11 undertook to reply to criticism of the Federal Reserve System's policy of buying and selling Government securities or acceptances in the open market, voiced recently by Dr. Benjamin M. Anderson Jr. of New York. Referring to what Mr. Lichtenstein had to say, the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of March 13 stated:

Mr. Lichtenstein's defense of the System was contained in an address Mr. Lichtenstein's defense of the System was contained in an adare at the Auditorium Hotel.
Admitting that there is much to be said for Dr. Anderson's theory that the Reserve System's activities in the securities markets were largely responsible for the boom market of 1925 , Mr. Lichtenstein took the New York economist to task for not giving publicity to both sides of the situaYork
tion.

## Calls Criticism Most Unfair.

"It seems to me," he said, "that Dr. Anderson was most unfair in not giving the other side of the story. Dr. Anderson, himself, stated that part of our prosperity has been due to the restoration of the gold standard many countries, and the successful operation of the Dawes plan. It is questionable whether either of these events, so necessary not merely for the prosperity of 1925 , but for the even development of business in the future, would have been possible had it not been for the Federal Reserve banks keeping money easy in this country, thus enabling foreign credits to be floated readily, and at the same time making it possible for the Bank of England to keep its discount rates above ours, and attracting from this country funds to Great Britain, without at the same time having so high a discount rate that it would hamper her own business.
"I maintain that this was not an altruistic act for the benefit of foreign countries, but primarily benefited us by restoring the financial standing of our customers, thus making it possible for them to take our products off of our hands and give our factories and our firms adequate employment with adequate prices.
"This is well shown by the export statistics of one of our most important crops. In the five years ending with 1925, the annual average export of cotton was about $6,000,000$ bales, but in 1925 exports rose to $8,000,000$ of cott
bales.
I have no desire to enter here upon a tariff argument. I am merely pointing out certain possibilities which may in the near future check, or at least temporarily embarrass, our industries. Naturally, the need 1or chs 23 sort of stimulus has gradually passed, and we find that whereas on Dec.
of last year the earning assets of the Federal Reserve banks amounted to $\$ 1,505,000,000$ by March 3 of this year, they had decreased to $\$ 1,207$,000,000 .

Normally, it is not desirable to have the Federal Reserve banks increase their earnings to such an extent that stock market speculation is artificially stimulated. Naturally, in times of prosperity people have more money and there will always be more or less speculation. This is exactly what we have had occur this last year, and prices, especially of speculative stocks, reached unwarranted heights. That is true, because human nature is as it is. Sooner or later, the weak point in the chain gives, and you have a collapse such as we had last week.

## Big Aid to Europe

"When conditions are normal and the policies of the Federal Reserve banks are not dictated by considerations such as have had to prevail in recent times, they can do much to prevent these speculative tendencies from going as far as they did in recent times
"Under, the circumstances as they existed, the Federal Reserve System had to weigh in the balance the desire to check speculation in this country and the desire to aid Europe in getting back on her feet. In my opinion, the System decided widely in permitting the speculation to go on, and throw what weight it could into the scale, to enable Europe to become sound inancially once more.
"At the present moment money is still very easy, perhaps too easy, and it is a fair question whether the time has not come for the Federal Reserve banks to sell some of their holdings and thus help in tightening the money, and prevent another flare-up in the stock market, followed, presumably, by a reaction similar to the one which we have just experienced."

## Subscriptions and Allotments in $\$ 500,000,000$ United

 States Treasury Bond Offering.Secretary of the Treasury Mellon announced on March 15 that subscriptions amounting to $\$ 647,243,900$ were received to last week's offering of $33 / 4 \%$ long term Treasury bonds. As indicated in our item of a week ago (page 1401) bonds to the amount of $\$ 500,000,000$, or thereabouts, were offered at $1001 / 2$. The amount of bonds allotted was $\$ 494 ; 898,100$. In a statement on March 12 announcing that subscriptions in amounts not exceeding $\$ 50,000$ were allotted in full, while allotments above that amount were scaled, Secretary Mellon said:

Reports received from the twelve Federal Reserve banks show that for the offering, which was for $\$ 500,000,000$ or thereabouts, total subscriptions aggregate some $\$ 647,000,000$
Allotments on subscriptions wer 3 made as follows: Subscriptions in amounts not exceeding allotted in full; subscriptions in amounts over $\$ 50,000$ but not exceeding $\$ 100,000$ were allotted $80 \%$, but not less than $\$ 50.000$ on any one subscription; subscriptions in amounts over $\$ 100$,000 but not exceeding $\$ 500,000$ were allotted $60 \%$, but not less than $\$ 80,000$ allotted $50 \%$, but not less than $\$ 300,000$ in amounts over $\$ 500,000$ were
The Secretary's further announcement on March 15 As pre subscriptions and allotments stated: $\$ 50,000$ were .0.00 were allotted in full, while allotments on subscriptions in amounts位 $\$ 50,000$ were made on a graduated scale. Reserve districts as follows:

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| Federal Reserve District- | Total Subscriptions | Received. | | Tolal Subscriptions |
| :---: |
| Allotted. |

## Results of United States Treasury's Offering to Pur-

 chase Third Liberty Loan Bonds for Sinking Fund.In announcing on March 12 that the privilege of tendering Third Liberty Loan $41 / 4 \%$ bonds for sale to the United States, through the Cumulative Sinking Fund, expired at the close of business on March 10, and that no further proposals would be received, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon stated that all proposals for sale at prices not exceeding 101 10-32 had been accepted, and that such proposals aggregated about $\$ 121,750,000$ face amount. The Treasury Department's proposal to purchase $\$ 100,000,000$ or thereabouts of the issue at the lowest prices offered was referred to in these columns March 6, page 1244. In his announcement of March 12 Secretary Mellon stated:
Under the terms of the Secretary's earlier announcement, purchases were to be made at the lowest prices offered plus accrued interest.
According to reports received from the Federal Reserve banks, over $\$ 148,000,000$ face amount of bonds were tendered for sale.
The Treasury has accepted all proposals for sale at prices not exceeding 101 10-32. Such proposals aggregate about $\$ 121,750,000$ face amount, and the average cost of these bonds to the Government (exclusive of accrued interest) will be slightly under $1018-32$. On all offers which have been accepted the bonds should be in the hands of the Federal Reserve banks by March 23 1926, payment therefor to be made on that date or, in the case of registered bonds, as soon thereafter as the registration may be discharged on the books of the Treasury.
All tenders for sale at prices exceeding $10110-32$ have been rejected.

## Federal Inheritance Tax-Recommendations to State Legislatures.

The "report and recommendations on Federal Inheritance Tax Measure" which was presented at a meeting in Washington on March 6 of a committee of speakers of State Legislatures have been made available by Senator Fletcher, at whose instance the matter has been inserted in the Congressional Record. While reference to the recommendations appeared in our issue of a week ago (page 1402) we take occasion to give herewith the complete report and recommendations.
To the legislatures of all States in the Union and the people thereof:
We, your committee, appointed to safeguard the interests of the States in joint-tax levies and appropriations made by Congress, beg leave to report legislatures as follows:

Recommendations.

1. That State legislatures take no action that permanently commits them
o the joint inheritance-tax levy plan enacted by Congress.
2. That Congress repeal that portion of the Federal inheritance-tax provision relating to State levies and reduce the Federal levy accordingly. 3. That State legislatures demand recognition by Congress in all joint levies, appropriations, and interlocking policies of Government before Congress legislates upon such matters.
3. That an estate tax is a property tax and is a source of revenue belonging to the State and should be abandoned by Congress and every legitimate effort should be made to accomplish that result.
The House measure carried a graduated inheritance-tax levy at a minimum rate of $1 \%$ and a maximum rate of $20 \%$, but provided that death deducted from the Federal levy up to $80 \%$ of that baid deducted from the Federal levy up
$\$ 50,000$ was given to each State.
The Senate bill repealed the Federal inheritance tax. A compromise was effected in conference raising the exemptions from $\$ 50,000$ to $\$ 100,000$ for each estate and accepting the House bill as so amended. This compromise, in our opinion very greatly destroyed the practical effect of the measure in so far as it applies to those States now levying an inheritance tax, except a New York, Massachuse large units of wealth are concentrated, among them these States the legislatures will have to raise their State inheritance-tax rates to $16 \%$ in order to avail themselves of the credit due them on the large In al
v large est states that levy an inheritance tax and where there are very seem necessary no change in the present State inheritance-tax law would Government is to be given credit for , an estate in settling with the Federal State Government up to $80 \%$ of the Federal Jevy. No special or additional legislation on the part of State legislature is necessary to secure this credit provided the present State inheritance-tax rates absorb the $80 \%$ levy the Federal Government offers the States. The Federal Government exempts $\$ 100,000$ estates and the initial levy made on a $\$ 150,000$ estate amounts to a total of $\$ 500$. These brackets cover most of the properties levied against in a majority of the States.
The Federal levy is against the estate as a whole and makes no ditinction between close kin exemptions or provisions which all State legislatures recognize, and in accepting the Federal measure the State legislatures must surrender their basis of levy and conform to the Federal provisions in most all instances, as well as accept the basis and methods of appraisement made by Federal agents. These are matters for all legislatures to consider. For your information and use in applying the Federal levy to your State we list below the amount of the Federal levy against each estate up to a value of $\$ 1,00,00$ as submited to us by acceptable authorty. The proportion the Federal Government takes and the proportion it offers the States is shown separately.

Amount of
Levy.
$\$ 500$
1.500
4,500
12,500
22.500
34.500
48,500

Federal
Proportion.
$\$ 100$
300
900
2,500
4,500
6,900
9,700
State
Proportion
$\$ 400$
1,200
3,600
10,000
18,000
27.600
38,800
*\$100,000 exempt.
The Federal act works a hardship upon those States that have no State inheritance tax such as Alabama, Florida, and Nevada, as well as upon all States that exempt close kin or apply a very much lower rate to near Regardless of the legal status of the measure, we consider its provisions obnoxious to the public sentiment and an offense against State legislatures of the Nation. The object of the measure, as stated by its proponents, and the acknowledged effect of its operation, is not to raise revenue for the Federal Government but to regulate the taxing powers of the States. It is proposed to compel all States to levy an inheritance-tax and to levy it at a rate and under conditions prescribed by Congress. Both procedures are a grievous invasion of the rights of States. We challenge the statement that it is in the interest of the public welfare that legislatures be forced to enact laws and the people be compelled to think and act according to mandates laid down by Congress.
The gift tax was repealed. It was passed in 1924 as a companion measure to the estate tax and for the purpose of preventing evasion of the estate tax. As soon as developments warrant it, we will call a meeting in Washington of the speakers and officers of all State legislatures and adopt a definite program of procedure understood and approved by those most interested.
Respectfully submitted.
ARTHUR A. SHERMAN, Chairman,
President pro tempore Rhode Island Senate. HUGH D. MERRILL,

Speaker Alabama Legislature.
EDGAR A. BROWN,
Speaker South Carolina Legislature. FRANCIS P. OURTIS,
A. Y. MILAM,

Speaker Florida Legislature
In session at the Raleigh Hotel, Washington, D. C., March 61926.

## Secretary Hoover on Future of Foreign Trade - Control

 of Raw Materials by Foreign Governments.Discussing "The Future of Our Foreign Trade," Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover, in an address on March 16 before the Export Managers' Club of New York, at the Hotel Pennsylvania, this city, referred to the repeated assertions made by him regarding "the increasing practice of foreign governments directly or indirectly to create controls of raw materials for price fixing purposes where such nations dominate the production of a commodity." "Our long view solution," he said, "is to secure independent supplies and our temporary solution is to co-operate with the trades in organizing our consumers for resistance when there is unreasonable demand, by better use and substitution of other commodities." Incidentally the reports of the House Committee inquiring into alleged foreign monopolies of commodities were made public this week, and an item regarding the Committee's findings appears elsewhere in this issue. In his address on the 16 th, Secretary Hoover is reported in the New York "Times" as having said:

The immediate effect of these large incursions into business by foreign governments is that in nearly every one of these cases our American busivention of our Government in their protection. For years in some of these
cases our people have exhausted every effort by negotiation to avoid inevitable friction. Finally our Government is plunged into business if we would not see our consumers unprotected. Emotion is common enough between individual buyers and sellers, but when governments get into
From an objective point of view, price fixing by governmental restriction on production or otherwise not only creates artificial famines, but it tion on production or otherwise not only creates artificial famines, but it territories best adapted to production. In this way the expanding future need of the consumers is also jeopardized. In the end the consumer is forced to reduce his use and to employ inferior substitutes. All this is the negation of world progress.
We have had various possible courses to consider. Some of our bankers, business men and public men have advocated that the best way to handle these situations was to avoid consumer outbreaks by having our Government negotiate the terms and thus fix prices on behalf of the consumer, or thought this through. Such negotiation would be a recognition of price fixing as an economic basis of world trade by our Government. It would be a step inevitably followed into our domestic trade every time some industry fell into trouble. The Administration at Washington has steadfastly refused to countenance any price fixing.
onden are making progress in the long view provision of independent supplies in a number of these commodities. The campaign of the mavufacturers and consumers for better use and conservation of rubber is a demonstration that the consumer possesses a potent weapon even against the formidable character of governmental price fixing and without resort to trade reprisals, and this movement is not confined to the United States. Any doubts as to what the result of this campaign has been in the diminished demand for new rubber goods and the corresponding increase in the demand for repair material and substitutes during the last sixty days can be resolved by inquiry among the rubber trade. And it has had a
cussion in the
greater than the saving of rubber. It is notice to the world that the far greater than the saving of rubber. It is notice to the world that the consumer must haverulation against the consumer in these commodities is a has shown that speculation It may help the enlightenment of the managers of such controls for whose actions we should not hold their countrymen responsible. It may whose the formation of other price-fixing controls in some other thirty com modities where it is possible. This demonstration should thus make for less friction in the future. It will save us from rast and it may also save us from necessity of legislation. It has not been pleas ing business, but the artificial suspension of the law of supply and demand is no parlor amenity
We do not wish to buy any commodity without fair and stimulative profit to the producer. We have ourselves suffered greatly and still suffer from selling our farm products below the cost of production. It is not in the interest of any nation that it shall buy products on such terms. for the world needs expanding production. If there is any truth in economics at all, this cannot happen for long.
We would prefer to have established industries do the business in commodities which we cannot produce within our own borders than to force new industries in them elsewhere. We want to see their people prosper and expand their power to consume our export products. We earnestly wish for good will as the first necessity for trade. But none of these things will be accomplished by governments endeavoring to suspend the law of supply and demand and the entry of the world upon an era of price-fixing.

Without entering upon any partisan discussion of the protective tariff principle, which I, of course, support, there is one phase which I believe experience shows has less effect upon the volume of international movement of commodities than had at one time been assumed.
As a result of the hardships suffered by many people of both combatant and neutral nations during the war, there came to all nations a deep resolution, in so far as the resources of their countries permitted, to produce as far as possible their essential commodities. The struggle to overcome post-war unemployment has added to this impulse. The result is that 52 of the 70 nations of the world, including almost every important trading nation, increased their tariffs after the war. It might seem that these widespread protective pofies would the to localize industry and thus deal the total volume of international trade. But it certainly appears that internal economic and social currents which make for prosperity or depression the tariffs, and thus more largely affect world trade as a whol imp
In our case, far frome largely affect world trade as a whole
hey have increased about $35 \%$ since the higher tariff cametal imports, this has also been the case with sther the national economy. In any event, our experience surely indicate in international economy. In any event, our experience surely indicates that in creased tariff would so diminish our total imports as to destroy the ability of other nations to buy from us.
The most commonly remarked revolution in our foreign economic relations is our shift from a debtor to a creditor nation upon a gigantic scale. It is the father of much speculative discussion as to its future effect upon our merchandise trade. Alarm has been repeatedly raised that repayment goods in order to provide for these payments- to the damage of our industry and workmen. These ideas are out of perspective. Our war debt when settled upon our own views of the capacity to pay will yield about $\$ 300,000$,000 per annum, although as yet the actual payments are about $\$ 180,000,000$ per annum. The private foreign loans and investments to-day require repayments in principal and interest of about $\$ 600,000,000$ annually, or nearly twice the war debt. I have heard of no suggestion that interest and repayment of these private debts will bring the disaster attributed to the war debt.
The question is of importance, however, as to how this $\$ 800,000,000$ or $\$ 900,000,000$ of annual payments may effect our merchandise movement. There is a compensating factor in American trade relations unique to our country which has a large bearing upon this question-that is, the vast dimension of our invisible exports in the form of tourist expenditures, emigrants' remittances and other forms of American expenditure abroad. These items in 1925 amount to about $\$ 900,000,000$, or about $\$ 100,000,000$ more than our incoming payments on debts of all kinds. In other words, at this stage of calculation the balance of trade should be in our favor by about $\$ 100,000,000$. But beyond this we are and shall long continue to make loans abroad. For the last four years these loans have averaged nearly $\$ 700,000,000$ a year, and in fact the merchandise balance in our favor has been running just about this amount
Now the summation and purpose of all these words is the conclusion that there is no disastrous shift in our imports and exports of merchandise in prospect from debt causes
The making of loans to foreign countries for reproductive purposes not only increases our direct exports, but builds up the prosperity of foreign countries and is an pusiness of loans upon any sentimental footing although
the economic advantage to foreign countries of our great financial strength in these times cannot be denied. Nor did we get this financial strength out of war profits. We lost enormously by the war. We created this reserve of capital as any study of our economy will show, from our growth
of efficiency, by hard work, and savings, since the war.
Mefore I conclude I wisht Marine.
Before I conclude I wish to mention one more ever present most important visualize in foreign trade. That is our merchant marine. We need to Visualize our overseas transportation not as a lot of ships, but as about tradty important sea routes, which are the extensions to our own inland trade routes. There is only one protection of our commerce from dis-
crimination and from combinations which would impose onerous freight rates. of very substis to maintain upon these trade routes the regular operation operate substantial shipping under the American flag. Commerce cannot sailings. The type of ship which is best adapted to such regular service and at the the type of ship which is best adapted to such regular service The Gevame time is the most practical for us to operate is the cargo inner. must convernment is now deeply in the shipping business, and I believe take it, until the operate upon routes where private operation cannot undertion can the routes have been buit up to the point where private oper amerchandertake them. But we will never have a real or satisfactory The Government until it is owned and maintained by private enterprise. large as privant cannot operate cheaply. It cannot secure revenue as and wastes pressures of bureaucracy and, above all, the direct and indirect political pressures. We must get out of Government operation as quickly as we can establish private operation

Some of the lines on important trade routes are to-day successfully operated by American flag private enterprise. Some of the Government lines which are losing money to-day are rapidly approaching the point where they will pay private enterprise. With the growth of the volume of trade most of the lines can, I believe, be ultimately disposed of to successful private operation. But we will never attain even the best mediocrity of Government operation until we reform the method of administering the fleet, and until we have more definite merchant marine policies.

## Death of Col. Coolidge, Father of President.

Col. John C. Coolidge, father of the President, died at $10.41 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. March 18, after an illness dating back early last year. Last December his condition took"a more serious turn, and while it was stated then that it was improbable that he would ever fully recover the use of his lower limbs, the critical stage of his illness had only developed during the past week, and he had gradually been sinking, following a heart attack the week before his death. Col. Coolidge would have reached his eighty-first birthday in two weeks. His death occurred at his home in Plymouth, Vt. The President was on his way from Washington to his father's bedside when news came to him of his death. The special train of the President reached ${ }^{\circ}$ Woodstock at sumrise yesterday (March 19); from there the trip to Plymouth (16 miles) was made by automobile. The funeral will take place to-day. It was Col. Coolidge who administered the oath of office to his son, when the latter assumed the Presidency in August, 1923, following the death of President Harding.

## Farm Relief Proposal of Former Secretary of Agriculture Meredith-Agricultural Stabilization Commission Proposed.

Before the House Committee on Agriculture on March 9 Edwin T. Meredith, of Iowa, formerly Secretary of Agriculture offered a plan for the solution of the agricultural problem which proposes the establishment of a Federal pricefixing agency, with (says the "United States Daily") authority to determine prices on six major crops and levy an equalization fee to be funded as an "agricultural guaranty fund." The proposal of 1 Mr . Meredith, says the same paper was offered as a counter plan to the pending Dickinson bill and the modification of the proposal submitted by delegates from the recent Des Moines and Chicago Corn Belt Conferences. We likewise take from the "Daily" the following:

Crop Losses Payable From Treasury.
Convinced argiculture is the country's basic industry and that its prosperity and purchasing power affect every other industry, Mr. Meredith declared he was equally convinced agricultural losses sustained by reason of crop surpluses should be paid directly from the Federal Treasury, on the theory that business and labor should carry their share of the load and that business and labor would realize that fees levied against the farmers would be passed on to the consumer anyway.
Having fixed minimum prices which w
Having fixed minimum prices which would be guaranteed the farmers for the six major crops, including wheat, wool, corn, butter, sugar and cotton, the Federal board proposed in his plan would not enter the market to buy any of the crop until one year after the harvest and then only to buy, Mr. Meredit
trade."

Warehousing Major Crops.
Each of the six major crops suggested in the program, Mr. Meredith pointed out, are subject to warehousing if the commission should decide to carry a portion of any bumper crop over into another year rather than sell it into export trade at a loss. Corn was included, he said, because of its relation to pork and beef, butter because stabilization of its price would stabilize milk and other dairy products; and sugar because it is now produced all over the United States.

By raising and lowering the prices of these crops from year to year," continued Mr. Meredith, and "relying upon the law of incentive, a balance would be kept low enough so it could be engaged in by only the number
who, in the aggregate, could produce the quantity that the experience of previous years proved was desired by the combined domestic and foreign market-and yet high enough to encourage farmers to produce that quantity.
"From the consumers' standpoint," Mr. Meredith argued, "this plan would mean stabilized business through stabilized agriculture and this would mean steady employment and further, that food would be produced by the best farmers on the best land, nearest to markets, because the inefficient farmers could not compete with the efficient and the price necessarily would have to be the lowest price which would induce the aggregate production desired. Poor land could not compete with good.'

## Tax Is Provided.

In the bill submitted by Mr. Meredith, the "guaranty fund" would be raised by a tax of one half of $1 \%$ on the value of the six major crops, and Would be used to meet farmers' losses in marketing any one of the contributing crops. The price-fixing commission would include the Secretaries of by the President.

The real problem," said Mr. Meredith, exlaining his program, "is not to handle the surplus, but to work out an agricultural policy which will eliminate the surplus and give us a balanced production-a production meeting all the demands of the domestic market, plus all the foreign
demands for our agricultural production, at a price which will give our farmers, as we have demanded for our labor, an American standard of living.

## - Eliminate Surplus.

" "Our great need is a continuing agricultural policy which will eliminate a surplus, granted the surplus must be sold at a price less than offers reasonable compensation. I am willing that farmers should produce any
quantity, no matter how great, over domestic needs, granted it will be quantity, no matter how great, over domestic
"Production exported under these conditions is, in effect, not a surplus, but is simply meeting our market; but I am not willing that our farmers should be led to produce a real surplus to be sold at a loss and this loss charged back to the farmers.
"An individual manufacturer would not continue to follow such a policy and viewing the farmers as individual manufacturers, as they are, why In the position of accepting or declining arages them to do so. Business is that is the privilege I feel should be granted.
"If the consumers of wheat, for instance, will bid what they wish to pay for wheat, whether it be much or little, the individual farmer can determine for himself whether he wishes to undertake the task of helping fill the order,
If the bid is high enough to encourage the production necessary to sustain our people, well and good. If it is not high enough to interest the farmer the consumer must raise his bid or go without wheat, the same as he is denied any other service for which he is not willing to pay a fair price. "There are two great laws which must be linked together to give us bal-
anced production and avoid over-production-the law of supply and deanced production and avoid over-production-the law of supply and de-
mand and the law of incentive. Use the latter to enable us to live in mand and the law of incenti

According to the New York "Times," the Agricultural Stabilization Commission, which would be created under the bill, would be empowered to prochre full information concerning crop prospects, probable demand in the domestic and foreign markets and other information to enable it to fix, a year in advance, a minimum price per standard commercial unit for each crop commodity which the Government would guarantee. The "Times" account alsothad the following to say regarding the excise tax carried in the bill:
The bill also provides that the price fixed be paid in the purchase of any crop not consumed in the domestic market, the surplus to be sold abroad at the best prices obtainable. To meet any liabilities incurred in carrying out the guaranty, the bill provides for an excise tax of $1 / 2$ of $1 \%$ of the value of the annual marketable crop or crops of any commodity produced by them, commission would have ar mority to lower or advance the tax in its discretion.
Section 7 of the Meredith plan would authorize the President, upon recommendation of the commission, to alter existing tariff duties when necessary to maintain domestic markets for our production. It is provided that the minimum prices for crops of 1926 shall be 40 cents for wool, 40 cents for butter, 25 cents for cotton, $\$ 125$ for wheat and 65 cents for corn. The bill does not attempt to fix the 1926 price for sugar.

## Crop Reporting Conference to Be Held at Topeka

 April 13-16.With regard to the Crop Reporting Conference to be held next month, "wer take the following from the "U. S. Daily" of Marchis 18:
Bureau of Agricultural Economics officials characterize as the largest and most important statistical conference to be held by the Federal Crop Reporting Service in a decade, the meeting scheduled to take place at Topeka, Kan., April 13-16, the Department of Agriculture announced March 17 .
The conference is under the auspices of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates of the Bureau and besides representatives from the Washington office, 33 field men from 24 different States will be authorized to tend.
There will be two sections, one dealing with livestock and the other with general crops. Methods of collecting and handling statistical reports and making estimates from them are on the program for discussion.

Senate Resolution Calling for Inquiry Into Functioning of United States Tariff Commission.
Two resolutions having for their object an inquiry into functioning of the United States Tariff Commission have been adopted by the Senate. One of these, introduced by Senator Smoot of Utah, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, calls upon the Commission to submit to the Senate a copy of its minutes. This resolution, as agreed to by the Senate on March 9 reads as follows:

## [s.[Res.!165]

Resolved, That the United States Tariff Commission be, and is/hereby requested to submit to the Senate a certified copy of the minutes of the meetings of the Commission from Sept. 191922 to Jan. 26
and that these minutes be printed as a public document.

The other resolution is that of Senator Robinson's (of Arkansas) which was agreed to by the ${ }_{2}^{\text {d }}$ Senate on March 11, and directs an investigation into the manner in which the flexible tariff provision of the tariff act of 1922 is being administered. The inquiry is to "have particular referenee to the regulations and procedure of the Tariff Commission, the powers exercised and the functions performed by said Commission, and to the institution, investigation, hearing and decision of cases arising under said section." As originally introduced by Senator Robinson the resolution proposed that the Senate Committee on Finance should conduct the investigation. At the instance of Senator King the resolution was amended so as to provide that the investigation be undertaken by a special committee consisting of five Senators, three of whom shall be members of the majority, and shall include a Progressive Republican, and two of whom shall be members of the minority. VicePresident Dawes, who was authorized under the resolution, to name the committee, announced as follows on 1 March 12 the appointees: Senators Wadsworth of New York and Reed of Pennsylvania (Republicans); LSenator La! Follette of $\overline{\text { Wisconsin (Progressive); and Senators Robinson of Arkansas }}$ and Bruce of Maryland (Democrats).
Before the adoption of the Robinson resolution by the Senate on the 11th inst. it was amended by Senator Norris of Nebraska (we quote from the Washington "Post" ${ }^{\text {b }}$ "of March 12) so that the proposed investigation would specifically deal with the question of whether "any attempt has been made to influence the official action of members ${ }^{\circ}$ of said commission by any official of the government or other person or persons, and if so, what were the means or methods so used." The Norris amendment was adopted; 38 to 30. The "Post" also says:
After this vote, Senator Bingham made a determined but ineffectual attempt to strike out the provision for the appointment of a "Progressive Repubican. This term had no official status, he maintained, and the or were not progressive.
But Senators Robinson
and Norris both opposed the effort of the senator Connecticut. His motion was then defeated, 29 to 41.
Prior to the adoption of the resolution Senator Robinson moved to strike out the provision providing that
The committee may summon witnesses, administer oaths, hear, testimony, and compel the production of papers, documents, books and records in the possession of or kept by the Tariff Commission.
In moving the elimination of this provision, which was agreed to by the Senate, Senator Robinson stated that in the regular course of events the special committee will submit to the Senate a resolution giving it the authorization necessary, and making provision for the expenses of the investigation. The following is the resolution as agreed to by the Senate: Resolved, That a special committee composed of five senators, three of whom shall be members of the majority and include one who is a progressive
Republican, and two of whom shall be members of the minority committee to be appointed by the Vice-President, is hereby authorized and directed to investigate the manner in which section 315 (the flexible provision) of the tariff act of 1922 has been and is being administered. The inquiry shall have particular reference to the regulations and procedure of the Tariff Commission, the powers exercised and the functions performed by said commission, and to the institution, investigation, hearing and decision of cases arising under said section.
Said inquiry shall also comprehend the agents and processes employed by the Tariff Commission in proceedings to ascertain the difference in costs of production in the United States and in competing countries, as well as the method of ascertaining which country constitutes the principal competing country within the meaning of said tariff act of 1922.
The committee may inquire into any and all other facts, circumstances and proceedings which it deems relevant in arriving at an accurate conclusion touching the operation and administration of the tariff laws.
The committee shall also investigate the appointment of members of said commission and report to the Senate whether any attempt has been made o influence the ofrial action or members of said commission by any official of the Government or other person or persons and if so what were the means or methods so used.
The committee shall promptly report its proceedings, findings and recommendations to the Senate.
At the time of the introduction of the resolution on March 6, Senator Robinson had the following to say regarding it: I introduce a bill to reduce the membership of the Tariff Commission and provide for the disqualification of members to serve in proceedings of the commission in certain cases. I ask leave to make a very brief statement respecting the bill, and I also desire to submit, a resolution which has direct relationship to the subject matter of the bill I introduce. The resolution directs the Finance Committee of the Senate to make an inquiry into the proceedings, the regulations, the findings, and the recommendations of the flexible provision of the tariff act of 1922.
The bill to reduce the membership of the Tariff Commission from six members to four, if enacted, would have the effect of abolishing the position to which Mr. Baldwin has been nominated, but not confirmed, and would result in abolishing the position now filled by Mr. Glassie after the expiration of his term, which will occur about the middle of September next, as I am informed. I want to take just a fewiminutes to explain what I conceive to
be the justification for this bill and this resolution, because I expect to ask action by the Senate within a reasonable time.
As at present constituted, the Tariff Commission functions very poorly, and scarcely at all in the manner contemplated by the law which created it. very one here knows that the Tariff Commission was designed to be a bi-partisan body and the purpose of making it such was to have fairly reflected by the membership of the comm
By the appointment of a Commissioner, nominally a Democrat, but actually an advocate of high protective tariff rates the Tariff Commission has been perverted into a partisan body, that is into a body into which partisanship dominates.
Of course, the commission ought to be permitted to discharge its duties ithout compulsion or undue influence from any source.
The action of the Executive in requiring a member of the commission to resign and to place his resignation in the hands of the Executive subject to being accepted at any time it pleased the Executive, necessarily intimidated and embarrassed the Commissioner. No question has been raised as to the occurrence of the incident to which I refer. It was discussed in the Senate by the able Senator from Nebraska (Mr. Norris), and evidence by the nature of quasi records was produced, showing conslusively that the Executive demanded of Commissioner Lewis his resignation, with the understanding that the President should pigeonhole it or pocket it, and accept it when
it pleased the Executive. That, of course, meant that if in the performance it pleased the Executive. That, of course, meant that if in the performance of his duties as a member of the commission the commissioner displeased the xecutive, the commissioner would immediately lose his official status. The only object in requiring the resignation in such a manner would seem o be a deliberate design on the part of the Executive to subordinate the Commissioner from a ree exercise of his judgme
rinciples of government
The usefulness of the Tariff Commission as a fact-finding body has been well-nigh destroyed. If the proposed bill is passed the bi-partisan character of the commission will be restored and, it is to be hoped, safeguarded and aintained
Other provisions of the bill contemplate a legislative determination of the ong continued controversy in the commission as to whether a member shall be the judge of his own qualifications when he has been challenged ecause of alleged interest in the result of the commission's findings or ecommendations.
The bill provides that no member shall be deemed qualified to serve if he or any member of his family has a direct pecuniary interest in the result, or if any former employer of the Commissioner has such an interest. It is also ontemplated that the commission shall be authorized to make rules and no case shall the Commissioner himself whose right to serve is questioned, participate in deciding that issue.
The resolution of inquiry which accompanies the bill authorizes a comprehensive investigation of the proceedings of the Tariff Commission with view to determining its efficiency, and the necessity for the legislation which I am now discussing, and other legislation. The investigation has particular reference to the flexible provisions of the Tariff act of 1922 under which the tariff may be raised or lowered by the President in accordance with the alleged difference in costs of production in the United States and in competing countries.
The resolution is broad enough to permit an inquiry into all facts and circumstances which reflect light on the manner in which our tariff laws are administered and on the way in which those laws influence the commerce of the country.
The record of proceedings by the commission under the so-called flexible provision of the tariff law show that in every important instance in which it has been employed the result has been to increase very greatly the rates of duties, and in most instances the existing rates are already too high. The nly instance I can now recall in which the flexible provision of the tariff th of 1022 has been used to reduce import duties was in the case of quail mported from the Argentine. In all the important cases, in instance nvelving the very necessities of life, the flexible provision of the tariff law has been employed to increase the burdens, already too heavy, resting upon If the Congress wation.
If the of wise conclusions, the first mo much as the prospective beneficiary fw, wevising downard the measure it ought pass is a general tariff aw, revising not only be helpritions, both at business United States trades.
The administration will, of course, resist any effort to modify the tariff xcept in conformity with a misconceived conclusion as to the purpose of the flexible provision of the law. It is quite likely that it will be impractic tariff law, but it is to be hoped that in the early future conditions in both branches of the Congress will be changed to such an extent as to enable the poople of the Nation to obtain relief from the very unjust burdens which the tariff law imposes.
Even though it see
eneral subject of seems impracticable now to effectually deal with the such action as will enable, it is both practicable and necessary to take in the way it was intended, to function in the public interest rather than for the benefit of those who practise extortion against the people of this Nation
Senator Robinson asked that the bill be sent to the Committee on Finance. On the 9th inst. Senator Robinson had read into the Record a letter from Commissioner Henry H. Glassie challenging the statements of Senator Robinson This letter we give herewith.

## UNITED STATES TARIFF COMMISSION

Washington, March 91926
homas O. Marvin, Chairman; Alrred P. Dennis Edward P. Costigan; Henry H. Glassie; A. H. Baldwin; Edgar B Brossard; John F. Bethune, Secretary).
on. Joseph 'I. Robinson, United States Senate, Washington, D. C. My Dear Sir:-In your remarks in the Senate on Saturday, March 61926 as reported in the Congressional Kecord, I observe that, with pointed reference to me, you stated that "by the appointment of a commissioner nominally a Democrat but actually an advocate of high protective-tariff rates the Tariff Commission has been perverted into a partisan body; that is to say, into a body in which partisanship dominates.
Speaking of the Tariff Commission you also stated "that its decisions reflect the fact that it has been so constituted by the appointment of one nominally a Democrat but known to be in favor of high protective tariffs; that those who favor the reduction of tarifr as economic principle are never able to have their views considered, much less carried into effect." Is it not proper to inquire why you lend the prestige of your name to thes
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atements? You do not, of course, professlany personal knowledge on the
subject, saying, however, that I am "known to be in favor of high protective tariffs." Under the circumstances it seems to me that common fairness equires a statement of the name of the person or persons upon whom yo re here depending for the supposed information. Surely a charge such a this should not be made without offering some proof of it. Any statement that I am a
I, as well as other members of the Tariff Commission, have repeatedly tated that I welcome an investigation of the administration of the fexible provisions of the tariff act in all its ramifications. Is it consistent with your notion of fair play that statements such as those made concerning me should be given currency from the floor of the Senate when the evidence which would enable me to disprove the imputations is necessarily locked up in the minutes of the commission? It needs only a word from Congress to make these minutes accessible to all. Once open, they will demonstrate clearly and indubitably that the charges which you are now repeating are without foundation.
In justice not only to myself but to other members of the commission, an immediate and thorough investigation should be made. In truth, it seems to me that under the circumstances I have a right to demand such an investigation, and I trust that you will insist upon its being made without delay.
I respectifully ask that you will be good enough to place this letter in the Record, so as to afford me at least the small justice of making my position publicly known, for I have at present no other means of doing so.

Respectfully yours,
HENRY H. GLASSIE.
The New York "Journal of Commerce" in its Washington advices March 12, said:
While the probe is said to be one to determine the efficiency of the administration of the Tariff Commission, it will assume something of th nature of a probe of the Presidential action in that under the terms of the resolution the committee is to consider whether or not undue influence has. been sought to be exercised over any of the present or former commissioners.

## Charges Openty Made.

Charges have been openly made on the floor of the Senate that President Coolidge refused to renominate former Commissioner Lewis because the latter had declined to place with the President a resignation with date in blank to be accepted at the will of the Chief Executive and that forme Vice-Chairman Culbertson had been given a diplomatic post in order to divorce him from his post on the commission. It is said to be quite probable that both these officials will be called before the probe committee
An initial meeting of the probe committee will probably be held next Monday and there are indications that the investigation will run alogg afte the adjournment of the present session of Congress. In such event, of course, the report which the committee is obligated to make would not b presented to the Senate until next December
The investigation was brought under way on Thursday of this week, March 18.

## National Industrial Conference Board on Part Played by Agriculture in National Economic Life-Warns of England's Fate in Developing Industries at Cost of Agriculture.

Agricultural production is so closely interwoven with the general business structure of the nation, and plays so large a part in our national economic life, that there is no individual no matter what his occupation or place who would not ultimately be affected by continued agricultural depres sion, according to statistical data presented in the agricultural report of the National Industrial Conference Board, 247 Park Avenue, New York, and made public March 18. Agriculture, by reason of its fundamental place in our national economy, in the view of the Board, is the mainstay of our general business prosperity. The business man located in the midst of an agricultural region, or selling prin cipally to rural markets, looks for a good season when there has been a good crop, and anticipates poor business when there has been a poor crop. Likewise, the Board points out, the nation at large is not independent of agricultural conditions, and the rise or decline in agricultural prosperity will inevitably make itself felt in the long run in general business conditions.

As the chief source of our food supply, agriculture, it is pointed out, is a principal factor in maintaining our national security as well as a major economic necessity. But the farm also looms large as a primary source of supply for industrial raw material, as a purchaser of goods and services furnished by the rest of the population, as a reservoir of future citizenship, and as bearing a large portion of the cost of Government activities. The self-interest of every portion of the population, the Board declares, is affected by the various ramifications of the agricultural situation. The following facts taken from the Conference Board's report strikingly summarize the relations of agriculture to the rest of our economic activities, and indicate the important place the farm holds in our national economy:
(1) The agricultural industry normally buys $\$ 6,000,000,000$ worth of the
(2) The farm supplies the materials a apon which depend industries giving employment to nearly half of our industrial workers.
(3) It supplies about a fifth of the total tonnage of freight carried by he railroads.
(4) Its products constitute nearly half of the total value of our exports, United States.
(6) Our farms and farm property represent more than one-fifth of our total national tangible wealth, and contribute, normally, about one-sixth of the total national income.
(7) The total capital invested in agriculture in 1921 at current values
amounted to $\$ 65,000,000,000$, as compared with $\$ 44,000,000,000$ invested amounted to $\$ 65,000,000,000$, as
in the manufacturing industries.
(8) With the rapid development of our industrial production, and the increasing pressure for foreign and domestic markets, the purchasing power
of the farming population, which buys about one-sixth of the value of our total manufacturing production, may become a determining factor in industrial and business prosperity.
(9) The great dependence of our industries on the basic materials furnished by agriculture demands the maintenance of an adequate and wellbalanced agricultural production, lest we become dependent on foreign countries for such materials necessary to our industries and economic life. farming population constitutes nearly one-third of our total population it farming population constitutes nearly one-third of our total population, it
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tion in the management of the affairs of the nation.

The Board also says:
The, extent to which the American farmer must meet foreign competition in his home market, the Conference Board declares, can be measured by the proportion of competitive items in the list of our total agricultural imports during the year 1925. Out of the total of approximately $\$ 1,818$,or more than half were of such nature as to be in direct competition with or tending to displace the products of the American farm. They included animals, approximately $\$ 8,800,000$ worth; meat, $\$ 7,252,000$ worth; eggs and egg products, $\$ 8,988,000$; milk and cream, $\$ 10,114,000$; butter, $\$ 2,646,000$; cheese, $\$ 17,349,000$; animal fats, $\$ 637,000$; hides and skins, $\$ 96,746,000$; leather and partly manufactured leather, $\$ 36,266,000$; miscellaneous animal products $\$ 25,000,000$; grains and grain preparations, $\$ 26,237,000$; fodders and feed, $\$ 11,850,000$; vegetables and vegetable preparations, $\$ 36,244,000$; fruits (excepting bananas), $\$ 24,500,000$; nuts, $\$ 34$,283,000 ; oil seeds, $\$ 64,725,000$; vegetable oils and fats, $\$ 75,000,000$; sugar, syrup and honey, $\$ 266,008,000$; seeds, $\$ 11,870,000$; tobacco, $\$ 83$,881,000 ; miscellaneous vegetable products, $\$ 5,000,000$; cotton, $\$ 52,775$,000 ; flax, $\$ 3,575,000$; straw materials, $\$ 3,798,000$; wool, $\$ 141,976,000$. While some of these are imported because not produced in the United States in sufficient quantity, the Conference Board declares, this is the case rather because production cost and competitive market prices do not leave sufficient margin to make it pay to produce them in the United States, and not because they could not be produced here in sufficient quantity, the very condition which, in the light of the Board's report, is responsible in part for the decline of agricultural production in proportion to our population growth.
Non-competitive agricultural imports, such as ostrich feathers, coffee, tea, rubber and raw silk are not included in the total given by the Board, although the progressively increasing use of some, the Board points out, may well be considered as tending to decrease the demand for domestic agricully scrutinized with view to excluding articles not of a competitive nature. The figure given for imported animals, for instance, covers only nature. The figure given for imported animals, for instance, covers only keys and parrots and other zoological specimens.

In warning the United States not to neglect its agricultural development in too intensive preoccupation with other industrial, commercial and financial interests, the Board on March 14 recalled that it is now England's fate to regret the mistake of too intensive an industrial development, achieved at the cost of having her agriculture lag behind so that for a long time the country has not been self-sufficient as regards food and other farm products, and that the difficulties arising out of her agricultural problem to-day constitute one of the gravest issues confronting the British Government. The shrinkage of our agricultural "plant" in proportion to our population growth, the dwindling of agricultural wealth and income since 1900 , the report declares, are real symptoms of a relative decline in American agriculture which challenge the attention of all classes, including that of the urban manufacturing and commercial population, for reasons of self-interest if no other. The Board adds:
Other nations, principally European countries, have since the war taker cognizance of the necessity of an agricultural development that well balances the requirements of their population growth. A number of countries suffering from post-war depression have been making special efforts to increase their agricultural production, and to diminish their dependence on outside sources. As a result, the report says, wheat production in Australia bas increased $110 \%$ from 1919 to 1925 ; in Canada, during the same period, $100 \%$; in France, $75 \%$; in Italy, $42 \%$; in Argentina, $25 \%$; and in India, $15 \%$. All of this represents increased competition for the American farmer in both domestic and foreign markets, according to the report, and further aggravates his problem of

Despite these efforts on the part of some countries, the report goes on, there is indication that the total world production of agriculture also is not keeping step with the increase in population, but is actually declining. Figures on agricultural world production show an actual net decrease in most important farrs products between 1913 and 1924, with the exception of potatoes, wool and tobacco. While the total of wheat produced in 1913 was $4,087,000,000$ bushels, total world production in 1924 was only 3,298 ,830,000 bushels. Corn production likewise dropped from $3,743,000,000$ bushels in 1913 to $3,366,00,000$ bushels, $3,519,000,000$ bushels ; rye from $1,893,001000$ bushels, and barley from $1,779,000,000$ to $1,214,911,000$ bushels. Cotton production decreased from $26,259,000$ bales to $24,700,000$ bales. The numb
swine declined from $2,881,000,000$ to 1913 to $2,837,000,000$ in 1924 .
swine declined from 2,881,
This situation of reduced agricultural production which exists in the cates a world agricultural problem simiar to that which exists in the United States, and is an added reason why given the national problem, the Board lew . Neg in the markets where he ficulties of high cost production with low prices in the markets where he must sell, ultimately, it is intimated, may lead to a reversal of the problem. stituting the urban population, would face the dilemma of having to pro-
duce at rising costs, caused by the rising prices of scarcer food, and, on the other hand, of having to sell their manufactured goods at low prices in eversharpening competition with the world.

National Industrial Conference Board Suggests Cooperation of Agricultural and Business Groups with View to Solving Agricultural Problem.
A suggestion for a plan of co-operation between agricultural and all other productive and business groups to work out a policy to bring agriculture and the rest of the industrial and commercial structure of the country into readjustment, is made by the National Industrial Conference Board, Inc. The solution of the agricultural problem through joint and sympathetic study of the situation by the leading representatives of industry, commerce, transportation and finance, in conjunction with leading agriculturists, to facilitate the formulation of "a sound, effective and well-digested program" for righting the existing economic maladjustment, is proposed by the Board, in concluding its agricultural report, under date of March 15. The Board does not presume to undertake to solve the farmers' problem for him, nor to suggest specifically how he may solve it for himself, declaring such course to be "neither desirable nor feasible." The whole weight of the Conference Board's proposal lies in urging, first, the economic nature of the problem, and second in emphasizing that the agricultural problem, because of the close interdependence of agriculture and our whole industrial and commercial business structure, is not the farmer's problem alone, but a common problem concerning all classes of the population. The Board does not go beyond the proposal of a co-operative joint study of the economic aspects of the agricultural situation and its effects on the rest of our business structure and general national welfare. But it places its report at the disposal of those who may be chosen by the various agricultural, industrial, commercial, transportation and financial groups of the country to make such study.

The agricultural problem, according to the diagnosis of the Board's report, is that since the beginning of the rapid and intensive development of our industrial, commercial and financial life toward the end of the last century, agriculture has fallen out of step, and there has evolved a progressive maladjustment and inequality between the economic position of agriculture and that of the other major branches of our national economy. The real underlying practical problem, it is intimated, is one of much larger and more significant scope even than of the existing maladjustment. It is the problem, in the view of the report, and in the light of the Board's suggestion for a joint investigation of the farm problem by representative of all economic interests, of formulating sound economic policies for the future co-ordinating of all branches of production and business, on the basis of scientific analysis and in the light of collective experience. The following is the text of the Conference Board's closing statement of the report containing its suggestion for a rational solution of the agricultural problem :
The study of the agricultural problem by the National Industrial Conference Board indicates clearly that since the beginning of the rapid and inthe end of the last of our industrial, commercial and financial life toward adjustment and inequality between the economic position of agriculture and that of the other major branches of our national economy.

The Symptoms.
This is reflected in the contraction of our agricultural plant and its output relative to the growth of our population; in the growing effectiveness of the competition of foreign producers both in our domestic and foreign markets; in the increasing costs of agricultural production compared with the price of farm products; in the declining relative share in the national income of those engaged in agriculture ; in the wide disparity between return on investment and reward for labor in agriculture as contrasted with that in other productive activities; and in the marked difference between the per capita income of the farm population and of the remainder of the population in all the dominant agricultural sections of the country.
Fundamentally, these conditions have arisen partly out of inherent differences between the productive processes of agriculture and those of industry, and partly out of circumstantial factors affecting the inter-rela-
tionships between agriculture and the rest of our economic life. They not tionships between agriculture and the rest of our economic life. They not only constitute a serious menace to the progress and prosperity of American industry, commerce and trade, but are equally of great significance for our national welfare, ior they deeply afrect the future economic development, the social advancement, the political unity and the national security of the Uniled states. Thefichors prest tional policy and therefore demands clear and fur understanding, careful on the part of all major economic groups in our country.

## Urges Joint Inquiry.

From this point of view, it would seem proper and desirable in the national interest for leading representatives of American industry, commerce, transportation and finance, in conjunction with leaders of agriculture, to study jointly and sympathetically, on the basis of the Conference Board its consequences and to present for the consideration of the public their
mature judgment of the possibilities and desirable avenues of remedy and readjustment. In this way it is possible that, apart from the disturbing and transient influence of partisan politics, there may be provided a constructive and practical plan for mutual understanding and full co-operation between agriculture and all other groups in our productive life, as well as a basis upon which may be developed a sound and far-sight
The agricultural problem is essentially an economic problem; its solution should be sought through the co-operation of all economic interests along sound economic lines. It is not desirable or feasible for others to undertake to solve the farmer's problem for him or to suggest how he may solve it for himself. The responsibility for the agricultural situation and its in the major economic activities of our national life, selected by their respective national organizations or otherwise, may well address themselves to the important task of co-operating in the effort toward agricultural readjustment to the end that the country may be assured of a prosperous agriculture as a part of a prosperous national economy.

Foreign Monopoly of Rubber and Other Commodities
Alleged in Majority Report of House Committee Alleged in Majority Report of House Committee Findings of Minority-Allegations of Secretary

## Hoover.

Majority and minority reports were filed on March 13 by members of the Senate Committee on Inter-State and Foreign Commerce, which was called upon to inquire into alleged Government price fixing in the shipment to the United States of crude rubber, coffee, silk, nitrates, potash, quinine, iodine, tin, sisal, quicksilver, pulpwood and other important raw materials, and the effect of such action on American commerce. The committee was directed to report its findings and recommendations for remedial legislation. The majority report was submitted by Representative Newton (Republican) of Minnesota, while the minority report was presented by Representative Rayburn (Democrat) of Texas. The majority report finds that "controls of either production or exportation which materially affect prices have been instituted by direct or indirect foreign Governmental action," the effect of which "has been to increase the price which the American consumer must pay for several of these essential commodities to an unreasonable and exorbitant figure." Although no legislation is recommended, the report strongly suggests:
ndulging in these controls
2. That independent sources of supply, such as the Philippines, be given serious attention as a remedy to the rubber monopoly.
3. That conservation and substitution campaigns be carried on among the consumers, with government assistance if necessary
The majority reports says "retaliation by the United States against these controls was not given serious attention by the committee, and will not be except as a last resort." The majority states that it makes no suggestion for remedial legislation "since it believes that a frank discussion of these questions and the development of a better understanding of the consequences of the intrusion of Governmental price controls in international trade may secure an abandonment of the practice. "If, however," it adds, "it develops that the American public cannot be protected against a repetition of its experiences in the past by resort to methods mentioned above, the committee will have no hesitation in reopening the question. Accordingly, the committee makes this preliminary report with the purpose of making further report to the House later, if the occasion should require it."

In reciting control over commodities by foreign countries, the majority report says:
"That controls of either production or exportation which materially affect prices have been instituted by direct or indirect foreign governmental action as follows:
"The government of Great Britain, through direction of its Colonial Office to its East Indian possessions, over rubber.
"The government of the States of Sao Paulo, Brazil, over coffee.
"The government of Chile, over nitrates and iodine.
"The governments of Germany and France, over potash.
"The government of Egypt, over long staple cotton.
"The government of Japan, over camphor and at times over silk and
"The government of Yucatan, Mexico, over sisal.
"All of them have maintained or brought about prices simply profitable to their producers and some of them have from time to time advanced prices to exorbitant levels. Seemingly, iney elther take the course or al monopolies not to remain content whice into the hands of speculators who force has thus been In many case, the price of rubber was advanced to $300 \%$ of the originally For instance, the price
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The effect has been to increase the price which the American consumer must pay for several of these essential commodities to an unreasonable and exorbitant
supplies. supplies.
ins entry of compels consumers of such trading and the coretly with foreign governmental authorities, and commodities sooner or lhese negotiations. This projects the government of both parties assist business in large issues. As a result, the complaints of consumers of
such controlled commodities throughout the world regarding real or fancied wrongs in prices, supplies and other trading conditions become matters of "In foll policy and concern, and conseg con In fand through these processes, tralities and far-reaching, serious con sequences of international relations, with an evitable harmful effect to the world.
"An immediately effective remedy against price exactions has been demonstrated in the power of the American consumer to decrease demand as recently accomplished in the case of rubber. Emphatic complaints of American users of rubber goods, particularly tires, began to reach the Department of Commerce in the latter part of 1925. Since both official and unofficial representations to the British government had brought no action, the Secretary of Commerce advised the complainants and the public generally to reduce their demand for rubber by using substitutes and by extracting a greater measure of service from all rubber articles through using them properly and repairing them promptly
"The immediate response indicated that the consumers realized the power they held. The price of crude rubber began to decline almost immediately from a high of $\$ 110$ in November, and the decline has continued until the best grades are now selling on the New York market at around 50 cents per pound. Attendant circumstances to this remarkable result include a $16 \%$ lower consumption of crude rubber in the last quarter of 1925 than in the previous quarter, a $46 \%$ advance in the sales of tire repair materials, an appreciable decrease in tire purchases and consequent increase in tire stocks, an $80 \%$ increase in the consumption of reclaimed rubber and substantial increases in the stocks of raw rubber in New York and London. "The committee believes that American consumers generally will not be slow to realize that what has been done in the case of rubber can be done
with other commodities, when their prices are advanced to unreasonable with other commodities, when their pri
levels by monopolies controlling them."
Regarding the further findings of the majority, we take the following from the New York "Herald Tribune"

## Findings of Majority.

The report of the majority of the committee after relating in detail its findings as to the facts of the alleged monopoiles of foreign countries on raw products reached the following conclusion.

1. It has been proved in the case of rubber that a conservation campaign can be conducted by the American people as a protest against high artificially controlled prices and with a fair degree of success. This experience is of considerable significance in showing the ability of the consumer to take matters into his own hands and secure some measure of protection hrough exercising positive control over demand. As a result of this demonstration the committee believes that a considerable measure of pro"Wection can be attained in this way for the American consumer.
While the commer consideration forelgn governments of the undesirability of such combination berore resorld hegislation Une sumer shoul be furthe paigns should be systemazically organized and carried out. If necessary the government should assist.
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2. The ultimate solution of the problem of foreign control of combe for the United States to industries and progress will unquestionably through endeavoring to produce these commodities for itself either under its own flag or in suitable foreign countries which would agree not to inter rupt free trading in them at any time. In effecting such agreements, the governmental facilities of the United States should freely assist

## Southern Philippines Favored.

For growing rubber under the American flag the southern Philippines appear most suitable. Physical conditions are known to be excellent Under the existing Philippine land laws the holdings of individuals or corporations are limited to about 2,500 acres. This condition could be altered by the Philippine Legislature or by the Congress of the United States if it chose to change the basis law under which the islands are now administered. Furthermore, certain experiments have recently undertaken vestern States. production of rubber from the Guayule shrub in the Southwild shrub in Mexico. In 1925 our imports of the rubber amounted to $8,469,123$ pounds. The committee believes that these experiments contain such possibilities as to warrant serious attention and consideration.
'Outside American territory, good possibilities for successful rubber culture appear to exist in the Isthmus of Darien, in the Republic of Panama, Brazil, Colombia and other parts of tropical America. Plantations in such locations would be especially valuable to the United States from the stand point of national defense, since rubber from them would most likely be uninterruptedly available in the event of war. Substantial progress is also being made in Liberia by American interests. As a step in the direction of assuring such supplies, the committee specifically recommends that the Department of Agriculture be authorized and enabled, in co-operation with their respective governments, to establish and maintain demonstration rubber plantations in South and Central American countries. Certain suggestions were made in this connection to the committee by Dr. H. N Whitford, formerly crude rubber expert for the Department of Commerce. 4. Efforts of the Bureau of Standards and others to develop a synthetic rubber and other synthetic products should be further encouraged.

The committee considers that opportunity exists for the development of the potash resources of the United States, and believes that suppor should be given to the Bureau of Mines or the Geological Survey for the exploration of potash deposits in Texas, Utah and possibly other States. " 6 . It is recommended that Congress bring to an early settlement the Muscle Shoals question. Such action will give protection to the American consumer of nitrate, both because Muscle Shoals is now an unknown and
deterring factor to our growing nitrogen industry and because undoubtedly deterring factor to our growing nitrogen industry and because undoubtedly that plant itself will be used for nitrogen production

The committee recommends that the Department of Agriculture be encouraged to further investigate the possibilities of producing sisal in conplantations for states or its insular possessions, and to make experimental plantations for this purpose

Americans Should Refuse Credit to Foreign Cowntries Controlling Commodities.
" 8 . Since these governmental controls are contrary to the interests of the American consumer, the committee takes the position that American citiis obvious. Furthermore self-interest should prompt this action on the part of American financiol interests for the granting of loans of this character would create a just resentment against them on the part of the American public. In some instances requests for loans of this character have been refused. In at least one instance the loan has been granted. Requests for loans should be discouraged and if made should be refused.

Retaliation Not Considered.
9. Retaliation by the United States against these governmental controls was not given serious attention by the committee and will not be except as a last resort.
"10. The committee has received suggestions that Congress give direct aid by representative American citizens of alternate supplies of these raw
materials, but takes the position that aid or subsidy of this sort is inadvisable, partly because it is an intrusion of government into production, against the principle of which this investigation is directed.
1 . Suggestions made to the committee that it secure passage of a law permitting combination of American purchasers to buy co-operatively are
not approved at this time. Such action is not urgently demanded by the trades concerned
"12. The committee for reasons heretofore appearing has not at this time suggested remedial legislation, since it believes that a frank discussion of these questions and the development of a better understanding of the consequences of the intrusion of governmental price controls in international trade may secure an abandonment of the practices. If, however, it develexperiences in the past by resort to methods mentioned above, the com mittee will have no hesitation in reopening the question. Accordingly, the committee makes this preliminary report with the purpose of making further report to the House later if the occasion should require it.
The minority report was signed by five Democratic members of the committee, viz., Representatives Rayburn, George Huddleston (Alabama), A. C. Shallenberger (Nebraska), Tillman B. Parks (Arkansas) and Robert Crosser of Ohio. Summarizing the conclusions of the minority, the "Herald Tribune" says that while it agrees with the historical and statistical data of the majority, it complains that the majority's outstanding recommendations "point toward boycott and retaliation," which it says are "the only weapons a nation can employ when such nation itself pursues policies of international trade obstruction, restriction, discrimina tion and reprisal. Our existing high tariffs, with their network of restrictions and discriminations, offer precisely a case in point." Continuing, the "Herald Tribune" account says:
Denying the assertion of the majority that the tariff is not responsible for these monopolistic controls, the minority declares.

The time of the enactment of the Fordney law as it related to the launching of the Stevenson pian, however, is entirely immaterial. This is true because the stevenson plan was represented as having for its only purpose the stabilization of rubber prices at 36 cents a pound. This within itselr was unobjectionable, so far as other countries were concerned. It was after the Fordney law, with its trade restrictions and discriminations and obstruc tions, had for some time been in operation that it was made possible for the Stevensan commission's work to result in and become a price hold-up agency"

Followed Dingley Tariff Law.
Attention might also be called to the fact that the Brazilian coffee re strictions originated during the Dingley high tariff, and were placed in oper ation during high tariffs in this country. It is well for us to look to our own policies and see if they are not an invitation to others to engage in practices such as those against which we protest justly at this time. In other words those who seek equity must do equity.
America could have pursued free trade policies and avoided this trouble the minority declares.
"America," it says, "never had such an opportunity for favorable agreements of this kind, embracing each of the important materials we do not produce, as she has since the war, when so many countries and industries therein have had occasion to invoke either her financial orifgeneral business co-operation. These opportunities and the entire principle of fair trade agreements have been cast aside, however, and America herself has proceeded to set the opposizo ex which alit the past have in her sole remedy the boycott and retalization, when in alr the past have in The ent led Britich press, for further illustration, justified the receht rubber The entire bian priceexpa be only temporary relief and is fatal to trade relief and international understanding.

## The minority report also says :

The sane and liberal policy of abolishing unfair trade methods and practices by mutual agreement would discredit as almost suicidal the policy of reburring applitations this as coffee and rubber. This policy, on the contrary, would suggest, first, that agreemdins be oly mate the condition precedent that fair and loans would be freely made but on the conuld be gruaranteed to American reaschasers. The furs and course of refusing loans advo cated by soly falsely assumes that loans could not be procured erer in tondon, for example, but such course irritates and invites price holdups later. A glance at the world conomic and trade situation must convince any far-seeing person that unles commercial nations are to bump along in the future under conditions of frequent boycott, retaliations and war-breeding trade controversies, the policy of fair trade methods and friendly trade relations must be developed through mutual agreements.
In giving an account of a report filed by Representative Shallenberger incident to the investigation, the New York "Times" had the following to say in Washington advices March 15
A charge that American tire manufacturers made the "so-called British control" an excuse for boosting the price of their product and a criticism of Secretary Hoover's recommendation that American bankers should withhold credit from foreign combinations curtailing supplies of raw material urgently needed in this country were embodied in a report to the House to-day by Representative Shallenberger of Nebraska, Democratic member of the Inter-State Commerce Committee.
The report was critical of the one made to the House on Saturday by the majority of the committee by Representative Newton of Minnesota, Re publican, who held that publicity of the exactions of the British rubber control had forced it to reduce the price of raw rubber in the American market. This was denied by Mr. Shallenberger, who said that rubber
prices on the New York market had dropped about $50 \%$ since Feb. 1, due
to the action of the British in authorizing a release on that date of $100 \%$ of their standard rubber production
He also said that American tire manufacturers failed to give the public February rease of the British rubber proders brought about by th February release of the British rubber producers

## Says Peak Price Was Never Paid.

Asserting that American manufacturers had not paid anywhere near the peak prices of \$1 01 and $\$ 121$ a pound for crude rubber in $1925, \mathrm{Mr}$. Shallenberger directed attention to a statement authorized by Secretary Hoover to the effect that this country had imported that year rubber to the value of $\$ 860,000,000$, a much larger sum, he said, than would have been expended at anything like "fair prices." Mr. Shallenberger insists that the amount paid for crude rubber by this country in 1925 was $\$ 479,000,000$ instead of $\$ 860,000,000$, and that "if it was worth $\$ 860,000,000$, our importers still owe the British rubber producers a lot of money
was wat the Secretary, perhaps, meant to state, he added, was that it was worth $\$ 860,000,000$ to the rubber manufacturers of America becaus they charged the American consumers a gross advance of $\$ 500,000,000$ Mr Shallente screen of foreign price contros,
Mr. Shallenberger declared that following the "widely advertised" advance in crude rubber prices, tires that formerly sold for $\$ 27$ were in creased to $\$ 54$.
that the average cost of rubber Department of Commerce reports show that the average cost of rubber to importers in 1925 was only 48 cents a poun, and he charges hat the big tire companies did not pay the average. the agreed air rice for crude rubber in the the agreed fair price for crude rubber in the Far East, and added that the $\$ 88,000$ p00 "whereas the manuanuacturers in 1925 amounted to only $\$ 88,000,000$, "whereas the
to the public $\$ 500,000,000$.
Declaring that Firestone, Seibering and Uniied States Rubber admitted an advance of $50 \%$ on a million-dollar-sale volume, Mr. Shallenberger remarked: "Robber, robber, where is the rubber robber?" He avers that the profits of the tire manufacturers in 1925, which he said ranged from $\$ 9,000,000$ in the case of Fisk to $\$ 17,000,000$ in the case of United States Rubber, clearly revealed "who got the milk in the rubber price manip tation" of that year.
The resolution calling for the inquiry into alleged foreign monopolies of commodities was introduced on Dec. 18 by Representative Tilson of Connecticut, Republican leader of the House, and was passed by the House on Dec. 21. The introduction of the resolution followed a conference which Mr. Tilson had with secretary of Commerce Hoover. The latter had previously (Dec. 10) addressed a letter to Senator Capper, answering the Senator's inquiry "as to the present activities of combinations and monopolies to fix prices of our important raw material imports that have been created or fostered by foreign Governments." In this letter Secretary Hoover said:
This matter has become even more urgent than when two years ago you introduced some defensive legislation in support of which I addressed you at the time.
We are now subject to the full result of monopoly action and we have no machinery of adequate defense. It is inherent in all unregulated monopolies everywhere that they never can be content with reasonable the developments in all the ten or twelve combinan. Without traversing us developmeths in in the thains us or in those that are in contemplation, I may use the single case of rubbe as a control of rubber production in the Britich Eest
under the Stevenson plan in 1922 That area Indies was organized world's rubber, and we consume about $70 \%$ of the world' $70 \%$ of the the time the plan was put into effect by Colonial legislation the A was made that its purpose was to assure a fair price to the gion the claim Growers Committee stated that such a fair price would be from 15 . To pence ( 30 to 36 c .) per pound. We were assured that this "fe" po 18 the sole objective of the combination. Exhaustive investigationse wa Department of Commerce into the industry in the East Indies ahed at that price the capital invested in the industry would earn an annual average profit of from 15 to $25 \%$
The price has been advanced during this year in the following stages,


That the situation is wholly an artificial creation is evidenced by the fac that the normal world consumption of rubber for 1926 is estimated at about 580,000 tons, whereas the potential production if unrestricted would be probably 625,000 tons. We are therefore not in the midst of a rubber famine but purely an artificial one created by restriction on produc tion for the purpose of advancing prices
Our imports for 1925 will be about $860,000,000$ pounds, and at normal growth our consumption will be $900,000,000$ pounds in 1926. At the price declared by the price fring body as "fair" to them, our next year's supply would cost us about $\$ 324,000,000$, but at the present prices of $\$ 110$ per pound it will cost us about $\$ 990,000,000$, or $\$ 666,000,000$ in excess of the "fair" price.
These increased prices of rubber are a very real thing to every family in the United States. The price over and above the so-called "fair" price means an increased charge of probably $\$ 20$ or $\$ 30$ for each set of tires on a light automobile, and $\$ 50$ to $\$ 70$ for each set on a heavy car
I may mention that if present prices are maintained against us, the excess sum of $\$ 650,000,000$ or $\$ 700,000,000$ which we shall pay is equal to more than twice the companies, or equal to $30 \%$ more than the net earnings for dividends of al our railways. It would seem, therefore, to be worth some attention.
The dangers to our manufacturing industry that may come through a collapse in the price are so great that some of the smaller manufacturer have ceased production as they fear they could not stand the loss of suddenly diminishing inventory values.
I have referred at length to the case of rubber merely by way of illustration. Coffee could be similarly used. All of these combinations are potentially dangerous
The problem we have to confront is a most pertinent one. What can we do to defend ourselves against trade war being made upon us?
do measures that we can take of course vary with each combination.
would ultimately afford relief if we had them"organized, and all are wholly
defensive in nature: 1. Our in nature.
support of these can be discouraged from giving Amorcan crodits to tho 2. We should initiate a strong systematic campaign for voluntary saving in use in every one of the commodities where these combinations become extortionate.
In an address in New York the current week (March 16) Secretary Hoover alluded to "the increasing practice of foreign Governments directly or indirectly to create controls of raw materials for price-fixing purposes" and this address is referred to under another head in this issue of our paper. In furtherance of its inquiry the House Inter-State and Foreign Commerce Committee conducted hearings-its investigation into the effects of the British rubber monopoly on American economic life having been concluded on Jan. 22, the last witness being Secretary of War Davis, who in closed session told of the problem as viewed from the standpoint of national defense. The committee later directed its attention to inquiring into alleged foreign monopoly of coffee, nitrates, sisal, etc. During the course of the investigation both Sir Robert Horne, formerly Chancellor of the British Exchequer, and Sir Esme Howard, British Ambassador to the United States, defended Great Britain against the criticisms which had been directed against that country. In copyright advices to the New York "Times" from London, Jan. 2, Sir Robert Horne said in part:
I am, perhaps, in as good a position as any unofficial person to put forward point of view, as I was Chancellor of the Exchequer at the time when there was formulated the scheme of restricted export-commonly known as the Stevenson plan-which many people in

As to Need for Restrictions.
The circumstances which gave rise to the restriction of export were these: There had been a great slump in the price of rubber in 1920, which was folowed by a protracted depression. Enormous stocks of surplus rubber had accumulated. The prices at which rubber was being sold were, in many cases, not paying for the production. The vast capital which had been put the planters in the face. It was commonly anticipated that the majority the rubber plantations would fall back into a condition of jungle and tha the work of many years in building up the industry would be wiped out.
In these conditions a scheme was provided that the producers should only export $60 \%$ of their standard production, but a scale was arranged whereby if the price of rubber was maintained above 30 cents for three consecutive months, an extra $5 \%$ should automatically be allowed to be exported in the following quarter. Similarly, if the price was maintained at over 36 cents an increased export of $10 \%$ was to be permitted. There was a similar diminishing scale under which exports should be reduced by $5 \%$ if the price were reduced to under 24 cents.
FFar too much importance has been attributed to this restriction scheme as affecting the price of rubber. It has, I think, come to me that at the time it was instituted it stopped a rot which would, in my view, have ended in disaster for the rubber trade. But it is ridiculous to say that it alone is re sponsible for the present high prices of the commodity

## Says Demand Has Raised Prices.

The chief cause of the increased price is the enormous growth in the demand for rubber-particularly in the United States. The advent of the balloon tire has been an important factor in this development. The demand suddenly outran the supply.
To prove this it is only necessary to look at what happened after the restriction scheme was put in force. It began its operation in November 1921, and for two years thereafter the average price was over 30 cents in only the second of three monthly periods. So recently as July 1924the average price for one quarter was actually less than 22 cents. It is, therefore, obvious that the restriction scheme was not then acting in the direction of raising prices unduly.

Similarly, if one looks at the prices which are being fixed for supplies after next February, when there is to be a full release for export of the whole standard production, one finds that they vary very little from the prices at which contracts were being made before it was announced that there was to be a resumption of $100 \%$ export. This means that the demand is sufficient to take up the full supply, even at present prices.

The truth is that the old rule of supply and demand applies to prices in the rubber industry just as in every other.
I am inclined, however, to press the point further. My opinion is that without the restriction scheme many plantations would have been in difficulties during 1921 and 1922, and I doubt whether the supply of rubber would have been as good as it is to-day, and that for that reason the prices would probably have been higher than now.

## Asks What Is Our Disadvantage

But whatever view the American manufacturer and consumer of rubber takes of the British scheme of restriction, I am puzzled to understand what disadvantage he thinks he suffers from. He is paying exactly the same price for his rubber as his British, French or Italian competitor. The British manufacturer gains no beneri at the expense or the American, and the American suffers no prejudice at the hands of the British. In the world's解 the case because the United States is so much more prosperous than any other nation that it could afford to bear the increased price for rubbe better than the manufacturers of any other country.
If it is said that the United States uses more rubber than any other nation, and therefore carries a greater total of the burden, that is because there ore $110,000,000$ Americans and only $45,000,000$ British people, but the total profits which the Americans make out of the rubber which they buy are correspondingly greater. In addition, the private market of the American manufacturer is so much more extensive than that of his competitors that he ought to be able to produce more cheaply than they can.
I see that it has been stated in America that the British Government guar anteed that the price of rubber should not rise beyond 36 cents. No such guarantee has ever been given by any person in behalf of the British Government and no evidence of such a guarantee can be produced.
Statements, I know, were made by some rubber producers to the effect that they believed that if the rubber industry got a fair chance the Ameri
can manufacturers would be able to obtain all the rubber they required at 36 cents. I believe that in this view they would have been proved not far wrong if the consumers, instead of adopting a hand-to-mouth policy in purchasing, had placed their orders with sufficient foresight to enable the rubber industry to accommodate itself to the prospective demand
In my closing sentence I should like to revert to a consideration which I put forward in the earlier part of this article. I agree with those who think the present high prices of rubber are a disadvantage ultimately to the rubber.aproducing industry itself. I should like to see them back at a more healthy figure. I am confident that the ordinary operation of economic laws and market conditions will bring about that result.

Sir Esme's defense of Great Britain was contained in an address delivered in New York on Jan. 23 before the Advertising Club of New York, and Representative Tilson, commenting on Jan. 24 on the Ambassador's remarks, was quoted in the New York "Times" as saying

I welcome the British Ambassador's defense of his Government's action in establishing a monoply in crude rubber and thereby lifting prices to present levels, because we can only clear these matters by frank discussion," said Mr. Tilson "Sir Esme properly discusses the matter from the viewpoint of the consumer. Our mutual difficulty is also confirmed, that when Governments enter the commodity business, the prices, the conditions and the conduct of such business become matters of debate between nations instead of between merchants, and as he says, 'I am willing to agree that monepolies in raw materials exercised by Government action are, generally speaking, a misfortune and likely to lead to international friction.
"Sir Esme rightly states that the British consumers are treated to the same prices as ours and also that they are complaining about it. It is desirable to recall that the United Kingdom consumes $12 \%$ of the world's rubber, while we consume $75 \%$, therefore, there is not wholly an equality in the burden. The fact that her citizens are complaining would seem to confirm the complaints from this side.
"The Ambassador, like many others, seems to have been misled into the belief that the monopoly has been abandoned by the announcement that th release of export restrictions will be $100 \%$ on Feb. 1. The hearings befor our committee proved that the real production is from 115 to $125 \%$ on the scale used, and that from $15 \%$ to $25 \%$ restriction is still in force after Feb. 1.

## Restrictions Maintain Prices.

It was shown that if the restrictions were to be entirely withdrawn the prices would drop still further and, therefore, the continued restriction must be for the purposes of further upholding of price and continuing th monopoly. It is interesting to note that the increased exports on Feb. were announced after the American consumers protests, and wo 0 produccontributed to reduce the price, yet it is still $400 \%$ over
tion, which was shown to be about 17 cents per pound."
Sir Esme considers the action of his Government as having been necessary to save the industry from disaster caused by the world slump in 1920 This was denied before our committee, and it is interes to note the following statement from had passed:

Speaking generally, the cost of producing rubber has been so surpris-
reduced that within the present price of over 1 shilling 3 pence (30 ingly reduced that
cents) per pound for
working
working at a profit. industries that have come through the world depres-
sion with so can be fewtle loss as the rubber industry. Not a single rubber company has disappeared and there have been fewer appeals for capital and le

## Compares Rubber to Cotton.

The evidence before our committee shows that while the rubber industry was coming so successfully through the world slump our own farmers were going bankrupt right and left selling their product to Great Britain for less than cost. It was also shown that the cost of producing cotton is about the same as rubber, and I have no doubt of the volume of international friction if our Government had fixed the price of cotton at $\$ 1$ or even 72 cents
"The Ambassador's statement seems to justify the present prices of 73 cents per pound as reasonable-or the average price of $\$ 1$ per pound which preceded American action in reducing consumption and taking steps to procure supplies from elsewhere. I may mention that the law creating the monopoly implies that a fair price was to be 36 cents a pound-
it has been conceded that the growers receive 15 to $25 \%$ profit
"The law itself provides an increase or decrease of restrictions on production above and below this price. Moreover, the hearings before our committee show amply that the representather or mittee repeatedly gave assurances, both to the British and
"Evers, that 33 cents was a rair price ans $\$ 300,000,000$ annually to the "Every 33 cents above this price means $\$ 300,000,000$ annually to the American consume began it was twice 33 cents above the prices are even yet very reasonable.

## Britain May Change Rubber Releases.

According to Associated Press cablegrams from London March 18, Colonial Secretary Amery stated in the House of Commons that day that he was closely watching the rubber situation, and hoped to be able to make a public notification, possibly in about a fortnight, regarding the release of crude rubber under the Stevenson restriction scheme. These advices (quoted from the New York "Journal of Commerce") add:
This declaration was made in answer to a question regarding the intentions of the Colonial Office in the matter.

Upholds Hoover's Policy.
Eric Miller, former Chairman of the British Rubber Growers' Association and a member of the committee which formulated the Stevenson plan, told the guests at an American Chamber of Commerce luncheon to-day that he considered Secretary Hoover's efforts to arouse the interests of Americans in the importance of the rubber industry entirely proper.
He differed with Mr. Hoover only over details, such as the attention which the Secretary gave to the speculative phase of the industry. "It is amazing," he said, "that the United States, which consumes twothirds of the world's rubber production, is represented by only $21 / 2 \%$ of the capital invested in the industry. This fact alone shows/what faith and confidence the Americans must have had in the British methods."
Mr . Miller reiterated the British contention that the stevenson plan
ruin. Many gross exaggerations had been made in the United States regarding the rubber situation, he said, denying that the members of the limited supplies of rubber at prices ranging from 15d to 18d ( 30 c to 36 c a pound.
The speaker declared there was no violation of the law of supply and demand when the power of securing the supply of a product was put into the hands of the buyers alone.
This, he maintained, was the case with the Stevenson plan, with its system of rising and falling releases of the product. The buyers' function under the scheme, he said, was to maintain standard prices in order to keep the releases in operation

## Inter-States Commerce Commission Denies Application of Western Roads for Authority to Reduce Freight Rates on Long Hauls.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission, for the second time in five years, denied on March 13 the application of Western Transcontinental railroads for authority to depart from the long-and short-haul provision of the Inter-State Commerce Act. The carriers had sought permission to reduce freight rates on long hauls without applying the cuts to intermediate movements. The roads' petition involved reductions on 47 commodities, moving from origin territory west of the Indiana State line to Pacific Coast terminals, the lower rates having been sought to cope with Eastern manufacturers who can ship through the Panama Canal. The Commission by a 7 to 3 vote, with Commissioners Esch, Meyer and Aitchison dissenting, held that the reduced rates would have diverted a substantial volume of traffic, principally iron and steel articles, from interior Eastern points to Chicago territory, and would have deprived Eastern lines of the revenue they now derive from the movement of such traffic to Atlantic ports. No estimate of this loss, it is said, appeared in the record of the case. With an all-rail movement from Chicago of 300,000 tons of iron and steel a year and a gain of $50 \%$ because of the reduction in rail rates, the Commission declared by way of illustration, the Eastern lines would lose the revenue of 150,000 tons. "If this tonnage should be lost to the Pittsburgh district," it asserted, "the Eastern lines would lose in the neighborhood of $\$ 1,000$,000. At 40 cents per 100 pounds the loss to the water lines would exceed $\$ 1,000,000$." The Associated Press advices from Washington also stated:

While the gain to the Western lines would about offset the loss to the Eastern carriers and water lines, the commission added, the Eastern roads would not only "suffer a loss of revenue through a reduction in the waterborne traffic, but the increase in the spread between the all-rail rates from Chicago and from the East would tend to deprive them of a considerable proportion of such traffic as now originates in the East and moves by rail.,
The dissenting commissioners, who set forth their views at length, declared the majority had failed to decide the question whether the proposed
cuts, if applied on shorter hauls, would be fully compensatory, or whether the present rates to the intermediate terrority are reasonable or unreasonable.

This, they declared, had "always been considered one of the fundamental questions in cases of this kind.

The principal commodities on which the roads sought reductions were iron and steel, paper and paper products, ammunition, cotton piece goods,
lard substitutes, paint, roofing, rosin, soap and soda. lard substitutes, paint, roofing, rosin, soap and soda
Extensive hearings were held throughout the
interests, excepting iron and steel industries affiliated with Midwest interests, excepting iron and steel industries affiliated with the United States Steel Corporation, generally supporting the reduced rates, and
Eastern manufacturers and shippers aligned with the Eastern manufacturers and shippers aligned with the opposition. Except for certain lumber, fruit, mining and flour milling interests, those in the reductions.

From the New York "Times" we take the following regarding the majority opinion:
Commissioners Lewis and Woodlock, concurring in the decision, stated that the situation emphasized the necessity of placing the rates for transportation through the Panama Canal under regulation.

The first and most necessary step," said Commissioner Woodlock, "to a proper settlement of the matter is to place the canal rates under the regulative jurisdiction of this commission, with a view to prescription of minimum coast-to-coast rates. In my judgment the Congress should legislate to this effect at as early a date as possible.
The decision of the Inter-State Commerce Commission came at a time when the so-called long and short bill introduced, by Senator Gooding of Idaho, to bar the commission from granting reductions in long-haul rates, such as requested by the Western carriers, was being debated in the Senate. The Commission has been opposed to having its hands completely tied by the adoption or susition to the bill among Admimistration senators. It is believed that this decision which places help the opponents of the bill, and that it may not be adopted in the present
The chief commodities on which permission to reduce rates was asked were iron and steel articles, paper and paper articles, ammunition, cotton goods, lard substitutes, paint, roofing rosin, soap and soda. These new rates would be from points specifled from the Chicago district on the East, bing to meet competition of traffic which now gees from these points to East or Gulf ports and thence west by way of the Paname Cane points to
ast or Guir ports andions made was that the new rate arranal
解 place the math their Eastern competitors, who by reason of their a rate on or near the Altantic seaboard enjoy the advantage of cheaper water transportation to the Pacific ports.

Second Time Application Fails.
"The applicants," the Commission said, "hope that by stimulating traffic through the proposed reductions they may be able to increase their
net revenues, but they do not propose to apply the reduced rates to inter-
mediate destinations, since to do so would more than offset the gain from mediate destinations, since to ",
increased traffic to the ports."
There have been the ports.
except the present application was passef a like nature, the last of which, except the present application, was passed upon adversely by the Commisjoined the so-called transcontinental cases of 1922. The Eastern carriers joined with the Western carriers in the former application, but did not join
in the case decided today. in the case decided today
tions proposed are necessary if the Western rail to-day, "that the reducto the Pacific Coast in any volume articles produced or manufactured in the Middle West which are also produced on or near the manufactured in and move therefrom through the Panama Canal at rates substantially lower than the present all-rail rates from the origin territory covered by lower than the
this application.
Dealing with the growth of traffic through the Panama Canal, the Comusion had this to say:
"From exhibits introduced by the applicants, it appears that in 1921 they
hauled 83,473 tons westbound and the water lines 91,197 tons. In 1922 the hauled 83,473 tons westbound and the water lines 91,197 tons. In 1922 the
movement by rail was 63,790 and by water 260,949 tons, and in the following
year 82,563 and 446,310 tons, respectively. The figures given for the water
movement are approximate only, as the classificter movement are approximate only, as the classification of vessel cargoes is
not as accurately kept as is the case with traffic moving by rail. The
United States Shipping Board reports a movement through the Canal of
iron and steel articles during June, July and August 1923 of 386,689 long
tons, equivalent to 433,092 net tons. iron and steel articles during June, July and August 1923 of 386,689 long
tons, equivalent to 433,092 net tons.
"The rail carrier recognize that transportation by water is so much
cheaper than by rail that they cannot hope to divert to their lines much, if
any, traffic which may originate at the cheaper than by rail that they cannot hope to divert to their lines much, if
any, traffic which may originate at the Atlantic or Gulf ports or close
thereto. Most of the production, however, is inland, and they anticipate
that by reducing their rates from Chicago and related territory so as more
nearly to equal the combination of the rail-and-water rates from the principal
Eastern originating points Eastern originating points, more tonnage will move over their lines, thus
increasing their net revenues."

## Eastern Manufacturers Oppose Plea

Eastern manufacturers, the Commission says, generally oppose the application, contending that the relief sought is based on market competition rather than water competition and that such competition is not sufficient ground for the grand of the relier.
carriers hoped to did not believe that all of the benefits which the Western carriers hoped to obtain would be realized.
"It is unnecessary to proceed through the entire list of commodities whole, it cannot be said that the proposed terminal rates, with the exception of the rate on ammunition, are lower than would be necessary to permit
the Middle West manufacturers to compete on relatively equal term manufacturers located at some distance from the seaboard who ship their products through the Atlantic ports.
But before the relief from the operation of the fourth section which is here sought may be granted we must be satisfied there would not therereby be
created infractions of other provisions of the Act, particularly those of Section 3 prohibiting undue or unreasonable preference or advantage or or
prejudice or disadvantage to persons or localities. We should likewise be convinced that the adjustment proposed will result in the substantial
benefits which its proponents anticipate."

## Fear War With Water Carriers.

The Commission then took up the subject of whether the water carriers which are not regulated, would lower their rates if the rate reductions asked by the carriers in the application were granted.
"The proposed rates on iron and steel articles, from which the applicants hope to obtain their greatest increase in net revenue, might be expected to divert some of the traffic which now originates in the Pittsburgh district if the rail and water rates from Pittsburgh remain the same. There is no assurance, however, that the Eastern rail carriers, and particularly the water lines, would permit any substantial diversion of their traffic without making an effort to retain it. They would be urged to take this action by Eastern manufacturers whose business would suffer through loss of their Pacific Coast trade, and the record shows that in one instance a committee already has been appointed to appeal to them for offsetting rate reductions in the event the proposed rates are permitted to become effective.
"A slight reduction in the water rate would suffice to retain the advantage to the rail-and-water route, and this would call for further reductions in the rates of the Western carriers to bring about the near equalization of the Middle West and Eastern markets. On the other hand, if the Western carriers were not inclined to meet reductions in the water or rail-and water rates the competitive situation would remain as it is at present, the revenues of the applicants and the water lines would be unnecessarily reduced, and the Pacific Coast shippers would receive the only advantage.

## Water Traffic Restricted.

"There is another phase of this matter which must not be overlooked. Section 500 of the Transportation Act, 1920, declares the policy of Congress to be 'to promote, encourage and develop water transportation service and foster foster and preserve in full vigor both rail and water transportation.'
narrow area along the A of the water lines is restricted to a comparatively along the Pacific Coast. Since but littl and to a much narrower area the water lines must reach out for it into the inc originates at the ports, advantages of shipping by water, prohibit themerior. The inherent dis rail lines at points where the combined rail and from competing with the rail charges, and consequently the territory from which they may draw traffic is confined to an area from which the rail rates plus the water charges are substantially lower than the all-rail rates
Coast cities. Unlike the rail is conrs the almost exclusively to the Pacific from which to draw or whic torsitory therefer the is strongly urged from ere, tha proposed rates from Chicago for the avowed purpose of depriving the water lines of a sub-
stantial portion of such traffic as they are now disregard wholly the pel water transportation. To be of material benefit encourage and develop substantial portion of this tonne must berriers, a substantial portion of this tonnage must be diverted to their lines. The and water transportation.
"If the hopes of the applicants should be realized, they as a whole might obtain from the granting of the the benefits which be greatly disproportionate to the loss which the water application would The record shows that the total tonnage, both eastbound and suffer of all the water lines is but a very small fraction of that of the westbound nental carriers operating west of Chicago. It is evident the trans-contidiversion of any substantial tonnage, both eastbound and westbre that the have but an inappreciable effect on the net revenues of the rail cald On the other hand, it might very seriously impair the ability of the water lines to maintain their present standard of service.
"Upon full consideration of the record, we find that the application for section of the act should be denied."

## Amendments to Watson-Parker Bill for Adjustment of Railroad Labor Disputes Urged by Manufacturers, Shippers and Farm Organizations.

It was announced this week that renewed efforts will be made to have the Watson-Parker Railroad Labor Disputes Bill "amended to adequately protect the public interest in 'uninterrupted railroad service and reasonable rate charges.' The bill is now before the Senate. According to an announcement made this week by the National Association of Manufacturers, that organization, numerous State associations of manufacturers and commercial shippers in a majority of the States, and the fourteen railroads, have joined in a statement to the Senate of the United States, urging amendments to the pending bill.
The four amendments to be urged are:

1. Adoption of the proposal of the American Farm Bureau Federation and the National Grange that power to control wage awards and agreements now possessed by the Railroad Labor Board be ransserred wo exiet npublic safeguards. The alternative is, in the language of the former Chairman of the Railroad Executives, addressed to the Howell-Barkely bill. to "leave the question of increases in railroad wages to the uncontrolled agreements of the parties or to the casual arbitration tribunals that may be agreed upon by them."
2. To place upon the parties to a railroad labor dispute a clear legal obligation to preserve continuity of service during an investigation into the merits of such dispute through a committee appointed by the President. The provisions of the bill intended to accomplish this object are ambiguous in themselves and the subject of contradictory interpretation by the bill's proponents. They should be clarified in the public interest. "Such legislation," said the President in his message to Congress Dec. 3 1924. "will not meet the requirements of the situation unless it recognizes the princi;. the public has a right to the uninterrupted service of trasportation.
3. The investigating committee to be appointed by the President in an emergency should possess the authority necessary to its task. The possesslon of such power cannot lessen the efficacy of the committee. Its absence imperils the performance of its function. Compulsory power is given in the bill to private arbitrators appointed by the parties to a dispute. Why should a public committee representing the people of the United States in a crisis have less authority?
4. The President should be empowered to appoint a committee of investigation when, in his judgment, a substantial interruption of transportation is threatened. Under the bill he can only do so onting the public inof the Board of Mediation. The responion rests upon the Chief Executive. His authority and discretion should correspond with his responsibility. Among the bodies urging these amendments are:

- National Association of Manufacturers, the Denver \& Salt Lake RR. Co.. Minneapolis \& St. Louis RR. Co.. Denver \& Rio Grande Western RR Co., Kansas City Southern Ry. Co.. St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. Co.. Sl. Louis Southwestern Ry. Co., Bangor \& Aroostook RR. Co.. Maine Central RR. Co., Erie RR. Co., Delaware \& Hudson Co., Western Maryland RR.. Virginian
RR. Co., \&c.. \&c.

In an item in our issue of March 6 (page 1257), referring to the adoption of the bill by the House, we gave the views previously expressed by representatives of the National Association of Manufacturers regarding the bill. "In the current issue of our paper we note the diverging views of members of the Association of Railway Executives anent the bill.

## Divided Views of Members of Association of Railway Executives on Watson-Parker Bill for Adjustment of Railroad Labor Disputes-Opposition of

## L. F. Loree.

The opposition previously voiced by L. F. Loree, President of the Delaware \& Hudson, to the Watson-Parker bill, providing new legislation for the adjustment of railroad labor disputes, was evidenced anew this week, at the meeting in this city on March 18 of the Association of Railway Executives. In giving in our issue of March 6, page 1257, an account of the adoption of the bill by the House of Representatives, we made known the stand taken against the bill by Mr. Loree, at the same time stating that the proponents of the bill had as their leader W. W. Atterbury, President of the Pennsylvania RR. At the meeting of the Railway Executives on the 17th, majority members of the Association endorsed the action of its Labor Committee in supporting the bill, while a minority group of the Association, under the leadership of Mr. Loree, adopted a resolution notifying the Secretary of the Association that under no circumstances did they wish to be included among the railroads endorsing the acts of the organization's Labor Committee. The New York "Times," which thus records the action of the two factions, also had the following to say in its issue of March 18:
The Labor Committee of the association, headed by General w. w Atterbury, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad, formulated the provisions of the Watson-Parker bill in conjunction with a similar committee appointed by the railway labor unions.

Want I.-S. C. C. to Control.
Yesterday's action constituted a last-minute effort by the minority group to insert in the bill a provision that the Inter-State Commerce Commission may set aside any wage agreement reached by the railroads and their employees.

Mr. Loree charged that enactment of the Watson-Parker bill would remove the protection to the public against a possible increase in freigh rates and leave the railroads at the mercy of the wage demands of thei employees. His fight against the bill dates back to the association's con vention at Chicago, when $80 \%$ of the country's railroad mileage went on record as favoring the passage of the act.
All of his arguments were met by General Atterbury. representing the majority, who declared that the passage of the bill would herald a new era in the relations between railroad employer and employee aid down in history as the "Locarno" of the railway labor situation
Meeting defeat on the main issue, the opponents attempted to adopt a resolution placing restrictions on possible actions of the new Board of Mediation formed under the provisions of the bill to replace the present Railroad Labor Board.

Resolution Voted Down.
This resolution introduced by W. G. Bierd, receiver and operating head of the Chicago \& Alton, was defeated by an adverse vote from $75 \%$ of the country's railroad mileage. It read:
"Provided that the Inter-State Commerce Commission may upon its own
"potion suspend the operation of any such award or any wage agreement motion suspend the operation of any such award, or any wage agreement, between the parties to this act. except one resulting from the operation of Section 10. if the commission is of the opininn that such award or agreemetial
involves any increases in wages or salary, likely to necessitate the substantice involves any increases rates of any carrier. The Inter-State Commerce Commission shall hear any award or agreement so suspended, and as sond as practicable and w,

Although the majority voted down this proposal, which also bore the endorsement of the National Grange and the American Farm Bureau, it agreed to refer the matter to the Labor Comfter such conferences and as may be of "such action as may seem wise afte in respect to the proposed legisconsiste
lation."

Minority Records Dissent.?
This did not satisfy Mr. Loree and his friends who decided at the minyri convention that the President of each railroad represented there should inform the Secretary of the association in writing of his dissent from the majority and the reasons therefor.

Prominent among those who shared Mr. Loree's view were E. N. Brown, Chairman of the St. Louls, San Francisco Railway and the Pere Marquette; W. II. Williams, Che Wabash: Frank G. Alfred, President of the Pere Marquette: C. E. Shaff. President of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas; Daniel Uptherre, President of the St. Louis Southwestern and James E. Gorman. President of the Rock Island.

Forty-three railroads, constituting about $75 \%$ of the mileage, represented the majority at the meting and nineteen roads the minority. Thirty-eight roads. Including the Atchison. Topeka \& Santa Fe, were not represented.

Mr. Loree in a letter addressed on March 18 to S. J. Strong, Secretary of the Association of Railway Executives, declares that "the attitude of the majority membership toward the Watson-Parker bill is an absolute reversal of the position taken by the executives against the Howell-Barkley bill and the testimony offered, at their request, by Hale Holden, Alfred P. Thom, Mr. Neill and other representatives. The introduction and handling of this bill," he further says, "invites disaster to the railroad interests." He likewise says that the action of the majority in referring to the Labor Committee the amendments proposed by the farm organizations was "a mere parliamentary method of burying it." Mr . Loree in part states:
The farm population constitutes 32.000 .000 . They supplv approsimately $35 \%$ of the materials used in manufacturing industries, and if forest products are included. about $75 \%$. They supply one-fifth of the total tonnage of freight carriet by the railroads. They produce one-half of the value of our exports They pay one-fifth of the costs of government. national wealth. sixth of the national income, and represent one for the last ten years They cldim, and rightly claim, the thatly fear this bill contemplates a been steadily growing wors, a for inlarge increase in railroad wage ex.
a request coming from their official representatives was of sufficient imA request portance to require a rrank discus. The reference to the labor committee, of the association upon the floor. The reference to the labor commee with where action represe parliamentary method of burying it.

## Eastern Presidents Conference Names Committee to

 Confer With Trainmen on Wage Demands.The Eastern Presidents' Conference appointed on March 18 a committee to confer with representatives of the conductors and trainmen in regard to the demands of the latter for increased wages. Mr. Loree, Chairman of the conference, announced that the committee, would comprise the following: John G. Walber, Vice-President in charge of personnel of the New York Central; C. E. Denney, VicePresident and General Manager of the New York Chicago \& St. Louis; C. H. Ewing, Vice-President and General Manager of the Reading Company; C. W. Galloway, Vice-President of the Baltimore \& Ohio; R. V. Massey, General Manager of the Pennsylvania Railroad Lines in the East, and VicePresident Pollock, of the Boston \& Maine. The proposal to name the committee was made known in our issue of Saturday last, page 1406.
Proposal for All-American Ship Canal Connecting Great Lakes with Atlantic Ocean.
Supplementing his message to the New York Legislature on March 8 in support of the proposal for the construction of an all-American ship canal from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean through New York State, Governor Smith of New York on March 15 made public a letter which he
addressed to the Senators and Representatives in Congress from New York State, in which he presented arguments as to the advantages of the all-American proposal. The Governor expressed it as his conviction that "a ship canal from lakes to sea has become a necessity to the commercial needs of our country;
that the route of the American canal, following the long-established line of traffic, is the best one to build, and that an American canal is the only one for which American capital should be spent." The Governor's message to the New York Legislature appeared in our issue of a week ago, page 1403. His letter to the Senators and Representatives, as given in the New York "Times" Mareh 16, follows:
For more than a century and a half this country has talked of comnecting the Great thakes with the Atlantic Ocean by a ship canal. One hundred
years ago this desire was partially met by the construction of the old Erie Canal, and it is doubtful if any transportation project was of the old Erie success.
Up to
Up to 1883, the year that tolls were abolished, the Erie Canal together with its branches, chiefly the Oswego Canal, had repaid the State not only turned in the handsome profit of $\$ 43,599,177$ over and above these it had What was of greater benefit, however, than mere dollars, the Eharges. costered the growth of that great industrial zone which, with Erie Canal ities and factories, extends from Buffalo to Troy and on down the Hudson River to end at Greater New York. When the railroads appeared they fol owed this well-established trade route, so that as a traffic line to the West it was not only the first in point of time but it has remained the first in importance in this country.

## Canals in War Emergency.

As the population of our Middle and Western States increased, lake commerce grew in proportion and the agitation for a deep waterway between our inland seas and the ocean became more pronounced. Then, without warning, came the World War and with it the necessity for transporting States to the Atlantic seaboard, and for the from our Middle and Western dispute that our railroads were not adequate to time it was proven beyond To relieve the overburdened railroads, the meet such an emergency. designed and built barges to be used on the New Yar Government hastily and, though boat operators disagree as to whether or not these varge Canal, of the proper type, none deny that they did carry many the and that they did serve to relleve rail congestion. The war, having clearly shown the cong
parties heeded the warning and have given their ship canal, both political people that such a canal will be built.
A ship canal, however, is not needed solely to meet emergencies. Our five Great Lakes make up the largest body of inland waters in the world: the States bordering them are large in area, population and production. These Lake States with the more westerly ones, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri, now produce an enormous tonnage of both agricultural and manufacturing products. And as the years go by this output of farm and factory will surely increase and the demand for the cheaper water transportation to the markets of the world will become the insistent.

## Deals Only with Transportation.

In the discussion of a ship canal from lakes to ocean, I shall deal with the subject solely as a transportation proposition divorced from the question of hydro-electric development, which is an entirely different problem, one which should stand by itself and not be permitted to befog the question of transportation.
There exist three possible routes for such a canal: One from the east end of Lake Ontario through the St. Lawrence Valley to the Gulf of St. Lawrence and thence to the sea. A second route leaves the St. Lawrence River at Lake St. Francis, runs through Canadian territory to Lake Champlain, thence to the Hudson River and the sea.
The third route leaves Lake Ontario at Oswego, passes through the Mothis last, the so-called American route, that I be Hudson to the sea. It is

American Route to American Ports.
It is natural and proper that every American should wish the supremac of American ports continued; to accomplish this, a ship canal to the lakes through American territory is a necessity.
The Canadian-St. Lawrence Canals in 1900 carried only $1,309,066$ tons eight years (1918-1925) the increased to $6,206,988$ tons. During the last freight that have been carried on an American canal to
The American canal will not only provide the cheaper American port. by our Western States, but it will make Frie, Pa water rates desired Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, Superime Erie, Pa., Cleveland, Toledo, ports, having the shortest water route to Duluth and other lake cities seaIndies, Central and South American markets Atlantic port and to West I say these lake cities'will be seaports in spite
heard that ocean ships will not go to nor navigate the contention so often large and ever increasing tonnage handled at Monte upon the lakes. The as the success of a ship canal to the lakes is concerned, it is not necessary or ocean steamers to enter the lakes at all.
What is necessary is to provide a junction point where fresh and salt water tonnage may be exchanged, a port where the lighter-built lake
steamers may meet and transfer cargo to the
Fifty Hours from Lakes to Ocean.

That the American route is practical from the engineering standpoint has been certified by the army engineers who recently reviewed the exhaustive ceport of the special board which surveyed and reported on this oute in 1900. To my way of thinking, the advantages of the American route are so evident that only a few arguments are necessary to convince any one not having some personal advantage to gain through the Canadian
The distance from the lakes to the Hudson is only, at least, to build. been argued that canal navigation is too slow to meet modern traffic requirements, but a rate of 5 miles an hour is admitted to be practical on the canal proposed; this means that the actual canal journey can be made in $331 / 2$ propos
The trip on the broad and deepened Hudson to Sandy Hook is 165 miles. Here steamers can run at full speed, let us say 10 miles an hour. The entire Here steamers can run then, from lakes to ocean can be made in 50 hours.
The American route runs through territory seldom troubled by fogs and
ends at New York Harbor, where the ocean is freefrom the menace of icebergs danger.

Finally, the success of any line of transportation depends upon the tonmile, produces more the American canal will serve a region that, per square mile, produces more potential freight than any other territory in the country, this canal should, and in all probability will, carry more freight than

## National Defense.

To say that a ship canal to the lakes would be an aid to our national defense in time of war is to state a fact as obvious as that rations are needed for troops. In recent letters to the Chairman of the Rivers and Harbors Committees of Congress both the Secretaries of War and of the Navy so
declared themselves. declared themselves.
White House thement that, following the visit of certain politicians to the White House, the wording of their first letters was somewhat modified; the "In the event of a Secretary of War stated:
ucts and raw material of the Middle West the thickly populated industrial areas of the the Atlantic seaboard and to States would impose a great burden on the railroarn and New England States would impose a great burden on the railroads. The probable re-
sulting congestion could be relieved by the further development of the water ways connecting the Great reved by the further development of the waterand the Secretary of the Nave with the Hudson River.
And.

A I am of the opinion the Navy said:
connecting the Hudson River with the Greaterican deeper waterway important addition River with the Great Lakes, would be a very be, therefore, an important asset to the national defense." Conclusions.
In my consideration of this subject, that phrase so convenient to the acillating, "an open mind," has no place.
I am convinced that a ship canal from lakes to sea has become a necessity解 nevitable; that the promise of both our major parties should belt is that the time to fuifil that promise is now; that the route of the American and that an Ame long established line of traffic, is the best one to build should be spent. $\quad$ Very truly yours, ery truly yours,

ALFRED A. SMITH.
According to the new Washington newspaper; the "United States Daily," a group of Senators and others interested in the proposed St. Lawrence waterway project which would connect the Great Lakes with the Atlantic Ocean via the St. Lawrence River, called on President Coolidge on March 10 to protest against a letter written by Secretary of War Davis to Representative Dempsey of New York, in which he gave approval to the "All-American Canal." In part the paper quoted said:
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Included in the group are Senators Willis, Ohio, and Lenroot, Wis consin; former Governor W. L. Harding, of Iowa;; and Charles P. Craig, of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater Association.
plan would cost over half a billion dollars more than the St. Lawrence project.

## Cost Is Estimated

"To build the All-American Canal would cost $\$ 600,000,000$, with anothe $\$ 30,000,000$ for and the Canadian and the Canadian Government would pay half.
Coolidge's attitude on the Lakes-to-the-Ocean Wated that President same as that conveyed to Congress in his annual Waterway was still the same as that conveyed to Congress in his annual message. In that docu-
ment, he called attention to the fact that the joint United States and Canada was still working the joint commission of the rence project and that surveys still working on plans for the St. Law ready for report before April.

## Objectors' Statement

Later, the delegation went to the War Department to carry its protest directly to Secretary of War Davis, and after this conference the Great Lakes-tidewater Association, under the signature of Charles P. Craig, Thousands of miles of peaceful reading in part as follows:
Canada and the United States after more than boundary line between comes a menace to peace, according to Secretary of War Dwight F .
Davis. Davis.
Secretary
chairman of the Committee "From of the Committee on Rivers and Harbors:
ing the Great Lakes with the Atlantic seaboard that waterways connect American territory,"
Presumably, Mr. Davis means entirely in United States territory.
This is vital news for in all the St. Lawrence River for deeper shipping that the development of the never has this thought of defense or danger therefromsed and studied administrations have approved the development a ecretary of War. Three ocean navigation as a relief to the freight congestion and high cost of
transportation for the north Mississippi Valley.
Many Surveys.

Time after time our best army engineers have surveyed the St. Law-
rence route and never once has any one of them reported that development was hazardous from a national defense standpoint. Many minent engineers, both Army and civil, have reported and sundry, across New York State and never once has one of thes national defense. Congress last.
across New York State to connect the Great Lakes with survey of a route were a half dozen reports available but yet in order to satisfy . There another report was ordered. The Division Engineers who made mempsey
port-Secretary Davis' own army engineers-after reresearch reported to their superiors that the Dempsey careful study and
York State is York State is not feasible because of the high cost of operations
report is not final - Donly must still go to the army engineering board for checking and approval
The report, however, being in bandineers This the only feasible workable route out to the sea from the Great Lakes is down the St . Lawrence. Mr. Dempsey has said the north Mississippi
Valley is entitled to get to the ocean, but when the army make the kind of report he wants he appeals to the army engineers won't is accommodated with a letter raising the issue of national of War and
danger.

International Question.
intever, Secretary of War Davis, with his letter to Dempsey, raises
more than a century the United States and Canada have had 3,000 miles more
of unguarded boundary line-not a soldier, not a gun, not a suspicion,
not a fear-and now the Secretary of War of the United States raises not a fear-and now the Secretary of arr of the detween Canada and the question of detes, one. hundred years of unguarded boundary lines between two great nations-this is a world wonder and a world example
is now to be broken or jeopardized merely to defeat forty million landlocked peaple in their
out to sea.
The letter
The letter of Secretary Davis raises an issue, for if we build a deep-
sea way across New York because we are afraid to trust Canada and sea way across New York because we are a thraid rightfully the $9,000,000$
join her in deepening the St. Lawrence, then
people of Canada could wwell insist upon developing the St. Lawrence as
a means for their defense. a means for their defense.
Canada can beat us in completing the job. They have a 30 -foot channel to Montreal and a 30 -foot channel on to Bu
and then a little more digging at Niagara Falls.

## Power Facilities Compared.

Meantime, Canada can develop millions upon millions of electric power while we can develop no electric power in our journey across New York.
Then, too Canada will have plenty of water and a channel that a gunboat can navigate-practically an ocean seaway. We will have a long boat can navigatepractically an oceannel with some water when and if it rains. Mr. H. C. Gardner, an eminent engineer of Chicago, and President of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater Association, puts the matter
well in the following: Suppose we should proceed with the construction of the "All-Amer-
ican" shipway from the Hudson across New York State to Oswego, what ican" shipway from the Hudson across New York State to Oswego, what
would be the inevitable reaction in Canada and Great Britain? With such Hudson-Oswego route completed, we would be in position to put into Lake Ontario, without let or hindrance, battleships and crusers, destroyers, and submarines and Hhat not in the way people of Toronto, Hamilton and other cities of Ontario feel secure? True, we have a treaty under which both nations are bound to

## Discusses Reaction

The reaction inevitably would be bad, there would come instantly a demand by our neighbors for the immediate construction of their
Georgian Bay route, and the two countries would find themselves racing Georgian Bay route, and the two countries would find themselves racing
for the earliest completion of the two shipways, each a potential danger for the earliest completion of the two shipways, each a potential danger
to the other country. Would this make for peace? With the Georgian to the outher country. construction, how would the people of Detroit, Milwaukee, Chicago and a hundred other places look upon the situation? One early reaction would be a demand for the immediate fortification of the Straits of Mackinac and the creation of modern defense works at Fort Gratiot, Mich. Could our Government neglect such necessary precautions and resist the political and other varieties of pressure that would
demand those fortifications? They would be finished and fitted before either shipway could be completed-and how would the peace probabilieither on our North American continent look then?

## secretary's Position.

Secretary of War Davis declared Wednesday that he had made no omparative study of the All-American waterway and the St. Lawrence outes nor of their commercial possibilities.
In his letter to Rep. Dempsey, the Secretary answered a formal specific question as to the military value of the All-American Canal. Such an inquiry from the chairman of a Congressional committee requires an The letter of the Secretary, it was said at the Department, did not The letter of the Secretary, it was said at the Department, did not attempt to state whether the military value of he All-Americ waterway was sufficient to justify
The Secretary has formed no opinion as to the relative merits of either of the proposed routes, it was stated.
It was stated in Associated Press dispatches from Washington March 15 that national defense considerations raised by advocates of a New York all-American route for a ship canal from the Great Lakes to the sea were assailed that day before the board of army engineers by Senator Lenroot, Republican, of Wisconsin, who declared such an issue never should have been brought into the question. The New York "Evening Post" in stating this added:

Such action, he said, could be justified only by those who looked for war etween the United States and Canada, and he said wherever a waterway was built it would be subject to airplane or artillery bombardment. He favored the St. Lawrence route.
The use by Representative Dempsey, Chairman of the House Rivers and Harbors Committee, of letters from Secretaries Wilbur and Davis touching Harional defense aspects of an all-American canal also was assailed by the Senator, who said the Secretaries had not expressed opinions regardin costs of such a waterway
Representative Dempsey replied the letters spoke for themselves, although Mr. Lenroot said they were merely for information of the House committee Calls Erie "White Elephant."
The Erie Canal, part of the proposed All-American, was assailed by Lenroot as a "white elephant" which New York wanted to get rid of
Senators from Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin and Representatives in the Huse from Minnesota, North Dakota and other Lake States supported Senator Lenroot.
The army engineers were urged to-day by the Great Lakes-st. Lawrence Tidewater Asso ciation to support the conclusions reached by a special All-American ship canal across New York State.
Instead, a brief filed by the association urged that the St. Lawrence project had proved to be practicable, that it would be much less expensive and would extend more benefits to the farmers who must ship commodities for export.
The Great Lakes territory, the brief said, was entitled to the natural way to the sea and the way that would serve the great graln-producing section best. Eighty-two bridges and thirty-one locks on the All-American, it said, would make navigation slow, tedious and impracticable, while the maximum depth would not meet the demands for deep shipping from the Great Lakes.

## Sets Cost at $\$ 506,000,000$

Latest estimates for a ship canal of 25 feet draft between Lake Ontario and the Hudson, the brief said, were $\$ 506,000,000$

To provide such a canal wholly within American territory between Lakes Erie and Ontario," it continued, "there must be added between $\$ 125$,000,000 and $\$ 155,000,000$, making a grand total cost for the so-called allAmerican route of between $\$ 635,000,000$ and $\$ 661,000,000$.'

The official estimate for a 25 -foot channel in the St. Lawrence River from Montreal to Lake Ontario, with locks 25 feet deep, is $\$ 252,728,200$ and for a 30 -foot channel $\$ 270,714,380$. More than $\$ 100,000,000$ of the cost of the St. Lawrence development, however, is for work required solely for water power-making the navigation improvement $\$ 152,000,000$ and $\$ 170,-$
000,000 , respectively, for the two countries (the United States and Canada).

After presenting a mass of statistics as to the relative services the two outes would render, the brief said

With this evidence of the vastly greater expense of building and operating a project of doubtful value across the State of New York as compared with a thoroughly prqctical waterway by way of the St. Lawrence, what legitimate reason can be assigned for giving serious consideration tol the

The brief did not oppose the New York route as a barge development, but as a substitution for the St. Lawrence.

## Referendum Among Business Men by United States

Chamber of Commerce Shows Opposition to Legis-
lation Permitting Maintenance of Resale Prices.
Legislation by Congress permitting maintenance of resale prices does not have the support of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. This is the conclusion reached through a referendum vote among business organizations making up the membership of the Chamber. The result of the balloting recently announced makes clear the Chamber's position as to which there had been some controversy since a referendum was taken on the same general subject in 1916. The vote was close. On four of the five questions submitted a majority voted in favor of the principle of price-maintenance, but under the by-laws of the organization a two-thirds vote is required for commitment. The questions submitted and the vote on each are as follows:

1. Should there be Federal legislation permitting the seller of identified merchandise, sold under competitive conditions under a distinguishing name, trade-mark or brand to control the re-sale price thereof?

In favor, 1,079 ; opposed, 911 ; necessary to carry, 1,327
2. If there is to be such legislation, should it take the form of permitting contracts for the maintenance of resale prices on identified merchandise sold unde
or brand?

In favor, 1,116; opposed, 576; necessary to carry, 1,129
3. If there is to be such legislation, would restrictions proposed by a special committee, and included in the referendum pamphlet, be proper restrictions?

In favor, 1,060; opposed, 564; necessary to carry, 1,084
4. In addition to such legislation should Congress enact legislation bringing under the law of unfair competition the cutting of the seller's declared price which results in misappropriating or injuring good-wil attaching to articles identified as to their origin?

In favor, 875; opposed, 765; necessary to carry, 1,094. 5. Instead of such legislation, should Congress enact legislation bringing ader the law of unfair competition the cutting of the seller's declared price which results in misappropriating or injuring good-will attached to articles identified as to their origin?
In favor, 223; opposed, 1,247; necessary to carry, 981.

## United States Chamber of Commerce on Rapid Growth

 of Installment Selling.The rapid growth of installment selling which has now reached a peak of $\$ 5,000,000,000$ annually, is reflected in a preliminary survey made by the Department of Domestic Distribution of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, the results of which were announced on March 15. The department estimates that $17 \%$ of the entire amount of consumer goods sold at retail are disposed of in this manner and the trend is still upward. It finds, however, that information concerning the extent and character of the practice is too meagre to justify a conclusion as to whether it is an economic menace or a legitimate credit development The department calls attention to the survey of the Farmer's Loan \& Trust Co., which estimates that $\$ 3,293,411,878$ worth of automobiles, washing machines, vacuum cleaners, phonographs, furniture, pianos, jewelry and radio apparatus are sold on the installment plan. This survey was the subject of an item in our issue of Feb. 27, page 1112. The General Motors Acceptance Corporation's operations for its seven years of existence totaled $\$ 509,250,454$, with a loss ratio for 1925 of only $.12 \%$, declares the department, which says it is found that, outside of the trades in which it is an established practice installment selling shows an increase in the clothing and radio trades and that in others, hardware and paints and varnish, its introduction has been strongly resisted. "Where such large sums are involved as the credits represented by $\$ 5,000,000,000$ annually," says the report of the Domestic Distribution Department, "it was inevitable that some form of financial aid would be evolved, and it is found now in the organization of large numbers of so-called finance companies or commercial credit companies which were organized first as an outgrowth of the immense increase in the production of automobiles. At a meeting in December 1924 three hundred companies, representing $90 \%$ of all automobile financing, were organized as the National Association of Finance Companies." No accurate statistics as to the number of such companies are available because the increase has been too rapid. Many are purely local or are used only in the sale of one particular device, and they appear and disappear with great frequency. The report continues:

It is asserted further, that the credit companies perform a service fo the banks in the supervision and collection of small sums which, heretofore, there has been no means of discounting in the United States, although, for
example, in France it is possible to negotiate loans on accounts even so example, in France
small as one dollar.
A principal objection to installment sales has been based upon the added involves the question of turnover so bourght in that way. This, however chant is concerned and it is maintained by those who follow the practice that the price is not necessarily increased if the accounts are good and this form of selling is not overdone.
the methods adopted by a the methods adopted by a good many of the early installment houses. Fur of considerable unit value and of hore than that when confined to articles an improper amplification of the credit idea and enables thousands of people to benefit by the ownership of articles which if procurable only by example, the apparent family income which hastifies the to possess. For vacuum cleaner has declined until the minimum seems to be regarded as from $\$ 2,000$ to $\$ 2,500$ a year.
When applied to the purchase of really useful articles, the installment plan is almost in the nature of a savings device and not necessarily an within the past few year
As the least desirable form of installment selling we have the smal establishments where there is an apparent willingness that customers shal fail in their payments in order that the merchandise may be repossessed and resold as new by concerns conducting that kind of business. At the other extreme is the large reputable department store in which only legitimate sales are contemplated, with a frequently manifested desire to accom srees of collection methods from weekly to monthly visits at the homes of customers to voluntary calls or payments by mail by customers of reputable firms.
It must be obvious that any distributer who adopts the installment plan for the sale of selected articles of merchandise should not burden his ordiary cash customers with the prices charged under the instaliment plan. There should be a material difference in price between the two classes of iderably less than that attending the sale of merchandise on the install ment plan.

## Dr. Anderson, of Chase National Bank, on Effects of Immigration Policy on Labor SituationRestrictions Tend to Higher Wages

Before the National Metal Trades Association at the Hotel Astor, this city, on March 9, Benjamin M. Anderson Jr., Ph. D., Economist of the Chase National Bank of the City of New York, spoke on the "Effects of Our Immigration Policy on the Labor Situation." He noted that with labor supply held down by our immigration restrictions, wages are necessarily higher than they would otherwise have been. This is desirable, but it involves changes of business policy and readjustments of sereral kinds.
(1) We must economize labor, using land and capital with comparative avishness, and using labor only for the most important uses. Our strength will be even more than ever in mass production where machines turn out ar a hreat deal of mindons of wits of a given pattern. Prox ction calling
(2) There has been taking place a shifting of industries from the northern half of the Atlantic seaboard, and especially from New England, to other parts of the country, notably the South, where wages are lower, while there has been taking place a counter-movement of population from areas of the United States, where wages are low, to the industrial centres, where they are high. This will tend toward a leveling up of wages in the interior of the country, especially in the South, with possibly a leveling down of wage
(3) The situation creates an increased inducement to American capital to seek foreign investment.

## Dr. Anderson said in part:

One of the difficult and novel problems which confronts American business is the inelasticity and shortage in our labor supply which grows out of our new immigration policy. In pre-war days expanding business was usually a signal for an increased flow of labor to this country, while periods of business inactivity usually witnessed a sharp falling off in the rate of immigrion, and even a considerable a labor. Our present restrictions on immigration make a very diferent situation. The mere shortage of labor is one thing. The inelasticity of the labor supply is a different thing. Each aspect calls for changes in business pollu, whe the shortage ing a dustries among different sections of the country. dustries among different sections of the country.
In a large way, it may be said that the rate of wages depends upon the proportion between the labor supply on the one hand and the natural re-
sources and capital with which labor works on the other hand. When land sources and capital with which labor works on the other hand. When land
and capital are scarce and dear and men are abundant, men become cheap. and capital are scarce and dear and men are abundant, men become cheap. high. Wages in the United States would have been very much higher than they were in the ten years preceding the war if we had adopted in 1904 the immigration policy which we now have. Even if prices should go back to pre-war levels, wages would not go back to pre-war levels while our present immigration policy continues.
I think that all humane men must welcome the improvement in the position of American labor which this involves. High-priced labor, however, is not necessarily high-cost labor. American labor is highly efficient, partly of the fact that it is used in conjunction with a large volume of land and capital, and so has much greater opportunity to turn out a large product per individual. Where high wages grow out of high output per man, they are economically desirable and may be expected to continue. High wages accompanied by slovenly work, reduced output and progressive inefficiency are an economic monstrosity and cannot be maintained. Wages depend on productivity.
High wages are to be welcomed because they mean for a very large body of our people better conditions of life and better opportunities. But it is necessary for us to take stock as to the significance of this for our indus.
trial situation, in the interest of labor, no less than in the interest of business management and capital.
The first significant change in business policy that is required is that we must econole lore than were obliged to in the pre-war period. With capital and land relatively abundant and labor rela tively scarce, we must use land and capital with comparative lavishness and reserve labor for the mast important uses. The strength of American industry as compared with European industry has always been in the field of mass production where machines turn out many thousands or even millions of units from a given model. Europe, with more abundant labor, of hat or hand labor man did few units of goods were produced from a given pattern or model. Bicycle factories in Europe, for example, often produce bicycles to individual order, making special adjustments to the peculiarities of the individual user. with Europe, we shall have to shift still further towards mass prompared and to surrender still further to Europe those lines of industry which call or a great deal of hand work
within the United States save been observing a very considerable shifting been the northern half of the Atlantic seaboard which country. It has course, the great flow of immigration, and with the checking of that flow, it has been the northern half of the Atlantic seaboard where the rise in wages has been most rapid. Industry, consequently, has been shifting from the Atlantic seaboard to other parts of the country. In cotton textiles, notably, there has been a ere where wages are still Nuw England, where moreover, has been shifting from the South to the North, and from the country to the industrial centres. A contributing factor is the higher general level of freight rates which tends to encourage in any case the development of local manufacturing centres close to the source of raw mate. rials in various parts of the country.
A third result of the situation has been an increased inducement to解 ital, there uns ide the coantry Europe's credit would have led to a very substantial outflow of American capital to Europe in doubtedly done a good deal to intensify this. Abundant natural resources on the United States, however, even in combination with high-priced labor, still offer great inducements for the employment of American capital. and air air efficiency and reduce output.

## Bank Consolidations Necessary, Says Girard National Bank of Philadelphia.

In its "Economic Review," dated March 15, the Girard National Bank of Philadelphia refers to banks consolidations as a natural and necessary derelonment incident to corporate growth. The bank is itself to enter into a combination with the Philadelphia National Bank, and it points out that the consolidation will serve to bring Philadelphia into line with the other larger cities in whicis "powerful financial institutions $\qquad$ are adding. greatly to the prestige and business success of the cities in which tcey are located." We quote herewith what the bank has to say:

## Bank Consolidations Necessary.

All through this country and throughout the world, consolidations of financial institutions to create larger units are taking place. This is a and expanding requirements of domestic and international business varied, of banks, not only increasing services, but also loans and credits running often into big figures. Therefore, the real need for great banks, completely rounded out and equipped for every service
In the evolution of things, smaller units are steadily giving way to coordinated aggregations, better fitted to perform with economy and advantage. Corporations have taken place of individuals under drive of ecoromic laws, and partners have become stockholders with numbers vastly inceeased. Corporate growth has proceeded with the development of the country. It has been natural, healthy and constructive.
Every line of industrial business, transportation and other activity, whether in production, distribution or service, has progressed enormously through the last quarter of a century through agency of corporate owner ship and direction. The end is not yet. There will be still great accomplishments in ways to promote the welfare, comfort and happiness, and spiritual, as well as material, progress of mankind.
Financial institutions, and the vital functions and productive services which they have come to perform, constitute now a most important con structive factor in the affairs of this country and the world. They have grown and expanded to meet new demands upon them. Thus in banking has been as in other lines of activity. But as consolidation moves forwar in other directions, reaching to larger things, so must financial facilities employm, thas employment, trade and consumpto. Wealth of this country is now big ger at four times what it was a quarter of a century ago. Bank clearing are expants hou lmos, hipl. exporal sta Ste tional and state banks and trust companes in the United States. They have in 6000000,000 $\$ 00,0$ deposits. Life ing and issets
Great Banks of the World.

Philadelphia, the third city in the United States, now turns out of mills, factories and workshops in a year products worth above $\$ 2,000,000,000$ It is a chief seaport of the country. Naturally tributary to it is a highly developed populous territory. Much of the financial business of the rest Where country can be done here, as well, if not better, than elsewhere very confidentially as in advance preparation for lase domestio eign settlements, there are recognized advantages in working through Phila-
delphia. Pennsylvania pays one-eighth of the corporate and personal indelphia. Pennsylvania pays one-eighth of the country-more than any other State except New York. These make some of the reasons why greater banking facilities are needed here. It is important and valuable, not only to this city, but to the coun try at large, that every kind of banking service should be available here, backed by capital and resources enabling the biggest financial accommo dations for business which may be necessary. Elsewhere in the country there have grown up financial institutions greater in the extent of such capacity, and the current development of banking is for still larger units. Two chief banks of New York are about to consolidate as the Chase National Bank which, with $\$ 79,000,000$ of working capital and about $\$ 900$,000,000 of deposits, will rank second in the country, exceeded only by the National City Bank of New York. Even it, with $\$ 1,300,000,000$ of resources, is smaller than any of the five great joint-stock banks of Great Britain, the largest of which has above $\$ 2,000,000,000$. During and since the war, a much larger number of British banks have been consolidated into a few greatly larger institutions, and the tendency now is to reach out for control of banks throughout the British Empire, Barclay's Bank having just taken in the National Bank of South Africa, Ltd.
Elsewhere than in New York, there are many powerful financial institutions in this country, which are adding greatly to the prestige and business success of the cities in which they are located, as well as to the development of the country as a whole. In Chicago there are three banks with capital funds of $\$ 33,000,000$ to $\$ 47,000,000$, with deposits ranging from $\$ 250,000,000$ up to $\$ 425,000,000$. Boston, Pittsburgh, Cleveland Buffalo and San Francisco all have banks with larger capital and deposits than any heretofore in Philadelphia.
To correct this disoroportion and to give Philadelphia every advantage and opportunity which complete banking facilities, coupled with big captal and great resources afford, arrangements have been concluded whereby the Girard National Bank and the Philadelphia National Bank will be con solidated as the Philadelphia-Girard National Bank.
Both banks have notable heritages, preserved and augmented during ears of successful conduct. The Girard National Bank, first as a State and then as a national institution, has been in continuous business since 1832 ; similarly the Philadelphia National Bank since 1803. The consolidation was approved by the Comptroller of the Currency Feb. 24 and will be passed upon by the stockholders of each bank March 25 . It is anticipated that the merger will be put into effect about April 1. The consolidated bank will start with approximately $\$ 27,600,000$ of capital in its business with deposits of about $\$ 200,000,000$, and resources of some $\$ 250,000,000$. Thus there will be in Philadelphia an institution fully capable of meeting every banking requirement of big as well as small business as now con ducted.

Annual Convention of New York State Bankers Association to Be Held in Quebec, June 21-23.
The New York State Bankers Association is completing plans for its annual convention which is to be held at the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec, Canada, on June 21, 22 and 23. At the banquet to be held on Tuesday evening, June 22, the principal speaker will be United States Senator James W. Wadsworth. Through arrangements with the New York Central and the Canadian Pacific Railway a special train will leave New York for Quebec at 4.40 p . m. Friday, June 18, arriving at Quebec at 7.30 a. m. Saturday, June 19, in time for breakfast at the Chateau Frontenac. The arrangements for this special train are in the hands of "Al" E. Brainard, Assistant General Passenger Agent, New York Central, 466 Lexington Avenue, New York City. Through the courtesy of the Canadian Passenger Association cooperating with the Passenger Department of the Trunk Line Association of the United States, a fare of one and one-half to Quebec and return, has been granted to the members of the association and dependent members of their families attending the convention on the "Identification Certificate Plan." A trip up the Saguenay has been arranged following the close of the convention on June 23. Edward J. Gallien, of 128 Broadway, is Secretary of the association.

## Annual National Safe Deposit Convention to Be Held in New York City, May 7-8.

The National Safe Deposit Convention will be held at the Hotel Roosevelt, New York City, Friday and Saturday, May 7-8, 1926. Addresses will be made at the various sessions by experienced bankers and safe deposit managers. Mark Graves, member of the New York State Tax Commission will speak at the Friday morning session on the sub ject: "Reciprocity Between the States in Inheritance Tax Legislation and Procedure"; and George V. McLaughlin, Police Commissioner of the City of New York, and former Superintendent of Banks, will address the Banquet; as will another notable after dinner speaker.
At the opening session on May 7 the general topic will be "The Safe Deposit Business and Söme Laws Affecting It." The Chairman will be Harry F. Pratt, Union Trust Co., Cleveland, Ohio; at the morning session, May 8, Ernest L Anderson, R. I. Hospital Trust Co., Providence, R. I. will preside, and the general topic will be "The Public Service Aspect of the Safe Deposit Business"; James A. Sweeney, of the Paterson Savings Institution, Paterson, N. J., will be the Chairman at the afternoon session, May 8, at which the general topic will be "The Safe Deposit Business Viewed from Inside-Questions of Management and Operation." \&

Thursday, May 6, has been reserved for meetings of The National Safe Deposit Advisory Council and of Committees. The Convention will be held under the auspices of the New York State Safe Deposit Association, of which Louis V. Ennis is President, W. J. Barrows of 25 Broad Street, New York, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, \&C.
Three New York Stock Exchange memberships were reported posted for transfer this week, that of Sylvester Post to Sidney M. Sternbach, that of Howard K. Burras, deceased, to Gustav Epstein, and that of Howard H. Pell to J. Carson Moore. The consideration in the case of the first wo was stated to be $\$ 150,000$ each and for the last-mentioned $\$ 145,000$. The last preceding sale was for $\$ 145,000$.
The stockholders of the Chase National Bank and of the Mechanics \& Metals National Bank approved on March 18 the consolidation of both institutions under the name of The Chase National Bank of the City of New York. It is announced that all of the proxies which were voted, representing a substantially larger proportion of the total shares than the required two-thirds vote, favored the consolidation. As has already been indicated in these columns, the agreement was entered into by the respective boards of directors a month ago. It has now been ratified at separate meetings of the respective stockholders and the plans for carrying out its terms adopted. The Mechanics \& Metals meeting authorized a stockholders committee with full power to act in effecting these plans. The physical consolidation will take effect on April 12 1926. The consolidated bank will have capital, surplus and undivided profits amount ing to $\$ 79,000,000$. The combined resources of the two institutions, as of Dec. 31 1925, totaled $\$ 1,051,465,42028$. This includes resources of the present Chase National Bank amounting to $\$ 638,050,23060$, resources of the Chase Securities Corporation amounting to $\$ 25,521,60123$, and resources of the Mechanics \& Metals National Bank amounting to $\$ 387,893,58845$.

Albert H. Wiggin, now Chairman of the Board of Directors and President of the Chase National Bank, will be Chairman of the Board of Directors of the consolidated bank; Gates W. McGarrah, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Mechanics \& Metals National Bank, will be Chairman of the Executive Committee, and John McHugh, President of the Mechanies \& Metals National Bank, will be President of the consolidated institution.

In the Chase Securities Corporation Albert H. Wiggin will continue as Chairman of the Board of Directors, Edward R. Tinker as Chairman of the Executive Committee, and Halstead Freeman as President.
It has been determined that the new and enlarged board of directors of the combined institution will include banking, manufacturing, commercial, transportation and mercantile executives representing a wide range of business interests and experience. The directors, with their corporate affiliations, will be:
Henry W. Cannon.
Albert H. Wiggin, Chairman of the Board.
John J. Mitchell, President, Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago, III Guy E. Tripp, Chairman Board of Directors, Westinghouse Electric \& Mfg. Co.
James N. Hill. C. Jackling, President, Utah
Daniel C. Jack
Copper Co
Charles M. Schwab, Chairman Board of Directors, Bethlehem Steel Corp Samuel H. Miller, Vice-President. Edward R. Tinker, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Chase Se curities Corporation.
Edward T. Nichols, Vice-President Great Northern Railway Co.
Newcomb Carlton, President, Wes ern Union Telegraph Co.
Frederick H. Ecker, Vice-President
Metropolitan ine
Eugene V. R. Thayer, Vice-Pres dent, E. Atkins \& Co.. Inc.
Gerhard M. Dahl Chairman Board
of Directors, Brooklyn-Manhattan
of Directors, Brooklyn-Manhatta
Reeve Schley
Reeve Schley, Vice-President.
Heremiah Milbank
Henry Ollesheimer
Arthur G. Hoffman, Vice-President. The Great Atlantic Vice-President,
Co., Inc.
F. Edson White, President, Armour

Alfred P. Sloan Jr, President, General Motors Corporation.
lisha Walker, President, Blair \& Co.. Inc.
Malcolm G. Chace.
Thomas N. McCarter, President. Public Service Corporation of N. J of the Board. or the Beaty,

Chairman Board of Directors, the Texas Co.
William H. Woodin, President American Car \& Foundry Co. President, American Locomotive Co.
Villiam P. Holly
Gates W. McGarrah, Chairman of the Executive Committee.
William E. S. Griswold, W. \& J.
Sloane. President
Henry Havern District Ter minal.
, A. Jamison, Arbuckle Bros L. Loree, President, the Delaware \& Hudson Co.
Theodore Pratt, New York.
Robert C. Pruyn, President, National Commercial Bank \& Trust Co., Albany, N. Y.
Samuel F. Pryor, Chairman Executive Committee, Remington Arm Co., Inc.
Ferdinand W. Roebling Jr., Treas urer, J. A. Roebling's Sons Co

The present principal offices of both banks will be retained at 57 Broadway and 20 Nassau St. The former will be the main office of the consolidated institution and the latter will become the Mechanics \& Metals branch of the consolidated Chase National Bank. The present branch office service and facilities in New York City and Brooklyn of both banks will be continued as follows:
Metropolitan Branch, Fourth Ave. at 23d st.
Shoe \& Leather Branch, 320 Broadway.
Maiden Lane Branch, 75 Maiden Lane
Prince Street Branch, 565 Broadway.
Seventh Avenue Branch, Seventh Ave. at 36th St.
Forty-first Street Branch, Madison Ave. at 41st St,
Park Avenue Branch, Park Ave. at 60th St., Brooklyn.
Produce Exchange Branch, 25 Broadway.
Columbus Avenue Branch, Columbus Ave. at 93d St
Fifty-seventh Street Branch, 143 West 57 th St
Harlem Branch, Third Ave. at 116 th St.
Harlem Market Branch, 2011 First Ave.
Eighty-sixth Street Branch, Broadway at 86th St.
Manhattanville Office, 422 West 125 th St.
Stuyvesant Square Branch, Second Ave. at 14th St.
Fifth Avenue Branch, 204 Fifth Ave.
Seventy-second Street Branch, Broadway at 72d St
Mechanics \& Metals Branch, 20 Nassau St.
Worth Street Branch, Broadway at Worth st.
The present foreign branches of the Chase will be continued as follows:
Havana Branch, Havana, Cuba
Cristobal Branch, Oanal Zone.
Panama City Branch, Republic of Panama
The policies of the founders of both institutions to conserve and to increase capital by rendering it useful will be maintained and developed in the consolidated Chase National Bank with a view to serving in a larger measure than ever before the present and future demands of commerce and industry upon banking facilities here and abroad.

The stockholders of the present Chase National Bank and Chase Securities Corporation have authorized the increase in the capital stock of the Bank and Corporation from 200,000 to 400,000 shares. 100,000 of the additional shares of each institution will be issued to the shareholders of the Mechanics \& Metals National Bank in the form of Bankers Trust Company receipts representing an equal number of shares in the Chase National Bank and the Chase Securities Corporation. The other 100,000 of the additional shares will be offered pro rata to the present holders of Bankers Trust Company receipts for shares of the two Chase institutions on the basis of $\$ 105$ for a share of the Bank and a share of the Securities Corporation, $\$ 100$ of which will be received by the Bank and $\$ 5$ of which will be received by the Securities Corporation. Thus Chase stockholders have the right to subscribe for one new share of the Chase National Bank and one new share of the Chase Securities Corporation for every two shares of each of said corporation standing in their name at $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. March 231926.

For the purpose of carrying out the agreement in so far as the stockholders of the Mechanics \& Metals National Bank are concerned the meeting of these stockholders on March 18 authorized the appointment of a committee with full power and authority to carry out the agreement in their behalf. Under this plan stockholders in the Mechanics \& Metals National Bank will deposit their shares with the stockholders' committee which is authorized to administer the exchange of securities and the consolidation of assets provided for in the terms of the consolidation agreement. Since it was founded in 1877 the capital of the Chase National Bank has been increased from $\$ 300,000$ to $\$ 20,000,000$, its deposits from $\$ 14,73820$ to $\$ 564,608,785$, its official staff from 3 to 71 with 28 directors, and its employees from 4 to 1,681 . At the present time the shareholders of the Chase National Bank and Chase Securities Corporation number 4,289, the average holding being 47 shares
The Mechanics \& Metals National Bank, one of the oldest institutions in New York City, has increased its capital since it was founded in 1810 from $\$ 1,500,000$ to $\$ 10,000,000$. From one of the four banks operating when it was chartered as the Mechanics Bank of the City of New York it has grown to an institution of wide service and outstanding prestige with 12 branches in New York City.

Previous items regarding the merger appeared in these columns Feb. 13, page 845; Feb. 20, page 966, and March 6, page 1265 .

At the Annual Meeting of the United States Mortgage \& Trust Company of New York, on Mar. 18th, the retiring directors were re-elected.

James J. Storrow, a member of the banking firm of Lee, Higginson \& Company, died in New York, at the Hotel

Plaza, on Mar. 13, after a long illness. About two months ago, Mr. Storrow went to North Carolina hoping to recuper ate; he was on his way home to Boston several weeks ago, when his illness took a serious turn as a result of an injury to his spine, and it was decided to consult New York specialists. His body was taken to Boston on Mar. 14, and the funeral was held there on Mar. 16. Mr. Storrow was 62 years of age. He was a native of Boston, and was prominent in its civic and industrial life. He was active in the Liberty Loan and Red Cross Drives, and during the war when the coal shortage in New England became acute, he pledged his personal credit for shipments of coal and subsequently shipped and distributed at his personal risk more than 1,000,000 tons of coal, a gross business exceeding $\$ 10,000,000$. He was elected to the Boston City Council and served four years, being President of it for the final year. He served as Chairman of the Boston Chamber of Commerce in 1908, 1909, 1912 and in 1913. Before he entered the firm of Lee, Higginson \& Co., Mr. Storrow was for eleven years a member of the law firm of Fish, Richardson \& Storrow, which handled many of the legal affairs of Lee, Higginson \& Company. Mr. Storrow joined the banking firm as a partner in 1900. Since the death of Maj. Henry L. Higginson he had been senior member of the firm. Mr. Storrow had also since 1916 been Chairman of the Nash Motors Company, and he was a director of the U. S. Smelting and Refining Company, U. S. Mining Company, William Underwood Company and the Railway and Light Securities Company. From 1910 to 1915 he was Chairman of the executive committee of the General Motors Company.

The million dollar suit against the Continental Bank of New York, John F. Frederichs and F. H. Hornby, has been dismissed by Justice Lewis in the Supreme Court, Kings County. Clarence C. Perpall sued the defendants claiming that they had entered into a conspiracy to prevent him from doing business and had compelled certain firms and persons to discharge him from their employ and to cease employing him and also that they had circulated libels and slanders of and concerning the plaintiff. He claimed he had been damaged in the sum of $\$ 1,000,000$. The case came up before Justice Lewis last Friday and the plaintiff asked to postpone the trial. Myron L. Lesser, the Bank's attorney, insisted on an immediate trial with the result that when the case was reached and the plaintiff was not ready the Court ordered the action dismissed.

Under the name of the Inter State Trust Company, it is proposed to establish a new trust institution in this city with a capital stock of $\$ 2,000,000$. The incorporators are Geo. S. Silzer, Isaac Alpern, Ralph Wolf, John W. Burrows, Samuel J. Bloomingdale, A. C. Fetterolf, James A. Kenny and E. P. Thomas.

The Central National Bank of Broadway and 40th St. New York City, announces the appointment of Osmond W. Cook, as an Assistant Cashier of the bank. Mr. Cook was formerly with the Grace National Bank and with the Guaranty Trust Company. Reference to the opening of the Central National Bank was made in our issue of Jan. 30 page 567.
At a meeting on March 4, the stockholders of the Public National Bank of New York ratified plans to increase the capital stock from $\$ 4,000,000$ to $\$ 5,000,000$, in accordance with a recommendation of the directors in January. Share holders will receive $\$ 500,000$ as a stock dividend and the right to subscribe to an additional $\$ 500,000$ par value of stock at $\$ 200$ per share, both of which are payable March 311926 to stockholders of record March 101926.
The special meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of America of New York City, called to act. on the question of increasing the capital stock from $\$ 6,500,000$ to $\$ 8,000,000$ has been postponed until May 25.

Two Vice-Presidents of the Manufacturers Trust Company of this city died during the past week. On March 13 VicePresident George Irving Skinner, and formerly New York State Superintendent of Banks, died at his home in Brooklyn of heart disease following an attack of influenza. He was 69 years of age. Mr. Skinner was appointed State Superintendent of Banks by Governor Whitman on July 11917 and he held this post until early in 1920. He had been identified with the State Banking Department for 22 years and for 15 years was Deputy Superintendent. In June 1924 he was appointed confidential assistant of President Jonas
of the Manufacturers Trust Company with the title of VicePresident. Mr. Skinner had also been director of the Land Bank of the State Bank of New York. Vice-President Frank L. Norris of the Manufacturers Trust Company, and formerly President of the Gotham National Bank, died in this city on March 14. Death was ascribed to heart disease and a severe cold. He was 63 years of age.

The directors of the Morris Plan Company of New York announce the discontinuance of the industrial banking business by the Associated Banking Corporation. Beginning March 12 the Morris Plan Company, with the approval of the State Banking Department, continues the service at the same location, 463 Seventh Ave., New York, as a branch office of the company.
The American Union Bank of New York announces the opening of its new bankinglquarters in the American Union Bank Building at Eighth Avenue and 37th Street, on Mar. 15.
It was announced on Mar. 6 that the Fordham Nationa ${ }^{1}$ Bank of New York, purchased the property in which the bank is located, at Fordham Road and Jerome Avenues. Prior to this, it had held the adjoining property with a view to making both properties its permanent quarters. The purchased property will be remodeled, the plans calling for the erection of a ten-story office building. Reference to the opening of this institution was made in our issue of Jan. 23, page 439. Senator Royal S. Copeland is President of the bank. In addition to Senator Copeland the officers of the institution include Joseph P. Ryan and E. Nelson Sims, Vice-Presidents; Percy N. Moore, Cashier and Luther McFarland, Assistant Cashier.

Plans to increase the capital stock from $\$ 200,000$ to $\$ 300,000$ were approved on Mar. 11 by the stockholders of the Bank of Washington Heights of New York. The surplus will be increased from $\$ 600,000$ to $\$ 1,000,000$. The new stock will be offered at $\$ 500$ a share to the, stockholders. Reference to the plans to increase the capital was made in our issue of Mar. 6, page 1266.

Plans to increase the capital stock of the Long Beach Trust Company of Long Beach, N. Y., from $\$ 100,000$ to $\$ 300,000$, have been approved by the State Department of Banking, and the new capital became effective Mar. 4. It was authorized by the stockholders on Feb. 9. The additional stock $\$($ par $\$ 100)$ was deposed of at $\$ 150$ and bidding $\$ 175$.

The State Department of Banking has issued an authorization certificate" to the Erasmus State Bank of Brooklyn, N. Y., and the bank commenced business on March 8th with a Yeapital of $\$ 200,000$ and a surplus of $\$ 70,000$. The institution is located at Rogers \& Church Avenues. Its organization was completed March 5. Frederick B. Norris is President, and Horace Howe, who has been associated with the Kensington Bank and formerly Cashier of the Gotham National Bank at 1819 Broadway has been elected Second Vice-President and Cashier. James A. Langdon is First Vice-President and Joseph Perlitch is Third Vice-President. The directors are: Fred. B. Norris, Albert E. Castle, James A. Langdon, Ernest F. Distler, George V. Fink, Martin J. Shields, John ${ }^{\rrbracket}$ A. Sievers, William Sievers, Joseph Dondero, Abraham Ender, George D. Bancroft, Magistrate Francis McCloskey, and Dr. John H. E. Sand. The stock was disposed 'of 'at 135 per 100 share.
It was announced on March 8 that a new bank to be known aslthe Citizens Bank of Brooklyn, N. Y., is being organized. The movement is headed by Frederick J. Heidenreich, President of Ithe Guaranteed Title \& Mortgage Co. The new bank will be located at 80 Jamaica Ave. The institutionwill commence business with a capital and surplus of $\$ 300,000$, of which $\$ 200,000$ will represent capital and $\$ 100,000$ surplus, the selling price of the stock being fixed at $\$ 150$ per $\$ 100$ share.

Following the issuance of an authorization certificate by the State Banking Department, the Mamaroneck Trust Co. of Mamaroneck, N. Y., began business on March 1. The institution has a capital of $\$ 100,000$ and a surplus of $\$ 100$,000 -its stock (par $\$ 100$ ) having been placed at $\$ 200$ per share. The officers of the new company are William R. Bull, President; Rea A. Murdock, Vice-President and General Manager; Lawrence S. Greenbaum, Vice-President; Frank A. Benson, Secretary; George H. Coffin, Treasurer,
and Hamilton McInnes, Counsel. The following are the directors.
Robert Acampora, President Acampora Brothers, builders, Mamaroneck, L. Harold Bayly, President Mamaroneck Lumber \& Supply Co., Mamaroneck.
C. Ludwig Baumann, President C. Ludwig Baumann \& Co., Brooklyn. Frank A. Benson, General Sales Manager, Armour \& Co.
William R. Bull, President.
J. Castiglione, builder, Mamaroneck.

Selleck E. Coles, house moving, Mamaroneck.
Charles E. Cornell, real estate', Mamaroneck.
T. F. Flandreau Jr., Vice-President and Manager Banking Department, Westchester Title \& Trust Co., White Plains.
Lawre S. Greenbaum, Greenbaum, Wolff \& Ernst, attorneys, New York City.
J. B. Morris, Morris Plan Co., New York City. Manager, formerly PresiRea A. Murdock, Vice-President and Gener
dent First National Bank, Port Henry, N.
S. McCandless, retired, Mamaroneck.

Hamilton McInnes, attorney, New York City.
J. H. McLoughlin, real estate, Mamaroneck.

John F. O'Reilly, O Relly \& Dahn, real
S. S. Prince Asiel \& Co., member New York Stock Exchange, New York City.
Mitchell Sheffer, merchant, Mamaroneck.
Frank J. Sinnott, Ennis \& Sinnott, real estate, New York City. White Plains.
City. C. Stone, Asiel \& Co., member New York Stock Exchange, New York City.
Arthur L. Torrence, hay and grain, Mamaroneck.
John S. Watson, real estate, Larchmont.
W. L. Wessels, bank advertising, New York City.
D. M. Williams, Vice-President First National Bank \& Trust Co., Port Chester.

The new trust company will render complete banking and trust services.

The Comptroller of the Currency announces that the Community-South Side National Bank of Buffalo, N. Y., has changed its name to the Community National Bank of Buffalo.

The Exeter Banking Co. of Exeter, N. H., has been authorized by the State Board of Trust Co. incorporation to increase its capital stock from $\$ 75,000$ to $\$ 100,000$. On Jan. - 121926 the stockholders of the bank authorized the increase, which will become effective April 1. Par value of the new shares will be as that of the old, i, e. $\$ 100$ per share. Stockholders as of the close of business Jan. 121926 will be permitted to subscribe for new stock at $\$ 120$ per share on the basis of one new share for each three shares of stock then held.

The death was announced in New Haven on March 15 of James S. Hemingway, \& Vice-President and a director of the Second National Bank of that city and Secretary-Treasurer of the New Haven Savings Bank. Mr. Hemingway, who was in his 65th year, died of heart disease from which he had suffered for some time. In addition to his banking activities, he was a director of the New Haven Gas Light Co., the Security Insurance Co. of that city and of the Central New England Railway Co.

The Comptroller of Currency approved on March 11 an application to organize the Port Newark National Bank of Newark, N. J. The new institution plans to commence business with a capital of $\$ 200,000$, and surplus of $\$ 50,000$. Graham B. McGregor will be President; Wm. D. Goldsmith and Warren Armitage have been named as Vice-Presidents. It is expected that the bank will begin business in temporary quarters about June 1. The stock, par $\$ 100$, is being placed at $\$ 135$ per share; of the premium, $\$ 20,000$ will be applied toward equipment and reserve.

A certificate of organization has been issued by the New Jersey State Banking Department to the Guardian Trust Co. of New Jersey, which will locate in Newark. Michael Hollander, Chairman of the Board, makes the following announcement:
Under its original charter, the Guardian Trust Co. of New Jersey was capitalized at $\$ 500,000$ with $\$ 250,000$ surplus. By unanimous vote, the stockholders approved an amendment to the charter increasing the capital to $\$ 5,000,000$ and the surplus to $\$ 2,500,000$, and providing an equipment and reserve fund of $\$ 500,000$. Original stockholders waived their subscription rights to the additional shares of capital stock, 60 that the Guardian Trust Co. is now able to offer the same for public subscription at $\$ 160$ per share- $\$ 100$ to capital, $\$ 50$ to surplus, and $\$ 10$ to the equipment and reserve fund. Subscription books will close on Thursday, April 11926.
Mr. Hollander also states that the new trust company will conduct the business of banking on the broadest scale, and will engage in all functions which may be properly performed by a trust company. Its permanent home will be at 828-830 Broad Street, Newark. Grover C. Trumbull, Vice-President of the New York Trust Co., has been elected Vice-President and member of the board of directors of the
new company. James Rattray, Assistant Vice-President of the Guaranty Co. of New York since 1920 and for several years prior to that time associated with the Guaranty Trust Co., has resigned to become a director and Vice-President of the new Guardian Trust Co. of New Jersey. He has also been elected President and a director of the Guardian Securities Co., a subsidiary investment company. Mr. Rattray has served the Guaranty Trust Co. and Guaranty Co. in various executive capacities. He was at one time in charge of the Income Tax Department, later was appointed an Assistant Manager of the Bond Department, and when the Guaranty Co. was organized in 1920 he was made an Assistant Vice-President. In recent years he has devoted much of his time to investment research and advisory work, in which connection he has also given attention to questions of taxation in relation to investment.
The Comptroller of the Currency announces, effective March 3, a change in the name of the Bergen National Bank of Jersey City, N. J., to "Journal Square National Bank of Jersey City." Reference to the proposed change in the title was made in our issue of Jan. 30, page 569. The proposal was ratified by the stockholders on March 1

The Board of Directors of the Franklin Trust Co. of Philadelphia on Marčh 17 declared a semi-annual dividend of $7 \%$, payable on April 1, to stockholders of record March 18. This is an increase of $1 \%$ in the semi-annual rate, and places the stock on a $14 \%$ basis per annum. The board also directed that on April $1 \$ 250,000$ be transferred to surplus account. This will then show the company to have: capital, $\$ 1,500,000$; surplus, $\$ 2,500,000$; total, $\$ 4,000,000$.
C. Addison Harris, Jr., President of the Franklin Trust Co., in announcing theabove increase in the dividend rate and surplus account, stated that the past six months have been the most profitable in the company's history.

Stockholders of both the Fourth Street National Bank and the Franklin National Bank, Philadelphia, on Thursday, March 18, ratified the proposed consolidation of the institutions under the title of the Franklin-Fourth Street National Bank, according to a press dispatch from Philadelphia appearing in the "Wall Street Journal" of that date. Reference to the proposed union of these institutions was made in our issues of Jan. 16, Jan. 30 and Feb. 20, pages 313, 569 and 969 , respectively.

The Pennsylvania State Bureau of Corporations at Harrisburg on March 16 granted a charter to the Mitten Men \& Management Bank \& Trust Co. of Philadelphia, an institution organized as a successor to the defunct Producers' \& Consumers' Bank of that city-the labor bank which failed on May 4 last with liabilities of nearly $\$ 2,500,000$. Application for a charter for the new institution followed the granting of permission by the Court of Common Pleas No. 2 to Albert M. Greenfield, the receiver for the failed bank, to sell the assets to Thomas E. Mitten, Chairman of the Executive Committee of Mitten Management, Inc., and Chairman of the board of directors of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co., for $\$ 928,000$. Some time ago an offer by Mitten Men \& Management to provide $\$ 1,000,000$ to reorganize the failed bank was submitted to Mr. Greenfield. Details of the reorganization plan (under which both depositors and stockholders will participate) were agreed upon by Mr. Mitten and Mr. Greenfield on Feb. 1. The plan was set out in the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Feb. 2 as follows:
Details of the plan under which Men and Management of the Philadelphia
Rapid Transit Co. will reorganize the defunct Producers' Bank were agreed to yesterday (Feb 1) by Thomas E. Mitten Consumers' of Mitten Management, Inc., and Albert M. Greenfield, receiver for the bank. The plan will be submitted by Mr. Greenfield to Court of Common Pleas No. 2 for approval before the end of the week.
In announcing the reorganization details Mr. Greenfield said his only interest is to procure as much as possible for the persons who lost theit money in the crash of the bank, and that he is convinced the Mitten plan
offers the greatest hope of salvage that could possibly be expected. said he has received a copy of the resolution of the Central Labor Union withholding its approval of any plan of reorganization that Labor Union participation of Mr. Mitten, but that he could not conscientiously enter into any consideration of labor questions.
Mr. Greenfield announced that Mr. Mitten has agreed to put up a fund immediately upon approval of the plan by the court for those depositors of the bank who wish to withdraw the proportion of the deposits to which they would be entitled if the affairs of the bank were to be liquidated Under the Mitten plan, Mr. Greenfield declared, these depositors will re ceive 60 cents on the dollar, whereas they would get not more than 55 cents if ordinary liquidation were to take place
Upon judicial liquidation of the plan, Mr. Mitten has agreed to under take the incorporation of a trust company to have a capital of $\$ 800,000$, subscribed and paid for at $\$ 6250$ per share in order to provide an initial surplus of $\$ 200,000$.

All assets of the Producers' \& Consumers' will be purchased by the nert trust company for a sum equal to $60 \%$ of the total deposits, plus all unpaid administration expenses and other unpaid obligations of the receiver, tho total of which is not to exceed $\$ 950,000$.
The depositors of the Producers' \& Consumers' Bank will have theit choice under the plan of taking either their distributive share under th receivership or to have placed to their credit in the new trust company a sum equal to $60 \%$ of the face amount of their deposits in the defunc bank.
The present stockholders of the Producers' \& Consumers' will be allowed
to subscribe to the new trust to subscribe to the new trust company's stock at $\$ 6250$ a share.
The depositors of the old bank who become depositors in the new trust
company will receive the first net profits company will receive the first net profits earned until they aggregate $40 \%$ of the face amount of their deposits in the defunct bank. The stock holders of the bank will come next until they shal have received a amount equal to the par value of their Producers' \& Consumers' holdings. holders of the Producers' \& Consumers' may borrow wh whereby stock. amounts sufficient to enable them to subscribe and pay for the proportion of stock to which they are entitled.
Decision as to whether depositors or stockholders will participate in formation of the new trust company will be required within 60 day in the confirmation of the plan by the court. If the plan is approved trays ate the assets of the old bank will be made before May 15.
Mr. Greenfield said that Mr. Mitten yesterday (Feb. 1) gave him as recev.
faith.
The new Mitten Men \& Management Bank \& Trust Co. is capitalized at $\$ 800,000$, consisting of 16,000 shares of the par value of $\$ 50$ a share. In the application for a charter the purpose of the organization was given as "the insurance of owners of real estate, mortgages and others interested in real estate from loss by reason of defective titles, liens and incumbrances." The directors are: T. E. Mitten, A. A. Mitten, C. J. Joyce, W. K. Myers and A. A. Chapman, all of Philadelphia and all high officials of Mitten Management, Inc. Mr. Chapman, it is understood, has been chosen Treasurer of the new bank. Our last reference to the affairs of the Producers' \& Consumers' Bank appeared in the "Chronicle" of Jan. 2, page 53.

Oscar H. Irwin, President of the First National Bank of Huntingdon, Pa., died on March 9. Mr. Irwin was born in Huntingdon 52 years ago. He entered the banking business shortly after his graduation from high school.

Announcement was made on March 8 of the election of William R. Webb as Secretary of the Baltimore Trust Co., Baltimore, to succeed the late William Hambleton, whose death was recorded in our pages recently. Mr. Webb entered the employ of the National Exchange Bank 23 years ago as a runner and gradually was promoted until he became Cashier. Upon the merger of his institution with the Atlantic Trust Co. and subsequently upon the consolidation of the Atlantic Trust Co. with the Baltimore Trust Co., Mr. Webb continued as Cashier, and now relinquishes the position to become Secretary. His successor as Cashier, it is understood, has not as yet been chosen. In addition to his duties with the Baltimore Trust Co. Mr. Webb is Manager of the Baltimore Clearing House.

The Indianapolis "News" of March 12 stated that a charter had been granted the Knox-Harrison Bank \& Trust Co. of Vincennes, Ind.-an institution representing a consolidation of the Knox Bank \& Trust Co. and the Harrison Bank \& Trust Co. of Vincennes. Steps looking to plans for the merger of these institutions, it was stated, had been under consideration for nearly two years. According to the "News" the new institution will have resources in excess of $\$ 1,000,000$. Tyler L. Andrews, former head of the Knox Bank \& Trust Co., will be President, with Leroy Badollett, former President of the Harrison Bank \& Trust Co. as Vice-President, while James M. Jordan will be Secretary of the new bank.

The application to organize the Halsted Exchange National Bank of Chicago, Ill., with capital of $\$ 200,000$ was approved by the Comptroller of the Currency on Feb. 13 The bank will start with a surplus of $\$ 40,000$, the stock being placed at $\$ 120$ per share. Daniel M. Healy will be President of the institution, which will begin business about May 15.

Frank H. Peterson, President of the Union State Bank of Minneapolis, died on March 11 after a brief illness. Death was due to heart disease. Mr. Peterson was born in Marine, Minn., in 1857 and was one of the pioneer merchants of Minneapolis. About fifteen years ago he became President of the Union State Bank and held the position continuously until his death.

Failure of two other small Missouri banks, namely the Bank of Jameson at Jameson, the Farmers' Bank of Jameson, in addition to that of the Farmers' Exchange Bank of

Gallatin (noted in the "Chronicle" of March 13, page 1412), were reported in the following special press dispatch from Gallatin on March 9 to the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat." The dispatch read:
The Bank of Jameson, at Jameson, eight miles north of here, closed its doors this afternoon, leaving Jameson with no
institution to fail in this county in five days.
The Farmers' Bank at Jameson closed its doors last Saturday. The finanial crash comes as the aftermath of the closing of the Farmers' Exchange Bank at Gallatin, a $\$ 1,000,000$ institution, and whose banking ramifications extended to all parts of the county.
The Bank of Jameson failure makes the tenth bank to fail in Daviess County in the last three years.
ately $\$ 100,000$ in deposits.
Thomas B. Carroll, the former Executive Vice-President and Cashier of the failed People's Savings Bank of Jackson, Tenn., entered a plea of "guilty" to a charge of fraudulent breach of trust in the Circuit Court at Jackson on Jan. 4, following which he was sentenced by Judge John E. Richardson to serve three years in the State Penitentiary at Nashville, according to a press dispatch from Jackson on that date printed in the Memphis "Appeal" of Jan. 5. Another indictment against Carroll, charging embezzlement and larceny was nolle prossed. John M. Carroll, son of the former Executive Vice-President, and the former Assistant Cashier of the bank, was cleared of charges of aiding and abetting his father in the fraudulent breach of trust. Carroll began serving his sentence, it is understood, on Jan. 6. Carroll and his son were previously tried on charges of embezzlement and fraudulent breach of trust and being an accessory, respectively, but the trial was terminated (Oct. 2 last) when the jury failed to agree on a verdict and were discharged by Judge Richardson.
The late Federal Judge J. W. Ross of Jackson was also named as a defendant in the indictments growing out of the failure of the People's Savings Bank. He met his death in an automobile accident the day after the indictments were returned by the Grand Jury (July 9). The People's Bank was closed on June 51925 with an estimated shortage of $\$ 381,000$. Reference was made to the bank's affairs in the "Chronicle" of July 25 last, pages 423 and 424, and in the "Chronicle" of Oct. 24, page 2002.

According to a press dispatch from Montgomery, Ala,. on March 13, printed in the Birmingham "Age-Herald" of the following day, formal announcement was made on that day (March 13) by A. M. Baldwin, President of the First National Bank of Montgomery, that plans had been worked out looking towards the union of the Exchange National Bank of Montgomery with his institution and that the consolidation would be consummated when stockholders of the former had ratified che agreement. Since those interested in the First National had acquired a majority of the stock of the Exchange National Bank, it was stated, the ratification would simply be a formality. According to Mr. Baldwin, it was stated, the resources of the enlarged First National Bank would be $\$ 18,000,000$. The dispatch further stated that James J. Campbell, Cashier of the Exchange National Bank, had been elected a Vice-President of the Alabrma Bank \& Trust Co. of Montgomery and would assume his new duties when the merger of the Excnange National Bank with the First National Bank became effective. Mr. Campbell had been Cashier of the Exchange National Bank since 1910, it was said.

The officers and directors of the Security State Bank and Security Savings Bank of San Jose, Cal., announce the completion of their new banking rooms at First and Fernando streets. These quarters were occupied March 8. Complete banking and safe deposit facilities have been provided.

A special dispatch from Navasota, Texas, to the Houston "Post-Dispatch" reported that the Farmers' State Guaranty Bank of Navasota had been closed on Feb. 13 and that John T. Evans, the President of the institution and R. L. Renicke, its Cashier, had been arrested for alleged embezzlement of the bank's funds and subsequently (Feb. 15) released in bonds of $\$ 7,500$ each by Justice C. C. Francklow, following a preliminary hearing. The dispatch went on to say :
Affairs of the institution are in the hands of H. D. Wallace and J. H. Quota, State Bank Examiners.
Complaints filed against the two men charge Evans with a shortage of Complaints filed aganst with a shortage of between $\$ 8,000$ and $\$ 10,000$. Evans faces only one charge, Renicke two.
On March 10 the Liberty Bank of San Francisco completed the purchase of the Siskiyou County Savings Bank and the First Savings Bank of Siskiyou County, of Yreka, Calif.
(affiliated institutions), according to a press dispatch from that place on March 10, which appeared in the San Francisco "Chronicle" of the following day. The deal, it was said, had been pending for three years. It was stated that the transfer of the banks to the San Francisco institution would be completed shortly. Fred E. Wadsworth, President of the affiliated banks, announced that there would be no change in the banks' personnel. The purchase price of the stock, it was said, has not been made public.

Advices received this week at the New York office of Barclays Bank, Ltd., stated that Barclays Bank, S. A. I., the Italian subsidiary of the Barclays organization, will open a branch in Genoa in the near future. The location of the new branch will be at 1 Piazza Competto, Genoa. Present plans indicate that it will be ready for business in April. The opening of this branch follows by about a year the establishment of Barclays Bank, S. A. I., with headquarters in Rome.
The annual report of the National Provincial Bank, Ltd. (head office London), was submitted to the proprietors of the institution at their annual general meeting on Jan. 28 and makes a satisfactory showing. The statement covers the twelve months ended Dec. 311925 and as of that date shows advances to customers and other accounts of $£ 133,-$ 617,259 ; investments of $£ 42,115,503$; bills discounted of $£ 35$,880,917 and coin, Bank of England and currency notes in the United Kingdom and balances with the Bank of England; balances with and cheques in course of collection on other banks; etc., etc.; money at call and short notice, of $£ 56,547,530$. On the liabilities side of the statement the bank's paid-up capital is given as $£ 9,479,416$, with a reserve fund of like amount, and the total deposits of the institution at£252,737,817. During the year 16 new branches and agencies were opened, increasing the total number of the bank's offices to 1,132 . In submitting the report to the shareholders, Sir Felix Schuster, the Chairman, announced that the dividend rate had been restored to the pre-war level of $18 \%$ per annum, "as had been our consistent hope once we had a reserve fund equal to our capital."
Banque Populaire Suisse, which was founded in 1869 as a co-operative society, has now 53 branches spread throughout Switzerland and shows a satisfactory expansion for the last year. The capital of the bank at the end of 1925 amounted to nearly Fr, 94.8 million (swiss) The reserves mentioned in the billion and the membership on Dec. 31 last 770 The deposits and current accounts rose as follows: Creditors by Fr. 23.5 million to Fr. 197.7 milion, savings and deposits by Fr. 30 million to Fr 273.6 million, bonds by 31.1 million to 3 million million 27.6 deposits were invested chiefly in the bills of exche with deposits were invested 123 Fr 812 million) of exchange with Fr. 123.9 mion (1024 Fr . 28 million (Fr. 21.1 million), in customers liabilities with 444.8 million (Fr. 436.7 million), in loans with Fr. 44.7 million (Fr. 48.6 million), in credits on mortgages with Fr . 178.3 million ( Fr .165 million). It is pointed out that the proceeds of the bills of exchange amounted to $\mathrm{Fr}, 7.2$ million, of the securities to 2.3 million ( Fr .1 .7 million), of the loans and advances to Fr. 36.8 million (Fr. 34.6 million). On the other hand the expenses for the deposits and current other hand, the expenses 10 che 30 million ( Fr .25 current accounts have absorbed Fr. 30.2 million (Fr. 25 million). After making amortizations on the bank buildings and reserves for alterations of together Fr. 860,000 , and after making an allocation of Fr. 90,000 for charitable purposes and an adequate transfer to the reserves, the net profit amounted to Fr. 6.3 million, thus allowing to pay again a dividend of $6 \%$.

## THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Heavy realizing and liquidation sales have depressed the stock market the present week, and, in sharp contrast with last week's brisk upward movement the general list with few exceptions has sharply declined, many new low records for the year having been established. Motor shares have been almost continuously under pressure, industrial stocks and specialties have also tumbled. The vigorous upward swing that characterized the movements of the market for more than a week received a sharp setback during the twohour session on Saturday, many prominent issues receding from 1 to 10 points on realizing and liquidation. The market was weak from the start, the selling becoming more emphatic as the day advanced. Motor shares were under pressure from the beginning and railroad issues, especially Atlantic Coast Line, Chesapeake \& Ohio and Nickel Plate went down with a rush. Trading fell off somewhat on Monday and price movements developed considerable irregularity during the forenoon. The outstanding feature of the day was the sensational break of Atlantic Coast Line and Sea-
board Air Line, the former declining 10 points from its former high, and Seaboard Line dropped to $33 \%$, but recovered to 36 in the last-hour rally. In the rebound toward the close of the day United States Steel common moved briskly forward and closed with a net gain of $13 / 4$ points. General Petroleum was the strong feature in the oil group and bounded forward nearly five points to 65, at its high for the day. The market forged steadily upward on Tuesday, and many standard stocks advanced from 1 to 3 points above Monday's closing levels. On the other hand, a concerted attack was directed against the specialties and food stocks and several issues in these groups sold down to new low records for the year. The announcement made after midsession that the stock deposited under the Nickel Plate merger would be released had a depressing effect on the general list and as a result, the market closed somewhat lower. The weak feature was Ward Baking "B," which was in supply on a large scale and dropped off 6 points to a new low of $491 / 2$. The trend of prices was again downward on Wednesday, many stocks showing pronounced weakness throughout the day. The widest movement occurred in the railroad group, Atlantic Coast Line dropping nearly 11 points, to 202, though it rallied 3 points in the late trading.

Sharp declines were recorded by such well-known market leaders as General Electric, Fleischmann, Allied Chemical, Postum Cereal and Central Leather. Heavy liquidation again marked the trading on Thursday, the selling waves coming at frequent intervals and forcing many stocks downward from 1 to 10 points. One of the weakest stocks of the day was American Can, which slipped back nearly 16 points, to $2871 / 2$. The increase in the Chesapeake \& Ohio dividend from $\$ 4$ to $\$ 8$ per share, announced after the close of business on Wednesday, stimulated interest in many issues during the early hours of trading and the tone improved, but around mid-session vast quantities of stocks were thrown on the market and the trend was again downward. The market was again weak on Friday. Motor shares were again under pressure, Hudson Motors breaking badly following the publication of its statement for the quarter ending Feb. 28, followed by sharp declines in General Motors, Jordan, du Pont, Nash, Studebaker and Dodge. American Can was sold in large blocks and broke to new low ground for the present movement, at $2821 / 2$. Weakness also developed in General Electric, which slipped back $21 / 2$ points to $3121 / 2$. Chesapeake \& Ohio moved against the trend and improved $13 / 4$ points to $1321 / 2$. The final tone was weak.

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


| Week Ended Mar. 191926. | Boston. |  | Philadetphia. |  | Bolumore. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Shares. | Bond Sales. | Shares. | Bond Sales. | Shares. | Bond Sales |
| Saturday | 17.599 27 265 | \$10,000 | 21,627 | \$9,000 | 1,443 | \$14,200 |
| Tuesday | 21,393 | 14,000 18,000 | 34,607 21,365 | 29,200 20,200 | 1.510 | 37,700 |
| Wednesday | 22,207 | 17,000 | 21,188 | 34,300 | 1,206 2,530 | 25,000 20.500 |
| Thursday | 25,715 | 11,000 | 50,967 | 19,000 | 1,475 | 24,500 |
| Fri | 14,827 | 12,000 | 26,659 | 40,000 | 2,029 | 27,000 |
| Total. | 139.006 | \$82,000 | 176,413 | \$151,700 | 12,193 | \$179,300 |
| Prev. week revised | 143,707 | \$92,250 | 213,353 | \$164,100 | 23,290 | \$52,000 |

## THE CURB MARKET.

Trading in the Curb Market this week was very quiet, and prices under renewed selling pressure moved to lower levels. Except for a slight upward movement in Tuesday's market, the trend was uniformly downward. Baking shares were most active, though changes were small. Continental Baking, class A, after early improvement from $1091 / 8$ to $1113 / 4$, dropped to 103. General Baking, class A, broke
from $663 / 8$ to $601 / 8$ and finished to-day at $601 / 2$. The class B stock fell from $207 / 8$ to $161 / 2$ and closed to-day at $163 / 4$, while the preferred stock lost almost four points to $931 / 2$. Auburn Automobile com. declined from $637 / 8$ to $581 / 4$. Electric Refrigeration was down from $667 / 8$ to $631 / 4$, the close to-day being at 64. Glen Alden Coal declined from 158 to $1511 / 4$ and sold to-day at 152 . Sears, Roebuck \& Co. new stock weakened from 52 to $485 / 8$ and sold finally at 4833 . Servel Corporation was off from $251 / 8$ to $203 / 8$, recovering finally to $213 / 4$. Public utilities were weak. American Gas \& Electric common sold down from 78 to $725 / 8$ and closed to-day at 73. American Power \& Light common was off from $591 / 8$ to $531 / 8$, the final figure to-day being $533 / 4$. Commonwealth Power lost two points to 32. Electric Bond \& Share Securities fell from $691 / 2$ to $643 / 4$ and ends the week at 65 . Electric Investors dropped from $481 / 2$ to 42 . Northern States Power sold down from $1115 / 8$ to $1061 / 8$ and at $1061 / 2$ finally. United Light \& Power, class A, declined from $871 / 2$ to 78 , the final transaction to-day being at $781 / 4$. In the oil group, Continental Oil eased off from $225 / 8$ to $203 / 4$. Humble Oil \& Refining, after early loss from $891 / 2$ to $857 / 8$, recovered to 89 and reacted finally to 87 . Vacuum Oil broke from $1031 / 4$ to 97 and closed to-day at 99 . Gulf Oil lost over two points to $831 / 8$.
A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 1595.
daily transactions at the new york curb market.

| Week Ended Mar. 19 | STOCKS (No. Shares). |  |  | BONDS (Par Value). |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ind.c.Mts. | Or. | M $\frac{1}{}$ inno. | Domestic | For'n Goot. |
| Saturday | 164,340 | 82,430 | 18,230 | \$483,000 | \$107,000 |
| Tuesday |  | 109.030 |  | $1,007,000$ 1 1 | 201,000 |
| Wednesda | 174,930 | 119,070 | 31.000 | 1,064,000 | 147,000 196,000 |
| Triursda | 184,560 188,250 | 1388,170 110,340 | 52,27 295,000 | 910,000 | 165,000 |
| Total. | 1.144,920 | 662.290 | 477,480 | 85, 509 |  |

## COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings the present week will again show a satisfactory increase as compared with the corresponding week last year. Preliminary figures compiled by ls, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ending to-day(Saturday, March 20) bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will aggregate $7.4 \%$ more than in the corresponding week last year. The total stands at $\$ 10,928,051,887$, against $\$ 10,174,248,619$ for the same week in 1925. At this centre there is an increase for the five days of $7.4 \%$. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

| Clearings-Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended March 20. | 1926. | 1925. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Per } \\ \text { Cent. } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| New Y |  |  |  |
| Chicago | $556,964,843$ | $\$ 4,895,801,010$ $588,267,730$ | +6.5 +5.3 |
| ${ }^{\text {Philadel }}$ | $554,000,000$ 439,000 | 489,000,000 | +13.3 |
| Kansas C | 121,144,175 | 398,000,000 | +10.3 |
| St. Louis | 141,100,000 | $123,136,696$ $135,500,000$ | $-1.6$ |
| San Francis | 172,960,000 | $151,482,000$ 1 | +4.1 +14.2 |
| Plttsburgh | $161,441,000$ $153,811,980$ | 147,100,000 | +9.7 |
| Detrolt | 157,256,742 | 150,762,230 | +2.0 |
| Clevelan | 102,841,226 | $145,062,502$ <br> 100.482 | +8.4 |
| New Orimi | 102,796,834 | $\begin{array}{r} 100,482,835 \\ 88,865,650 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}+2.3 \\ +15 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| New | 50,549,241 | $\begin{aligned} & 88,865,650 \\ & 64,427,989 \end{aligned}$ | +157 +31.4 |
| Thirteen cities, 5 | \$7,929,866,041 |  |  |
| Other cities, 5 days | $\begin{array}{r} 1,176,843,865 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 7,477,888,642 \\ 1,082,439,785 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & +6.0 \\ & +8.7 \end{aligned}$ |
| All citles, | \$9,106,709,906 |  |  |
| All cities, | 1,821,341,981 | $\$ 8,560,328,427$ $1,613,920,192$ | $\begin{array}{r} +6.4 \\ +12.8 \end{array}$ |
| To | \$10,928,051,887 | \$10,174,248,619 | +7.4 |

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 March 13. For that week there is an increase of $5.8 \%$, the 1926 aggregate of the clearings being $\$ 9,941,158,609$ and the 1925 aggregate $\$ 9,396,582,491$. Outside of New York City the increase is only $1.0 \%$, the bank exchanges at this centre recording a gain of $9.5 \%$. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they according to the from this it appears that in the Boston Reserve district the totals are larger by $6.5 \%$. In the New York Reserve district (including this city) by $9.4 \%$ and in the Philadelphia Reserve district by $0.3 \%$. The Cleveland Reserve district shows a gain of $2.9 \%$ and the Atlanta Reserve district (chiefly
by reason of the increases at Florida points) of no less than $17.1 \%$, but the Richmond Reserve district falls $1.7 \%$ behind. The Chicago Reserve district records a falling off of $5.1 \%$, the St. Louis Reserve district of $2.7 \%$ and the Minneapolis Reserve district of $8.9 \%$. The Kansas City Reserve district falls behind $8.1 \%$ and the Dallas Reserve Resorve district 4.8\%. The San Francisco Reserve district enjoys a gain of $10.9 \%$
In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

| Week Ended Mareh 13. | 1926. | 1925. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Inc.or } \\ \text { Dec. } \end{array}\right\|$ | 1924. | 1923. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Federal Reserve Districts. | 8 | ${ }^{\mathbf{s}}$ | \% | 8 | ${ }^{5}$ |
| 18t Boston.-.-...--12 clties | 479,233,925 | 449,966,683 | +6.5 | 464,671,351 | 481,696,066 |
| 2nd New York ........ 11 - | 3,920,973,310 5 | 5,412,352,597 | +9.4 | 4,429,639.161 | .443,651,294 |
| 3rd Philadelphis ..... $10 \quad \because$ | 568,618,154 | 566,997,575 | +0.3 | 501,311,183 | 500,396,582 |
| 4th Cleveland .-....-. 8 | 381,839,975 | 371,024,897 | +2.9 | 359,981,697 | 386,995,736 |
| 5 5th Richmond .-.---- ${ }^{6}$.. | 195,928,789 | 199,200,229 | $-1.7$ | 181,389,899 | 181,093,852 |
| 9th Atlanta .......-. 13 | 261,771,681 | 223,472,965 | +17.1 | 197,693,018 | 202,156,214 |
| 7th Chleago -....-.-. 20 | 919,918,000 | 968,769,633 | -5.1 | 853,899,653 | 882,354,361 |
| 8th St. Louls | 221,658,554 | 227,846,760 | -2.7 | 209,408,769 | 78,152,109 |
| 9th Minneapolis -----7 | 119,629,779 | 131,325,688 | -8.9 | 118,931,179 | 123,961,211 |
| 10th Kansas City..... 12 | 255,987,353 | 279,755,633 | -8.1 | 226,143,070 | 250,500,256 |
| 11th Dallas | 77,572,567 | $81,493,956$ 484,375 875 | -1.8 +10.9 | $65,174,261$ $483,582,741$ | $62,693,651$ $459,819,508$ |
| Grand total 129 cltles | 9,941,158,609 | 9,396,582.491 | +5.8 | 8,091,725,982 | 8,053,470,840 |
| Outside New York Clty | 4,129,758,640 | 4,090,039,997 | +1.0 | 3,771,046,104 | 3,719,492,840 |
| Canada --------------29 29 eltles | 296.011,995 | 262,060,421 | +12.9 | 259,094,055 | 251,069,140 |

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

| arings at | Week Ending March 13. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1926. | 1925. ${ }^{1}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Inc. or } \\ & \text { Dec. } \end{aligned}$ | 192 | 923. |
|  |  | rict-Bosto | \% |  | s |
| First Federal aine-Bangor |  |  | $\left\|\begin{array}{r} \mathrm{n}-22.3 \\ +0.5 \\ +{ }^{2} \end{array}\right\|$ |  |  |
| Portland. | 427,007.002 | 397, ${ }_{\text {2,00, }}$ |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 635,474 \\ 2,822,843 \\ 436,000,000 \end{array}$ |
| Fail River | 1,876,389 | 2,655,134 <br> $\substack{\text { a }}$ <br> 0.178 | $\begin{array}{r} -29.3 \\ \text { a } \\ +12.4 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,491,239 \\ 419,000,000 \\ 1,701,148 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 436,000,000 \\ 2,192,681 \end{array}$ |
| Holyoke | $\underset{1,104,312}{1}$ |  |  |  | $\underset{1,216,047}{\text { a }}$ |
| Lynn |  | a |  | $\begin{aligned} & \frac{a}{1,22,180} \\ & 5,248,164 \end{aligned}$ | $1,216,047$ $\mathbf{a}$ 1 |
| New Be | ${ }_{5}^{1.349}$ |  |  |  | ${ }_{4}^{1.5756,0773}$ |
| Springield | 5,226,9 |  | $\begin{array}{r} -9.2 \\ -9.5 \end{array}$ | ${ }_{3}{ }^{5} 15282$ | 4,756.773 |
| Conn- Hart | 16,339.5 | 13,228,969 | + ${ }_{-14.9}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r}10,457,955 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 1,932,568 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| R N. N N-Proven | $\begin{array}{r}\text { 6,129,503 } \\ 12,44100 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 13,444, 7800 | -7.4 | 10,995,900 | $\begin{array}{r} 11,772,400 \\ 696,066 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| N. H - -Manch |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total (12 cities) | 479,233,925 | $449,966,683$ | $+6.5$ | 464,671,351 | 481,696,066 |
| cond Feder al | a1 Reserve D ${ }_{7,335,734}$ |  | York- | 5,181,439 | 5,228,304 |
| Yingham | ${ }_{983,1}$ | \% $\begin{array}{r}982,700 \\ 46,204,831\end{array}$ | +0.04 | 94, 946,600$40,973,439$ | $1,011,300$$43,252,482$ |
| Butto | d48,037\%182 ${ }^{983}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | -70.4 | [ $\begin{array}{r}668,47 \\ 97209\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,138,435 \\ 4,33,978,595 \end{array}$ |
| mestown |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5,811, 11.089, | ${ }_{4}^{12,82}$ |  |  | 4,333,978,595 <br> 10,882.981 |
| Syrac | $\begin{array}{r} 4,26,8,801 \\ c 2,827.516 \end{array}$ |  | -11.7 | 11,678, | $\begin{array}{r} 4,52,744 \\ 4,521,245 \\ 2,545,528 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| Conn.-Stam |  | $\begin{array}{r} 2,634, .217 \\ 30,842,616 \\ 30,848,503 \end{array}$ | +1.3 <br> +17.3 <br> +5.6 | $\begin{array}{r} 2,379,209 \\ 51,189.887 \\ 41,189,420 \end{array}$ |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{c} 2,827.516 \\ & 577,685 \\ & 32,591,572 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 49,971,5250 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| tal (11 | 5,920,973,310 5 | 5,412,352,597 | +9.4 | 4,429,639,161 | 4,443,651,294 |
| Third Federal | Reserve Dist |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} +0.8 \\ +17.0 \\ +9.1 \end{array}$ | 1,335,570 | 1,261,942 |
|  |  |  |  | $1,230,997$$2.622,289$ |  |
| nca | $\begin{array}{r} 1,409,308 \\ 2,422,764 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,29,089 \\ 3,21,18 \\ 538,000,000 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |
| Ancaster |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} +9.1 \\ -24.7 \end{array}$ | 472,000,000 ${ }^{3} 179,206$ | $74,000,000$$3,344,415$ |
| Reading |  | $538,000,000$ $3,286,091$ | $+14.4$ |  |  |
| Scrant |  | 6.315,120$3,614.013$ | - 4.31 | $5.246,744$ | 5,171,963 |
| Wilkes-1 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 1,642,738 \\ & 6,229,279 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,84,951 \\ & 4,383,972 \\ & \mathbf{a} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} -11.0 \\ +42.1 \\ \mathbf{a} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,179,646 \\ & 5, \mathbf{a} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,885,386 \\ & 3,850 \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total (10 cittes) | 8,6 | 566,997,575 | +0.3 | 501,311,183 | 0,396,583 |
| Fourth | $\begin{gathered} 1 \text { Reserve D } \\ \text { d5.,444,000} \\ 4,048,978 \\ 72,754,450 \\ 106,899,096 \\ 16,564,000 \\ a \\ a \\ 1,896,678 \\ a \\ a \\ 4,640,769 \\ \mathbf{a} \\ 169,592,004 \end{gathered}$ |  | etand |  | .042,000 |
| Co-Ak |  |  | $\begin{gathered} -9.9 \\ +4.8 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 7,151,000 \\ 5,474,151 \\ 65,610,255 \end{array}$ |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Con }}$ Canton- |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cleveland |  |  |  |  |  |
| Columbus |  |  | +11.8 | 14,418,000 | 退,289,287 |
| Dayto |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manst |  |  | $\square^{-3.0}$ | $\underset{1,605,908}{\text { a }}$ |  |
| Spring |  |  |  |  | 1,795,654 |
| Toledo |  |  |  |  | 8 |
| Youns |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 81,839,975 |  | +2.9 | 9,98 | 386.995.736 |
| Ifth Federal | Reserve Dist <br> 1.5588 .875 | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|} \hline \text { rict }- \text { Richm } & \text { ond }-796,581 \\ \hline 11.5 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | ${ }_{7}^{1,936,871}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,123,120 \\ & 7,675,145 \end{aligned}$ |
| Va. - Hunt ${ }^{\text {dor }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Richmond | 49,763,000 | 8.170.645 | $\begin{aligned} & 1.3 .7 \\ & -8.8 \\ & -8.8 \end{aligned}$ | - | $\begin{aligned} & 1,63900 \\ & 2.990,480 \\ & \hline 95,828,054 \end{aligned}$ |
| C. - Charleston | d2,512.412 |  |  |  |  |
| Baltim | 27,075,606 | $\begin{array}{r} 103,688,363 \\ 27,798,922 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} +3.3 \\ { }_{-2.6} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 99,535,435 \\ 21,357,000 \end{array}$ |  |
|  | 195,928,789 | 199,200,229 | -1.7 | 181,389,899 | 181,093,852 |
| Sisth Fed |  |  |  | $6,315,889$$3,351,000$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6,070,960 \\ & 3,259,238 \\ & 3, \end{aligned}$ |
| Sn.-C |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Knas }}$ |  | $23,099,122$$67.550,650$2 | +4.6+6.7 | 55,384,512 | $20,731,000$$61,418,566$ |
| Alla | 24,169,463 |  |  |  |  |
| gusta | 1,541,038 |  |  | . 72 |  |
| Macon |  | ${ }_{\mathbf{1}}^{1,670,273}$ |  |  |  |
| Savann | 39,368,5 | 23,006,306 | +71 | 15,94 | 5,354,796 |
| Mlam1 | 18,364,2 | 14,221 |  |  |  |
| Bir | 22,123, | 1, 297,77 | +11 | ${ }_{1,78}$ |  |
| iss. Ja | 1,169 | 719,3 |  | 1.21 | .028.865 |
|  | 57,212,106 | - $49,730,6897$ | +15.0 | 55.677.21 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total (13 cites) | 261,771,8 | 223.472.9 | +17 | 197:593,018 | 202,156,2 |

## THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu \& Co. of London, written under date of Mar. 3 1926:

GOLD.
The Bank of England gold reserve against notes on the 24th ultimo. amounted to $£ 143,186,170$ as compared with $£ 143,344,435$ on the previous Wednesday.
About $£ 400,000$ of South African gold was available this week. Of this balance ( $£ 100$ almost equally shared by India and the Continent, and the balance ( $£ 100,000$ ) was acquired by the Bank of England.
The steamer which left Durban for Bombay on March 1st took about 898,000 in bar gold and sovereigns.
been announced since our last issue: to and from the Bank of England have
Received -
Feb. 25. Feb. 26 .
Withdrawn
Feb. 25. Feb. 26.
Feb. 27.
. Mar. 1.
Mar. 2.
Mar. 3.
f100,000
The $£ 1,800,000$ received on the 26 th ult was announced to 62,000 released on account of Crown Agents for the Colonies on account of the Note Issue of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in Hongkong. The destinations of the $£ 840,000$ sovereigns withdrawn were announced as follows: $£ 750,000$ 'Set aside on account of the South African Reserve Bank, $£ 40,000$ to Straits Settlements, $£ 28,000$ to Singapore and $£ 22,000$ rolidia. During the week under review $£ 1,060,000$ on balance has been received by the Bank, increasing the net influx since Jan. 1 to $£ 1,174,000$, and reducing the net efflux since the resumption of an effective gold standard to $£ 10,421,000$.
The Southern Rhodesian gold output for Jan. 1926 amounted to 48,967 for Jan. 1925.
The financial and industrial conditions of the Indian Empire-assisted by favorable monsoons-continue to be highly satisfactory. Sir Basil Blackett in introducing the Indian Budget at Delhi stated that State indebtedness had been reduced, no external loan had been required for the last three years, and Government securities were on the up-grade. He added that last year the Indian Bank Rate did not exceed $7 \%$, and held out the prospect of it not exceeding $6 \%$ in the current busy season; this, excepting two war years, would, constitute a record. He remarked that the Government financed 30 crores ( $£ 22,500,000$ ) of new capital expenditure last year without borrowing, and expect to finance $351 / 2$ crores in the current year without asking the market for more than 2 crores of new money. Further he stated that the Government is in a position to devote 3 crores to the reduction of taxation by the abolition of the cotton excise $13 / 4$ crores) and to grant a further remission of $11 / 4$ crores in the provincial We underst
F1. 10 (destined mostly the demand in Holland is so keen for gold pieces of used for industrial purposes) that the where these coins are smelted and used for industrial purposes) that the Netherlands Bank, in order to check to more than Fl. 250 in one day to each d coin
United Kingdom imports and exports of gold during the week ending the Imports-
Imports-
Eritish South Africa_-.....
Exports-



 .-...... £628,621 SILVER.
Again the market has been inert, so much so that from the 26 th ult until yesterday, the quotations remained unaltered. The Indian Bazaars have taken but little interest. Most of the business has been on China account, the Continent being inactive. To-day, offerings on a dull market depressed prices to $30.3 / \mathrm{d}$. for cash and $36.7-16 \mathrm{~d}$. for two months' delivery. The cash price is the lowest since Dec. 15 1922, and the forward price since July 301923.
United Kingdom imports and exports of silver during the week ending the 24th ultimo were:
Imports

Mexiced States of America
Anglo-Egyptian Soudan.
Other countries
Total--

## INDIAN CURRENOY RETURNS.

(In lacs of rupees.)
Notes in circulation.
Silver coin and bullion in India
Silver coin and bullion out of India
Gold coin and bullion in India_-
Gold coin and bullion out of India
Securities (Indian Government)
Securities (British Government)
No silver coinage was reper-
Ther cold during the week ending the 22 nd ult. ounces in sycee, 69,900 on the 27 th ultimo consisted of about 52700,000 about $50,700,000$ ounces in sycee, $69,000,000$ dollars, on the 20th ultimo.
Statistics for the month of February last are appended:


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:

 $\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { Gold, per fine ounce......... } & 84.111 / 2 & 84.111 / 2 & 84.111 / 2 & 84.111 / 2 & 84.111 / 2 & 84.11 / 1 / 2\end{array}$ Consols, $21 / 2$ per cents British, $41 /$ per cents French Rentes (in Paris) French Rentes (in Paris), fr $\begin{array}{ccccc}545 / 8 & 541 / 8 & 541 / 2 & 541 / 2 & 543 / 8 \\ 1013 / 8 & 1013 / 8 & 1013 / 8 & 1013 / 8 & 1013 / 8 \\ 951 / 4 & 953 / 8 & 9533 & 953 / 8 & 953 / 4 \\ 48.75 & 48.05 & 47.65 & 47.40 & 46.95\end{array}$ The price of silver in $\underset{\text { Silver in N }}{\text { Foreign }}$

## 14nmmexcial andizutcellancous Tens

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 1658.-The statements below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

| Recetpts at- | Flour. | Wheat. | Corn. | Oats. | Barley. | Rye. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chicago | ${ }_{\text {Lhs }}$ | 181.0 |  |  |  |  |
| Minneapoils |  | 1,113,000 | $1,725,000$ 22,000 | 510.000 | 65,0 | 43,000 |
| Duluth- |  | 297,000 |  | 94,000 | 3,0 | 52.000 |
| M1wauk | 27,000 | 17,000 | 106,000 | 164,000 | 185,000 | ${ }^{5,000}$ |
| Detroit. |  | 10,000 | ${ }^{97,000}$ | 146,000 10.000 |  | 12,000 10,000 |
| Indianapolis |  | 25,000 | 428,000 | 131.000 |  |  |
| St. Louls | 95,000 60,000 | 348.000 | ${ }^{608.000}$ | 462.000 | 16.000 |  |
| Kansas City |  | 476,000 | 457,000 | 142.000 | 43,000 |  |
| Omaha- |  | 193 | ${ }^{512,000}$ | 138,000 |  |  |
| wichita. |  | 101,000 97,000 | - 5 51,000 | 52,000 18,000 |  |  |
| Sioux Clty. |  | 36,000 | 36,000 | 38,000 |  |  |
| Total wk. | 418.0 | 3,010,000 | 5,162,000 | 2,194.000 |  |  |
| Same wk. 24 | 139,000 391,000 | $4,621.000$ $4,665,000$ | ${ }_{7}^{8,1294,000}$ |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1925 | $14,575,000262,991,000163,092,000165,018,00059,026,00018,767,000$ $15,438,000424,750,000$ 183,522,000 205,979,000 52,237,000 49,768,000 $13,856,000164,884,000212,116,000170,335,000131,432,00021,737,000$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 192 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 192 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, March 13, 1926, follow:

| Receipts at- | Flour. | Wheat. | Corn. | Oats. | Barley. | Rye. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| New York- | Bartels. <br> 270,000 | Bushels. 591,000 | Bushels. 29,000 | Bushels. 180,000 | Bushels $262,000$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bushels. } \\ & 68,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| Philadelphla.- Baltimore | 44.000 17.000 | 688,000 | 5,000 16,000 | 16.000 | $\begin{aligned} & 19,000 \\ & 102,000 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| New Orleans * | 48.000 | 28,000 6.000 | 16,000 | 13,000 18,000 | 201,000 |  |
| Galveston...- |  | 7.000 | 36,000 |  |  |  |
| Montreal | 15,000 | 125,000 | 47,000 | 86,000 | 21.000 |  |
| St. John, N.B. Boston...--- | $\begin{aligned} & 18,000 \\ & 23,000 \end{aligned}$ | 563,000 31,000 |  | 28.000 | 25,000 |  |
| Total wk. '26 | 435,000 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Since Jan.1'26 | 5,119,000 | 30,544,000 |  | 362,000 | 528,000 | 68,00 |
| Week 192 | 702.000 | 3,496,000 | 92,000. |  |  |  |
| Since Jan. ${ }^{\prime}$ '25 | 6,290,000 | 35,184,000 | 1,625,000 | 5,673,000 | $5,218,000$ | $\begin{array}{r} 256.000 \\ 5,407,000 \end{array}$ |

* Receipts do not Include grain passing through New Orleans for forelgn ports
on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, March 13 1926, are shown in the annexed statement:

| Exports from- | Wheat. | Corn. | Flour. | Oats. | Rye. | Barley. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| New | Busbels. 773.163 | Bushels. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Barrels. } \\ & 122,623 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Bushels. } \\ 295,518 \end{gathered}$ | Bushels. | Bushels. <br> 570,428 |
| Boston ${ }_{\text {Philadelphia }}$ | 88,000 |  | 4,000 | 40,000 |  |  |
| Baltimore- | 56.000 | 60,000 | 11,000 | 50.000 | 43,000 | 120,000 |
| New Orlean | 10,000 | 70,000 | 24,000 | 3.000 |  | - |
| St. John, | 563,000 |  | 18,000 | 28,000 |  | 25,000 |
| Total week 1926 | 1,490,163 | 130,000 | 179,623 | 416,518 | 43,000 | 715,428 |
| Same week 1925 | 4,028,684 | 28,000 | 380.621 | 392,510 | 743,266 | 565,383 |

## The destination of these exports for the week and since

 July 11925 is as below:Exports for Week
and Since
$\substack{\text { and } \\ \text { July } \\ \text { Since } \\ \text { to- }}$

United Kingdom Continent-A.-....
So.\&Cent.Amer.
West Indies We.st Indies......
Belt.No.Am.Cols Belt.No.Am.Cols
Other countries

Total 1926
Total 1925

| Flour. |  | Wheat. |  | Corn. |  |
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| $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Week } \\ \text { Mar. } 13 \\ 192 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Since } \\ & \text { July } 1 \\ & 1925 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Week } \\ \text { Mar. } 13 \\ 1926 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Since } \\ & \text { July } 1 \\ & 1925 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Week } \\ \text { Mar. } 13 \\ 1926 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Since } \\ & \text { July } 1 \\ & 1925 . \end{aligned}$ |
| Barrels. | Barrels. | Bushels. | Bushels. | Bushels. | Bushels. |
| 37,463 | 2,545,746 | 668,386 | 71,256,444 | 51,000 | 1,916,204 |
| 109,660 | 3,913,690 | 811,777 | $93,838,203$ | 9.000 | 4,831,752 |
| 10,000 8.000 | 265,467 583,529 | 10,000 | $2,477,726$ 136,925 | 37,000 33,000 | $1,911,000$ $1,345,900$ |
| 14,500 | 683.586 |  | 1,536,234 |  |  |
| 179,623 | 7,992.018 | 1,490,163 | 169.245,532 |  |  |
| 380,621 | 12,528,850 | 4,028,684 | 232,732,689 | 130,000 28,000 |  |

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

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED.
Mar. 9-The First National Bank of Pismo Beach, Calif Capital.
$\$ 50,000$
Mar Correspondent, I. L. Mitchell, Pismo Beach, Calif
Mar. 13-The Second Glasgow National Bank, Glaskow, Mont_-- 25,000
Mar. 13-Threspondent. C. E. Hoppin, Glaskow, Mont. National Bank of Riverside, N. Jont.


Mar. 11 -The American National Bank of Glendale, Calif
Mar. $11-$ Brotherrhood National Bank of san Francisco, Calif-
Correspondent, W.
Francisco Calis

 applications to organize approved Mar. 11 -The Port Newark National Bank op Newark, N. JI-.- -2 CHARTERS ISSUED | Capiaial |
| :---: |
| 200,000 | 500.000 200,000

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 Mar. 13 - Thicaroo, Nill National Bank in Dearborn, Mich-... Mich:
Correspendent, Arthur W. Webber, Dearborn, Mich Mar. 10-12899-The First National Bank of Roscooe, Texas.-.-.

100,000
100,000

## $\$ 25,000$

President, P. E. Harkins; Cashier, R, E. Gracey,
Mar. 13 - 12900 The Meirose National Bank of New York, N. Y- 500,000
President. Wm. T. Keogh; Cashier, E. J. S. Coe. President, Wm. T. Keogh; Cashier, E. J. S. Coe VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.
Mar. 8-6630-The First National Bank of Oriskany Falls, N. Y $\$ 25,000$ Effective March 8 1926. Liquidating Agent, Miton W. Mar. 8-10981-The First National Bank of Butler, Okla25,000 10981-The First National Bank of Butler, Okla,
Effective Dec. 31 . 1925 . Liquidating Agent.
Barrette. Butler, Okla.
Bucceded by the First State Mar. 12-7531-The Citizens National Bank of Hot Springs, Ark- 100,000 Effective March 10 1926. Liquidating Committee., G.
Higgins, C. T. Drennen and. E. Mars. Hot Springs.
Ark. Absorbed by The Arkansas National Bank of Hot Ark. Absorbed by The Arkansas National Bank or
Springs, Ark. Ni 8322 .
-12251 The First National Bank of Kenbridge, Va--

Mar. 13-0054-The First National Bank of Washtucna. Wash_- 25,000 Effective Feb, 17 1926. Liquidating Agent: Wm. A.
Pearce, Washtucna, Wash. Succeeded by a state Bank.

Auction Sales.-Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New Y

By Adrian H. Muller \& Sons, New York:
 ${ }^{100}$ Co... no par.


 390 Rock
no
par

 2 Orfon Chain Corp., pref........
10 Unted Zince \& Chen . Co., eom-
10 United Zinc \& Chem. Co., pret.
 ctis. oi dep. Old Colo
of Boston, par $\$ 10$ 2762.10 Contrinental Asphalt \&


## By Barnes \& Lofland, Philadelphia:

 Union National 10 Franklin National Bank-........ 3 Fourth Street Nat. Bank ${ }^{16}$ Third National Bank51 Grard National Bank ${ }_{25} 10$ Eirsth Nat. Bank of West Chester, ${ }_{1}$ Pommonweath Title Ins. \& Tr 10 Allegheny Title \& Tr., par $550-50$ 20 Jefferson Title \& Trust, par $\$ 50-\quad 70$
10 West Phila. Title $\&$ Tr., par $\$ 50$. 841,
 1 Girrard Trust Co ${ }_{4}$ Chelten Trust , par $\$ 50$. 121, ex-rights
 18 Real Estate Trust, |assetned pret. 260 ${ }_{5}^{5}$ Aldine Trust Metropoltan Trust, par $850 \cdots{ }^{250}$ 5 Broadd Street Trust, par $\$ 50 \ldots-$
 ${ }_{24}$ Guarantee Trust \& Sare Dep. Co. 2061 1,500 Little River RR old Colony, Inc., pret., with i
 50 Phila, \& C Camden Ferry, par $\$ 50147$
50 Bankers Bond \& M M with 50 shares com, as bonus (old

By Wise, Shares. Stocks ${ }_{3}^{33}$ Great Falls Mrust Co............38 sh ${ }_{7}$ S Seaco Lowell shonatacturing

 10 Continental Mills.
7
Ipswich Mills, com 62 Hamilton Mrg. Co
35 New Bedford Gas \& Edison Lt. ${ }_{25}{ }^{\text {par }}$ Hood Rubber Co., $73 \%$ prior 5 Mass ilghting Cos.,.com............ 5 Mass. Lighting Co., pref........
1 Ameritan Glue Co.. prom
25 Graton \& Knlght Corp., com. (W. 1.)-
20 (vaton Knight Corp., pref.

By R. L. Day \& Co., Boston: Stocks.
Shares.
5 Frst Natlonal Bank



 5 Mine Hill \& Schuylikill Haven RR.
 5 American Glue Co.. com-1........ 112

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

 25 Buff. Niag. \& Easte.
1,500 Barry Hollinger.

## DIVIDENDS

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

The dividends announced this week are:

Railroads (Steam). Atiantic Coast Line RR.. pref............ Preferred (quar.) --................ Stamped certificates.---.-.-....... Com. Special...
Preferred-1.--
Hocking Valley
Kansas City southern, pref. (quar.) Louisville \& Nashville.
 Missourt-Kansas-Texas, pref. A (quar.) Reading Company, com. (quar.) --.... West Jersey \& Seashore.......-............

## Public Utilities.

All-America Cables (quar.)-
American \& Foreign Power Co. American \& Foreign Power Co.-
Allot. ctfs. for com. \& pref., $25 \%$ pald American Gas (quar.)
Amherst Gas (quar.)
Brooklyn-Manhattan Translt, com. (qu.). Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit, com. (qu.)
Californaa Electric Generating, pref. (qu.) Capltal Traction, Wash'n, D. C. (qu.)Cincinnati \& Suburban Bell Telep. (qu.)
 Community Pow. \& It.,. com. (stk. div. Consumers Gas (Toronto) (quar.)--.Continental Gas \& Elec..
Prior preference (quar.)
Prior preference (quar.) (auar.)-
Participating preferred
Participating preferred (quar.
Six per cent preferred (quar.)
East Bay Water, class A (quar.)
Class B (quar.)
Easthampton Gas (quar.)--.-.-......
 Preferred B (quar.) .... Empire Power Corp., pref. (No. 1)
Gen. Pub. Serv. Corp., $\$ 6$ pref. (No. 1) Gen. Pub. Sble pref. (quar.) (No. 1) Georgla Light, Pow. \& Rys., pref. (quar.)

Hartfond City Gas Light, com. \& pt. (qu Jersey Central Pow. \& Lt., 7\% pf. (qu.) Kansas Gas \& Electric Co., pref. (quar) Kings County Lighting, pref. (quar.)
Manufacturers Light \& Heat (quar.) Manufacturers Lighting Cos., com. (qu) Six per cent preferred (quar.) --...--
Elght per cent preferr d (quar) Elght per cent preterr d (quar.)-..-
Montreal Telegraph (quar.). Montreal Telegraph (of Texas), pf. (qu.) National Pub. Serv., $7 \%$ part. pref. (qu Preferred series A (quar.)
National Fuel Gas (quar.)
National Fuel Gas (quar.)-...-...........
Nevada-California Elec. Co., New England Power, pref. (quar.)
New Orleans Pub. Serv., Inc., pf. (qu.) Newport News \& Hampton Railway,
Gas \& Electric, com. (quar.) Gas \& Electric, com. (quar.) ----Northern Mexico Power \& Dev., pr.(qu.)
Ohio River Edison, pref. (quar,) Ohio River Edison, pref. (quar.) --.----
Oklahoma Natural Gas (quar.) Oklahoma Natural Gas (quar.)
Pacific Gas \& Electric, com. (quar.)
Phila Philadelphia Company, com. (quar.) Six per cent preferred (quar.
Philadelphla Rapld Transit, com. (quar.) Preferred--........................ Providence Gas (quar) Prior preference
Savannah Elec, \& Power, deb. A (quar. Debenture series B (quar.) --...-.--
Preferred
 Southern Canada Power, pret. (quar.)
Southern Gas \& Pow. Corp., class A(qu.

 New A \& B com. (pay.in ne
Class A preferred (quar.)
Class B preferred (quar.)






## Name of Companv.

 Miscellaneous (Concluded)Standard Milling, com. (quar.).-
Preferred (quar) Preferred (quar.) --1.-........
Standard OII (Kentucky) (quar)
Standard Oil (Ohio), com. (quar.) Standard Oil (Ohio), com. (quar.) Standard Piate Glass. $7 \%$ pref (quar.)
Stanley Co. of Amer. (quar.) (No. 1).
Stering Oil \& Development.
 Sullivan Machinery (quar.).-.-..........
Swedish Amer. Inv. Corp., part. pi.(qu.)
Swit Symington Co Class A (quar.)
Telatograph Co, pret. (quar.)
Texas Company (quar.) Thompson (J.R.) Co., com. (monthly)
 Thompson-Starrett Co.. pref. (quar.)
Tide Water OI (quar.)
Timken-Detroit Axle, com (quar.) Timken-Detroit Axie, com (quar.).
Tobaceo Products Corp.. com. (quar.).
Todd Shipyards Corporation (quar.).Torrington Company, com.
Tower Manufacturing (quar.)
Underwood Comput Underwood Computing Mach., pf. (qu.
Underwood Typewriter. com. (quar.)-Unlon Carblde \& Carbon (quar.)
United Cigar Stores, com. (quar.) Common (payable in common stock)
United Drug, common (quar.) United Drug, common (qu
First preferred (quar.) First pred Dyewood Corp., pref. (quar.)
United Fruit quar.) United Fruit quar. Extra Preferred (quar.) United Shoe Machlnery, com. (quar.) Preferred (quar.) - - .
U. S. Bobbin Shutte, pret. (qu.)....
U. S. Cast Iron Pipe \& Fdy., com. (qu.) Common (quar.) Common (quar.)
Preferred (quar.)
Prefered (quar.)
Preferred (quar.)
Preferred (quar.) U. P. Gypsum, common (quar.)............... Preterred (quar.) .-...............................
 Preferred (quar.) -...............
U. S. Steel Corp., common (quar.) Common (extra) ......................
United States Tobacco, com. (quar.) Preferred (quar.) --.
Utah Copper Co. (quar.)
Vacuum Uil (quar) Extra
Van Dorn Iron Works, pref. (quar.) Vivaudou (V.), Ine., pret. (quar.)
Preferred (quar.) Preferred (quar.)
Preferred (quar.) Preferred (quar.) --1 \& pref. A (qu.).
Vulcan Detinning pret
Preferred (account accum, dividends) Wabasso Cotton (quar.)
Waldorf System, com. (quar.)..............
First preferred (quar.) Preferred (quar.) --.
Wreferred Co., preterred (qua
Ward Baking, pref. (quar,)
Wart
Warner-Quinlan Corp.. com. (No. 1)
Warren Bros. Co., common (quar.)
First preferred (quar.)
Second preferred (quar.)
Weber \& Hellbroner, common (quar.)
West Coast Oil (quar.)
 Western Auto Supply, partic, pref. (qu.
Participating pref. (9-day dividend)Western Electric Co., com. (quar.) --
Westinghouse Elec, \& Mfg., com. (quar.
 Wheeling Steel Corp., pref. A (quar.)
Preferred B (quar.) White Motor (quar.)
White Rock Mineral Springs, com. (qu. First preferred (quar.)
Second preferred (quar.) Second preferred (quar.
Will \& Bumer Candle, pref. (quar.)... Woodiey Petroleum
Woods Manufacturing, pref. (quar.).-.
Worthing'n Pump \& Mach..cl.A pf. (qu. Worthing'n Pump \& Mach.cl.A pf. (qu.
Class B preferred (quar.)
Wright-Hargreaves Mines, Ltd. (quar.)
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Wurlltzer (Rudolph) Co., 7 \% pref. (qu. Yale \& Towne Mfg. (quar.) --.......... Yates Amerlcan Mach., prior pref. (qu.)
Yellow Truck \& Coach, Class B (quar.) Preferred (quar.) - Tube, com. qu. )
Youngstown Sheet \& Youngstown (quar.)

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| :---: | Clearing House shows the for the week ending Mar ork City 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

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS } \\
& \text { Stated in thousands of dollars-that is, three (000) ctphers omited }
\end{aligned}
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| Week Ending <br> Mar. 131926. <br> (000 omitted.) | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \text { Neto } \\ \text { Captial } \\ \hline \text { Nat'1, } \\ \text { State. } \\ \text { Tr.CCos. } \end{array}$ | Profits <br> Dec. 31 <br> Nov. 14 <br> Nov. 14 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Loans, } \\ \text { Disconst. } \\ \text { Inoest } \\ \text { ments. } \\ \text { \&c. } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Cash } \\ \text { ann } \\ \text { Vault. } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Net } \\ \text { Demand } \\ \text { Depostls } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Tume } \\ \text { Tuse } \\ \text { postis. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Bank } \\ \text { Cratu- } \\ \text { ran- } \\ \text { tom. } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Member | d. | Ban |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bank of N. | 4,000 | 12.807 | 72,952 | 535 | ${ }_{7.663}^{\text {8 }}$ |  |  |  |
| Bk of Manhat | 10,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mech \& Met | ${ }^{10,0}$ | ${ }_{\substack{16,134 \\ 5.223}}$ |  |  |  | 172.741 |  | 43 |
| Bank of America Natlonal City | 60,50 50,0 | 65,032 |  |  |  | 位 |  |  |
| Chemical Nat |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{18}^{15}$ | 116,433 |  | 46 |
| ${ }_{\text {Am }}^{\text {Amerac }}$ Nat |  |  | ${ }_{342}^{150}$ | ${ }_{2944}^{2,054}$ | ${ }^{18.095} 38.140$ | ${ }_{290}^{136,}$ | 11.974 | 4,946 |
| Chat Ph NB\&T | 13. | 12. | 216 | 2,502 |  | ${ }^{167,065}$ | 40,681 | 5,927 |
| Hanover Nat |  | 45,505 | [ | 6,648 | ${ }_{24,771}^{14,014}$ | ${ }_{177,522}$ | 31.3 |  |
| Corn Exchange | 10,00 | 23,8 | 169 | , 94 | 17,0 | 129, |  | \% $\square^{2}$ |
| Bow'y\&EastRI |  | ${ }^{3}$ 3, | 49 | 1,375 |  | 33 | ${ }^{15,321}$ |  |
| Frrst Nationa | $\xrightarrow{17,500}$ | (13,732 | ${ }_{281,339}^{288.000}$ | ${ }_{2,688}^{594}$ | ${ }^{251,959}$ | ${ }_{2618}^{190.61}$ | 13, ${ }_{2}$ | 81 |
| ${ }_{\text {Irving Bk-COi }}$ | 1,000 | 1.161 | ${ }^{7,95}$ | 131 | 1,106 | ${ }_{6} 6.873$ |  |  |
| Chase Natlona | 20,0 | 27,184 | 398,1 | 4,489 | 48,476 | *382.189 | 18,454 | 87 |
| Firth A |  | 2,905 | 27,087 | ${ }_{481}$ | 1,574 | ${ }^{24,953}$ | 5.180 |  |
| Commonwea | 1,000 | 1,731 | 17.288 | 442 | 2,632 | 17.2 |  |  |
| Seaboard Nat'1 |  | ${ }^{9,7}$ | 115,8 | 1,223 | 14,6 | 112,4 |  | 0 |
| Bankers Trust | ${ }^{20,0} 3$ | ${ }^{30,391} 4$ | 339,930 62.636 | 843 | ${ }_{7,18}$ | - ${ }^{+292.923}$ | 48,744 |  |
| aranty T | 25,00 | 21,538 | ${ }_{421,327}$ | 1,521 | 45.390 | *399,3 | 53.2 |  |
| Fldelity-Inte | 2,00 | 2.209 | 42,395 | 759 | 5.033 | 37.854 |  |  |
| New York Trus | 10.00 | ${ }_{12}^{20.018}$ | 174.36 | ${ }_{511}^{561}$ | 20,27 | 152,400 | 15.5 |  |
| Farmers L \& ${ }^{\text {che }}$ | 23,000 | 12,852 | 259,250 | 1,570 | 30,789 | *291,278 | 28,90 |  |
| Total ot average ${ }^{\text {s }}$ | 310,100 | 508 | ,079,257 | 48.0 | 572,24 | 255,886 | 493, |  |
|  | ditlon | Mar. | 106,347 | 48.341 | 95. | 4259 |  |  |
| tals. actu |  | Feb |  | 48 |  |  |  |  |
| Totals, actual ${ }^{\text {a }}$ State Banks State | Not |  |  |  | ank |  |  |  |
| enwloh Bank |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| State Banlk... | 3,500 | 5,8 | 107.443 |  | 2,449 |  | 20 |  |
| Total of avorages |  | 8,462 | 130.72 | 6.548 | 4.56 | 61,001 | 66,267 |  |
| rotal | dition | ar 1 | 131 | ${ }^{6.57}$ |  | 2 |  |  |
| Totals, actr | ditiou |  |  | 6.55 | ${ }_{4}^{4.911}$ | 60.758 62,203 |  |  |
| Trotals, actual |  | , |  |  |  | , | 7 |  |
| Title Guar \& Tr . |  | 17,233 |  | 1,604 | 4,346 | .646 | 199 |  |
| Lawyers Trust. | 3,000 |  | 25,916 | 950 | 2,349 | 8 | 32 |  |
| Total of averages | ,000 |  | 89,746 | 2,554 | 6,69 | 61,444 | 3,231 |  |
| To | nd |  |  | 2.51 |  |  |  |  |
| Totals, actual co | ndition | Feb. 27 | 92,350 | ${ }_{2,39}$ | ${ }_{7} \mathbf{7} 750$ | 65,374 |  |  |
|  | 28,10 | 536 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Comparison with | h prev | week . | -79,235 | +71 | 12,189 | -62,1 | +4,087 |  |
|  |  | Mar. 13 | 8.0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Comparison with | h prev. |  | +2,576 |  | +9.449 | -25,3 |  |  |
| Gr'd aggr., act | cond'n |  | 5,325.463 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{Gr}^{\text {cod aggr., }}$ a | ond'n |  |  | 57,38 |  | 4.448.27 | , | 3 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 5,2 |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Gr'd }}$ agrr., ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | ond'n |  | 63 | 57.58 | 228,232 | 4.45 | 2144 | 3 |
| d aggr.. a | cond'n | Jan. 30 | 5,364,0 | 57,05 | 592,82 | 4,436, | 79,2 | 3,299 |

Note. -U . S. deposits deducted from net demand deposits in the general totals
 Feb. 13, $\$ 43,786,000$. Buis payabie. rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilittes,

 899.000; Mar. 6,
$13 . \$ 679,475.000$

* Includes deposits in forelgn branches not included in total footings as follows
 Co., $84,873,000$ : Equitable Trust Co., $865,938,000$. Balances carried in banks in toreign countries asnervi,67,000; Bankers Trust Co., \$2,223.000; Guaranty Trust Co.. $\$ 2,412,000$; Farmers' Loan \& Trust Co., $\$ 4,873,000$; Equitable Trust Co. $\$ 7,494,000$.

The reserve position of the different groups of institutions on the basis of both the averages for the week and the actual condition at the end of the week is shown in the following two tables:
statement of reserve position of clearing house bank

|  | Averages. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cash } \\ & \text { Reserve } \\ & \text { in Vault. } \end{aligned}$ |  | Total Reserve |  | Surplus Reserve. |
| $\overline{\text { Members Federal }}$ | s | ${ }_{572,241,000}^{\text {S }}$ |  |  |  |
| Reserve Bank.... | 6,548,000 | 572, 4 ,562,000 | 572, 11.110 .000 | [ $68.081,310$ | 159.690 129,820 |
| Trust companles** | 2,554,000 | 6,695,000 | 9,249,000 | 9,216,600 | 32,400 |
| Total Mar. 13 | $9,102.000$ 922000 | 583,498,000 | 592,600.000 $604,907.000$ | 598,27 | ${ }^{4} \mathbf{4}, 321,9$ |
| Total Mar. ${ }_{\text {Total }}$ | 9,397,000 | 588,089,000 | 595,486,000 | 592.462.290 | ${ }_{\text {colo }}^{\substack{\text { 8,023;710 }}}$ |
| Total Yeb. 20 | 9,490,000 | 588,782,000 | 596,272,000 | 589,421,480 | ${ }_{8,850,520}$ |

## * Not members of Federal Reserve Bank.

b Thls is the reserve required on the net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies, but in the case or members of the Federal Reserve Bank
includes also amount in reserve required on net time deposits, whith was an follows:

 New York Curb Market Assoclatton has ruled that
divldend on this date and not untll further notice.
$a$ Transter books not closed for this dividend. $d$ Correction. e Payable In stock
 Pividends. $m$ Payable in preterred stock. $n$ Payable in Canadian funds
$j$ Chllds Co. stock dividends are one share of no par value common stock for $k$ Stockholders have option of taklng cash or stock as follows: At rate of 4-100ths of a share of Class A stock each share of \$7 dividend serles preterred.
o Payable in common stock at the rate of one-fortieth of a share for each share held. ${ }^{0}$ Stockholders have optlon of taking the divldend in cash or In stook: on class A. one-fortleth of
class B stock.
$r$ Ditidend is 10 pence per share. All transters recelved in London on or before March 3 will be in time for payment of dividend to transterees.
$s$ In lleu of eash class A stock may be taken at the rate of one share for each forty shares held.
ommon and one-fortieth of a share for new class A \& $B$ common. stock, and no o Company has been enjork until pref. stock has been retired.
ilvidends on common stoct 19.

|  | Actual Figures. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cash Reserve In Vatult. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Reserve } \\ \text { In } \\ \text { Depostaries } \end{array}\right\|$ | Total Reserve. | Reserve Reguired. | Surplus Reserve. |
| Members Federal Reserve Bank | \$ | 595,777, 000 | 595,777,000 | 568,864 | 26,912,040 |
| State banks *-...- | 6,570,000 | $595,777,000$ $4,677,000$ | $595,777,000$ $11.247,000$ | $568,864,960$ $11,176,560$ | 26,912,040 |
| Trust companies*- | $2,510,000$ | $4,6772,000$ <br> 8.87 | 11.2472000 $9,382,000$ | $11,176,560$ $9,268,800$ | 70,440 113.200 |
| Total Mar. 13 | 9,080,000 | 607.326,000 | 616,406,000 | 589,310,320 | 27,095,680 |
| Total Mar. ${ }^{\text {Total }}$ | 9,142,000 $9,191,000$ | 597,877,000 | 6167.019,000 | 592,144,160 | 14,874,840 |
| Total Feb. 20 | 9.117 .000 | 605,249,000 | $602.050,000$ 614.366 .000 | 592,407.490 | $4.674,200$ $21,958,510$ |

* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank.
a This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks
and trust companles, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve Bank includes also ampunt of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: Mar. 13, $\$ 15,122,550 ;$ Mar. $6, \$ 14,728,170 ;$ Feb. 27, $\$ 14,682,030$; Feb. 20, $\$ 14,938,-$
$470 ;$ Feb. 13, $\$ 14,980,800$.

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. (Flgures Furntshed by State Banking Department.)

 $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Total } \\ * & \text { Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the }\end{array}$ State banks and trust companies combined on Mar. 13 was $\$ 101,118,400$

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


New York City Non-Member Banks and Trust Com-panies.-The following are the returns to the Clearing included in the "Clearing House Returns" in the foregoing:
geturn of non-member institutions of new york clearing HoUse
(Statea in thousanas of dollars-that is, inree cophers too0] omittea.)

| CLEARING EON-MEMBERS. <br> Week Ending Mar. 131926. | Capdal. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Net } \\ & \text { Profts. } \end{aligned}$ | Loans, Discounts, Investments. \&c. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Cash } \\ \text { Vault. } \end{gathered}$ | Reserve tosth Legal Depositories. | Net Demand Deposits. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Net } \\ \text { TYMe } \\ \text { Deposits. } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Members of Fed'l Res've Bank. Grace Nat Bank... | $\begin{aligned} & 3,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8 \\ & 1,856 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Average. } \\ 8 \\ 12,719 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Average } \\ 89 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Averaje. } \\ \$ 1,046 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Average } \\ 8 \\ 6,633 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Average. } \\ \$ \\ 3,918 \end{gathered}$ |
| Total | 1,000 | 1,856 | 12,719 | 29 | 1,046 | 6,633 | ,918 |
| State Banks. <br> Mombers of the |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Feseral Reserve Bank |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bank of Wash. Hts. Oolonial Bank.---- | 1,200 | 2,787 | 8,769 31,700 | 758 3,313 | 347 1,818 | 6,329 27,300 | 2,942 4,989 |
| Total | 1,400 | 3,392 | 40,469 | 4,071 | 2,165 | 33,629 | 7,911 |
| Trust Company |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Foderal Reserce Bank. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mech Tr, Bayonne- | 500 | 589 | 9,290 | 402 | 135 | 3,377 | 6,032 |
|  | 500 | 589 | 9,290 | 402 | 135 | 3,377 | 6,032 |
| Grand aggregato--- | $\begin{aligned} & 2,900 \\ & \text { week } \end{aligned}$ | 5,838 | 62,478 +923 | 4.502 +95 | 3,346 | a43,639 | 17,861 |
| Comparison with Dr |  |  | +923 | +95 | +221 | +519 | +394 |
| Gr'd aggr., Mar. 6 | 2,900 | 5,838 | 61,555 | 4,407 | 3,125 | a43,120 | 17,467 |
| Gr'd aggr., Feb. 27 | 2,900 | 5,838 | 61,663 | 4,539 | 3,002 | a42,730 | 17,361 |
| Gr'd aggr., Feb. 20 | 2,900 2,900 | 5,838 5,838 | 62,225 62,252 | 4.654 4.506 | 3,056 3,206 | a43,447 | 17,317 |
| Gr'd aggr., Feb. 13 | 2,900 | 5,838 | 62,252 | 4,506 | 3,206 | a43,431 | 17,216 |

Unisable, rediscounts, acceptane?s and other liabllities; \$2,536,000.
Buxcess reserve, $\$ 228,030$ 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:

|  | March 17 1926. | Chanoes from preolous week. | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Madr}_{1926 .}{ }^{20} \end{gathered}$ | Mar. <br> 1926. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Capital | $\begin{gathered} 8 \\ 68,000,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{\$} \\ \text { Unchanged } \end{gathered}$ | $68.000 .000$ | 68,000,000 |
| Surplus and profits--....--- | $89,058,000$ 1029116000 | Inc. 22.682 .000 | $89,058.000$ 1006434000 | 89.058 .000 1009273000 |
| Individual deposits. | 876,994,000 | Inc. $5,805,000$ | 671,189,000 | 678,834,000 |
| TYue deposits. | ${ }^{143,583,000}$ | Inc. ${ }^{\text {Dec. }}$ De691,000 | ${ }^{137,090,000}$ | 217.4 |
| United States deposits. | 36,955,000 | Inc. 17,287,000 | 19.668.000 | 19.668.000 |
| Exchanges for Clearing House | 30,971,000 | Inc. 2,139,000 | 28,832.000 | 34,741,000 |
| Due trom other banks --..-- | 81,804,000 | Ine. 7,59 | 74,209.000 | 84,201,000 |
| Reserve in legal depositaries- Cash in bank | 80,359,000 | Inc. 1,225,000 | 79,134,000 | 79,065,000 |
| Reserve excess in F.i. ${ }^{\text {Bk }}$---- | 1,013.000 | Dec. Inc. 745.000 | $10,201.000$ 268,000 | $10,245,000$ 384,000 |

Philadelphia Banks.-The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Mar . 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 depositaries" and "Cash in vaults."

| Twoo Ciphers (00) | Week Ended March 131926. |  |  | $\underset{1926 .}{\text { Mar. }}{ }^{6}$ | Feb. 271926. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Membersof $F$ |  | $1925$ |  |  |
|  | \$4 | \$5.000,0 | 847.2 |  | \$47,2 |
| Surplus and prort | 129,436,0 | 17.137.0 | 146,573.0 | 146,55 | 146,573,0 |
| Exchanges for Cle | 32,221,0 | 530,0 | 32.751 .0 | 45,107.0 | 37,244,0 |
| $k$ de | 1407,54 | 16.0 | 107.555,0 | 113.041 .0 | 111,766,0 |
| Indlvidual dep | 578,70 | 31.851.0 | 141.749 .0 | 148.711 .0 | 143.179,0 |
| Time deposits | 119 | 2.150 | . 70 | 122,472.0 | ${ }_{127,168,0}$ |
|  | 838,766,0 | 34,818,0 | 873.584.0 | 891.2 | 882,809,0 |
| Res've with |  | 3,999,0 | 3,99900 | 4,568.0 | 3,345,0 |
|  | $62,880.0$ 10,1160 |  | ${ }^{62.880 .0}$ | 63.710.0 | 63,080,0 |
| Total reserve \& ca | ${ }_{72,996,0}^{10.16,0}$ | ${ }_{5}^{1,4995.0}$ | 11,611,0 | 11,348,0 | 11,575,0 |
|  | 63,356,0 |  |  |  |  |
| Excess res. \& cash in vault. | 9,640 0 ) | 598 | 10.20 | 10.65 | , |

* 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 Mar. 171926 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:


Ratio of total reserves to deposit and
Fed'l Res've note liabilltios
Fed'l Res've note liabilities combined. $\quad \mathbf{7 7 . 8 \%} \quad \mathbf{7 8 . 8 \%} \quad \mathbf{7 4 . 5} \%$ $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Contingent lisblity on bills purchased } \\ \text { ior forefgn correspondents. } & 22,773,000 & 23,393,000 & \mathbf{1 6 , 4 6 2 , 0 0 0}\end{array}$ NOTE-Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 two new items were sdded in
order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foretgn correspondents. In addition, the caption, "All other earning assets," now
made up of Federal Intermediate credit bank debentures, has bees changed to "Other securities," and the captlon, "Total earning assets" to "Total bills and se-
curtlies." The latter term has been adopted as a more accurate description of the
total of the discounts, acceptances and securities acquired under the provisions of Sectons 13 and 14 of the Federal Reserve Act, which are the only items included
hereln

## Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Mar. 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 1542, 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 mar. 17, 1926.

RESOURCESS. Gold with Federal Reserve agents
Gold redemption fund with U. S. Gola held exclust vely agst. F. R
 Total gold reeerves Total reerves Bills discounted: Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.
Other bllis discounted Total blls discounted Bills bought in open market.
U. S. Government securities: Bonds Treasury notes Certiticates of tidebtedness-..-.-. Total U. S. Government securtltesForelgn loans on gold....

Total bills and securities (see note) Due from toreign banks (see note) .-.
Uncollected ttems Uncollected item All other resources Total resources LIABMIITIES.
F. R. notes

## Deposits- Member

 (see note)

 Other deposits........-

Total deposits Cappltal pald in.
vurplus .- ilabilities
Total Itabillties.
Estio of gold reserves to deposits an $\underset{\text { Ratio of total reserves to deposit and }}{\text { F. }}$ F. R. note liabilitles combined......... Contingent liability on bills purehased
for forelgn correspondents for forelgn correspondents.
Distribution by Maturities-
$1-15$ days bllis bought in open market 1-15 days bills bought in open market-
$1-15$ days bills discounted
$1-15$ days U. S certif. of indebtedness-1-15 days municlpal warrants.....-s.--18-30 days bllis bought in open market-$16-30$ days U. S. certlf. of Indebtedness.
$16-30$ days municipal warrants....... $16-30$ days municipal warrants
$81-60$ days bills bought in open market $31-60$ days bills discounted -.-...........
31
60
days U . S. certif. of Indebtedness 81 -60 days municipal warrants....... 81-60 days mumile bought in open market
$61-90$ days
$61-00$ days bill
discounted
6190 days U. S. certif. of Indebtedness
61-90 days muntcipal warrants
Over 90 days bills bought in open mark
Over 90 days bills discounted--..-
Over 90 days municipal warrants.-.-
F. R. notes recelved from Comptroller
F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent

Iesued to Federal Reserve Banks.
How Secured Gold redemption fund Gold redemption fund....- Goderal Reserve Board.-.
old fund-Federal Reserve Board....





| 631,833.000 | 647,047,000 | 642,324,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2,764.784,000 | 2,766,603.000 | 2,789.296.000 | 2,794,873,000 | 2,791.932.000 | 2.801.154.000 | 2,873,846,000 |
| $\begin{array}{r} 2,811,265,000 \\ 153,392,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.799,158,000 \\ 151,682,000 \end{array}$ | 2,148,754,000 | 149,907.000 | 150.860,000 | 144,422,000 | 147.328.000 | 152,053.000 | 136,748,000 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 9.295,000 |  |  | 3,010,594, |


| 153,392,000 | 151,682,000 | 148,754.000 | 149,907.000 | 150.860,000 | 144,422,000 | 147.328.000 | 152,053.000 | 136,748,000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2,913.538,000 | 2,916.510,000 | 2,940,156,000 | 2,939.295,000 | 2,939,260,000 | 2,953,207.000 | $\overline{3,010,594,000}$ |
| $66,786,000$ | 2,68,998,000 | 65,296.000 | 66,298,000 | 69,032,000 | 64,425,000 | 71,056,000 | 81,250,000 | 56,031,000 |


| 260,479,000 | $263,904,000$ | $\begin{aligned} & 319,423,000 \\ & 263.791 .000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 311,570.000 \\ & 228,513.000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 315,972,000 \\ & 222,386,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 310,096,000 \\ & 223,276.000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 298.089,000 \\ 189,707.000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 258,227,000 \\ & 190.330 .000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 181,615,000 \\ & 157,869,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 220,136,000 | 238,521,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ,00 | 502,425,000 | 583,214,000 |  | 53 | 533,372,000 | 487.796,000 | 448,557,000 |  |
| 257,138,000 | 284,520,000 | 286,607,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 60,285,000 | 60,213,000 | 59,978,000 | 59,639,000 | 0 | 59,733.000 | 0 |
|  | 187,335,000 | 171,432,000 | 174,954.000 | 169,863,000 | 168,673,000 | 184.435,000 | $182,873,000$ $122,457,000$ | $222,171,000$ $126,819,000$ |
| 213,328,000 | 111,894.000 | 94,041,000 | 95,418.000 | 104,605,000 | 104,842,000 |  |  |  |
| ,577,000 | 359,666,000 | 325,7 | 330,585,000 | 4.446,000 | 333 | 349,763,000 | 365,063.000 | 0 |
| 3,610,000 | 3,150,000 | 3,150.000 | $3,150,000$ $7,100,000$ | $3,150,000$ $7,000,000$ | 7,299,000 | $3.1599,000$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3,150,000 \\ & 6.500,000 \end{aligned}$ | $1,92,000$ $10,500,000$ |
| 7,700.000 | 8,798.000 | 8,700,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1,101,640,000 | 8,559,000 | 1,207,429,000 | 5,046.000 | ,184,595,000 | 1,177,4 | 49, | 18.6 | 0 |
| 712,000 | 737,000 | 749.000 |  | 759,089,000 | 554 | 83 | 5.749 | ,592,000 |
| 831,669,000 | 628,454.000 | 711,125,000 | *697,429,000 | $\begin{array}{r} 759,089,000 \\ 59,368,000 \end{array}$ | 59,366,000 | 59.322 .000 | 59.323 .000 | 8,775,000 |
| $59,406,000$ $14,134,000$ | $59.406,000$ <br> $17.775,000$ | $\begin{aligned} & 59,368,000 \\ & 16,918,000 \end{aligned}$ | 17,008.000 | 16.786,000 | 16,893.000 | 16,995,000 | 17,071,000 | 19,695,000 |
|  |  | 4,974,423,000 | *4942 | 5,029,751,000 | 4,871,687,000 | 4,865,503,000 | 4,865,929,000 | 4,959,330,000 |
| 5,039,004,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1,659,210,000 1 | 1,671,7 | 1,675,354,000 | 1,679,362,000 | 0001 | 1,667,844,000 | ,662,520,000 | 1,667,266,000 | 1,720,369,000 |
| 2,230,282,000 | 2,209,698,00 | 2,224,32 | 2,202,879.000 | 2,262,258,000 | 239,050,000 | 2,215,193,000 | 2,216,882,000 | 175,515,000 |
| 7,089,00 | 48,554,000 | 52,472.000 | 36,670.000 | $39,929,000$ | $29,151,000$ $9,252,000$ | 43,356,000 | $28.935,000$ 8796.000 | $6,126,000$ $8,365,000$ |
| 5,971,000 | 4,784,000 | 6,160,000 | $\begin{array}{r} 5,450.000 \\ 17,232,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6,851,000 \\ 17,480,000 \end{array}$ | $9,252,000$ $18,648,000$ | 18,952,000 | 17,623,000 | $8,365,000$ $\mathbf{2 0 , 9 9 9}$ |
| 21,305,000 | 18,253,000 | 19,322,000 | 17,232,000 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2,264,647,000 | 2,281,289,000 | 2,302,283,000 | 2,262,231,000 | 2,326.518,000 | 2,296,101,000 | 2,282,492,000 | 2,272,236.000 | 2,211,005,000 |
| 761,108,000 | 2,2817,943,000 | 644,103,000 | 648,557.000 | 690,866,000 |  | 570.721,000 | 576,385.000 | 684,375,000 |
| 120,394,000 | 119,993,000 | 119,721,000 | *119.316.000 | 118,934,000 | $118,411,00$ 220 | 118,121,000 | 118.251 | 114,450,000 |
| 220,310,000 | 220,310.000 | 220,310,000 | $\begin{array}{r} 220,310,000 \\ { }_{-12,663,000} \end{array}$ | $220,310,000$ $11,980,000$ | 12,060,000 | 11,339,000 | $11,481,000$ | 11,294,000 |
| 35 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5,039,004,000 | 4,884,769,000 | 4,974,423,000 | *4942439,000 | 5,029,751,000 | 4,871,687,000 | 4,865,503,000 ${ }^{4}$ | 4.865.929,000 | 4,959,330,000 |
|  |  | $69.5 \%$ | 70.1\% | .9 | 70.5\% | . 7 | 71.1\% | .1\% |
|  |  | 73.2 | 74.0\% | 73.7\% |  | 74.5\% | 5.0 | .6\% |
| 78,875.000 | 83,009,000 | 82,408,000 | 82,168,000 | 82,666,000 | 84,656,000 | 83,543,000 | 83,647,000 | 51,853,000 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 96,085,000 | 111,474,000 | 110,558.000 | 122,574,000 | $113,254,000$ | $104,685,000$ $424,195,000$ | 96,785.000 | $86,940,000$ $332,309,000$ | - 73, 249319,000 |
| $364,185,000$ $99,013,000$ | $\begin{aligned} & 390.088,000 \\ & 48,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 465,043,000 \\ 18,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 440,813,000 \\ 74,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 0,065,000 \\ 80,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 424,195,000 \\ 21,000 \end{array}$ |  |  | $100,500,000$ |
|  | 66.139,000 | 0 | - |  |  | 55,073,000 | 55,640,000 | 55,777,060 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 70,533,000 \\ & 30,957,000 \end{aligned}$ | 29,551,000 | 28,917,000 | 25,324,000 | 29,362,000 | 32,047,000 | 32,329,000 | 31,428,000 | 22,587,000 |
|  |  |  | 5,0 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 84,340,000 | 87,880,000 |  | 81,930,000 | 86.264 .000 | 90,439,000 | $85,048,000$ $\mathbf{3 7 , 4 4 0 , 0 0 0}$ |
| 43,340,000 | 43,601,000 | 47,586,000 | 42,022,000 | 42,991,000 | 42,821,000 | 46,564,000 |  |  |
|  |  | 31.508,000 |  | 32,343,000 | 36,847,000 | 57,182,000 | 52,939,000 |  |
| 29,589,000 | 27,087,000 | 30,700,000 | 22,463,000 | 26,649,000 | 25,469,000 | 26.306,000 |  |  |
| 24,988,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 3,844,000 | 3,675,000 | 4,598,000 | 6,690,000 | 9,459.000 | 6,723,000 |
| 12,544,000 | 11,098,000 | 10,068,000 | $9,461,000$ $93,839,000$ | $9,291,000$ $104,525,000$ | $8,840,000$ $104,821,000$ | $8,739,000$ $105,590,000$ | $9,453,000$ $122,457,000$ | $11,556,000$ $\mathbf{2 6 , 3 1 9 , 0 0 0}$ |
| 89,327,000 | 111,846,000 | 94,023,000 | 93,839,000 | 104,525,000 | 104,821,000 | 105,590,000 | 122,457,000 | 26,31,000 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3,016,434,000 |
| 2,819,409.000 | $2,826,107,000$ <br> $825,142,000$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 2,839,467,000 \\ 833,374,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,845,899,000 \\ & 834,530,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} 2,850,750,000 \\ 846,950,000 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 2,860,336,000 \\ & 851,949,000 \end{aligned}\right.$ | 2,884,451,000 | 850,030,000 | 984,596,000 |
| 829,901,000 | 825,142,000 |  | 834,530,000 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1,989,508,000 | 2,000,965,000 | 2,006,093,000 | 2.011,369,000 | 2,003,800,000 | 2,008,387,000 | 2,021,402,000 | $\stackrel{\text { 2,048,723,000 }}{=}$ | $\xrightarrow{2,031,838,000}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 309,961,000 | 309,121,000 | 275,416,000 |
| 310,748,000 | 310,846,000 |  |  |  | 114,853,000 | 106,916,000 | 95,989,000 | 110,794,000 |
| 102,162,000 | 107.962,000 | ${ }^{104,140,000}$ |  | 984,075,000 | 1,008,296,000 | 1,033,410,000 | 1,106,404,000 | 1,237,768,000 |
| 1,019,492,000 | $989,900,000$ $754,218,000$ | 968,184,000 $835,592,000$ | $994,414,000$ $802,364,000$ | 797,417,000 | 791,025,000 | 740,300,000 | 692,387,00 | 584,762,000 |
| 704,667,000 | 754,218,000 | 835,592,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Total

NOTE.- Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7.1925 two new items were added In order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due
hate oforelgn correspondents. of the discounts, acceptances and sicur

| Two clphers | Boston. | New York. | Phla | Cleveland. | Rtchmond | Allanta. | Chicago. | St. Louts. | Minneap. | Kan. Cuty | Dallas. | San Fran. | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RESOURCES. <br> Gold with Federal Reserve Agents Gold red'n fund with U. S. Treas. | $\begin{array}{\|c} \mathbf{S} \\ 119,295,0 \\ 11,051,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{S} \\ 379,220,0 \\ 9,206,0 \end{gathered}$ | $\left.\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \mathbf{S} \\ 117,940,0 \\ 12,776,0 \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{S} \\ 190,089,0 \\ 4,761,0 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{gathered} s \\ 50,162,0 \\ 1,609,0 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { S } \\ 125,032,0 \\ 3,062,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \mathrm{S} \\ 129,420,0 \\ 6,563,0 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline S \\ 15,061,0 \\ 870,0 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \$ \\ 62,006,0 \\ 1,080,0 \end{array}$ | $$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{S} \\ 26,466,0 \\ 1,489,0 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ \\ 171,936,0 \\ 3,876,0 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ 1,432,402,0 \\ 58,431,0 \end{array}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} 130,346,0 \\ 48,264,0 \\ 43,265,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 388,426,0 \\ & 189,259,0 \\ & 352,910,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 130,716,0 \\ 51,541,0 \\ 25,901,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 194,850,0 \\ 46,179,0 \\ 49,105,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 51,771,0 \\ 30,280,0 \\ 4,586,0 \end{array}$ | $128,094,0$ <br> $32,665,0$ <br> 3 | 135,983,0 | $\begin{aligned} & 15,931,0 \\ & 16,087,0 \\ & 17,921,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 63,086,0 \\ 19,945,0 \\ 7,269,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 47,863,0 \\ 41,450,0 \\ 5,812,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 27,955,0 \\ & 21,81,0 \\ & 10,200 \end{aligned}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{r} 175,812,0 \\ 37,928,0 \\ 38,830,0 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,490,833,0 \\ 688,599,0 \\ 631,833,0 \end{array}$ |
| Gold held excl. agst. F.R. notes Gold settle't fund with F.R.Board Gold and gold certificates. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 3,777,0 | 72,257,0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\left\|\begin{array}{r} 221,875,0 \\ 18,604,0 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{array}{r} 930,595,0 \\ 43,034,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 208,158,0 \\ 4,572,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 290,134,0 \\ 9,168,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 86,637,0 \\ 8,867,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 164,536,0 \\ 8,820,0 \end{array}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{r} 361,448,0 \\ 20,598,0 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{aligned} & 49,919,0 \\ & 18,923,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 90,300,0 \\ 2,808,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 95,125,0 \\ 4,722,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 59,968,0 \\ 5,891,0 \end{array}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{r} 252,570.0 \\ 7,385,0 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,811,265,0 \\ 153,392,0 \end{array}$ |
| Total gold re |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reserves other |  | $\begin{array}{r} 973,629,0 \\ 24,580,0 \end{array}$ | $212,730,0$ | $\begin{array}{r} 299,302,0 \\ 4,247,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 95,504,0 \\ 4,392,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 173,356,0 \\ 3,897.0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 382,046,0 \\ 8,936,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 68,842,0 \\ 3,629,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 93,108,0 \\ 1,119,0 \end{array}$ | $\left.\begin{array}{r} 99,847,0 \\ 2,457,0 \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ | $\begin{array}{r} 65,859,0 \\ 2,831,0 \end{array}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{r} 259,955,0 \\ 3,401,0 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,964,657,0 \\ 66,786,0 \end{array}$ |
| reser | 240 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-reserve cash |  | $\begin{aligned} & 76,332,0 \\ & 27,858,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 33,565,0 \\ & 23,074,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 29,008,0 \\ & 19,224,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15,721,0 \\ & 29,302,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 13,059,0 \\ & 30,242,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 33,406,0 \\ & 21,645,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 12,341,0 \\ & 13,271,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3,591,0 \\ & 3,143,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6,865,0 \\ & 8,849,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 888,0 \\ 5,683,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 20,462,0 \\ & 29,352,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 260,479,0 \\ & 220,136,0 \end{aligned}$ |
| Buls discounted: Sec. by U. S. Govt. obligations | $\begin{array}{r} 15,241,0 \\ 8,493,0 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 兂. |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 48,232,0 \\ & 20,883,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 45,023,0 \\ & 10,223,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 43,301,0 \\ & 14,851,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 55,051,0 \\ & 28,587,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 25,612,0 \\ & 13,363,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6,734,0 \\ & 7,430,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15,714,0 \\ & 12,731,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6,571,0 \\ 12,082,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 49,814,0 \\ & 22,646,0 \end{aligned}$ | $480,615,0$$257,138,0$ |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 23,734,0 \\ & 40,506,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 104,190,0 \\ 57,410,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 56,639,0 \\ & 16,426,0 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Buls bought in open mar |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1,240,0 \\ & 1,382,0 \\ & 1,416,0 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 22,890,0 \\ 7,817,0 \\ 10,299,0 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 7,665,0 \\ & 2,711,0 \\ & 3,113,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8,687,0 \\ & 7,163,0 \\ & 9,546,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8,636,0 \\ & 6,658,0 \\ & 7,640,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 476,0 \\ 11,805,0 \\ 19,926,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 63,831,0 \\ 75,418,0 \\ 213,328,0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| U. S. Government | 571,0597,05 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,934,0 \\ 15,459,0 \\ 116,744,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 604,0 \\ 470,0 \\ 16,913,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8,103,0 \\ 11,796,0 \\ 5,595,0 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 990,0 \\ 3,887,0 \\ 7,013,0 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2,035,0 \\ & 5,673,0 \\ & 9,777,0 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bonds.-- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Treasury Certificates of indebtedness |  |  |  |  |  |  | 41,006,0 | 17,445,0 | 13,489,0 |  |  |  | 352,577,0 |
| Total I S Govt. securit | 6,554,0 | 134,137,0 | 17,987,0 | 25.494.0 | 4,038,0 | 11,890,0 |  |  |  | 25,396.0 |  |  |  |


| RESOURCES (Concluded)Two Ciphers ( 00 ) omitted. | Boston. | New York. | Phila. | Cleveland. | Rtchmond | Allanta. | Chicago. | St. Louts | Minneap. | Kan. Cuty | Dallas. | San Fran | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Other securittes. Forelgn loans on gold |  | 8 | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{S} \\ 3,050,0 \\ 732,0 \end{gathered}$ | $\frac{s}{824,0}$ | $\frac{s}{408,0}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{8} \\ & 560,0 \\ & 308,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ \\ 1,055,0 \end{gathered}$ | $\$$ | $\begin{gathered} 8 \\ 246,0 \end{gathered}$ | $300,0$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{s} \\ & 270,0 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \$ \\ & 3,610,0 \\ & 7,700,0 \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  | 2,110 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 531,0 |  |
| Total blls and securities Due from foretgn banks Uncollected Items. Bank premises. All other resources. | 71,379,0 | , | $\begin{array}{r} 94,834,0 \\ 80,691,0 \\ 1,505,0 \\ 294,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 95,433,0 \\ 75,990,0 \\ 7,409.0 \\ 846,0 \end{array}$ | 59,692,0 | 0 | 125,699,0 | 56,751,0 | 27,899,0 | 54,141,0 | 41,857,0 | 105,198,0 | 1,101,640,0 |
|  | 73,657,0 | 197,767,0 |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 45,642,0 \\ 2,761,0 \end{array}$ | $114,731,0$$7,933,0$ | 38,733,0 | 15,071,0 | 44,618,0 | 31,597,0 | 45,719,0 |  |
|  | 4,068 | 16,666,0 |  |  | $67,453,0$ $2,364,0$ |  |  | 4,111,0 | 2,943,0 | 4,636,0 | 1,793.0 | + $3,217,0$ | $\begin{array}{r}831,406,0 \\ \hline 18\end{array}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total resources $\qquad$ LIABILITIES. | ,0 | 1,513,696,0 |  |  | 392,106,0 | 483,227,0 | 229,769,0 | 297,642,0 | 641,312,0 | 172,475,0 | 142,492,0 | 206,179,0 | 144,313,0 | 420,871,0 | ,039,004,0 |
| Deposits: <br> Member bank-reserve acc't_ | $\left.\begin{array}{\|r} 141,489,0 \\ 351,0 \\ 481,0 \\ 322,0 \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ | 371,788,0 | 145,861,0 | 199,058,0 | 1,0 | 160,309,0 | 163,632,0 | 18,0 | 0 | 0 | , | 184,643,0 | 659,210 |
|  |  | 867,825,0 | 137,427,0 2 | 174,542,0 | 68,358,0 | $81,086,0$827,0 | 327,301,0 | 80,127,0 | . | 405,0817,0 | 8,582.0 | $156,220,0$$1,231,0$ | 2,230, |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 721,0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1,376,0 \\ & 9,991,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 600,0 \\ & 6018,0 \\ & 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 677,0 \\ 1,075,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 170,0 \\ 335,0 \\ 81,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 253,0 \\ 93,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 867,0 \\ 1,255,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 272,0 \\ 1,056,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 203,0 \\ & 207,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 247,0 \\ & 160,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 222,0 \\ 33,0 \end{array}$ | 6,384,0 | $\begin{array}{r} 5,971,0 \\ 21,305,0 \end{array}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Deferred avallability items <br> Capital pald in <br> Surplus. <br> All other Habilitles | $\begin{array}{r} 142,643,0 \\ 72,332,0 \\ 8,772,0 \\ 17,020,0 \\ 637,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 879,620,0 \\ 165,742,0 \\ 33,871,0 \\ 59,964,0 \\ 2,711,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 138,936,0 \\ 74,411,0 \\ 11,929,0 \\ 20,464,0 \\ 505,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 177,245,0 \\ 69,37,0 \\ 13,460.0 \\ 22,89,0 \\ 1,213,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 68,920.0 \\ 64,645,0 \\ 6.096,0 \\ 11,919,0 \\ 858,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 82,259,0 \\ 40.849,0 \\ 4,919,0 \\ 8,700,0 \\ 606,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} 330,144,0 \\ 98,415,0 \\ 16,292,0 \\ 30,613,0 \\ 2,216,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 81,587,0 \\ 38,328,0 \\ 5,150.0 \\ 9,570,0 \\ 722,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 53,116,0 \\ 13,681.0 \\ 3,152.0 \\ 7,501.0 \\ 933,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 86,629,0 \\ 41,508,0 \\ 4,236,0 \\ 8,979.0 \\ 633,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 59,276,0 \\ 34,989.0 \\ 4,280.0 \\ 7,6150 \\ 504,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|r\|r\|} 164,272,0 \\ 46.851,0 \\ 8.237,0 \\ & 15.071 .0 \\ 1,797,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,264,647,0 \\ 761,108,0 \\ 120,394,0 \\ 220,310,0 \\ 13,335,0 \end{array}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total liabilities $\qquad$ | $\begin{array}{\|r} 394,922,0 \\ 81.2 \\ 5,883,0 \\ 18,264,0 \end{array}$ | 1,513,69 | 392,106,0 | 483,227,0 | 229,769,0 | 297,642,0 | 641,312,0 | 172,475,0 | 142,492,0 | 206,179,0 | 144,313,0 | 420,871,0 | 5,039,00 |
| eserve ratio ( |  | 22,773,0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| chased for forelign corre |  |  | 7,354,0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 78,975,0 |
| F. R. notes on hand (notes rec'd |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 0,064,0 | 28,386,0 | 21,494,0 | 15,894,0 | 19,251,0 | 19,648,0 | 5,103,0 | $2,720,0$ | 6,168,0 | ,929,0 | $48,377,0$ | 330,298,0 |


| Federal Reserve Agent at- | Boston. | Newo York. | Phtla. | Cleveland | Rtchmond | Allana. | Chicago. | St. Louts. | Minneap. | Kan. Cuty | Dallas. | San Fran. | Total. |
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| (Troo Clphers (00) Omitted.) F.R.notes rec'd from Comptroller | $\xrightarrow{\text { 219,982,0 }}$ | 738,212,0 | 209,767,0 | 276,702,0 | $\stackrel{\text { S }}{\text { 119,365,0 }}$ | 223,994,0 | 413,517,0 | 65,801,0 | 86,532,0 | $\stackrel{\text { ¢ }}{\text { 119,352,0 }}$ | 57.665.0 | $\underset{288,520,0}{\$}$ | $2,8$ |
| F.R.notes held by F. R. Agent.- | 48,200,0 | 226,360,0 | 35.520,0 | 56.150,0 | 26,140.0 | 44,434,0 | 230,237,0 | 23,580,0 | 19,703,0 | 48,990,0 | 15,087,0 | 55,500,0 | 829,901,0 |
| F.R.notes issued to F.R. Bank Collateral held as security for | $\overline{171,782,0}$ | 511,852,0 | 174,247,0 | 220,552,0 | 93,225,0 | 179,560,0 | 183,280.0 | 42,221,0 | 66,829,0 | 70,362,0 | 42,578,0 | 233,020,0 | 1,989,508.0 |
| Gold and gold certificates..- | 35,300,0 | 186,698.0 |  | 8,780,0 | 25,655,0 | 12,977,0 |  | 10,045,0 | 12,867,0 |  | 17,226,0 |  |  |
| Gold redemption fund. | 9,995,0 | 26,522,0 | 12,351,0 | 11,309,0 | 4,007,0 | 7.055,0 | 3,775,0 | 1,816.0 | $1.139,0$ | 2,915,0 | $3,240.0$ | 18.038 .0 | 102,162.0 |
| Gold fund-F. R. Board Elig!ble paper | $\begin{aligned} & 74,000,0 \\ & 64,200 \end{aligned}$ | $166,000,0$ $148,308,0$ | $104,389,0$ $60,432,0$ | $170,000.0$ <br> $68,714,0$ | $20,500,0$ $52,005,0$ | $105,000.0$ $56,966,0$ | $125,645,0$ $83,442,0$ | $3,200,0$ $38,407,0$ | $48,000,0$ $13,908,0$ | $42,860,0$ $28,237,0$ | 6.000 .0 17.938 .0 | $153,898.0$ $72,070,0$ | $1.019,492.0$ $704,667.0$ |
| Total collateral. | 183,535 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## 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 riabilities 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 1542


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Wall Street, Friday Night, March 191926.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.-The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 1567 .
The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this
week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

| stocks. <br> Week Ended Mar. 19. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sales } \\ & \text { for } \\ & \text { Week. } \end{aligned}$ | Range for Week. |  | Range Stnce Jan. 1. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Lewest. | Highest. | Lowest. | Hlohest. |



Industrial \& Miscell Abraham \& Straus...-10
Preferred Allance Reaity, new..--* American Can Co-.-100 American Plano pref-100 Barnett Leather-.......-* Preferred Com Inv Tr pt $\mathrm{pf}(61 / 2)-100$
Cush Sons pf $7 \% 100$ ush Sons pp $7 \% \%$ \% $\% 100$
Devoe \& Ray 1 st pref 100 Bisenlohr \& Bros......25
Elec Auto-Lite
First Narn Coal Corp-.Fisk Rub ist pt conv 100
1st pref stamped. 100 Gen Clgar, new


Kinney Co pr
MeCrovy Stores
Manati Suga
Manhattan Shirt pf 100
Miller Rubber ctfs.
Preterred
Pacific Ma
mats Pubslic Steel Car new... $6 \%$ preferred N J Rt her-Will 1st pret Rts outhern Dairies cl B..
Underwood (J R) Co- 100 Vicksburg Chemical irginia Carolina B ctrs* Wells Fargo \& Co .... 100 Westinghouse El 1st pt55 West Penn Pw 6\% pf 100
White Motor Rts.

## * No par value.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies

| Banks-N. ${ }^{\text {P }}$ \| ${ }^{\text {Bld. }}$ |  |  | B1 |  |  |  | Ask |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| America*...- 315 | 330 | Hamilt | 185 |  | New York. |  |  |
| Amer Ex PaC 450 | 460 | Hanov | 100 | 1125 | American - ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |
| Amer Union* 217 | 225 |  | 550 230 | 240 |  | 625 |  |
| BoweryEast R 390 | 400 | Manhattan*- | ${ }_{435}^{230}$ | ${ }_{445}^{240}$ | Bankers Trust | 615 | 5 |
| Broadway Cen 350 | 380 1425 | Mech \& Met | 500 | 445 | Bronx Co Tr- | 300 |  |
|  | ${ }_{500}$ | Nat American | 190 | 210 | Central Union | 865 | 880 |
| Bryant Park* 225 | 240 | National City | 630 | 640 | Emplire | 365 | 375 |
| Butch \& Drov 180 | 185 | New Neth*- | 280 | 300 | Equitable Tr. | 280 | 285 |
| Capltol Nat. 230 | 240 | Park | 515 | 525 | Farm L \& Tr. | 525 | 540 |
| Cent Mercan. 305 | 315 | Penn Exch. | 124 | 134 | Fidelity Trust | 290 | 300 |
| Chase...... 615 | 620 | Port Morris.- | 215 |  | Fulton | 400 | 425 |
| Chath Phenix |  | Public | 570 | 600 | Guaranty Tr- | 370 | 375 |
| Nat Bk\& Tr 360 | 367 | Seab | ${ }^{665}$ | 685 | Irving Bank- |  |  |
| Chelsea Exch* 230 | 235 | Seve | 175 | 185 | Columbia Tr | 325 | 330 |
| Chemical.... 810 | 825 | Stan | 600 | 650 | Lawyers Tr.- | 520 |  |
| Colonial*-.-- 550 |  | State* | 575 | 595 | Manufacturer | 520 | 530 |
| Commerce... 365 | 370 | Trade | 157 | 162 | Mutual(West |  |  |
| Com'nwealth* 310 | 320 | United | 215 | 230 | chester) | 220 | 330 |
| Continental - 275 |  | United States* | 325 | 335 | N Y Trust | 520 | 530 |
| Corn Exch ... 590 | 600 | Wash'n Hts*. | 725 |  | Title Gu \& Tr | 650 | 660 |
| Cosmop'tan* ${ }^{225}$ |  | Brooklyn |  |  | U S Mtg \& Tr | 400 | 410 |
| Fifth Avenue* 2300 |  | Coney Island* | 280 | 310 | United statee | 1800 | 1830 |
| First_-....... 2550 | 2625 | First. | 550 |  | Westches Tr- |  |  |
| Franklin.-..- 180 | 200 | Mechanics**-- | 310 | 320 | Brooklyn. |  |  |
| Garfleld.-.-- 375 | 385 | Montauk* | 1305 |  | ${ }^{\text {Brooklyn }} \mathrm{Tr}$ | 900 | 0 |
|  |  | Nassau. |  | 400 | Kings County |  |  |
| Greenwlch* - 510 |  | People's-.-. | $\begin{aligned} & 580 \\ & 175 \end{aligned}$ |  | Midwood Pendle's | $t 260$ 810 | $\begin{array}{r}275 \\ 825 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| *Banks marked (*) are State banks $y$ Ex-rights |  |  | (t) New stock. |  |  | Ex-dividem |  |
| New York | Cit | y Realty <br> All prices doll | ars per | share. | ty Companies. |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Toelty aseo |  | $43 k$ |
|  | 152 | Mtge Bond. | $\begin{aligned} & 1320 \\ & 220 \end{aligned}$ | 140228 | Realty Assoc, (Bklyn) com |  |  |
|  | ${ }_{323}^{183}$ | Nat Surety-: |  |  | (Bklyn) com | $\begin{array}{r} t 122 \\ 90 \end{array}$ | 130 |
|  | 270 | Mortgage.- | 470 | 480 | 2 d pr |  | 93 |
|  |  | U s Casualty- | 375 | 400 | Westchester |  |  |
|  | 300 | U 8 Title Guar | 310 | 320 | Title \& Tr | 450 |  |

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Ctfs. of Indebtedness, \&c.

| Maturity. | Int. Rate. | Bta. | Asked. | Maturity. | Int. | Btd. | Asked. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sept. 151926 | 41/4\% | $100{ }^{13} 3$ | $100{ }^{16_{32}}$ | June 151926 | $314 \%$ | $99^{11_{12}}$ | 100 |
| June 151926 |  | $9^{992}{ }^{13}$ | 100 | Dec. 151927 | 41\%\% | 1017 ${ }^{16}$ | $101^{1732}$ |
| Dec. 151926 | 33/4\% | $100^{1}{ }^{18}$ | 1001/3 | Mar. 15192 | 4\%\% | 1011/3 | $101^{\frac{1}{18}}$ |

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

| Daily Record of U. S. Bond P | Mar. 13 | M\&T. 15 | Mat. 16 | Mar. 17 | Mar. 18 | Mar |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $1011_{32}$ | $101{ }^{3} 3$ | 1014 | 101 | 10 | $1015{ }_{39}$ |
| 31/2\% bonds of 1932-47 .- Low | $1011_{32}$ | $1011_{32}$ | $1011_{32}$ | $1011_{32}$ | 101132 | $101{ }^{3} 3$ |
| (First 31/2s) Close Total sales in $\$ 1,000$ unts | $101{ }^{132}$ | $101^{132}$ 36 | $1011_{32}$ 30 | $1011_{32}$ | 101323 59 | $\begin{array}{r} 101^{2313} \\ 195 \\ 195 \end{array}$ |
| Converted $4 \%$ bonds of (High |  | $1011^{152}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 1932-47 (First 48) .-.- $\begin{aligned} & \text { Low- } \\ & \text { Close }\end{aligned}$ |  | $1011{ }^{15}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Total sales in \$1,000 units -.. |  | ${ }^{101}{ }^{15^{32}}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $102{ }^{6}$ | 10 |  |  |  |  |
| of 1932-47 (First 41/8) \{ Low- |  | $102{ }^{6}{ }^{32}$ | $102^{5_{32}}$ | $102{ }^{\text {d }}$ | 102 |  |
| Total sales in $\$ 1,000$ units... |  |  |  | $102{ }^{3}$ | $102^{6} 3$ |  |
| Total sales in $\$ 1,000$ units |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| bonds of 1932-47 (First\{Low- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Second 41/8 - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Second Liberty Loan (High |  | 100 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 100 |  | 1004 |  |  |
|  |  | 100 |  | 1004 |  |  |
| (Second 4s) $\qquad$ Close <br> Total sales in $\$ 1,000$ units... |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 100^{30} 393 \\ & 100^{23}{ }_{39} \end{aligned}$ |
| Converted 41/4\% bonds (High | $\begin{aligned} & 100^{28} \\ & 100^{26} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100^{22_{32}} \\ & 10^{2} 8_{32} \end{aligned}$ | $100{ }^{28} 8_{32}$ <br> $1008_{32}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1000^{29_{32}} \\ & 100^{2 \theta_{32}} \end{aligned}$ | 100 $100^{28} 8_{32}$ 18 |  |
| 41/8) | $100^{27}{ }^{32}$ | $100^{27}{ }^{32}$ | $100{ }^{28} 32$ | $100{ }^{28}{ }^{3}$ | $100^{29}{ }^{32}$ | $100^{10_{32}}$55 |
|  |  | 178 | 210 |  | 105 |  |
| Total sales in \$1,000 unttsi-g | $101{ }^{\text {e }} 3$ | $101{ }^{6} 3$ | $101{ }^{31}$ | $101{ }^{32}$ | $101{ }^{8}{ }^{3}$ | $101{ }^{683}$$1014{ }^{43}$10143 |
| $41 / 4 \%$ bonds of 1928...- | $101{ }^{3}{ }_{32}$ | 10143 | $101^{32}$ | $101^{12}$ | 10143 |  |
|  | $101^{5} 3$ | $101^{83}$ | $101{ }^{3}{ }_{3}$ | $101{ }^{5}$ | $101{ }^{43}$ |  |
|  |  | 286 | 163 | 349 |  | ${ }_{82}$ |
| Fourth Liberty Loan (High | $102{ }^{18}{ }_{32}$ | 102183 | $102{ }^{17} 7_{22}$ | $102{ }^{18}$ | $102{ }^{13_{32}}$ | $102{ }^{11_{31}}$ |
| 41/\% bonds of 1933-38 .- - Low | $102{ }^{13_{32}}$ | 10215 | $102{ }^{15_{32}}$ | $102{ }^{15}$ | $102{ }^{32}$ | $102{ }^{11_{32}}$ |
| (Fourth 41/48) --.-.- Close | $102{ }^{1{ }^{13}}$ | $102^{15} 5_{32}$ | $102^{16_{32}}$ | $102{ }^{1 s_{3}}$ | $102^{1538}$ | $102{ }^{1531}$ |
| Total sales in \$1,000 untts. | 276 | 308 | 143 | 206 | 109 | 548$1078_{31}$ |
| 41/8, 1947-52........... $\begin{aligned} & \text { Low. } \\ & \text { Close }\end{aligned}$ | 1072732 | 107273 | $107{ }^{27_{32}}$ | $10{ }^{277}$ | $107{ }^{27}{ }_{32}$ |  |
|  | $107^{24}$ | $107{ }^{14_{32}}$ | $107{ }^{253} 3$ | $1077{ }^{26}$ | 1072632 | $107^{424}$ |
| Total sales in $\$ 1,000$ untts... <br> 4s, 1944-1954..........-(High |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{104{ }^{27}{ }^{27}}$ |
|  |  | 10443 | $104{ }^{13}$ |  | $46_{32}$ |  |
| \{Low- | $104{ }^{23}$ | 104.00 | $1041_{32}$ |  | $103^{311_{32}}$ | 104.00 |
| Total sales in $\$ 1,000$ units | $104{ }^{32}$ | 104.00 | 10 |  | 104.00 | 104.00 |
|  | 45 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $3 \frac{3}{4} \mathrm{~s}, 1946-1956 \ldots\left\{\left.\begin{array}{l} \mathrm{High} \\ \text { Low } \\ \text { Close } \end{array} \right\rvert\,\right.$ |  | $100{ }^{11}$ |  |  | $10016_{32}$ |  |
|  |  | 1001 | $100{ }^{11_{32}}$ | 100 | 100 |  |
|  |  | 1001 | $100{ }^{11_{52}}$ | $100^{1}$ | 100 |  |
| Total sales in $\$ 1,000$ units. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Note. -The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:
8 st $31 / \mathrm{s}$
$302 \mathrm{~d} 41 / \mathrm{s}$. $\qquad$
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Foreign Exchange.-Sterling exchange was dull but steady on a light volume of trading. In the Continental exchanges the feature of the week was a break in Belgian franes of 50 points as a result of the withdrawal of Government support and a hitch in the Belgian loan negotiations. The remainder of the market was irregular but quiet.


 yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders wer
 high and 136.62 francs low. $10 n, 136.63$ rrancs; week's ran
The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:


The Curb Market. The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 1568 .
A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 1595.

## CURRENT NOTICES.

-A. B. Leach \& Co., Inc., have opened a San Francisco office under the direction of Ross Thompson, formerly associated with the bond department of the Bank of Italy.
-The White-Phillips Co., Davenport, Iowa, announce the opening of a Chicago office under the management of H. C. Mulch at 137 S . La Salle St.
-Eastman, Dillon \& Co. announce that they are opening a Chicago office under the charge of Mr. Harry Kleist at 105 South La Salle Street. -Eastman, Dillon \& Co. now have branches at Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Washington, Reading, Albany and other towns.
-The Equitable Trust Co. has been appointed Transfer Agent for stock of the E. W. Bliss Co. (Delaware)
-Farr \& Co. have issued an analysis of Continental Can Co. common stock.

New York Stock Exchange-Stock Record, Daily, Weekly and Yearly

For sales during the week of stocks usually Inactive, see preceding page.


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## New York Bond Record-Concluded-Page 6



Quotations of Sundry Securities


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## Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.-Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Mar. 13 to Mar. 19, both inclusive:

| Bonds- | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Friday } \\ \text { Last } \\ \text { Sale } \\ \text { Price. } \end{array}$ | Week's Range of Prices. Low. High | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sates } \\ \text { for } \\ \text { Week. } \end{gathered}$ | Range Since Jan. 1. |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  | Low. |  | Hioh. |  |
| Atl G \& W I SS L 5s_ 1959 |  | $71 \quad 71$ | \$1,000 | 70 | Mar | 74 | Jan |
| Chic Jet Ry \& U S Y 5 s '40 | 101 | $1001 / 2100$ | 8.000 | 99 | Jan | 101 | Mar |
| E Mass St RR ser A 41/2s'48 | 62 | 6262 | 4,000 | 62 | Mar | 65 | Jan |
| Series B 5s..---7. 1948 | 66 | $66 \quad 66$ | 1,000 | 65 | Mar | 70 | Jan |
| Good Hope St \& [ 7s - 1945 |  | 91.91 | 1,000 | 901/4 | Jan | 92 | Feb |
| Hood Rubber 7s.---1937 |  | 1043/4105 | 8,000 | 1041/4 | Jan | 105 | Feb |
| Int Power Sec Corp 61/2s'55 |  | $911 / 4.911 / 4$ | 5,000 | $911 / 4$ | Mar | 933/4 | Jan |
| K C M \& B inc 5s .-.-1934 |  | $971 / 298$ | 2,000 | 971/2 | Mar | 983/ | Mar |
| Mass Gas 41/2s |  | $99 \quad 99$ | 4,000 | 981/2 | Jan | 991/2 | Feb |
|  |  | 963/4 97 | 13,000 |  | Jan | 97 | Feb |
| Miss River Power 5s_1951 |  | 99\%\% 100 | 7,000 | 991/2 | Jan | 1003/4 | Jan |
| New Eng Tel \& Tel 5s_1932 |  | 1003/41011/4 | 5,000 | 1001/3 | Feb | 1011/2 | Feb |
| P C Pocah Co 7s deb__ 1935 |  | 105105 | 1,000 | 105 | Mar | 111 | Feb |
| South Ice Util 68 | 97 | $97 \quad 97$ | 5,000 |  |  | 97 | Mar |
| Swift \& Co 5s . . . . . 1944 |  | $100 \quad 1001 / 2$ | 4,500 | 991/2 |  | 101 | Mar |
| Western Tel \& Tel 5s__ 1932 |  | $991 / 21001 / 8$ | 11,500 | 991/2 | Mar | 101122 |  |

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.-Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Mar. 13 to Mar. 19, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

| Stocks- | Friday Last SalePrice. | Week's Range of Prices. <br> Low. High. |  | Sales for Week. Shates | Range Since Jan. 1. |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  | Low |  | Hig |  |
| Abbotts Al Dairy pref-100 | 101 | 101 | 102 |  | 90 | 100 | an | 1021/2 |  |
| Alliance Insurance .-.- 10 |  | 5134 | 52 | 120 | 30 | Jan | 59 | Jan |
| Amer Elec Pow Co pf ._100 | 1091/2 | 106 5/8 | 1095/8 | 1,244 | 1011/2 | Jan | 1095/8 | Mar |
| American Stores.......--* | 71 |  | 835/8 | 19,131 | 70 | Mar | 941/2 | Jan |
| Bell Tel Co of Penn pr | 1091/2 | 1091/2 |  | 197 | 1091/2 | Mar |  | Jan |
| Cambria Iron --.---.-50 |  |  | 40 | 108 | 38 | Jan | 40 | Mar |
| Congoleum Co Inc |  | 18 | 18 | 100 | 173/8 | Jan | 21 | Feb |
| Fire Association, new.-. 10 |  | 58 | $591 / 2$ | 80 | 58 | Mar | 68 | Jan |
| General Asphalt_......-100 |  | $591 / 2$ | 591/2 | 10 | 591/2 | Mar | 591/2 | Mar |
| Glant Portland Cement-50 |  | 41 |  | 95 |  | Jan |  | Feb |
| Preferred |  | 47 | $47^{1 / 2}$ | 45 | 345\% | Jan | 481/2 | Feb |
| Insurance Co of N A ... 10 | 541/2 | 54312 | $57^{1 / 8}$ | 1,838 |  | Mar | 641/2 |  |
| Keystone Watch Case |  | 65 | 65 | 35 | 62 | Jan |  | Feb |
| Lake Superior Corp.... 100 | 3 |  | 31/8 | 1,285 | 3 | Mar | $43 / 4$ | Jan |
| Lehigh Navigation..... 50 | 104 | 102 | 109 | 2,215 | $971 / 8$ | Mar | 1201/8 | Feb |
| Lit Brothers.--------- 10 | 261/8/ | $261 / 8$ | $271 / 2$ | 2,000 | 251/4 | Mar | $331 / 2$ | Jan |
| Man Rubber |  | 4 | 51/8 | 315 | $21 / 2$ | Jan |  | Jan |
| Music Master Corp |  | 2 |  | 100 |  | Mar |  | Mar |
| Penn Cent L \& P cu | 713/4 | $713 / 4$ |  | 326 | 713/4 | Mar | $731 / 2$ | Jan |
| Pennsylvania RR...... 50 |  |  | 53188 | 21,338 | 50 | Mar | 551/8 | Jan |
| Pennsylvania Salt Mfg_-50 | 743/4 |  |  | 496 | 71 | Jan | 91 | Feb |
| Phila Co (Pitts) pf (5\%) 50 |  |  |  |  | 37 | Mar | 38 | Jan |
| Preferred (cumul 6\%) -50 |  | 491/2 | 50 | 170 | 49 | Mar | 50 | Mar |
| Phila Electric of Pa_...-25 | 48 |  | $523 / 4$ | 76,600 | 431/4 | Mar | $671 / 8$ | Jan |
| Warrants |  |  |  | 23,507 | 31/8 | Mar | $71 / 4$ | Mar |
| Phila Insulated Wi |  |  | 52 | 70 | 50 | Jan |  | Feb |
| Phila Rapid Transit | 533/4 | 533/4 | 54 | 476 | 51 | Jan | $572 / 8$ | Feb |
| Philadelphia Tracti |  |  |  | 132 | 567/8 | Jan |  | Feb |
| Phila \& Western | 12 | 12 | 12 | 115 | 12 | Mar | 1453/3 | Jan |
| Preferred |  | 35 |  | 50 | 345/8 | Jan | 353/8 | Mar |
| Tono-Belmon |  | $31 / 2$ | $3{ }^{3 / 4}$ | 5,631 | $29-16$ | Jan | 41/2 | Jan |
| Tonopah Mining |  |  |  | 1.549 | $415-16$ | Jan |  |  |
| Union Traction ........ 50 | 3978 | 397/8 | 401/8 | 620 | 38 | Jan | 435/3 | Jan |
| United Gas Impt | 95 |  |  | 13.913 |  | Mar | 1441/2 | Jan |
| Warwick Iron \& Steel.-- 10 |  |  | 33/4 | 120 | 31/2 | Mar | 31/3 | Mar |
| West Jersey \& Sea Shore-50 |  | $x 45$ | 47 | 244 | 43 | Mar | 47 | Jan |
| Westmoreland Coal -..- 50 |  |  | 54 | 326 |  | Mar |  | Jan |
| York Rallways pref....- 50 |  | 371/8 |  | 209 | $361 / 2$ | Jan | $381 / 2$ | Feb |
| $\stackrel{\text { Bonds }}{ }$   <br>    <br>    |  |  |  |  |  | Feb |  |  |
| Amer Gas \& Elec 5S...- 2007 |  |  | 92 | 500 |  | Mar | $92$ | Mar |
| Consol Trac N J 1st 5s 1932 |  | $601 / 2$ | $601 / 2$ | 3,000 |  | Jan | 6914 | Feb |
| Elec \& Peoples tr ctrs 4s'45 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Feb |
| Keystone Telep. st. 5 s '35 | $911 / 2$ |  |  | 2,700 7,000 |  | Jan | $923 / 8$ | Feb |
| Lehigh C\&Nav gen $41 / 2 S^{\prime} 24$ <br> Phila Elec 5s........... 1960 | 1021/8 | 1021/2 | 1027 981/8 | 7,000 26,000 | ${ }^{973 / 4}$ | Mar Jan |  | Feb |
| 1st 58.............-- 1966 |  | 1031/4 | 10314 | 31,000 | 102144 | Jan | 1043/4 | Feb |
| Small-...........-- 1966 |  | 102\% | 1023 | 1,000 | 1021/8 | Mar | 1031/4 | Mar |
| 51/2S............-- 1947 | 1071/4 | 1033/8 | 10731/3 | 37,000 | 1033/8 | Mar | 1073/4 | Jan |
| 51/2s-...........--- 1953 |  | 10714 | 1071/2 | 32,000 | 106 | Jan | 1071/2 | Jan |
| 68.-......-........... 1941 |  | $1071 / 2$ | 108 | 5,000 | 1071/8 | Mar | 1081/2 | Feb |
| United Rys gold tr ctf 4s '49 |  |  |  | 2,000 | $591 / 2$ | Jan | 65 | Jan |
| York Rallways 1st 5s_1937 |  | $957 / 8$ | 957/8 | 6,000 | $951 / 4$ | Jan | 96 | n |

Baltimore Stock Exchange. - Record of transactions a Baltimore Stock Exchange Mar. 13 to Mar. 19, both inclusive, compiled from official lists:

| Stocks- | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Frididy } \\ \text { Last } \\ \text { Sole } \\ \text { Price. } \end{array}$ | Week's Range Low Prices. High <br> Low. <br> High. | Sales for <br> Week. <br> Shates. | Range Since Jan. 1. |  |  |  |
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| Amer Wholesale pret--100 |  | $\begin{array}{lll}100 & 100 \\ 321 / 2 \\ 33\end{array}$ |  |  |  | ${ }^{101}$ |  |
|  | 32\% | $213 \quad 232$ | 40 |  | ar | $11 / 2$ |  |
| Baltimore Trust Co.- ${ }^{50}$ |  | $1481 / 2$ 6149 61 61 | 100 |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Boston Sand \& C Gravel } 100}$ |  | $\begin{array}{cc}61 \\ 170 & 61 \\ 170\end{array}$ | 00 |  |  |  |  |
| Ches \& P Tel of | 113\% | $1131 / 21139$ |  |  | Jan | 1135 |  |
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| mmercial Cr |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | $26 \% 18$ | 12 |  | Jan |  |  |
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| $7 \%$ preterred |  |  |  |  |  |  | Feb |
| 8\% preterred |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| solidatio |  | ${ }_{93}$ |  |  | Ma | 1/4 |  |
| Preterred Rolling Miili | 361 |  | 470 |  |  |  |  |
| Empire 38th St |  |  |  |  |  | 102 |  |
| Fidelity \% Dep | 120 |  | 18 | $1173 /$ |  | 124 |  |
| Finance Co of | 2014 |  | 387 |  |  | 21/2 |  |
|  |  | 26 | 49 | ${ }^{26}$ | Mar | $261 / 2$ |  |
| Preterr | 92 | 92 92 <br> 84  <br> 84  | 5 |  | ${ }_{\text {Mar }}$ |  |  |
| uston OII |  | ${ }_{400} \quad 50 \mathrm{c}$ | 1,800 | 40 c | eb |  |  |
| raine Pet | 62 | $62 \quad 64$ | 75 | 62 | Mar | 681/2 | Feb |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{lll}21 / 18 \\ 231 / 84 \\ 24 & 22 \\ & \end{array}$ | ${ }_{276}^{125}$ |  | Ma |  |  |
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Chicago Stock Exchange.-Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Mar. 13
compiled from official sales lists:

| Stocks- | $\begin{gathered} \text { Firiday } \\ \text { Last } \\ \text { Sole } \\ \text { Price. } \end{gathered}$ | Week's Range of Prices. Low. High | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Sales } \\ \text { for } \\ \text { Week. } \\ \text { Shares. } \end{gathered}\right.$ | Range Stince Jan. 1. |  |  |  |
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| Am Pub Utill Co |  | $881 / 289$ |  | 82 |  |  |  |
| American Shlpbuildit |  | $72 \quad 72$ |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Borg \& Beek | 371 | 371/8 37 | ,87 |  |  |  |  |
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| efer |  | 115 |  | 113 |  |  | an |
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| Dlamond Match | 120 | 120125 | 140 | 120 | Mar |  |  |
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| R |  |  | 40 |  |  |  |  |
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| Gossara | 34/4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Great Lakes D |  | ${ }_{142}^{142} 147$ | 275 | 140 | Ma |  |  |
| Gr | 401/4 |  |  | 391/4 | Ma |  |  |
| Hupp | 43 | $411 / 84$ | 1,735 |  |  |  |  |
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| Indep Pneumatic Tool...** |  |  | 160 |  |  |  |  |
| Inland steel |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hydro-Ele |  |  |  | ${ }_{92}^{25}$ |  |  |  |
| Krart Cheese Co-..... 25 |  | 100.100 | 12,000 | 65 |  |  |  |
| lede |  | 100100 |  | 100 |  |  |  |
| La Salle Ext Univ (III) - 10 | $103 / 2$ | 103/10 |  |  | Ja | 147/8 | Jan |
| Lindsay Li |  |  |  |  | Mar |  | , |
| Mequay-No |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{291}^{191}$ |  |
| idde Wes |  | 1153/118 | 10 |  | Mar | 134 | Ja |
| Preterred-1-100 |  |  |  | 1067/ |  |  | $\underset{\text { Feb }}{\substack{\text { Feb }}}$ |
| land Steel P |  |  |  | 4 | Mar |  |  |
| land | 993/ |  |  |  | Jan | 100 |  |
|  |  | $5971{ }^{97}$ | 840 | 561 |  |  |  |
| Elec | $201 /$ |  | 570 |  | Ma |  |  |
| Preterred---..-- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| th |  | 29 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nor West Utili pr in pref 100 | 97 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7\% preferred_-1.100 | 95 | $153 / 191$ | ${ }_{635}^{100}$ |  |  |  |  |


| Stocks (Concluded) Par. | Friday Last SalePrice | Week's Range of Prices. <br> Lovo. High. |  | Sales for Week. Shates | Range Stnce Jan. 1. |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  | Lowo. | High. |  |
| Penn Gas \& Ele | 21 | 21 | 21 |  | 160 | 21 | Feb | 24 | Feb |
| Pick (Albert) \& Co...- 10 |  | 21 | $211 / 2$ | 160 | 21 | Mar | 23 | Jan |
| Plek, Barth \& Co, pref A.* |  | $2113 / 2$ | $211 / 2$ | 100 | $211 / 2$ | Mar | 2234 | Feb |
| Pines Winterfront A.-.-. 5 | 36 | 351/2 | 361/8 | 900 | 35 | Feb | 591/2 | Jan |
| Pub Serv of Nor Illin |  | 130 | $1321 / 2$ | 160 | 130 | Jan | 137 | Jan |
| Pub Serv of Nor Illinols. 100 |  | 1301/4 | 131 | 40 | 130 | Jan | 135 | Jan |
| Preferred -------- 100 |  | 102 | 102 | 21 | 1001/2 | Jan | 1021/2 | Jan |
| $7 \%$ preferred...-... 100 |  | 1163/8 | 1163/8 | 10 | 112 | Jan | 1163/8 |  |
| Quaker Oats Co..........* | 132 | 131 | 132 | 276 | 128 | Jan |  |  |
| Preferred.-.-.-. -- 100 | 1061/2 | 106 | 1061/2 | 50 | 105 | Feb | 107 | Feb |
| Real Silk Hosiery Mills.. 10 | 521/4 | 52 | $541 / 2$ | 3,220 | 513 | Mar | 581/2 | Jan |
| Reo Motor-1........ 10 |  | $221 / 3$ | 223 年 | 280 | $213 / 4$ | Mar | $251 / 2$ | Jan |
| Ryan Car Co (The) .-.--25 | 1414 | 141/4 | 15 | 225 | 1414 | Mar |  | Jan |
| So Colo Pr Elec A com_ 25 |  | 25 | 25 | 11 | 24 | Mar | 253/4 | Jan |
| Stewart-Warner Speedom * | $823 / 6$ | 81 | $857 / 8$ | 37,000 | $721 / 2$ | Mar | 93 | Jan |
| Swift \& Co.......-. - 100 | 1151/4 | 1133/4 | 143 | 1,940 | 113 | Jan | 117 | Feb |
| Swift International...--15 | 18 | 18 | 1978 | 13,970 | 18 | Mar | 225/8 | Jan |
| Tenn Prod Corp com |  | 15 | 151/8 | 85 | 15 | Mar | $151 / 4$ | Mar |
| Thompson (J R) .-.-.-. 25 |  | 451/2 | 46 | 285 | 4434 | Jan |  | Feb |
| Union Carblde \& Carbon-* | 81 | $803 /$ | $861 / 4$ | 17,100 | 7213 | Jan | $861 / 4$ | Mar |
| United Biscuit class A |  | $451 / 2$ | 48 | 1,385 | $421 / 2$ | Mar | 593/4 | Jan |
| United Lt \& Pow A w inew* |  |  | 17 | 320 |  | Mar |  |  |
| Common el A wi a |  | 80 | 80 | 109 | 77 | Mar | 144 | Jan |
| Common cl Bwia | 80 | 80 | 80 | 115 | $741 / 2$ | Mar | 155 | Jan |
| Preferred ${ }^{\text {cl AW }}$ A Preferred $\operatorname{cl~B~W~i~}$ | 84 | 833/4 | $861 / 2$ | 430 | 82 | Mar | 52 | $\underset{\text { Mar }}{\text { Mar }}$ |
| Preferred cl B | 463/4 | ${ }_{33}^{46}$ | ${ }_{35}^{471 / 8}$ | 1,915 | ${ }_{311 / 2}$ | Mar |  | $\stackrel{\text { Feb }}{\text { Mar }}$ |
| US Gypsum .-.....-. 20 | 138 | 138 | 145 | 915 | 138 | Jan | 1611/2. | Jan |
| Utilities Pow \& Lt cl A..-* |  | 331/2 | 33312 | 30 | 331/2 | Mar | 361/4 | Feb |
| Vesta Battery Corp...- 10 | $123 / 2$ | $121 / 2$ | 1432 | 795 | $121 / 2$ | Mar |  | Jan |
| Wahl Co- | 12 |  | 121/8 | 845 |  | Jan | 141/4 | Feb |
| Wanner Mall'le Cast pf. 50 |  | 10 | 10 | 50 | 10 | Mar |  | Mar |
| Ward(Montgomery) \& Colo |  | 693/4 | 6934 | 10 | 69 | Mar | 8134 | Jan |
| Class A. |  | 111 | 1121/4 | 285 | 109 | Jan | 11214 | Mar |
| Williams Oi | 201/2 | $201 / 2$ | 22 | 3,880 | 5163 | Jan |  |  |
| Wrigley Jr-...es mart pfd-* | $521 / 4$ 30 | ${ }_{29}^{59} 4$ | $531 / 2$ $307 / 8$ | 970 2,710 | 511/2 | Mar |  | Jeb |
| Yates Machines part pfd_* Yellow Tr \& Coach Mrg B 10 | 30 $281 / 8$ | 2931/4 | 307/8 | 2,710 1,380 | 2838 2738 | Mar | 33 | Feb Feb |
| Preferred.......... 100 |  | $951 / 2$ |  | 130 | 93 | Jan |  | Jan |
| Yellow Cab Co Ine (Chic)* |  | 461/4 | $471 / 2$ | 1,570 |  | Mar | 503/4 |  |
| BondsChicago City Ry 5s -1927 |  |  | $731 / 2$ | \$25,200 | 721/2 | Mar |  | Jan |
| Chic City \& Con Rys 58.27 | 515/8 | $51 \%$ | $521 / 8$ | 7,000 | 491/2 | Jan | $563 / 4$ | Jan |
| Chicago Railways 5s. 1927 | 7234 | 723 | 741/2 | 42.000 | $723 /$ | ${ }_{\text {Mar }}$ |  | Jan |
| 4s, Series B_-.-.-- 1927 <br> Adjust income 4 s <br> 1927 | $7{ }^{357 / 8}$ |  | 36 16 | $\begin{aligned} & 9,000 \\ & 1,000 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | Jeb |
| Adjust income Swift \& Co 1st s f 5s_1944 |  | 100 | 100 | 1,000 | 997/8 | Ja | 1003 | n |

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.-Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Mar. 13 to Mar. 19, both inclusive, compiled from officials sales lists:

| Stocks- | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Friday } \\ \text { Last } \\ \text { Sale } \\ \text { Price. } \end{gathered}\right.$ | Week's Range of Prices. Lotw. Hioh. |  | Range Since Jan. 1. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Lo |  | Hi |  |
| Am Vitrified Prod, com. 50 |  | $323 / 4327$ | 60 |  |  |  |  |
| Preferred..-.-.-.- 100 |  | 91.92 | 60 |  |  |  |  |
| Am Wind Glass Mach_- 100 |  | 731/2 76 | 119 10 | 1063/2 | Mar | 80 |  |
| Am Wind Glass Co, pf_ 100 Arkansas Nat Gas, com_ 10 | 1083/4 | 1081/2 108 | 6,996 | 1063/4 | Feb | 7 |  |
| Byers (A M) Co, pref. 100 |  | 991/2 $991 / 2$ | 20 |  | Jan | 100 |  |
| Carnegle Metals...-.- 10 | 19 | $19 \quad 20$ | 765 | 16 | Jan | 21 |  |
| Commonw'th Trust Co-100 |  | ${ }^{275}{ }^{275}$ | 50 | 275 | Mar | 275 |  |
| Conley Tank Car, pref |  | $1011 / 21011 / 2$ | 10 | 1011/2 | Mar | $1011 / 2$ |  |
| Consolidated Ice, com..50 |  |  | 701 20 |  |  |  |  |
| Preferred.-.-.-.-.-. 50 |  | $\begin{array}{lll}227 / 6 & 227 / 8 \\ 141 / 6 & 143 / 4\end{array}$ | 20 163 | $141 / 2$ | $\stackrel{\text { Mar }}{\text { Mar }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 24 \\ & 17 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Devonian Oillane Duquesne Light, pref_- 100 |  | $113{ }^{141 / 2} 113^{1 / 3 / 2}$ | 163 | $112{ }^{14 / 2}$ | Mar | 1141/6 |  |
| Houston Gulf Gas...-.---- | 71/4 | $71 / 4$ | 830 |  | Mar |  |  |
| Indep Brewing, com...-50 |  |  | 745 100 |  | Jan |  |  |
| Preferred.-.-- |  | 1141/4 1141/4 | 100 |  |  |  |  |
| Jones \& Laughinn, prei-100 | 521/4 | 52 531/8 | 2,325 | $511 / 8$ | Mar | 56 |  |
| Nat Fireproofing, com_. 50 |  | 157/8 151/8 | 100 |  | Feb | 183/3 |  |
| Preferred-.-.-.---- - 50 |  | 353/4 37 | 1,245 | 34 | Feb |  |  |
| Ohio Fuel Corpor | 347/8 | $34384351 / 4$ | 2,517 |  | Mar | $361 / 2$ |  |
| Oklahoma Natural Gas__ 25 |  | $313 / 4$ | 332 | 31 | Mar | 34 |  |
| Pittsburgh Brew, com._ 50 |  | $61 / 27$ | 1.285 |  | Jan |  |  |
| Preferred.-.----- 50 | 15 | 143/6 15 | 285 | 11 | Jan |  |  |
| Pittsburgh Coal, pref. 100 |  | $76 \quad 7634$ | 110 |  | Mar | $831 / 2$ |  |
| Pitts \& Mt Shasta Corp. |  | $11 / 4 \quad 11 / 4$ | 1,200 |  | Feb | $11 / 4$ |  |
| Pittsburgh Oil \& Gas_--5 |  | $41 / 2 \quad 41 / 2$ | 270 |  | Mar |  |  |
| Pittsburgh Plate Glass-100 | 290 | 290300 | 145 | 290 | Mar | 310 | Jan |
| Salt Creek Con Oil |  | $87 / 8 \quad 931 / 8$ |  |  | Mar | 10 |  |
| Stand Plate Glass, pref 100 |  | ${ }^{40} 40$ | 193 |  | Jan | 50 118 |  |
| Stand Sanit Mfg, com -- 25 | 109 | 108112 | 310 |  |  | 1187/8 |  |
| Preferred-------- 100 |  | 116116 | 10 | 1151/2 |  | 116 |  |
| Tidal Osage Oill------ 10 |  | 91/2 $91 / 2$ | 100 |  |  |  | Jan |
| U S Glass | 18 | $17 \% 18$ | 180 |  |  |  |  |
| West' house Air Brake -- 50 | 115 | 115 11714 | 142 | 1121 |  |  | Feb |
| West Penn Rys, pret... 100 |  | 911/4 911/4 |  |  |  |  | Mar |
| BondsPittsburgh Coal deb 5s 1931 |  | $98 \quad 98$ | \$1,000 |  | Mar | 98 | Mar |
| * No par value. <br> Note.-Sold last week and not reported: 100 Houston Gulf Gas at 778; 10 Pittsburgh Trust Co. at 220; $\$ 7,000$ Pittsburgh Brewing 6s, 1949, at 96. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| St. Louis Stoc at St. Louis Stock inclusive, compiled | k Ex Exc from | change. change M official | Recor ar. 13 ales lis |  | tra | nsact | ions <br> both |


| Stocks - Pa | $\left\|\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Friday } \\ \text { Last } \\ \text { Sale } \\ \text { Price. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Week's Range of Prices. Low. High |  | Sales for <br> Week. <br> Shates | Range Since Jan. 1. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Low. | Htgh. |  |
| Banks- |  |  |  |  | 20 |  |  |  |  |
| First National Bank--100 |  | 162 | 162 | 10 | 155 | Jan | ${ }_{171} 2$ | Feb |
| Nat' Bank Franklin Bank.-....--100 |  | 155 | 155 | 50 |  | Mar | 155 | Mar |
| Trust Company - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mercantile Trust...-.- 100 |  | 425 | 425 | 50 | 410 | Jan | 425 | Mar |
| Street Railway United Railways, pref._100 |  | 91/2 | 10 | 440 | 8 | Feb | 10 | Mar |
| Miscellaneous- <br> Amer Investment " $B$ " |  | 14 | 14 | 25 | 14 | Mar | 14 | Mar |
| Baer, Sternberg \& Cohen- |  |  |  | 90 |  |  |  |  |
| First preferred......-.-- Best Clymer |  | 63 | $661 / 2$ | 195 | 60 | Jan | $661 / 2$ | Mar |
| Boyd-Welsh Shoe |  | 39 |  | 10 | 39 | Mar | 4414 |  |
| Brown Shoe, com....-- 100 | 40 | 40 | $10^{423 / 4}$ | 342 45 |  | Mar | $1441 / 2$ |  |
| Preferred-------- 100 |  | 110 | ${ }_{101}^{110}$ | 50 |  | Jeb |  |  |
| Elder Mfg, 18 pret ...-100 | 301/8 |  |  | 275 | 301/8 | Mar | 331/2 | , Jan |
| Ely \& Waiton Iron Works, com.-* | 30\% | $271 / 4$ | $281 / 2$ | 125 | 261/2 | Mar | $361 / 2$ | Feb |
|  |  | 97. | 97 | 5 | 96 | Jan | 993/8 | Feb |
| Globe-Democrat, pref. 100 |  | 112 47 | 112 | 15 50 |  |  |  |  |
| Hamilton-Brown Shoe--25 |  | 47 | 47 | 50 | 46 | Mar |  | Jan |


| ed) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Friday } \\ \text { Sast } \\ \text { Sale } \\ \text { Price. } \end{gathered}$ | Week's Range of Prices.Low. Hioh. |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sales } \\ \text { for } \\ \text { Shares. } \end{gathered}$ | Range Stince Jan. 1. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Low. |  | Htoh. |  |
| H | 371 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Huttig S \& |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hydr Press Brick, com_100 | 261/2 |  | $27^{5 / 4}$ | ${ }_{225}^{315}$ |  | F | $29^{1 / 2}$ |  |
| International | 165 | 165 | 168 | 580 | 154 |  | 1751/2 |  |
| Preferred. |  |  | $1101 /$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Johansen Shoe | ${ }^{36}$ |  |  |  |  | Feb |  |  |
| Laclede Gas Li |  | 85 | 85 |  | 85 | M |  |  |
| Mequay-Nor |  |  | 19 | 100 | 161/2 | Ja | 191/2 |  |
| Issouri P |  |  | ${ }^{60}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| National Candy. First preterred |  |  |  |  |  |  | 110 |  |
| Second preferred |  |  | 104 |  |  | M | 104 |  |
| edigo-Weber | 33 |  | 343 | 50 | 331/5 |  |  |  |
| Polar Wave |  |  | $351 / 4$ | ${ }_{136}^{110}$ |  | M |  |  |
|  | 108 | 108 | 108 | 10 | 108 | M | 109 |  |
| Scruggs-V-B D G |  | ${ }^{27}$ | 27 | 280 |  |  | 107 |  |
| , Sculin Steel, |  | 107 | 107 | 35 | 106 | Jan | 107 |  |
| Securities Inv | 271/2 | 261/2 |  | 420 | $251 / 2$ |  | $271 / 2$ |  |
| (1) |  | 201/2 | 2013 | 20 | 20 | Mar |  |  |
| ura |  | 48 |  |  | 46 |  | 114 |  |
| Southw Bell Tel, p |  | 114 | ${ }_{52}^{1144}$ | (10 |  |  |  |  |
| Stix-Baer \& | 31 | ${ }_{31}$ | 32 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 硡 |  | $253 / 4$ |  | 20 |  |  |  |  |
| Pre |  |  |  |  | 10412 | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}$ | 106 |  |
| Preferred.-.-.-...- 100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mining- |  | 267/8 | 271/2 | 1,4 | 263 | M | 28 |  |
| treet P |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ited Railways 4s.-. 1934 |  |  | 7734 | 14,000 |  |  |  |  |
| $\frac{\text { Indep Brewerles } 6 \mathrm{~s}}{\text { * No par value. }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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clusive, compiled from official lists:

| Stocks- Par. ${ }^{\text {F }}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Friday } \\ \text { Last } \\ \text { Sale } \\ \text { Price. } \end{gathered}$ | Week's Rangeof Prices.Lowo. High. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sales } \\ \text { fer } \\ \text { Wheer. } \\ \text { Shares. } \end{gathered}$ | Range Since Jan. 1. |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  | Low. |  | High. |  |
| Am Laund Mach, com__25 | 119 | 1175/8122 | 738 | 115 | Jan | 1451/2 |  |
| Amer Rolling Mill, com ${ }^{\text {a }}$ - 20 | 5131/2 | 5314 543/3 | 746 |  | Jan | 59 | ${ }^{\text {Feb }}$ |
| Preferred.---------100 | 112 | ${ }_{25}^{1091 / 4} 112{ }^{25}$ |  | ${ }_{25}^{1083}$ | Jan |  | Mar |
| American Products.-. | 191/2 | 251/2 19 | 210 | 191/2 |  | 1934 | M |
| Preferred |  | 44.44 | 665 |  |  |  | Mar |
| Baldwin, new | $1061 /$ | $1061 / 1063$ | ${ }^{6}$ | 105 | Feb | 106 | Mar |
| Buckeye Incubator-..-100 Carey (Phillip), pret |  | ${ }^{323 / 4} 1{ }^{323 / 4}$ | 203 |  | Jan |  | Feb |
| Carey (Phillip), , pref.-..- 100 Champ Fibre, pref | ${ }_{1045 / 8}^{114}$ | 114 $1144 / 81051 / 2$ | 25 | ${ }_{103}^{110}$ | ${ }_{\text {Feb }}$ | 1051/2 | $\stackrel{\text { Mar }}{\text { Mar }}$ |
| Churngold Corporation.-* |  | 62.641 | 183 | 62 | M |  | Feb |
| City Iee \& Fuel | 243/8 | 243/3 245 | ${ }_{114}^{234}$ | $241 / 2$ |  |  | Jan |
| Cooper Corp, new pret_100 Dixie Ice Cream._- 100 | 105 | $1041 / 4105$ | 117 | ${ }_{54}^{104}$ | Feb |  |  |
| Dasle Plicher Lead, com-20 | ${ }_{301}^{54}$ | 501/431/6 | 1,559 | 30 | Feb | 331/2 | Feb |
| Early \& Danilel, con | $411 /$ | 401/4 | 380 | 38 | Jan |  | Mar |
|  | 100 | 100100 |  |  | ${ }_{\text {Mar }}$ |  |  |
| Fay \& Egan, pret -..... 100 Formica Insulation.-.-. | $\begin{aligned} & 63 \\ & 21 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} 63 & 63 \\ 21 & 211 / 2 \end{array}$ | ${ }_{53}^{10}$ | ${ }_{21}^{63}$ | ${ }_{\text {Mab }}$ |  | ${ }_{\text {Feb }}^{\text {Mar }}$ |
| French Bros-Baue | 151/2 | 151/2 15 | 200 | 15 | b | ${ }^{16}$ | Jan |
| Glant | 35\% |  |  | $231 / 2$ | Jan |  |  |
| Gibson Art. com......-ió |  | ${ }_{117} 11{ }^{1817}$ | 1,218 |  |  | 117 | Mar |
| Gruen |  | 391/2 41 | ${ }^{26}$ | 361/2 | Jan | 41 |  |
| Preferred--.-.-.- 100 | 1041/2 | 1041/2 1043 | 36 | 1031/2 | Feb |  |  |
| Johnston Paint, pret... 100 Kodel Radio, pref_-. 20 | 100 | $1001023 /$ | 20 |  | Feb | ${ }_{21} 102$ | Jan Feb |
|  | 114/4 | $1144^{2117}{ }^{\text {d }}$ | 813 | 115 | Mar | 135 \% | Jan |
| McLaren Consol |  | 191/2 20 | 435 | 19 | ${ }_{\text {Meb }}$ | ${ }_{8}^{21 / 4}$ | Feb |
| Paragon Refining, com-25 Procter \& Gamble, com-20 | $150{ }^{73 / 4}$ |  | 164 589 |  | an |  |  |
| 8\% preterred.-.--100 | 152 | $160 \%$ 1621/ | 70 |  | Jan |  | Feb |
| Pure Oil, $6 \%$ Preterred . 100 | 941/2 | 948943 | 28 | 851/2 | an | 1/8 | eb |
| ${ }_{\text {Sreane }}$ | ${ }^{57}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr}57 & 59 \\ 101 & 101\end{array}$ | 150 | -57 | ar |  | Feb |
| ${ }^{4} \mathrm{~S}$ Preaying Card | 141 | 141 | 56 | 139 | Jan | 144\% | Feb |
| U S Print \& Litho, com 100 | 85 | ${ }^{85} \quad 92$ | 41 |  | Jan | $941 / 2$ 100 |  |
| Preferred-......... 100 | 100 | ${ }_{100}^{1036} 100$ | 37 |  |  |  |  |
| Preferred.--.-.-.-.-.ió | 50 | $\begin{array}{cc}50 & 50\end{array}$ | 29 |  | Mar | 561/2 |  |
|  | $3301 / 2$ | 330331 | 61 | 325 | Jan | 331 | Mar |
| Public Utilities <br> Cincinnati \& Sub Tel_. 50 | 8134 |  | 225 |  |  | ${ }_{95}^{84 / 4}$ | Feb |
| Cincinnati Gas \& Elec_100 | ${ }_{114 \%}^{922}$ |  | 220 | 1211/2 | Feb | 1143 | Mar |
| C N \& C Lt \& Tr, com. 100 | 861 | 861/2 86 | 50 | $811 / 2$ |  |  | Mar |
| Preferred.------- 100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ohlo Bell Tel, pref.... 100 | 111/2 | 1111/2 111\%/ | 60 |  |  |  |  |
| Cin \& Ham Trac. pref. 100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cincinnati Street Ry | -45\% |  | 467 |  |  | 301/2 |  |
| Ohio Traction, pret..... 100 | ( $781 / 2$ | 781/2 $781 / 2$ | 20 |  |  | $841 / 2$ |  |

## *No par value.

New York Curb Market.-Below is a record of the transactions in the New York Curb Market from Mar. 13 to Mar. 19, both inclusive, as compiled from the official lists. As noted in our issue of July 2 1921, the New York Curb Market Association on June 271921 transferred its activities from the Broad Street curb to its new building on Trinity Place, and the Association is now issuing an official sheet

| 19. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Friday } \\ \text { Sase } \\ \text { Solce. } \\ \text { Price. } \end{gathered}$ | Week's Rangeof PricesLow. High. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sales } \\ \text { Sor } \\ \text { Sheek } \\ \text { Shates. } \end{gathered}$ | Range Stince Jan |  |  |  |
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| Stocks- Par |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Indus. \& Miscellaneous. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aero Supply MIg class B-* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | ${ }_{981 / 2}^{98} 98$ |  |  | ar | 110 |  |
| Alled Packers com. |  | ,2 |  | ${ }^{21 / 8}$ |  |  |  |
| Alpha Portland Cement 100 |  | 133 138 <br> 644  | ${ }_{900}^{310}$ |  | Jan |  |  |
|  | ${ }^{69915}$ |  | ${ }_{400}$ | 981/2 |  |  |  |
| Amalgam Leather, pref. 100 |  |  | 10 |  |  |  |  |
| er Cyanam |  | 44 | 300 |  |  | 46 |  |
| w 1 | 40\%3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Amer Elec Corp v t c...- | 104 | $\begin{array}{ll}10 \\ 221 / 2 & 10\end{array}$ | ${ }_{1}^{1,100} 3$ |  |  |  |  |

 Amer Hawailan SS,....-.
American Home Produts**
Amer Lt \& Trac com_... 100 Preferred Trac com.......................... Amer Pow
Preterred Amer Public Uti, $7 \%$ pref Preferred
American Seating Com_- 100
Co_Am Superpow Cord Cl A. Class B
Prior preterred.-.
Amer Thread pref. Arundel Corp A $-\ldots-{ }^{2}$
Assoc Gas \& Elec Class A-*
Atlanta Birm \& AtlanticAtlanta Birm \& Atlantic
New company, pref.-.
Atlantic Fruit \& Sugar Atlantic Fruit \& Sugar.--*
Atlas Portland Cement--
Auburn Automobtle, com25 Beaver Board Cos, pref. 100
Blackstone Val G\&E, com 50
Bloomingdale, Inc, com.-* Boissonnault (C) Bradley Fireprooi Prod.
Bridgeport Mach com Brill Corp ( Brit-Amer Tob ord bear- 11
Brokway Mot Trk new
Brooklyn Bucyrus Co, com......... Burdinesed. In Can Dry Ginger Ale
Cellutold Cower, comCentral Aguirre-sugar--Central steel com.......
Centrifugal Pipe Corp.-
Chic Nipple Mig

 Cohn-Hall-Marx CO
Collins \& Alkman Co com
Premer
 Com'wealth
Common. Congress Clgar Co w 1.-.
Consol Dalry Products. Con Gas, EL\&P Balt com Consol Laundrles. W i....-*
ContinentalBaking, comA
Common B........... $8 \%$ preferred Continental Tobaceo....-
Copeland Products, Inc-
Class A with warrants. Courtaulds Ltd.............
 De Forest Radio Corp..-
Devoe \& Rayn, cl B new-
Dinkler Hotels CoClass A with purch warr
Dixon (Jos) Crucble.-10 Dominion Stores, Ltd. Dubilier Condenser \& Rad Dunhill International
Duplex Cond \& Rad $v t c_{-}$
Durant Motors, Inc Durant Motars, Inc Class A v t c. - .-..............
Eastern Rolling Mill, com $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered}\text { Fri } \\ \text { La } \\ \text { Sa } \\ \text { Pric }\end{gathered}\right.$


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| Stocks (Concluded) | Par |
| Hazeltine |  |}


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## CURRENT NOTICES.

-George B. Robinson \& Co., 67 Wall St., New York, are distributing a circular containing an analysis of the securities of Montgomery, Ward \& Co. The company's achievements during the past year, its financial structure and statistical data on such similar enterprises as: Sears Roebuck, considered in detail. A circular on this subject was prepared and distribbuted by Mr. Robinson a year ago.
-Announcement has been made of the incorporation of John S. Mitchell \& Co. to underwrite and deal in investment bonds with offices in the Security Building, 510 South Spring Street, Los Angeles. John S. Mitchell Securities Co from the time of its organization until his recent California The other officers are Norman Chandler W W. Woods. Jr David . Faries and Reese H. Taylor.

The First National Co. of Detroit, Chicago, announce that Ralph D Hollowell, formerly of the General Motors Acceptance Corp., has become associated with them in their bond sales department. He will represen them in the State of Wisconsin. Also Paul E. Barry and Leonard C. Pint have come associated with them in their sales organization.
-Chatham Phenix National Bank \& Trust Co. has been appointed Fiscal Agent for the payment of principal and interest of $\$ 1,420,000$ First Mortgage $7 \%$ Sinking Fund Gold bonds due Jan. 1 1951; and \$1,280,000 econd Mortgage
-Charles Swift, Banford B. Langill and Louis C. Henke announce the formation of a co-partnership for the transaction of a general brokerage swift, Langill \& Henke, 137 S . La Salle St., Chicago

[^2]-Lyon, Walcott \& Co. announce that Lowndes Walthour, formerly Assistant to the President of the United States Mortgage \& Title Guaranty department of their New York office.
-W. W. Townsend, formerly with J. G. White \& Co., has formed an investment firm under the name of W. W. Townsend \& Co., Inc., with offices at 7 Wall street, New York. The new firm will transact a general investment business.
-National Bank of Commerce in New York, Trustee of American Type Oct 1925 is temporary bonds, at its office, 31 Nassau Street, New York, N. Y.
-David K. Kling, formerly with Martin \& Co. of Philadelphia, trading as Kling \& Co., announces the opening of offices, in the Packard Building, -R. E. Prochnow \& Co., Inc., Chicago, announce the opening of a Bond Trading Department under the direction of W. Y. Coe and E. A. Stephan, with a direct private wire to Newborg \& Co., New York City.
-Lilley, Blizzard \& Co., Philadelphia, have issued for free distribution a issues of public utility and industrial bonds.

Increases in Postal Savings Deposits in February.
Preliminary reports from postmasters show an increase of approximately $\$ 905,800$ in postal savings deposits for February, it was announced by Postmaster General New on March 17. Many postmasters who have recently reported losses in deposits from month to month, especially in some of the larger commercial centres, show moderate gains for February, indicating profitable employment of wage-earners as well as a reaction from liberal expenditures of the preceding holiday months. The principal cities in Florida report substantial increases in deposits, Miami notably having almost one million dollars to the credit of depositors. Tabulated figures follow:
statement of postal savings business for the month of FEBRUARY 1926 AS COMPARED WITH THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1926.



Utah.

* January balances


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Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.-In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the second week of March. The table covers 7 roads and shows $4.91 \%$ increase over the same week last year:

| Second Week of March. | 1926. | 1925. | Increase. | Decrease. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Buffalo Rochester \& Pittsburgh_ | $\underset{330,023}{\text { S }}$ | $\stackrel{\text { s }}{\text { S }}$ | ${ }_{34,749}^{\text {S }}$ | \$ |
| Canadian National_..........- | 4,722,305 | 4,284,779 | 437,526 |  |
| Great Northern | 3,017,000 | $\xrightarrow{2,885,000}$ | +132,000 |  |
| Minneapolis \& St I | 1,304,361 | -290,150 | 14,211 |  |
| St Louis-San Fra | $1,636,834$ 479.300 | 1,694,779 |  | 45 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| $\xrightarrow{\text { Total ( } 7 \text { roads) }}$ Net increase ( $4.91 \%$ ) | 12,212,823 | 11,621,206 | $\begin{aligned} & 666,780 \\ & 591,617 \end{aligned}$ | 75,163 | of the earnings for the first week of March:



| 926 | 1925. | Increase | Decr |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ,611,326 | 9,183,6 |  |  |
| 84,831 | 9,183,613 96 | 473,5 | 45,817 12,086 |
| 44,000 | 36,600 | 148,700 |  |
| $\begin{array}{r} 1,750,000 \\ 6.415 \end{array}$ | 1,601,278 | 14 |  |
| 368,572 3.325 3 | 370,7 |  | 30 |
| 493,000 | 495.265 |  | 2,265 |
| $3,974,465$ 675,681 | $3.752,897$ 641,473 | $34,208$ |  |
| 17,011,615 | 16,195,029 | $8$ | 68,84 |

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


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 Earnnos. |  |  | Net Earnings. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1925. | 1924. | Increase or Decrease. | 1925. | 1924. | Increase or Decrease. |
| Feb | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 8 \\ 454,009,669 \end{array}$ | 478.451,607 | $-24,441,938$ | 99,480,389 | $104,441,895$ | 6 |
| Mar-- | 485,498,143 | 504,362,976 | -18,864,833 | 109,230,086 | 114,677,751 | ${ }^{-5,447,665}$ |
| April. | 472,591,665 | 474,287,768 | -1,696,103 | 102,861,475 | 97,471,685 | +5,389,790 |
| May - | 487,664,385 | 476,549,801 | -11,114,584 | 112,859.524 | 96,054,494 | +16,805,030 |
| June | 506,002,036 | 464,774,329 | 41,227,707 | 130,837,324 | 101,487,318 | +29,350,006 |
| July-- | 521.538,604 | 480,943,003 | 40,595,601 | 139,606,752 | 111,786,887 | +27,819,865 |
| Aug.- | 554,559,318 |  | +47,021,764 | 186,558,666 | 134,737,211 | +31,821,455 |
| Sept.- | 564,443,591 | [571,576,0388 | +24,381,004 | 177, 242,895 | 159, 216.004 | +18,0268891 |
| Oct | 531,742,071 | 571,5761,775 | +18.585. 008 | 180,695,428 | 188.640,671 | +12,054,757 |
| Deo-- | 523,041,764 | 504,450,580 | $+18,591,184$ | 134,445,634 | 124,990,958 | +10,354,676 |
|  | 192 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan | 480,062,657 | 484,022,695 | $-3,960,038$ | 102,270,877 | 101,323,883 | + 946,994 |

Note.-Percentage of increase or decrease in net for above months has been
February $4.77 \%$ dec.; March, $4.74 \%$ dec.; April, $5.53 \%$ inc.; May, $17.49 \%$ inc.;



 236,750 miles, against, 236,546 miles; in september. 236,752 miles, against 236,587
miles: in October, 236,724 milles, against 236,564 miles; in November, 236,726 miles

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:



*After taxes. b After 1st preferred dividends.

| Companies. <br> Adirondack Powe <br> 12 mos ended Feb 28 '26 <br> Asheville Power <br> \& Light Co <br> 12 mos ended Dec 31 '25 <br> Carolina Power <br> Dec '25 <br> \& Light Co <br> 12 mos ended Dec 31 '25 <br> Cities Service Co Feb'26 <br> 12 mos ended Feb 28 |
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|  |  |
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|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Gross } \\ & \text { Earnings. } \\ & \$ \$ \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Net after } \\ & \text { Tazes. } \\ & \$ \$ . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Fixed } \\ \text { Charges. } \\ \mathbb{S} \end{gathered}$ | Balance. Surplus. <br> Surplus. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| etroit Edison Company $\quad$ Feb ${ }_{2}^{26}$ | ${ }_{*}^{* 3,806,817}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,330,483 \\ & 1,057,348 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 331.647 \\ & 341.276 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $98,836$ |
| 2 mos ended Feb $28: 26$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2,892,743 \\ & 2,329.562 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| son \& ${ }^{\text {\& }}$ - ${ }^{\text {,26 }}$ | 975,761 | 480.594 |  |  |
|  |  |  | 337,855 670,892 |  |
|  | ${ }_{2,013,767}^{2,0122}$ | 953,537 | 675,536 | 78,001 |
|  | 275.148 | 19,100 | 27,504 |  |
| 12 mos ended Dec $31 \cdot{ }_{2}{ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 24 | 3,099,48 | 514.3 | 422,113 | 92,198 |
| arket Street Feb '26 | 755.0 | 152. |  | 76.735 |
| Railway Co |  |  |  |  |
| '26 | 33 | c77, |  |  |
| os ended Feb 28 |  | c171,170 |  |  |
| , 25 | 642,686 | c167,097 | 6.8 | 140 |
| ow York Railways Feb' 26 | $\begin{array}{r} 483,422 \\ 5.032,712 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & * 46,718 \\ & * 956,150 \end{aligned}$ | 72,228 650,938 | $-25,510$ |
| iladelphia \& meb ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | $5,032,735$ 62.735 |  |  |  |
| Western Ry Co ${ }^{25}$ | 66,432 | j27.551 | k15,965 |  |
| and Elec- Jan ${ }^{2} 26$ | 1,022,7 | 443 | 207.343 | 235 |
| ${ }_{12}^{\text {tric Power Co }}$ mos ended Jan $31 \cdot 26$ | 97 |  | 2.486 |  |
| '25 | 10,852,748 | 4,328,467 | 2.271,162 | 2,057,305 |
| Yadkin River Dec '25 | 180.054 | ${ }_{*} 104$ |  |  |
| 12 mos ended Dec |  |  |  |  |
| 12 mos , 24 | 1,884,5 | *1,017,952 | 414,807 | 63 |

## *Includes other income. $c$ After depreciation. $j$ Before taxes; $k$ In-

Earnings of Large Telephone Companies.-The InterState Commerce Commission at Washington has issued a monthly statement of the earnings of 68 telephone companies having an annual operating revenue in excess of $\$ 250,000$. Below is a summary of the return:


## FINANCIAL REPORTS.

Financial Reports.-An index to annual reports of steam railroads, public utility and miscellaneous companies which have been published during the preceding month will be given on the last Saturday of each month. This index will not include reports in the issue of the "Chronicle" in which it is published. The latest index will be found in the issue of March 6. The next will appear in that of March 27.

## Boston \& Maine Railroad.

| CONDENSED INCOME AC <br> Operating revenues Operating expenses | $\begin{array}{r} \text { CALENDAR } \\ 1925 . \\ -\$ 81.628 .763 \\ -62,987,463 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1924 . \\ \mathbf{S 8 0 . 4 8 6 . 7 1 1} \\ 64,984,231 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net operating reven | \$18,641,300 | 5,502,480 |
| Operating rati | 3.187.884 | - |
| Tax accruals--...- | $3,187,884$ 18,638 | 11,948 |
| Operating income | \$15,434,777 | \$12,377,865 |
| Rents from equipt (excl.freight cars) | 450,176 134,520 |  |
| Tota | . \$16,019,474 | \$12,960,820 |
| Hire of freight cars-debit |  |  |
| Rents for other equipment | 416,106 327,161 | 439,420 391,372 |
| Net operatin | \$12,407.815 |  |
| er income. | 12,987,311 | 597,534 |
| inco | 13,395,126 |  |
|  | 㖪 | 8,034,133 |
|  | \$5,468,909 | \$2,107,740 |

-Vet income 122 , $\mathrm{p}, 1 \overline{4} \overline{5} 1,1164$.

## Virginian Railway Company.

(16th Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)
Pres. Charles H. Hix, Norfolk, Va., March 15, wrote in substance:
Dividends.- During 1925 . dividends of $3 \%$, or $\$ 3$ per share, were paid on
Feb. 2 and Aug. 1 on the $\$ 27.955,000$ preferred stock, and on Dec. $31,6 \%$ or $\$ 6$ per share, was paid on the $\$ 31,271,500$ common stock.
Equipment Trusts. To assist in financing the purchase of 3611,000 or 22,000 volt, split phase electric locomotive units, there were sold under the so-called "Philadelphia plan" on June 24, subject to the approval of the
I.-S. C. Commission, which was given on July $31,83,600,000$ equipment I,-S. C. Commission, which was given on Juy $31,83,600,000$ equipment installments of $\$ 240,000$, beyinning July 1 1926, to and including July 1 1940, and are entitled to dividends at the rate of $41 / 2 \%$ per annum. Bonds.- There were sold on Aug. 4 , subject to the approval of the I -s. . Commission, which was given on Sept. 25, , $7,500,000$ first mtge. 50 -year
$5 \%$ gold bonds, series $A$, due May 1 , 1962. The proceeds of these $5 \%$ gold bonds series A, Aue May 1 1962, The proceeds of these bonds, received in September, were used partially to reimburse the treasury
for expenditures already made for electrification and other additions to and or expenditures arready made for electrification and other additions to and
improvements of the property and for advances made to Virginian Terminal Ry. for construction purposes. The proceeds remaining were deposited with the trustee of the mortgage for withdrawal from time to time to pay On July 251925 the 1 .-S. C. Commission granted authority to Virginian Terminal Ry. to issue $\$ 492.000$ first mtge. 50 -year $5 \%$ gold bonds due May 11957 , which bonds were issued to and accepted by the Virginian Ry. at their par value for application upon the indebtedness of the terminal com-
pany to the Virginian for advances made for additions, betterments and manyo erments of the terminal company property.
improver
The total issue of bonds outstanding, amounting to $\$ 55,344,000$, has been listed on the New York Stock Exchange. was put in service during the year. There was also constructed at new pier a brick building for storehouse and shop facilities, a 100,000 -gallon steel water tank, and a concrete pumphouse and a two-story brick office Electrification-The electrification of the cyompany's Lne between
Roanoke, Va., and Mullens, W. Va., which was authorized in the spring Roanoke, Va,., and Mullens, W. Va., which was authorized in the spring
of 1923 has continued during 1925, and was so far advanced that operation of 1923 , has continued during 1925, and was so far advanced that operation
o: electric trains in revenue service between Mullens, W. Va., and Clarks

Gap. W. Va,, was begun on Sept. 14, and electric operation was extended
to Princeton on Oct. 1. The new shops for the repair of electric locomotives to Princeton on Oct. 1 . The new shops for the repair of electric locomotives
at Mullens were sufficiently completed by the end of the year to permit all repairs to electric locomotives to be made there. The power plant at
Narrows was complete and in operation and the transmission line was practically complete for the entire electrification.
East of Princeton the steel poles for supporting the catenary trolley
system had been erected to near Eggleston, or $43 \%$ of the distance from Princeton to Roanoke. Of the 9 substations east of Princeton, the founinstalled on one and partially on another. It is expected that the entire electrification from Mullens to Roanoke will be completed in July 1926 . The mechanical parts of all electric locomotives were completed by the
American Locomotive Co. and shipped to the works of the Westinghouse American Locomotive Co. and shipped to the works of the Nestinghouse
Electric \& Manufacturing Co. at Pittsburgh to have the electric equipment installed. Eight 3-unit locomotives have been received at Mullens and the ninth has been shipped. The tenth 3 -unit locomotive and the six single-
unit locomotives, completing those now on order, are expected to be received by April 1926 .
Coal trains of 6,000 tons are now hauled from Elmore over Clarks Gap The trains are filled out at Clarks Gap Yard to 9.000 tons and hauled from electric service has been ine electric road locomotive alone. Although the of the line to be electrified, it has met all expectations.
Capital Account.-Capital account was charged during the year with expenditures amounting to $\$ 8,606,949$
\& Wease-During the year a lease of the company's proper ty to the Norfolk I.-S. C. Commission. Details were ulaid berore the stockhopdors, meeting called for the approval of the ease. Hearings upon the appuication to the concluded in January 1926, and briefs were filed on March 101926. traffic statistics for calendar years.

| Average mileage Tons (revenue) carried 1,000 tons carried 1 mile Rate per ton per mile Passengers carried Rate per pass. per mile Rate per pass. per mile.Oper. revenue per mile.- |
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 Preferred dividends.-(6\%)1,677,300 (6)1,67,300 (6)1,677,3000
Common dividends.-- $\$ 611,876,290$ ( 84$) 1250,860$ ( $\$ 4) 1250,860$
Balance, surplus_-..- $\begin{array}{llll}\$ 306,187 \\ \$ 386.981 & \$ 743,284 & \$ 1,101,745\end{array}$

## Assets-

 Property linvest*Invinanatil cos.
Other invest.
Other investil. cos.ts

| Cash-.-stm |
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| Mise. acts. rec |

nt. \& divs. rec--
Mise. phys.
Misc.-phys.prop.
pecial deposit.
Trantic, \&e., bal.
Materials, \&c
Other curr. assets
Deferred assets. ${ }_{1}{ }_{8}{ }^{B A 25}$

Total_-....-157,337,784 146,534,461 Total_....... 157,337,784 146,534,461 Includes investment in road and equipment: Cost of road, $\$ 98,409,761$,

Gulf, Mobile \& Northern RR. Co.
(Ninth Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.) income account for calendar years.

revenues and expenses are included in the income account for 1923, 1924
and 1925 . Theyear 1922 has been restated for comparison purposes. Profit and loss account for the year ended Dec. 311925 shows. CreditsBalance Dec. 31 1924, $\$ 3,970,447 ;$ balance from income account Dec. 31
$1925, \$ 1,298,050$; unrefundabie overcharges, $\$ 3.060$. donations. $\$ 8.640$ 1925, . $\$ 1,298,050$; unrefundable overcharges, $\$ 3,060$. donations, $\$ 8,640 ;$
other miscellaneous items, $\$ 711$, total credits, $\$ 5,280,908$. Debits-Loss on road and equipment, $\$ 26,686$; dividend appropriations of surplus,
$\$ 998,788$ miscellaneous, $\$ 13,946$; credit balance Dec. 31 1925, $\$ 4,241,487$. -V. 122. p. 1306.

## Public Service Corporation of New Jersey.

(17th Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)
The remarks of President Thomas N. McCarter will be found at length on subsequent pages, together with the income accounts and balance sheets of the company and its subsidiaries, and numerous interesting statistical tables covering a number of years. Our usual comparative income account table, together with the comparative consolidated balance sheet, was given in $\nabla .122$, p. 1448.
PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.
 Secs. of subsidy $\quad$ leased cos_-157,534,001 127,273,634 Reacquired secs. $\quad 1,926$ Reacquired secs.
Other securities
Gen. mitge. 5 s in Gen. mtge. 5 s in $\begin{array}{lll}\text { treasury }-2,-2,376,187 & 3,308,616 \\ \text { Advances to cos. } & 5,486,649 & 6,935,686\end{array}$ Advances to cos_
Cash.
Accts. \& bills rec.
Subsc. to comSubsc, to com-
mon stock
Subs, to pref stk

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\mathrm{Pr} \\
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\end{array}
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\section*{} $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Int. \& divs. rec.-. } & 55, \\ \text { Sinking } & 40,10 \\ \text { Ond }\end{array}$ | Other spec. funds |
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## Simms Petroleum Company.

(Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)
The report of the directors, signed by Chairman Thos. W. Streeter and President Ed T. Moore, together with income account and balance sheet for the year 1925, will be found under "Reports and Documents" on subsequent pages.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.
[Including Simms Oil Co. and Trinity Drilling Co.]

## Calendar Years- Production (barrels)

 Production revenue--Operating expenses Operating expenses.-.-
Net profit from oper.-
Tank car earns., int., \&c-
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 ${ }_{4}^{1,054.362}$ 1959,057
 Ta
$\$ 5,704,286$
266,037
$\overline{\$ 4,268,941} 110,976$
$\$ 1.645 .049$
276,057

| $\$ 1,463,251$ |
| :---: |
| 286729 | Gross income-.-.-.---

Rentals, franch., taxes. \$5,970,323 \$4,

 Depreciation
Depletion $\qquad$ $\begin{array}{r}984.048 \\ 160.006 \\ 243.056 \\ 518.979 \\ 518.202 \\ 684.775 \\ \hline\end{array}$ 240.640 $\$ 1,749,980$ Dividend paid-
$\square$2388.4
872.8
510.4
341.252.347
670.768
448.452 189.165
541.972
641.874
 CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

IIncluding Simms Oil Co. and Trinity Drilling Co.,

## Asset Proper pipe Cash

 | U.S. Treas, notes | $1,170,367$ | $1,231,030$ | Accounts payable- | 651,749 | 824,000 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| And | Act.577 |  |  |  |  |

 $\begin{array}{ll}\text { accruals receiv.- } & \text { 8550,122 } \\ \text { Inventor }\end{array}$
 Total_-.....-. $\overline{16,786,110} \overline{17,589,267} \overline{16} \overline{16,786,110} \overline{17,589,267}$ $x$ After depreciation and depletion, amounting to $\$ 9,173,257$. y After
deducting $\$ 37,081$ reserve for doubtful notes and accounts. Note. Simms Oil Co. had contingent liabilities of $\$ 270,920$ at Dec. 31 1925 on account of deferred payments for sundry active leases to be made
when and as oil is produced.-V. 121, p. 2417 .

Macks Trucks, Inc. (and Subsidiaries).
[Formerly International Motor Truck Corporation.]
(Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)
The remarks of President A. J. Brosseau, together with the income account and comparative balance sheet as at Dec. 31 1925, will be found under "Reports and Documents" on a subsequent page. The report also contains a statement of earnings and balance sheet as of Dec. 311925 of Mack Trucks Real Estate, Inc., and subsidiaries, and of Mack Acceptance Corporation.


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The Borden Company and All Subsidiaries. (Fth Annual Report - Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.) The remarks of President Arthur W. Milburn, together with the income account and balance sheet, will be found under "Reports and Documents" on subsequent pages of this issue. President Milburn, in his remarks, calls attention to the fact that sales for the year were the largest in the history of the company, exceeding the peak war and post-war years. CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31.
$\begin{array}{llll}1925 . & 1924 . & 1923 . & 1922 .\end{array}$
Gross sales
raft carter de$\begin{array}{lllll}123,352,833 & 109,666,633 & 100.245,160 & 92,058.760\end{array}$ ducting all per. chis. incl. deprec, ne, instr.
ind
property taxes) Interest (net)
Federal tax
(estimated) Nat
 Borden's Farm Prod. $\mathbf{C o}$., Balance, surplus
Previous surplus Earnings applicable prior period \&c to Total
$\begin{array}{lr}\text { Appropriation for reserve } & 13,778.800 \\ \text { Int. on sub, to } \\ 1,365,727\end{array}$ Int. on sub. to cap'1 stock P. \& L. surf. Dec. 31- $\overline{12,211,335} \overline{9,310,979} \overline{8,650,773} \overline{7,817,532}$ GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31
$\qquad$
rrado-marks, , pat-
ents $\&$ good will
Total
Total_-.........63,775,149 $\overline{58,308,850}$ a
building, $\$ 48,049,218$; less mortgage (including Madison An Avenue office reserve for depreciation, $\$ 11,784,822$.-V.

## American International Corporation.

## (Annual Report -Year Ended Dec. 311925.

The report of President Matthew C. Brush, together with the income account and balance sheet for 1925, will be found on subsequent pages under "Reports and Documents."
CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT-YEARS ENDED DEC. 31.


Profit \& loss, surplus. $\overline{\$ 9,899,721} \overline{\$ 5,061,997}$ df12,375,731 df\$6,469,284 a Surplus resulting from reduction of capital stock less revaluation of \& Co., Inc., Allied Machinery Co. of America, Carter, Macy \& Co. Inc International Steel Corp., Rosin \& Turpentine Export Co., and Balsa Refrigerator Corp. being owned by the corporation, the accounts of these During 1923, however, corporation sold its interests in Carter Mary 1922. Co., Inc., receiving in payment therefor $\$ 650,000$ in cash and $\$ 200000$ $7 \%$ pref. stock in Carter, Macy \& Co., Inc. the new corporation organized
by the purchasers. During 1923 Rosin \& Turpentine Export Co. was liquidated, its assets having been sold. The holdings in Balsa Refrigerator value. These steps were taken in pursuance of a policy, the object of which was to withdraw the corporation from $100 \%$ ownership of companies transacting a trading business and con
more profitable and liquid character.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.
 count of credit participations.-V. 122, p. 484 .

## Columbian Carbon Co. (and Subsidiaries)

(Annual Report -Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)
The remarks of President F. F. Curtze, covering operations for the year 1925, together with comparative income account and balance sheet will be found under "Reports and Documents" on subsequent pages.-V. 121, p. 2278.

Famous Players-Lasky Corporation, New York City.
(Annual Report-Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 26 1925.) The statement for the late fiscal year is given in full under "Reports and Documents" on a subsequent page.
CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS. Operating profit
Less prov. for Fed. taxi Open, profit for year Over. profit for year-
Com. div. paid \& reserved
$\$ 5,718,054$
$2,200,814$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Pref.divs.paid \&reserved } & 2,200,814 \\ \text { Dividends of subside. } & 658,000\end{array}$
 $\begin{array}{r}1923 . \\ \$ 4,605,784 \\ 360,001 \\ \hline\end{array}$ (to outside interests) $\quad 1.135$ Balance
 Total surplus_------\$15,209,317$\overline{\$ 12,350,077} \overline{\$ 9,480,113} \quad \overline{\$ 9,350.113}$ CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET.
 Land, buildings,
leases and equip-
 $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Bills receivable... } & 98,624 & 56,570 \\ \text { Accounts receiv- }\end{array}$ able _-

 consol.)
 $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Deterred charge.-. } & 2,071,491 & 1,558,238 \\ \text { Good-will.-...-- } & 7,493,215 & 8,645,789\end{array}$

Liabilities- Dec. $26^{\prime} 25 . \operatorname{Dec} .27^{\prime} 24$. $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Preferred stock_._ } 8,000,000 & 8,300,000 \\ \text { Common stock _-y } 31,183,245 & 19,642,774\end{array}$ Accounts payable. $1,668,721$
Owing to sub. cos.
(not
(na,
( $1,53,363$ $\begin{array}{llll}\text { (not consol.) } & 192,180 & 222,669\end{array}$ rolls, \&c.......-1, $1,861,092 \quad 1,342,851$
Owing to outside
prod wing to outside
producers and
owners of

 Note.- (a) Contingent mortgage liability of subsidiary companies on
properties sold, $\$ 735,500 ;$ (b) contingent liability on investment notes discounted, $\$ 900,000$; (c) guaranty of advances secured by film, $\$ 157,625$; total,
$\times$ Land, 793,125 .
$x$ Land, buildings, leases and equipment after depreciation (incl. equities
in sub. cos. subject to mortgages 1924), being obligations of sub. cos. after giving effect to increase in land values arising through independent appraisals of $\$ 7,438,174$. y Repro-

## Chrysler Corporation

## (Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

The remarks of President W. P. Chrysler, together with the income account and balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1925, will be found under "Reports and Documents" on a subsequent page.

 $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Deduct- } \\ \text { Admin. eng., selling, adv., service \& gen. exps_-- } & 9,410,127 \\ \text { Interest paid and accrued } & 284,298\end{array}$
$\qquad$ Portion of def. devel. exp. of Chrysler cars chad. off Deprec. \& amort. of permanent tools \& dies
Loss from machinery sold or scrapped-

Provision for est. U. S. \& Canadian taxes \& dies Net income for $\qquad$ 2,471,0000 | 1922. |
| :--- |
| $\$ 4,718,526$ |
| 607,540 | $\$ 4,110,987$

$1,684,148$
735,600 115
$\square$

$17,126,136 \quad 489,346$ Cap. str, sold, less miscell. cap. str. adjustments
Total Cost of class stock of Maxwell Motor Corp.
burch, \& against which no stock of Chrysler is
purch. \& against which no stock of Chrysler is
issuable
Dividend paid and declared on pref. stock......................
$1,514,750$
$1,750,400$
Amt. of class A str. issued in excess of the principal
To charge off s. f. debs, cony, as of Dec. 311924
1.421 .367
charges, incl. unamort. portion of development

$\begin{array}{lr} & 1,173,307 \\ \ldots-. . & 500,000\end{array}$

 Class B stock (no par value) paid in or contributed capital, including sale of Class B stock, $\$ 33,734,789$; (b) surplus resulting from activities of the
corporation between June 1 1921 and Dec. $311924, \$ 6,782$; total, corporation between June 11921 and Dec. 31 1924, $\$ 6,782$
$\$ 33,741,571$. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.


Middle West Utilities Company.
(Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)
Business and Earnings of Subsidiary Companies.-The gross earnings of
the subsidiary companies for the year, including the entire 12 months earnings of properties acquired during the year, a mounted to $870,094,423$,
With earnings of the new properties included only from the dates of their acquisition, the companies' gross earnings aggregated $\$ 60,489,856$. which
is $\$ 19,087,249$, or $46.1 \%$ more than for the year 1924 . Consolidated on the represented an increase of $\$ 5,957,995$, or $42.8 \%$ over the net earrings of and
the preceding fiscal period. Of the increase, $\$ 7.852,092$ in rgoss earinings
and $\$ 3,369,481$ in net earnings came from properties owned at the beginning of the year. These results can be attributed only in part to improvement in general
business conditions. The depression in the coal trade continued throughout the greater part of the year, affecting the power sales of the companies that
normally furnish much energy to that industry. A protracted drought over a large area deprived companies operating hydro-electric properties of a substantial proportion or therr normaa electrica. were more than counter-
These and other unfavorable conditions. ,owever.
bhanaced by new and increased uses of utility services in other lines of indusbalanced by new and increased uses of atility services in other lines of indus-
try and by increased operating efficiency. under review. The sales of electrical and gas labor saving equipment
 apparicialiy to output and to system load factor. New Properties Accuired.- Company's acquisition of new property during
the year was greater than in any preceding fiscal period. The common
stock control stock controlready subsidiaries of the company acquired properties in 185 communities advantageously located for connection to their existing operat-
ing systems. The total purchases represented the addition of 543 communities, making the number of communities served at the end of the year 1.458 acquisitions were as follows: subsidiaries operating in TTexas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Mississippi and
Mexico, was acquired in July. Service is supplied to 81 compunitid Mexico, was acquired in July. Service is supplied to 81 communities.
Natchez, Miss.; Laredo and Corpus Christi, Tex., and the Rio Grande Valley of Texas are among the districts where electric service is rendered. The principal gas companies are located at Emporia, Kan, and McAlester,
Okla. Houston and San Antonio, Tex., are the largest of the communities supplied with ice.
Southevestern Gas Electric Co., also acquired about the middle of the year, serves 26 communities with estimated population of 200,000 in Louisi-
ana, Texas. Mississippi and Arkansas. Shreveport, La.; Texarkana. TexasAre numb; Biloxi, Gulfport and Pass Christian, Miss., and Beau In Maine the company purchased the Central Maine Power Co., a consolidation of 60 gas, electric and railway companies serving more than one-
third of the States population in 193 communities, besides doing an important wholesale business in the supply of electric energy. It serves such
cities as Augusta, Bath and Rockland. This company has 22 hydroelectric generating stations.
The Manchester Traction
19 communitiester, of which the largest are Manchester and Nashua, N. N. H. 19 communaties, oracity of this company is also largely hydro-electric. H. Other important purchases were made by the company's subsidiaries.
The Beloit Water, Gas \& Electric Co. furnishing gan, electric light and
power and water tervice for Beloit. Wis power and water service er
3 other communities, was purchased and and made a part of the North West
3 met
 control of the common stock of the Paducah Electric Co , owning the elec-
tric, gas and street railway utilities of Paducha, Ky. The National Light, Heat \& Power Co. purchased control of the Vermont Hydro-Electric Corp.,
Inc., the Rutland Ry. Light \& Power Co. and the Pitsford Power Co.
These companies provid lity These companies provide service for 21 communities in Vermont. crease in business of existing properties and throush conservatively acquired properties added from time to time. The acquisition, therefore. of a num-
ber of large properties in a short period of time should not be construed as the adoption of a general policy of rapid expansion.
Subsidiary Operating Companies Consolidated. - . $o n s o l i d a t i o n s ~ i n ~ f u r t h e r-~$ ance of company's policy of having for economy in operation the fewest
possible subsidiaries in each State were accomplished in great measure during the year by the conveyance to most of the subsidiaries of properties
of small companies, each of which had operated utilities in one or more communities.
Public Service important consoidation was the convevance to the Interstate Public Service Co. of all property of the Indiana Power Co., the Knox \&
Sullivan County Light \& Power Co and the Consumers Power Co. in Ind. New Companies.-Two subsidiary investment companies were formed by
company durine the year New England Public Service Co. These companies group subsidiaries interests in the Southwest and the Northeast.
common the of Okla... the Chickasha Gas \& Electric Corvict the Cen tral Power \& Light Co. and the south
The New England Public Service Co. owns practically all of the common
stock of the Central Maine Power Co. and the Manchester Traction, Light $\&$ Power Co.. and a very substantial majority of the common stock of the National Light, Heat \& Power Co. Through the last named company the
New England Public Service Co. controls the Twin State Gas \& Electric Co., the Berwick \& Salmon Falls Electric Co., the Vermont Hydro-Electric
Corp Inc., the Rutland Ry. Light \& Power Co.and the Pittsford Power Co The concentration of operations effected through these investment companies is expected to result in substantial advantages to the company.
Deferred Payments on Purchase Contracts.- Company's balance sheet at Dec. 311925 shows this account to be $\$ 1,168,750$. The deferred payments on purchase contracts decreased Dividend Action.-The payment of dividends on the company's common stock ta the rate of $\$ 5$ per share per annum began with the quarterly pay-
ment of $\$ 125$ per share on May 151925 . This payment was in accordance ment of \$1 25 per share on May 151925 . This payment was in accordance dle West Securities Co. under the name of the former. which became operative on June 151920 and contemplated that no dividends on the common stock would be disbursed for a period of 5 years from April 301920 .
Subsequent to the ending of the fiscal year directors declared a dividend on the company's prior lien stock at the rate of $\$ 8$ per share per annum, on the companys prior tien stock at the rate of
anticipating its rights resulting from the published policy of increasing the the
dividend rate on the company's common stock to $\$ 6$ per share during the dividend rate on the company's common stock to
fiscal year 1926 . Funded Debt Reduced.- Company's 10 -year $6 \%$ collateral gold bonds in
principal amount of $\$ 6,106,900$ were paid oun Jan. 1925, the funds for their
retirement having been provided during the fiscal year retirement having been provided during the riscel yeras $1924 ;$ due Sept. 1
Company's $\$ 2.335,1008 \%$ secured gold notes series 1935, and $\$ 2,14,700$ series B," due Dec. 1 1940, were called for redemp-
tion, the former on Sept. 2 and the latter on Dec. 11925 . Company's only funded debt is now the $8 \%$ secured gold notes series these notes outstanding at the close of the fisca vear was $\$ 1,204,000$, or Capital Stock.-Rights were issued to stock sholders of record at May 15 to subscribe for new shares of common stock at $\$ 7250$ per share to the ex-
tent of $10 \%$ of their holdings of prior lien, preferred and common stock. tent of 10 of their hodngs of priores had been issued and fully paid at Dec. 31 1925. Company sold during the year $\$ 3.200 .000$ prior lien stock. purposes of the company, at Dec. 311925 was 28,949 , and in addititon there were 1,073 subscribers Stock Sales of Subssidiaries. - The subsidiary companies sold of their prior
lien and pref. stocks during the year 260,095 shares. This is exclusive of ${ }_{2} 1$ lien and pref. stocks during the year shares sold by the new subsidiary investment companies. The total number of stockholders of all subsidiaries at the close of the year was
tis. 143 . In addition, stock had been sold at Dec. 31 1925 to 7,676 subscribers on the partian payment plan, An outstandis of customer ownership.
financing in large measure the extension of facilities to care for the increasing demand for service. to the company now aggregate $\$ 23,243,872$, made up as follows: Surplus on the books of the company- of the company
Reserve accounts carried on the books Company's proportion of the aggregate surplus carried on the books of the subsidiary companies.a.-. $\mathbf{x 1 6 , 8 0 0 , 7 3 1}$
$\times 0$ Of this amount $89,527.915$ was surpius on the books of subsidiary panies at the time of their acquisition
COMBINED EARNINGS OF SUBSIDIARY OPERATING PROPERTIES.
 $\$ 19,593,689 \$ 13,636,752 \$ 11,212,482 \$ 8,826,280$ $\begin{array}{lllll}\begin{array}{l}\text { xAdd prop'n of net earns. } \\ \text { accruing to M. W. U. }\end{array} & 288,687 & 287,628 & 110,937 & \mathbf{1 3 5 , 7 0 3}\end{array}$ Total-
Deduct-Bond debenture
$\$ 19,882,376$
$\$ 13,924,380$
$\$ 11,323,419$
$\$ 8,961,983$ Deduct - Bond debenture

$\&$ ic. interest charges | (outside holders) |
| :--- |
| (arges |
| (early amount of disc't |
| $\$ 7,581,391$ |$\$ 5,130,705$

$\$ 4,165,192$ $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Yearly amount of disct } & 808,994 & 586,498 & 480,459 & 366,571\end{array}$ Divs ocurities- s. prop n
of undistributed earn-

$\begin{aligned} & \text { Total earns. accruing } \\ & \text { to M. W. Util. Co }-\ldots \times 6,101,173 \\ & \$ 5,624,544\end{aligned} \$ 4,936,046 \quad \$ 4,048,438$ $x$ Of the above amount $M$. W. Utilities Co.: (1) received and accrued as
interest of bonds and debentures, $\$ \$ 20.448$ : (2) received and accrued as
interest macerued as dividends on stocks, $\$ 3,546,841$ total $\$ 4,116,632$ accrued as divilands on stocks, surpius carried to the aggregate surplus
M. W. Utiil. Co.s proportion of'surn
account of sub. cos. on their own books, $\$ 1,984,541$.

INCOME AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT, DECEMBER 31.
$\begin{gathered}\begin{array}{c}\text { Int.rec. \& accr. on bonds } \\ \text { and debentures. \&c--- }\end{array} \\ \$ 569,790 \\ \text { ind }\end{gathered} \mathbf{\$ 1 , 0 0 6 , 5 6 6} \quad \$ 1,331,863 \quad \$ 1,480,498$ $\begin{array}{llllll}\begin{array}{l}\text { Misc.int.on notes receiv- } \\ \text { able, brokerage, \&cc.-- }\end{array} & 81,402 & 99,848 & 53,577 & 16,948\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llllll}\begin{array}{l}\text { stocks of sub. coss- } \\ \text { Int. rec. } \\ \text { Ind }\end{array} & 3,546,841 & 3,025,095 & 2,417,008 & 1,679,274\end{array}$ Int. rec'd on bonds- and Divs. rec'd \& accrued on Profiks outside cos-..-Profit sale of properties $\overline{\text { \& }}$ securs. to sub.cos.,.rc.
Peest for eng., \&cc., of prob.cos
Total income
 Int. on coll. loans, \&c.-.-
Int. on purch. contr., \&c Miscellaneous conarges.
Prem. on coll. notes and $\begin{array}{lll}17,246 & 40,145 & 45,171\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llll}212,337 & 80,332 & 45,250 & 214,109\end{array}$ Prem. on coll. notes and briting redeemed ....-. Writing off disc. on secur


Balance, surplus. ,032,560 $\overline{\$ 1,250,719} \overline{\$ 1,168,823} \begin{aligned} & \$ 759,964 \\ & \$ 491,411\end{aligned}$ BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Assets-

Investments | 1925. | 1924. | Liabilites- | 1925. | 1924. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

In Advances to sub-
sidiary Advances on- in-
closed contracts. $\begin{array}{ll}1,510,874 & 2,566,853\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{rr}724,639 & 73,392 \\ 988,321 & 749,786\end{array}$ Com. stock scrip b17,342,342 6,950 $\begin{array}{ll}\text { but not due, \&c- } \\ \text { Cash in hands of } & 988,321 \\ \text { 749,786 }\end{array}$
Cash in banks
Cash in banks, \&cC-
Due from subserip. Due rom subscrip
to com. .tock-
Prepaid expenses.

$$
\begin{array}{r}
2,182,365 \\
176,645
\end{array}
$$ 161,278

$1,072,641$ Total (each side) _- $82,368,482 \quad \frac{79,848,053}{69}$ a Being stocks of subsidiary companies and other investments. bCommon stock of no par value authorized, 300,000 shares; issued, 274,933
shares, plus 10,154 shares subscribe but not issued, less 2.500 shares in
treasury. c Cumulative $7 \%$ prior lien stock authorized, 300,000 shares
and of $\$ 100$ each; issued, 265,475 shares or sion each, fully paid. d Cumulative
preferred stock, 300.000 shares of $\$ 100$ each; issued, 300,000 shares of $\$ 100$ each fully paid.-V. 122 , p. 1455, 1310.

## Armour \& Company.

(Financial Report for the Year 1925.)
Pres. F. Edson White, Chicago, March 8, reports in subst.: Results.- Operations resulted in net earnings of $\$ 14,451,809$, and at the Sales. -Total sales for the year exceeded $\$ 900,000,000$, an increase of about $\$ 100.000 .000$ over the previousceeaed but net earrings were lesss than
in 1924 . This was due to the unfavorable conditions surrounding our in 1924. This was due to the unfavorable conditons surrounding our in the marret prices of our products during the last quarter of 1925 , it was necessary to effect sales at a a greatly reduced margin of profit
In two fundamental respects the condition of the compan
In two fundamental respects the condition of the company was substan-
tially improved during the past year: both its underlying financial position and its public relations were strengthened.
Underlying Financial Position.- 1 n strengthening its financial position, company wrote off as depreciation more than $\$ 9,000,000$ and through sink-
ing funds and other requirements reduced the funded debt by $\$ 1,180$ ing funds and other requirements reduced the funded debt by $\$ 1,180,000$. Company has also called for retirement on Aprill 1926 all of the outstanding Wm. F. Mosser Co. $8 \%$ gold notes, amounting to $\$ 1,900,000$. This is an
obligation assumed at the time of the purchase of the Morris properties, obligation assumed at the time of the purchase of the Morris properties,
and, while not due until 1930 , the current position was such that these high interest-bearing notes could be paid off without new financing. Current position is materially improved over that of the previous year.
Working capital increased $\$ 7,285,000$ and current assets are now 3.7 times current liabilities, as against a ratio in 1923 of 2.62 to 1 and in 1924 of for several years past;
Public Relations.-Tw
Pubic Relations. Two important events of the year indicated a marked
Tmprovement in company's public relations. Of first importance was the approval by the Secretary of Agriculture of the company's action in having approvased in 1923 the business and properties of Morris \& Co. No more purchased in 1923 une business and properties or morris \& Co, No more
thorougngoing inquiry was oves mate por the packing business
than that upon which the Secretary of Agriculture based his decision. The than that upon which the Secretary of Agriculture based his decision. The
position of those who opposed the merger was vigorously and ably presented. The facts were the subject of widespread public notice and comment. The result accordingly set at rest all doubt with respect to the legality of com-
pany's action, and also was accepted by the public as a fair and just decision. pany's action, and also was accepted by the public as a fair and just decision.
In his recent annual report the esecretary of Agriculture, referring to his decision dismissing the proceeding before him
properties and business of Morris \& Co., said
"* **** the purchase was not illegal unless it was made with the intent
of manipulating or controlling prices in the buying of live stock in commerce of manipulating or controlling prices in the buying of live stock in commerce
or in the sale and distribution of live stock products, or of creating a monopoly in the accuisition of buying, selling or dealing in such articles in commerce or of restraining commerce. The purchase was made for the purpose of effecting economy in the conduct of the business of Armour \& Co. by
reducing overhead expenses and increasing the volume of sales of the finished products.
prices to the shipper or increase the price of unduly or arbitrarily to lower sumer or otherwise to manipulate or control price in commerce. The eviof ence shows that competition in the purchase of live stock and in the sale ormeat and meat food products in inter-State commerce has not been effect ty the acquisition of the Morris properties by A second event of great significance in public relations was the acquisition of two new packing plants, one at Huron, S. D, and one at Fargo, N. D. These plants are in territories which have taken up diversified farming A further refiection of the satisfactory effect of a growing understanding on the part of the public with respect to company's functions, problems, ownership of the capital stock, More than 80,000 persons, in all walks
of life, own Armour \& Co. Thus is being realized the policy declared three years, ago that Armour \& Co. instead of being a family-ownedecccarparation, and the public
Relations with Employees.-A majority of the 60.000 employees are owners of stock in the company, and relations in general with the employees continue apon a most satisfactory basis. During the past year company extended not previously included, are now protected against the results of accident,
sickness or death sickness or death
Outlook.
Outlook. A survey of present live stock statistics, as well as consideration
of generai industrial conditions, indicates that business during the present year will be maintained at large volume. Throughout the country the people are fully employed at high wages. That always means a strong
demand for our products. demand for our products.
CONSOL. INCOME AND SURPLUS STATEMENT FOR CAL. YEARS Including Armour \& Co. of Illinois, Armour \& Co. of Delaware, North
American Provision Co., and Their Subsidiaries.
Income.
 Preferred stock dividends

Write offs \& reserves against securs.
Previous surplus
Total surplus $\qquad$

CONDENSED BALANCE SLEET (ILLINOIS COMPANY Including Armour \& Co. of Illinois, Armour \& Cob of Delaware, North \begin{tabular}{rrr}
$12,565,096$ \& $12,793,183$ \& $14,920,256$ <br>
$9,47,980$ \& $9,293,389$ \& $8,357,625$ <br>
$5,000,000$ \&,$\ldots-$ \& <br>
\hline

 

$\$ 203,830$ <br>
$\$ 9,016,349$ <br>
$\$ 7,333,632$ <br>
\hline, 0120
\end{tabular}

Assets
Land bulldings,
mat machinery
fixture equip-
 delivery equip-
ment.tools, \&c-
Franchises and Franchiseses and , ace
leaseholds.... Cash- N Notes \& acc'ts
reeelvable.
Inventories Inventories
Marketable curtitiese
nese
nvest Invest't, stockss,
bonds and ad-


$$
-2
$$



$\begin{array}{rr}1,941,875 & 1,904,059 \\ 10,490,409 & 15,376,571\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{rr}68,869,998 & 66,510,486 \\ 118,651,624 & 111,469,769\end{array}$ 9,311,717 $10,444,046$

 Res. for conting:
MInortits stockh:
eq'y sub eq'y in
Surplus.
$\begin{array}{rr}407,853 & 604,579 \\ 55,010,982 & 54,807,15\end{array}$
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (DELAWARE COMPANY

## Assets- Land, bulldings, machineryand

machineryand
eeupment.-1
$\underset{\text { equipment-.-1 }}{\text { ent }}$
Reirigerator cars,
Frac-
Frisise
reand Franchises and
leaseholds....
Cash Cast
Notes \& accounts
Nocel receevable.
Inventories Inventories
Marketables Invest't stock
bonds \& adv.


Jan. $\mathbf{S}^{2}$ '26. Dec. $27^{\prime} \cdot 24$.

4,471,48

| $1,936,675$ | $1,767,752$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $2,988,613$ | $3,038,599$ |

$\begin{array}{ll}34,315,488 & 32,604,233\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}9,294,153 & 9,328,233\end{array}$


Jan. $2^{\prime 2} 26$. Dec. ${ }_{\$}^{27 \prime} 2$

63,566,900 $566,900 \quad 64,215,600$ \begin{tabular}{rr}
$, 000,000$ \& $60,000,000$ <br>
\hline

 $\begin{array}{ll}1,900,000 & 1,900,000\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}13,000,000 & 13,500,000 \\ 60 & 0\end{array}$ 

$.000,000$ \& $60,000,000$ <br>
467 \& 000 <br>
$17,147,000$ <br>
\hline

 

307,0085 <br>
815,080 <br>
$20.230,651$ <br>
3 <br>
3 \& 016,022 <br>
\hline

 

548,204 \& $10,033,281$ <br>
$\cdots-\cdots$ \& $1,274,273$ <br>
\hline
\end{tabular} Total (each side) 294,353,637$\xlongequal[292,059,727]{ }$

Federal Mining \& Smelting Co.
(Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 311925.
President F. H. Brownell says in substance: Record Year--In the year 1925 company made the largest earnings in its history, principally due to the following causes: (1) Increased average pricreased output of ore mined; (4) favorable operating conditions throughout the year, unaffected by such more or less abnormal conditions as rail-
road troubles, labor scarcity, strikes fire, floods \&c.
holder a copy of the complaint of of this year there was sent to each stockholdert the dividend complaint of $H$. Content \& Co., in the suit brought
to test the preferred stock as compared with the common stock, and a copy of the restraining order, enjomining the company from the payment of the dividend upon the common stock, declared payable
on March 16 1926. The trial in the lower Court took place on Feb. 24, no decision having been rendered at the time of this writing. It it hoped a decision of the final appellate Court will be had during the current year.
It is quite probable the restraining order, enjoining the payment It is quite probable the restraining order, enjoining the payment of the
dividend upon the common stock, will be continued until the final decision. Development.- Not only was the year 1925 a favorable one financially,
but the developments from the standpoint of ore reserves were also satisbut the developments from the standpoint of ore reserves were also satis-
factory, especially in the Morning Mine. A year ago the Morning had The shaft had just been sunk to the 2.650 level and the usual crosscut to the vein had been run, but the place where the vein was first met happoened to be a lean zone. As the level had not been explored, this poor showing,
caused some disquietude. Further developments during the year, however, have demonstrated that the lean zone was a strictly local condition, and the
hat level, on full development, proved to be the best level in the entire history of the mine. About a month prior to this writing the vein was again struck on the 2,850 level, and while the point of cutting the vein is
approximately below that on the 2,650 level, the lean zone has disappeared on the 2,850 level. This level is not yet opened up, but so far as it has
 64,215,600 $18,8,600,000$
$59,298,400$ $50,000,000$

$50,000,000$ | 50,0000000 |
| :--- |
| 37.26753 l |

$$
\text { Total (each side) } \overline{485,711,203} \overline{493,295,048}
$$ Including North American Provision Co. and Their Subsidiaries, road troubles, labor scarcity, strikes, fire, floods, \&c

Contemporaneously, our neighbor, the Hecla Mine, has continued its
favorable ore condition at increasing depth. The developments in both mines have tended to dispel the former doubt as we approached the depth at which other mines in the aistrict became bottomed. In neither mine has any indication been found of an approaching end, and, geologically, it quartzites are much thicker than at the place where the other mines became quartzites a
Haskins \& Sells, certified public accountants, stated: as of Dec 31 1925 based upon the estimated develompany's engineers mineral deposits; probable recovery therefrom; estimated cost of production; and estimated selling prices of the metals, which are stated at prices less
than present market values, shows a present value considerably in excess of the net book value as shown above. It is our opinion that the property is conservatively valued and that if the mins are re-valued by independent
engineers their findings would show an increase in value over the present engineers, their findings would show an increase in value over her book value of the property
The property is shown
Gross book values, including revaluations of certain mines as
 $0,232,125$ Net book value
 \$7,698,731 COMPARATIVE INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS. Operating earnings 1925.
$-\$ 12,546,16$

$8,505,65$ $\begin{array}{cc}1924 . & 1923 . \\ \$ 9,468,309 & \$ 6.62,327 \\ 6,882,063 \\ 5,127,048 \\ 5\end{array}$ | 1922. |
| :--- |
| $\$ 4.653 .023$ |
| 3.655 .424 | Balance

Other inco Total income-axp, income tax, $\xrightarrow{\text { Net earnings }}$

|  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| 7,624,662 |  |  |  |
| 822,592 |  |  |  |
| ,033,010 | \$4,559,878 | 000 | \$4,963,2 |
| 719,572 |  | $\begin{array}{r} 50.000 \\ 1993,899 \\ 699 \end{array}$ | $657,2$ |
|  | $\begin{array}{r}1,122,756 \\ 839,034 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 839,034 |  |

 Profit \& loss, deficit_- $\overline{\$ 4,910,855} \xlongequal[\$ 7,624,662]{\$ 6,566,548} \begin{aligned} & \$ 6,291,986\end{aligned}$ BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 .
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Lib Accounts re | 1925. |
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| $\mathbf{S}$ |
| $8.852,672$ | transill and in Mast--..... Prepaid expenses.

Office tems in tran 192
8
8,768
128
610
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38

33
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10

4 | Liabilities- |
| :--- |
| Preferred stock... 12 |
| Common stock..- |
| Audited vouchers |
| and payrolls.-.- | $\qquad$ rofit on common stock

purchased for treasury Total deficit.-........... DepreciationDefi
$\mathbf{x}$
$\times$ After
(J. I.) Case Threshing Machine Co.
(Annual Report - Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.) results for calendar years.

| Gross sales | See Note | See Note | \$18,587,952 | $\begin{aligned} & 22 . \\ & 0,716 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Profits from sale of prod- | ,132,820 | b\$1,512, $\begin{array}{r}\text { 343 } \\ \\ \hline\end{array}$ | b1,370,806405,848 | b860,283 |
| Interest on notes payable | See (a) |  |  | 67, |
| Deprec'n on plant, \& | 664,147 | 459,634 | 330,326 | 171,429 |
| Ades. or inventory vaiues | $500,0 \overline{0} 0$ | 561,508 |  |  |

 Total_-
Special reserve
$\$ 3,483,391$
$\$ 1,189,718$
$\$ 1,952,007$
$\$ 1,943,761$
 P. \& L. surp. Dec. $31-\$ 2,678,482 \overline{\$ 1,189,718} \xlongequal[\$ 1,042.007]{\$ 1,317,373}$ a Arter deducting interest charges but berore maling provision for
Federal and State taxes. b After. deducting all operating expenses and ordinary losses, but before deducting interest charges and provisions for depreciation (and also in 1924 adjustment
Note.-Sales for the year 1925 both domestic and foreign, show substan-
 approximately the same as the preceding year. Domestic sales and sales
in foreign countries (other 1924, but this was largely offset by a falling ofr in onnadian sales, due to
poor crops in that contry, there was some decline in automobile sales. poor crops in that country; there was some decline in automobile sales.

## BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31

 Patents, designs,


 Inv. in and adv. to
de France Case
Other notes recelv.


 a Land, buildings, \&c., $\$ 15,248,839$; less reserve for depreciation and
accruing renewals, $4,320.414$.
b Cust interest accrued, $\$ 7.885,806$; less commission certificates outstandine $\$ 893,536$. Due from officers and employees for capital stock purchased.

## The American Gas Company.

(Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)
President Morris W. Stroud, Camden, N. J., Mar. 1, says: The company for the year 1925, after all charges, earned over $14.37 \%$ The outtatanding stack,
Ttatemt of earnings shows an increase in operating revenue of the
subsidiary companies subsidiary companies of $\$ 1,473,688$, which is largely due to the extensions and improvements added during the past year or two
Durng the year the electric consumers increased $23.8 \%$; electric $\mathrm{k} . \mathrm{w}$. h .
sold increased $20.7 \%$; gas consumers increased $7.3 \%$, and gas sold in-
creased $5.6 \%$.

We continued the campaigns for the sale of pref. stocks by the employees
of the Burlington Light \& Power Co., Central Iowa Power \& Light Co., Luzerne County Gas \& Electric Corp. and the Philadelphia Suburban Gas \& Electric Co. under the customer ownership plan with the result that there has been sold during the year 1925 a total of 51,646 shares, having a value of $\$ 5,164,600$ to 3,802 subscribers, and there has been sold to date a total
During shares, having a value of $\$ 10,008,500$ to 9,452 subscribers.
During year there was expended on properties a total of $\$ 5,375,294$ for enlargements and extensions necessary to provide for the growing de-

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS. Gross earns., sub. cos.
Oper. expenses sub. co
Depreciation, \&c. $11,802.052$ Depreciation, operating income $\qquad$


#### Abstract

嗃$\$ 3,808,137$ 123,179 ${ }^{\text {Hidway }}$  $\$ 2,316,793$ 462,05 544,3 46,46


 Miscellaneous income. Bond interest sub. $\begin{array}{r}16,853,134 \\ -\quad 2,040,639 \\ \hline\end{array}$ 1 Miscell. deductions Total rev. Am. Gas Co $\begin{aligned} & \$ 1,744,443 \\ & \$ 1,210,573\end{aligned}$ Total income --.-.-.Gen. expense (A.G.Co.) nt. on A.G.Co. Deferred charges Contingent reserve--
Sur. reserved by subs,

Divs. on A.G.Co. stock| $\$ 3,330,868$ |
| :---: |
| 106,330 |$\begin{array}{r}1922 . \\ \$ 9,539,604 \\ 5,279,139 \\ 1,312,360 \\ \hline\end{array}$



 $\stackrel{1,697.628}{3 \times 9,699} \$$


Surplus for year_....- \begin{tabular}{l}
$\$ 988,264$ <br>
\hline$\$ 538,613$ <br>
\hline$\$ 622,581$ <br>
$\$ 919,287$

 COMBINED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 (INCL. SUBSIDIARY COS.). 

Assets- \& 1925. \& 1924. \& Liabilities \& 1925 \& 1924. <br>
\hline \& $\$$ \& $\$$ \& 8 \& 8 \& 8 <br>
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\end{tabular}


 Trustee account. ments.--Notes recelvable Sundry Investm'ts
Materials and sup prepald accounts Sinking funds... Suspense account Miscell Unam. debt. disc
and $\exp$.......
$1,552,251$
$3,381,981$

1,576
16
101
452
326
174 389,318
409,589 A. G. Co ...... 5 Real estate mtge-- $43,798,900$ Notes payable---
Consumers' deposit accounts.-
Acerued tave Accrued taxes
Acer.int.,rents Accr.int.,rents,\&c.
Divs.on pref. stk-
Smindine $1,573,028$ Sundries.-
Miscell. Conelrib. \& repl. res
Miscell
Moren. Capital reserves-1, sub. 3,032,055 $2,0 \overline{25}, 87 \overline{3}$ $\begin{array}{r}7,768.700 \\ 39,375,400 \\ \hline\end{array}$ cixizion $1,728,065$ 810,910
$1,725,250$


 $10,032,790$

$1,378,131$ Total (each side) $10 \overline{101,115,307} \overline{84,881,754} \left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { Contingent } \\ & \text { Surplus... }\end{aligned}\right.$ $-3,596,146$ | $1,378,131$ |
| :--- |
| $3,493,551$ | -V. 121, p. 1458, 1226.

## Consolidation Coal Company.

(62d Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.) INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS. Production (tons).-
Total earnings.-.-
Operating expenses, Operating ex
Depreciation
Depletion
 Profit from sale of cap
tal assets
Insur. fund sur. credit.
 Divs. on pref. stock of
Carter Coal Co..... Surplus for year Adj. appreciation of Direct surplus charges. Preferred dividends $(6 \%)$
Common dividends
Balance to surplus__def $\$ 1,619,576$ def $\$ 6493,211$ def $\$ 1356,158$ def $\$ 789,280$
Profit and loss surplus_- $\$ 86,180,809 \$ 87,800,386$
$\$ 94,293,598$
$\$ 95,649,757$ BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.


#### Abstract

AssetsCapital assets_ Invest. in other Invest. in allied companies Deferred charges Inventories .-. Notes receivable Accounts receiv- able. able Cash 1925 BALANCE


 $\$ 225,607$ df $\$ 2,125,650 \overline{\$ 2,585,474} \overline{\$ 2,558,446}$ $\begin{array}{rrrr}1,503,078 & 1,479,143 & 1,529,562 & 935,691 \\ 167,105 & 44,663 & -\ldots .- & --\ldots\end{array}$
 Total .......... $\overline{42,205,903} \overline{37,870,871}$ Total ..........42,205,903 $\overline{37,870,871}$ 902 After deducting depreciation of $\$ 3,408,842$. y After deducting $\$ 221$,-

## The New York Air Brake Company.

## (Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

President B. B. Greer reports in substance:
The business of the Company, measured by its sales, shows a decrease or $\$ 400,000$ compared with the year 1924, although in the months of Nov. reflected in the sales and bookings for the first three months of 1926 indicate favorable conditions.
interest net profits for the year, after providing for all charges including bond Company's reduction in inventory, of which there was written off $\$ 348,000$ worth of obsolete and unserviceable material 19 . The accounts payable amount
The current assets aggregate $\$ 8,195,518$. $\$ 660.162$, with other charges such as preferred and to $\$ 660,162$, with other charges such as preferred and common dividends There has been expended out of the treasury during the past year for the purchase of its 1 st mtge., $6 \%$ bonds due in $1928, \$ 203,664$, which
brings the total bond purchases up to $\$ 1,000,000$ and leaves $\$ 2,000,000$ of our $6 \%$ bonds outstanding.
ment ment $\$ 297,995$, making a total of 14,400 shares of this issue purchased and
cancelled as of Dec. 31 1925, the company's capitalization having been reduced accordingly
Plans are now being considered by the board for the retirement of all class A stock, which will relieve the company of the burdensome requirements attached to it by the agreement under which the stock was issued
These plans should be ready for publication at the time of the annual These plans sho
meeting, April 14
Your company's plant and facilities are in good condltion and every so as to reduce manufacturing costs

|  | $\begin{aligned} & 1924 . \\ & \text { Not. } \\ & \text { stated } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1923 . \\ & \text { Not } \\ & \text { stated } \end{aligned}$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{c} 1922, \\ \$ 6,711,462 \\ 4,502,826 \end{array}\right.$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \$2,164,068 194,130 | \$3,592,359 | ,208,636 |
| Total income ........- $\$ 2,276.056$ | \$2,358,198 | \$4,013,698 | 1 |
| Admin., \&c., expenses - 466,319 | 467,307 | 458,397 | 353,278 |
| Taxes, franchises, \&c.-- 254,954 | 203,828 | 376,511 | 56,504 |
| Royalties_----------- 130,141 | 246,879 | 413,428 | 437,997 |
| Interest paid | 197,179 | 191,991 | 229.394 |
| Class A dividends....-- (\$4)335,700 | (84) 400,000 | (\$5) 500,00 | (84c.) 84.000 |
| Common B dividends .-- (\$3)600,000 | (\$4)800,000 | (\$3)600,000 |  |
| Sundry charges, \&c.--- 1,754 | 3,606 | 46,883 | 6,288 |
| Balance, surplus_---- Prev, cap. stk. \& | \$39,398 | \$1,426,488 | \$874,741 |
| Prev. cap. stk. \& surplus $11,682,302$ <br> Tr. fr. spec.res. acc't-a- <br> 190,615 | $11,390,924$ 314,100 | 11,080,202 | 11,457,457 |
|  | \$11,744,422 | \$12,507,690 | $\$ 12,332,198$ |
| Adjustments.----ilo ${ }_{\text {Net charges }}$ | 62,120 | 115,765 | $50,458$ |
| oper., incl. fin'g cost- |  |  | 701,539 |
| Res. for contingencies.- |  | 500,000 | 500,000 |
| Res. for pur. of bonds.-- |  | 500,000 |  |

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Capital stock \& surplus
Capital stock \& surplus
Dec. 31- $\$ 12,036,675$
x After deducting cost of manufacture, labor and materials, including
epairs, renewals, depreciation, \&c.

Note.-The dividends shown above for 1923 include $\$ 1$ per share on the
Class ${ }^{\text {TH }}$, stock, due COMPARATIVE

Assets-
Land
bldgs., ma-
 Corp, wat. pow. rights $\&$ devel.-
Patetens, trade names, de.-.--
Other Other equipenent
and Cand fixtures. Acc'tr recelv
Securitles.


## 1925. 1924.

$\begin{array}{ll}4,280,000 & 4,550,000 \\ \text { § }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}.036,675 & 11.682 .302 \\ 000,000 & \end{array}$ 333,715 648,171
 $\mathrm{x} 100,000$ shares of no par value, $\$ 5,000,000$, less held in treasury, $\$ 720$,-
000 . $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { 200,000 shares of no par value.-V. } 122, \text { p. } 1181 \text {. }\end{aligned}$

## GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

## STEAM RAILROADS.

Nineteen Railroad Executives, Led by President L. F. Loree of Delaware \&
Hudson RR., Quit Session of Association of Watson-Parker Bill to to Abolish Uss. S. Railroad Labor Board.-Minority ado resolution notifying the Secretary of the Association that they do not wish
 labor unions, formulated the provisions of the Watson-Parker bill. New Bureau of Railuay Economics Reports $\$ 754,000,000$ Was Spent by Roads in
1925 for New Equipment, Improvements and Extensions.-New York "Times" March 19, p. 29.: Class I. railroads on Mar. 8 had 202,432 surplus freight
Car Surplus cars in yood repair and immediately avariable for service, according to reports filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American
Railway Association, a decrease of 5,251 cars under the number reported
on Feb. decrease of 1,202 within approximated repair on Mar. 8 totaleed veek. while surplus box cars in
good repair totaled 84,135 , a decrease of 3,2544 during the same period
Reports the number reported on on Feb. 28 , while surp a dectus refrigerator cars tot totaled
ther ar Shortage.--Practically no car shortage is being reported
Repair of Locomotites. - Locomotives in need of repair on Mar. 1 totaled
10,076, or 16 \% of the number on line, according to reports siled by the tion, a decrease of 606 loco Division of the American Railway Associarepair on Feb. 15, at which timetives compared with the number in need of 10 , 682 , or $16.9 \%$. It also was on the same date lact yeart, at compared with the number in need of repair
Of the total number in need of repair fied repairs on March 1 , a decrease of 271 , compared with Feb. 15 . while
4.784, or $7.6 \%$ were in need the same period. Were in need of running repairs, a decrease of 335 within motives in storage, a decrease of 9 locomotives compared with the number Freight Car Repairs.- Freight cars in need of repair on Mar. 1 totaled
161,959 , or $7.0 \%$ of the number on line, according to reports filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. This was a decrease of 1,023 cars under the number reported on Feb.
15, , Wh Which time there were 162,982 , or $7 \%$. It was also a decrease of
23,088 cars compared with the same heavy repair on Mar. 1 totaled 115.172 lat year. a decreight cars in need or with Feb. 15. Freight cars in need or, light repair totaled 46,787, or $2 \%$.
a decrease of 286 compared with Feb, 15 . Matters Covered in "Cluronicle" March.
oads for January, p. 1374, 1378. b) Wage demands of trainmen denied by roads: conference committees to be named, 1406. c) Signalmen ass pay rise, Brotherhood seeks 77 cents an hour rate in negotiations, p. 1406 .
d) American Ry. Express Co. refuses wage increase p. 1406 .
Atchison Topeka \& Santa Fe Ry.-Prelimin


Gross ----
Expenses
Taxes, \&c-
Net operating income
Other income

Preferred dividēnds ommon dividends
Surplus
Includes equipment and joint facility rents.-v. 23,122, p. 1164, 744 .
Baltimore \& Ohio RR.-To Buy Road.-
The company has asked the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to acquire
control of the Cincinnati Indiana \& Western RR., by purchase of not less contro $80 \%$ of its capital stock. The B. \& $\mathbf{O}$. has agreed to purchase the the preferred stock at $\$ 2450$ a share and common at $\$ 1450$ a share. The $t$ total cost of $\$ 2,086,500$, the sale to the B. \& O. belng negotiated through Kuhn, Loeb \& Co., who are to receive 50 c . from the vendors for services
Chesapeake \& Ohio Ry.-Common Stock Put on an $8 \%$ Annual Dividend Basis-Special Dividend of $4 \%$ Also De clared. -The directors on Mar. 17 declared a quarterly dividend of $2 \%$ and a special dividend of $4 \%$ on the outstanding common stock (par $\$ 100$ ), payable April 15 to holders of record April 1. From Jan. 31922 to Jan. 1 1926, incl, the ompany paid semi-annual dividends of $2 \%$ on this issue. The directors, in a statement, say:
It must be remembered that if, all things considered, the Chesapeake the money retained through failure to increase such dividend remains in the treasury or the company, subject to dividend declaration.
ors we trust that all stockholders will feel that such dish of the direc xercised in a mamner which will evidence not only the rights of the com pany's stockholders but the company's obligations under agreement formalIn approved of the rejection by the Interstate and ter Commission of tock represented thereby pending to holders of certificates of deposit the nd further in view of the statement above referred to, the directors of the In determining the amount of such dividend the directors feel that they have given full and proper consideration to previous earnings and to present arnings and conditions.
Minority Stockholders Committee Wants Company Reim-bursed.-

The minority stockholders' committee, of which George O. Scott is
chairman, requested Pres. W. W. Harahan to present to the directors at their meeting in Cleveland on Mar. 17. a letter, in which the committee directors of the company", who voted for the lease of the Chesapeake \& Ohio to the "Nickel Plate" should reimburse the former for all expenses
incurred in connection with the whole procedure. The letter of the Scott incurred in connes:
committee follows:
"During the course of the proceedings before the I.-S. C. Commission都 disposition was reserved for future, determination. O. Since the Commission, in denying the application, has held that Messrs the company's affairs 'used every weapon at their command to crush al opposition to their predetermined course of action, and that there was utter
lack of independen and impartial representation of all of the stockholder of the C . \& O ., this committee individually and as representatives of a chargeable with an thert of the expense incurred in its behalf in connection with the conduct of the aforesaid proceedings before the I.-S. C. Commission. the said company, to call upon Messrs. O. P. and M. J. Van Sweringen and such other directors of the company who voted for the acceptance of the company to the New York, Chicago \& \& St. Louis Ry. Co. to reimburse
and fully compensate the Ches and fully compensate the Chesapeake \& Ohio Ry. for all expenses incurred
by it in connection with said proceedings.

Changes Made in Board of
George T. Bishop of Northfield, O., L. R. Steere of Chicago, J. A. Dart, Bradley. Cleveland. have been elected directors to succeed J. J. Berne Pres. of the New York, Chicago \& St. Louis Ry.), C. L. Bradiey, J. R.
Nutt, W. A. Coiston (General Counsel of the Nickel Plate) and M. J. Van These changes were made to eliminate the interlocking aspects betwee this road, the Hocking Valley Ry, and New York, Chicago \& St. Louis RR,
which was objected to by the Inter-State Commerce Commission in refusing to approve the proposed Van Sweringen unification plan. O. P. Van Sweringen remains as Chairman of the board of the Chesapeake [See also Hocking Valley Ry. and New York, Chicago \& St. Louis RR

Return of Deposited Stock Allowed.-See New York, Chicago \& St. Louis RR. below.-V. 122, p. 1306.
Chicago \& Alton RR.-To Operate Buses.-
The company will begin early this spring to supplement its passenger
rain service by the operation of motor buses. Starting such in an experimental way the Alton expects to expand its such operations service over its entire system if the first installation proves to be successful. The initial motor bus installations will be parallel to two sections of its line. leling the secondary main line between Chicago and St. Louis, which runs tween Springfield, III., and Joliet, paralleling the main Chicago-St. Lout trunk of the Alton. (See three-page article. together with map, in the
Railway Age" of Feb. 271926 , pages 552 to 554 , incl.).
Statement of Stockholders' Protective Committee. -
of the Chicago \& Alton has issued a statement relative to committee plated reorganization as follows. "The stockholders will agree to the final plan as a whole or not at all The nature of the security it will ask in return for an assessment will depend of retaining the stock. With a small assessment, say $\$ 5$ to $\$ 8$, we could take stock; with an assessment of \$15 or so we could take income bonds out with an assessment or $\$ 30$ we suould have, to ask for a prime security
Chicago Milwaukee \& St. Paul Ry. - Interest Payment. Payment of $\$ 17.000$ interest due April 1 upon the Chicago Milwaukee \&
Gary $5 \%$ bonds was approved March 15 by Federal Judge Wilkerson at Chicago. The payment was opposed by a group of bondholders, wh
Denver \& Rio Grande Western RR.-Equip. Trusts.issue $\$ 1,725,0005 \%$ equip, trust certificates, which it proposes to sell to
Kuhn Kuhn, Loeb \& Co. and Blair \& Co. at $991 /$ and use the proceeds in the accuisition of 10 locomotives, 500 gondola cars and 200 auto cars, having

## Erie RR.-Deposited Stocks Released.-

see New Yorik Chicago \& St. Louis RR. below.-V. 122, p. 1452.
Florida East Coast Ry.-Bonds Sold.-J. P. Morgan \& Co., First National Bank and the National City Co. have sold $\$ 15,000,000$ additional first and refunding mortgage $5 \%$ gold bnds, Series A. Dated Sept. 1 1924; due Sept. 11974. Bearing interest from March 11926.
Issuance.-Authorized by the I.-S. C. Commission
Data from Letter of Wm. R. Kenan, Jr., President of the Company, Company.-Owns 856 miles of road, including 17 miles under construc-
tion. Its main line extends from Jacksonville, where connection is made with the Atlantic Coast Line, Southern Ry and Seaboard Air Line systems, to Key west. It is the only railway providing transportation car fier steamers, for throngh frelght traffic between points in Cuba and the U. S. Security-Direct first lien on 240 miles of road (micluaing 17 miles unde first (closed) mortgage $41 / 2 \%$ bonds, making the total mileage under the mortgage 856 miles.
Purpose.
company's pronerty incluto be used for additions and improvements to the tracp, automatic block signals on 196 miles of the main line, and addition to freight yards, engine terminals and car shops. This new construction the entire 346 miles of main line between Jacksonville and Miami, and, it is estimated, will increase the present carrying capacity of the line by at least When these improvements are completed, more than $\$ 110,000,000$ cash including the proceeds of these bonds, will have been spent upon the con-
struction and poprovenent of the property, as contrasted with a total out-
standing funded debt, including this issue, of Earnings for Calendar Years. Gross Oper. Inc.
1921

$\begin{array}{rrrrr}10,-20,106,910 & 4,564,946 & 1,047,454 & 3,517,492 \\ 925 & 29,132,738 & 5,935,408 & 2,095,038 & 3,840,370 \\ \text { X Available for interest on income bonds replaced in 1924, by capital }\end{array}$ o or for dividends in 1925 was equivalent due 1959 (apion.-Will consist of $\$ 12,000,000$ first mortgage $41 / 2 \%$ bonds,
 Listing.-Application will be made in due course to the New York Stock
Exchange for the listing of these bonds.

Hocking Valley Ry.-Stock Put on an $8 \%$ Annual Dividend Basis-Special Dividend of $4 \%$ Also Declared.-The directors on March 17 declared a special dividend of $4 \%$ in addition to a regular quarterly dividend of $2 \%$ on the out
standing $\$ 11,000,000$ capital stock, par $\$ 100$, payable April 30 to holders of record April 20. Semi-annual dividends of $2 \%$ had been paid from Dec. 311921 to Dec. 31 1925, inclusive. The Chesapeake \& Ohio Ry. owns \$8,837,900 of the stock of the Hocking Valley Ry.

New Directors Elected.-
E. C. Bailly of New York, K. Steere and Edward G. Tillotson of
K. E. C. Bailly of New York, K. D. Steere and Edward G. Tillotson of
Cleveland, have been elected directors, succeeding JJJ. Bernet (Pres, of
s.
 below. 0 . Po. Van Sweringen remains as Chairman of the board of direc-
bors or the Hocking Valtey Ry
Return of Deposited Stock Allowed.-See New York Chicago \& St. Louis Return of Deposited Stock Al
R. below.-V. $122, \mathrm{p} .1452$.
Huntington \& Broad Top Mountain Railroad \& Coal Co.-Temporary Receivers.
Judge Bailey in Common Pleas Court at Huntingdon, Pa.. on March 13
ppointed Andrew S. Webb (a director) and Walter L. Haehnien (fCharles appointed Andrew
Fearon \& Co., Philidelphia, temporary receivers.
Acording to reports, the suit was brought by a bondholder who did not According to reporter the agreement by which the bonds maturing in 192 The following information was given out at the office of the company:
On March 13 a Mr. MeDougali, who claims to hold six $\$ 1,000$ bonds of he company, secured by their consolidated mortgage, made application receiver. This application was without notice to the railroad company and a distinct surprise. The company has been meeting its current liabilities as they accrued, and has in hand sufficient funds to meet the interest payment due April 1 on its outstanding bonds: although the payment of
this interest may be deferred by the action of the court at Huntingdon appointing temporary receivers and fixing the date for hearing the question of apointing permanent receivers for April 16 .
The railroad company will endeavor to have this
The railroad company wil endeavor to have this hearing take place before Aprill 1 and the temporary receivers removsed so that the interest accrut
on the bonds on April 1 may be paid on that day.- V .122, p. 1022.
Lehigh Valley RR.-New Coxe Bros. Trustee.
The first development toward the segregation of the Coxe Bros. by the ehigh Valey RR. Since the settlement or the anthracite strike has been
made by the U. District ourt in appointing Roger Shale. of Washington,
D. O. to succeed the rate Thomas R. Marshall as trustee with James Neale D. C. to succeed the late Thomas R. Marshall as trustee with James Neale of Coxe Bros. stock. property and submitted a report to the railroad company which probably expecten that Coxe Bros. will be sold outright. ("Wall Street Journal.")

Louisville \& Nashville RR.-New President.-
Whiteford R. Cole. President of the Nashville Chattanooga \& St. Louis Ry. has been elected President of the Louisville \&
succeed the late W. L. Mapother.-V.
Manitou \& Pike's Peak Ry.-Tentative Valuation.
The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of $\$ 368,741$
the property of the company as of June 30 1918.-V. 106, p. 2011 .
Maryland \& Pennsylvania RR.-Income Bond Interest.-
Holders of income bonds have been notified that the interest due and
ayable on April 11926 on each $\$ 1.000$ bond amounts to $\$ 10$ and that said amount will be paid to the holders thereof upon presentation on or after April 1 of interest warrant No. 50 to the ba
Brown \& Sons., Balto., Md.-V. 120 , p. 1455 .
Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR.-Pref. Stock, Series " $A$," Placed on a $6 \%$ Annual Dividend Basis.- The directors on March 15 declared a quarterly dividend of $11 / 2 \%$ on the pref. tock, series "A," payable May 1 to holders of record April 15. From Feb. 21925 to Feb. 11926 incl. the company paid quarterly dividends of $11 / 4 \%$ on this issue.-V. 121, p. 1905.
New York New Haven \& Hartford RR.-Sub. Co. Stock. The New England Transportation Co.. a subsidiary, has increased its authorizal shares, none of which will be issued at present. The entire pre vious authorized capital of 10,000 shares is outstanding.-V. 122, p. 1307.
New York Chicago \& St. Louis RR.-Extra Dividend of $11 / 4 \%$ Declared on Common Stock.-The directors on March 17 declared an extra dividend of $11 / 4 \%$ on the common stock (par \$100), payable out of other income for the first quarter on April 15 to holders of record March 31. From Oct. 1 1923 to Jan. 1 1926, incl., regular quarterly dividends of $11 / 2 \%$ each were paid on this issue. Regular quarterly dividends of $11 / 2 \%$ are also payable April 1 next on the ommon and preferred stocks.

Release of Deposited Stocks Allowed.-
O. P. and M. J. Van Sweringen announced March 16 that in view of the recent decision by the 1 -Sk. Plate System, they would return the stock deposited under the plan if the certificates of deposit are surrendered to J. P. Morgan \& Co. on or before May 1 1926. Their action released nearly
. 0 . 000 . 00 par value of stocks of the present Nickel Plate, Chesapeake \& $660,000,000$ par value , Pere Marquette and Erie Railroads whose holders
Ohio. Hocking Valley, had signified their approval of the proposed unification plan.
The deposits did not represent the Van Sweringen holdings or constitute a majority of the stock involved. The merger promoters did not stress the question of stock or a total of $\$ 62,792,600$ of common stock of the
of the five rairroads
Chesapeake \& Ohie outstanding at the time the deposits were asked, Chesapeake \& Ohie outstanding at the time the deposits were asked
$\$ 21,424,500$ was converted into certificates of deposit, according to the
athe The amount of C. \& 0 . common outstanding has since been increased by the conversion of a substantial amount of the road's $5 \%$ 30-year bonds.
The notice to holders of certificates of deposit, issued by the law firm of White \& Case on betale of the Van Sweringens, follows. It is signed by o carry out the surrender of stock
"Pursuant to direction of the committee, I wish to notify you of the adoption of the following resolu the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission and pending any further proceedings under the plan, the com-
mittee considers it for the best interests of the depositors to return to my holder or holders of certificates of deposit desiring the same the stock of deposit, duly endorsed, on or or before May 1 1926. 19 . Co, the depositary, to accept the surrender of any and al deposit presented to it on or before May 1 of deposit the stock represented thereby or other certificates of stock for the same number and kind of shares. thereby orositors desiring to take advantage of the above resolutions may present their N. $\mathbf{Y}$. City, or to the following named sub-depositaries on or before May 1 1926: Union Trust Co., Cleveland, Continental Colony Trust Coi; 17 Court st., certificates of deposit presented for surrender must be duly endorsed in blank or a acoompanied by proper,
The following table shows the amount of stock and the amount of certifiof deposit listed on the STock Exchange:


New Chairman of Board.M. J. Van Sweringen has been elected Chairman of the board of the
vew York, Chicago \& St. Louis RR., succeeding his brother, O. P. Van Sweringen. Williams of Cleveland succeeds Otto Miller of Cleveland as a
L. B. Wirector.-V. 122, p. 1452 .

Pennsylvania RR.-New Directors.-
Julien L. Eysmans, VRice-President in charge of traffic, and M. O. Ken-
nedy. Vice-President in charge of purchases, stores and insurance have been nedy, elect directors, succeeding Henry Tatnall, formerly Vice-President in elected directors, succeeding Aeril 30 atenas, under pension regulations, and
charge of finance, who retired Apres
George D. Dixon, formerly Vice-President in charge of traffic, who on George D . Dixon, formerly Vice-President in charge of traffic, who on
Aug. 11925 was appointed assistant to the President.--V. 122, p. 1452 .
Pere Marquette Ry.- Deposited Stocks Released.
See New York Chicago \& St. Louis RR. above.-V. 122, p. 1452 .
Philadelphia Newtown \& New York RR.-Valuation.The I.-S. O. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of $\$ 2,144,100$
the property of the company, as of June 30,1917 .-V. 68, p. 773 . Pittsburgh Allegheny \& McKees Rocks RR.-Value.The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of $\$ 919,355$
on the property of the company as of June 30 1917.-V. 69, p. 1104 .
Pittsburgh \& West Virginia Ry.-Equipment Trusts.The company has been authorized by the I-S. C. Commissin to issue
$\$ 2.000 .000$ 41/\% equipment trust
old certificates and to sell them at not

## Southern Railway.-Files Demurrer.-

The company has filed with the Clerk of the Law and Equity Court at Richmond, Va.. its demurrer in the suit of Arthur Lyman and others
calling for the distribution of dividends on the preerred stock. Judge Beverly T. Crump issued an order accepting the demurrer as a part of the proceedings to the suit, thereby bringing it to a point
for hearing evidence and argument will be fixed later.
The complainants in the suit allege that the company has distributed dividends to common stockholders and that preferred stockholders had been
discriminated against. In its reply the company agrees that plaintiffs hold certain shares or preferred stock but that such holders had been dealt with certains
in perfect
holders.
holders. Southern Pill that it dividend payments on the preferred Southern Railway declares that its dividend payments on the preferred
stock since July 1 i 894 amounted to $\$ 54.458 .904$ and its payments on the
 stockholders does not entitile preferred stockholders to any dividend out of any year's earnings in excess of $5 \%$ per annum and that there is no provision
in the contract for a pari passu participation after such class shall have received $5 \%$
Company contends that the action of the board of directors on Dec. 10
925 declaring a further quarterly dividend of $1^{3} \%$ on the common 1925 declaring a further quarterly dividend oct with such stockholders and Was not a violation of the contractual rights of the preferred stockholders. The company further says it has aluays acted solely and alocke in the interests of its property and has not favored one class against another demanded in the bill of complaint and that they have no standing in this court.-V. 122, p. 1307, 1165.

## PUBLIC UTILITIES.

## All America Cables, Inc.-Earnings.-

## Income Account for Calendar Years.

+2n:-
1925.

Gross revenue --....-. Not stated
Net aft. oper. \& gen.
1924.
Not stated
s3

rexid bee
$\begin{array}{r}\text { - } \$ 4,170,393 \\ 361.508 \\ \hline\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{r}\$ 4,054,636 \\ 1655,598 \\ \hline\end{array}$

| 1923. |
| :--- |
| $7,330,95$ |
| $2,751,49$ |
| 591,65 |

 $\times$ After deducting $20 \%$ stock dividend ( $\$ 4,594,600$ ) paid Dec
Estimated Earnings for Ouarters Ended March 31

Net aft.deducting oper. exp.,taxes, \&cc.
Inc. from investments \& miscell. inc.
1926.
$\$ 760,496$
162,000

Tividends (excl. of inter-co. divs.) $\begin{array}{r}1924,190 \\ \$ 76,1000 \\ 140,00 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r}\$ 903.190 \\ 403,000 \\ \hline\end{array}$ Surplus. V .122 , p. 93 .
$\$ 450,236$ \$455,748
$\$ 500,190$
American Gas \& Electric Co.-Dividends.The regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the non par value
common stock has been declared out of the surplus net earnings op the company for the quarter ending March 31 1926, payabele April 1 to holders of pany March 131925 and to stockholders who have not prior to March 13
record
surrendered their certificates for par value shares in exchange for non par surrendered their certificates for par value shares in exchange for non par
value shares uon the making of such exchange. On Jan 2 Iast the com-
pany paid on the common shares a rexular quarterly cash dividend of 25 cents per share and an extra dividend of 1-50 of a share in co mon The regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 150$ per share on the issued and outstanding non par value preferred stock for the quarter ending April 301926 to stockholders who have not prior to April 10 surrendered their certificicates for par value shares for non
exchange.-V. 122, p. 1453 .

American Light \& Traction Co.-New Directors.Wilichard Schaddelee, W. F. Rust, C. S. Eaton, John S. Brookes, Jr., William Chamberlain and Donald Mactirthur have been elected directors,
succeeding T. R. Fell, Stanhope Foster, Frank T. Hulswit. James M. M.
McCarthy, General James H. Wilson and Paul Butterworth.-V. 121 ,
p. 3129 .
Birmingham (Ala.) Water Works Co.-Bonds Offered. W. C. Langley \& Co., Halsey, Stuart \& Co., Inc., and P. W. Chapman \& Co., Inc., are offering at 96 and int. to yield $51 / 4 \%, \$ 460,000$ 1st mtge. $5 \%$ gold bonds, series B of 1924 , due Dec. 1 1954. Principal and interest guaranteed by American Water Works \& Electric Co., Inc.
Issuance.-Authorized by the Alabama P. S. Commission.
Company:-Supplies water for domestic and public use without competi-Company.-Supplies water for dome
tion to a population of over 260,000 .

Earnings 12 Months Ended Nov. 30 Gross earnings $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Net (available for interest, Fed. taxes, \&cl.) } & \$ 799,222 \\ \text { Annual interest on entire funded debt (including this issue) } & \$ 874,044 \\ 325,500\end{array}$ Management. Company is controlled through ownership of its entir
common stock by the American Water Works \& Electric Co., Inc. Capitalization Outstanding (Upon Completion of Present Financing) 1st mtge. gold bonds, $51 / 2 \%$ series A, due 1954
do
$5 \%$ series B . due
1954 (this issue) Cumulative preferred stock

* Including stock subscribed for.--V. $120, \mathrm{p} .145 \overline{6}$.

Bell Telephone Co. of Penn.-Balance Sheet, Dec. 31.|  | 1925 | 1924. |  | 1925. | 1924. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets- | S | S. | Liabilities- | S | S |
| Teleph. plant $\&$ | S |  | Common stock | 80.000 .000 | $80,000,000$ |


 Bills receivable Acc ts recelva
Market securs
Mat. \& supplen $\begin{array}{lrr}\text { Mat. \& supplies } & 1,206,794 & 2,042,380 \\ \text { Accr.inc.not due } & 444 \\ \text { Sink fund assets } & 734,421 & 551,164 \\ \text { Prepayments.-. } & 730,906 & 662,939 \\ \text { Unamort. debt } & \end{array}$

 Total_.....-251,022,782 $\overline{216,547,636}$ Total_.......251,022,782 216,547,636
Note.-The Bell Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania was, as of Dec. 31 1925; Note.-The Bell Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania was, as of Dec. 31 1925,
guarantor for principal and interest in respect of Lehigh Telephone Co,
first and ref. mtge. $5 \%$ gold bonds. Series A due July 1 1949. Face value first and ref. mtge. $5 \%$ gold bonds, Series A, due July 11949 . Face value
outstanding Dec. 31 1925, $\$ 2,695,900$. 122, p. 1307 .
Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp.- $\$ 1$ Common Div The directors on March 15 declared a guarterly dividend of $\$ 1$ per share
on the common stock, payable April 15 to holders of record April 1. when a dividend of $s$ ization to Sept. 301925 and a dividend of $\$ 1$ per share for the quarterly
period from Oct. 11925 to Dec. 311925 were declared.-V. 122 . p. 478 .

Canadian Light \& Power Co.-Offer to Bondholders.All holders of the present outstanding $5 \%$ 40-year 1st mtge. sinking Trust cod Mulontreal, and shall thereafter be entitled to receive the new every $\$ 100$ bonds the holders are entitled to receive (a) $\$ 60$ of new bonds
of the same issue bearing interest as and from Jan. 11926 and (b) $\$ 40$ in fully paid shares of common stock. Bondholders in lieu of cancelled interest conversion an additional $\$ 4$ eommon steck for each $\$ 100$ of bonds now held. Such exchange and conversion is effective as of Jan. 11926 .
The presently outstanding bonds will be reduced as the result of such The presently outstanding bonds will be reduced as the result of such
conversion to $\$ 3,299,700$ and the provisions of the Deed of Conveyance
in Trust are to be altered to provide that the mortgage be closed at the reduced amount.
If the aggregate amount of new bonds and shares of common stock to pany with the trustee and any bondholder shall fail so to deliver to the Royal Trust Co. his bonds, then the new bonds and shares of common stock to which the bondholder may be entitled are to be set aside by the
trustee in trust for such bondholder and the holder of any present bonds trustee in trust for such bondholder and the holder of any present bonds
which shall not be delivered as aforesaid shall have no other right thereunder or in respect thereof, except the right to receive delivery of the new bonds and shares of common stock to which such holder would be entitled upon to which the holders of the $5 \%$ 1st mtge. bonds of the Canadian Light \& Power Co. are entitled are now ready for delivery and will be delivered upon presentation and surrender for cancellation of the 1st mtge. bonds Royal Trust Co., 105 St. James St., Montreal. Fractional certificates
will be issued where necessary and all such certificates must be subsequen
Carolina Power \& Light Co.-Bonds Offered.-W. C. Langley \& Co., Bonbright \& Co., Inc., New York, and Old Colony Corp., Boston, are offering at $973 / 4$ and int., to yield $5.15 \%, \$ 18,000,000$ 1st \& ref. mtge. gold bonds, $5 \%$ series of 1956
Dated as of April 1 1926; due April 1 1956. Interest payable A. \& O. $O$.
at the ofrice or agency or the company in N. y. City. Red. at any time, at the orrice or agency of the company in N. Y. City. Red. at any time, tion
all or part, on at least 30 days notice at 105 up to and incl. Apr. 1936 , to
at 1 or less each succeeding year up to and incl and
at 100, plus accrued int. in yearh up to and Dencom. Apr. $\$ 1,000$, and $\$ 500$, and
$\mathrm{r}^{*} \$ 1,000$ and $\$ 5,000$, and authorized multiples thereor. Company agrees. to pay interest withou and deduction for any Federal incoore tax not in in arcess
of $2 \%$ and to refund the Penn. 4 -mills tax on timely application. Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., New York, trustee.

Data from Letter of B. S. Jerman, President of Company Power \& Linhyt - Is to be organized by merger and consolidation of Carolina
Pighan River Power Co., Asheville Power \& Light Co. panies furnish, directly or indirectly, electric power and lisht service in
 Asheville, Goldsboro, Henderson, oxford. Sanford, and Rockingham, N. ©, and street railw, Fiverence, Marion and Darlington, S. C. and also sup-
ply trice in in Raleigh and Ashieville and gas
service in Durham. Total population served estimated
 vide for the retirement of $\$ 3,480,500$ Carolina Power \& Light Co. 1st mtge.
$5 \%$ bonds due Aug. $1938, \$ \$ 4,80,000$ Carolina Power \& Light Co. 1st \& ref. mtge, gold bonds, $6 \%$ series of 1953 , $\$ 1.220,000$ Ashevilile Power \& Light Co. ste mtge $5 \%$ gold bonds due Aprit 1 i $1942, \$ 899,400$ North Caro-
lina Electrical Power Co. 1st \& ref. mtge. $5 \%$ gold honds due Oct. 1940 , lina Electrical Power Co. 1 st \& ref. mtge. $5 \%$ gold honds due Oct. 11940 , penditures and for other corporate purposes.
Security.-Secured by a first mortgage on substantially all of the physical
property owned by Carolina Power \& Light Co., Asheville Power \& Light O... Pigeon River Power Co. and Carolina Power Co. at the effective date or the merger and consolidation, and will also be secured by a direct mortgage on the physical property of the Yadkin River Power Co., subjeny
1st (closed) mtge. $5 \%$ gold bonds due April 1941 of said company

Consolidated Earnings Catendar Years.

Gross income | 1921. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { exps. and taxes } & 1,623,582 & 1,836,743 & 2,382,498 & 2,842,805 & 3,265,068 \\ \text { Int. on bonds.- } & 625,979 & 627,506 & 757,659 & 9194,577 & 949,538\end{array}$ Balance -.... $\$ 997,603 \$ 1,209.237$

Net income as shown above for the year ended Dec. 31
N times the total annual interest requirements of $\$ 1,275,000$.
Property. -The physical properties include electric plants with a present installed generating capacity of 89.565 kilowatts. The 2 principal stations are a modern nevv steam station with a present installed generating capacity
of 30,000 kilowatts, located on the Cape Fear River near Moncure, N. ©. and a hydro-electric station with a present installed generating capacity of 24,000 kilowatts. located at Blewett Falls, on the Yadkin River. near Rock-
ingham, N. C. Other stations have a present installed generating capacity
of 35,565 kilowatts and an additional 34,000 kilowatts is purchased under
contract from other companies. of this 123,565 kilowatts aggregate available power supply $57 \%$ is hydro-electric. The electric transmission system includes 1,380 miles of high-tension transmission lines and 1,197 miles of
distributing system. The gas works, located in Raleigh, Durham and Asheville, are modern in construction and have an aggreegate daily generating capacity of $2,070,000$ cubic feet and an aggregate holaer capacity of 740,000
cubic feet. The street railway systems in Raleigh and Asheville comprise approximately 32 miles of trac Construction.- -re order to meet the increasing demand for electric power
and light thus coned in the territory served, the construction of 2 new hydro-electric plants is contemplated, one on the Yadkin River near Northe Pigeon River, to be known as the Waterville plant, near the Tennessee as planned about 35 milles northwest of Asheve an inilite. The Norvood station designed for an ultimate generating capacity of Watts and will be designed for an ultimate generating capacity of 75.000
kilowatts. These will be among the largest and most modern plants in the
South Supervision.-Company (consolidated company), from the standpoint of its electric power and light business, will be the largest and most impor-
tant subidiary of National Power \& Lifht Co. The operations of Na-
tina tional Power \& Light Co. and its subsidiaries are supervised (under the
direction and control of the respective boards of directors) by the Electric Bond \& Share Co.-V. 122, p. 1453 .
Chicago, Aurora \& Elgin RR.-New President, \&c.elected President of the Chicago. Aurora\& Elgin RR RR This move is in line with the recent acquisition of controlling interest in the road by samuel Insull and associates. Mr. Insull has been elected Chairman of the board.
(See also "Chicago, Aurora \& Elgin Corp." in V. 122, p. 1308)-V. 122 , p. 1168.

Chicago Railways.-Protective Committee.
The protective committee (below) has issued the following notice:
1 1927, which is also the date of the expiration of the company's franchise in Chicayo.
Notwith. bonds and the acknowledged value of the property, and the favorable. relation of the annual interest charge on the bonds to the company's earnings avaiabie for the payment of such interest, the present credit pospition or to be
company is such that an ordinary refunding operation appeas to company
impossible
Under
amounts of 1st mostamstances, the committee, representatives of substantial committee, a medium through which the holders of the bonds may co-operate to protect their intercation of the credit of the street railway lines in Chicago in order that the cost of extensions and new equipment may be financed, and proper and adequate service given to the people or Chicag
 of the sub-depositaries, which will issue in return a transferable certificate of deposit. (Chairman) C. W. Beall (V.-Pres. Harris, Forbes. \& Co. New Mor, George (Treas. Metropolitan Life Insur ance Co. New York), F. H. Rawson (Chairman Union Trust Co.,) Chicago, Depositary.-Harris Trust \& Savings Bank, Chicago. Sub-depositaries National Bank of Commerce, New York; the First Nationa1 B
and Girard Trust Co., Philadelphia.--V. 122, p. 2145, 2141.
Cincinnati \& Dayton Traction Co.-Sale.-
All properties of the company, including lines from College Hill to by George P. Sohngen, receiver, to the reorganization managers. Compare reorg
Cincinnati \& Hamilton Traction Co.-Sale A pproved. Ry. for the property which includes the Millereek Valley street cat from the 700 to Lockiond and Glendale and the interurban line from flendale to Hamilton. The company will receive $\$ 1,000,000$ stock of the Cincinnati street Ry. in payment for the properties.
The committees representing the preferred and
have recommended a division of this stock in the ratio of 4 to $1, \$ 800,000$ to go to the preferred stockholders and $\$ 200,000$ to the common stock-
holders. There preferred. When the distribution is effected, the Cincinnati \& Hamilton
company will be liquidated.-V. 121 , p. 1347 .
City
Offered.-W. C. Langley \& Co., Halsey, Tenn.-Bonds Inc., and P. W. Chapman \& Co. Inc., are offering at 96 and int, to yield over 51 $\$ 316,000$ 1st mtge $5 \%$ pold bonds, series B of 1924, due Dec. 1 1954. Principal and interest guaranteed by American Water Works \& Electric Co., Inc
Tsssuance.-Subject to authorization of the Tennessee Railroad \& Public Company.-Has been serving the city of Chattanooga, Tenn., and
surrounding territory since 1868. The record of the company's services has been one of continual steady growth and prosperity. At the present competition to a population of over 100,000 , which includes several suburbs of Chattanooga, some of which extend into the State of Georgia.

Earnings 12 Months Ended Nov. 30.
Gross earnings


| 1925. |
| :--- |
| $\$ 671,148$ |

$\begin{array}{llll}\text { Net (available for interest, Federal taxes, } \& \mathrm{Ec} \text { ). } & \text { the } & \$ 318,920 & \$ 378,649 \\ \text { Annual interest on entire funded debt (including this issue) } & \$ 139,550\end{array}$ Control. Company is controlled through ownership
stock by American Water Works \& Electric Co
Capitalization Outstanding (Upon Completion of Present Financing).
1st mtge. gold bonds, $5 \frac{1}{2} \%$ series A, due 1954-..............-- $\$ 2,250,000$ do $5 \%$ series, B, due 1954 (this issue)
Comman stock
Cities Service Co.-Common Stock Offered.-PearsonsTaft Co., Chicago, Henry L. Doherty \& Co., New York, Newburger-Henderson \& Loeb, Phila., Russell-Colvin Co., San Francisco, De Fremery \& Co. and Shingle, Brown \& Co., San Francisco, are offering at $\$ 42$ per share 250,000 common stock (par $\$ 20$ ), each share having one-fifth of a vote. This offering will not increase the amount of outstanding common stock except as represented by conversions of its outstanding convertible debentures.
Transfer agents, Henry L. Doherty \& Co, New York; Huntington
National Bank, Columbus, Ohio International Trust Co., Denver, Colo.; Old Colony Trust Co.. Boston, Mass.; Commerce Trust Co., Kansas City,
Ao.; registrars: Guaranty Trust Co., New York; Commercial National Bani, Columbus, Ohio, First Nationai Bawn, D.anver Colo., State Street
Trust Co.. Boston, Mass. New England National Bank, Kansas City, Mo. Data From Letter of Henry L. Doherty, President of the Company Company.-Owns directly or through subsidiaries a majority of the common stock of each of more than 60 public utilitites comprising a large
and successful system of electric light and power, manufactured and natural gas, heat, water, ine and street raillway companies, and of more than 40
companies representing an important system of oil production transpor
tion, refining and marketing. The public utility properties comprise a
diversified group operating in 18 States and the Dominion of Canada, diversified group operating in 18 States and the Dominion of Canada,
serving a population of more than 3.000 .000 in over 60 communities.
som
 Ohio; Danbury, Conn., and numerous others. These companies, having
ani nstalled capacity of over 60,000 h.p. sold in 1924 more than 1.000 ani nstalled capacity of over 600,000 h.p.. sold in 1924 more than 1.000 -
000.00 k k..... of electric energy for light and power. and distributed in
excess of $50.000,000,000$ cu. ft. of manufactured and natural gas. The principal oil properties produce daily about 25,000 barrels of crude
oil and the subsidiaries operate more than 900 miles of oil tipe lines and rerneries having a total rated capacity of 31,500 barrels daily. The
reserves of oil and gas lands are among the largest $u$ nder any single manage-
ment in the United States. They are located in what is commonly known ment in the United states. They are located in what is commonly known
as the Mid-Continent field in Kansas, Oklatamoma and Texas and the
natural gas business is conducted principally in Kansas, Oklahoma and
Missouri Refunding 6\% gold debenture bonds as Jan. 11926. Convertible gold debentures, series A, B, C, D and E. Cumulative preferred stock $6 \%$--

The convertible debentures. series A. B. O. D and E, are conve 7 ,417,420 various terms into capital stocks and the outstanding capitalization is $6 \%$ debentures were issued to retire convertible debentures bearing higher interest rates and in this connection the company has issued (subsequent to the date of the above statement) $\$ 10,000,000$ additional thereof and has
agreed to retire a further tike principal amount of convertible debentures during the calendar year 1926 .


 a share on the common stock outstanamy or at the rate of $15.30 \%$ on the par value there f.
Dividends. Dividends at the rate of $1 / 2$ of $1 \%$ in cash and $1 / 2$ of $1 \%$ in
common stock when and as declared are being paid on the first of each month to stockholders of record on the 15th day of the preceding month. Management.-The management of the subsidiaries of Citiies Service Co. is supervised (under the direction and control of the respective boards of
directors of the companies) by Henry L. Doherty \& Co.

Dividend on Bankers' Shares-Other Dividends
A monthly distribution of 15.125 c . on the bankers' shares will be made on
April 1 to holders of record Miar. 15 . A distribution of 14.625 c . a share 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 mil payable May 1 to holders of record April 15 . Like amounts are payAll of the outstanding $7 \%$ convertible gold debentures, series O , have been called for redemption May 12 next at 102 and int. at the Bankers
Trust Co., 16 Wall st. N. Y. City. The conversion privilege in these Trust Coi, 16 Wall st. $N$. Y. City. The conversion privilege in thes
bonds wilicease at the close of business on May 12 - -122, p. 1168 .

Clinton (Iowa) Street Ry.-Bonds.-
In response to our inquiry regarding the maturity of the $\$ 400,0005 \%$
bonds due March 31 1926, Pres. R. C. Langan states that it looks very bonds due March 11 1926, Pres. R. C. Langan states that "it 10.
much as if they will not be pald at maturity. "-V. 122 , p. 1308.

Coast Counties Gas \& Electric Co.-To Issue Stock.To issue $\$ 500.0006 \%$ cumul. pref. stock at not less than 92 to reimburse to issue $\$ 500,0006 \%$ cumul. pref. stock at not less than 92 to
the treasury for additions and betterments.-V. 122, p. 1168 .

Commercial Cable Co.-Cable Contract Made.the Postal Telegraph-Commercial Cable System is enabled to render the Posta and cable service inte and out of Mex Mexico Commenting on this
telegraph and
contract, Clarence W. Mackay says: "For about fifty years there has bhen contract, Clarence W. Mackay says: "For about fifty years there has been which prevented the company from introducing competition. On severai occasions the company has made efforts to introduce competitive service.
and in fact, in 1897, did actually establish a connection with Mexico, but pelled to discontinu "The new arrangements have resulted in the cancellation of old-time monopolies, and the Postal Telegraph and Commercial Cable companies
are thus able to offer the public a competitive telegraph service to and from Mexico."- V . 122, p. 609 .

Commonwealth Water Co. (N. J.).-Bonds Offered.W. C. Langley \& Co., Halsey, Stuart \& Co., Inc., and P. W. Chapman \& Co., Inc., are offering at 95 and int., to yield about $5.30 \%, \$ 210,000$ 1st mtge. $5 \%$ gold bonds, series B of 1922, due Feb. 1 1956. Principal and interest guaranteed by American Water Works \& Electric Co., Inc. 1ssuance.-Subect
Commissioners of New Jersee.
Company. -Incorp. in 1915 as
panies in operation for mary a combination of several successful comtownshins of South Orange, West Orange, Summit, New Providence Springfield, Miiburn
served, about 90,000 .

Earnings 12 Months Ended Nov. 30.

Net (available for interest, Federal taxes. \&c.)
Annual interest on entire funded debt (including this issue)
$\$ 265,584$
$\$ 126,000$

Capitalization outstanding (Upon Completion of Present Financing),
st mtge. gold bonds, $5 \frac{1 / 2 \%}{}$ series A due 1947 .-.--------- $\$ 2,100,000$ 1st mige. gold bonds, $5 \frac{1 / 2 \%}{}$ series A due 1947
do series B, due 1956 (this issue).
Common stock $\quad$ Purpose. Proceeds will be used to reimburse the- $\quad$.
Ptensions and bett
Connecticut River Co.-Merger.-- Mo. 99, p. 470
Continental Gas \& Electric Corp.-Divs, for $1926 .-$ The directors have declared the following dividends for the year 1926 A dividend of $7 \%$ on the prior preference stock, payable in quarterly
installments of $1 \% \%$ each. The first payment of $1 \% \%$ will be made April 1 to holders of record March 13 . A dividend of $6 \%$ on the participating preferred stock, payable in quarterly
installments of $11 / \%$ each. And an extra dividend of $2 \%$ for the year 1926 , payable in quarterly installments of $1 / \%$ each. The first payment A dividend of $6 \%$ on the preferred stock, payable in quarterly installments
A $11 / \% \%$ each. The first payment of $11 / 2 \%$ will be made April 1 to holders of record March 13 . 40 per share on the no par common stock, payable in quarterly installments of $\$ 110$ each. The first payment of 18 .

Empire District Electric Co.-Bonds Called.-
The company has called for payment May 1 at $1071 / 2$ and int., the entire

Empire Gas \& Fuel Co.-Tenders.
 eries A dated May 11922 to an amount sufficient to exhaust $\$ 450000$
 o an amount sufficient to exhaust $\$ 43600$ at a price not excecding $105 \frac{1}{2}$

Empire Power Corp.-Initial Preferred Dividend.The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of $\$ 150$ per
share on the 86 cumulativive preferred stock, no par value. payable Apriil 1
to holders of record March 20 . For offering of stock, see V. 122. p. 1168.

Engineers Public Service Co.-Offer Made to Savannah Electric \& Power Co. Commones an offer by the company to common stocknoiders
three shares of Engineers common for each share of Savannah common The plan has been approved by the directors of the Savannah company
and assented to by over two-thirds in interest of the Savannah common stockholders.-V. 122, 1309

Federal Light \& Traction Co.-New Directors. James S. Denis, Edward W. Harden, Antonio Lazo and Stephen
Metcaif have been elected directord. succeeding Crair Colgate. R. R.
Colgate, Minery D. Crary and Guy P. Gannett.-V. 122, , 1309 .

Fitkin Utilities, Inc.-Fitkin Interests Buy Royal Insur-
Fre Buildina to House Big Utility Group.-
The A. E. Fitkin interests have purchased the Royal Insurance Building at
future headquarters for all the atconitites of the Fitkine. Uthilities, Inc. Inc.
National Public Service Corp. and the General Engineering \& MItanagement Corp. The principal subsidiaries of National Public Service Corp. are Virgina Fumpany for Fitkin properties in Virginia; Municipal service Co., Jorsey company for Fitcin prower \& Light Co... Tidewater Power Co. EGastern Shore
Jas Electric Co.. Intorstate Electric Corp., Florida Power Co Commonwealth Light \& Power Corp. Alt these properties are managed by Western United Corp. recently bought jointly by A. E. Fitikin \& Co. nad
and
The E. H. Rollins \& Sons. The purchase price was not made known but the
building is valued at $\$ 3,000,000$. -V. $122, \mathrm{p}$. 1309,479 .

## Florida Power \& Light Co.-Plans Expansion.-

An official announcement says.
In order to provide for the rapid growth of the territory served, this
company, a subsidiary of the American Power \& Light Co, will expend during the present year more than $\$ 20,000,000$ for new construction.
Included in the building program are approximately 700 miles of hish Incluaded in the building program are approximately 700 miles of high
voltage transmission lines and two entirely new steam electric generating stations to have an initial installed generating capacity of 60.000 k k.w.
One of these stations is to be located on the St. Johns River near Sanford The St. Johns River station is designed and is being partially built for a capacity of $100,000 \mathrm{k} . \mathrm{w}$. and the Lauderdale station on the New River is
designed and is being partially built for an ultimate capacity of 150000
 pressure steam turbine-stations of the most modern type and will be equipped to burn either coal or fuel oil or both. Rail and water trans-
portation will be available for fuel deliveries for both stations. In one of portation
the smaller stations additional generating capacity of about. $5,000 \mathrm{k} . \mathrm{W}$.
is under construction, making a total of $65,000 \mathrm{k} . \mathrm{w}$. additional generating capacity to 1925 the company's electric generating statlons and distributing systems in all communities served on the East Lauderdale Palm Beach and Stuart were interconnected by a 66.000 -volt transmission line. A double circuit is now being added to this line. In
various various other parts or the sed in 1925 .
systems were interconnected The Florida Power \& Light Co. now serves 65 communities in Florida
and gross earnings for the 12 months ended Jan. 311926 were in excess of and gross earnings for the 12.
$\$ 10,000,000 .-$ V. 122, p. 347.

Florida Public Service Co.-To Expand.- $\quad$ nounced by the General Gas \& Electric Corp., the parent co. Of the
ne total, approximately system, extend be used for permanent extensions and

 staction expected that the first way at with a rated spangac on Lake Monroe
and it is of $12,500 \mathrm{k} . \mathrm{w}$.
will be in operation in the latter part of next August. The company is also constructing a 110,000 volt trunk line to connect the plant operated by the company.
The number of customers now on the books of the Florida Public Service
Co. totals 16,000 , compared with 9,124 at the end of 1924 .-V. 121 , p. 457 .
General Public Service Co.-Initial Dividends.-
Initial quarterly dividends of $\$ 150$ on the $\$ 6$ dividend preferred stock
and $\$ 175$ on the convertible preferred stock, both without par value, and $\$ 175$ on the convertible preferred stack, both without par value,
have been declared payable May 1 to holders of record April $9 .-\mathrm{V}$. 122 , have 1025 .

Georgia Ry. \& Power Co.-Deposits of Stock. Certificates for more than 229,000 shares of second preferred and common stock, or voting trust certificate therefor, have been deposited under the
plan for merger with the Southeastern Power \& Light pramber of Georgia Ry, second preferred and common shares is 250 , 000. obligated to accept all deposited shares only provided a total of 175.000 Georgia Ry. shares had been delivered by May 1. Since more than that total already has been deposited, the soulheast to acompany has fixed April
as the date after which it will not be obligated to accept Georgia Ry. shares Georgia Securities Co. shares will be ready for delivery to Georgia Ry. depositors immediately after April 1. The Georgia Securities shares in
turn may then be exchanged at any time for Southeastern Power shares.
Great Western Power Co.-Stock Authorized.-
The California RR. Commission has authorized corporation to issue
$\$ 2,000.000$ of $6 \%$ cum. pref. stock at not less than 91 and int., the proceds $\$ 2,000,000$ of $6 \%$ cum. pref. stock at not less than 91 and int., the proceeds
to be used to reimburse the treasury for additions and betterments.-V. 122 p. 1025.

Green Mountain Power Co., Inc.-Bonds Sold.-Charles H. Tenney \& Co., Boston, have sold at 95 and int., to yield $5.85 \%, \$ 750,0001$ st Mtge. $51 / 2 \%$ gold bonds, Series A. Dated Feb. $11926 ;$ due Feb. ${ }^{1}$ 1956. Denom, c* $\$ 1,000$, $\$ 500$ and $\$ 100$,
and ${ }^{*} \$ 1,000$ or some multipie thereof. Principal and interest (F. \& A.) payable at office of American Trust Co.. Boston, trustee. Red. all or part less $1 / 2$ of $1 \%$ for each 6 months thereatter to an Company agrees to pay on behalf of or reimburse Series A bondholders for
any federal income tax up to but not exceeding $2 \%$ and also agrees to reimburse Series A bondholders upon application within 60 days arter payment not exceeding in the aggregate for any one year $1 / 2$ of $1 \%$ of the face value of their holdings assessed under the laws of either Mass., Vermont, New Hampshire, Penna., Rhode Island or Conn. (but only one of said States),
and paid by said bondholders. American Trust Co., Boston, Mass., trustee.

Data from Letter of D. E. Manson, President of the Company.
Company.-Formed in Vermont to develop the hydro-electric property
of Montpelier \& Barre Light \& Power Co. at Molly's Falls, Marshrield.

Vt. Company is to construct and will own a modern hydro-electric plant trol a pproximately 1,029 acres or land, of which 980 acres will be owned in Montp lier \& Barre Light \& Power Co or has an annual
mately $29,000,000 \mathrm{k}$. W. h. (which has been increasing at the rate of about by steam and $7,000,000 \mathrm{k} . \mathrm{w} . \mathrm{h}$. purchased, the balance being generated by its own hydro-electric plants. The Molly's Falls development will provide
an average of approximately $6,000,000 \mathrm{k} . \mathrm{w}$. h. annually, the major portion of which will replace higher cost steam generated power. Inc,., station to the distributhing plant at Momentpelier over a 16 -mino 33,000
volt transmission line. This development will make possible substantial Lease.-The properties of the Green Mountain Power Co., Inc., will be
leased to the Montpelier \& Barre Light \& Power Co. for 99 years, the lessee agreeing to pay an annual rental equal to twice the interest charges on al to pay taxes, maintenance and replacement charges necessary to keep the property in good working condition
Mountain Power Co., Inc., owned at the time on all property of Green of thereafter acquired, except that after-acquired or to other liens. The 99 -year lease will be subject to the lien of the mortgage. Montpelier \& Barre Light \& Power Company.
Company.-Is a Massachusetts corporation doing business in Vermont,
supplying electricity for light, heat and power in the cities of Montpelier and Barre, and in the towns of Waterbury, Williamstown, Waitsfield, Wash Middlesex, Mooretown, Berlin, Warren, Duxbury, Fayston, Barre Worce ter and Orange, comprising practically all of Washington County, Vermont Equity. The value of the securities junior to the funded debt of the Montpelie, based on present market quotations, is in excess of $\$ 2,100.000$
Earnings. - Net earnings of the Montpelier \& Barre Light \& Power for the 12 months ended Dec. 311925 available for interest amounted to $\$ 177,300$ on the funded debt of the two companies outstanding in hands of Purpose.- Proceeds of this bond issue, together with those of the sale of approximately 4,000 shares of no par value capital stock to be taken by
Montpelier \& Barre Light \& Power Co. at $\$ 75$ per share, will be used for the construction of dam, reservor, pipe lines, transmission line, and a modern hydro-electric plant tat Molly, spalls, to have a capacity of approxi-
mately $7,000 \mathrm{~h}$. p., and in the purchase of the necessary lands and water rights.

Capitalization Outstanding (After This Financing)
[Montpelier \& Barre Light \& Power Co. and Green Mtn. Power Co. Inc.]
Green Mountain Power Co. 1st $51 / 5 \mathrm{~s}$ (this issue)


 Earnings (Montpelier \& Barre Light \& Pover Co.) Years Ended Dec. 31.
Gross earnings
Operating expenses and taxes
Balance available for interest
Management- -Montpelier \& Barre Light \& Power Co. has been under the management of Charles H. Tenney \& Co. since organization in Nov.
Hackensack (N. J.) Water Co.-New President--
Nicholas S. Hill, Jr., has been elected President, succeeding Robert W.
de Forest, who becomes Chairman of the board.-V. 121, p. 3003 .
Hudson River \& Eastern Traction Co.
A recent dispatch from Ossining, N. Y.. stated that negotiations for the
purchase of the above company, which owns the street railway lines in Ossining, by the owners of an automobile bus company have been opened. If the project is succossful it will lead to the abandonment of the street
car lines. It is reported that of the trolley company.-V. 112, p. 1740.

Huntington (W. Va.) Water Corp.-Bonds Offered.W. C. Langley \& Co., Halsey, Stuart \& Co., Inc., and P. W. Chapman \& Co., Inc., are offering at 94 and int., to yield about $5.40 \%, \$ 290,000$ 1st mtge. $5 \%$ gold bonds, series B of 1924, due March 1 1954. Principal and interest guaranteed by American Water Works \& Electric Co., Inc. Corporation was incorporated in 1917, acquiring the properties of The
Huntington Water Co. and The Guyandotte Water Works Co., which had served the cities of Huntington and Guyandotte (now a part of Huntington) in West Virginia since 1886 and 1888 , respectively. These properties have always been a part of the group of water works properties which Inc. Corporation supplies water for domestic and public use without competition to the city of Huntington and vicinity. The total population
served is over 60,000 .

Earnings 12 Months Ended Nov. 30.


| 1925. |
| :--- |
| $\$ 409.87$ |
| 160,99 |

Net (available for interest, Federal taxes, \&c.) $\$ 174,053$
nnual interest on entire funded debt (including this issue)
Capitalization Outstanding (Upon Completion of Present Fina
1st mtge. gold bonds, $6 \%$ series $A$, due 1p54tion of Present Financing).
do $5 \%$ series
$\qquad$
$7 \%$ preferred stock (no par value)--
Common sto

* ncluding stock subscribed for
Purpose- To partially reimburse the corporation for additions, improvep. 1089

Illinois Bell Telephone Co.-Purchase.-
The 1.-s. D. Commission on March 3 approved the accuisition by the company of the Droperties ot the Home Telephone Co. of Cairo. By a
contract made Dec 1921 , the Ilinois company agrees to purchase all of the properties of the Home company for sil5.000 pluses the cost of net addil
tions to property made after June 30 1921, less the amount of accrued tions to property made arter June 30 1921, less the amount of accrued
unrealized depreciation from June 30 1921 to the consummation or the
On Sept. 25 1925 net additions to property totaled about 66.000 unreaser. On Sept. 251925 net additions to property totaled about 86.000
transfer
and the accrued unrealized depreciation was $\$ 83.00$, so that the consideration, as of that date, was approximately $\$ 143,000$. The properties of ther which bonds are outstanding to the amount of $\$ 37,500$, which the
undeis
Intinois company agrees to assume and pay as a part of the consideration. The contract gives the Illinois company an option to pay the balance partly with notes and partly in cash. The Ilinois company elected to pay in cash the entire
1309,1021 .

International Power Co., Ltd.-Preferred Stock Sold. G. E. Barrett \& Co., Inc., New York, and Royal Securities Corp., Ltd., Montreal, have sold at $981 / 2$ and div., to yield about $7.11 \%, \$ 4,000,000$ 1st preferred stock (par $\$ 100$ ) cumulative dividends, $\$ 7$ per share per annum. One share of common stock will accompany each share of preferred stock.
stock. Company.-Has been incorporated and organized under the laws of the Dominion of Canada to acquire as a holding or operating company directly
or through subsidiaries. equitios in or control of power or public utility undertalings. The properties controlled have been developed over a period.

Company has acquired all the securitios of the Venezuela Power Oo., Ltd.,
and a majority of the stock of the San Salvador Electric Lisht Co., the Newfoundland Light \& Power Co.. Ltd., Bolivian Power Co... Ltd.., and $81 \%$ of the outstanding $5 \%$ 1st mtge. bonds and a controling interest in
the common stock of the Demerara Eiectric Co Lty the common stock of the Demerara Liectic Co., Ltd

Combined Earnings of the Properties Controlled by the Company.
Gross earnings $\qquad$ $\$ 1.537 .004 \quad$ \$1.641.068 Net avaii. for int, and res
Interest charges on underlying securities and
and
and $\$ 885.961$ tween earnings accruing to minority interests and estimated
revenue from sum available for additional investment...... 399,276 Balance available for preferred dividends and reserves.........- \$486,685
$\times$ One month in part estimated Listing. -It is expected that application will be made to list the common
stock on the Montreal and Toronto Stock Exchanges. Further details in V. 122, p. 1310
Kentucky Light \& Power Co.-Sale.- - -
See Kentucky Utilities Co. below.-V.
Kentucky Utilities Co.-Acquisitions.-
The sale and transfer by the Paducah Electric Co. of all its properties to the Kentucky Utilities Co. as or reb. 26 and the acquirement by the tucky Light erringower Co. as of March 1 , were announced recently by "The Paducah Electric Co. has called in all its bonds and sold and transferred all its property to the Kentucky Utilities Co, Co, Sice- Presidens-
Herrington said. "Deeds covering the transfer of physical properties at Paducah were executed Feb. ${ }^{26}$. ${ }^{\text {ithas }}$ acquired all physical properties, franchises and the business of the Kantucky Light \& Power Co. operating at
Dawson Springs. Princeton, Fulton and Hickman. Electric service is Dawson Sprinss, Princeton, Fuiton and rickman. ELectric service is
supplied to Fulton, Princeton and Dawson springs. The company operates
the Kentucky Light $\&$ Power Co. has called and paid off all bonds and other indebtedness. The transfer of property, franchises and business will be
completed March 1, after which operations will be conducted in the name of the Kentucky Utiiities Co..' Consolidated Income Account for Calendar Years.



 Fixed capital.
Cash Notes recelvabie.Accts. receivable. Int. \& div. recelv.
Materials \& suppl Prepayments.-1
Subser to Subser. to acop.-.tik.
Invest. in artil cos Invest. in atrii. cos
Misceli. invest_Special deposits-:-
Unamortized debt disc. \& expense
Miscell. def. debits Miscell. def. debits
Disc. on cap. stock Total (each side) $\overline{29,770.638} \overline{22,851,910}$


Lone Star Gas Co.-Offer to Stockholders.-
The stockholders have been offered the right to exchange each share of
present stock of $\$ 25$ par for $12-3$ shares of stock of $\$ 25$ pre Star Gas Corp., a newly formed Delaware corporation which will take
 is deposited with the Pittsburgh Trust Cox by April 1. Fractional shares
will not be issued. Depositors entitled to more than wil not be issued. Depositors entitled to more than $5 \%$ of a share may
purchase the aditional fraction at par and those entitled to less than $50 \%$ phall receive cash.
The new corpoiation has an authorized capital stock of $\$ 30.000,000$, of old company. The remainder will either be sol so stockholders or used old company. The remainder will either be sold to stock
to acquire new properties in the future. -V .122 p .1026 .

Massachusetts Gas Companies.-Notes Called. All of the outstanding $\$ 85.000 .0005 \%$ 3-year promissory gold coupon
notes, dated April $15 \quad 1924$ have been called for payment April 15 at par notes, tated April 151924 have been called for payment April 15 at par
and int.at the Old Colony Trust Co. 17 Court St. Boston Mass. Part of the proceeds of the recen issue of $\$ 18,000,00020$-year sinking fund $51 / 2 \%$
gold bonds (sold last December see $\mathrm{V}, 121, \mathrm{p} .2875$ ) will be used for the gold bonds (sold last December see V. 12.
redemption of the notes.-V. 191 , p. 3004 ,

## Montana Power Co.-Annual Report.-

 Consolidated Income Account for Calendar Years.Gross earnings
Oross earnings-

Net earnings | 1925. |
| :---: |
| $-88.48,26$ |
| $\times 2,697,543$ |

 Net income---
Interest charges Federal income Invest. written off Depreciation--…:- $2 \overline{75}, 0 \overline{0} \overline{0}$
Preferred divs
 Balance, surplus
xExceet
Federal taxes. for 1922. Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.


Minnesota Power \& Light Co.-Definite Bds. Ready.-


Montpelier \& Barre Lt. \& Pr. Co.-Development, \&c.-
Municipal Service Co.-Bonds Offered.-E. H. Rollins \& Sons, Baker, Young \& Co., Blyth, Wither \& Co., H. M. Byllesby \& Co., Inc., Howe, Snow \& Bertles, Inc., and Eastman, Dillon \& Co. are offering at 96 and int., to yield
about $6.30 \%, \$ 5,500,00030$-year $6 \%$ sinking fund collateral about $6.30 \%, \$ 5,500,00030$
trust gold bonds, series A.
Dated Feb. 11926 ; due Feb. 11956 . Red, on the first day of any
month, on 30 days' notice, all of part, at 105 and int., reducing $1 / 4$ of $1 \%$ month, on yea elayssed from Jan. 31, i936 to maturity. Interest payable
for each y. Yo
F. \& An New York or Philadelphia, without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not exceeding $2 \%$ which the company or thy trumstee
may be required or permitted to pay at the source. Denom. $\$ 1,000$ and
 per annumb, Maryland not exceeding $41 / 2$ mills per annum and of the District
of Columbia not exceeding 5 mills per per annum, Maryland not exceeding 41/2 mills per annum and of the
of Oolumbia not exceeding 5 mills per annum and for the Mass. in
on int. not exceeding $6 \%$ of such interest per annum, refunded.
Data From Letter of A. E. Fitkin, President of the Company. Company-Incorporated. in Maine. Owns, controls or will acquire
local operating public utility companies, serving with electric light and power, gas, ice or steam 187 communities in Pennsylvania, Maryland, \& Power Co., Citizens Traction Coctric Bainbrididge Ive Co.., Titusville Light \& Power Co., Chester Valley Electric Co, Youngstown \& Suburban Ry.,
Valdosta Lighting Co., Ware County Light \& Power Co and Keystone Public Service Corp.i, and will acqurn all the common stock of Eastern
Shore Gas \& Electric Co. Through these operating companies, 64,790 customers are served, of which 61,814 are electrical, 2,547 , gas, and 429
steam service. Company also operates profitable street railway systems steam service. Company also operates profitable street railway systems panies serve an aggregate population of about $1.000,000$. The electric systems of company have a total installed capacity of 56,888
h.p. and 433 miles of transmission lines. The gas properties include h.D. and generating plants with a dransm capanacity of $^{4320}, 000$ cu. ft. The ice plants of 279 equivalent milites of single track.
1925 thereet railway properties consist
Durg the year ended Dec. 31
generated $134,565,662$ k.w.h. of electric energy, and $55,867,000 \mathrm{cu}$. ft. of gas.

Capitalization Outstanding (After Giving Effect to Present Financing). Collateral trust $5 \%$ bonds, due March 1942 (this issue)

| Common stock (no par value) | $99 \%$ owned by National Public | $3,108,100$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | The subsidiary companies will have outstanding in the hands of the public $\$ 19,904,500$ of bonds; $\$ 1,150000$ of notes; $\$ 2,338,510$ of preferred Security.-Secured by a direct first lien upon the entire common stock owned. Further secured by a direct lien on the bonds and stocks of other subsidiary companies pledged and deposited under the collateral trust $5 \%$ bond agreement of the company, subject to the lien thereof. Additional

bonds may be issued under conservative restrictions as set forth in the trust indenture.
Sinking Fund.-Trust indenture will provide for equal semi-annual
payments for interest and sinking fund of $\$ 202,500$ to the trustee payments for interest and sinking fund of $\$ 202,500$ to the trustee, beginning
Teb. 11927 and semi-annually thereafter. The balance remaining after the payment of interest on outstanding bonds of this issue must be used for the purpose of sinking fund for the retirement of bonds, which, it is esti-
mated, will retire this entire issue on or before maturity, id mated, will retire this entire issue on or before maturity. Additional fund sufficient to retire the entire issue on or before maturity. Consolidated Statement Upon Completion of This Financing (12 Months Gross earnings of subsidiaries s10.
taxes, \&c., $\$ 6,573,532 ;$ net earnings. $\$ 1,231$,607: provision for depreciation interest and dividends
\$1,231,607; provision for depreciation, \$547,798; proportion

1,806,502 Interest on 30 -year $6 \%$ collateral trust gold bonds, series A
(this issue)

330,000
Balance for dividends, surplus, \&c Balance of consolidated earnings available for interest on
debt of Municipal Service Co. over 3.11 times requirements.
Purpose. -Proceeds from the sale of these bonds, together with moneys raised by and in connection with this financing will be used in part to retire certain outstanding obligations and to the extent of not less than
$\$ 1,423,900$ for capital additions in respect of which no stock or obligations may be issued.
Ownership \& Management.-Company is controlled through stock ownership by National Public Service Corp. The management of company
and its subsidiaries is under the supervision of the General Engineering \& Management Corp.-V. 120, p. 2944 .

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { New Bedford \& Onset Street Ry.-Annual Report.- }
\end{aligned}
$$

Net earnings
Net income
$\begin{aligned} & \text { Interest charges } \\ & \text { Taxes. } \\ & \text { Div. pay. } 2-15-23\end{aligned}$
-V. 118. p. 2704 .

## Niagara St. Catharines \& Toronto Ry.-Fares.-

 In a judgment issued March 8 the Dominion Rallway Board at Ottawa, its fares upon what is known as the local lines in the towns of Merritton and Thorold and the village of Port Dalhousie to the same basis as those provided for in the city of St. Catherines.-V. 120, p. 958.

| Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 311925. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fixed eapital- | ,586,907 | 70,119.083 | 7\% pref.stock | ,07,800 |  |
| Sinking fund-.-.- | -27.289 | ${ }^{23,095}$ | Common stock | 021,400 | 17,910,500 |
| Cash_ Investments | 1,594,097 | ${ }_{2}^{6,523,855}$ | Capital stk. subse. |  | 25 |
| Cash dep. to pay |  |  | Can. Niag. Pow. |  |  |
| int. (per contra) | 384,351 | 379,877 | stock- |  | 2,500 |
| divs.(per contra) | 362,824 | 8,808 | pret. stock |  | 83,412 |
| 隹 | ${ }^{164,916}$ | 174,001 | Funded debt. | ,947,500 |  |
| Accts. recelvable-- | 1,341.816 | 1.261,256 | Mtges. on real est. |  |  |
| Dividends rec. | 137,813 |  | Accounts payabl | 354,0 | (1,999 |
| Acer. fint. rec. | 12,734 |  | Int. matures (per |  |  |
| Materials \& supp. |  | 400,543 | contra) --..... | 384,350 | 379,877 |
| Subs. to cap.stk. | - 390,341 | 803,063 | Divs. unpald (per |  |  |
| Unamort. bd. di |  |  | Pref. . divs |  |  |
| Misc. der. debits.- | 139,786 | 2,0742,891 | Taxes acerued |  |  |
|  |  |  | Interest acerued | 308:760 | - 309,234 |
|  |  |  | Rental a |  |  |
|  |  |  | cap., \&c.- | 5,510,550 | 4,991,295 |
|  |  |  | lus. | 4,828,740 | 4,367,189 |

 x Represented by 720,856 outstanding shares of common stock of no no
gr value) with a declared value of 825 per share.
Niagara shares of Canadian Niagara Power Co., Ltd.. stock owned by others; Niagara Falls Power
Co. owns 299,75 shares.-V. 122, p. 612.
Niagara Lockport \& Ontario Power Co.-Earnings (Including Subsidiary Companies) for Calendar Years.Kil Sales of electric energy sold........-7
Cost of energy, oper. expense--19
$-750,4$
$\mathrm{n}-\quad 6$,
$-\quad 3,3$
 Net earnings
other income.
.................. $\overline{\$ 3,556,085} 129,769$
Gross income
Taxes, rentals, \&cAppropriations to reserve
Preferred dividends Preferred dividends
Common dividends. $\begin{array}{r}129,769 \\ \hline \$ 3,685,854 \\ 991.376 \\ 968,297 \\ 394,949 \\ \$ 1,219,213 \\ \hline\end{array}$
Surplus from operations for period_ $\overline{\$ 512,019} \overline{\$ 421,834}-$
 4 1925. 1924. 1. Dec. 31
$\xrightarrow{\text { Property- }}$ \& Investyents plant_
Spec. deposits wit
 $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Cash, notes.-.acter. } & 34,822 & 339,365\end{array}$ Materi. int. rec-
Maverials to supp $3,686,661$

605,484 Advs. to .right of way agents, \&c| Prepaid taxes, ins.., | 103,263 | 104,487 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $8 c$ |  |  | $\begin{array}{lrr}\text { \&c } & \left.\begin{array}{rrr}33,633 & 32,928 \\ \text { Deferred charges.- } & 2,357,305 & 1,426,722 \\ \hline\end{array}\right]\end{array}$

Total (each side) $42,244,576 \overline{35,854,505}$
$\times$ Represented by about 298,925 shares of no par value.-V. 122, p. 884 .
North American Co.-Electric Power Output of Subs.Mississippi River Power Co. and several minor properties for the 4 weeks k.w.h. for the corresponding 4 weeks of 1925 , an increase of $14.47 \%$. The respective increases over 1925 for the past four weeks have been as follows: $15.09 \%$, $14.17 \%$, $12.74 \%$ and for the week ending March 11 , 1 ,
$15.90 \%$ The last week shows the largest increase of any week so far this
Northern Connecticut Light \& Power Co.-Merger.-
See Northern Connecticut Power Co.-V 121, p. 2752, 2638.
Northern Connecticut Power Co.-Bonds Offered.-J. G. White \& Co., Inc., and E. H. Rollins \& Sons are offering at $971 / 2$ and int. to yield $5.71 \%, \$ 2,100,000$ 1st mtge. \& ref. $51 / 2 \%$ gold bonds.
Dated March 1 1926; due March 1 1946. Prin and int. (M. \& S.)
payable at office of
Equitable Trust
Co payabe and $\$ 1,000 c^{*}$. Red. all or part on any int. date at 105 and int and incl. March 1 1936. the premium thereafter decreasing $1 / 2$ of $1 \%$ for each year or portion thereof. Company covenants to pay interest without
deduction for any normal Fed deduction for any normal Federal income tax up to $2 \%$. Company agrees
to reimburse the holders of these bonds for the Penn taxes not exceeding 4 mills, the Maryland tax not exceeding $44 / 2$ mills, the District of Columbia tax not exceeding 5 mills or the Mass. income tax not Data From Letter of President Wal
Dalter P. Schwabe, Hartford, March 15 Company.-A Connecticut corporation. Will be formed by the merger
and consolidation of Northern Connecticut Light \& Power Co. Connecticut River Co., Thompsonville Water Co, and Stafford Springs Aqueduct Co. By this merger and consolidation, which has been approved by the Connecti-
cut P. U. Commission the new' company will become the owner of the cut P. U. Commission the new company wiil become the owner of the
group of estabished and succesful public utility properties now owned
and operated by the above mentioned companies adjacent to each other and can be best operated as a unit. Approximately
$68 \%$ of the combined net earnings of these properties is derived from the abjo of the combined net earnings of these properties is derived from the
electric light and power business, including the sale of water power, $18 \%$ electric light and power business, including the sale of
from the waterworks and $14 \%$ from the gas business.
First Calization-
First morttagene and refunding bonds_
Underlying bonds (closed) $\qquad$ Authorized.
(b)
(b)
zed. Outstand'g.
$\$ 2,100.000$
247,000 Preferred stock co.

gate. There are also $\$ 65,000$ bonds in the sinking fund and $\$ 13,000$ to be
held by the trustee for the 1 st mtge. \& ref bonds c Shares of no par value. The preferred stock will be entitled to cumulative dividends at the rate of $\$ 6$ per annum.
Security.-Direct obligation of the comp.
seartane on all of the fixed properties ownpany and secured by a direct first mortyage on all of the fixed properties owned, except that as to the properties
acquired from Northern Connecticnt Light \& Power Co They will be acauject to divisional bonds (closed) outstanding in the amount of $\$ 247,000$.

Consolidated Earnings of Constituent Companies for Past Two Years.
Gross earnings
Oper. exps. \& tax̃
Net earnings
Present annual

| 1924.11 | 1925,757 |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\$ 555,757$ |  |
| 325,915 | 309,891 |

Balance available for depreciation, Federal income tazes and $\$ 140,016$ Maintenance and Reneiral Fund.-Mortgage will provide for the expenditure annually of a sum equal to $121 / 2 \%$ of gross operating revenues derived
from the operations of the preceding calendar year, for maintenance,
renewals and replacements, for the retirement of bonds issued under the
mortgage and of obligations, if any, secured by prior liens, and (or) for improvements, betterments or additions to plants or property which shall

North American Edison Co.-Stock Certificates Ready.Dillon, Read \& Co. announce that temporary certificates for the issue of
200.000 shares of the above company's preferred stock are now exchangeable Ror definitive stock certificates at the office of the company, 60
N. Y. City.
(See offering in V. 121, p. 1789).-V.121, p. 3005 .

Northwestern Illinois Utilities, Savanna, Ill.-Bonds Offered.-Emery, Peck \& Rockwood, Chicago, are offering at 100 and int. $\$ 650,000$ 1st mtge. $6 \%$ gold bonds, series A.Dated Dec. 11925 due Dec. 1 1945. Principal and int (J. \& D.) Payable
at Northern Trust Co., Chicago. Inl., Trustee, or at First National Bank
 an or before Dec. 11935 at 103 ; thereafter on or before Dec. 11940 at 102 thereafter on or before June 1 1945 at 101 . Interest

Data From Letter of President F. J. Stransky, Feb. 25.
Company. Incorp. In Nov. 1925 in Ilinois to acquire the properties of
he Peoples Gas \& Electric Co., or Savanna, IIl. the Mount Carroll (III.) Electric Light Co. and the Carroll County Independent Telephone Co These constituent companies have all been in successful operation for many
vears. Electric light and power are furnished in Savanna, Mount Carroll
 to the muicipal plant at sabula, Iowa, which is directly across the Mississippi River from Savanna. Gas is supplied to the City of Savanna and in territory contiguous thereto. Company operates without competilephone service is also supplied by another company
The electric properties consist of a power house eqvorably located in aken for boiler purposes. The power house is of brick and wood construction of $1,900 \mathrm{k} . \mathrm{w}$. capacity which is sufficient to care for present require-
ments
Company has about 36 miles of hightension transmission lines ments. Company has a aout 36 miles of high-tension transmission lines company. The gas plant is located near the electric light plant and consists cover the principal part of the city. Company manntains and operates It has approximately 300 miles of telephone lines serving the greater part
of Carroil County. Toll line connections are maintained with the Bell Telephone System. The distributing systems in the cities and towns served Company has installed 3,550 electric and gas meters and has a total of 2,546 telephones in service.
st mtge. $6 \%$ gold bonds, series A this issue Authorized. Outstand'g.

Common stock
a Issuance of addional bonds restricted by provisions of the mortgage Purpose.- Proceeds will be used to retire underying bonds and to pay Earnings (12 Months Ended Oct. 31 1925).
Gross earnings -n-
Net earnings $\begin{array}{r}\$ 251,919 \\ 143,625 \\ \hline\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{r}39,000 \\ \hline\end{array}$
Balance available for depreciation \& dividends-
Net earnings as shown above are over
\$69,294
outstanding bonds.
Ohio Bell Telephone Co.-Balance Sheet, Dec. 31.-


Reserve for accr.
depreciation.-
Res of intangortiz. of intang. cap.
Approp. surpus
Corporate surplus unappro
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { Liabilities- } \\ \text { Common stock_ } & 45,000,000 & 28,500,000\end{array}$ conv-pref unded debt Adv.from system

corporations. Acc'ts payable., Ins. \& casualty $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Common stock. } & \text { 45,000,000 } & 28,500,000 \\ \text { Preferred stock. } & 28,216,400 & 28,216,000\end{array}$ | 9,247 | 9,647 |
| ---: | ---: |
| $, 312,000$ | $10,918,800$ | $7,715,608$

$1,578,093$ $16,315,608$
$1,246,02$ 2,490,135 $15,628 \quad 14,628$ $\begin{array}{rr}850,000 & 350,000 \\ 59,980\end{array}$
2,729,276 11,826,059
$\begin{array}{ll}243,258 & 223,565 \\ 1,235,619 & 865,069\end{array}$

122, p. 1456.
$2,399,520 \quad 2,323,122$ $\overline{14,595,519} \overline{103,358,634}$
The income account was given in V. 122, p. 1456 .
Pacific Lighting Corp.-Removal Notice.-
The address of the company has been changed from 485 California St Calif.
 Total_-....-19, $19,245,70414,778,653$ Total...................
The income account was published in V. 122, p. 1170 .
Paducah Electric Co.-Sales.-
p. 884 .

Penn Central Light \& Power Corp.-Bonds Ready.-
 are ready for exchange for interim receipts at the Seaboard Natio
115 Broadway, N. Y. City. For offering, see V. 121, p. 1790 .

Philadelphia Electric Co.-Common Stockholders Given Right to Subscribe for Philadelphia Electric Power Co. Preferred Stock. -The common stockholders of reeord March 20 have been given the right to subscribe on or before April 15 for $8 \%$ cum. non-voting preferred stock of the Philadelphia Electric Power Co. at par ( $\$ 25$ per share) on the basis of about $14 \%$ of their holdings of common stock. No warrants for fractional shares will be issued.

Payments should be made at the office of the Land Title \& Trust Co., transfer agents of the Philadelphia Electric Co., Broad and Chestnut Sts., Phila., Pa., as follows: $10 \%$ on or before April 15, and the balance of $90 \%$ in installments of before Aprian than $10 \%$ or not more than $25 \%$ of the par value
of the preferred stock, upon 30 days notice to the registered holders of allotment warrants. Payment in full for the stock subscribed to will not be accepted in advance.

The directors of the Philadelphia Electric Co. on March 9 authorized the company to underwrite or purchase 506,800 shares of $8 \%$ cum. non-voting pref. stock (par $\$ 25$ ) of the Philadelphia Electric Power Co.-V. 122, p. 1311, 884.
Philadelphia Electric Power Co.-Pref. Stock Offered.-
See Philadelphia Electric Co. above.-V. 122, p. 1311 .
Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.-New President, \&c.W. K. Myers has been elected President. He has been acting President
since. last August. When
receiver for the Detroit United Rys. Dunbar. Mresident, went to Detroit as as a member or the executive committee. Stout have been elected directors
R. F. Tyson, O. B. Hausman and S. H. R. F. Tyson, B. Hausman and S. H. Stout have been elected director

St. Maurice Power Co., Ltd.-Annual Report.-
Income Statement for Year Ending Dec. 311925.
Revenue from power sales
Miscell
$\$ 798,000$
Miscellaneous income and property rentals...
\$807,387

## Operating expenses.-.--- Maintenance and repairs

Maintenance and repairs...
Taxes and insurance.
General expense and salaries
Water storage rental (Provincial Government)
Balance surplus
Balance, surplus


Property
Construction...

| $1925 .$ | 1924. | Liabulties- |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 7,704,498 | 7,600,000 | Capital stock. |
| 9,519,133 | x9,517,872 | Bonds due 1953 |
| 241.000 | 78,530 | Deb stk.( $£ 200,000$ ) |
| 4,931 |  | Accounts payable. |
| 21,645 | 88,575 | Accr. int, on bonds |
| 2,324 | 202,923 | Conting. reserve.- |
| 23,724 |  | Surplus |

Acc'ts receivable:-
Deferred charges.-
Total_...........17,525,150 $\overline{17,487,900 ~ T o t a l . . . . . . . . . . . .17,525,150 ~} \overline{17,487,900}$
x Expenditure to Dec. 311924, including discount on bonds and after
deducting interest received on investments and income from power sold.
Total_...........17,525,150 $17,487,900$ Total_............17,525,150 $17,487,900$
x Expenditure to Dec. 311924 , including discount on bonds and after
deducting interest received on investments and income from power sold.
$\qquad$ $\overline{17,525,150} \overline{17,487,900}$ deducting interest.

Savannah Electric \& Power Co.-Offer Made to Common Stockholders by Engineers Public Service Co.
See that company above.-V. 122, p. 1312.
Sierra Pacific Electric Co.-Initial Common Dividend.An initial quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share has been declared on thare) has also been declared on preferredy stock, both payabie May 1 to
South Pittsburgh Water Co.-Bonds Offered.-W. C. Langley \& Co., Halsey, Stuart \& Co., Inc., and P. W. Chapman \& Co., Inc., are offering at 95 and interest, to yield $5.30 \%, \$ 590,000$ first lien and refunding mortgage $5 \%$ gold bonds, Series A, of 1925, due Jan. 1 1960. Principal and interest guaranteed by American Water Works \& Electric Co., Inc.
Company.-Company, or its predecessor companies, has been serving a The property has been operated as a unit since 1904 and furnishes water without competition for all purposes in the industrial and residentiol region south of the Monongahela and Ohio rivers, including the 16 th. 18 th. 19 ih ,
20 th and 28 th wards of the City of Pittsburgh. the boroughs of Bridgeville., Brentwood, Carrick, Carneevie, Crafton, Dormont, Greentree, Hays, Thornburg, Westwood, West Homestead, Whitaker, Castle Shannon,
Lower St. Clair and Overbrook, and in whole, or in part, the townships Lower St. Clair and Overbrook, and in whole, or in part, the townships
of Baldwin, Chartiers, Mtt. Lebanon, Mifflin, Scott, Union, Collier, Robinson, Snowden, Bethel and Jefferson.
Gross earnings._

$\begin{array}{cccc}\text { Net (available for interest, Federal taxes, \&c.) } & \mathbf{\$ 4 7 8 , 3 1 2} & \$ 655,599 \\ \text { Annual int on }\end{array}$ Capit-Controlled by American Water Works \& Electric Co., Inc
Capitalization Outstanding Upon Completion of Present Financing.
First lien \& ref. mtge. 5\% gold bonds, due Jan. 11960 (incl, this
Frste mtge. $5 \%_{0}$ gold bonds, due Aug 1955
Cumulative preferred stock
$\$ 1,190,000$
$* 3,349,000$
 * In addition $\$ 1,178,000$ first mtge. 5s will be pledged under the indenture
securing the first iien \& ref. mtge. 5 s. The total authorized issue of first mortgage 5 s is $\$ 5,000,000$.
Purpose. To reimbur
Purpose.-To reimburse the company for expenditures made for addi-
tions, improvements and extensions to its property.-V. 120, . 212 .
Southern Bell Telephone \& Telegraph Co.-Report.Calendar Years-
Operating revenue_
Operating income Operating revenue
Gross income...
Rent \& miscellaneou-
Other appropriations, \&c
Balance, surplus
-V .122 , p. 349,95


Southern Gas \& Power Co.-Debentures Offered.Hambleton \& Co. and Pogue, Willard \& Co. are offering at 99 and int., to yield about $6.60 \%, \$ 1,500,000$ 15-year $61 / 2 \%$ gold debentures.
Date March 1 1926; due March 1 1941. Interest payable M. \& S. S .
without deduction for any Federal income tax not in excess of $2 \%$ per annum. Company will a feree to refund to holders of debentures, per proper request, Calif., Pemna, and Conn. personal property taxes not exceeding 4 mills per annum each, District of Columbia personal property
tax not exceeding 5 mills per annum, Maryland securities tax not exceeding $41 / 2$ mills per annum and Mass. income tax not exceeding $6 \%$ per annum on the interest. Red. all or part by lot at any time after 30 days notice
at 105 and int. on or befor at 105 and int. on or before March 1 1931, with successive reaductions in
the redemption price of $1 / 2$ of $1 \%$ during each 12 months period thereafter,
then
 Baltimore, Md., or at Guaranty Trust Co., N Y. Denom. $\$ 1,000$ and
$\$ 500 \mathrm{c} * \mathrm{~N}^{*}$.
Data from Letter of Walter Whetstone, President of the Company. Data from Letter of Walter Whetstone, President of the Company.
Company. A Maryland corporation. Furnishes, through its subsidi-Company.-A Maryland corporation. Furrishes, through its subsidi-
aries, artificial or natural gas without competition for lighting, cooking,
heating and industrial purposes in 42 communities with an agregat
estimated population of 384,000 , and similarly furnishes water to the city
of Lexington, Ky., with an estimated population of 50 . controls through stock ownership (1000\% ownership of all common stocks. of
subsidiaries, except directors' qualifying shares) gas companies located
 common stocks of Waynesboro Gas Co Texas. It has recently acquired the common stocks of Waynesboro Gas Co. (Pa.), Conewago Gas Co. (Hanover,
Pa.), Chambersburg Gas Co. (Pa.). Sabine Utilities Corp. (a Maryland
corporation which owns all of the common stock of Peoples Gas Co Port corporation which owns all of the common stock of Peoples. Gas Co. Port
Arthur Texas) Interborough Gas \& Fuel Co. (Red Lion, Pa.), and sub-
stantialy all of the voting stocks of Lexington (Water Col ( CapitalizationBonds and preferred stocks of subsidiaries....-
 Preferred stock, $7 \%$ cumulative--
Class A stock, without par value
Co $250,000,000$ X Including 1,250 shares of no par preferred stock of Sabine Utilities y $\$ 269.000$ principal amount of these notes have been converted into
class A stock. z 62.502 additional shares of class A stock have been reserved for conversion of the two issues of the company's convertible $6 \%$ gold notes.
Valuation.-Engineers have estimated the value of the physical
 as of said date, and of subsidiaries subsequently acquired as of the respective after deducting bonds and preferraed stocks of subssidiaries, outstanding,
as above, is equivalent to more than 3 times the principal amount of the notes and debentures outstanding as above.
Purpose. Proceds
ness ince ness incurred in the acquisition of certain stock of Lexington Water co.
(Ky.) and other subsidiaries recently acquired. in the ancquisition of addi-
tional bonds. stocks or properties and for other corporate tional bonds. stocks or ropoperties and for orther corporate purposes.
xConsolidated Earninjs, 12 Mos. Ended Dec. 31

 Balance
$\times \times$ Figures for the company's subsidiaries, irrespective of dates of accisition. are included for the full periods and adjustments have been made on the basis of the company's capitalization as set forth above.
Management. The management and operation of the properties is A regular quarterly dividend (No. 3) of 433 c . per share on the class A
tock, no par value, was payable March 15 to holders of record Feb. 23 stack, no par value, was payable March 15 to holders of record Feb. 23 .
Quarterly distributions of like amount were made on this issue on Sept. 15 The holders of class A stock had the option to receive, in lieu of the cash dividend additional class A Astock at the rate of one share for each 40 share
held on Feb. 23.-V. 122, p. 884 .
Southwestern Gas \& Electric Co.-Acquires Plant.The company has purchased the Washington, Ark, city light and power electric station. Washingtom will be the distributing cennentretion with tor arvice hat will take in severa
plans.-V. 121, p. 588 .
Terre Haute (Ind.) Water Works Corporation. Bonds Offered.-W. C. Langley \& Co., Halsey, Stuart \& Co., Inc., and P. W. Chapman \& Co., Inc., are offering at 93 and int., to yield over $5.40 \%, \$ 240,000$ first mtge. $5 \%$ gold bonds, Series B of 1924, due Feb. 1 1956. Principal and interest guaranteed by American Water Works \& Electric Co., Inc.
Issuance.-Subject to authorization by the Indiana P. S. Commission. Americans. Waterporation was recently incorporated as a subsidiary of the nd and vicinity since 1873 . Corporation supplies water Terre Haute and public use without competition to a population of about 70,000 . Gross earnings-Net (available for interest, Federal taxes, \&c.)
Annual int. on entire funded debt (including this issue)........... $\$ 221.046$
Pus Purpose.- To reimburse the corporation for expenditures made for addiCapitalization Oustang (upon Competion prty
Capitalization Outstanding (upon Completion of Preient Financing). First mortgage gold bonds, ${ }^{6} \%$ Series A, due 1949 $7 \%$ cumulative preferred stock
Common stock

## Union Gas \& Electric Co., Cincinnati.-Stock Auth.-

 issue $\$ 10630006 \%$ preferred stock at not less than 96 . to reimburss in part its treasury for capital expenditures aggregating $\$ 1,380914 .-\mathrm{V} .121$Union Street Ry., New Bedford, Mass. - Annual Report. Calendar Years
Gross. eans. from oper
Operating expenses.
Miscell.
Income (int.)
Interest charges. Taxes-
Balance, surplus Previous surplus-
-Vredit balance Dec. $31 \quad \$ 618,929$
United Electric Securities Co.-Tenders.-
The company at its office. 31 Nassau St., N. Y. City, will until March 29 receive bids for the sale to it of 33d series collateral trust sinking fund $5 \%$
bonds, due Feb. 1 1941, to an amount sufficient to exhaust $\$ 99,336$; at a 483.

United Light \& Power Co.-Exchange of Stock.Five shares of new class A common stock will be issued for each share of be issued for each share of old class B common stock upon receipt of old certificates at the office of the company, 701 Michigan Trust Bldg., Grand
Rapids, Mich. Secretary L. H. Heinke says in part: "Shares of new class A and class B common stocks
on April 11926 . The shares of old class A and class B common stocks will be contemporaneously removed from the list of Chicago Stock Exchange."
United Rys. Co. of St. Louis.-To Retire Underlying Bond Issues.
The following bond issues have been called for payment April 1: mtge. gold bonds, extended to Oct. 11923 , guaranteed by United Rys. Co. of St. Louis. The principal thereor and accrued interest thereon at Che rate of $6 \%$ per annum from oct. 111923 to April 1 1926, will be paid at
Mercantile Trust Co., St. Louis. All interest wease to accue on and
after April 11926 . This call for payment of the principal and interest due
on said bonds is made pursuant to order of the District Court of the United
States for the Eastern Division of the Eastern Judicial District of Missouri dated Feb. 15 1926. \& Fair Groul to (2) Cass Avenue \& Fair Grounds Ry. 1st mtge. Fold bonds, extended
thect. 1 1293, guaranteed by United Rys. Co. of St. Louis. The principal
 cease to acerrue on on and after April 11926
by United Rys. Ry. 1st mtge. gold bonds, extended to Oct. 1 1923, guaranteed thereon at the rate of $8 \%$ per annum from Oct. 11923 to
 after April ${ }^{1} 1926$. 192 . This call for payment of the incipal and interest due on the above
bond issues is made pursuant to order of the District Court of the United
States for the Eastern Division of the Eastern Juticial District of Missouri States for the Eastern Division of the Eastern Judicial District of Missour
dated Feb. 15 1926. Pursuant to said order, Rolla Wells, receiver, will deposit with the trust companies funds for the payment of the interest accrued on the onds and will deposit with the trust companies all fund
received by him for the payment of the principal of the bands rell the outstanding receiver's certificates, series B, will also be paid


United Rys. \& Electric Co. of Balt.-Valuation.In an opinion handed down on March 9 by the Maryland $P$. SS. Comas of Jan. 1 1924. The opinion brought to an end a case pending since
Dec. 30 1912. Dec. 30 1912.
The Commi
The Commission in its opinion said in part: "We find the physical prop-
erty overheads, working capital and going value to have a value of 870 .-
000,000 and easements $\$ 7,000,000$, making the total of $\$ 77.000 .000$ This is to be compared with the claim of $\$ 106,641,360$ made by the company Which includes easements, and $\$ 60.577,150$ conceded by the People's Coun
sel. which does not include any allowance for easements." An order was also passed continuing the present rate schedules for two
years ending at midnight April 30 1928 Ths
Commiter

United Telephone Co.-Acquisition
The I.-S. C. Commission on March 1 approved the acquisition by the
ompany of certain properties of the Central Kansas Telephone Co. The United company has entered into a tentative agreement to purchase the Minneapolis exchange of the Kansas company for $\$ 13,000$ An appraisal made by the chief engineer of the United company frinds the reproduction cost new of the properties, less depreciation, to be 331,856 . The estimated
value of property to be retired from service, less net salvage, is $\$ 7,590$.-

West Penn Co.-To Dissolve.
The stockholders on March 16 voted to dissolve the co. No distrilaw of West Virginia, until after the expiration of 30 days. Meanwhile
 the West Penn Co. stock for stock of the West Penn Electric Oo, pursuant
to its outstanding offer (See Amerian Water Works \& Electric Co., Inc.
in V. 12t, p. 2873 and 1458. )-V. 122, p. 1172 .

Western New York Water Co.-Definitive Bonds.-
Definitive 1 st mtge. $25-$-year $51 / 2 \%$ gold bonds, series A. and 10 -year $6 \%$
conv. debenture gold bonds with stock purchase warrants attached are


Wichita (Kan.) Water Co.-Bonds Offered.-W. C. Langley \& Co., Halsey, Stuart \& Co., Inc., and P. W. Chapman \& Co., Inc., are offering at 93 and int., to yield over $5.40 \%, \$ 350,000$ first mortgage $5 \%$ gold bonds, Series B of 1924, due Feb. 1 1956. Principal and interest guaranteed by American Water Works \& Electric Co., Inc.
Issuance.- Subject to authorization by the Kansas P. S. Commission.
Company.-The original plant of tne company was built in 1882 . Since which group is now owned and operated by American Water Workerties Electric Co., Inc, Company serves, without competition, the city of
Wichita and vicinity with water for public and domestic use. The populaWichita and vicinity with wa.
tion served is about 95,000 .

Gross earnings
Operating expe
Earnings Twelve Months Ended Nov, 30
$\begin{array}{llll}\begin{array}{c}\text { Net (available for interest. Federal taxes, } \& \mathrm{C} .)\end{array} & \overline{\$ 152,455} & \overline{\$ 211,480} \\ \text { Annual int. on entire funded debt (incl. this issue) }\end{array}$ Purpose - $\mathrm{T}^{\mathrm{L}} \mathrm{o}$ partially reimburse the company for additions, improve ments and extensions to its properties
Capitalization Outstanding (upon Completion of Present Financing).
First mortgage gold bonds $6 \%$ Series A, due 1949-.-........- $\$ 1,400,000$ $7 \%$ cumulative preferred stock............................ 350,000
$* 350,000$
$2,272,000$
ommon stock


Wisconsin Power \& Light Co.-Report.-

| Caten |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gross | \$5,217,228 | \$4,179,064 |
| Operating | x $3,290,788$ | 2,628,738 |
| Taxes. | 301,937 | 263,020 |
| Rent for le | 64,539 | 54,037 |
| Gross income | \$1,556,861 | ,225,029 |
| Deductions from gross in |  | $\begin{aligned} & 132,215 \\ & 560755 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Interest on funded debt- | 596.140 339355 |  |
| Dividends on common sto | 428,800 | 173,274 |
| alance carried to surpl | \$96,033 | \$126,57 | Balance sh 120,519 .


| Assets- <br> Fixed eapital | 1925 | $\stackrel{1924}{8}$ | Liabtuties- |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 7\% cum. pr |  |  |
|  | 435 | 316,983 | Comm |  | 3.543.400 |
| otes, recelv |  |  |  |  |  |
| Materials \& sup | 361,851 | 292,473 | Unmat. liab. |  |  |
| epa | 49,413 | 32,810 | pu |  |  |
| Subscr. to ca | 13e,992 | 109,336 | Not |  |  |
| vestment | ,00 | 713,72 |  |  |  |
| nking |  |  |  |  |  |
| ectia |  | 81 |  |  |  |
| namortized debt |  |  |  |  |  |
| discount \& | 1.045 |  |  |  |  |
| sc. def. debit | 52,5 |  | Surplus. | 7.5 | 22, |

Total ..........-26,090,804 $\overline{20.617,228}$ Total ........... $\overline{26,090,804} \overline{20,617,228}$ Company purchased as of July 11925 all of the outstanding common
stock of Beloit Water, Gas \& Electric Co., and in Dec. 1925 purchased the entire outstanding preferred and common stocks of Central Wisconsin
Power Co. Company also purchased during Power Co. Company also purchased during 1925 the gas plant and dis-
tribution system of the Portage American Gas Co., the local electric distribution systems. and high voltage transmission lines and pant plants andict other
troperty of the Marquette Electric Co. Interurban Electric Co property of the Marquette Electric Co., Interurban EIectric Co., Princeton
Light \& Power Co, Mauston Electric Service Co., Montello-Harrisville Co, Rose Milling Co., Westford Light, Heat \& Power Co Cazenovia Co., Rose Milling Co. Westford Light, Heat \& Power Co.. Cazenovia

Pine River Light \& Power Co., Poy Sippi Light \& Power Co.. Coloma
Light \& Power Co.. Twin Bliufs. Electric Co.. Fairwater Electric Co., Ironton Electric Co., Brooklyn Electric Co., Aurorahville Electric Co.,
Merrimac Electric Co., Verona Light \& Power Co., Southern Counties Merrimac Electric Co. Verona Light \& Power Co., Southern Counties
Power Co., the power plant at Blanchardville and the municipal electric atility properties serving Lime Ridge, Ridgeway and Dane.
During 1925 company sold $\$ 1,332,800$ pref., stock, $\$ 2.259,000$ common tock and $\$ 1,200,0001$ st lien \& ref. mtge. $51 / 2$ s, series "D", the proceeds or werties accuired during the sear, the entire commonds, to purchase the
protit stock of the
Beloit Water, Gas \& Electric Co., the entire common and pref. canital Beloit Water, Gas \& Electric Co., the entire common and pref, capital
stocks of the Central Wisconsin Power Co. and for the company's corpo-
purposes.-V. 122, p. 1028, 484.
Calendar Years-
Operating revenues-.-.-.-.-.-.-.
Operating expenses (incl. retir.res.).Taxes.

Net operating income-
Non-operating income
Gross income-
Interest on funded debt mortizationest deductions Miscellizaneous of debt dists. and exp preferred dividends.

Net income

Report
1925.
$\$ 912,352$
428,830
8 83,350
34,967
$\begin{array}{r}1924.98 \\ \$ 851,79 \\ 359,378 \\ 385 \\ 84,000 \\ 36,539 \\ \hline\end{array}$

| 1923. |
| :--- |
| $\$ 797.715$ |
| $\times 470.443$ |

$\begin{array}{r}\text { see } \\ 37,923 \\ \hline\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{r}3289,349 \\ 70,452 \\ \hline\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{r}\$ 359,801 \\ 195.342 \\ 68,257 \\ 6,907 \\ \hline\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{r}6,907 \\ 30868 \\ \hline 80.8\end{array}$
80,868
$\$ 11,428$

## INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Refined Sugar Prices.-On Mar. 15 the Atkins, National and Warner
 advance of $10 @ 15$ pts.
Lead Price Reduced.-American Smelting \& Refining Co. reduced price of lead 20 pts . to 8.20c. per Ib. on March 13 . American Woolen Co. 5 to $18 \%$
Women's Wear Fall Fabrics Opened by A Lower in Price.-Woolen coatings, 5 to $18 \%$ off, averages $7,1 /$, to $518 \%$ c.
per yard reduction. Worsteds for dress trade remain at spring levels,
 hracite region reported sound by J. H. Tresoe of National Association of p. 1383. (b) Wage increase to builders involving additional pay estimated
between $\$ 50,000,000$ and $\$ 75,000,000$, p. 1383 . (c) Strike of stone masons ended under agreement granting increased wages, p. 1384 . (d) William Whitman Co. cuts fall prices of women's wear, $10 \%$ to $15 \%$ : opens extensive
worsted offerings, p. 1384. (e) American Ry. Express Co. refuses wage increase, p. 1406.

Advance Bag \& Paper Co.-Pref. Stock Sold.-Morgan, Livermore \& Co., New York, Schibener, Boenning \& Co., Phila. and Timberlake \& Co., Portland, Me., have sold at 101 and div. $\$ 785,4008 \%$ prior lien pref. (a. \& d.) stock (par \$100). See further details in V. 122, p. 1458.

Albemarle Terrace, Jackson Heights, N. Y. City.Bonds Offered.-Columbia Mortgage Co., New York, recently offered at 100 and interest $\$ 250,000$ first (closed) mortgage $61 / 2 \%$ serial gold bond certificates.
 on any int. date upon 30 days' notice at part, in inverse oo numer nut Deal order 103 and int. deduction of the normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2 . Payle without and Conn. 4 mills tax, Hass. $6 \%$ income tax, Maryland $4 \% / 2$ mills tax, Kentucky 5 mills tax, Virginia $51 / 2$ mills tax and District of Columbia 5 mills tax refundable. Exempt from personal property tax in New York.
Property, \&c.-The site of Albemarle Terrace is located at $37-55.77 \mathrm{th}$ St., 100 ft . north of Roosevelt Ave., Jackson Heights, Borough of Queent, N . Y. of modern high class construction and of English Tudor design which will give it outstanding appearance. The apartments are designed to afford rooms with bath, appointed with the latest improvements; of 3 and 4 closets, shower baths, efficiency kitchen equipment, \&cc. Two cedar imed electric elevators will serve the tenants. The land has a frontage of 120 ft .
on 7 th
St... 100 ft. north of Roosevelt $A v e .$, with depth of approximately 110 ft.. having a total of approximately 13,200 square ft. of area.
the land and 6 -story apartment building to be erected thereon) mtge. on will be guaranteed by the bond of the Globe. Indempitity of the building property will be insured by the Home Title Insurance Co.. N. Y. City to the mortgage will provide for adequate fire and rent or rental value insurance payable to the trustee. The value of the real estate and building unone Board as follows:
Roman-Callman C Legal for Trust Funds.-On the basis of these appraisals these certificates the investment of trust funds under completion of the building, be leqeal for Earnings.- Roman-Callman Co. estimates annual net income as follows:
Gross rentals (with allowance of $10 \%$ for vacancies).......

Net income available for interest, Fed'lt taxes and serial maturities $\$ 49,000$
American Bank Note Co.-Consol. Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.-


\section*{Material \& supp} cets. \& notes reMarketable invect. . sti.stk. sol Contract deposits-cash-............) Empl. pen. fd. res | 46,119 | 101,408 | 68,463 | Total (each side) $-17,951,138$ |
| ---: | ---: | :--- | :--- |
| $17,444,878$ |  |  |  | The usual comparative income account was given in V. 122, p. 1173.

American Bosch Magneto Corp.-Sale Plan.-
Concerning the proposed sale of the starting and lighting equipment Electric Auto-Lite Co., Pres. Arthur T. Murray advises shareholders in letter as follows:
highly competitive industry to withdraw on most favorable terms from favorably located. The business which the company now plants are least dispose of showed a loss from operation in 1925.
profitable line of automobile accessories, such as windshild company on the absorbers, horns, spark plugs, and magnetos and radio for which the Springfield plant is especially designed and equipped. Ail 1925 earnings
(3) It will result in a substantial increase of working capital and permit a large volume with little or no profit. is the intention to liquidate Gray \& bury and Cambridge and retiring all its funded and floating indebtecness American Bosch Magneto will then be in a position to pay off its bank
loans which on Dec, 31 were $\$ 800,000$, and at the same time substantially The proposed sale will leave your company with all its most profitable
lines of business, with its modern and well equipped plant at Springfield ratio of current assets to current liabilities of over 4 to 1 and with ample
working capital. Earnings from the accessory, radio and magneto business sive every indication of being substantial

|  | 192 | S 192 | 1923. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ting | $\begin{array}{r}\$ 882,0 \\ 160 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | \$491,479 | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 148.711 \\ & \text { not } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| eprerve \& adju | 200,660 | 199,686 | 54,636 | 23,5 |
| Tot profit | \$521,393 | \$107,6 | 94. |  |

American Brown Boveri Corp.-Initial Div.-Earns.An initial dividend of 50 cents per share has been declared on the parti-
cipating stock, no par value, payable April 20 to holders of record April 10 . The regular quarterly dividend of 13 . $\%$ has vill be mailed to president for the period since organization Oct. 191925. wil be mained to stockholders shortly. This report points out that the
corporation acquired the Condit Electric MPg. Corp. of Boston and Scintilla
 Electric Co. of St. Louis, in November, and its interest in the Electrical
Development \& Machine Co. of Holmesbur, Pa, and Railway Industrial
Engineering plants will not be in adequate production of electrical apparatus to meet the corporation's sales requirements until later in the year, although its ship-
building and structural steel departments are being operated The report is accompanied by a consolidated balance sheet as of Dec. 31 Government securrities of $\$ 4,958,784,899$, agininst total current liabilities of \$1,036,529, and by an earnings statement of the parent and associated
companies, all of them for the whole calendar year 1925. irrespective of
date of minority interest in subsidiary companies, but before Federal taxes, aggre-
American Can Co.-Stock Rul
March 16 that the common stock of the American Stock Exchange ruled on alue, be stricken from the trading list on March 26. without selling ex-the when issued" certificates committee also struck from the trading list the par value, and admitted to dealings the permanent cortificates for the

American Car \& Foundry Co.-Acquires Shippers' Car Line Corp.-
Acquisition of the Shippers' Car Line Corp, by the company was made new issue of $7 \%$ cumulative preferred stock of the Shippers Car Lifering orp
by a banking syndicate headed by Freeman \& Co. and Stroud \& Co Inc The Shippers' Car Line Corp. was recently incorp. in New York, to acquire all the property and assets of the Shippers' Car Line. Inc., of New York,
and all the issued stock of the American Welding Co. (IIi., which is the Prior to the consolidation the stock of the货pers' Car Line, Inc. (See also Shippers' Car Line Corp. below.)-V. 122, p. 484, 350.
American Cigar Co.-Annual Report.-


 owned by American Coigar Co atter deducting all charges for stock is management and Federal taxes, $\& \mathrm{cc}$. $\mathbf{b}$ After deducting readjustment of
mater management and Federal taxes, \&c. b. After deducting readjustm.
security values of Havana Tobacco Co., amounting to $\$ 4,381,051$.
[Consolidated with companies all of whose stock

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 924 | abi |  |  |
| state |  |  | arras |  |  |
|  |  |  | nm |  |  |
| (ant. deduc. res.) | ${ }_{3}^{2,985,3185}$ | 2,814,090 | Pro |  | 150,0 |
| ar tobacco, dc | 1,218,300 | 11,309,319 | Ta |  | ${ }_{309,676}$ |
| nds \& stock | 2,989,451 | 2,804,5 | depre- |  |  |
| Cash from ${ }^{\text {Dues }}$ - | 3,221,404 | 5,169,850 | clation, dc....- |  |  |
| dis \& accots rec.- | 4,478,195 | ${ }_{4,160,356}^{2,121.176}$ |  |  |  |

Due from cos
Bills \& acc'ts

Total(each side) $30,259,50531,769,728$ indirectly owns part of the stock. now holds in its treasury $\$ 2,701,700$ pref. stock, leaving $\$ 7,298,300$ out-
standing.-V.

## American Locomotive Co.-To Act on Merger.

The stockholders will vote April 20 on approving the terms of the proIt is expected that the new certificates to be issued for the exchange of Under the terms of the proposed merger the American Locomotive Co will issue two-thirds of a share of its common stock for one share of Rail-
way Steel Spring Co. common stock. The preferred shares will be exchanged way Steel Spring Co. common stock. The preferred s.
on a share for share basis.- See also V . $122, \mathrm{p} .1458$.

American-Hawaiian Steamship Co.-Annual Report.R.D. Lapham, San Francisco, March 3, says in part: . Grace \& Co. six freighters with an aggregate dead weight tonnage of 56,340 . One vessel.
the old SS. Hawalian, was sold to a foreign buyer. Work has progressed on the passenger steamer SS . Malolo, which we are building for the Matson Some time ago we filed with the Mixed Claims Commission claims for the difference between actual value at time of loss and amount recovered by German submarines. On Dec. 11295 the Commission awarded us for per annum from date vessel was lon $\$ 950,000$, together with interest at $5 \%$ per annum from date vessel was lost (April 4 1917); and. Further, Jan, 22
1926 , the Commission awarded us $\$ 1,100,000$ for the ioss of (old) SS. Colum(No, 8 gether with interest at $5 \%$ per annum from date vessel was lost Nov. payment of these awards will be made, the amounts recoverable have not been set up on our books.
are not encouraging. At least 13 different lines entire fleet is employed, vessels at regular intervals, and the comerent Hines or interests are sailing ponderance of the movement from the Pacific to the Atlantic, due to the ncreasing offerings of lumber, is most marked and this has resuited in more ships than cargo for the return westbound haul.
sailing every five days from Boston, Philadelphis a fixed regular schedule, at Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oalcland, Portland, Seattle and Tacoma.
of the remaining 9 vessels in the challo
mission, and will be sold when opportunity offers. The other 7 have either
Income and Surplus Account for Years Ending Dec. 31.

## Operating earnings Operating, general


recoveries on prior years.
Net profit on sale or vessel and investiments.
Int. \& divs. rec. on invest. and from other s
Int. \& divs. rec. on invest. and
$\times \begin{aligned} & \text { Net loss for year, carried to surplus. } \\ & \text { Previous surplus. }\end{aligned}$
Total surplus
Sundry adjustments
Dividend paid......
Surplus Dec. 31 y Loss arising through exchange of canital stock of 39 Broadway Corp.
for capital stock of American-Hawailan SS. Co. and sales of notes receivable. -V. 120, p. 3068
American Milling Co.-Reincorporated-Plan Approved. The stockholders have voted to change the company from a New Jersey to a Delaware corporation. Under the plan, the common stockholders
will receive five new shares of the Delaware Company for each four shares of common stock now held.
The stockholders were aiso notified that certain interests were willing to
buy stock of the New Jersey corporation at $\$ 12$ per share from holders buy stock of the New Jersey corporation at s12 per share from holders who
prefer to sell instead of making the exchange. All outstanding preferred stock will be called at $\$ 110$ per share.

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Pref. aivs.
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Common cash dividends
$\begin{aligned} & \text { Balance, surplus } \\ & \text { x During } \\ & \text { 1924 the }\end{aligned} \$ 145,444$
the Common stock. -V .121, p. 2879
American Piano Co. (and Subs.).-Report.-
 Cost of sales. selling, admin. \& gen.
exp., incl. deprec. \& Fed. tax-
10,599,968 $\frac{12,920,302}{10,905,141}$

Balance, surplus.
x After deducting intercompany sales of $\$ 3,582,478$. y Including intercompany sales.

| Assets- | $\begin{gathered} 1925 . \\ \$ \end{gathered}$ | $1924 .$ | Liabilities- | 1925. | $1924 .$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Real estate, plant, |  |  | Preferred stock. | 6,000,000 | 6,000,000 |
| equip. \& lease- |  |  | Common stock | ,341,230 | 4,341,230 |
| hold improv | 3,843,955 | 3,654,119 | Notes payable | 1,250,000 | 1,483,981 |
| Cash | 570,041 | 665,201 | Accounts payable- | 662.205 | 01,961 |
| Notes receivable-- | 386.048 | 758,942 | Acer. liabil., incl. |  |  |
| Accts. receivable-- | 1,747,196 | 1,483,355 | income tax-- | 336.686 | 232,557 |
| Install. contr, rec. | 1,606,057 | 1,401,999 | Due offic. \& empl. |  | 173,630 |
| Inventories.----- | 4,442,789 | 3,922,685 | Fed. inc. tax (est.) |  |  |
| Prepaid expenses. | 121,232 | 119,832 | Deferred credits | 43,552 |  |
| Investments ....- | 127.954 41959 | 127,875 52,705 | Reserve for conting | . 350,000 | ${ }^{281.809}$ |
| Treasury stock..- | 41,959 | 52,705 | Surplus-.--.-- | 4,178,335 | 3,397,696 |
| Deferred charges-- | 47,347 | 114,780 |  |  |  |
| Patents, tr.-mks. |  | 4,231,373 | (each side) | 162 |  |

## -Tr -mks. \&g.-will <br> 4,227

American Sugar Refining Co.-Remodeling Refinery.-
Ane company is proceeding with the complete remodeling of its refinery in Brooklyn, according to basic plans prepared by the company's engineers.
The Honolulu Iron Works have been engaged for special engineering services on process equipment and Stone \& Webster, Inc., have been retained as engineers on all other features of the work under the direction of the engineer in charge for the Amork. have charge of all construction work.
The project comprises the design and construction of a new raw sugar wharf and warehouse 500 feet long and 25,000 tons capacity to replace
existing piers and warehouses. Refined sugar storage and shipping facilities existing piers and warehouses. Refined sugar storage and shipping facilities
will be enlarged and greatly improved. A new syrup station will be erected. will be enlarged and greatly improved. A new syrup station will be erected.
The boiler house will be rebuilt and electric generating equipment rearranged. New
V. 122, p. 1449.

American Surety Co.-Increases Dividend Rate.31 to holders of record March 20 . In the three previous quarters, an extra dividend of $1 \%$ was paid in addition to a regular quarterly dividend of $3 \%$.

\footnotetext{
American Tobacco Co.-Annual Report.- $\begin{gathered}1925 . \\ 1984 . \\ 1983\end{gathered}$ Calendar Years-
Sales (incl. cos. whose stock is owned) expenses, \&c_x-1.-.
Divs., partly-owned cos_
Miscellaneous income

Not avabilable
138.473.3
1922. Total net income_--
Prem. on bonds \& note
purchased \& canceled
Interest on bonds
Interest on bonds.22,288,597 20,839,694
$15,603,249$ $143,901,445$ Int. on div. certifs. \&e Pref. , dividends ( $6 \%$ )
Common divs. (cash)

$$
\begin{array}{r}
C r .6,907 \\
56,58
\end{array}
$$

$\qquad$ Balance, surplus
Previous surplus
$\qquad$
20,839,6

Profit \& loss surplus
a $161 / 2 \%$ b $121 / 2 \%$ c $12 \%$.
x After deducting all charges and expenses of management, taxes (includ-
ing provision for Federal income taxes). \&c.-V. 121, p. 3006 .
American Woolen Co.-New Directors.-
C. F. Ayer of Boston and W. L. S. Brayton of Fall River, Mass., have been elected directors to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of
Arkwright (Cotton Cloth) Mills, Fall River, Mass. Balance Sheet Jan. 21926.

| Assets. |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Merchandise on hand........- 2,747 | Notes payable-...-.-.-.-.-. 364.000 |
|  | Accounts payable.-.......-- $\quad 66,122$. |
| stock in process.-.-.-.-.---- 42,124 | Reserve for depreciation.-.--- $\quad$ - |
| Cash and accounts recelvable- $\quad \begin{array}{r}44,274 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |  |
| Profit and loss. $\text { -V. 118, p. } 667 .$ | Total (each side) .-.-------81,933,111 |

Asbestos Corp., Ltd.-To Pay Pref. Div. in July.Pres. W. G. Ross, in a letter to the shareholders, says:
"'The corporation started operations on the last day of February, when
the undertaking and the assets of the Asbestos Corp or Canada Lta., were the undertaking and the assets or'se Asbestos Corp. of Canada. Ltd., were
transferred. The new company's fiscal year ends Dec. 31 . While there
 quarterly or yearly, it it the intention of the directors, unless something
unforeseen happens, to start paying dividends on the preferred stock by a unforeseen happens, to start paying dividends on the preferred stock by a
payment of a dividend of 134, on July 15 to shareholders of record July ${ }^{2}$.
Holders of interim certificates of the general mortgage bonds are entitled to interest at the rate of $6 \%$ from Jan. 11926 . Bondholders of the old Asbestos Corp. of Canada, Ltd., exchanging their $5 \%$ bonds for the $6 \% 1$ st \& ref. mtge. bonds will be entitied to the $6 \%$ coupon due July 1, providing their bonds are exchanged before that date. "As there are a few holders of fractional shares of bonds of the old A sbestos plete shares of sion of bonds for share certificates or bonds on which the
pollowing amounts of dividends or interest had acrued an at Jan 1926,
viz.. common stock $39 \%$, preferred stock $59 \% / 2 \%$ and bonds $67 / 1 / 2 \%$ if viz. common stock $39 \%$, preferred stock
holders of these fractions. will communicate with the Royal Tryst to., Montreal, that company will endeavor, as far as poss
consolidation of these fractions into complete units.

Initial Preferred Dividend.
The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of $13 \%$ on
the non-cumul $7 \%$ pref. stock, payable July 15 to holders of record Juily 2 .
Asbestos Corporation of Canada, Ltd.-
The date of exchanging the securities of the corporation (old company) from March 15 to April 1 .-V. 122, p. 886.
Associated Laundries of America, Inc.- 20 Laundries in Up-State Merger.-
As the first step in a nation-wide system of power laundries, to be known
as The Associated Laundries of America, Inc., details have been completed
for for the consolidation of 20 such properties up-State. These properties serve a populatio, Binghamton, Cortland, Corrning, and Elimira, Among,
Syracuse, Utica, Bind
the laundries thus combined are the Leahy, Westcott, Star. Ideal, WellDone, and American Linen Supply Co...a1 of Utica; Davis \& Sweeney Laundry of Binghamton; Yate, New Way, and New Modern, all of Buffalo. Directors of the consolidated company include: H. Hamilton Barnes,
Charles $C$ Bosche. Edward $J$. Garon, Harvey A. Harrison. Kenneth MacDonald, A. J. Sells and Edward J, Smith, Buffalo, N. Y. Sisenhen K,
Bresee Charles H. Parmelee Edward J. Richardson. Edwin S. Scott.


Associated Oil Co.-No Income Tax on Exchange Holders of stock who elect to exchange for common and preferred stock of the Tide Water Associated
of $\$ 5850$ per share, will not be required to pay an income tax on any profits involv>d In the exchange, in the view of the company's lawyers.
Pres. Paul Shoup has written to stockholders that 'counsel advises that no income tax will be collected on stock exchanged for securities of the new company, provide, which is already reasonably well assured. The saving
of the Associated. to many stockholders compared with cash payment will thus be very con-siderable."-V. 122, p. 1459.
Autocar Co., Ardmore, Pa.-Meeting Adjourned.The special stockholders' meeting for the purpose of voting on a new
financing plan has been adjourned until March 26. A meeting of the stockholders will also be held on March 20 to consider an agreement of
 the reorganization plan.-V. 122 , p. 1459.
$\underset{\text { Frank R. Ireland has been elected a director.-V. } \mathrm{V} \text {. }}{\text { B22, p. } 1459 .}$
Beacon Oil Co., Boston.-Acquisition.-
Bearings Co. of America.-Pref. Stock Offered.-Brooke, Stokes \& Co., Baltimore, are offering at 100 and div. (carrying $1 / 2$ share of common stock as a bonus) $\$ 1,750,0007 \%$ 1st pref. (a. \& d.) cumul. sinking fund stock.
Dividends payable Q.-J. Red., all or part, on any div. date at 110 and
divs. Free from present Givs. Free from present Penna. personal property tax. Transfer agent.
Grust Co., Philadelphia. Registrar, Penna. Co. for Insurances on Lives \& Granting Annuities, Philadelphia.
Data from Letter of Frank M. Germane, President, and J. L. Straub,
Vice-President of the Corporation Company.-Has been organized in Delaware to acquire the entire assets
and business of the Bearings Co of America was established in 1898 and the company is to-day the most important manufacturer in the United States of thrust ball bearings, angular contact ball bearings and ball retainers T The business has grown from an original
investment of about $\$ 7500$ to its present net warth of $\$ 2700,000$, lirgely through reinvestment of earnings.
The plants are located at Lancaster, Pa.., and consist of 18 buildings, all of modern design and construction, occupying approximately 6 acres, with 3 acres reserve foterially increased with a small proportionate capital out-
business can be mater lay. Among the large users of the company's products in automotive lines are. The Autocar Co, The Buick Motor Car Co.,. Dodge Brothers.
Inc., Packard Motor Car Co.. Lincoln Motor Co., Hudson Motor Car Co. Capitatization- $\quad$ Authorized. Outstand' $g$. Capitatization-
$7 \%$ cumul. . . . . st pref. stock (par \$100) $\qquad$ $\begin{array}{cc}\text { Authorized. } & \text { Outstand' }{ }^{2} \\ \$ 1,750,000 & \$ 1.750 .000 \\ \text { i* }\end{array}$
 *This stock has been sold and the proceeds paid into treasury of co. at par.
Earnings.- Earnings have shown a steady and substantial
growth and since the business was started in 1898 the company, with the exception of 1921 , has operated each year at a profit. During 1921 the company experienced a loss after depreciation of approximately $\$ 36.000$, due to the conditions. Net earnings, after depreciation and all other charges and
Federal income taxes, at current rate, for the years ended Dec. 31, have been as follows:
 \$ During the past 4 years the company has charged to depreciation a total been paid without interruption since 1910.11927 will provide a sinking fund for the retirement of the 1st pref. stock in the amount of $20 \%$ of the net annual earnings of the company arter 1 st pref, dividends.
Purpose. Through the issue of its stock the company will effect the acquisition of Charles J. Mcllvain, Frank M. Germane (Pres.). Edward E. Marshall (Sec. \& Treas.) N. Henry Gellert, . . L. Straub (V..-Pres.), James
Carstairs, Alexander Seliers (V.-Pres.), Francis M. Brooke.

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\text { Balance Sheet as of Dec. } 311925 \text { (After Present Financing). }
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Assets-






[^3]$\mathbf{x}$ Represented by 100,000 shares of common stock.

Beattie Sugar Co., Cuba.-New Director-been elected a director.-V. 122, p. 96.

Bloomingdale Bros., Inc., N. Y.-Pref. Stock Sold.Lehman Brothers and Goldman, Sachs \& Co. have sold at 103 and div. $\$ 3,000,0007 \%$ cumul. pref. (a. \& d.) stock. The bankers are also offering for subscription 48,000 shares common stock at $\$ 3250$ per share.
Redeemable all or part at 110 and dividends. Company agrees on or
before Dec. 311927 and on or before Dec. 31 of each year thereafter, to accuire by redemption or by purchase att not. exceeding the redemption price,
out of surplus or net profits, at least $3 \%$ of the largest amount in par value out of surplus or net profits, at least $3 \%$ of the largest amount in par value
of the preferred stock that shall ever have been issued and outstanding.
Dividends payable quarterly cumulative from Feb. Capitalization to be Presently Authorized and Issued,

Data From Samuel J. Bloomingdale, President of the Company. History.-On April 17 1872, Lyman G. Bloomingdale, in partnership
with his brother and with a capital of some $\$ 4.000$ opened a dry goods growth made it necessary several times to secure more commodio. Cons quatterst
first, in 1877, by moving to the corner of 56 th St and Third Ave.. where twice the previous space was occupied; then, in 1880 , by adding the adjoining Ave. In 1886 sales had grown to $\$ 1,463,000$.
The addition from time to time of adjacent properties and the construction. of new buldings thereon have multiplied many times the facilities and space occupied. Thus, since the inception of the enterprise 54 years ago,
its entire existence has been within three blocks of its original location. The real estate and buildings are held under lease to the corporation. The store's location is particularly tavorable. Although in the early
fays almote entirely a neighborhood store, it soon attracted customers from other parts of the city and suburbs. In this development, the many were the most important factors. In the streets on which the advertising $59 t h$ and 60 th Sts., Lexington and Third Aves, are two subways. with
entrances direct into the store three street car lines, one elevated line and onel bus line. Within one to three blocks are several other transportation ines. Particularly important is the main artery of traffic, which"passes
the doors, over the Queensborough Bridge to Long Island, where great suburban developments have been in progress; and also a connection with The store's situation is unique among large department stores in New populated section of the city, including the finest residential neighborhoods 523,051 in the year ending Jan. 311921 grown from $\$ 4,989,945$ to $\$ 13$,fter (1) year. The net sales for each of the past 3 years and the net profits hitherto owned and rental on the basis of the new leases on real properties onnection with such properties, computed onal properties now to be withdrawn. (3) deducting the earnings compensation to that fixed by arreement. (5) eliminating certaing officers profits at the rates and (i) deducting Federal income taxes on the adjusted Touche, Niven \& Co., have been as follows:
Years Ended Jan. ${ }^{\text {and }}$, as certified by Messrs

 Balance Sheet Jan. 311926.
Giving effect, as of that date, to the provisions of an agreement for the thereon, the withdrawal of part of the accumulated profits, and the re-
the capitalization of the company.

| Cash \& call loan receiv.-. | $\$ 944,341$ | Tiabilities |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Trade creditors |  |  |

Marketable securities.-
rec. less reserve \& notes Inventories
Miscell. investments...-Prepaid expens
Deriv fixtures
Delinery
Total
otal_

> Trade creditors for merch
Sundry creditors uccrued salaries Federal income \& tax exp.--
Interest charges in adv--
Reserve for contingencies Neserve for contingencies Common stock

Total.
$\qquad$ $4,000,000$
a3,600,000
b678,258

Authorized, issued - $\$ 10,511,87$.-.........- $\$ 10,511,876$ 6 of this amount $\$ 675,000$ is not available for dividends on common stock.

By-Products Coke Corp.-Permanent Bonds Ready.Permanent 1st mtge. $51 / 2 \%$ gold bonds, series A, due Nov, 11945 are
now ready in exchange for interim cortificates at the offices of Lee, Higgin-
son \& Co.. New York, Boston and Chicago (for offering see V Years Ended Dec. 31Earnings from investment $\begin{array}{r}192 \\ \hline-\quad \$ 2,110\end{array}$ $\square$迤 19

Total income..
Interest_ --......... $\qquad$ $\begin{array}{r}14,260,111 \\ -\quad 466,402 \\ -\quad 593,522 \\ \hline\end{array}$ Premium on bo
Net profits
preferred divide
referred dividends.....
Balance, surplus--
Profit and loss, surplus

$\$ 260,657$
441,302
$\$ 1,527,813$ $\$ 260,657$
441,302
317,578
$\begin{array}{r}1,527,813 \\ 396,680 \\ 562,188 \\ 9,751 \\ \hline\end{array}$

| ef\$498,222 | $\$ 559,373$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| 136,998 | 136,998 |

Assets
Plant, equip., \&e. 1
Marketable secur-
Accts. recelv. and
accrued interest Investments Skg, \& accid. funds
Deferred charges

## Total

## $x$ Deferred payments not yet due

taled earnings before depreciation and Federal taxes for January 1926
$\$ 261,057$, as against a deficit in Jan. 1925 of $\$ 74,691$.-V. 122 ,
Caddo Central Oil \& Refining Corp.-Property Bought in by Bondholders Committee-Stockholders May Purchase Common Stock in New Corporation. -
The bondholders' protective committee has issued a letter to stockholders in which it states that all the property of the corporation has been sold in
foreclosure proceedings in the U. S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, at Shreveport, La
and has been transferred and conveyed to the Crystal Oil Refining Corp organized in Maryland, with an authorized capital stock of 26,030 shares
of preferred stock $\ddagger$ (par $\$ 100$ ) and 150,000 shares of common stock without
par value. The letter continues: "The property will be subject to first mortgage
bonds and (or) other secured indebtedness not exceeding a total or $\$ 800.000$ bonds and (or) other secured indebtedness not exceeding a total of $\$ 800,000$.
which may be issued from time to time to provide money for expenses of Oil "The committee extends to the holders of the stock of the Caddo Central of erymon stock of the Crystal Oil Refining Corp. to the extent of each 10 shares or fraction thereof of Caddo Central Ou \& Refining Corp.
stock no held by such stockholders at \$10 per share for each share of
common stock of the Crystal Oil Refining Corp. so purchased. common stock of the Crystal oil Refining Corp. so purchased."
cold
Those desiring to avail themselves of this privilege are requested to Chestnut St., Philadelphia, on, or before March 31, at which time this
privilege ceases.-V. 122, p. 1175.
Californian Hotel \& Apartments (Durbin Bldg. Corp.), San Bernardino, Calif.-Bonds Offered.-The Milton Strauss Corp., Detroit, are offering at par and int. $\$ 200,0001$ 1st mtge. leasehold $7 \%$ serial gold bonds. Dated May 11925 , due May 1 1928-35. Interest payable M. \& N. at offices of the Milton Strauss Corp. Callable, at 105 to 102 and int., con-
tingent upon the year called. Federal income tax to $2 \%$ paid by borrower. Security.- The bonds constitute a direct closed 1st mtge. on the buildings,
furnishings and equipment and the $99-$-year leasehold estate, appraised at Buildings.- The main building will be 4 stories in height with basement The group of stores acress to to be built end in of and along trone we the that sin building of the lot. with a decided Spanish exterior. There will be 19 stores, 96 hotel guest rooms, 7 with private bath. There will also be a stacious lobbyy, dining
room and kitchen. In the apartment section there will be 3 2-room aniry room and kitchen. In the apartment section there will be 32 -room apart-
ments, 123 -room apartments and 65 -room apartments. Earnings.- The hotel, apartments and stores have been leased in their
entirety from the Durbin Building Corp. at a gross rental of $\$ 60,000$ per annum for 20 years, which is 10 years longer than the termo of the bond issue. a net income or , $\$ 45,500$, which is equal to $31 / 1$ times the greatest annuaal interest charge, and more than sufficient to meet both the intere.
serial payments of principal as shown in the table of amortization.

California Petroleum Corp.-Annual Report.Consolidated Income Account for Calendar Years (Including Subsidiaries). 1925 . 1923 . 1922 . 192.

Gross earnings (all cos.) $\$ 22,937,639 \$ 17,680,521 \$ 20,314,981 \$ 11,835,760$ | Operating expenses--- | $8,735,357$ | $7,363,900$ | $6,400,655$ | $4,048,426$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Incidental develop. exp- | $2,095,939$ | $2,104,082$ | $3,076,030$ | 926,163 |


Losses written off
Boss interest, \&c----.-.

$\begin{array}{r}863,550 \\ 1,16,390 \\ 610,293 \\ \hline\end{array}$

| 624,456 |
| :--- |
| 748,927 |
| 49,452 |
| 540,000 |

## Sinking fund

 $\$ 3,875,644$; amount appropriated for redemption of pref. stock and bonds
of sub. cos. at Jan. 1 1925, $\$ 3,196,394$; refund of Fed. taxes for year 1923 .
$\$ 100,000$ V,
Canadian Rail \& Harbour Terminals, Ltd. (of To-ronto).-Bonds Sold.-White, Weld \& Co., Blyth, Witter \& Co. and Edmund Seymour \& Co., Inc., have sold at 100 and int. $\$ 3,500,0001$ st (closed) mtge. 61/2\% sinking fund gold bonds.
deduction for 1 1926: due March 1 1951. Int. payable M. \& S. without and int. payable in U. S. Gold fund tax in New York., per annum. Canadian grid funds
in Canada, or in pounds sterling at parity in London. Red. all or par on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 105 and int. Company agrees to termburse holder upon proper application for certain income and securities
taxes of certain poitical subdivisions of the U. S. and Canada. Denom.
S1,000 and $\$ 500 \mathrm{c}$. Toronto General Trusts Con $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 500$ er Sir Joh Willisor, K. Presiden, tustee. Data from Letter of Sir John S. Willison, K. B., President of the Co Property.-Company is to erect on the Toronto waterfront an 8 -story
terminal warehouse on a site comprising approximately 14 acres to be owned in fee. The building is to be of modern fireproof construction,
containing approximately $1,000,000$ sq. ft . of floor space, of which about 225.000 sq. At. wim be devoted to cold storage.

Modern concrete docks surrounding the plot on three sides are to be leased from the Toronto Harbour Commissioners at $\$ 1$ per year plus taxes.
Connection is to be made with the Canadian National Rys. and the Canadian Pacific Ry., both of which have approved the project and are to be represented on the board of directors. Arrangements are to be made for
the receipt and delivery of consignments by motor truck within a radius of about 30 miles.
Security-Bonds are to be direct obligations of the company and secured
by a first (elosed) mortgage on the entire fixed properties owned or hereat by a first (closed) mortgage on the entire fixed properties owned or hereafter the warehouse site is acquired by public authority. An appraisal of the mortgaged properties, based upon the value when completed, has been Earnings.Earnings. Nee earnings of the company available for interest for the house engineers of New York City, at approximately $\$ 600,000$, and for the

 Interest on first mortgage bonds.-......-.................................. $\$ 2$ Authorized. Outstanding
Capitalization-
 $7 \%$ mortgage gola bebenture stock
 project, for the issuance of approximately $\$ 235.0007 \%$ cumula ture stock against cost of construction, and for the sale of a sufficient
additional amount thereof to provide $\$ 750,000$ working capital. y Reserved to provide any additional cash requirements of the company. beginning March 1 1931, sufficient to retire the entire issue at or before mheir receipt by the trustee, in the purchase of bonds at or belows after demption price of 105 and int., or, if not so obtainable, in the redemption price. Payments into the sinking fund in lieu of cash may be made by the ny in the form of 1st mitge. Voting Trust.-Ail of the common stock, with the exception of directors'
qualifying shares, is to be deposited under a voting trust agreement running for a minimum of 6 years. The original voting trustees are to consist of Sir William Hearst, Toronto, Ont,; Benjamin B, Burton (of Edmund
Seymour \& Co., Inc.), New York, and Martin Lindsay (of White, Weld
\& Co.) Chicago. \& Co.), Chicago.

Capital Oil Refining Corp.-Successor Company.-
ee Cadao Central Oil \& Refining Corp, above.
Celluloid Co.-Seeking Proxies.-
The stockholders, it is reported, have been asked for proxies for the
annual meeting scheduled for March 30 by a committee in Newark, N. J.
which says the management of company had been unsatisfactory. Those
named as proxies to solicit votes are J. William Clark (Pres. Clark Thread named as proxies to solicit votes are: J. William Clark (Pres. Clark Thread
Co.). Julius S. Ripped, V. Pres. Merchants \& Manufacturers National
Bank; Warren U. Sillcocks (or sillcocks-Miller Co.); Ralph E. Lam and Charles W. Holton.-V. 122, p. 755 .
Chicago Junction Rys. \& Union Stock Yards.
 recent vable-1.-.
Cash, collateral_-

## Balance Sheet Dec. 31

Total (each side) $\begin{aligned} & 0,988.755 \\ & \text { Reserves }\end{aligned}$
 The income account was published in V. 122, p. 1460
Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co.-Annual Report. Calendar Years-
$\times \mathbf{N}$ Net profits_-.-.-.-.

Total income
Interest charges. \&c...
$\begin{array}{r}\$ 781.431 \\ 64.937 \\ \hline\end{array}$

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Balancesss, surplus.... ${ }_{\text {s }}$

$\qquad$ | 90.755 |
| :--- |

$\$ 883,115$
 tent of dividends amounting to $\$ 517,923$ ( $5 \%$ ) on stock..-v. V . $121, \mathrm{p} .2643$.
Colonial Filling Stations, Inc.-Capital Decreased.-
 and assets, of the corporation, subject to liabilities. to Beacon oil Cor. it
 capital assets an
V. 120 , p. 335 .


Surplus Dec. 31
-V .122, p. 889,615
Conley Tank Car Corporation. -Listing.-
Me Putssurgh stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 5,000 shares
 notice of issuance .-V. 122, p. 1032
Consolidated Laundries Corp. (Md.).-Acquisitions.President Charles B. Kiliby announces that the company will acquire
the National Family Laundry Service Corp., the Sea Beach Steam Laundry Co. Inc., and the Community Laundries., Inc. Sea This brings the number of laundries in Greater New York and New Jer
solidated up to 20 . See also V. 121, p. 3008.
Continental Motors Corp. -Acquires New Patents.acquired the basic patents on the Burt McCollum or Argyll single steen has
 perience has heretofore persistently adhered to the poppet valve type of
 Cion. Due to the fewer number of machined parts, it is believed that the motor can be produced at a lower cost than the present $t$,
manufactured by the company.- $-V .122$, p. $1460,210$.
Crex Carpet Co.- Dividend Omitted.
The directors on Mar. 12 voted to omit the regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 1$ per share usually payable about April 15 on the $\$ 3.000 .000$ capital
stock, par $\$ 100$. This rate had been paid since Jan. $1925 .-\mathrm{V} .121$, p. 1455 .
Curtiss Aeroplane \& Motor Corp.-Governement Order The corporation has just received an order from the U . S . Government addition to nomenerous orders from the Government already on the company's
books. $-V .122$, . 615 .
Detroit Hotel (Co.), Detroit, Mich. -Bonds Offered:Lawrence Stern \& Co., H. G. Becker \& Co. and Union Trust Co. are offering at prices ranging from 100 and int. to 102.73 and int to yield from $51 / \%$ to $61 \% \%$ according to maturity, $\$ 3,250,0001$ st (closed) mtge. $6 \frac{1}{2} \%$ serial gold bonds, series A
Dated March 1 1926. due serially 1929-1941. Principal payable at Union Trust Co., De trust Co.. New York, or Continental \& Commercial of trustee. Guaranty Trust Co, New York. br Continental
National Bank, Chicago. Denom. $\$ 1,000$ bonds and 5500 c . ${ }^{*}$. Red. at

105 and int. on or before March 1 1934, and thereafter at a reduction of
$1 / 2$ of $1 \%$ for each succeeding year until final maturity. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of $2 \%$, and
certain State taxes refunded. Exempt from existing personal property certain State taxes refunded. Exempt from existing personal property tax in Michigan. mortgage on land owned in fee, and a 20 -story hotel building with its furniture and equipment, to be erected at the northwest corner of Bailey Ave. and Gas Ave. in the downtown business section of Detroit, Mich The hotel will be a fireproof, steel and concrete structure, and will contain 720 guest rooms and 11 ground floor retail shops. The land, building and
furnishings have been independently appraised at $\$ 5,825,000$, making this issue less than $56 \%$ of the appraised value of the mortgaged property. A surety the Earnings.-The net annual income from the hotel and retail shops, applicable to the payment of principal and interest, after deduction for operating expenses, taxes, insurancerence to any earnings that may, is estimated at
obtained from the hotel restaurant. This figure is more than $21 / 2$ greatest annual interest charge on this issue . The Detroit properties Corp is an organization of Detroit business men, the active heads of which are H. A. Stormfeltz and Edward A. Lovelev. The stock of Leland Hotels, Inc., is owned by t
which owns and operates a chain of hotels.
Devoe \& Reynolds Co., Inc.-Stock to Employees.A common stock at $\$ 35$ a share to nearly 500 employees. The shares were issued in two allot to the, the first on Nov. 6 and the second on Jan. 15 and are to be delivered to the purchasers in Nov. 1927 . of the total number
of shares offered, 1.092 were purchased outright and the balance of 3.928 on instalments of $\$ 5$ down and a minimum of $\$ 2$ per share per month
Diamond Crystal Salt Co.-Debentures Offered.-Otis \& Co. and First National Co. of Detroit recently offered at prices to yield from $5 \%$ to $6 \%$ according to maturity $\$ 850,000$ $6 \%$ serial gold debentures.
Dated March 1 1926; due serially March 11927 to March 11937 . Denom.
S1.000 and $\$ 500 \mathrm{c}$. Red. all or part on any int. date upon 30 days' notice up to and incl. Sept. 1 1932 at 102, and thereafter at 101. If only a portion. Of a manual and int. M. \& S. payable without deduction for Federal income tax up to $2 \%$ at office of Detroit Trust Co., Detroit Mich., trustee. Mich.
Company. -Incorp. in Mich. in 1888 . Plant located at St. Clair. Mich. covers a ground area or over bad,000 sq. Ft. Company is one of the out
standing salt producers, and manufactures their product under the Alberge Process This process me manically removes from the salt the natural impurities without the aid of chemicals. In addition to a large wholesale
business of table salt the company carries on an extensive business with creameries, bakeries meat packers, dairies, \&cc. Their products are nation
 capacity of about 5.000 barrels of salt per day, with a normal capacity o between 4,000 and 4,500 barrels. The salt is produced from 11 wells, and
additional property owned by the company insures practically an ineshaustible supply
Earnings. Net earnings after depreciation and provision for Federal income tax for the year ending tim. earnings for the past 4 years have averaged $\$ 398,762$, which is nearly times these interest requirements.
Purpose.-Proceeds will be used to retire present bank indebtedness and provide funds for dividend disbursements, over a two year period which assets from earnings.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Balance Sheet December } 311925 \text { (After This Financing). } \\
& \text { Bannister }
\end{aligned}
$$


Goodwill .....................
Inve
Cash \& sec. In sinking fund. Inventories
Totes \& ace
Note accounts receivable

Deferred charges...

## Total (each side.........

 $\$ 750.000$
1.300 .000
 300,000
800.000
60.488 47.444
13.101

Diamond Match Company. -Annual Report.Calendar Years-
Earnings, all sources...

Comp
1925:
$3.209,72$



617.500
59.348
18,922
18.8

59,348
181922
151,561

Repairs and renewals.--
Deprec'n \& amortization
Insure, \& timber reserve.
Bond interest.
Other interest
Reserve for Federal taxes
Dividends paid (8\%)
Balance, surplus
$\qquad$ 24,873
375,000
$1,357,208$
1922.
$\$ 4,732,787$
357,055
557,983
$1,174,391$
111,260
447,199
85,419
300,000
$1,357,208$
$\$ 342,269$

Dominion Stores, Ltd. -To Open 50 New Stores-Sales.The corporation plans to establish 50 new stores this year to satisfy the
demands of increased business. according to an announcement made by President Robert Jackson. Sites have been acquired throughout the Dominion for most of these new stores and arrangements perfected to open them as soon as possible.
compared with $\$ 1.705,322$ for months of this year were $\$ 2,130.775$ as an increase of of stores over the same period.-V. 122, p. 1032 .
(E. I.) du Port de Nemours \& Co.-New President, \&c. Lammot du Font has been elected president and chairman of the executive the board of directors and of the finance committee. Pierre S. du Font has been elected a member of
al Report.
Electric Storage Battery Co. -Annual Report.-




 Employees' pension fund Taxes paid previous yea
Adjust. of patent acct Loss on sale of plant.-- $\qquad$
Profit \& loss surplus._- $\$ 19,191,144$
$\mathbf{x}$ Adjustment of patents account to the ant
$\$ 20,379$
$\$ 18,103,661$
$\$ 21,957,765$ by the U. S. Treasury Dept. for the purpose of Federal taxation. y Patent account written down Dec. 311925 to nominal value of $\$ 1$. $\$ 1,050.000$.
Note. -Federal income tax for year 1925 is estimated at


First Baptist Church of Asheville, N. C.-Bonds Offered.-Liberty Central Trust Co., St. Louis, are offering $\$ 425,000$ 1st mtge. $6 \%$ serial bonds at prices to yield from $51 / 2 \%$ to $6 \%$ according to maturity. Dated. Feb. 1 1926: due serially Feb. 1 1928-1939. Principal and int.
(F. \& A.) payable at Liberty Central Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo. Callable The First notice at 102 and int. in inverse numerical order. Church in North Carolina, Ande onile, North Carolina, is the largest Baptist
Founded over 50 years ago, the church the largest in the entire South. Founded over th years ago, the church has enjoyed a steady and consistent
growth, unti at the prosent time its membership is slightly over 2,000 .
There are over 800 enrolled in the Teare are over
wounthiest and most influed in the sund men in Ashevile are active workers in the
church. churchi. Some idea of its wealth and stability is gained from the fact that Loan.-The trustees of the First Baptist Church of Asheville have issued
these bonds for the purpose of erecting a new church now under process of constriction at the pornor of Oak and Woodfin streets in Ashevilie. This center of the city. The old church, located about $11 / 2$ blocks from Pack Pack
Square, is surrounded by business property and in needs of the present congregation. This property has recently been sold
for $\$ 300,000$, of which $\$ 65.000$ is represented by cash, and the balance by
promissory notes. The proceeds of these notes are pled promissory notes. The proceeds of these notes are pledged for the sole
purpose of retiring these bonds and when entirely paid and used for this purpose, the old church property will be released from the mortgage.
First National Pictures, Inc.-Extra Pref. Dividend.share and the reeular quarterly dividend of $\$ 2$ per share on the $8 \%$ partici-
pating 1st pref. stock. pating 1st pref. stock, both payable April 1 to holders of record March 15 at
The extra participating dividend is paid out of the earnings of he fiscai year ended Dec. ${ }^{7} 1925$ and represents $8 \%$ of the amount by which earnings
were in excess of $\$ 1,500,000$ and not in excess of $\$ 2,500,000$.-V.

Fox Theatre Corp.-Summary of Progress.-
tion (V) summary of the progress made since the formation of the corporastockhoiders, dated March 16 . He says:
The first project undertalen
ton, D. O. Ground for this building has been broken and we havishinga lease on the theatre. The site of this theatre at 1 tht a and $F$ Sts. is in
the heart of the city, and was for many years the site of the old Ebbetts
Hotel Hotel
In
In Los Angeles the building department has issued permits for what is Seventh and Figueroa Sts. and will seat upwards of 5,000 people. This will be have a theatre of equal size and grandeur in San Francisco.
In New York City, at 14th St. between Third and Fourth Aves., we will
have ready and in operation by September the have ready and in operation by September the largest theatres. in the cily
south of 50 th St., with approximately 3,800 chairs. This fall will also see in actual operation a approximately 3,800 chairs. This fall will also
by us. This theatre will contane by us. This theatre will contain approximately 2,500 chairs.
At Whod ward and Columbia Aves. in Detroit, arrangements have been completed for the erection of a mammoth theatre containing more than 5,0nged for in St. Louis, on Washington and Grand Aves.-V. A . 121 , p. 3137
G-B Theatres Corp., Springfield, Mass.-Bonds Of-fered.-C. D. Parker \& Co., Boston, are offering at 100 and int. $\$ 750,0001$ st \& ref. mtge. sinking fund $61 / 2 \%$ coupon bonds, Series A (stock subscription warrants attached).



 shire and New York. Harold $G$. Storke. Insesvividual truste., New Hamp-
Security. Secured by a mortgage which is a first mortgae. on 7 groups of the company's property, having a sound value of $\$ 1,126,504$, and which is
 detachable warrants entitling the holders to purchase G-B Theatres Oorp.
common stock for 5 years beginning Mar. 1 1926 at $\$ 15$ per share, and for
 a share, in the ratio of 5 shares or common stock for each ${ }^{\text {sin }}$
Earnings, arter giving effect to this financing, applicable tividends on
the common shares for the 52 weeks ending Jan. 2 1926, were over 80 cents per snare. Fund. - An annual sinking fund amounting to $1 \%$ of the greatest
Sinking Fo the outstanding bonds, beginning April 11926 and continuing amount of the outstanding bonds, beginning April 11926 and continuing
until Feb. 1 1931. and $11 / 2 \%$ thereafter until Feb 11941 and $2 \%$ thereIt is provided that if bonds cannot be purchased in the open market, the trustee shail use the money deposited in the sinking fund to call bonds at
$100^{1 / 2}$ and int unil Mar. 11931 and thereaftel at 105 and int. until Mar. 1 1941, and thereafter at $1021 /$ and int.
Purpose. - These issues of bonds and the stock of the company were all Issued for the purpose of purchasing the assets and business acquilied bye the
G-B Theatres Copp the present managenent retaining its interest and $\$ 750,000$ Debentures Offered.- The same bankers are offering at 100 and int. $\$ 750,0007 \%$ Series A debenture coupon bonds (stock subscription warrants attached).
Dated Mar. 1 1926; due Mar. 1 1946. Subject to call all or part or for if called on or Defore Mar. 11936 , and at $102 \frac{1 / 2}{}$ and int. thereafter until
 Dederal income tax not in excess or $2 \%$ and to refund the conn. 4 mormal tax
and all lincome taxes assessed by Mass. New Hampshire and New York and
unon income received on these bonds not in excess of $6 \%$ of said int. per
annum. First National Bank of Boston, Mass., corporate trustee; Merton annum. First National Ban

Security.-These bonds are a direct obligation of the corporation. Addi-
tional debentures may be issued by the company under proper restrictions, but only in case net assets, after deducting prior liens and debts and after
the issue of additional debentures, shall be at least twice the debentures outstanding, and only in case the net earnings applicable to interdebentures outstanding, and only in case the net earnings applicable to inter-
est on the debentures are at least $21 / 1$ times the amount required for interest Sinizing Funt Fur An anndual sind ing fund equal to $1 \%$ of the greatest
amount of the outstanding bonds will amount or the outstanding bonds will be maintained for the first 5 years. five yars. and thereatter unt amount maturity, equalstan to $2 \%$ of the the ereatest amound
for the ant
of the outstanding bond. Provision is made for an additional sinking of the outstanding bonds. Provision is made for an additional sinking
fund equal to $20 \%$ of the net earnings of the company, after all charges and the minimum sinking fund upon 60 da int. until March called on any interest dat int. thereafter. Sinking fund shali be used by the trustee to purchase bonds in the opan market. or if they cannot be so purchased, the company
shall call bonds on each interest date at the call prices above specified. ontiock urchase Warrants. - These bonds will bear detachable warrants the rate of 15 shares fors each purchase common shares of the corporation at
than $\$ 151$, at $\$ 20$ per share thereatter, and prior to Mar share prior to March 1
1931 Conversion Printicer and on or prior to March 11941. participating preferred sharese of the corporation, said shares to participate m dividends on the common stock. Data from Letter of Nathan E. Goldstein and Samuel Goldstein, Property.- The property includes ande Breadurer. Theatre, the Broadway
Building and the Sheldon Block in Springfield Mass. the Victory That in Holyoke, Mass.: the Colonial Theatre and the Palace Theatre Building with stores and offices in Pittsfield, Mas., the Calvine and Plaze a theatres
and the Plaza Apartments in Northampton. Mass.; the Strand Theatre and 3 stores and offices in Westfield, Mass.; the State Theatre and stcres in
Utica, N. Y.; the Strand Theatre in Palmer, Mass., and the Casino Theatre in Ware, Mass. The buildings have been appraised by the Feld T. Ley Co. Inc, as hav ing a sound present value of $\$ 2,219,006$ The land has been apprasised at
$\$ 888.615$, or ato tol value of land and buildings of $\$ 3,107,621.0$ This amount $\$ 888,615$, or a total value of land and buildings of $\$ 3,107,621$. This amount
together with the furnishings and fixtures valued at $\$ 173.000$, together with cash of $\$ 100.000$, makes a total of $\$ 3,280.621$.
ating motion picture, vaudeville and combination the ofres and rand operthan F . tocated in Holdsteln in a remodeled store with a seating capacity of 200 . grown until it comprises 12 . From this small beginning the business has theatres with a seating capacity of approximately 14,000 and stores, apart-
Earnings.- Net earnings of the properties applicable to interest on this issue for the 52 weeks ending Jan. 21926 , after siving effect to this financing,
were $\$ 42,785$, or 4.9 times the amount required
Gross earnings for the
of 1925.
Garland Steamship Corp.- $\$ 3$ Back Dividend
The directors have declared a dividend of $\$ 3$ a share on the preferred stock (on account of accumulated dividends for the period from preferred 19 thack to Nov. 30 1925). payable March 25 . Books close March 20 and reopen
March 26 . Advidend of the same amount was paid on Jan. 8 last.-V. 122 ,
General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.-Booklet.ing 1925," by John Liston, has been issued as a 62 -page publication (GEA355) by the General Electric Co. The review covers each phase of electrical application and its outstanding developments during the past year.
It is divided into numerous sections, contains 103 illustrations and an index.

General Motors Corp.-Sales of Cars to Users.-
The company has issued the following announcement:
For the first time since last October General Motors has arrived at point in production where the corporation is suppplyingrs dealers with cars in excess of their sales to users in sufficient volume to build ap all reserve
stock against the customary The sales of General Motors cars by dealers to users in February totaled
64,946 cars and trucks, compared with $53,698 \mathrm{~m}$ January and further with 39.579 in February 1925 . eral Motors in February totaled 91,136 , compared with 76,332 in January, and further with 49,146 in February 1925 .

January $\qquad$
 March- These preliminary figures include passenger car and truck sales in the United states, canada and overseas by the Cheyrolet, Pontiac, Oldsmobile. -V. 122, p. 1461 .
General Petroleum Corp.-In a Merger Deal. A dispatch, Mar. 18, from Los Angeles quotes Pres. LioneliT. Barneson, leum with Standard Oil of New York way for a merger of General Petrocompleted will result in the exchange of two shares. of Standard Oil of正
General Refractories Co.-Report Sales, net retarns and a
Operating cost of sales.
Gross earns. from operations.
Selling, adm. \& gen. expenses
Net earnings from operations
Total income
Reorganization
Reorganization expenses, \&c--........-
Corporate, municipal $\&$ income taxes Int. on bonded and floating debt--
Deprec. \& deple'n reserved fr. earns Deprec. \& deple'n reserved fr. earns.
Dividends.-........
 Total surplus
Capital stock $\qquad$ Value of capital stock Dec. 31 _-
$\times 225,000$ shares of no par value.
$\$ 6,787,481$
$\times 8,076,696$

| $\begin{aligned} & 1924 . \\ & \$ 9,431,089 \\ & 7,672,297 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1923 . \\ 89.785 .376 \\ 7,807.214 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\$ \begin{array}{\|c} \$ 1,758,792 \\ 456,896 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}\$ 1,978,161 \\ 360,226 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & \$ 1.301,896 \\ & 57,487 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 1,617,934 \\ & 76,665 \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  | 14,864,


Patent.,bldgs., \&c.
C 1 , cost ${ }_{\text {Band }}$ Bills recelvable Acc'ts recel
Inventories ent:Miscell. invest'ts. Deferred accounts

Dep. with trustee | 5. |
| :--- |
| 8. |
| 8.383 |
| 0.500 |
| 15.419 |
| 85.014 |
| 69.326 |
| 09.725 |
| 9.154 |
| 5.067 |
| 95.887 |
| 547.992 |
| 158 |

$\qquad$


Total-...........20,297,625 20,109,648 Total ............20,297.625 20,109,648
$\mathbf{x}$ Capital stock x Capital stock of no par value: Authorized and outstanding, 225,000
shar 122 , p. 98 .

Germain Land \& Timber Co.-Bonds Called.have been called for redemption dpril 11926 at $1071 /$ and int. at the Peoples have been called for redemption April 1926 at 10712 and

Gill Manufacturing Co.-Balance Sheet.-

## $\underset{\substack{\text { Asects } \\ \text { Fixed } \\ \text { deprecelts, } \\ \text { destion. }}}{\text { less }}$ Cont. patention, \&c.

Cash. or depos.-
Certs.
Cen Receivables
Inventories Investments Sundry assets ..... Deferre
Deflicit
\$224,200 $\quad \$ 252,666$ $\begin{array}{rr}224,200 & \$ 252,666 \\ 18,893 & 107.530 \\ 18,976 & 19,807\end{array}$
F. D) Cloo shares of no par value.-V. 121, p. 1353. - Bonds Offered.-Benjamin Dansard \& Co., Detroit, are offering at prices to yield from $6 \%$ to $61 / 2 \%$, according to maturity, $\$ 125,000$, 1st mtge. $6 \%$ gold bonds.
Dated March 15 1926: due serially March 15 1927-1932. Denom. \$1.000. all or part on 30 days notice at 102 and int. Int. payable M. \& $\mathbb{S}$. without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding $2 \%$.
Security. These bonds are secured by a direct first steelurity. - These bonds are secured by a direct first mortgage on the and are personally guaranteed by F. D. Gleason, principal stockholder of the F. D. Gleason Coal Co.-V. 12i, p. 206 .

Goodyear Tire \& Rubber Co., Calif.-Div. Dates.The dividends declared last week on the pref. stock, viz, $13 \%$ regular
and $14 \%$ to pay off cacruals, are payable April 1 to holders of record Mar. 20 . See V. 122 , p. 1462 .

Gordon, Ironside \& Fares Co., Ltd.-Payment.a first installment of the assets of the company having been realized upon, and of the accrued and unpaid int. thereon will be paid in Canadian curat its office in Winnipeg, Can., or at the chief office of the Dom nion Bank at its
in Toronto or Montreal, Can., or in London, Eng, upon presentation of
the bonds (or) and interest coupons, for endorsement of the amount paid. the bonds (or) and interest coupons, for endorsement of the amount paid,
Payment Will bo made at the beore-mentioned places from April 11926
till June 30 . 1926 .-V.

Hamilton Mfg. Co., Boston.-Reorganization Plan.were appointed a committee to devise a plan for the reorganization of the company, have made the following proposal:
Mills, Inc., with 36,000 shares of common stock 000,000 of $7 \%$ 10-year notes, with appropriate restrictions a aninst the creation of a mortgage, of which $\$ 1,500,000$ is to be issued forthwith. of the pre
3. Each present stockholder of the Hamilton Mfg. Oo. to get, whether or not he subscribes for the notes, for each 3 shares of his present stock
1 share of the stock of Hamilton Mills, Inc 1 share of the stock of Hamilton Mills, Inc. carrying with each $\$ 100$ of notes 1 share of stock of pramilton Mills, Inc: Should all these notes be subscribed 9,000 shares of stock of Hamilton Mills, Inc., will be left in its treasury. Should such notes not be all sub-
scribed, such 9,000 shares, or whatever part may be needed, may be used to secure an underwriting.
C. Dumaine, Jr., will assume the treasurership of the compat Frederic responsible for its management. Arrangements have also been made with a house satisfactory to Mr. Dumaine, Jr., for the selling of the company's
products, with its bills and accounts being discounted at 7 , The treasurer states that the company to-day has on its books advance orders
nearly $800,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. of yarn, a condition which would seem far from being discouraging in view of the recent difficulties of the company.
The following is the dividend record of the Hamilton Mfy.
1900 ,

 From figures furnished by the treasurer, the situation on Feb. 28 last was as follows: The company owes $\$ 2,331,292$. It has a present quick
amounting to about $\$ 1,603,279$, of which $\$ 1,022,174$ is in cash and receivables.
1925 The plant of the Hamilton Mfg. Co. was valued, under date of Jan. 3 of $\$ 2,871,059$, giving a net plant value of $\$ 3,477,919$. (These last two rigares being of Jan. 21926.$)$
IA meeting of the stockhold
Thomas F. Murray and C. H. Farnham. 8 was adjourned until Mar. 29. determine what proportion of the $\$ 1,50,000$ of 10 -vear $7 \%$ notes under V. 122, p. 757

Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett \& Co.-Extra Dividend.The directors have declared three monthly dividends of 35 cents per 20c. a share to be paid June 25. Each dividend will be payable to holders the dividend payment An extra of 20 cents per share was also paid on
Mar. 26 last. Compare V. 122, p. 618 .

Holland Land Co., Calif.-Extra Dividend.Aprie directors have declared an extra dividend of $\$ 1$ per share, payablers of record March 20 and also declared a regular annual
dividend of 4 竍 April tond of st per shareord payable in four quarterly installments or s1 each
divideril
on April 1, July 1, Oct. 1926 and Jan. 1927 , to holders of record March on April 1, July 1, Oct. i 1926 and Jan. 11927 , to holders of record March
20, June 20 . Sept. 20 and Dee. 201926 An extra dividend of $\$ 2$ per share Household Products, Inc.-Balance Sheet Dec. 31.-


Howe Sound Co.-Larger Dividend.-
The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 75 c . per share on the
apital stock, no par value, payable April 15 to holders of record April 1 . capital stock, no par value, payable April 15 to holders of record April 1.
This compares with quarterl dividends of 50 . per share paid on Oct. 15
1925 and Jan. 15 1926.-V. 122, p. 1462.
Hudson Motor Car Co.-Earnings.- 1926. 1924.
Quarter Ended Feb. 28 C.
Net inc. after depr., Fed. tax prov.
N
Humberstone (Ont.) Shoe Co., Ltd.-Pref. Stock Offered.-McLeod, Young, Weir \& Co.,, Ltd., are offering at 100 and div. $\$ 300,0008 \%$ cum. redeemable sinking fund preferred stock.
Dividends payable $Q$.-F. in Canadian funds at any branch in Canada of the company's bank (Imperial Bank of Canada), or to bona fide United
States holders in New York funds. Callable all or part at 110 and div. on
St States holders in New York funds. Callable all or part at 110 and div. on
60 days' notice. Transfer agents. Trusts \& Guarantee Co., Ltd., Toronto. 60 days notice. Transfer agents, Trusts \& Gua
Registrar: National Trust Co., Ltd., Toronto.
Capitalization-
$8 \%$ cum. red. sinking fund pref. stock (this issue)
 ess had its inception in 190.5. Company's plant is the largest plant in Canada "aendals." The company owns, free of children's brance, a modern fire proof shoe manufacturing plant at Humberstome, Onjoys a broad market for its product from coast to coast throughout Canada.
Canaiking Fund-- Company must set aside $10 \%$ of its net yearly profits,
after payment of preferred dividends as a sinking fund for readeeming the apreferred stock. The preferred stock may be purchased by the company in the market, or it may be called on notice at 110 and div. Earnings.- Net earnings for the period of three completed fiscal years.
from Aug. 1922 to July 311925 , after all expenses of manufacturing. from Aug. adiministration, and anter atequate provision for depreciation
on the basis of appraised values, but before deducting income taxes, were as follows:
1923.
$\$ 55.421$

Year Ended July 31.
1925.
$\$ 86.996$ Assets.-Fixed assets on the basis of an appraisal by the Canadian
Apraisal Co. as of Aug. 1925, less depreciation to Feb. 15 1926, amounted to $\$ 188,125$. The net current assets, as shown by the company's opening
balance sheet, amount to $\$ 190.621$. The total net tangible assets including prepaid expenses of $\$ 5,597$, therefore, amount to $\$ 384,344$, which is equivapent to $\$ 128$ for each share of preferred stock outstanding.

Humble Oil \& Refining Co.-Annual Report.-


Gross income--.-.-.-.-.
Cost of operations and interest.
Net earnings_
Depreciation.
Depletion
Income tax
Surplus.
 Investments Cruac \& rer.oll
Mat'1 \& supplies Cash_r--
Cash-r- Defered

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 $\mathbf{x}$ After deducting $\$ 88,721,614$ depreciation. $y$ Money borrowed on open Hydraulic Stel
Hydraulic Steel Co.- Sale Postponed.-
The receivership sale scheduled for March 2 has been postponed until April 12.-V. 122, p. 619.

Importers \& Exporters Insurance Co., New York. Stock Offered.-Curtis \& Sanger, New York, recently offered a limited amount of capital stock at $\$ 73$ per share to yield about $4.80 \%$. A circular issued by the bankers affords the following:
Company.-Organized under the insurance law of the State of New York. Began business in 1918 with $\$ 200,000$ paid-in capital and a paid-In sur the
of $\$ 100,000$.In April 1919 the capital was increased to $\$ 700,00$ and the surplus to $\$ 350,000$ The par value of the stock, originally $\$ 100$ per share, was changed to $\$ 25$ per share in 1920 . Company writes a general line of
fire insurance as well as automobile insurance covering fire, theft, collision and property damage, operating through extensive agency connections in 32 states of the Union. Company has an excenilent reputation for the treatmentof loss claimants. The conflagration liability is ischecked semitannually
and is closely observed. Its loss ratio is normal and its expense ratio below the average. Its steady growth is illustrated by the following comparative figures:


Dperating Results for the Year Ending Dec. 311925.
 Other income - Income and gain from investments.
$\begin{array}{r}31600 \\ 210,863 \\ \hline\end{array}$


 Assets-


Cacks in bank $\begin{array}{ll}444,520 \\ 958,858 & \text { Unearned premlums. } \\ \text { Reserve for tor taxes, \&c. } \\ \text { Net surplus }\end{array}$

Net surplus


Independent Oil \& Gas Co.-New Officer.n. Donald Duncan, of Parker. Marshall \& Auchincloss, has been elected
2nd Vice-President. succeeding W. S. Bouvier. Mr. Bouvier also resigned as director of the company.
Villard Martin of Tulsa, . Non M. Kelley of Kelley, Drayton \& Converse, and J. Donald Duncan or New York have been added to the board. The
directorate has been increased from 9 to 11 members.-V. 122, p. 1319 .
Industrial Acceptance Corp.- Preferred Dividends.The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 1.75$ per
share on the 1st preferred stock and a regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 2$ per share on the 2nd preferred stock, both payable April 1 to holders of record
share on the the
March 23. On Jan March 23. On Jan. 2, last, the company paid an extra dividend of $\$ 1$ per
share on the 2nd prefered stock and also a dividend of $\$ 1$ per share on the share on the 2nd preferred stock an
common stock.- $\mathrm{V} .121, \mathrm{p} .3011$.

Intercontinental Rubber Co.-Stock Sold.-Henry D. Lindsley \& Co., Inc., New York; Gorrell \& Co., Chicago,
and Stein Brothers \& Boyce, Baltimore, have sold at $\$ 19$
per share 100,000 shares common stock (no par value). per share 100,000 shares common stock (no par value). the company.
Registrar, Guaranty Trust Co of New York: transfer agent, Registrar \&
\& Transfer Co. of New York. Listed on the New
Dividends exempt from normal Federal income tax
Capitalization
Common stock
no par value)
the only impo Authorizea. Outstanding Company.-Is the only important American company engaged exclusively in the production and marketing of crude rubber. Compand thany wastaincorppanies which had developed a process for the extraction of crude rubber
from the Guayule shrub which grows wild over a large area in Mexico. from the Guavule shrub which grows widd over a large area in Mexico
In order to simplify the capital structure of the business and to achieve In order to simplify the capital structure or the business and oo N. J.,
economies of administration, the Intercontinental Rubber Co. or N. N .
a holding company, has been dissolved and its stockholders are receiving a holding company, has been dissolved and its stockholders are receiving
in exchange for their Noew Jersey company stock, shares of the Inter-
continental Rubber Co. of Dela. These shares are now listed on the New corporation to the amount of $\$ 580,600$ have been called for redemption on Aprly the subscription an
Culy
Core 122, p. 892 .
Internationa
Gross sales
Packages, discts. \& all
Manufacturing costs_
Deppeciation
Shipping, seling \& ad
ministrative expenses.
Net profit--..........
Miscellaneous income-
Total income---
Reserve for Federal taxes
\& contingencies..........



Jan. 30 ' 25.
$\$ 5,452.302$
990.663
$2,126.799$
270,406
Mar. $31 \times 25$
$\$ 3,782,20$
1,51

Net to surplus
946,158
946.158

| $\begin{array}{c}\$ 1,648,322 \\ 6,456 \\ \$ 1,654,778\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c}\$ 1,326,482 \\ 51,331,632\end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: |

$\begin{array}{r}\$ 877,484 \\ 8,013 \\ \hline\end{array}$
\$885,497
$\$ 950,229$ $31,654,879$
301,89 $\$ 793,147 \overline{\$ 1,352,898} \overline{\$ 1,110,603}$
 income taxes, reserves and all other charges, as compared with the 1924 net of $\$ 3,047,507$. After allowing for dividends on the preferred stock, these earnings are equivatstanding at Dec. 31 1925. This report is made betore

International Harvester Co.-Dividend Rate on Common Stock Increased from 5\% to 6\% Per Annum.-The directors on March 18 declared a quarterly dividend of $11 / 2 \%$ on the common stock (par \$100), payable April 15 to holders of record March 29. Quarterly cash dividends of $11 / 4 \% \mathrm{had}$ been paid on this issue from April 1923 to Jan. 1926, incl. -V. 122, p. 1035.

## Interocean Oil Co., Baltimore.-Listing.-

 The Baltimore Stock Exchange has authorized th1st mtge. $7 \%$ convertible sinking fund yold bonds.
Company was incorp. Jan. 7 1924 in De port, refine and distribute petroleum, natural gas and asphaltum and port, refine and Captrital consists of, in addition to the above bonds, 240,000 shares ( 150,000 shares outstanding, class A stock no par value and 1,000,000
shares ( 440.000 shares outstanding) class B stock no par value. Bonds are secured by a first mortage on the company's properties and equipment, and are convertible into class B stock at \$14 per share on or before July
 premiums or July 11925 , and are due July 1 1935, being issued for the retirement of existing liens and for working capital, Coupons payable J. \& J. Denom-
inations $\$ 2,000 \mathrm{c}^{*}$. Sinking fund wilit retire $71 / 2 \%$ of the issue annually. Century Trust Co Barnings. For the past 11 years the average earnings of the Baltimore plant, before derpeciation, have been at the rate of $\$ 357,000$ per annum,
Earnings from the Western properties, before reserves. for 1923 were
 in excess of $\$ 1,000,000$ or over 8 times interest requirements on this issua.
Officers are: Holdea A . Evans, Pres.; A. W. Gieske, V.-Pres. William Treas.: Robert J. Gill. Sec.
Office: 1802 Oitizens National Bank Building, Baltimore, Md. Financial Statement as of Oct. 51925.

Assets-
Cash-1.il. on hand-
Accounts recelvable-....
Acerued Int. recelvable. Deposits.-
Inventory,
Prepald insurance and rentals. Organization e:
Baltimore properties
Westen
Western properties-:-......-
Balt. office furniture
e Fixt
 *Note - License to use the Leamon process of oil refining acquired
Oct. 20 ind inced above, and the liability therefor added to accounts
payabie at Oct. 51925 .

Island Creek Coal Co.- $\$ 4$ Common Dividend.-
The directors have declared a dividend of \$4 per share on the common stock and toth payable April 1 to holders of record March 26 stock, dividend of $\$ 5$ a share was paid on the common stock. While from Ian. 11924 to Oct. 11925 , incl., dividends at the rat
( $\$ 8$ regular and $\$ 4$ extra) were paid.-V. 122, p. 222 .
$\underset{\text { See United States Cold Storage Corp. below.-V. 115, p. } 1328 \text {. }}{\text { Kansas }}$.
Keystone Steel \& Wire Co., Peoria, III.-Notes Offered. -Continental \& Commercial Trust\& Savings Bank, Chicago, recently offered at 99 and int., yielding over $6.15 \% \$ 1,000$,0007 -year $6 \%$ sinking fund gold notes.
Dated Jan. 1 1926: due Jan. 1 1933. Prin. and int. (J. \& J.) payable at
Continental \& Commercial Trust \& Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee, without deduction for Federal normal income tax up to $2 \%$. Denom, \$1.000 and int. if red. on or before Jan. 1 1929, such call price decreasing $1 / 2$ of
and
$1 \%$
\% each year thereafter of B. L. Sommer, President of the Company. Company- Incorp. in Illinois. Is the largest independent producer of
In in successful operation for 37 years. Company owns and operate a modern in sire fence mill and steel plant at Peoria, M1, manuracturing rarm and poultry fencing in its own steel plant. The location of the plant is excepmanufactured tavabie for the didstribu

Capitalization Outstanding (Upon Completion of this Financing)
1st (closed) mtge. $8 \%$ bonds (non-callable until 1931)
1st ${ }^{6}$ sinking fund
$7 \%$ cumulative pr
Common stock
to yield from $6.10 \%$ to $61 / 2 \%$, according to maturity, $\$ 1,100,000$ 1st mtge. $61 / 2 \%$ serial gold bonds (safeguarded under the Straus plan)
Dated Feb, 20 1926; due serially Feb. 1928-41. Int, payable F. \& A.
Denom. $\$ 1,000, \$ 500$ and $\$ 100$ c* int. on or before Feb. 201931 , at 103 and int. after Feb. 201931 , and on or
before Feb. 20 1936; and at 102 and int. after Feb. 20 1936. $2 \%$ Federal Property, \&E.- The property mortgaged consists of a 3 -story and base-
ment, theatre. store and office building, of steel frame and reinforced concrete fireproof construction, the theatre portion thereof completely fur-
nished and equipped, and land owned in fee. located in Springfield. The
 Court House Square, around which are located some of the moct prominent
buildings of the city. The building will contain a modern 2,750 -seat motion picture theatre completely equipped, 18 stores. a a cafo. a moderent
ballioom, and offices. There will be a bowling and billiard room in the
base Guaranity.-The bonds are unconditionally guaranteed both as to interest
and principal by Great States Theatres, Inc., which controls a chain of and principal by Great States Theatres. Inc. Which controls a chain of
motion picture theatres in many of the principal cities of Illinois Earnings- Net earnings of the property, after liberal deductions. for all
operating expenses, taxes and insurance and an ample allowance for operating expenses, taxes and insurance, and an ample allowanconce for
vacancies, are estimated at $\$ 163,000$, which $\mathbf{~} 21 / 4$ vacancies, are estimated at $\$ 163,000$, which $521 / 4$ times the greatest annual
interest charge and considerably in excess of the greatest combined interest and principal charges.
Co wnership it The bonds are the direct obligation of Springfield Theatre chain of Theatres in Joliet, Aurora, Ellin, Quincy, Bloomington, Rock Thord, Galesburg, Sterlinco and Hirgland Park. The control of Great States th whom we have had satisfactory previous business dealings.

## Ludlum Steel Co.-Stock Increased, \&c.-

The stockholders on March 15 increased the authorized capital stock from 200,000 shares of no par value to 500000 suthres of no par value.
There is at present 135,000 shares issued and outstanding There is at present 135,000 shares issued and outstanding
for such consideration as may bee fined ayectors the issue from time to time shares which would bring the total stock that may be issued up to 200,000 shares.
Pres. Edwin Corning says: "It is the intention of the board in case the earnings of the company warrant it, to vote a stock dividend from time to
time on the stock issued and outstanding in addition to such cash dividend as the earnings of the company may justify.,
Calendar Years-
1925.


| Other | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 519,002 \\ 39,562 \end{array}$ | $\$ 339.774$ 36,285 | 8624,491 31,360 | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 348,905 \\ 23,477 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total income | \$558,564 | \$376,059 | \$655,851 | \$372.381 |
| Amort. bond discount-- | 11,076 | 11,13 | 11,11 | - |
| Other int |  | ,133 | 4 | 55,189 |
| Res. for Fed. \&c., ta | 65. | 55,460 |  |  | Res. for Fed. \&c. years

Rividendes


MacAndrews \& Forbes Co.-Dividend Rate Increased.He directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 65 c . per share on the March 31. This is equivalent to $\$ 10$ payable April 15 to holders of record stock, par $\$ 100$, which received $\$ 10$ annually and was split up on the basis of four new shares of no par value for one old share of $\$ 100$ par. The com
pany also on Jan. 15 last paid an extra dividend of $5 \%$ on the old common
stock.-W

McCahan Sugar Refining \& Molasses Co.-Dividend.At he annual meeting held March 17 it was stated that an initial divi-
dend of $\$ 7$ per share on the common stock was paid March 1 out of surplus

McKeesport Tin Plate Co.-Further Data.-
In connection with the recent offering of $\$ 6,000,000$ ist (elosed) mtge.
0 -year $6 \%$ sinking fund gold bonds due March 1 1946, the bankers' circular affords the followin
Net Income Available for Interest Before Depreciation and Federal Taxes.
 $\$ 2,313,843$, or morne than 6 times the int, requirement moned 10 years were Financial Condition as of Jan. 11226 (After Financing) Financial Condition as of Jan. 11926 (After Financing).
Assets equipment_ $\begin{array}{r}\$ 12,000,000 \\ -2,00,000 \\ \hline 2010\end{array}$ Real estate nvestments
Accts. rec. (less reserve)-
Notes receivable..... nventories nt \& misc. acts. recle.

## See offering of bonds in

## Mack Trucks Real

 otalCapital stock Capital stock-
Mteo. boonds (this issue)-
$\$ 9,794,200$
$6,000,000$ Acounts payable--̈-̈-ril
Reserve for 1925 Federal Surplus

Estate, inc., \& Subs.-Report.-
(H. R.) Mallinson Co.-Canvass for Proxies.-
at group of independent stockholders are canvassing for proxies to be voted the company is expected to develop at the meeting. In a letter to stockholders recently the committee said solicititation of proxies was chiefly to obtain representation on the board or directors. The letter said: our intention selves and other investing stockholders similarly situated full information as to the condition of the company, for such action, if any, as may seem desirable in the interests of all concerned.
Mr . Shewan and Mr. Love in the Superior Court at Wilmington by On March 5 the company was granted an extension of time until March 18 to answer their charges. The complainants sought to compel the company to show its records, topermit the stockholders to examine certain authoriza-
tions for the fixing of salaries and payment of bonuses to officers and employees ietter to the stockholders, Albert H. Watson, Secretary of the company, states that the management feels that the stockholders are entitled to an answer to the letter circulated among them soliciting proxies, and siged of the opposition group contains misstatements of fact as well as un-
leter
justified and unpleasant insinuations. It also stresses the fact that no dividends have been paid on the common stock and insinuated that extravagance and mismanagement are responsible for the non-declaration. In Nov. 1919 and the first public blance sheet of Oct. 1920 gives net surplus of $\$ 1.937 .955$. As of Oct. 31192 surplus totaled $\$ 3,501,668$.解 policy of no
$1321,1036$.

Manhattan Electrical Supply Co., Inc.-Earnings.-
 $\begin{array}{crrrr}\text { Gross profit_-_-.-. } & \$ 1,909,562 & \$ 1,906,881 & \$ 1,917,367 & \$ 1,885,447 \\ \text { Miscellaneous profits.-- } & 133,546 & 172,509 & 143,643 & 104,872\end{array}$ Adver., taxes, deprec., $\$ 2,043,108 \quad \$ 2,079,390 \quad \$ 2,061,000 \quad \$ 1,990,319$ Adver., taxes, deprec., $\begin{aligned} & \text { gen. exp.eng. \& devel. } \$ 1,483,360 \quad \$ 1,628,505 \\ & \text { Special depreciation }\end{aligned}$ \$1,966,824 y $\$ 1,538,891$ Special depreciation-
 Balance, surplus
y Does not includ
y Does not include depreciatio

## ccember 31

Fised assets Stocks other eos Inventoriects. re--

Prepd. ins. \& \begin{tabular}{c}
Bala <br>
1925. <br>
1.20 .540 <br>
425,730 <br>
$2,870.496$ <br>
130.206 <br>
$1,142,572$ <br>
$2,13.935$ <br>
70,387 <br>
\hline

 $\qquad$ 

1925. <br>
$\stackrel{5}{s}$. <br>
.550 .000 <br>
\hline
\end{tabular} 1824.

$\stackrel{8}{s}$.
$5.000,00$

30 | $1,15,000$ |
| :--- |
| 538,600 |
| 91,125 | 300,000

861,232
70,000 72,421
888,763 41,641
734,687

Total.
$\mathbf{x}$ Rep $\qquad$ 8,155,959 7,007,559 Total. $8,155,959$
122, p. 620 Manufacturers' Finance Co., Baltimore, Md.-To Increase A uthorized Capital Stock-To Fund Part of Bank Loans short term bank indebtedness of the company through fond is isuart of the sale of $7,500,0005$-year $6 \%$ collateral trust convertible gold notes, series A. in order to prov
exercise of the rights under the warrants and for the conversion on for the
tional tional $\$ 2,500.000$ of similar notes, and for the exercise of the rights under the warrants that may be issued upon the conversion of such notes, which the stockholders on Mar. 11 increased the authorized capital stocl issue $\$ 8,000,000$ to $\$ 19,250,000$, by authorizing the issse of $\$ 5.000,000$ of addi-
tional $7 \%$ cumul. pref, stock, by authorizine is isse tional 7\% cumul. pref. stock, by authorizing an issue of $\$ 5,000,000$ of $8 \%$
cumal. 2d pref. stock and by authorizizig the issue of $\$ 1,250,000$ of addishares will be $7 \%$ cumul. pref. stock, 120.000 shares will be of 320,000 cumul. 2d pref, stock. 200,000 shares will be $8 \%$ cumul. 2 d pref. stock While the directors propose at this time to reserve all of the additional
stock authorized for the conversion of collateral trust gold notes which be issued with conversion or stock purchase privileges and for the exercise yet the board may issue any of the additional authorized caphital stock not needed for such purposes for any other corporate purpose, in the event the
business of the company warrants such action in the future. See also
offering of notes in V. 122 , D. 1179 .

Marlin-Rockwell Corp.-Quarterly Dividends.-
 The last deldend of 33 cents pe share paid on the common stock on Jan. 4 was for the two months ender
Dec. 31, the rate of 50 cents quarterly. Prior to that the compan
paid 25 cents quarterly. Calendar Years-

 $x$ Includes in 1925 and 1924 extraordinary charges not applicable to
operations, and in 1923 and 1922 includes interest paid derein inventory, adjustment, idle plant expense, moving expense, loss on satie of
securities, miscellaneusis adustments, \&c. Also in 1925 and 1923 , adminis-
trative and selling expenses. securites, mive selling expenses.
Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31
 Cash -
Notes \& asets. rec Inventories
Investments
Ind Good-will, \&c $\qquad$


 Deferred charges



Mergenthaler Linotype Co.-Par of Stock Changed.from 150000 shares par $\$ 100$ (of whicn there are outstanding capital stock shares), to 300,000 shares of no par value. Two new no-par shares will be
issued in exchange for each share of $\$ 100$ par value.-V. 122 , p. 893 .

Metropolitan Theatres Corp., St. Louis.-Bonds Called. All of the outstanding $\$ 800,000$ 1st mtge. guaranteed $6 \%$ bonds, dated
May 11925 , have been called for redemption on May 11926 at 102 and int. Inc of St. Louis (who underwrote the above issue, are-Platt \& Co., bonds tendered at the call price plus accrued interest to date of presentation, and will continue to do so up to date of call.
It is announced that there will be no new public financing in connection
with this redemption.- $V$, 120, p, 2690, 2410. Mobile Bay Bridge Co.-Fiscal Agent.-
The Chatham-Phenix National Bank \& Trust Co. has bean appointed $7 \%$ sinking fund gold bonds, due Jan. 11951 and $\$ 1280000$ 2d mtge. $7 \%$ Mohawk Rubber Co. of Ohio.-A Anual Report 1180. Income Account for Year Ending Dec. 311925. [Including Mohawk Rubber Co. of New York, Inc.]


Other deductions
$\$ 631,955$
51,305
Net profit from all sources.-1
x Compares with $\$ 3,413,731$ in 1924 . y Compares with $\$ 343,656$ in 1924 .
Mortgage Bond Co. of New York.-Bonds Offered.-The company is offering at 100 and int. $\$ 2,000,0005 \frac{1}{2} \%$ 10-year gold mortgage bonds, Series 9.

Dated March 1 1926: due March 1 1936. Normal Federal income tax
 $8100 \mathrm{c} * \&$ \& r. United States Trust Co.. New York, trustee
Security. - Bonds are secured by first mortga
selected types of real estate which are deposited with ther the United States Trust Co. of New York as trustee. Deposited mortgazes are elways equal
in face value to the amount of bonds outstanding. The total of all mort in face value to the amount of bonds outstanding. The total of all mort-
gages made by the company amounts to $42 \%$ of total appraisals of the properties securing them. Seling prices of properties on which the company has had loans have over a period of 20 years averaged $5 \%$ above the appraisals. The mortgages, which a verage about $\$ 4,000$ each, are on improved
real estate. In every instance the property securing these loans is a home
or an essential business property Ass
Assets-
Mortgages.-...
U. bonds....
Other bonds....
Real estate.-.
Interest receivabl
Cash_..............
${ }_{\mathrm{V} .{ }^{\text {Total }} 122}$
Moto Meter Co.

$\overline{\$ 18909578}$
Total.

\$18,909,578 Period-
Operating in
$\times$ Net income.
Divs. new A commonon stk
Divs. new B common stl $\qquad$
$\qquad$
 Operating inco
Depreciation-

Surplus
Total surplus
xPrevious to cla $\frac{18 y y y}{c}$

Net income cation of
Motor Products Corp.-Temporarily Restrained from Paying Dividends at a Rate Greater Than $4 \%$ on Its Pref. Stock. An order temporarily restraining the company from paying dividends at a rate greater than $4 \%$ per annum on its preferred stock or distributing any
dividends on its common shares until the retirement of the preferred is completed, has been handed down in Circuit Court at Detroit by Judge Merriam, on the petition of N. B. Wallace, a large holder of common
stock. The corporation has until March 27 to show cause why the restraining order should not be made permanent and why the recent reorganization should not be dissolved. The company, recently declared a
$\$ 1-25$ dividend on its preferred stock and 25 cents on its common.-V. 122 ,

Mountain \& Gulf Oil Co.-Extra Dividend of $1 \%$.The directors have declared an extra dividend of $1 \%$ and the regular
quarterly dividend of $2 \%$ both payable Aprif 15 to holders of record Apr. 1 .
Like amounts were paid in the previous four quarters. V . 121 , p. 3013 .

National Cloak \& Suit Co.-Omits Common Dividend.The directors on March 17 voted to omit the payment of the quarterly dividend usually paid April 15 on the outstanding $\$ 12,000,000$ common stock, par $\$ 100$. From April 1925 to Jan. 1926 , inclusive, the company paid quarterly dividends of $1 \%$ each on this issue. The company issued the following statement:

The company is developing new lines of merchandise with a view to off-
tting the decrease in volume resultin from the fact that several of the lines of women's wearing apparel in which a large business was formerly done, are no longer in demand. During this period of development the directors feel that the resources of the company should be conserved and
the fullest protection given to maintaining the dividend on the preferred stock.
President Herbert C. Freeman states that the financial position is very
strong. The ratio of current assets to current liabilities on Jan. 28
1926 strong. The ratio of current assets to current liabilities on Jan. 281926 other than current accounts payable. Total current liabilities amount to approximately $\$ 2,300,000$, and cash in bank is upwards of $\$ 2,000,000$.
Inventories of merchandise are substantially lower than at the corresponding date last year

National Enameling \& Stamping Co.-Sales, dec.Pres. A. J. Kieckhefer says: "Sales so far this year are slightly ahead of
those of a year ago. Current business is good and the outlook satisfactory for a fair volume of business over the balance of this year."-V. 122, p. 1464.

National Lead Battery Co., St. Paul, Minn.-Stock.At the annual meeting on Feb. 9, the stockholders voted an increase
from $\$ 500,000$ to $\$ 1,000,000$ in the capital stock. The National Lead Battery Co cape mantock.
exclusively and maintain factories at St. Paul, Chicago storage batteries City and Los Angeles. Branch houses are located at So. Kearny, N. J.,
Batimore Md. Attanta, Dallas, Oakland, Cal. and Portland, Ore. L. J.
Shields is President.

Neisner Brothers, Inc.-Pref. Stock Sold.-Geo. H. Burr \& Co., New York, have sold at 100 and div. $\$ 1,000,-$ $0007 \%$ cumulative preferred (a. \& d.) stock.
Dividends payable Q-F. Red. all or part at 115 and div. upon 30 days'
notice. Pref. in liquidation to extent of $\$ 100$ per share and accumulated notice. ${ }^{\text {divids. }}$ Bankers Trust Co., N. Y. City, transfer agent; Ohase National Data From Letter of President A. H. Neisner, March 121926. Capitalization
thorized. Outstand'g.
 $x \$ 477,600$ will be taken by interests closely a
y 20,000 shares reserved against option to management stockholders
responsible for success of business, for 4 years at price authorized by certificate of incorporation, if annual net earnings available for common dividends Company.-In March 1911 Joseph M. and Abraham H. Neisner formed a partnership to conduct a 5 cents to 1 dollar business at $190-194$ East
Main St., Rochester, N. Y. the original cash investment being $\$ 12,000$. Profits for the balance of 1911 amounted to $\$ 14,591$ in this store. The following year the same store showed sales of $\$ 198,061$ and a net profit of \$15,976. In April 1916 the partnership was dissolved and a corporation the present corporation. Under the present conservative manarement the number of stores has been increased yearly until at the end of 1925 it ha7, in the in operation. Company during 1925 did a volume of $\$ 2,695$,Buffalo, N. Y.;Worcester; Mass.: Chester and Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Camden,
N. J.; Wilmington, Del.; Ashtabula, and Lorain, Ohio; Hamtramek and Flint, Mich. *Executive offices and store.

Company arranged following cities: Columbus, Mansfield and Elyria, Ohio; Muskegon, Pontiac Ind Lansing, Mich. Gary, Ind., and St. Paul, Minn., and is planning an
antension of its chain stores system throughout the larger cities of the extension of Mid chle Western States.

Purpose. - Proceeds derived from the sale of the preferred stock will
remain in the business for working capital and for expansion purposes. Sales and Earnings for the Past Three Years.

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 Net profits for 1925 show approximately a $71 / 2 \%$ return on the volume The increase in business in 1925 over 1924 amounted to $\$ 788,288$, and the
sales for Jan. 1926 show an increase of $341 / 2 \%$ over the same month of 1925 . Balance Sheet Dec. 311925 (After This Financing).
Asse
Cash.
Accoun
Merch
Tota
Cash d
Furnit
Invs.
Prepai

Total_<br>\$1.890.8041 Total- stock (no par value)<br>. $\$ 1,890,804$

Neptune Meter Co.-Sales.-

## $\stackrel{\substack{T \\ \text { Sale } \\-\mathrm{V}}}{ }$

 ${ }^{\text {Sales }} 122-\mathrm{p}, 224$$\underset{\substack{1926 . \\ .666,783}}{ }$
${ }_{\text {S597,054 }}^{1925}$
Newmarket Mfg. Co.-Annual Report.-- - -
 Dividends at the annual rate of $8 \%$ were paid quarterly. Comparative Balance Sheet.

| Assets- | $\operatorname{Jan} .2{ }_{S}^{\prime} 26 .$ | Dec. 27 ' 24. | Liabilities- | $\text { Jan. } 2 \text { S } 26$ | $\text { c. } 27^{\prime} 24^{\prime}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Real est., mach., \& | 3,254,020 | 4,414,950 | Capital stock | 2,699,800 | 2,699,800 |
| Cash. | 249,814 | 171,428 | Notes payable | 1,625.000 | 1,596,000 |
| Notes receiv. and |  |  | Accept. payable. | 608,663 | 516,612 |
| trade accept... | 135,524 |  | Accounts payable | 407.580 | [245,913 |
| Acts. receivable-- | 1,025,830 | x1,137,565 | Res. for Fed, tax -- |  | 9,000 |
| Inventories_ | 3,103,076 | 2,645,764 | Res, for deprec'n. |  | 1,097,692 |
| Deferred charges.- | $\begin{array}{r} 40,753 \\ 900 \end{array}$ | 33,022 900 | Surplus. | 2,468,874 | 2,238,614 |
| Investments .- | 900 | $900$ |  |  |  | Total - .......... 7,809,917 8 8,403,632 Total -......... 7,809,917 8,403,632 Note-Turchase contracts for cotton, silk and ravon as at Jan. 21926

not included on the balance sheet amounted to 8891,036 , which was silighty below market.
$\times$ Includes bills and accounts receivable.-V.
, 120, p. 1337.
New York Air Brake Co.-To Issue Stock.-
The stockholders at the annual meeting, April 14 . will vote (a) on author-
izing the redemption of the whole of the class A stock on July 1 1926; (b) izing thin reacmption o the proposed underwriting, under a contract to be on
submitted Iin which certain of of the orficers and directorser may be interested,
of the offering to the common stockholders, after the redemption of the of the offering to the common stockholders, after the redemption of the
class $A$ stock, of shares of authorized and unissued common stock. Holders
of common stock or record March 81926 will be entitled to vote at the of common stock of record.
meeting. $-V .122, ~ p . ~$
1181

New York Life Building, Chicago.-Land Trust Certificates Offered.-Otis \& Co. and Merrill, Lynch \& Co. are offering land trust certificates representing 2,750 equal parts of the equitable ownership in a portion of the premises occupied by the New York Life Building, Chicago, at price to yield $51 / 2 \%$ or $\$ 2,750,000$.
Certificates.-Each certificate represents $1-2750$ undivided interest or
multiple thereof in the equitable ownership in the fee simple title to approximately 14.941 sq. ft . of land located at the northeast correr of South La Salle and West Monroe Sts. in the heart of the financial district of Chicago.
The land has a frontage of approximately 80 ft . on South La Salle St. and 186.77 It. on vest and is vest

The tings Bank, Chicamo, as truste the Continental \& Commercial Trust \&
 from which date rental is payable at the annual rate of $\$ 55$ per certificate.
payable quarterly through the trustee by check to the certificate holders
 The land has been leased for a period of 99 years to the LL Salle-Monroe
Building corp, which operates the New York Life Building, the larger
thertion portion of which is located on this land, the balance being located on leased land immediatey east with a frontage or 5.3 stc . on west Morrol
of $\$ 8,000$ per year. 50 years from the date of the lease, at $\$ 1.100$ plus accrued rental for each
$1-2750$ part, upon exercise by the lessee of its option to purchase the premises 1 -2vered part, upon exercise by the thessee ortis option to purchase the premises
covered by the months writen notice to the trustee
Value of Land and Improvements.- Thi land represented by these certifiValue of Land and Improvements. - The land represented by these certifi-
 The New York Life Building is a 14 -story store and office building of
steel, concrete and brick fireproof construction, containing 3,527.000 cu. ft. period or 99 years to the La Salli-Monroe Building Corp. By the terms
of this lease the lessee agrees to pay all taxes and assessments on the leased premises, trustee's current charges and expenses and in addition, as rental
the sum of $\$ 151.250$ per annum for distribution to the certificate owners. Adequate insurance will be carried on the improvements on the property. Adequate insurance will be carried on the improvements on the property.
Earnings.- Net earnings of the building applicale to payment of ground
rental rental, based on existing leases, and those under negotiation, are estimated
at approximately $\$ 370,000$, or about $21 / 2$ times the rental required.

New York Title \& Mortgage Co.- $1 \%$ Extra Dividend.The company has declared an extra dividend of $1 \%$ and the regular 4. Like amounts were paid on Jan. 2 last.-V. 122, p. 491.

Overman Cushion Tire Co., Inc.-Dividends.The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 175$ on
the preferred stock and the quarterly dividend of $\$ 150$ on the common stock, both payable April 1 to hodders of record March 18. The directors also
declared and set aside in advance the regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 175$ declared and set aside in advance the regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 1.75$
on the preferred stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 18.
on

Pacific Oil Co.-New Stock May 10.-
In a letter to stockholders Henry W. De Forest, Chairman of the mail to each of its stockitholders of record at the close of business March 29 one share of stock of the standard Oil Co. of California (the Delaware
corporation) for each share of Pacific Oil stock registered in stockholders' corporation) for each share of Pacific Oil stock registered in stockholders'
names. The letter further states that as soon as the corporation's books are closed stockholders will be advised what portion of the distributions made March 6 and to be made May 10 consists of surplus profits and what
portion consists of capital assets. According to the chairman it is not yet portion consists of capital assets. According to the chairman
practicable to give this information.-V. 122, p. 1465, 1181.

Packard Motor Car Co.-Large Order Received.It was recently announced that a $\$ 2,364,000$ contract for 150 airplane
engines had been awarded by the Government to the Packard Motor Car Co. This was the largest single aviation contract made by the Government

Parke, Davis \& Co.-50 Cent Extra Dividend.-
The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50 c . a share on the capl$t$ al stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 50 c . a share,
(J. C.) Penney BIdg. \& Realty Corp.-Income Account for Year Ended Dec. 311925. Rent received
Miscellaneous
$\qquad$ Gen. exp., amort. of disc. on 1st mtge. serial gold bonds and
Transferred to surplus
$\$ 98,437$
430,180

(J. C.) Penney Co.-Annual Report.-

$\begin{array}{ccc}1925 . & 1924 . & 1923 . \\ \$ 91,062,616 & \$ 74,261,343 & \$ 62,188,979 \\ 84,267,856 & 70,083,693 & 58,277,160\end{array}$

| \$6,794,760 |
| ---: |
| 657,808 |

 \$2,919,493 \begin{tabular}{l}
\$2,199,493 <br>
406,227 <br>
\hline

 

$\$ 3,325,720$ <br>
182,427 <br>
$\substack{1,20}$ <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}

$\begin{array}{r}\text { 4991.7000 } \\ \$ 2.651 .593 \\ \hline\end{array}$

Gross profits_
Other income.
Total income-
Preferred dividends. Class A pref. divs.

Balance, surplus. Balance, surpius
Surplus Jan. 1 .
Sundry additions.
Total surplus
Profit \& loss, surplus

Assets-
Furn. \&
Cash fixtures. Farn. \& fix Govt, secur., \&e-.-
Empi. notes rec'le. for employees.Acets. receivable, advances, \&c....
Inv. in sub. cos...
 $\overline{\$ 9,460,063} \overline{\$} \overline{\$ 9,488,656} \overline{\$ 6,504,037}$

Total_........ 31,503,427 $\overline{24,223,798}$ Total_......... 31,503,427 24,223,798 X Classified common stock (authorized $\$ 10,000,000$ ) $\$ 8,192,000$; unclassi-
ied common stock, 29,217 shares, no par (authorized, 100,000 shares) fied common stock, $29,2,762$ sh

Pennok Oil Corp.-Report for Calendar Year 1925.
 Operating profit_
Other income
Total income
Depreciation and d
Federal tax reserve
Dividends paid
Surplus. Comparative Balance Sheet.
Assets-
Property Praperty \& plant- 8,
Cash \& collat. 1 ns Acc'ts receivable. Inventories of oil \& supplies
Securities
(at cost) owned Insurance fund....
$\qquad$

$\times$ Represented by 150,000 shares of no par value.-V. 121, p. 2531.
Phillips Wire Co.-Time Extended.-
Piggly Wiggly Western States Co.-Sales.-

Pittsburgh \& Mt. Shasta Corp.-Listing.-
authorized the listing of $1,000,000$ The company Was incorp. Feb. 71926 in West Virginia and has offered to acquire through and the Rand Hawk Mining Co. Mt. Shasta Gold Mining \& Milling Co. were notified that upon surrender of their certificates of stock at Real Estate Savings \& Trust Co. of Allegheny, they would receive one share of the capital stock of Pittsburgh deposited in trust until dissolution of the company, at which time any remaining assets are to be distributed pro-rata among the old stockholders.
信 Trust upon surrencer of they would receive one share of the capital stock of Pittsburgh \& Mt. Shasta Corp. for each 10 shares held. The old certificates will be deposited in trust until dissolution of the company, at which
time any remaining assets are to be distributed pro-rata among the old stockholders.

Pittsburgh \& Mt. Shasta Gold Mining \& Milling Co.Exchange of Stock.- See Pittsburgh \& Mit. Shasta Corp.--v. 116, p. 1189.
Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.-Annual Report.Calendar Years-
Profits_--
1925.
 Net earns. for year... $\$ 12,122,81$
Cash dividends_
$8,826,33$

 | Total surplus......-- $\$ 32,207,512$ |
| :---: |
| 300,000 |
| $\$ 24,538,806$ |
| $\$ 35,655,975$ |
| $\$ 24,630,103$ | General insur. res

Stock dividends.-.-.-.
Miscell. adjust., $\qquad$
Total profit \& loss, $\$ 31,920,810 \$ 28,911,034 \$ 20,152,573 \$ 24,704,041$ sur., end the $\$ 4,369,878$ reserve set up Dec. 311923 for dividends
$\times$ Tucludes 1924 reserve for Federal payable in 1924 and
taxes.-V. 122, p. 623 .

Point Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.-Bonds Offered.S. W. Straus \& Co., Inc. are offering at prices to yield from $5.80 \%$ to $6 \%$ according to maturity $\$ 425,000$ 1st mtge. fee $6 \%$ serial gold bonds.

Dated Feb. 10 1926; due serially Feb. 10 1928, to Feb. 10 1936. Int.
payable F. \& A. Denom. $\$ 1,000$, $\$ 500$ and $\$ 100$ c* Callable at $1021 / 2$ and int. Provision has been made for the payment of the Federal income tax up to $2 \%$ and the Penn. 4 -mills tax. The Point Building, at the southeast corner of Penn Ave. and Water tenancy. The plot is improved with a completed 8 -story and basement,
reinforced concrete, fireproof industrial building. The building is of reinforced concrete, fireproor industrial building. The building is of
modern design and equipment adequately served by passenger and freisht modern design and equipment adequat the building have been appraised at
elevators. The land owned in fee and $\$ 687,320$. Thie entire property has been leased for a term of 12 years to the Miller
SW-Trimmer Co at an annual net rental of $\$ 45.000$ per anmum, which is
and saw-Trimmer co. at an meet the greatest
more than sufficint to ment
principal requirements on this bond issue.

Postum Cereal Co., Inc.-Proposed Acquisition.tock socknolders win vote march 2 on increasing the authorized common The stockholders will also vote upon a proposed contract aapproved by
the directors of the Postum Cereal Co., Inc., and the stockholder Brothers, which provides for a reorganization of the Iglehart Brothers and Co.. Inc., and the payment. of $\$ 595,000$ in cash in exchange for all of the
voting stock of Iglehart Brothers. Inc., a new corporation.-V. 122, p. 1465 .
Prairie Oil \& Gas Co.-Acquisition Reported.
The company is reported to have purchased the Olean Petroleum Co.
or a consideration of $\$ 6,000,000$. The Olean company is reported to have 140,000 acres in the new Ingalls pool Payne County, Okla. on which 3
welis have been completed with an initial production of 3,500 barrels daily. The company is also reported to have other acreage in Okiahoma producing 2,000 barrels daily and considerable undeve
homa and New Mexico.-V. 121, p. 3141 .
Prairie Pipe Line Co.-Earnings.-
Calendar Years-

Calendar Y
Net income
Dividends.
Surplus.
122-1465
Reid Ice Cream Corp.-Balance Sheet.Land, blds., mach. in progress. Lash Loan, -.--.-..... Notes \& accts. rec Amt. due on subscr Inventories_-..-.-Good-will.-........... \& miscellaneous. Dairymen's League
Co-Op. Ass'n. Inc Deferred charges. Dec.31'25. Sept.30'25.
$304,131 \$ 4$,
20,564
658,749
900,000

 | 393,915 | 465,900 | Accr. payrolls, int., |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 475,000 | local taxes, \&c.. |  |

 180,932 52,614 | 131,814 | Federal taxes |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Divs. declare |  |

o par value. A comparative income account was published in V. 122, p. 762.-

Replogle Steel Co.-Balance Sheet Dec. 31.-
 Cash., plants, \&
 Accts. \& notes rec. Adv, to salesmen. Cash with trustee. Unventories-..--Investments -.....
$\cdots$
$\begin{array}{lll} & 242, \\ & \text { W charges, \&c- } & 245,48\end{array}$

* Warren Foundry \& Pipe Co. $\quad \mathrm{x}$ Earned surplus, $20.780,370$
$20,765,486$
lus arising out of acquisition plus arising out of acquisition of capital stocks and properties of canstituent
A comparative income account was published in V. 122, p. 1182.
Reynolds Spring Co.-Annual Report.
[Including General Leather Co. in 1925 and 1924.]

Vet earnin
Deprec. \&
Federal $\qquad$

Net in

| mber 3 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Property, land. | \$463,564 | \$462,612 | 7\% pr. cl. A stock | \$140,000 | \$140,000 |
| Bldgs., mach. \& eq | 4,004,050 | 3,783,032 | 7\% Dr. cl. B stock. | 18,100 | 19,100 |
|  | 114,005 | 441,223 | Common stock | 4,575,129 | 4,933,243 |
| Accts. receivable-- | 550,266 | 476,655 | Gen.L.Co. $7 \%$ pfd | 276,200 | 276,200 |
| Inventories | 462,439 | 1,356,213 | Funded debt. | 1,200,000 | 200,000 |
| Unadj. claim |  | 49.077 | Acets. \& notes pay | 339,877 | 31,205 |
| Investments | 260,953 | 233,863 | Accrued accounts. | 71,966 | 15,038 |
| Acer. int. r |  | 1,414 | Federal income tax | 3,469 | 56,87 |
| Patents \& good-will | 453,485 | 450,000 | Deprec. of property | 787,786 | 586.78 |
| Def. debit Items.- | 52,482 | 20,712 | Other reserves |  | 42,5 |
| Notes, \&c., rec- | 955 | 26,779 | Misc. Habilities | 2,842 |  |
| Sinking fund | 54,169 |  |  |  |  |

## к Represented by 387,958 shares, no par value.-V. $121, \mathrm{p}, 2146$.

Rolls-Royce of America, Inc.-Earnings.
 x Common stock, 35,000 shares of no par value. y Preferred stock Pres. Herry J. Fuller says in part: A most notable step forward has been for acquisition, as of Jan. 1 1926, of the control of Brewster \& Co.. Inc., Company has guaranteed the interest and principal of $\$ 400.000$ 10-year
$7 \%$ notes of Brewster \& Co., Inc., which have been sold by them, and it
is in return for this guaranty that the majority of the common stock of
Brewster \& Co., Inc., has been turned over to the company. Brewster \& Co. Inc., have also outstanding $\$ 1,400,000$ of $5 \%$, bonds. It is believed
 of the Brewster premises. the earnings will be more than sufficient to carry
of the

Ryan Consolidated Petroleum Corp. \& Subs.-Report. | Calendar Years- | 1925. | 1924. | 1923 | 1922. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gross income........... | $\$ 668.418$ | $\$ 527.542$ | $\$ 438.974$ | $\$ 661.571$ |
| Total expense.......- | 254,526 | 243,131 | 220,560 | 250.556 |


 Warehouse mavi
Cosh
Notes \& acc'ts rec Deterred accounts
Storage oll......

## Total.......... $\$ 6.925,636 \$ 6.611 .487$ Total_.......... $\$ 8.925 .636$ \$6.611.487

Safety Cable Co., N. Y.-Time Extend
the Philips Wire Co. common stock may deposit their stock for exchange to March 31 .
The directors also declared a quarterly dividend of $\$ 1$ a share payable
April 15 to holders of record March 31. An initial dividend of like amount Earnings for January, after all charges. Including Federal tax reserve, were sing,452. equivalent to 66 cents a share on the 162.313 sharcs out-
standing. Unfilled orders on hand March 1 were $20 \%$ In excess of bcokings Net eamingate a yealiable for dividends of $\$ 460.700$, reported for the six
Nothe ended Dec. 31 for 154,380 shares then outstanding. Earnings of to about subsidiaries were whare on the y as the companies were actually acquired.-V. 122, p. 103.
Savage Arms Corp.-Report.

Profit
$y$ Preferred dividend

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Surplus
urplus
After maintenance,
Being dividends on
 the 1 st \& 2 d pref. stock paid from surplus.

Sayers \& Scovill Co., Cincinnati.- $31 / 2 \%$ Extra Div.stock, in addition to the resular anarterly dividend of in and of $11 / \%$ on the preferred stock, all payable April 1 to hon ther common record
March 20 . Similar distributions were made Jan. 1 last and on Oct. 1 1925.
-V . 121 . p. 3017 .
Scovill Mfg. Co.-Balance Sheet Dec. 31.-

|  | ${ }_{8}^{1925 .}$ | 1924. |  | 825. | 1924. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Capital st |  |  |
| machinery --.x1 | 3.188.183 | 13,054,432 | Reserves |  | $17,700.000$ $6,190,598$ |
| U. S. Govt |  | ${ }_{4}^{1.947,604}$ | (eyr. $5 \%$ notes | 110,600 | 110.600 |
| Other mktble sec- | .185,117 | 2,216,166 | Acc'ts payable |  |  |
| Acc'ts \& notes rec. | .689,312 | 2,322,779 | Divs, declared | 531,000 | 2,124,000 |
| Stocks in oth. cos | 8,095,651 | 8,789,666 | Acc |  |  |
| Deposits with mut. |  |  | arie | 149,204 | 128,563 |
| Insurance cos...: | 127,897 | 131,399 | Surplus.. |  | 7,250,392 |
| Mtge. notes \& oth. |  |  |  |  |  |
| investments. | 631 | 122,956 |  |  |  |
| real est. contr'ts | 272,974 |  |  |  |  |
| Patents |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Total(each side) 3 |  |  |

Seagrave Corporation.-Usual Common Dividend.-
or $21 / 5 \%$ in common stock at the option of the stack of 30 cents per share stock, payable April 20 to holders of record March 31. Distributions of like in Jan. 1926.-V. 121 , p. 3142 .

Seiberling Rubber Co.-Gross Sales, Earnings, \&ec.At the regular annual meeting held March 8. President F. A. Seiberling
sait in part. Gros sales for 1925 reached $\$ 11,750,000$ upon which
there was a net earning of outstanding common stock valued at $\$ 10$, equivalent to $\$ 6$ on every share of our current liabilities. Preferred dividends. are paid in full to date. Our The number of directors have been increased from 7 to 9 . The new
board consists of. F . Seberling (Pres.). ©. W. Seiberling (V.-Pres. \&
 Geo.T. Bishop (Pres, of Frontier Corp.), A. C. Dent (V)-Pres. of the (Director of the Bowery Savings Bank, N. Y, Oity and the Fidelity Trust
Co. of New York). See also V. 122, p. 1183 .
Ser-vel Corp.-To Recapitalize, \&c.-
The company in a letter to stockholders' is advising them that the rapid
growth of the company's business and the necessity for raising additional workmg capo effect. Accordingly, a revamping of the capital structure mitted to stockholders for approval which provides for acquisition of assets of the is proposed that a new companzation.
authorized capital stock consisting of $1,000,000$ sanized in Delaware with an having voting rights (with no voting trust). This company will acquire outstanding 330,000 shares of class $\mathbf{A}$ corporation. Ptock and 115,000 shares of class $\mathbf{B}$. It is neoposed to exchange one new shares for each of the old A shares and the $1,000,000$ shares of new stock authorized under the plan, 560,000 will
presently be outstanding when exchange of stock is complete.

It it stated in the letter that the new company has made arrangements
to issue 5.000 .000 of 5 -year $6 \%$ convertible notes. The notes dated April 1926 will be convertible into cavital stock at $\$ 25$ a share and are redeemable at $1011 / 2$ prior to April 11927 arter which the premium will be
reduced $1 / 4 \%$ each year. Purchases of the present note granted option on 1000000 shareses of stock at a present of $\$ 25$ prior to April 1
1927 , after which the option will be at $\$ 30$ a share on 20 , 000 shares of the present be at $\$ 30$ a share. Certain existing options stock on 40,000 shares. In addition 200,000 shares will be reserved for In his letter to stockholders. Hamilton G. Scott, Chairman of the board.
points points out that a majority of the class A stockholders have already agreed
upon the plan and more than two thirds of the B stockholders have assented.
Mr. Scott also points out t the Mr. Scott also points out that Ser-vel recently completed an arrangement
whereby it will control the operation of the Electrolux Servel Corp whict has accuired the United states, Cuban and Canadian licenses covering
processses for refrigeration of the Platen-Munters Swedish sstem which
can be operated by ras, oil or any can be operated by gas, oil or any other similar heating agent. Ser-vel will
control 1 , of the common stock and the entire issua of proferred stock
will enabile the company to cover the fie'd of gas. oil and electrical refrigeraHion in Canada. Cuba and the United States. The growth of the corpora-
tion's business has exceeded the most optimistic e epectations, according to
Mr. Scott, malking necessary the raising of additional capital to handle the business, Unfilled orders on March 8 amounted to $\$ 8.000 .000$.
Holders of the class A stock of the present company and the holders of the voting trust certincates are requested to deposit their stock with the committee, on or before April 1 . The Trust company will issuuce certificates
of deposit tor all shares deposited. The committee appointed to John J. Brown, George $O$. Palmer, Olifford B. Bucknamm and Whairman;
Shippers' Car Line Corp.-Pref. Stock Offered.Freeman \& Co. and Stroud \& Co., Inc. are offering in units of 10 shares of pref. stock and 2 shares of class A stock at $\$ 1,025$ per unit 17,000 shares $7 \%$ cumulative pref. (a. \& d.) stock. All outstanding class B shares of the corporation have been purchased for cash by American Car \& Foundry Fully paid and non-assessable. Dividends exempt from normal Federa ncome tax under present law. Transfer Agent: Fidetity Trust Co. New
York. Registrar: Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., New York. Preferred stock shall be preferred both as to earnings and assets over the class A and annum cumulative from March 11926 , payableat at dates to be fixed by the
directors: the first period in respect of which a dividend shall be declared directors: the first period in respect of which a divide id shall be declared
shall be 4 months and subsequent dividend periods stall be 3 months ach. Shall be non-voting except when and so long as dividends exceeding $7 \%$
thereon shall be in default. Red. all or part at any time on 30 days' notice at $\$ 15$ per share plus divs.
Except as voting rights are given to the preferred stock (as above) class shares alone shall have ore rights but the vote consent of two authorize certain classes of security issues or stock having rights and preperences with respect to assets and earnings on a parity with or superior to
it. After full cumulative dividends upon the preferred stock shall have to receive out of each year's net profits the determined by the directors non-cumulative dividends up to dividends at the rate of \$2 per share per annum before any dividend to the class B stock. Therearter class A and declaration for such year until the class A shares shall have received (in the thereatter any further dividend distribution of the net prorits for such year shall be the the the psiares exclusively. It is the intention of the directors at an early date at the rate of $\$ 2$ per annum. Class A shares may be red. all or part at any time after June 11929 and from time to time thereafter
at osto per share plus the amount of all dividends declared but unpaid
thereon.
Data From Letter of R. H. Davenport, President of the Corporation. Company.-Is engaged in the buying, selling and leasing of tank cars and
in the merchant and structural steel lines. Company operates a line of Co40 steel tank cars and owns a modern 26 -acre plant at Milton, Pa. Gexican Petro been American Car \& Foundry Co., Marland Refining Co. Petroleum Co.. Sinclair Refining Co. Pracific Cans \& Foundry Co.. Sun Oil
Co., Consolidated Rendering Co., Tidewater Oil Co., United Gas Improvement Co.. and others.
The American Welding $C o$. (of Pa.). the assets and business of which have been taken over by the American Welding Co. (of Del.) was the outgrowth of a business established over 25 years afo. and a pioneer concern in its line
having specialized in the building of welded tanks for class 5 tank cars and Carbondale Pa. Its stock had previously been closely held by the founder of the business and his immediate family. The growth in the liquid
chemical industries of the United States has created a constantly growing chemical industries of the United states has created a constantly growing the purchase and expansion of both these companies under the management and contiol of the American Car \& Foundry Co.
Propose.-This financing has enabled the corporation to acquire all of the property and assets of Ship hers. Car Line . Inc. (N. Y. . incorp. in 1918 . and
all the issued stock of the American Welding Co (of Del. additional working capital for both companies.
Earnings.-Consolidated net earnings
Earnings.-Consolidated net carnings of the two companies for the year
1925. as shown by the accountants' reports, were in excess of twice the aividend requirements on the present issue of 17.000 shares of preferred stock, and under the benefits to be derived from the consoliaation and with the continuance or normal business should show a substantial increase. $7 \%$ preferred stock (par $\$ 100$ )
 $\$ 1,030,000$ obligations of Shippers' Car Line, Inc., in the amount of $\$ 1,030,000$, bearing yarrants att $5 \%$ and $51 / 2 \%$, and maturing from 1926 to
1935 , will be assumed by the new carporion W. Jirectors.-R. R. Havenport, Pres., W. C. Dickerman, Wm. $\frac{\mathrm{M}}{\mathrm{W}}$. Hager,

Shippers', Car Line, Inc.-Consolidation.-
Silver King Coalition Mines Co.-Usual Dividend.share, payable April 1 to holders of record March dividend of 25 cents per paid Ja. 2 last, while on Dec. 241925 an extra distribution of 10 cents was
made.- 1.122 p. 183 .
(Franklin) Simon \& Co., Inc.-Consol. Income Acct.-

 Miscellaneous earnings_ $\overline{\$ 1,411,917} \overline{126,421} \overline{\$ 1,314,301} \overline{144,791} \overline{\$ 1,560,860} \overline{95,204} \overline{\$ 1,139,820} 87,473$
 Net income
x Including State franchise taxes.- $\quad \overline{\$ 1,208,592} \overline{\$ 1,399,065} \overline{\$ 1,051,822}$
(L. C.) Smith \& Corona Typewriters, Inc.-Initial Dividend Declared on Common Stock.-
An initial dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, no par have been declared, both payable April 1 to holders of record March 20.-
V. 122 , p. 493 .

Solar Refining Co.-Annual Report.-

 Prontter Federal taxes. b After payment of stock dividend of $10 \%$,
a Attone
amounting to $\$ 2,000,000$ c After a reserve of $\$ 2,50,000$ for contingencies. Balance Sheet December 31 . Ressets-
Reanestate-
Plant dess Plant Cless
Inventories
Accounts re


 1925.
$54,000.000$
580.582
85.172
2.500 .1700
$1,097,645$ Total $-\mathrm{F} .121, \mathrm{p} .87$. - $\$ 8,263,399$ \$7,801,963 $\mid$ Total … $-\$ 88,263,399 ~ \$ 7,801,963$

Southern Dairies, Inc.-Class " $A$ " Shares Receive Full Voting Rights.
At a meeting of the Class "A" and Class "B" stockholders on March 15
for the purpose of acting upon the recommendation of the directors that the company's charter be amended so as to accord full voting privileges to the Class " $A$ "s shares, this proposal was adopted by a large majority. Here-
tofore the Class ' A " shares have been entitled solely to dividend preference, (ofore the Class a shate in the arfairs or management of the company
without having any voice
Gross sales for Feb. 1926 were $\$ 666,766$, against $\$ 444,219$ for Feb. 1925 , or an increase of $50 \%$ over the same period last year. Jan, and Feb. com-
bined sales show an increase of $\$ 430.000$ over last year. The new Miami plant at
Sprague-Sells Corp. (Del.).-Stock Offered.-Minton, Lampert \& Co. and Ralph A. Bard \& Co., Chicago, are offering at $\$ 30$ per share 25,000 shares convertible participating class A stock, cumulative dividend $\$ 250$ per annum. Transfer agent, First Trust \& Savings Bank, Chicago; registrar, State
Bank of Chicago, Conicago. Particioates equaliy with common stoc. Bank of Chicago, Chicago Participates equaly witn common stock up
to \$4 per annum. Convertible at any time into common stock, share for
share. Preferred as to cumulative dividends up to $\$ 250$ per annum.
 date on milege shall continue until and including the redemption date.
sion priving.-Application will be made to list this stock on the Chicago Stock Exchange.
Capitalization-
6. preferred stock (par $\$ 100$ )
Class A stock (par $\$ 30$ )
Cliass A stock (par $\$ 30$ ).
Authorized. Outstann' 10.
 Data From Letter of President Ogden S. Sells, Chicago, March 2. Company.-A consolidation of the Sprague Sells Corp. and the Peerless
Husker Co. Is the largest manufacturer of vegetable canning machinery in the world, with plants at Hoopeston, III., and Buffalo, N. Y. These and operated as a unit since Nov. 1923 by the same officeres who will control and manage the new company. Company distributes its product through-
out 41 States and maintains branch sales offices in 11 of the larger cities of the country, the sales headquarters being located in Chicago Company manufactures practically a complete line of machinery needed for the equipping of vegetable canneries. Approximately $80 \%$ of all corn
packed, $50 \%$ of the peas and green beans, and $30 \%$ of the tomatoes are
 this company, and many of them are completely equipped with itsmachinery. About $35 \%$ of the company's business is done with concerns operating in
other branches of the food industry, such as the meat packers; manufacother branches of the food industry, such as the meat packers; manufac-
turers of syrups of all kinds, salad oils, cooking compounds, preserves,
 Earnings.- Net earnings available for dividends on the class A stock for
the 2 years ended Sept. 30,1925 after crediting certain noon-recurrent the 2 years ended Sept. 30,1925 after crediting certain not recurrent
 During 1924 the lampany in and the earnings for that year did not reflect the company's real earning power.
a share available for tne class A stock.
Purpose. Proceeds will be used for
Purpose. - Proceeds will be used for the purpose of retiring short-term
potes outstanding, to acquile the interest of one of the inactive stockholders, notes outstanding, to acquire taital.

Standard Fruit \& Steamship Corp.-Stock Placed Privately.-A syndicate of southern bankers, together with Hemphill, Noyes \& Co., have placed privately an issue of $\$ 15,000,000$ preferred stock.
This corporation is a consolidation by Vaccaro Bros.. of New Orleans, of
Heir interests in Honduras. Nicaragua. Mexico. Panama, Cuba and their interests in havenduras, Nicarazua, Mbot it will have a capitation of ananama, and will take over the business of the old Standard Fruit \& Steamship Co., the Bragman's
Bluff Lumber Co. and all of the preferred stock and $50 \%$ of the common Bluff of the Mexican American Fruit \& Steamship Co.
stock of world and will have rainroad, steamship, sugar, timber, cocoanuts and other properties in six Late main a major interest in the company, outside capital will be represented on the bard by the election as directors of
R. S. Hecht (Pres. of the Hibernia Bank \& Trust Co.); J. P. Butler (Pres. of Canal Bank \& Trust Co.). L. M. Pool (Pres. Marine Bank \& Trust Co.) Felix P. Vaccaro will be president of the company, with W. Irving Moss committee.
Capitalization will consist of $\$ 15,000,0007 \%$ cumulative first preferred
Standard National Corp.-Common Stock Put on $\$ 10$

## Annual Dividend Basis.- The directors have declared a <br> The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of $\$ 2.50$ per share on the common stock, no par value, and the regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 1.75$ per share on the preferred stock, both payable March 31 to horders of $\$ 2$ per share and a regular quarterly dividand of paid an extra dividend of

> Standard Oil Co. (Calif.). Exchange of Stock.- The consolidation of the Pacific Oil Coo and the Standard Oil Co.
pproved by the stockholders Feb. 10, will be effected March 29 through the medium of a new corporation which has been formed in Delaware,
known as the "Standard Oil Co. of California." The entire personnel of the company will go over to the new company which will also take over
the
substantially the entire operating persomnel of the Pacific Oil Co. The soard of directors of the new company will be the same as the board of
directors of the standard.
Pursuant to the agreement of consolidation the new company will issue directors of the standard.
Pursuant too the amreement of consolidation the new company will issue
ant 9,516,434 shany as shown by its transfer books at the close of business March
this compate certificates of steck of the new company will be ready about May
29. The 10 and will be delivered by the Equitable Trust Co. of New York, 105 La now held in this compony. Stockecolders may send their certificates direct,
no the Equitable Trust Co. of Netv York, Chicano, or deliver the same t the Equitable Trust Co. of Now York, 37 Wall St, or to the Ang
California Trust Co., 532 Market Street. San Francisco, Cal. who wil it Chicago. The transfer bookss of this company in New. York and san Francisco will be closed arter March 29 , new stock will be trans'orrel and
delivered to the assignee of the old stock upon payment of the transfer tax.
If the new stock is to be delivered to the rezistered holder of the old stock endorsement of the old certificate will not be required. The new company is making application to the New
for the listing of the new stock.-V. 122, p. 1040, 895

Standard Oil Co. (Indiana).-Balance Sheet Dec. 31.-


 Total .......-405,059,896 $\overline{361,481.961} \overline{\text { Total_........408,059,896 }} \overline{361,481,961}$ The usual income account was published in V. 122, p. 1324.
Standard Oil Co. (Kansas).-Balance Sheet Dec. 31.-

 Inventory
Deficit
Total_-..........-11,456,386 $10.534,795$ Total...........11,456,386 $-\overline{10,534,795}$ The income account was published in V. 122, p. 1467.
Standard Oil Co. (Kentucky).-Annual Report.-

 | Cash dividends--.... | $(16 \%)$ |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Res. Fed. taxes curr. yr- | $1,083,711$ | 769,000 | 767,000 |

 1922 paid a $662-3 \%$ stock dividend. y Includes dividends of $6 \%$ on the Sld $\$ 100$ stock and $\$ 11$ Co, of New Jersey -Sub Co, Operations. Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.-Sub. Co. Operations.The rompany 1925 the Compania Transcontinental de Petroleo, s. A., a
ubsidiary, produced $18,073.357 \mathrm{bbls}$ of heavy and 1.079 .586 bbls. of light crude or a daily averaze of both grades of 52.500 bbls. In the same period, the Transcontinental purchased $12,800.000$ bbls, an average of
55,000 bbls. per day. During the first 6 months of 1925 the taxes paid
5id Federal. State and municipal governments of Mexico by the Transcontin-
ental amounted to $\$ 4,177,866$. These taxes increased the cost of eacn barrel of light crude 41c. and heavy 24c. Dec. 31.1925 by the Mexican subsidiaries was 1,521 , as contrasted with 2 , cased by the exhaustion large reduction was lands whose petroleum rights were acquired from surface owners under the former laws of Mexico and the impossibility of exploiting new holdings
of the company. The minimum wage paid by it to common labor was of the company
four The ores a day . production of the Transcontinental is in the neighborhood
of 30,000 bbls. daily or about one-third of what it was at the beginning of 1925. This decrease is largely due to conditions heretofore described which have operated to prevent the
of supply,"-V. 22, p. 1324 .
Stewart-Franklin Corp.-Note Issue.-
The Empire Trust Co. has been appointed registrar of an issue of $\$ 300,000$
Sun Oil Co.-Balance Sheet Dec. 311925.


#### Abstract

Cassets Accounts receivable.... Inventory (oil stocks) Material \& supplies Investments- Fixed assets  $1,001,722$ 4,42388 $7,907.324$ $7,905,407$ 1, $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Fixed assets } \\ \text { Prepaid \& dererred items } & \text { y29.612,474 } \\ 1,904,090\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Total (each side) } \quad . \quad \$ 54,869,949 & \text { subsidiary companies_ } \quad 18,996\end{array}$ $\mathbf{~ S e c u r i t i e s}$, $\$ 336,935$; stock investment, allied cos., $\$ 8,100,414 ;$ loans, allied cos., $\$ 166.481$ y Real estate, leases, plant, equipment and other 


 $6 \%$ car trust ctfs. due Nov. $11928, \$ 349,000 ; 6 \%$ car trust ctifs. due Nov.2771930 , $\$ 150,000$; Peninsular state $\mathbf{O l l}$ Co. $6 \%$ debentures due July 1 1931, The income account was given in V. 122. p. 1040.

| Superior Steel Corp.- $R$ |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| les | 160,5 | \$5,626,752 | \$8,749.442 | $\begin{array}{r} 1922 . \\ 6,248,552 \\ 6,575 \end{array}$ |
| Less discoun | 114.4 | 116,504 | 101,8 |  |
| Cost of sales | 281 | ,925,169 | 332 | 26 |
| Admin., sell, |  |  |  |  |
| preciation |  |  | 139,001 | $80$ |
| lanc |  |  |  |  |
|  | 72,413 |  | \%, |  |
| Total income Interest charges Amor. of debt disc.\& exp Rescrue for Federal taxe | 291 |  | \$904, |  |
|  | 18.9 | 13.8 |  |  |
|  | See x | 42,4 | 69. | 6.880 |
| Balance, surplus Previous surplus Profit and loss credits |  |  |  |  |
|  | ,96 | , 8 |  |  |
|  |  | 90,80 | 67,68 |  |
| Other charges <br> Sinking fund pref. stock. <br> Adjustments (net) | \$653,978 | 89.5 | \$1,164,41 | 03 |
|  |  |  | 65,000 | 165,000 |
|  | Dr. 16.370 | 300.000 | 196.404 | 67 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| rofit and loss surp |  |  |  |  |

$\begin{array}{llll}\text { Profit and loss surplus } \\ \times \times \text { Inclutes } \\ \$ 637,608 & \$ 331,967 & \$ 803,011 & \$ 361,853\end{array}$ ment, \&c.

x Includes accruals. V . 122, p
Cyracuse (N. Y.) Washing Machine Co.-Extra Div.-
The directors have declared a stock dividend of $1-50$ of a share and a regular quarterly cash dividend of 75 cents per share on the common stock. both payable April 1 to holders of record Mar. 20 On Jan. 2 last, a stock
dividend of 2 and an extra cash dividend of $\$ 1$ per share were paid on the conmon stock in addition to the usual quarterly disbursement of
t5 cents. $-V .121, p .3017,3144$.

Swift Internacional Corp.-Annual Report.-
Profit and Loss Surplus Account for Calendar Years-Argentine Gold.



 Adjustment on previou
year's consignments
Surplus Dec. 31....-. $\overline{\$ 12,370,006} \overline{\$ 15,973,559} \overline{\$ 13,776,559} \overline{\$ 11,163,992}$
-V .121, p. 3144.

## Texas Co.-Changes in Personnel.-

R. C. Holmes has been elected President, succeeding Amos L. Beaty,
who succeeds E. C. Lufkin as Chairman of the board. Henry G. Lapham and A. J. Rockwell have been elected directors,
succeeding Lewis H. Lapham and the late C. P. Dodge.-V. 122 , p. 1467.

Thomas Jefferson Hotel (Union Realty Corp.), Birmingham, Ala.- Bonds Offered.-Adair Realty \& Mortgage Co., Inc., New York, are offering at prices to yield rom 6.35 \% to $61 / 2 \%$ according to maturity $\$ 1,200,000$ 1st mtge, $61 / \%$ serial gold bonds
Dated March 15 1926; due serially March 1929-1938. Interest payable
(M. S .) at any ofrice of the Adair Realty \& Trust Co. and at the offices of the Adair Realty \& Mortgage Co.. New York. Bonds payable at Adair Realty \& Trust Co.. Atlanta, Ga., trustee. Collable at 102 and int. on
any int. date upon 30 days notice. Federal income tax up to $2 \%$, personal
ars. propert tax up to $6 \%$ 'refunded
Building.- The Thomas Jefferson Hotel will be 19 stories in height with
a full basement, and will be of structural steel frame construction con floor system, and fire proof and modern in every respect. The hotel will fan, and the majority of the rooms will have both a tub and shower bath The first floor will contain a spacious lobby, a large and very attractive lounge room, and 6 stores, each fronting on the street, and also accessible
from the lobby. On tne second floor will be located a large dining room, several small dining rooms and a banquet room.
 Earnings. After a liberal allowance for vacancies the annual gross
income of this building has been estimate at $\$ 358,075$, yearly expenses at $\$ 175,220$. leaving an estimated annual net income of $\$ 182,855$, approxi-
(John R.) Thompson Co., Chicago.-February Sales.


Tide Water Associated Oil Co.-Stock Offering in Prospect.
The largest financing operation of the year for anything but Government
account is in prospect for next week when account is in prospect for next week. when, barring a later change in plans,
the newly consolidated Tide Water Associated Oil Co. will make an offering of a large block of its preferred stock. This offering will be made through
Blair \& Co., Inc., and the Chase Securities Corp., who with associates, have underwriten the formation of the new $\$ \$ 40.0000 .000$ company.
Next week's operation, as now planned, will take the form of a wide public offering of the new company's convertible $6 \%$ cumulative pre-
 common stock in in prospect. Exact amounts of the two classes of stocks A feature of the company's preferred stock capitalization is the provision Por conversion of that stock, at the holder's option, into common stock.
On or beror July 1936 the prefered 19 may be exchanged into common on
the the basis of two shares of common for 1 of preferred. Thus, for a 10 -year
period preferred stockholders will enjoy, in addition to a senior grade in vestment, an opportunity to convert that indestment into a more active
participation in the company's profits through ownership of the common.

No Extension of Time for Deposits of Siocks Convemplated.Blair \& Co.. Inc., and Chase Securities Corp., bankers in the consolida-
tion of Tidewater Oil and Associated Oil in the new Tidewater Associated of the two companies is contemplated. The offer to exchange stocks of the two companies for new company shares, or for the cash purchase of Associated Oil at $\$ 5850$ per share, expires to-day (March 20 . Over $50 \%$ of
the common stocks of the two companies have been deposited, including all thions and individuals who have signified intention of making deporpits.V. 122 , p. 1468

Torrington Co.-Usual Quarterly Dividend. The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of $3 \%$ on
the common stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March $19 \%$ On Jan, 2 last the company paid an extra dividend of $5 \%$ in addition to a

Timken-Detroit Axle Co.-Annual Report.-
Net profits for 1925 , atter depreciation and Federal income taxes,
amounted to $\$ 1.382,065$, or slightly over $13 \%$ on the par value of the amounted to to surplus for the year was $\$ 1,092,819$ Ample reserves have been set
up to take care of doubtful accounts and other contingencies During the year preferred dividends amounting to $\$ 305,283$ were paid, and all other preferred stock provisions complied with, $\$ 172,600$ par value With the closing of the Waterloo Avenue and Cleveland plants, our forge
shop suffered a serious loss in volume. Efforts to secure ontside business shop suffered a serious loss in volume. Efforts to secure outside business during 1925 amounted to approximately $\$ 3,250,000$ and every indication For some time past the company has been desirous of employing part of its capital in a business apart from the automotive industry, in order to
build up a more diversified market as a matter of business insurancer During the summer of 1925 rights were secured to manufacture and seii in the United States (exclusive of New York and the New England States)
 England States, while Timken will operate in the balance of the United companies will manufacture and sell the same oil burning devices for the way. Timken receives the benefit of al the past and future experimental
and development work of this subsidiary of the standard oil Co. of New York, and A is is veloped. A separate new product. All of the stock, excepting qualifying shares for directors, is owned by The Timken-Detroit Axse Co.
During 1925 our subssidiary, The Timken-Detroit Realty ${ }^{\text {Oon }}$. sold the Waterloo Avenue plant for cash, $\$ 968,300$ of the $\$ 1,250,000$ bond issue of
that company was retired leaving but $\$ 281,700$ in bonds outstanding with the remaining security amounting to several times this amount. with directors feel that the resumption of common dividends is warranted,
and beginning April 11926 , dividends at the rate of $6 \%$ per annum $(11 / \% \%$ per quarter) wil be paibe until further that it is wise to resume dividends on a conservative basis, as there will be no difficulty in increasing the rate
if conditions continue to improve.

## Land, bldgs., de., 8

 Good-wills \& pats-Cash-Notes actats. rec
 $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Securities owned-- } & 1,229,139 \\ 4 \% & 40,475\end{array}$
on deposit \& Int.
thereonit
Miscellaneouss--
Deferred assets
Balance Sheet, Dec. 31.
1924.

| $\stackrel{1924 .}{8 .}$ |  | 1925. | 1924. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 7\% Preferred stock |  |  |
| 5,945,551 | Common stock | 8,239,200 |  |
| 1,415,577 | Fed. tax (est.). | 135,000 |  |
| 1,177.489 | Acc'd expenses-: |  | 9,591 |
| 4,476,376 | Accounts payable. |  |  |
| $1,314,637$ 50,007 | Accr. div. and exps |  |  |
|  |  |  | 132 |
|  | Surplus.-- | 1,768,590 | 675,77 |

Timken Roller Bearing Co.-Earnings (Incl. Sub. Cos.).
 Selling, admin. \& gen
\&c., expenses 2,641,773
Operating profit_-
Other income
Depreciation
Federal taxes Other deductions (net)-
Divs.-Pref. stk. (retired)

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\$ 9,825.212 \\
\hline 493.929
\end{array}
$$

$\frac{2.578 .503}{\$ 7.038 .152} \frac{2.524 .183}{\$ 76.744}$
$\overline{\$ 9,31,709}$

Nold common-.......-
$4,8 \overline{0} \overline{3} \overline{5} \overline{2} \overline{8}$

$\$ 9,754,959$
$1,100,930$
1,000

| $4,801.3 \overline{2} \overline{8}$ | $4,200.6 \overline{7} \overline{2}$ | $\begin{array}{r}645.000 \\ 1,800.000\end{array}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

 factory expense.

|  |  |  | Ltabilities- | ${ }_{8}^{1925 .}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Propert | 902,628 | 7.405,106 | Capital stoc |  |  |
| - |  |  | Accts. | 1,136,544 |  |
| Notes | ,20,094 | 7,655,228 |  |  | 129,173 |
| A |  | 1,654 |  |  |  |
| Invento |  | 5,442, <br> 1,382, | Su |  | 15,779,970 |
| Deferred cha | 446.888 | 1,249,375 |  |  |  |
| $x$ After depre | ion of |  |  |  |  |

Union Thar
Union Tank Car Co.-Annual Report.Calendar Year after o,
Depreciation
Dar
Earns. after
Depreciation
Reserves Pref. dividends $(7 \%)$
Common dividends

Balance, surplus
Adjust. equip't account
Previous surplu:
Total surplus
Com. stock div
 $\begin{array}{r}1923 . \\ \$ 8.374,135 \\ 3.616,755 \\ 651,980 \\ 840,000 \\ (5) 900,000 \\ \hline\end{array}$ 1922.
$\$ 8,097,7$
$3,895,7$ 135 $\begin{array}{r}\$ 8,097,78 \\ 3,895,78 \\ 899,53 \\ 840,00 \\ (7) 840,00 \\ \hline\end{array}$
 Profit \& loss surplus_- \$8,616,176 \$13,792,038 $\xlongequal[\$ 12,303,292]{\$ 6,438,036}$
 Shops \& material 2, 112,101 $1,336,001$ Preferred stock_-- $12,000,00012,000,000$ $\begin{array}{lrrrr}\text { Office furniture-_- } & 20,302 & 21,789 & \text { Car trust notes } & \text { C-24,504,400 } \\ \text { C } & 18,000,000\end{array}$ Cash \& securities. $3,044,827 \quad 3,486,394$ Accounts notes. $\begin{array}{rr}483,301 & 4,000,000 \\ 613,638 \\ 872.968 & 906,565\end{array}$

Total $\overline{46,536,844} \overline{49,427,242}$
$\mathbf{x}$ Less depreciation.-V. 121, p. 2889
United Oil Co. (Calif.).- $\overline{\text { Notes Offered. 二- }}$ Aronson \& Co., Bond \& Goodwin \& Tucker, Inc., Dean, Witter \& Co Shingle, Brown \& Co., Drake, Riley, Thomas \& Hunter,Dulin \& Co., and Wm. Cavalier \& Co. are offering \$2,500,000 serial $6 \%$ gold notes (with stock purchase warrants) as follows:

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\text { s: } 1
$$

Federal income tax up to 1926 Interest payable M. \& N. Without deduction of Federal income tax up to $2 \%$, at Hellman Commercial Trust \&\& Savings
Bank, Los Angeles, trustee, and Wells Fargo Bank \& Union Trust Co San Francisco: Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Red. all or part on any int. date, on 300 days' notice, at 100 , plus a premium of $1 / 1$ of $1 \%$ for each half year or
fraction thereof unexpired. Company agrees to refund California personal fraction thereof unexpired. Company agrees to
property tax, not in excess of 4 mills per annum.
Capitalization Upon Issuance of These Notes.
 Common stock (par $\$ 25$ ) authorized 400,000 shares (out- $2,500,000$
 Data From Letter of James A. Talbot, President of the Company ${ }_{i}$ Company.- Incorporated in California in 1909. Owns all of the capita
stock of the Richfield oil Co. and is a complete unit in the oil industr. combining substantial holdings of both proven and prospective oil lands with production, pipe lines, marine and truck transportation, storage and
refining, with an extensive system for the distribution and sale of the refining, with an
refined products.
refinemproducts. in Jan. 1923 to about 30,000 arces in Jan. 1926 . A major portion of this where the company's potential production has a very sound value.
Company has a present daily production from about 90 wells of approxiis settled production. Company's transportation system includes over 140 miles of main and gathering pipe lines, together with marine equipment comp capacity and 2 or San Francisco and San Pedro Harbors, together with approximately 200 400 units. Main refinery at Hynes is connected by pipe lines with Signal Hill, for both crude and refined products with company's marine terminal, Which occupies 12 acres owned in fee, situated on deep water in Long Beach Harbor, while a gasoline pipe line, recently completed, joins the
refinery with its main distributing plant of 3 acres near 24 th St, and Santa Fe Ave. in Los Angeles. Company also operates a refinery at Bakersfield and one at Huntington Beach.
The company has wholesal
Los Angempany has wholesale , Pasadena, Bakersfield, Fresno, Merced. Modesto, Sacrament in Stockton, San Jose, Napa, Oakland, San Francisco, San Bernardino, Santa Ana, Santa Barbara, San Diego, Brawley and El Centro, Approxi-
mately 4.500 dealers distribute Richfield gasoline and Richlube of to the pubic: of these service stations 85 are company-owned, and Stock Purchane Warrants. These notes will carry detachable warrants
giving the holders thereof the right to subscribe giving the holders thereof the right to subscribe, at any time during the life
of these notes for the common stock in the ratio of sir shares each S1,000 or notes, at $\$ 75$ per share on on any date prior to Soet. 11927 , and
at $\$ 100$ per share from Sept. 21927 to maturity of the notes.

| Earnings Years Ending December | 31. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1922. | 1923. | 1924. |  | Net earnings after bond ${ }^{192}$ s $\begin{array}{llll}\$ 982,861 & \$ 1,136,167 & \$ 1,744,440 & \$ 2,453,198\end{array}$ preciation.e........... et earnings after bond

int. Federal taxes de-
$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { int. Federal taxes, de- } & 504,779 & 718,610 & 1,136,595 & 1,651,900\end{array}$ Purpose.- Proceeds will be used to meet commitments made in the recent
acquisition of extensive oil lands, and in the additions and betterments to acquisition of extensive oil lands, and in the additions and
its plants and facilities, and for other corporate purposes.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 311925 (After This Financing). Net property-......
Totan investments.
Cash
 Accts. recelvable- (less res.) Due from officers \& emp-.
Due on stock \& bond subsc. Due on stock \& bond subs Inventories-.....-
Deferred charges.



Reserves.

| $87,936,650$ |
| :--- |
| $4,899.400$ |
| $2.500,000$ |

 \begin{tabular}{l}
$1.500,600$ <br>
1.848 .687 <br>
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$1,848.687$ <br>
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1,004 <br>
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500.000 <br>
$1.904,928$ <br>
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 | 5,678 |
| :--- |
| 8,333 |

 183,795


United States Cold Storage Corp.-Acquisition.of Chicazo and Kansas city Cold storage \& Warehouse Co. of Kansas City
Mo. The new corporation is capitalzed for si.64.000. The name of
no of Kansas Citty. J. A. spoor has been elected Chairmañ; H. E. Poronto as President: Arthur G. Leonard. Vice-President: Earl E. Hesse, Treasurer,

United States Glass Co.-Annual Report.Calendar YearsNet income---ciation $\begin{array}{lll}1995 . & 1924 . & 1923 \\ \$ 333.000 & \$ 175.909 & \$ 326,493 \\ 143,505 & 141,161 & 118,170\end{array}$ 1922.
$\$ 266.216$
120,472 Reserve for shrinkage in
 Balance, surplus.
-V .121, p. 990.

United Verde Copper Co.-Member of Association.The Copper \& Brass Research Association on March 16 announced the membershiriz. In above company, which has properties locared in Yavapai - V. 121, p. 212.

Universal Pictures Co., Inc. (\& Subs.).-Report.Years Ended-

Total operating income| Nov. 7 ' 2 2. Nov. 8 ' 24 |
| :--- |
| $-\$ 24.823 .526$ |
| $22,828,423$ |
| $222,799,924$ |


Balance---
Other income
---Total net income $\qquad$ $\begin{array}{r}\$ 1,995,103 \\ 180,403 \\ \hline\end{array}$

 | $\$ 2,175,506$ |
| :---: |
| 250,000 |

Balance, surplus. $\$ 1,748,706$

Comparative Balance Sheet.

## Cassels N Cash ........... Notes receivable. Inventorie- Market Market securities Chgs. Lese for Leare subs Ito Leagse do for'n subs Leas. Prepald expenses. Investments....- 



Comparative

## Liabllities- $8 \%$ 1st pref. stoc

 $\% 2 \mathrm{pref}$ ptoc Common stock Accounts payable...
Necrued expenses

245,039
321,965

Total_...........
$\times$ Represented
15,383,977 $\overline{12,549,401}$ Advances . Special reserves..-

Total...........15,363,977 $\overline{12,549,4}$
Vanadium Corp. of America.-Annual Report.-
$\qquad$
$\$ 2,035.011$
128.345
 Other income.
Total income
Deprect $\&$ d depietion.....
Provision for conting.:.
Other charges......... Other charges
Federal taxes
Dividends
Balance, surplus_
Previous surplus._.
Adjustments

Profit and loss sur--
x After deducting ail exp. incident to opert, maintenance. $y$ Physical possession of the properties of the United States
Ferro Aloys Corp. was taken over on Dec. 20 and the 1924 statement includes results of the operations of the acquired properties for the 11 -day
period Dec. 21 to Dec. 31 , incl. $z$ Depreciation of plant, equip.. patents. period Dec. 21 to Dec. 31 , inc
$\&<c$., and depletion of mines.

|  |  |  | $\begin{array}{\|cc} \text { Llabilities } & 1925 . \\ \text { Capltal stock_. } & \mathrm{s} 14,356,211 \end{array}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Capital stoek First mtge. bonds. |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
|  |  |  | Accounts payable_ Div'd payable on |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash surrend |  |  | stock in escrow. State, county, \&c., | $\begin{gathered} 196,8 \\ 10,8 \end{gathered}$ |  |
|  | 18,483 |  |  |  | 9,152 88,735 |
|  |  |  |  | 97,660 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| orknsom |  |  | serve for employees' llability |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 14.541 \\ 1,497.712 \end{array}$ |
| Real est. mt | ${ }_{32,0}$ | 32.000171,673 |  |  |  |
| terred char | 167,053 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| vestment_.....: $\quad .-.-\quad$ b20,000 Total (each slde) _17,350,001 $19,020,471$ a Mining properties in Penn. and Colorado, plants at Bridgeville, Pa., |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| d Niagara Falls, N. Y.: patents and processes, less reserve for deprecia- |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| former owners of |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| List, N. Y. stock which 1.230 share |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | al settlement and are held in the treasury. Total issued and outstanding |  |  |  |  |

Feb. 1 1926, less treasury stock, 377,1371 1-3 shares.) e Notes of U. S.
Ferro Alloys. Corp. paid Feb. 51925 . d On properties accuired from U. S . Ferro Alloys Corp. (\$161.181 paid Feb. 1, balance called for redemption
Upson Co., Lockport, N. Y.- 10 Cent Extra Dividend.The directors have declared an extra dividend of 10 cents per share and payable April 1 to holders of record March 1. The regular quarterly divi dend of $13 \%$ was also declared on the preferred stock, payable April 1 to hoders of record March 15. On Jan. 15. 1ast, an extra dividend of $2 \%$
was paid and on Dec. 15 1925, a dividend of $1 \%$ was paid on the common
stock.-- V. 122, p. 226 .
Walworth Co.-Definitive Bonds Ready.-
The American Exchang-Pacific National Rank is prepared to deliver

Warren Brothers Co. (\& Subs.).-Annual Report.-

 Interest charges
1st pref., 2 d
pre ref. \& com. divs..........
Net profit before Federal tax
Washington Oil Co.-Annual Report.
$\begin{array}{clllll}\text { Calendar Years- } & 1925 . & 1924 . & 1923 . & 1922 . \\ \text { Gross income for year-.- } & \$ 195,573 & \$ 128,630 & \$ 112,830 & \$ 118.234\end{array}$ Oper exp. taxes, depr. 105,135
$(\$ 2) 20,000$

118,413 150,496 Net earnings for year- $\$ 70,438-\frac{\cdots}{\$ 15,762} \xrightarrow{\text { def } \$ 5,583} \frac{\cdots \cdots}{\text { der } \$ 32,262}$ Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31 .
 Compressor stations,
real estate \& bldgs.-.
154,803
 Material, mir rhandise
oil stock,
 $\begin{array}{cc}59,906 & 75,876 \\ 48.102 & 3,286 \\ 1,201 & \end{array}$
-V. 122, p. 1040.
1,201
Total (each side) $\ldots-\overline{\$ 455,103} \overline{\$ 180,280}$
West Virginia Coal \& Coke Co.-New President.-
W. M. Wilshire, now receiver of the Carnegie Coal Co., Pittsburgh, has Co. He succeeds C. E. Hutchinson as President and fills a a vacancy on
the board. Mr. Hutchinson continues as a director. $-V 121, p$. 89 .
Western Grocers, Ltd.-To Readjust Capital Structure The stockholders on Feb. 17 approved an adjustment in the capital (a) That the present authorized common shares be changed from shares of \$100 par value to shares or no par value. ach be issued bearing a $7 \%$
cumulthat new preference shares of $\$ 100$ each
cividend. (c) That the present holders of preference shares accept in lieu of every two shares held by them the following: (1) Cash $\$ 250$ per share; (2) one
share of the new $7 \%$ cumulative preference stock, and (3) one share of common stock of no par value.
(d) That the present holders of common shares accept for each six
shares of common stock now held by them one share of no par value common
stock. directors, in a recent letter to the shareholders, said in part.
The
NThe company enjoys a good turnover, is showng a substantial profit
and is in a sound position financially. Its liquid position is also exceptionally good. In January 1913, when the company acquired through the Dominion
 representing 'good-will and trade marks' and aganyst which there was
issued $\$ 3,000.000$ of common shares. The present directors, who succeeded the bond company's directors felt satisfied then that the inclusion of such an amount in the company's assets for 'good-will and trade marks' was unwarrathted. and tomat the common shares issued were excessive, as of such a large amount. The one change made by the plan in the 'assets' division is to eliminate the item of good-will and trade marks, $\$ 3.111 .722$.
At the beginning of 1919 dividends on preference shares aggregating . At the had accumnulated. The condition or therencence sharoses aggregating accunt and the business prospects at that time were such that these dividends were retired Dividends were paid regularly each quarter on all of the outstanding preference shares to June 301923 incl. Since that date nothing has been
paid. These deferred dividends as at Dec. 31 han share, or a total of $\$ 418.005$. T . Th average yearly net earnings for the years 1920 to 1924 incl., after providing for all operating expenses. Wind deorer and depreciation, were about $\$ 95.000$ per year. The net earnings for
1925 will show a considerable improvement over the earnings of 1924 and will raise this average some.
"As there are now outstanding a total of 23,886 preference shares and
30.000 common shares, this adjustment would leave the capitalization 30.000 common shares, this adjustment would leave the capitalization
as follows: $11.943 \quad 7 \%$
cumulative preference shares, par 16;934 no par value common shares. the shares of the company on a strong investment basis instead of on a解 that very early in 1926. ${ }^{-}$- -V . 122 . p. 495 .

Westinghouse Air Brake Co.-25-Cent Extra Dividend.The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 c . a share and the regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 150$ a share on the outstanding $\$ 39,448,840$ capital stock, par $\$ 50$, both payable April 30 to holders of record March 31. An extra dividend of $\$ 1$ per share was paid on Jan. 30 last.

| Inco | $\begin{gathered} A c c \\ 192 \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net profits, all sources-- | \$8.039.652 | \$7.072.952 | 11,742,844 | \$8,051,790 |
| Federal taxes (estimated) | 1,532,328 | 4.729.068 | $1,468,715$ <br> 4.40358 <br> 1 |  |
|  | (12\%) | (12\%) | (12.60\%) | (13\%) |
| Balance end of | 433.210 | \$1,348,860 | \$5,870,542 | \$3,301,908 |
| Previous surplus.-- | $11,611.087$ 41,380 | 10,360,865 | $15,183,984$ 29,039 | $12,931.103$ 29,259 |
| surplus | \$13,085,677 |  | \$21,080,565 |  |
| Sundry adjustments |  |  | 208,044 |  |
| Transf. to sundry res'ves |  |  | 0, 511,657 | 1,078, ${ }^{2}$ |

## Profit \& loss, surplus $\$ 13,085,677 \$ 11,611,087 \$ 10,360,864 \$ 15,183,984$

Westmoreland Coal Co.-Dividend of \$1.-
The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 per share. payable
April 1 to holders of record March 26. This compares with divdend of $\$ 150$ per share pars of record. 2 asch and quarterly dividends of a divivdend of from Oct. 11924 to Oct. 11925 incl.-V. V. 121, p. 3018.
For other Investment News, see page 1649.

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## PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION OF NEW JERSEY

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT-FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 311925.

To the Shareholders:
The combined results of operations of Public Service Corporation of New Jersey and subsidiary utility companies for the twelve months ending December 311925 were as follows:
Operating Revenue of Subsidiary Companies Operating Expenses.-..................--
Maintenance Maintenance
Daxes


Operating Income
Non-Operating Income... $\qquad$ 69,675,644 43

Income Deductions of Subsidiary Companies (Bond Interest, ${ }^{27,096,932} 0$ Net Income of Subsidiary Companies Public Service Corporation of New Jerse come (exclusive of dividends on stocks of
operating utility companies) Less-
Expen
Taxes $\qquad$
$\$ 806,10089$
304,54893
844
\$1.194,219 82
2,208,836 63
$\$ 15,340,21106$
Public Service Corporation of New Jersey Income Deductions-
Interest Charges
Interest Charges.
Amortization of Debt Discount and Expense
Amortization of Debt Discount and Expense
Other Contractual Deductions from Income
$4,478,35155$
234,58599
30,89894

Net Income of Public Service Corporation of New Jersey
Appropriation Accounts of Subsidiary Companies, Adjust
$4,743,83648$

Appropriation Accounts of Subsidiary Companies, Adjust-
ments of Surplus Accounts (Credit)
0,596,374 58

Dividends on Stock of Subsidiary Utility Companies in $10.627,20766$ Hands of Public
Public Service Electric and Gas Company
6\% Preferred Stock.
827,50000
2.02650
829,526 50
Appropriation Accounts of Public Service Corporation
\$9,797,681 16
New Jersey (exclusive of dividends) (Credit)
197.644 26

Dividends on Preferred Stocks of Public Service Corporation

| $\$ 9,995,32542$ |
| :---: | of New Jersey -

8\% Cumulative Preferred Stock-
$7 \%$ Cumulative Preferred Stock.

$6 \%$ Cumulative Preferred Stock. $\qquad$ | $81,722,488.00$ |
| :---: |
| $1,489.554$ | 11.68575 3,223,728 60 \$6,771,596 82

Dividends on Common Stock of Public Service Corporation 4,781,55751
Net Increase in Surplus $\qquad$ \$1,990,039 31
During the year the regular quarterly dividends were paid on the outstanding Preferred Stock and also quarterly dividends at the rate of $\$ 125$ per share on the Common Stock.

ISSUE OF COMMON STOCK BY THE CORPORATION.
On May 261925 the Board of Directors authorized an additional issue of Common Stock in the proportion of one share for each ten shares of Common and Preferred Stock outstanding as of June 5 1925, the total additional Common Stock thus authorized being 132,997 shares. The right to subscribe to this stock, which right expired August 1, was offered to stockholders at $\$ 6250$ per share.
In addition to this 132,997 shares there was issued during the year 80,790 shares authorized prior to January 11925 , making a total of 213,787 shares issued during the year.

## ISSUES OF PREFERRED STOCK BY THE CORPORATION

On January 61925 the Board of Directors authorized the issue of 117,378 additional shares of $7 \%$ Cumulative Pre ferred Stock. Holders of 7\% Cumulative Preferred Stock and $8 \%$ Cumulative Preferred Stock were offered the right to subscribe to this stock in the proportion of one share for each ten shares held, the right to subscribe expiring March 311925.

On September 221925 the Board of Directors authorized the issue of 118,003 shares of $6 \%$ Cumulative Preferred Stock, this being the first issue by the Corporation of Preferred Stock of this dividend rate. Holders of $7 \%$ Cumulative Preferred Stock and $8 \%$ Cumulative Preferred Stock were offered the right to subscribe to this issue in the pro-
portion of one share for each four shares held, the right to subscribe expiring October 311925
These issues of Preferred Stock were authorized in order to make the stock available for sale under the Popular ownership plan.
During the year there was issued 226 shares of $8 \%$ Cumulative Preferred Stock of a total par value of $\$ 22,600,131,135$ shares of $7 \%$ Cumulative Preferred Stock of a total par value of $\$ 13,113,500$, and 16,065 shares of $6 \%$ Cumulative Preferred Stock of a total par value of $\$ 1,606,500$, and in addition thereto at the end of the year 36,428 shares of the various classes of Cumulative Preferred Stock were being paid for on the installment plan.

## PURCHASE OF STOCK OF SUBSIDIARIES

The Corporation purchased during the year, at $\$ 1000$ per share, $1,750,000$ shares of the no par value Common Stock of Public Service Electric and Gas Company, issued by the latter company during the year. It also purchased at $\$ 1000$ per share 485,000 shares of the no par value Common Stock of Public Service Transportation Company, issued during the year, and 99,990 shares of an issue of 100,000 shares of no par value Common Stock of Public Service Stock and Bond Company, a new subsidiary incorporated January 15 1925. This purchase was also at $\$ 1000$ per share.

ISSUE OF SECURITIES BY SUBSIDIARIES.
In addition to the issue of the Common Stock purchased by the Corporation, Public Service Electric and Gas Company issued and sold to the public 150,000 shares of $6 \%$ Cumulative Preferred Stock, 1925 series, of a total par value of $\$ 15,000,000$, and $\$ 2,500,000$ First and Refunding Mortgage Gold Bonds 5\% Series due 1965.

## RETIREMENT OF SECURITIES.

During the year $\$ 875,000$ par value of Public Service Corporation of New Jersey General Mortgage $5 \%$ Bonds were purchased and canceled and $\$ 413,000$ were acquired by the Sinking Fund, there being outstanding in the hands of the public at the end of the year $\$ 1,454,000$ par value of the General Mortgage Bonds.
The following bonds were also acquired during the year by the sinking funds provided for by the mortgages: $\$ 480$,000 Public Service Electric and Gas Company First and Refunding Mortgage $51 / 2 \%$ Series due 1959, $\$ 201,000$ Public Service Corporation of New Jersey Secured Bonds 6\% Series due 1944, $\$ 42,000$ Public Service Newark Terminal Railway $5 \%$ First Mortgage Bonds, $\$ 10,400$ Princeton Light, Heat and Power Company 5\% Sinking Fund Bonds, $\$ 25,000$ Rapid Transit Street Railway Company 8\% First Mortgage Bonds, $\$ 3,000$ Plainfield Street Railway Company 6\% First Mortgage Bonds, and $\$ 210,009$ Public Service Corporation of New Jersey Perpetual Interest Bearing Certificates.

Equipment Trust Series "A" Certificates of Public Service Electric Company amounting to $\$ 130,000$ were retired under the Equipment Trust Agreement and the $\$ 90,000$ of that company's car equipment bonds outstanding January 11925 were retired. Likewise the $\$ 200,000$ Public Service Gas Company $8 \%$ Notes outstanding January 11925 were retired, and also $\$ 216,000$ of the $6 \%$ Notes of that Company.
Public Service Railway Company retired $\$ 408,000$ Equipment Trust Certificates of Series "D," "E," and "F," in accordance with the Equipment Trust Agreements.

ACQUISITION OF BONDS OF SUBSIDIARIES.
The Corporation, during the year, purchased $\$ 2,642,000$ par value of outstanding North Jersey Street Railway Company 4\% First Mortgage Bonds, and Public Service Electric and Gas Company purchased the following bonds of leased companies which matured during the year: $\$ 100,000$ Ridgewood Gas Company 5\% First Mortgage Bonds, \$85,000 Ridgewood Gas Company 5\% Second Mortgage Bonds, $\$ 316$,000 Passaic Lighting Company 5\% Consolidated Mortgage Bonds and $\$ 585,000$ Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Paterson 5\% First Mortgage Bonds.

## POPULAR OWNERSHIP.

The year 1925 has presented substantial evidence of a favorable public attitude towards Public Service enterprises. In this the Corporation is reaping the benefits of the poliey of Popular Ownership, adopted in 1921, and of cultivation of good-will through various service departments and by full and frank publicity in connection with all of its affairs.

On December 31 there were listed 47,122 shareholders if Public Service Corporation of New Jersey, holding a total of $1.534,632$ shares, with an additional 15,666 subscriptions to 36.428 shares upon which payments were incomplete.

The Popular Ownership plan has not only given the added strength that comes from a veritable army of citizens financially interested in Public Service, but it has afforded an opportunity of spreading a concrete knowledge of Public Service facts among a large part of the public and among company employees as well.
The enthusiasm and loyal effort made by employee salesmen in the sale of stock is a basic cause of success and reflects a morale of which Public Service may well be proud.

## PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY

 ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT.A satisfactory increase in the volume of business done by the Electric Department is recorded for 1925. The total of electric sales was greater by more than $175,000,000$ kilowatt hours, or $23.74 \%$, than was the total for the previous year, $919,515,074$ having been delivered to customers.
Power sales reckoned in kilowatt hours were $27.14 \%$ more than in 1924, and commercial metered lighting sales $16.92 \%$ greater. Power sales represented $61 \%$ of total sales, while at the end of the year there was connected to the system a load of 686,000 horse-power, which is estimated to be more than half of the total power load in the territory served. Among the large power contracts signed were those with Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Central Railroad Company of New Jersey, Sears, Roebuck Company, W. \& J. Sloane and the American Copper Products Company.

Increase in the number of electric meters was surprisingly large. On December 311925 there were on the line 616,013 , a gain of 90,435 , despite the loss of 4,753 meters due to the sale of the Shore Lighting Company.

The building of new homes and the wiring for electricity of old houses is responsible in the main for the gain in meters, while in connection with the increased consumption of current, an additional element, the growing popularity of domestic electric appliances, also plays a part. Sales of such electrical appliances in the Public Service offices in 1925 produced a revenue of $\$ 2,178,46943$, which was $21.32 \%$ greater than in 1924. Mechanical electric refrigeration is making rapid strides, and sales of refrigeration apparatus were substantially increased.
The extensive construction program of the Electric Department was carried rapidly forward during the year. Extension and improvement of plant to meet increase in demand, actual and prospective, progressed satisfactorily.
The first section of the Kearny Generation Station is nearing completion. Number one unit, a turbo-generator of $39,200 \mathrm{Kv}$-a. capacity, was put in operation on November 12 , and the remaining units, four in number, which with Number one, will provide a combined capacity of $205,000 \mathrm{Kv}$-a., will go into service in 1926.

The transmission line which ties together Kearny, Essex and Marion, the three largest stations in the system, is iv service, its eighteen steel towers having been erected and the necessary cables strung during 1925. At the large Kearny outdoor substation, two banks of $45,000 \mathrm{Kv}$-a. transformers, which will step up current generated at Kearny for transmission, were placed in service. At the Essex outdoor substation one bank of $45,000 \mathrm{Kv}$-a. transformers, and at the Marion outdoor substation two banks of $45,000 \mathrm{Kv}$-a. transformers are also in service to receive the current transmitted from Kearny.

At Essex, additional 13,200 volt switching equipment was installed in the enlarged switch house to care for local transmission to the Central and Essex divisions and similar equipment in the Marion switch house built in 1924, to provide for local transmission in the Hudson, Bergen and Passaic divisions.

Enlargement of the Marion switch house was begun. At the same station the installation of a second frequency changer set and the enlargement of the frequency changer building to make available twenty-five cycle capacity for the Pennsylvania Railroad under a contract which calls for the
provision of a maximum capacity of $25,000 \mathrm{Kv}$-a. for use of that company in the operation of its electrified sections in New Jersey, were started.

Further connections tying Public Service system in with adjacent systems for the interchange of power were made or provided for. On November 16, submarine cables connecting our Perth Amboy station with the system of the Staten Island Edison Corporation were put in service, with a maximum demand of $10,000 \mathrm{~K} . \mathrm{W}$.

Under a contract with the Philadelphia Electric Company, entered into during the year, a further supply of power up to a maximum of $30,000 \mathrm{~K} . W$., supplementing that already received at Camden, has been arranged for, delivery to be made at Trenton. The increased capacity thus afforded assures an adequate supply of current for the southern division and permits the extension of service in this rapidly growing territory.

The two circuits connecting Public Service system with that of the Jersey Central Power and Light Company were put in operation during the year.

At both Essex and Marion stations coal handling and storage facilities were improved. At Essex a dragscraper installation was placed in service and an extension made to the Passaic River dock; at Marion the coal tower was rebuilt and improved, permitting the more expeditious handling of coal received by water.
Substation facilities were, during the year, increased and improved. Nine new substations, three of which replaced obsolete substations, were put in service; work was advanced on four other new substations, and major reconstruction was put under way on nine existing substations.
New substations were built at Fernwood, East Riverton, Mercerville, State Street (Camden), Mechanic Street (Perth Amboy), Bloomfield, Montclair, South Paterson, Englewood and Greenville (Jersey City).
In addition, the erection of new substations at Delair, Clay Street (Newark), and Passaic Avenue (Newark) and the reconstruction of existing substations at Liberty Street (Trenton), Haddon Heights, Gloucester, Woodbury, Cranford, Washington Avenue (Newark), Athenia, Westwood and Hoboken, was begun.
A $5,000 K_{v-a}$. synchronous condenser was installed in the Plainfield substation and transformer capacity was increased in many other substations, all for the improvement of service.

The work of changing from two to three phase distribution continued, the change having been effected at the following substations: City Dock (Newark), Waverly (Newark), Orange, Paterson, North Paterson, Palisade Avenue (Jersey City) and Somerville.
Substantial extensions were made to the transmission system, ten new circuits being installed for the improvement of service in the Essex division, four in Hudson, two in Bergen, two in Southern and two to supply power to the system of Jersey Central Power and Light Company. In addition, preliminary work was advanced on the new line to the Passaic division, which upon completion will largely increase capacity available for use in that territory. The Company's underground system was extended by some thirteen street miles.

Distribution headquarters, and garages, at Elizabeth, Perth Amboy, Plainfield and Trenton were enlarged and improved. The use of electrically propelled trucks was extended to distribution department service in Elizabeth, Paterson and Trenton.

## PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY

 GAS DEPARTMENT.An increase of $436,728,000$ cubic feet in the volume of gas sold brought the total for the year up to $20,294,360,000$, the first time in the history of Public Service that an aggregate of twenty billion cubic feet has been attained.
During the year 32,209 gas meters were added to the number in service, the total on December 311925 being 675,264. This increase is the result of new building operations and the established popularity of domestic gas appliances, of which sales to the amount of $\$ 2,561,81519$ were made in the commercial offices during the year.

For the first time, an active campaign was made to interest the public in the heating of houses, by gas, the result indicating that because of its many advantages which offset higher cost, gas heating presents possibilities for increased sales.

The use of gas for industrial purposes was largely increased. Consumption for this purpose amounted to more
than three billion three hundred and seventy million cubic feet, or $16.6 \%$ of sales for all purposes. The gain in indus trial consumption during the year amounted to $23.3 \%$. As between 1915 and 1925 the gain was $222 \%$ and the rapid extension in the use of gas for industrial purposes is an encouraging sign. A number of industrial concerns, each using more than a million feet a month, were added to the lines, and the nature of their operations shows the diversity of use to which gas is being put. Among these customers were : Zeh Brothers of Passaic, using gas for glass fusing; Armstrong Cork Company of Camden, for cork baking; Gamon Meter Company of Newark, for brass melting, and Weidman Silk Dyeing Company of Paterson, for silk finishing.

The construction program of the Gas Department progressed satisfactorily during 1925.
At the Harrison Works, the $15,000,000$ cubic foot holder was completed. The works boiler house and compressor house were, at the end of the year, nearly ready for service and work on the gas generator house and the purifying and meter equipment had progressed satisfactorily.

Extension of mains to new territory and improvement of service in various parts of the system received careful attention. 219 miles of main were laid, bringing the total in service up to 3,865 miles. Construction for the year constitutes a record and provides service to sections in the rapidly growing Bergen and Southern divisions that have heretofore been without gas.
Communities in the Bergen division, to which mains were extended, include Midland Park, Closter, Demarest, Harrington Park and the Glenwood Park section of Teaneck; in the Southern division, the Mt. Ephraim section of Haddon Heights, the Haddon Homestead section of Haddon Township, the Erlton section of Delaware Township and the Maple Shade section of Chester Township.
A large amount of main was laid and a large number of district governors were installed throughout the system for the purpose of improving pressure. Service in certain sec tions of Montclair, Florham Park, Maplewood, North Ber gen, Leonia, Fort Lee, Paterson, Hawthorne, Trenton, Plainfield and North Plainfield, was so improved

To supply the western part of Bergen County from the Harrison Works, 7,400 feet of 24 -inch and 1,100 feet of 8 -inch pumping main was laid in North Arlington. To provide an additional supply for the western part of the Passaic division, including Hawthorne, Haledon, Prospect Park and Totowa, 8,800 feet of 20 -inch and 1,050 feet of 12 -inch pumping main was laid, the job including a submarine crossing of the Passaic River.
The holder capacity of the system was during the year greatly increased. The $15,000,000$ cubic foot waterless holder built in connection with the Harrison Works was completed; a $3,000,000$ cubic foot holder, with its pusher building and gas-driven pumping machinery, was put in ser vice at Summit, as was a 500,000 cubic foot waterless type holder erected at Somerville, the first holder of this type in the system, and the foundation of a $1,000,000$ cubic foot holder to improve service in the Bergen division was completed.

Bituminous coal in the manufacture of water gas was used during the year at both the Paterson and West End works. The result has been satisfactory and the use of soft coal will be extended to the Market Street works. Some saving is effected in the cost of making gas, and with this process in use the Camden Coke Company will be able to supply coke for all plants except a small amount which must be purchased for the Paterson works.

Further improvements were made at the various plants. The factor of safety to employees has been strengthened by the equipment of all machinery with safety guards.

At the Trenton works, a 40,000-gallon tar settling tank was erected. The installation of coke handling machinery at No. 2 generator house, Market Street works, Newark, was completed as was a similar installation at the West End works, Jersey City, where, also, a 90,000-gallon tar settling tank was built. Further betterments to property have maintained during the year the department's reputation for good housekeeping

## PUBLIC SERVICE RAILWAY COMPANY.

The problem presented to the management in connection with the Public service transportation system is largely one of economical and at the same time efficient operation. Such part of the task of solution as depends upon the companies is being worked out.

It is believed that if car and bus service be further coordinated, better traffic regulation be enforced and the rail-
way company relieved of charges resulting from paving obligations imposed in the days of the horse car and no longer fair or just, the position of Public Service transportation companies can be much improved.
In the meantime, the record made during the year in the operation of both Public Service Railway Company and Public Service Transportation Company is a commendable one. Further economies were put in force, greater efficiency attained, and such degree of co-ordination as is possible under existing conditions was accomplished.
The use of one-man cars was further extended, so that all cars in the system are now so operated; the five-cent fare plan was extended to cover all lines; wherever possible, both on lines where Public Service controls all service and on those on which independent bus operation is still in vogue, operating schedules were established to the satisfaction of both the public and the municipal officials, while in some instances it was possible to discontinue duplicate service and run cars and buses as supplements to each other.

A change in form of company organization, effecting both the Railway and the Transportation Companies, was made with the idea of centralizing authority and responsibility in the operating heads of the six divisions. A Manager and an Assistant Manager were appointed for each division, who report directly to the Vice-President in Charge of Operation and to whom report the division officers in charge of transportation, way, overhead and shops.
The physical condition of railway property was well maintained. This is especially true as to rolling stock. Some 960 cars were completely overhauled, major repairs made to 800 others, and 1,442 passenger and 22 service cars repainted.

The conversion during the year of 333 closed and 197 open cars for one-man operation brought the total number of converted cars up to 1,789. In connection with this work, pneumatic door mechanism and folding stens were placed on 428 cars, and electric fare boxes and registers installed in 718.
During the year 22.5 miles of track was reconstructed with new rails. More than 7.5 miles was reconstructed with the same rail, and 3.8 miles of track extension made, largely in connection with outdoor car storage at car houses used in part as garages. Track was carefully maintained and is in satisfactory operating condition.
Improvement to overhead system followed the putting in service by the electric department of Public Service Electric and Gas Company of the Stratford, Wall Street, Burlington and Bound Brook substations. The campaign to save power was continued, with the result that savings due directly to this effort amounted to $11.44 \%$ as compared with 1923 , and $2.17 \%$ as compared to 1924.

Escalators were installed in both the Newark and the Journal Square Terminals and proved of great convenience to the public; at West Shore Ferry Terminal, Weehawken, a pay-enter, pay-leave terminal with seven electrically operated turnstiles, was installed and greatly speeded up the handling of passengers between cars and boats.
The policy of utilizing, wherever desirable, car houses and other railway service buildings for garage purposes was continued.
A combined car house and garage, with ample shop facilities for minor repairs, having canacity for 70 buses, and indoor and outdoor storage for 44 cars, was erected at Sanford Street and Commercial Avenue, New Brunswick, and permitted the closing of the Milltown car house.

Through an arrangement with the United States Government, in connection with the relocation of track in West Deptford, the former Washington Park car house was relocated in the yard adjoining the Newton Avenue, Camden, car house, where it is available as a garage.

On December 6, under an arrangement with Morris County Traction Company, cars of that company began operation over tracks of Public Service Railway Company in and out of Public Service Terminal at Newark. The operation has so far proved mutually satisfactory and affords a decided accommodation to the public.

## FERRIES.

Normal increase in vehicular traffic as well as important improvements to service combined to very materially increase the business of both the Riverside and Fort Lee and the Port Richmond and Bergen Point Ferries.

The former carried during the year $2,153,124$ vehicles, an increase of 408,745 over 1924, the latter 407,347 vehicles, an increase of 38,945 .

Improvements to the Fort Lee ferry service included a new slip, erected by the City of New York, at 125th Street, providing additional facilities, which permit the maintenance of speedy service during periods of heavy traffic.
The ferry boats "Fort Lee" and "Leonia" were rebuilt to provide four, instead of two, gangways. With these changes all five boats used in this service have been enlarged to capacity sufficient to provide for 1926 traffic.

The ferry-car terminal at Edgewater was remodeled to better accommodate transferring passengers. Thirteen electric and two mechanical prepayment turnstiles were installed, the open spaces between car shelters were roofed over and a trolley waiting room provided. These changes have proved an accommodation to passengers and have accelerated the loading and unloading of cars.

The Port Richmond terminal of the Port Richmond and Bergen Point Ferry was improved and the boats "Bayonne City" and "Edgewater" were overhauled and painted.
The Company's own mechanical organization is now making all repairs to marine equipment, except such as require the drydocking of boats, the result being a better degree of maintenance at less expense.

## PUBLIC SERVICE RAILROAD COMPANY.

The use of cars of lighter weight and the rearrangement of schedules on the Trenton end of Public Service Railroad permitted the shutting down of the Plainsboro generation station. Power for the operation of this section of the railrond is supplied by the New Brunswick and Trenton substations.

## PUBLIC SERVICE TRANSPORTATION COMPANY,

Very considerable progress was made during the year in bringing about an improvement in conditions surrounding the operation of buses by the Company. An organization fitted for the complex task of handling the large number of vehicles required for service in the territory is, as a result, taking permanent form; garage and shop facilities were extended; efficiency of methods was bettered, and operating experience acquired, all in anticipation of further co-ordination of car and bus service that will give to the people of the territory served one of the largest and best local transportation systems extant.
The year's activities culminated in the placing, in December, of an order for 333 gas-electric buses of a type which it is believed will provide the maximum of convenience and accommodation for the public, and at the same time materially reduce the expense of maintenance, which, owing to the character of equipment purchased from independent operators, has been abnormally high.

Experience in the Southern division, where it has been possible to effect a high degree of co-ordination, makes it evident that if co-ordination to a like extent is attained in other divisions, service can be improved and economies effected to the benefit of both the riders and the Companies.

Garage and shop facilities were, durin the year, extended and improved. A 140 -bus garage was built at Bloomfield Avenue and Lake Street, Newark. In the same city, a building on Frelinghuysen Avenue, owned by the Autocar Company, was purchased and is used in part as a garage. In New Brunswick, a new car house and garage which will accommodate 70 buses was built. In Paterson, the Lakeview and the Market Street car houses were remodeled for garage purposes. In Rutherford, the power house section of the Rutherford car house was converted into a garage. In West Hoboken, one bay of the car house was remodeled for garage purposes and an adjacent building purchased for storage purposes, while a building at Spring and Angelique Streets, formerly used by the Track Department, was taken over as a garage.

Bus service buildings were erected at Broadway Loop, Market Street and Lakeview garages, Paterson, and at Hilton garage, Maplewood. Hydraulic gasoline systems were installed at the Lake Street, Sanford Street and Sherman Avenue garages, Newark.

Shop facilities are in shape to meet all present requirements. During the year 1,464 buses were completely or partially overhauled, while much bus equipment was rebuilt.

It has been the aim to consolidate, wherever possible, the facilities and working organization for cars and buses and substantial economies have resulted from this policy. In accordance with the privilege conferred by an act of the Legislature, approved March 19 1925, the Company is now carrying all of its own liability insurance.

## PUBLIC SERVICE PRODUCTION COMPANY.

For the major work of construction carried on by Public Service companies during the year, Public Service Production Company was the contractor. The progress made in connection with these various undertakings is set forth in other parts of this report. The variety and extent of the services performed indicate the comprehensive character of the engineering and construction organization that has been assembled by the Production Company.
The activities of the Production Company, outside of its inter-company work, were extensive. The cement plant of the Lehigh Portland Cement Company at Sandt's Eddy, Pa., designed and constructed by the Production Company, was brought to completion. It has a present capacity of 1,000 , 000 barrels and will have a final capacity of $2,000,000$ bar rels. The work included the opening of a quarry and the construction of a village to house operatives.
For the Edison Portland Cement Company, the Company designed and started the construction of a packing and bag house, with facilities for packing 6,000 barrels of cement a day and cleaning 5,000 bags an hour. Its storage capacity will be $2,000,000$ bags.
The Company is erecting for the Federal Trust Company in Newark what will be one of the largest bank and office buildings in New Jersey. Its Highway Department completed more than thirteen miles of concrete roads in Pennsylvania. The Company secured the general contract for the main highway approach to the vehicular tunnel at Jersey City, known as the "covered cut." It made the electrical installation at Hadley Field, New Brunswick, the eastern
terminus of the United States Air Mail Service and the power installation for the great radio station of the Radio Corporation of America at Bound Brook. Construction work is being done for steam railroads, while in the industrial field the Company made plant extensions and installed a number of substations and other equipment.

PUBLIC SERVICE STOCK AND BOND COMPANY.
Incorporated January 15 1925, Public Service Stock and Bond Company began business on February 1 1925. The Company specializes in the securities of Public Service Corporation, its subsidiaries and their underlying companies.
The policy adopted by the Company is to sell to the small investor, who although he may pay either in cash or in installments, becomes a permanent stockholder
In attaining this end it was during the year successful, selling outside of the Popular Ownership campaigns, of which it is in charge, securities valued at $\$ 4,056,000$ to 2,999 buyers

The main office of the Company is located in the North Canal and Pine Street corner of Public Service Terminal, Newark. Of the three branch offices opened during the year, one is located in Jersey City, one in Philadelphia and one in Pittsburgh. The advice of the Company's representative is available to all present or prospective holders of Public Service securities.

## PRIVATE CAR ORDER

The most important litigation in which the Corporation was interested during the past year was the so-called private coal car case. It was a suit brought by Public Service Electric and Gas Company, in which a number of the other companies joined, to enjoin the Interstate Commerce Commission from enforcing its order prohibiting the use of private cars of the Company for transportation of coal from Pennsylvania.
The order promulgated by the Interstate Commerce Commission would have deprived the Company of the exclusive use of its own cars in times of car shortage, and have placed them under the direction and at the service of other shippers, or required them to stand idle. The Company deemed it essential for the protection of its customers to test the order of the Commission to the court of last resort if necessary. The case was decided in favor of the Company by unanimous vote of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, three judges sitting.

## GROUP INSURANCE.

On April 11925 there became effective a group insurance plan covering such employees of Public Service, in the service for one year or more, as cared to participate. Under it a blanket policy was taken out with the Prudential Insurance Company of America. Ninety per cent of those employees eligible made voluntary application, the original group consisting of 10,452 individuals who were covered by group consisting of 10,452 individu
insurance aggregating $\$ 13,381,500$.

Since that time the original groun has increased and on December 311925 there were 11,051 lives insured for a total of $\$ 14,189,000$
Under the plan, the employees pay sixty cents per month per thousand and the balance of the premium and all administration expenses are paid by the companies.

## WELFARE WORK.

A total of $\$ 426,60651$ was disbursed in 1925 in connection with payments under our Welfare Plan and the Workmen's Compensation Act. This was an increase for the year of $\$ 30,49833$, of which $\$ 23,01003$ was assignable to Compensation and $\$ 7,48830$ to Welfare.
Deaths among employees numbered ninety-eight, an increase of nine over 1924. Sick benefits were paid in 869 cases as against 833 in the previous year.

During the year twenty-two names were added to the pension rolls, while death removed twenty-one, the number on the rolls on December 311925 being 171.
The following is a comparative statement of expenditures for the years of 1925 and 1924 on account of the Welfare Plan:

$\$ 203,85171$

\$196,093 41
Payments on account of Workmen's Compensation made in 1925 and 1924 were as follows:

Payments required by law
Payments not required by


## SERVICE EMBLEMS.

In recognition of their long period of faithful service, a gold button has been presented to each man and a gold pin presented to each woman who has been continuously in the employ of a Public Service Company, or one of its direct predecessors, for a period of twenty-five years or more.
Six hundred and eighty-nine emblems were so distributed at the first of the year, the great majority personally, at a meeting held in Newark on January 28. Since that time,
an additional number of eighty-four veterans have been so recognized. Up to December 311925 a total of 773 emblems, thirteen of them to women, had been distributed.

## SAFETY WORK.

It is gratifying to record in connection with the extensive accident prevention work carried on in all of Public Service operating companies, that Josiah Layton, substation operator of the Electric Department of Public Service Electric and Gas Company, and John C. Goble, electrical foreman of Public Service Production Company, received from the National Electric Light Association, Insull medals for saving life by resuscitation, while William H. Brown, street fore man of the Gas Department of Public Service Electric and Gas Company, received from the American Gas Association a McCarter medal for a similar act.

TAXES.
Taxes accrued in 1925 against the Corporation and its subsidiaries amounted to $\$ 10,186,63295$, an increase of $\$ 1,37032316$ over the amount accruing in 1924
Of the total, the sum of $\$ 304,54893$ was chargeable to the Corporation, leaving $\$ 9,882,08402$ as taxes against subsidiaries, an amount equal to $10.7 \%$ of their gross revenues and $28.3 \%$ of their net earnings.

## INSURANCE.

On December 311925 the amount of insurance in force was $\$ 86,272,922$, the yearly premium on which amounted to $\$ 214,539$. The average rate paid was 24.87 cents per $\$ 100$, as compared to an annual rate of 26.32 cents paid in 1924, a reduction of 1.45 cents per $\$ 100$. Insurance in force Decem ber 311925 was $\$ 15,275,119$ more than was in force on December 311924.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND STATISTICAL

 INFORMATION.Attention is called to the balance sheets and statements of earnings and expenses of the Corporation and its subsidiary companies, which have been verified by Niles and Niles, Certified Public Accountants of New York, and to the usual statistical information and other statements herein submitted.

## THOMAS N. McOARTER, President.

COMBINED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS PUBLIC SERVICE COR-
PORATION OF NEW JERSEY AND SUBSIDIARY FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 311925

 $9,858,54934$
$7,741,00923$ 69,675,644 43

Operating Income...-
Non-Operating Income
Income Deductions of Subsidiary Companies (Bond Interest,
Rentals and Miscellaneous In Rentals and Miscellaneous Interest
Net Income of Subsidiary Companies.
Public Service Corporation of New Jersey ublic Service Corporation of New Jersey Income (exclusive of dividends on stocks of operating utility compa-


2,208,836 63
Public Service Corporation of New Jersey Interest on Perpetual In
tificates.-
Interest on Public Service General Mort
gage $5 \%$ Bonds.
gage 5\% Bonds_-
Interest on Secured Gold Bonds $6 \%$ Series
due 1944 due 1944 Public Service Newark Terminal Interest on $51 / \%$ Installment Note Bonds lic Service Electric and Gas Company..Interest on Miscellaneous Obligations Amortization of Debt Discount and Expense
$1,206,71460$
350,409 68
$1,200,00000$
250,00000
$1,119,86477$
351,36250
23,585

## $\begin{array}{r}351,36250 \\ 234,58599 \\ 30,89894 \\ \hline\end{array}$

25,039,880 77 \$27,096,932 06 13,965,557 63 $\$ 13,131,37443$
$\$ 15,340,21106$

Net Income of Public Service Corporation of New Jersey and Subsidiary Companies panes Adjustments of Surplus Accounts
Dividends on Stock of Subsidiary Utility Companies in
Hands of PublicHands of Public-
$6 \%$ Preferred Stock........................................................... $\qquad$
$\$ 827,50000$
2,02650
829,526 50
Appropriation Accounts of Public Service Corporation of
$4,743,83648$
$\$ 10,596,37458$
$\$ 10,627,20766$ 00 $\$ 9,797,68116$ 4426 $\begin{gathered}\text { Dividends on Preferred Stocks of Public Service Corporation } \\ \text { of New Jersey }\end{gathered} \$ 9,995,32542$


Dividends on Common Stock of Public Service Corporation Net Increase in Surplus $3,223,72860$ $\$ 6,771,59682$ 4,781,557 51

PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION OF NEW JERSEY AND SUBSIDIARY UTILITY COMPANIES.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 311925.
ASSETS.
Fixed Capital
Investments $\qquad$
Sinking Funds

Special Deposits-
Collateral to General Mortgage Bonds_
Current Assets-
Current
Mark
Marketable ecurities-
Accounts Receivab
Interest and Dividends Receivable
Materials and Supplies
Miscellaneous Current Assets
abscribers to and Purchasers of Cumu-
lative Preferred Stock of Public Serlative Preferred Stock of Public Ser-
vice Corporation of New Jersey under
Deferred Payment Plan$7 \%$ Cumulative Preferred--- $\$ 900,28910$
$6 \%$ Cumulative Preferred_-- 872,26300 Deferred ChargesPrepayments
Prepayments
Unamortized Debt Discount and Expense
Miscellaneous Suspense...............

| 3124.65340 |
| :--- |
| 20.703 |

154,35689
$\$ 2,376,187$ 35 391,167 23- $2,767,35458$ $\$ 9.408 .58463$ $2,200,00000$
$8,18.19066$
27.60184
$6,37.06838$
6838
287,01163 LIABILITIES, CAPITAL STOCK AND SURPLUS.
Long Term Debt
Long Term Debt of Public Service CorpLoration of New Jersey-rating subsidi aries Controlled through Stock OwnerLong Term Debt of Lessor Companies Controlled through Stock Ownership-Not Controlled through Stock Owner

Current Liabilities-
Notes Payable (Payable not more than
one year from date of issue) one year from date of issue)

$\$ 48,098,46400$
96,920,542 74 $20,284,00000$

68,867,109 37 \$234,170,116 11 Interest Accrued....-a Liabilities $\qquad$


Reserves-
Premium

$\$ 23,00000$
$27,845.03120$
7,30039
$1,473,34564$
$15,252,6138$

Retirement Reserve......
Unamortized Premium on $\overline{\text { Deb }}$,
Contributions for Extensions. $\qquad$
Miscellaneous Unadjusted Credits.------
Capital Stock-
Capital Stock of Public Service Corpora-
tion of New Jersey:
tion of New Jersey:
Common Stock $(1,037$
Common Stock (1,037,-
867 shares no par)
$8 \%$ Cumulative Pre-
$8 \%$ Cumulative Pre- $21,531,20000$
$7 \%$ Cumulative Pre- 26,538,800 00
ferred Cumulative Pre-
ferred Stock...---
$1,606,50000$
Capital Stock of Operating Subsidiaries Capital Stock of Operating subsidiaries Capital Stock of Lessor Companies Controlled through sstock Ownership-
Capital Stock of Lessor Companies No Capital Stock of Lessor Companies Not
Controlled through Stock Ownership.-

22,479,940 91<br>$15,031.08000$<br>6,803,876 67<br>55,428,205 33<br>$179,743,10291$

Subscriptions to and Sas of Cumulte Prerated Stock of Public Service Cor-
poration of New Jersey under Deferred Payment Plan
$7 \%$ Cumulative Preferred
$\$ 2,576,10000$
$1.066,70000$
Profit and Loss-Surplus-
Balance December 31192 1.066,700 00

Net Increase year ending December 31......... $\$ 12,323,08829$ sults of operations sults of operations.

1,990,039 31
$3,642,80000$

PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION OF NEW JERSEY.
BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 311925.


## LIABILITIES, CAPITALESTOCK AND SURPLUS.

 Long Term Debt-General Morttage 5\% Sinking Fund 50 Year Gold Bonds.-.-.
Secuetual Interest Bearing Certificates Secured Gold Bonds $6 \%$ Series due 1944-
Public Service Newark Terminal Railway Public Service Newark Terminal Railway
Company $5 \%$ First Mortgage Bonds.
$51 / 2 \%$ Installment Note Payable to Pub$51,2 \%$ Installment Note Payable to Pub-
Iic Service Electric and Gas CompanyReal estate mortgages.............................. one year from date of issue)
Advances from Other Corporations.......Current Liabilities-
Notes payable (payable not more than
one year from date of issue)
Accounts payable Accounts payable --
Miscellaneous current iabilities
Interest accrued Interest accrued............... $\qquad$ $\$ 1,454,00000$
$20,111,91000$
$20,000,00000$ 5,000,000 00 $20,133,77139$
342,00000 2,741,325 00 $\$ 69,783,00639$
121,98991 Reserves-
 Miscellaneous reserves $\$ 100,40000$ 105,11308
1,61646
$1,376,45963$
16,145 $\begin{array}{r}1,376,14536 \\ 16,159 \\ \hline\end{array}$
$1,599,73453$

158,525 29
Capital Stock-

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\$ 23,00000 \\
124,40333 \\
11,06500 \\
56.96
\end{array}
$$

Common Capital Stock ( $1,037,867$ shares no par)
8\% Cumulative Preferred
$7 \%$ Cumulative Preferred
 \% Cumulative Preferred $1,606,50000$
Subscriptions to and Sales of Cumulative Preferred Capital Stock under Deferred
Payment Plan$7 \%$ Cumulative Preferted
$6 \%$ Cumulative Preferred
$\begin{array}{r}\$ 2,576,10000 \\ 1,066,70000 \\ \hline\end{array}$
$102,479,94091$

Profit and Loss-Surplus-
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Balance December } 31 & 1924 \\ \text { Net income year ending December } 311925 & \$ 3,411,94731 \\ 8,148,19965\end{array}$


Less dividends paid during year........- | $\$ 11,757,79122$ |
| :---: |
| $8,005,28611$ |

Balance Profit and Loss-Surplus December 31 1925.-
$3,642,80000$
Profit and Loss Accounts
(credit) $\qquad$
$\$ 13,679,94349$
Dividends on Outstanding Stocks-
Paid to Public Service Corporation of
New Jersey:
Common Capital Stock
$7 \%$ Cumulative Preferred Capital Stock_ $\$ 9,284,98800$
$1.398,21150$
Paid to Unaffiliated Interests:
Common Capital Stock
$\xrightarrow[\$ 10,683,19950]{ }$
$\qquad$
$\begin{array}{lrr}\text { Common Capital Stock-r } & 1200 \\ 7 \% & \text { Cumulative Preferred Capital Stock- } & 1,78850 \\ 6 \% \text { Cumulative Preferred Capital Stock. } & 827,50000\end{array}$
Net Increase in Surplus 11,512,500 00 \$2,167,443 49

* Includes $\$ 210.79808$ Camden Coke Company Retirement Expenses. PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY AND CAMDEN CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 311925. ASSETS

| ixed Capital- $311924 \ldots$ Dec. |
| :--- |
| Bance |
| Construction year ending Dec. 31 1925-- $\$ 150,518,73998$ |
| 1919,08412 |

 Balance Dec. 311925
$\$ 179,714,42715$
Investments- $51 / 2 \%$ Installment Note of Public Service Corporation of New Jersey-........... $\$ 20,133.77139$
$12,119.59252$
16,75616 Reaco
Reacquired Securities
Sinking Funds and Miscellaneous Special
Current Assets-
563,700 96
Cash_-arketable Securitie
Notes receivable-
Accounts receivable
Materials and supplies

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

Deferred Charges-
$26,126,37182$
Prepayments Unamortized debt discount and expense
$\$ 1,333,68158$
$1,065,80418$
638,87344
638,873 44
$3,038,35920$ $\$ 244,626,97920$

LTABILITIES, CAPITAL STOCK AND SURPLUS.
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY.
INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING Operating RevenuesDECEMBER 311925.
Electric Department
Gas Department
Gas Department....

| Operating Expenses-Electric Department_-.-.-. $\$ 14.158,65553$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| Gas Department.-.- | $11,638,72744$ | 8297 |
| Maintenance- $825,797,38297$ |  |  |
| Electric Department | \$3.378.066 10 |  |
| Gas Department | 1,471,830 11 |  |
| Taxes- |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| Retirement Expenses- <br> Electric Department. $\qquad$ \$4,779.633 31 <br> Gas Department. $\qquad$ *1,225,516 13 |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |

Operating Revenue Deductions -

Operating Income-
Electric Department $\qquad$ $\begin{array}{r}-813.630 .82843 \\ -\quad 6,889,95704 \\ \hline\end{array}$
$-\$ 1,938,01806$
Non-Operating Revenue-$\$ 1,938,01806$

$25,253,75$
ductions..................
25,25375
Non-Operating Income. $\qquad$
$\underline{43.676,82094}$

Gross Incomeuctinns (Bond Interest, Rentals and Miscel
terest Charges) laneous Interest Charges)
Net Income.

3.752,505 11
$\$ 181,538,50214$

64,197,606 41 Electric Department
Electric Depar
Electric Department
Gas Department
$\begin{array}{r}\$ 3.378 .06610 \\ \quad 1.471 .83011 \\ \hline\end{array}$

Electric Department
Gas Department.--
$\begin{array}{r}\$ 4,068,99154 \\ 2,955,40078 \\ \hline\end{array}$
Retirement Expenses-
Electric Department_
Gas Department.....
$\$ 4,779.63331$
$* 1,225,51613$
6,005,149 44

Public Service Transportation Company. Public Service RERVICE RAILWAY COMPANY
Public Service Transportation Company. Public Service Railroad Company, The Riverside and Fort Lee Ferry Company, Port Richmond and Bergen
Point Ferry Company, Highland oint Ferry Company, Highland Improvement Company, Now York Harbor Real Estate Company. INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 311925.

| Operating Revenues | Public Service Railway Company. <br> \$21,035,933 31 | Public Service Railroad Company. \$283,610 98 | Public Service Transportation Company. <br> \$7.608.504 62 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Other } \\ \text { Affiliated } \\ \text { Companies. } \\ \$ 1.589 .86988 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total. } \\ \$ 30,517,91879 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Operating Expenses | 10.327 .44988 | $\$ 91.96885$ | \$4.579.636 26 | \$656.892 68 | 15,655,947 67 |
| Maintenance | $3,077.39935$ $2,212.42901$ | 69,75751 51,69332 | $2,505.92954$ 427.91815 | 119.77261 142.11654 | $5.772,85901$ $2.834,15702$ |
| Deprecia | 2,802.243 28 |  | 826.11651 | 107.500 00 | 1.735,859 79 |
| Operating Revenue Deductions | \$16.419.521 52 | \$213.419 68 | \$8,339,600 46 | \$1.026,281 83 | \$25,998,823 49 |
| Operating Income- Non-Operating Inco | 84.616 .41179 117.28670 | $\$ 70.19130$ 90843 | $\begin{array}{r} \mathbf{x} \$ 731,09584 \\ 4,03842 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}\$ 563.58805 \\ 22.053 \\ \hline 43\end{array}$ | $\$ 4,519.09530$ |
| Gross Income | \$4,733,698 49 | \$71,099 73 | x\$727,057 42 | \$585.641 48 | \$4,663,382 28 |
| Income Deductions (Bond Interest, Rentals and M est Charges. | 4,978,697 75 | 123.67048 | 14.305 71 | 76,117 08 | 5,192,791 02 |
| Net Income or Loss. Profit and Loss Accounts (Excluding Dividends) | $\begin{array}{r} \mathrm{x} \$ 244,99926 \\ \quad 6.43137 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \mathbf{x} \$ 52,57075 \\ * 2,74708 \end{array}$ | x\$741,363 13 | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 509.52440 \\ * 2.49431 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \times \$ 529,40874 \\ \hline 11,67276 \end{array}$ |
| Surplus (Before Dividends) Inter-company Dividends. | $\begin{array}{r} \mathbf{x} \$ 238.56789 \\ \quad 324,57400 \end{array}$ | x\$49,823 67 | x\$741,363 13 | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 512.01871 \\ 324.57400 \end{array}$ | x\$517,735 98 |
| Dividends Paid Unaffiliated Interests (Directors) | \$86,006 11 | x\$49,823 67 | x\$741,36313 | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 187,44471 \\ 22600 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \times \$ 517.73598 \\ 22600 \end{array}$ |
| Net Increase or Decrease in Surplus. | \$86,006 11 | $\mathbf{x} \$ 49,82367$ | x\$741,363 13 | \$187,218 71 | *\$517,961 98 |

## PUBLIC SERVICE RAILWAY COMPANY.

Public Service Transportation Company, Public Service Railroad Company, The Riverside and Fort Lee Ferry Company, Port Richmond and Bergen Point Ferry Company, Highland Improvement Company, New York Harbor Real Estate Company, Peoples Elevating Company. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET-DEOEMBER 311925.


Henry A. Niles, C. P. A.
Norman E. Webster, O. P. A.
Henry A. Horne, C. P. A.
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Certified Public Accountants
CERTIFICATE OF ACCOUNTANTS.
New York, March 51926.
We have examined the books, accounts, and records of the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey and of its subsidiary companies for the year ending December 311925.
We certify that the combined income and profit and loss of the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey and its subsidiary utility companies for the year ending December 311925 is correctly shown by the statement on page 25 [pamphlet report]; that the income and profit and loss for the year ending Ilecember 311925 , of the companies which onerate, respectively, the electric, gas and transportation utilities is coltrectly shown by the statements on pages 29 and 31 [pamphlet report]; and that the balance sheets as of December 311925 of

## 53 State Street,

 BOSTON
dvances from Other Corporations-
Public Service Corporation of New Jersey
Public Service Electric and Gas Company
$\begin{array}{r}\$ 3,580.00000 \\ 50.000 \\ \hline\end{array}$
Non-Negotiable Debt to Lessor Companies-
Bonds of Lessor Companies issued for Construction Ex-
penditures
Current Liabilities-
$3,630,00000$
$1,643,00000$
Notes Payable
Accounts Payable
Accounts Payable
Other Current Liabilities.
Tax Liability

$\$ 2,40000$
$4,853,09794$
55,85599 $\begin{array}{r}55,85599 \\ 2,162,815 \\ \hline\end{array}$ 629,766 63
Deferred Liabilities
$7,703,93612$
469,265
Reserves- Depreciation-Road and EquipPremium on Funded Debt Premium on Funded Debt,
Casualty and Insurance Reserve.....................
Other Unadjusted Credits................
\$2,103,80769 7,25543
632,70615
751,01513

## Capital Stock-

 \$36,562,500 00Public Service Railway Company-Public Service Railroad Company-.....Public Service Transportation Company-
Port Richmond and Bergen Point Ferry
 The Riverside and Fort Lee Ferry Co-Heople's Elevating Company - ..

1,000.000000
19.10000
80000

Public Service Corporation of New Jersey and its subsidiary utility companies (consolidated),
Public Service Corporation of New Jersey,
Public Service Electric and Gas Company and Camden Coke Company (consolidated),
Public Service Railway Company, Public Service Transportation Company, Public Service Railroad Company,
The Riverside and Fort Lee Ferry Company, Port Richmond and Bergen Point Ferry Company, Highland Improvement Company,
New York Harbor Real Estate Company, and
Peoples Elevating Company (consolidated),
shown on pages $26-27,28,30$, and $32-33$ [pamphlet report], are in accordance with the books, and correctly show the financial condition of those companies at that date.

NILES \& NILES.
Certified Public Accountants.

## PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION OF NEW JERSEY AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES.

 LONG TERM DEBT DECEMBER 311025.|  | Authorized. | Outstanding. | Intercompany \& Sinking Fun Holdings. | Amount in the Hands of Public. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Public Service Corporat Public Service Corporation New Jersey- |  |  |  |  |
| Fidelity Union Trust Company, Trustee. Interest payable A pril and October.... | \$6,307,000 00 | \$6,307,000 00 | a\$4,853,000 00 | \$1,454,000 $00^{1}$ |
| Perpetual Interest Bearing Certificates of Public Service Corporation of New Jersey ${ }^{\text {Fldelity }}$ Union Trust Company, Trustee. Rate 6\%. Interest payable May and | 36,307,000 0 | \$6,307,000 0 | a | \$1,454,000 001 |
| Public Service Corporation of New Jersey Secured Gold Bonds $6 \%$ Series Due 1944 | 20,200,000 00 | 20,111,910 00 | k\$1,103,771 00 | 19,038,139 001 |
| Fidelity Trust Company (Philadelphia), Trustee. Interest payable February and |  |  |  |  |
| Publc service Newark Terminai Railway Co. | 21,400,000 00 | 20,000,000 | 201,000 | 19,799,000 $00^{1}$ |
| Fidelity Union Trust Co., Trustee. Interest Payable June and December........ | 5,000.000 00 | 5,000.000 00 | a246.000 00 | 4.754 .000001 |
| Miscellaneous Notes (payable more than one year from date of issue) |  | $\begin{array}{r}342.000 \\ 2.741 .325 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 342.000001 \\ 2.741 .32500^{1} \end{array}$ |
| Total Public Service Corporation of Now J |  | \$54,502.235 00 | \$6,403,771 00 | \$48,098,464 00 |
| Public Service Electric and Gas Company- <br> Public Service Electric and Gas Company First and Refunding Mortraze Gold Bond |  |  |  |  |
| $51 / 2 \%$ Series Due 1059. Fidelity Union Trust Co., Trustee. Interest Payable April and October |  |  |  |  |
| Public Service Electric and Gas Company First and Refunding Mortgage Gold Bond $5 \frac{1}{2} \%$ Series Due 1964. Fidelity Union Trust Co., Trustee. Interest Payable | \$31,834,000 00 | \$26,586,000 00 | c $\$ 872,000<0$ | \$25,714,000 00 ${ }^{\text {3 }}$ |
| Pubic service Electric \& | $30,000,00000$ | 15,000,000 00 |  | 15,000,000 00 |
| 5\% Series Due 1965. Fidelity Union Trust Co., Trustee. Interest payable |  |  |  |  |
| United Electric Company of New Jersey $4 \%$ First Mortgage. Due June 11949 , | 50,000,000 00 | 2,500,000 00 |  | 2,500,000 $00{ }^{2}$ |
| December. |  |  |  |  |
| Consumers Light, Heat \& Power Company $5 \%$ First Mortage. Due June 11938 <br> New Jersey Title Guarantee \& Trust Co., Trustee, Interest Payable June and | 20,000,000 00 | 18,617,500 00 | d683,000 00 | 17,934,500 0 |
| December- | 1,000,000 00 | 885.00000 | e577.000 | $308,00000=$ |
| 1938. New Jersey Title Guarantee \& Trust Co., Trustee. Interest payable April |  |  |  |  |
| aiddlesex Electric Light e Power Company 5\% First Mortgage. Due January | 2,000,000 00 | 2,000,000 00 | e1,633,000 0 | $367.0000^{\text {a }}$ |
| 1955. Fidelity Union Trust Co., Trustee. Interest Payable Juiy and Januar | 200,000 00 | 181,000 00 | d21,000 0 | 160,00 |
| Princeton Light, Heat \& Power Company $5 \%$ 30-year Sinking Fund Mortgage. Düe February 1 1939. Equitable Trust Co., Trustee. Interest Payable February |  |  |  |  |
| and August | 250.00000 | 121,600 00 |  | 121,600 $00^{2}$ |
|  | 30,00000 | 0 |  | 30.000 00: |
| Public Service Electric Company Equipment Trust Series "A." $8 \%$ Certificates. | 30,00000 | 30,000 00 |  | $30.0000{ }^{\text {² }}$ |
| Interest Payable February and August. ${ }^{\text {S }}$. Philadelphia Trust Company, Trustee. |  |  |  |  |
| ublic Service Gas Company $6 \%$ Notes. $\$ 18.000$ due | 1,300,000 | 650,000 00 |  | $650,00000^{2}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| August ate Mortgages, | 650,000 00 | 128.00000 |  | $128.000002$ |
| Advances for Construct |  | $1,421,76000$ 673,45428 |  | $\begin{aligned} 1.421 .760 \\ 673.45428^{2} \end{aligned}$ |
| Total Public Service Electric and Gas Com |  | \$68,794,314 28 | \$3,786,000 00 | \$65,008,314 28 |

PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION OF NEW JERSEY AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES. LONG TERM DEBT DECEMBER 31 1925-(Continued).

|  | Authorized. | Outstanding. | Sinking Fund Holdings. | Amount the Hands of Public. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 1948. Fidelity Union Trust Co.. Trustee. Interest Payable June and | \$1 | 0.000 |  | \$6,000,000 0 |
| wark Gas Company $6 \%$ Fi |  | 3,999.700 |  |  |
| udson Oounty Gas |  |  |  |  |
| Jersey Title Guarantee \& Trust Co., Trustee, Interest Payable May and November |  | 0 |  | 10,500 |
| New Brunswick Light, Heat \& Power Company $4 \%$ First Mortgage. Due Decem- ber 15 1939 |  | 500,00000 |  |  |
| Ridgewocem Gas Company $5 \%$ First Mortgage, Due June i 1925 .- Equitable Trust |  |  |  |  |
| Co., Trustee. Interest Payable June and December-1-1 idgewood Gas Company 5\% Second Mortgage. Due April il 1925. Fidelity Union |  |  |  |  |
| Trust Co., Trusteo. Interest Payablo April and October.................... | 100,000 00 | - 85.00000 | 0 |  |
| Paterson \& Passaic Gas \& Electric Company $5 \%$ Consolidated Mortgage. Due March 1 1949. The Paterson National Bank. Trustee. Interest Payable September and March |  |  |  |  |
| Edison Electric Iluminating Company or Paterson $5 \%$ First Mortgage. Due July 1 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 600,000 00 | 585,000 0 | 0 |  |
| Passaic Lighting Company $5 \%$ Consolidated Mortgage. Due May 1 1925. Guaranty Trust Co., Trustee. Interest Payable May and November. | 450,000 00 | 316,000 00 | 6,000 00 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| South Jersey Gas, Electric \& Traction Company $5 \%$ First Mortgage. Due March 1 1953. Fidelity Union Trust Co., Trustee. Interest Payable September and March |  |  | 507,0 | 9,487.000 |
| Trenton Gas \& Electric Company 5\% First Mortgage. Due March 1 1949. Equitable Trust Co., Trustee. Interest Payable March and September- |  | 1,998,000 00 |  | ,99 |
| Somerset Union \& Middlesex Lighting Company 4\% First Mortgage. Due Decem- |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Plainfield Gas \& Eiectric Light Company 5\% General Mortgage. Due April 11940. Guaranty Trust Co.. Trustee. Interest Payable April and October | 500,000 00 | 500,000 00 |  |  |
| Somerset Lighting Company $5 \%$ First Mortgage. Due February 1 1939." Fidelity Union Trust Co., Trustee. Interest Payable February and August. |  |  |  |  |
| November 1 1954. Fidelity Union Trust Co., Trustee. Int. Pavable May and Nov-- |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5,000,000 00 |  |  |  |
| The November 11954. Equitable Trust Co.. Trustee. Int. Payable May and November- | 5.000,000 00 |  |  |  |
| The Gas \& Electric Company of Bergen County $5 \%$ Consolidated Mortgage. Due June 1 1949. Fidelity Union Trust Co.. Trustee. Int. Payable June and December -- |  |  |  |  |
| Hackensack Gas Light Company 5\% First Mortgage. Due July 11934. G. W. |  |  |  |  |
| Conklin, D. W. Chamberlain. Trustees. Interest Payable July and January at Fidelity Union Trust Company. |  |  |  |  |
| Hackensack Gas \& Electric Company $5 \%$ General Mortgage. Due July 1935. G, W, Conklin. E. A. Pearce. Trustees. Interest Payable January and July at Fidelity Union Trust Company |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 200 | 23,000 00 |  |  |
| Public Service Electric Power Company First Mortgage Sinking Fund Gold Bonds $6 \%$ Series of 1923 . Due April 1948 . Fidelity Union Trust Company. Trustee Interest Payable April and October. | 15.000,000 00 | 14,000,000 00 | a41.000 00 | 13. |
| Total Companies Leased by Public Service Electric and Gas Company_- |  | \$63.551.509 37 | \$7.145.400 00 | 6,1 |
| Total Public Service Electric and Gas Company and Leased Companies.- |  | \$132,345,823 65 | \$10,931,400 00 | \$121,414,423 65 |
| Public Service Railway Company- |  |  |  |  |
|  | ,000,000 | \$15,000,000 00 | f\$9,872,000 00 |  |
| Jersey City Hoboken \& Paterson Street Railway Company 4\% First Mortgage. Due November 11949 . New Jersey Title Guarantee \& Trust Co., Trustee. Interest Payable May and November. |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 498 |  |
| North Hudson County Railway Company $5 \%$ Consolidated Mortgage. Due July 1928. S. B. Dod, Trustee. Interest Payable January and July at First National Bank. Hoboken |  |  |  |  |
| North Hudson County Railway Company $6 \%$ Improvement Mortgage. Due May |  |  |  |  |
| North Hudson County Railway Company $5 \%$ Weehawken Extension Mortgage. Due February 1 1945. Fidelity Union Trust Co.. Trustee. Interest Payable |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Paterson Railway Company 6\% Consolidated Mortgage. Due June 1 1931. Irving <br> Bank-Columbia Trust Co.. Trustee, Interest Payable June and December-i-ility |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Paterson Raiiway Oompany 5\% 2d General Mortgage ind October 1 1944. Fldenty |  |  |  |  |
| December 1 1950. Fidelity Union Trust Co., Trustee. Interest Payable June |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  Union Trust Co.. Trustee. Interest Payable January and July |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Elizabeth \& Raritan River Street Railway Company $5 \%$ General Mortgage. Due |  |  |  |  |
| Brunswick Traction Company $5 \%$ First Mortgage. Due July 1 1926. FidelityUnion Trust Co., Trustee.Interest Payable January and July |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| East Jersey Street Railway Company $5 \%$ First Mortgage. Due May 1 1944. Perth Amboy Trust Co., Trustee. Interest Payable May and November-............ |  |  |  |  |
| Fidelity Union Trust Co., Trustee. Interest Payable January and July |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| November 30 and May 31. Philadelphia Trust Company, Trustee. Interest Payable November 30 and May 31 | 880,000 00 |  |  |  |
| Public Service Series "E" Equipment Trust $71 / \%$ " Certificates. $\$ 140.000$ due eachFebruary 1 and August 1 for first five years and $\$ 42.00$ due each February 1 and Angust 1 for the second five years. Bankers Trust Co., Trustee. Interest Payable |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  $\$ 20,000$ due each November 1 and May 1. Fidelity Union Trust Co., Trustee. Interest Payable November and May |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Public Service Railway Company |  |  |  |  |
| Companies Controlled by Public Service Railway Co.- <br> Consolidated Traction Company 5\% First Mortgage. Due June 1 1933. Bankers Trust Co., Trustee. Interest Payable December and June. |  |  |  |  |
|  | \$15,000,000 00 | ,000,000 0 |  | \$15,000,000 0 |
| Jersey City \& Bergen Railroad Company 41/2\% First Mortgage. Due January 1 1923. Edmund Smith. Trustee. Interest Payable January and July at Banker |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1,000,000 00 | 0 |  |  |
| Newark Passenger Railway Company 5\% First Mortgage Due July 1 1930. New |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Passaic \& Newark Electric Traction Company $5 \%$ First Mortgage. Due June 11937. New Jersey Title Guarantee \& Trust Co., Trustee. Interest Payable June and |  |  |  |  |
| December |  |  |  |  |
| Rapid Transit Mechanics Natreet |  |  |  |  |
| Orange \& Passaic Valley Rainway Company $5 \%$ First Mortgage. Due December i <br> 1938. New Jersey Title Guarantee \& Trust Co., Trustee. Interest Payable June |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Camden \& Suburban Railway Company $5 \%$ First Mortgage. Due July 1 1996. The |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 1,940,000 0 |
| Bergen Turnpike Company $5 \%$ First Mortagage. Dua July 1 1951. Noww Jersey Title |  |  |  | ,000,000 0 |
| People's Elevating Company 5\% First.Mortgage, Due October 11939 Now Jersey |  | 00 |  |  |
| Paterson \& State Line Traction Company $5 \%$ First Mortgage. Due June |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| New Jersey \& Hudson River Railway \& Ferry Company 4\% Fifty Year Mortgage. Due March 1 1950. United States Mortgage \& Trust Co., Trustee. Interest Payable March and September- |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 4,011,000 00 |  | ,011,000 00 |
| Hudson River Traction Company $5 \%$ First Mortgage. Due March 11950. United |  |  |  |  |
| States Mortgage \& Trust Co., Trustee. Interest Payable March and SeptemberRiverside Traction Company 5\% First Mortgage. Due June 1 1960. West End |  |  |  | 564,000 00 |
|  | 1,500,000 00 | 1,5 |  | 1,500,000 00 |
|  |  | \$32,548,000 0 | 3468.00 | \$32,080,000 00 |
| tal Public Service Railway Co. and Sub |  | \$75,694,228 | \$1 | 3,419,22 |

PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION OF NEW JERSEY AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES, LONG TERM DEBT DECEMBER 31 1925-(Concluded).

|  | Authorized. | Outstanding. | Intercompany Sinking Fund Holdings. | Amount in the Hands of Public. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Companies Controlled by Public Service Railroad Co. <br> Elizabeth \& Trenton Railroad Co. $5 \%$ First Mortgage. Due April 1 1962. Fidelity <br> Trust Co., Philadelphia, Trustee. Interest Payable April and October- | \$1,200,000 00 | \$990,000 00 |  | \$990,000 00 |
| Total Companies Controlled by Public Service Railroad C |  | \$990,000 00 |  | \$990,000 00 |
| Riverside and Fort Lee Ferry CompanyReal Estate Mortgages. |  | \$100.000 00 |  | \$100,000 00: |
| Total Riversido and Fort Lee Ferry |  | \$100.000 00 |  | \$100,000 00 |
| Public Service Transportation Company Real Estate Mortgages |  | \$148.000 00 |  | \$148,00000: |
| Total Public Servico Transportation |  | \$148.000 00 |  | \$148.000 00 |
| TOTAL LONG TERM D |  | 263.78).287 11 | \$29.610.171 00 | 234,170,116 11 |

a Purchased by the Sinking Fund. b Includes $\$ 210.00900$ purchased by the Sinking Fund, $\$ 891,84500$ owned by Public Service Electric and Gas Company and deposited as collateral under its First and Refunding Mortgaze: $\$ 1,91700$ owned by Public Service Corporation of New Jersey. © Includes
$\$ 480.000$ 00 purchased by the Sinking Fund: $\$ 392.000$ on owned by Public Service Corporation of New Jersey. dPledzei under Public Service Electric $\$ 480,00000$ purchased


## SUMMARY OF LONG TERM DEBT AS SHOWN IN CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET.

 2. Long Term Debt of Operating Subsidiaries Controlled Through Stock Ownership. | 96.920 .54274 |
| :--- |
| 20.284 .000 .00 |
| 68.867 .10937 |

TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT IN THE HANDS OF PUBLIC $\qquad$ . $\$ 234,170,11611$

STOCKS OF COMPANIES OPERATED UNDER LEASE BY SUBSIDTARY OPERATING COMPANIES OF PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION OF NEW JERSEY, WITH THE RATES OF DIVIDEND PAYMENTS GUARANTEED FROM RENTALS.

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Capital } \\ \text { Stock } \\ \text { Outstanding } \end{gathered}$ | Inter- company Holdings. | Amount in Hands of Public, Including Shares. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Par } \begin{array}{l} \text { Varue } \\ \text { per } \\ \text { Share. } \end{array} \end{aligned}$ | Rate of Dividends from Rentals. Rental | $\begin{gathered} \text { Date } \\ \text { Lof } \begin{array}{c} \text { of } \end{array} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Term } \\ & \text { of Lease, } \\ & \text { Years. } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bordentown Electric Company | 25000 | a $\$ 49.600$ | \$400 | \$50 |  |  |  |
| The Camden Horse Rairroad Company--- | b3,000.000 | c10.000 | $\begin{array}{r} 250.000 \\ 2.990 .000 \end{array}$ | 25 25 | 24\% | 4- 1-96 | 999 |
| Cinnaminson $\begin{aligned} & \text { Electric Light, Power \& Heating } \\ & \text { Consolidated Traction }\end{aligned}$ | 20.000 | a19, |  | 50 | 3/2\% | 4-1-14 | 499 |
| The East Newark Gas Light Company | 15,000.000 60 | -59,800 | $\begin{array}{r} 14,999.900 \\ 200 \end{array}$ | 100 | 4 | 6-1- | 99 |
| Elizabeth \& Trenton Railroad Co., Preferre | 180.300 |  | 180.300 | 50 | $5 \%$ | 4-1-12 | 999 |
| Essex and Hudson Gas Company., | 6.500.000 |  | 500.00 | 100 |  |  |  |
| The Gas Light Co. of the City of New Brun | 400.000 |  | 400.0 | 00 | \% |  |  |
| Hudson County Gas Co.. ${ }^{\text {Hergen Coun }}$ | 10.500.000 |  | 10.500.000 | 100 | 5\% | 1-1 |  |
| Newark Consolidated Gas Co Jersey \& Hudson River Railway \& Ferry Co-l | 6.000 .000 |  | 6.000 .000 | 100 | 5 |  | 99 |
| New Jersey \& Hudson River Railway \& Ferry Co., Common | 2,500,000 | d2,446.450 | 53,550 | 100 | $6{ }^{\circ}$ | - 1-11 |  |
| Orange and Passaic Valley Railway Compan | 1,000,000 |  | 4.800 | 100 | 4-5\% | $11-$ |  |
| Public Service Electric Povier Co.. Preferre | 5.000.000 | h269,700 | 4,730,300 | 100 |  |  | - |
| Public Service Electric Poy yer Co., Common- | i3,000,000 | 2,999,920 |  | No Par | Not Fixed |  |  |
| Rapid Transit Street Ray | 504.0 | d2, 100 | 504.000 | 100 | 113\% | 6- 1-93 |  |
| Riverside Traction Company, Preferred | 266 |  | 266.50 | 50 |  | 4-1-12 |  |
| Somerset Union \& Middlesex Lighting | .050.000 | -5431,700 | 747.150 618.300 | 100 | $2.7 \%$ |  |  |
| South Jersey Gas, Electric \& Traction Cow | 6.000 .000 225.000 |  | 6,000.000 225.000 | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \\ & 100 \\ & 10 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
|  | \$71,914,300 | \$7,288,803 | \$64,624,130 |  |  |  |  |

## $a$ Owned by Riverside Traction Company

cone $\$ 600.000$ paid in.
${ }^{c} d$ Owned by Pablic Service Corporation of New Jersey
e $\$ 59.775$ owned by Essex and Hudson Gas Company and Newark Consolidated Gas Company; $\$ 25$ owned by Public Service Electric \& Gas Co.
 $h$ Owned by Public Service Corporation of New Jersey: sid. Sledged pledged under agreement securing its Perpet
$i 300.000$ shares.
$j \$ 42,0400$ owned by Public Service Electric and Gas Company and pledged under its First and Refunding Mortgage; $\$ 9,300$ owned by Public Service
Corporation of New Jersey.
STOCKS OF SUBSIDIARY OPERATING COMPANIES OF PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION OF NEW JERSEY.


[^4]| gas statistios. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1916. | 1917. | 1918. | 1919. | 1920. | 1921. | 1922. | 1923. | 1924. | 1925. |
| Gas Sold-M. Cu. Ft Miles of Mains in use Dec. 31 | $\begin{array}{\|r\|} \hline 12,399.852 \\ 3.041 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 13,610,865 \\ 3,089 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\xrightarrow{14,783.231}$ | 14,900,704 | 16,493.276 | 16,644.298 | 17.736.689 | $\frac{1023 .}{}$ | $\frac{1924 .}{19,857.632}$ | $\frac{1925 .}{20,294,361}$ |
| Meters in Service Dec. 31 | 496.885 11.037 | 516.745 $\begin{array}{r}\text { 7,629 } \\ \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 526.213 | 538.574 | 553,343 | 565,711 | $\begin{array}{r}\text { a } \\ 583.832 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 3,467 609,140 | 643.646 | $\begin{array}{r}3,865 \\ 675.264 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| Ranges Sold---- | ${ }^{27} 1.901$ | 27,613 | 9.524 | 7.166 12.209 | 15,572 | 12 | 18.5 | 21.654 | 24.679 | 27,027 <br> 20 |
| Hot Plates sold - | 2,221 | 1,608 | 5,317 | $\begin{array}{r}7.496 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 9,831 | 6,020 | 12,007 | 11.342 | 10,982 | 9,502 |
| Heating stoves sold | 11.094 5.405 | 19,442 | 6.119 | 7.059 | 6.731 | 4,276 | 6,355 | 5,929 |  | 4,979 |
| Welsbach Lamps Sold | 59.277 | 41.828 | 18.835 | 14.622 | 17,018 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mantles Sold Domestic Appliances Instalile | 314.303 34.190 | 327.868 42.737 | 157,468 | 21.832 | 150,502 | 111,998 | 10, 8 , 882 | 77.360 | 68.487 | 4,697 49,145 |
| Manufacturing Appliances Installed | 15,778 |  |  |  |  | , 949 | ,734 | 22,79 | . 3 | , 6 |
|  | 15.769 | 12,883 | 5,780 | 5,854 | 5.901 | 3,421 | 2,751 | 5,221 | 1,328 | 1,149 1,771 |
| Horse Power of Gas Engines. | 7741/2 | 5141/2 | 35 | 133 | 75 | $\frac{1}{3}$ | 30 |  |  |  |

OPERATING REVENUE OF SUBSIDIARY UTILITY COMPANIES OF PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION OF NEW JERSEY.

| $a r$. | $\begin{gathered} \text { ETlep } \\ \text { Prop } \end{gathered}$ | Pro | Transportation Properties. | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1903 (7 mos.) | \$1 |  |  |  |
|  | 3.458.827 |  |  |  |
|  | 4,112.261 87 | 6.544.09769 | 10 |  |
|  | ${ }_{4}^{4.579}$ | 1 | 10,671.5 |  |
|  | 5.092 .028 | 99.13 | 12.08 | 21.778.172 |
|  | 5.842.227 63 |  |  |  |
|  | 13.39 | 8.578.924 | 15,224.211 44 | 29.927.048 91 |
|  | 8.500.122 00 |  | 16,131,414 26 |  |
|  | 10.425.851 78 | 10.475.933 | 16.569.4 | 35.9 |
|  | 814.597 | 11.558.413 | 18.17 |  |
|  | 17.587 | 14.578.269 | 20,831.76 | 52.9 |
|  | 20.054.659 | 11.941.745 | 40.3 |  |
| 192 | 24.390 .32149 | 23.516 .318 | 27,404. | 75.3 |
|  | 27 | 23.152.426 42 |  |  |
|  | 34.889.63 | 24.542.643 63 | 28,257,177 10 | 77.689.453 39 |
| $25^{*}$ | 40.016.174 | 24.181,431 50 | 30,517,918 79 | 94,715,525 20 |

*Change in classification of accounts effective January 1st.
EXPENDITURES OHARGED TO FIXED CAPITAL, PUBLIC SERSUBEDIDARY UTILITY COMPANIES JERSEY,

| Te |
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| Le |



| $\$ 332.02457$ |
| ---: |
| $\$ 32,02457$ <br> 27,01500 | ${ }_{\text {Electric }}^{\text {Net Incr }}$ Land- Fower Plant sitructures.Transmission System Structures.-.............-

Miscellaneous Structures Devoted to Electric
 Prime Movers and Aut
Turbo Generator Unit
Electric Plant - Steam Mictric Plant Sous Power Plant Equipment, Steam
Substation Substation Equipment
Apparatus Withdrawn from Service Awaiting
Re-installation Spare and Emergency Apparatus
Transmission Underground Conduits Distribution Underground Conduits. Distribution Poles, Towers and Fixtures Transmission Overhead Conductors-
Distribution Overhead Conductors Distribution Overhead Conductors.....
Transmission Underground Conductors.
Distribution Underground Conductors.Dristribution Underground Conductors........
Services................................................... Services-1............... Consumers' Meters
Monsumers Meters.-.........
Mreter Installation
Street
Ofichiting Equipment. Office Equipment
Stores Equipment
Shop Equipment
Transportation Equipment
Automobile Equipment
Miscellaneous Equipment --
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$-...-:-


Fixed Capital Installed During Year--
Less Property Written Off During Year-
Net Increase in Fixed Capital_--7--.-.
Kearny Plant, Public Service Electric Power
Company Kearny Plant, Public Service Electric Power
Company $\xrightarrow[\text { Land- }]{\text { Las }}$
 Miscels
Openeous structures Devoted to Gas Boiler Plant Equipment-
Steam Engines.
Interssory Powert Equipment.
 MiansSistrict Governors Consumers' Meters
Consumers' Consumers' Meter Instailation
Street Lighting Equipment
Stores Equipment
Shop Equipment.-.....-.
Transportation Equipmen
Staomobie Equipment...........................-

\$692,659 98
8692,65998
$1,431,356$
563
$\begin{array}{r}296,49279 \\ 1,084,60303 \\ \hline\end{array}$
$1,084,63811$
262,2811
266.05930
266.05930
1,07171207
06

6,278,123 12
212,459 92 174,6065
401,5945
5 40,5945
629.625 .51
455.430 629,625
455,430 1,0 1,289
1,744
742
1,08 742,842
3.327
1.024 .30
735.172 $\begin{array}{r}735,172 \\ 67252 \\ 8 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r}803.3027 \\ 993.344 \\ 693.58 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r}693,58251 \\ 24,005 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r}25,168 \\ \\ \hline\end{array}$ 304,67315
13,61568
15 10,06492 $\begin{array}{r}147,14685 \\ \hline\end{array}$

## 8305,009 57

| $\$ 23,699,40989$ |
| ---: |
| $2,31,98858$ |
| $321,388,42131$ | 12,960,774 5 ,349,195~87 $\$ 161,27602$


$1,420,80831$ | 172,82481 |
| :--- |
| 467936 | | 92,79272 |
| :--- |
|  |
|  |
| 36426 | $\begin{array}{r}92,792 \\ 36 \\ 36 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 32.993 |
| :--- |
| 267.542 |
| 56 |

 346,32485
98,348
9.36 3,82158
21,410
26
57350
3,12761
3,638
$\begin{array}{r}3,127 \\ 3.638 \\ 10 \\ \hline 20\end{array}$
 Miscellaneous Tangible Capitai-:-.........-
Fixed Capital Installed Prior to Jan. 1913 Fixed Capital Installed During Year---
Less Property

| $\$ 813,094.34$ |
| ---: |
| 29,658 |
| 98.619 |
| $60,000.34$ |
| $\$ 8.119 .67423$ |
| 312,40837 |

Net Increase in Fixed Capital
Engineerportation- and Superintendence
Other Land Used in Electric Railway OperaGrading
Rails, Rail Fastenings and Joints Track and Roadway Labor
Road Machinery and Tools Signals and Interlocking Apparatus
Telephone and Telegraph Lines Teleppone and Telegraph Lines
Distribution Poles and Fixtures
Underiond
Underground Conduit
Distribution System
Distribution System-
Shops and Carhouses
Stations, Miscellaneous Buildings and struc-

Electric Equipment of Cars.
Furniture
Furniture-_---
Miscellaneous Equipment.-
Organization
Organization
Miscellaneous Physical Property
Ferry Slips, Buidings and Piers
Ferry Slips, Buildings and Piers.................. Garage Buildings............... Garage Machinery and
Other Intangible Capital
General Repair Shop Machinery and Tools.
Improvements on Leased Property.........
Fixed Capital Installed During Year-...
Less Property Written Off During Year--. $\$ 7.56805$
1.02180



| $2,235,56740$ |
| ---: |
| $\$ 7,525,27938$ |
| $1,723,93757$ |

$\$ 7,807,265186$

Net Increase in Fixed Capital
5,801,341 81
Total Net Increase in Fixed Capital. $\qquad$ ELEOTRIC STATIONS Railway and Lighting
Number of Generating Stations.-............
Capacity of Generators in K.V.A.-........
Number of Substatorons. Kilo $\begin{array}{rrrr}\text { June } & 1 & & \\ & 1903 . & \text { Dec. } 31 & 1925 . \\ & 40,075 & 447.550 \\ & & 13\end{array}$ Capacity of Rotariens in Kiiliowatts-:-
Capacity of Motor Generator

$$
-\overline{\$ 48,262,81311}
$$

ELEOTRIC CONDUITS AND TRANSMISSION LINES.
Railway and Lighting Combined.
Length of Transmission Lines (in miles)

ELEOTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM STATISTIOS. Number of Poles..........
Mumber Wire-.........
Number of Transformers

| Year. | K. W. Hours Sold (Excluding Inter-Company Railway Current). | Number of Street Arc Lamps Supplied Dec. 31 . | Number of Street Incandes cent Lamps Supplied Dec. 31. | Total Connected Load in K. W. Dec. 31. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1903 |  | 7,745 | 5,733 |  |
| 1904 |  | 8,121 | 8,538 | 55,748 |
| 1905 | 48,894,308 | 8.681 | 12,351 | 68.331 |
| 1906 | 56,666,749 | 9,150 | 13,168 | 81,873 |
| 1907 | 65,472,561 | 9,671 | 13,821 | 92,143 |
| 1908 | 69,274,132 | 10,397 | 14,352 | 102,104 |
| 1909 | 78,911,840 | 10,863 | 15,175 | 118,138 |
| 1910 | 89,742,689 | 11.441 | 16,640 | 137,058 |
| 1911 | 103,144,595 | 11,726 | 18,906 | 156.202 |
| 1912 | 122,543,747 | 12,297 | 20,347 | 180.942 |
| 1913 | 141,936,243 | 12,787 | 22,339 | 209,835 |
| 1914 | 159,044,648 | 13,187 | 24,214 | 239,719 |
| 1915 | 197,079,581 | 12,619 | 26,062 | 277,652 |
| 1916 | 280,871,843 | 10,954 | 29,033 | 326,019 |
| 1917 | 371,509,459 | 10,073 | 31,376 | 367,021 |
| 1918 | 440,676,475 | 9,367. | 32,080 | 430.485 |
| 1919 | 442,641,630 | 9,353 | 33,415 | 464,605 |
| 1920 | $505,813,937$ $432,073,405$ | 8,219 | 35,523 38.771 | 525,258 576.410 |
| 1922 | 534,465,033 | 7,257 | 43,251 | 669.954 |
| 1923 | 666,838,087 | 6,069 | 47,743 | 790,780 |
| 1924 | 743,084,455 | 6,024 | 53,930 | 936.719 |
| 1925 | 919,515,074 | 3,932 | 61,316 | ,092,237 |

The increases shown above are somewhat, but not very materially, affected by properties acquired between June 11903 and January 11926.

TRANSPORTATION STATISTICS.

| Year | Trolley Passengers | $\stackrel{\text { Bus }}{\text { Passengers }}$ | Total Passengers | Trolley Mileage | $\begin{gathered} \text { Bus } \\ \text { Mileage } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } \\ & \text { Mileage } \end{aligned}$ | Trolley Hours | Bus <br> Hours | Total Hours | Passenger Receipts Per Trolley Mite | $\begin{gathered} \text { Passenger } \\ \text { Receipts Per } \\ \text { Bus Mile } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 19 | 21 |  | 2 | 32 |  | 32,1 | 4,003,614 |  | 4,003.614 |  |  |
| 1905 | 235,079,986 |  | 235,079,986 | 35,068,223 |  | 35,068,223 | 4,228,344 |  | 4,228,344 | 5.73c. |  |
| 1906 | $261,312,488$ $282,663,974$ |  | $261,312,488$ $282,663,974$ | $37,462.804$ $39,178.277$ |  | $37,462,804$ $39,178,277$ | $4,464,162$ 4.671 .246 |  | $4,464,162$ $4,671,246$ | .29c. |  |
| 1908 | 294,110.602 |  | 294,110,602 | 39,519,972 |  | 39,519,972 | 4,598,714 |  | 4, $4,598,714$ |  |  |
| 1909 | 319,720.235 |  | 319,720,235 | 40,890,360 |  | 40,890,360 | 4,747,729 |  | 4,747,729 | 29.08 |  |
| 1910 | 341,398,688 |  | 341,398.688 | 42,632,760 |  | 42,632,760 | 4,961.608 |  | $4.961,608$ | 30.29 c . |  |
| 1911 | 362,550,395 |  | 362,550,395 | 44,561,141 |  | 44,561,141 | 5,159,073 |  | 5,159.073 | 31.07 c . |  |
| 1912 | $383,104,247$ $404,411.105$ |  | $383,104,247$ $404,411,105$ | $47,355,292$ $49,853,408$ |  | $47,355,292$ $49,853,408$ | $5,465,926$ $5,696,066$ |  | 5,465,926 $5.696,066$ | 30.87 c. 30.97 c |  |
| 1914 | 407.277,914 |  | 407,277,914 | 50,792,889 |  | 50,792,889 | 5,665,119 |  | 5,665,119 | 30.72 c |  |
| 1915 | 414,422,040 |  | 414,422,040 | 51,873,660 |  | 51,873,660 | 5,573,670 |  | 5,573,670 | 30.49 c . |  |
| 1916 | 451,698.012 |  | 451,698,012 | 54,964,708 |  | 54,964,708 | 5,911,131 |  | 5,911,131 | 31.37 c . |  |
| 1917 | 476,974.983 |  | 476,974,983 | 56,087,403 |  | 56,087,403 | 6,021,225 |  | 6,021,225 | 32.44 c . |  |
| 1919 - | 451,220,806 |  | $451,220,806$ $396,689,234$ | 54,039,150 |  | $54,039,150$ 57.644 .927 | 5,698.089 $6,039,453$ |  | $5,698.089$ $6,039,453$ | 36.00 c. 39.29 c. |  |
| 1920 | 453,534,694 |  | 453,534,694 | 60,798,743 |  | 60,798,743 | 6.539,207 |  | 6,539,207 | 39.29 c 43.21 c |  |
| 1921 | 435,679,801 |  | 435,679,801 | 58,309,883 |  | 58,309,883 | 6.212,276 |  | 6,212.276 | 44.11 c . |  |
| 1922 | 410,212,814 |  | 410,212,814 | $56.419,982$ |  | 56,419,982 | 5,983,122 |  | 5,983,122 | 45.59 c . |  |
| 1923 - | 354,194,933 | 2,059 | 356,146,992 | 49,272,078 |  | 49,777,400 | 5,206,092 | 8 | 5,266,755 | 42.75 c . |  |
| 1924 | 427,828,444 | $69,383,643$ $146,053,237$ | 49\%,212,087 | 53,945,515 $50,115,119$ | $15,704,663$ $27,506,493$ | $69,650,178$ $77,621,612$ | $5,662,340$ $5,402,008$ | $1,928,498$ $3,273,801$ | $7,590,838$ $8,675,809$ | 41.04 c. 41.32 c . | $\begin{aligned} & 26.13 \mathrm{c} . \\ & 27.41 \mathrm{c} . \end{aligned}$ |

*Mile zone system in effect from September 14 to December 7.

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# SIMMS PETROLEUM COMPANY 

AND SUBSIDIARIES

## ANNUAL REPORT-FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 311925.

To the Stockholders of Simms Petroleum Company:
The operations of your Company for the year 1925 resulted in net earnings, after all charges, of $\$ 2,636,73594$, or $\$ 385$ a share on the 684,492 shares of stock outstanding at the end of the year, compared with $\$ 281$ a share for the year 1924.

Operating Revenues for 1925, after deducting cost of raw materials refined, were $\$ 8,643,83624$. Operating Expenses were $\$ 2,939,55016$, leaving Gross Profit from Operations of $\$ 5,704,28608$, or an increase of about $34 \%$ over the corresponding figures for 1924. Income Credits were $\$ 266,03700$. Charges against income amounting to $\$ 3,333,58714$ were made during the year, of which $\$ 2,824,78596$ were for depreciation, depletion, incidental costs of productive drilling and current lease and property abandonments.
During the year, dividends of 50 cents a share were paid on January 21925 (initial dividend), and July 1 1925; and in November 1925 the Directors declared a dividend of fifty cents a share, payable January 21926.

Net production of crude oil, after royalties and outstanding interests, averaged 11,652 barrels daily, compared with 11,077 barrels in 1924, 10,847 barrels in 1923, 7,337 barrels in 1922 and 3,198 barrels in 1921. The number of producing oil wells increased from 288 at the beginning of the year to 413 at the end of the year.

Additions to property aggregating $\$ 3,132,72350$ were made during the year. This includes the cost of new wells and leases acquired or developed ( $\$ 1,970,60595$ ) ; a modern refinery and distribution system ( $\$ 962,35365$ ), together with other miscellaneous equipment. Notwithstanding these heavy expenditures in 1925 for new property and the dividends declared amounting to $\$ 684,77550$, outstanding Equipment Trust Certificates decreased $\$ 75,00000$, and Net Quick Assets increased $\$ 452,14903$ during the same period.

At the end of this report will be found a detailed Income Statement for the year 1925, together with Balance Sheet as of December 31 1925, and comparative statistics for the last four years.

## PRODUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT.

During the year 1925, your Company's net interest in the oil produced by it, after deduction of royalties, belonging to landowners and partnership interests, amounted to 4,252 ,967 barrels, or a daily average of 11,652 barrels. About $60 \%$ of this production was light oil, running from $35^{\circ}$ to $41^{\circ}$, and the balance was Smackover heavy oil. Production by districts was as follows:

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| Louisiana: <br> Homer District Haynesville District Pine Island District | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Net Barrels. } \\ & 129.647 \\ & 47,479 \\ & 2,230 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Total Louisiana <br> (Daily Average, 491 barrels.) | 179,356 |
| Arkansas: <br> Smackover District |  |

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respectively. During the year, thirteen producing oil wells were drilled to the second sand, twenty oil wells to the third sand and two gas wells were drilled to the fourth sand. In addition, a small property was purchased having three wells producing from the first sand at around 2,000 feet.
Production from the Smackover properties during the month of December averaged 5,100 barrels daily net after royalties of which approximately 2,750 barrels were from seventy-six wells in the first sand, about 950 barrels from thirteen wells in the second sand, and 1,400 barrels from twenty wells in the third sand, or a total of around 5,100 barrels. Average daily net production of 5,029 barrels from Smackover during the past year showed a considerable increase over the 3,939 barrels reported for the year 1924.
As modern cracking methods are improved, the intrinsic value of Smackover production likewise increases, and it is probable that each year a larger percentage of Smackover crude will be refined. Your Company is now planning on the erection of a small refinery with modern cracking methods at Smackover to handle part of its Smackover crude output.
In the Wichita Falls District (Wichita, Archer and northern Young Counties, Texas) the Company drilled thirtyseven shallow producing wells and thirteen shallow dry holes, five of which were on producing leases. Your Company's holdings in the so-called Litchfield Pool, on which production was obtained in December 1924, has been developed and defined by drilling thirty producing wells and two dry holes. In this same pool, during the year, the Company purchased two small producing properties with ten producing wells.
At the beginning of the year, the Company had 288 producing oil wells and 5 gas wells. During 1925 the Company completed 153 wells, of which 110 were oil wells, 9 were gas wells and 34 were dry holes. In addition, the Company acquired by purchase small properties having a total of 18 producing oil wells. Three wells, which were formerly oil wells, were plugged and abandoned. Thus the Company had, at the end of 1925,413 producing oil wells and 14 produring gas wells.
A summary of development operations during the year, and of the wells drilling at the end of the year, is shown in the following tabulation:

| District- | Wells Completed. <br> Producers. Dry Holes. | Wells Drilling at End of Year. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bossier Parish, La | -- 1 | 1 1 |
| Bernice, La | 2 |  |
| Webster Parish, La- | 2 |  |
| Cleveland County, Ark |  |  |
| Smackover, Ark | 35.11 | 2 |
| Wichita Falls, Texas | 3713 | 4 |
| Powell, Texas- | 2 | 1 |
| Navarro County, Texa | 2 |  |
| Wortham, Texas | $30 \quad 1$ | -- |
| Mexia, Texas | 1 |  |
| Harrison County, Texas | 3 | + |
| Reagan County, Texas | 1 |  |
| Bastrop County , Texas | 1 |  |
| Milam County, Texas. | 1 | 1 |
| Williamson County Texa | 1 |  |
| Jim Hogg County, Texas | 1 . 1 | 1 |
| Jim Wells County, Texas | 2 |  |
| Oklahoma. | 3 5 | 2 |
| Kansas - | - -- 1 |  |
| Total. | 119 34 | 13 |

## OPERATING REVENUE AND EXPENSES.

Prices for crude oil during the year 1925 were on the average higher and more stable than for any of the preceding four years. Based upon posted prices, the Company's net production of light oil had an average value of $\$ 195$ per barrel compared with $\$ 160$ per barrel in 1924, and its production of Smackover heavy crude had an average value of 90 cents per barrel as against 89 cents in 1924. The total market value of the Company's production based upon prices at the well on the day produced aggregated $\$ 6,202,63980$ in 1925, compared with $\$ 5,338,51078$ in 1924.

During 1925 the Company derived substantial revenue from the transportation and sale of its production and oil purchased from others in certain fields and from the sale of stored oil. At Smackover, Arkansas, the Company owns a system of gathering lines throughout the field connected with a tank farm and loading rack, and it likewise owns tank farm and loading rack facilities connected with leases
in the Homer, Mexia, Wortham and Powell Fields. Company's fleet of 598 tank cars is used in marketing crude oil from these points. A statement of pipe line runs is included in the statistical summary at the end of this report. During 1925 a considerable portion of the Company's inventory of light crude oil was liquidated at prices higher than those at which the oil was carried on the books at the end of 1924, resulting in a profit which is included in the item "Gross Operating Revenue" in the Income Statement for 1925.

In June 1925 your Company acquired a controlling interest in Clayton Oil \& Refining Company and subsequently purchased the remaining stock of that Company. As of June 30 1925, all of the assets of Clayton Oil \& Refining Company, including a modern refinery at Dallas, Texas, and marketing stations in the surrounding territory, were transferred to Simms Oil Company. The Clayton Oil \& Refining Company was subsequently dissolved. The Financial and Operating Statements appended include refining and marketing operations of Simms Oil Company from June 30 1925 to the end of the year. The item, "Gross Operating Revenue" in the Income Statement for the year includes revenue from refining and marketing operations after deducting cost of raw material consumed (crude oil, casinghead gasoline, etc.).

Operating Expenses for the year totaled $\$ 2,939,55016$. Production Expenses amounted to $\$ 1,490,23450$, equivalent to 35 cents per barrel of net crude oil produced, and Refinery and Marketing Expenses totaled $\$ 432,23146$, or 59 cents per barrel of crude oil refined. Transportation and Storage Expenses were $\$ 245,76283$; cost of Dry Holes Drilled amounted to $\$ 401,22221$, and Administrative Expenses were $\$ 370$,09916.

## APPLICATION OF INCOMING RESOURCES.

The profit for the year, before Depreciation, Depletion and a contingent reserve for Federal Income Taxes, amounted to $\$ 4,393,91744$. In addition, the net increase in the Capital Stock outstandings was $\$ 12,41000$. As will appear from an examination of the Balance Sheet, the sum of these two items, $\$ 4,406,32744$ was applied in the following manner:
Additions to Property
Increase in Not Quick Assets
Decrease in Equipment Trust Certificates
Increase in Investment in Other Companies.
Total.

## ADDITIONS TO PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

## A. New Leases.

It is believed that the above items are of themselves selfexplanatory, except for the $\$ 3,132,72350$ expended in additions to property. Of this amount, $\$ 1,018,59566$ represents net additions to the Company's Active and Inactive Leases. The Company acquired, in 1925, new leases on approximately 92,000 acres, which, together with certain royalties and deferred payments out of oil, cost $\$ 1,207,30694$. At the same time, due to tentative settlements of Federal income tax questions, the value of certain inactive leases acquired at organization was revised and increased to the extent of $\$ 245,45761$, and the Company's "Reserve for Abandonment of Leases and Contingencies" was correspondingly increased. During the year, leases covering about 40,000 acres, having a book value of $\$ 236,48976$ were either sold or abandoned, and of this amount $\$ 47,77848$, representing the value of certain leases acquired prior to June 1 1920, was charged to the Reserve for Abandonment and Contingencies, while the remaining $\$ 188,71128$ was charged against income as Current Lease Abandonments. At the end of the year the Company owned leases on approximately 137,000 acres in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Kansas. These leases had a gross book value of $\$ 10,667,50021$, against which a reserve had been provided for depletion based on cost to the extent of $\$ 6,209,45096$, leaving the net book value of all Active and Inactive Leases at $\$ 4,458,04925$.

## B. Wells and Improvements.

The Company increased its investment in wells and lease facilities during the year to the extent of $\$ 952,01029$. This represents added investment in lease lines, tanks, treating plants, power plants, and the physical equipment in or appertaining to producing wells, and is exclusive of the sum of $\$ 984,54822$ expended during the same period and charged to operating expense for labor, fuel and similar costs incident to wells completed as producers, nor does the amount added to property include any part of the cost of dry holes
completed during the year. By the end of the year the Company's total investment in wells and lease facilities aggregated $\$ 4,269,40973$, an average of about $\$ 10,00000$ for each producing well. Depreciation charges to the end-of the year had reduced the net book value to $\$ 2,645,37833$, or an average of about $\$ 6,20000$ for each producing well.

## C. Refining and Marketing Facilities.

The most important single investment made by the Company in 1925 were expenditures amounting to $\$ 962,35365$ by December 31 in a refinery and distribution system. As previously mentioned, in June 1925 the Company acquired the Clayton Oil \& Refining Company, which included a modern refinery, located at Dallas, Texas, with a daily crude oil throughout capacity of 4,500 barrels, together with fous Cross Cracking Units capable of handling 3,200 barrels a day. In addition, the Clayton acquisition included retail filling stations at Dallas, Texas, and wholesale bulk sta tions in cities and towns within a one-hundred-mile radius of Dallas. Following the purchase of these properties, additions were made to the crude and refined oil storage facilities at the refinery, improvements to the refining process were installed, the number of filling stations-was increased, and the distribution system further extended by the construction and purchase of bulk stations in other desirable locations throughout north and west Texas. The Company now directly owns and operates eighteen filling stations, all located in Dallas, and seventeen wholesale tank wagon stations in the State. For the six months ending December 31 the daily average production of gasoline was 95,925 gallons, It is expected that improvements now being completed will still further increase the percentage of gasoline yield. An aeroplane view of the refinery is given at the end of the text of this [pamphlet] report.
D. Other Capital Expenditures.

Other capital expenditures during the year included $\$ 97$,03835 for new drilling equipment; a net expenditure of $\$ 10,21623$ for pipe line and storage facilities, and $\$ 34,56122$ for a casinghead gasoline plant completed prior to the end of the year on one of the Company's leases in the north part of Young County, Texas.

## DEPRECIATION CHARGES

As of December 311925 the book value of the Company's physical property (not including leases) amounted to $\$ 9,537,40156$. This amount is exclusive of labor, fuel, water and other similar costs incident to the drilling of new wells. which items, as previously stated, are currently charged against income. To provide for the amortization of this physical equipment, $\$ 1,078,97928$ was charged against income and credited to "Reserve for Depreciation" for the year 1925. This Reserve at the end of the year was $\$ 2,963,-$ 80576 , leaving the net book value of the Company's physical properties at that time $\$ 6,573,59580$.

## NET QUICK ASSETS

During 1925 Net Quick Assets increased $\$ 452,14903$, and at the end of the year were $\$ 3,555,25593$. Included in the Current Assets are 1,334,107 barrels of crude oil in storage worth $\$ 1,316,98146$, at prices prevailing on December 31 1925. Since that time this oil inventory has appreciated in value by reason of the somewhat higher prices now prevailing.

From the Balance Sheet it appears that an item of $\$ 160$, 00000 charged against income during the year as a provi sion for possible Federal income taxes is not included as a current liability. The liability for income tax being doubt ful, the amount is carried in a reserve.

## CHANGES IN BALANCE SHEET.

Under the Revenue Acts of 1918, 1921 and 1924, the United States Treasury Department permitted oil producers to revalue acreage proven by discovery wells, and, within certain limitations, permitted depletion to be charged on this "appreciation." In the Balance Sheets of your Company for the years 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1924 an item "Appreciation of Active Leases" was carried as an asset, which represented the difference between cost and the revised value of acreage proven by discovery calculated under the Treasury Department Regulations, and at the same time the amount of such appreciation set up (less accrued depletion) was carried as a special "Surplus Arising from Apprecia tion in Oil Leases" in the Surplus Account. The new Reve nue Act of 1926 does not provide for revaluations of leases on the discovery of oil, but instead provides for a depletion allowance based upon a fixed percentage of gross or net in come. As the inclusion in the Company's Balance Sheet of appreciation and depletion items based upon technical reg-
ulations of the Treasury Department was confusing to many stockholders, these "Discovery Appreciation" items have been eliminated from the Balance Sheet appended hereto. All of the assets values shown therein are based upon cost, which, in the case of many of the Company's oil leases, is greatly exceeded by present values due to discoveries made thereon. Similarly, the Surplus shown on the Balance Sheet does not include appreciation in value of leases due to the discovery of oil.

EMPLOYEES STOCK-PURCHASE PLAN.
During the year 1925 the Directors of your Company authorized an Employees Stock Purchase Plan under which employees in the service of the Company for one year or longer may contribute up to $20 \%$ of their salaries to a fund administered by Trustees appointed by the Board of Directors. For every dollar contributed by the employees to this fund, the Company agrees to contribute fifty cents. These contributions are used by the Trustees to purchase Simms Petroleum Company stock from the Company's treasury at a price fixed by the Board of Directors each six months, or in the open market if it can be so purchased to greater advantage. The Plan was made effective June 11925 and runs for a term of five years, at the end of which time the stock then held by the Trustees will be distributed among the emplayees in the proportion of their respective contributions. This Plan was formulated with the purpose of encouraging thrift among the employees and to provide a means whereby the loyal and efficient members of the organization could participate in the success of the Company for which they are so largely responsible.

## CONCLUSION.

The year just passed was prosperous for the industry and for your Company. It is perhaps not generally recognized that an important contributing cause to the satisfactory profits most companies have shown for the year 1925 was the liquidation of inventories during the year 1925, at prices considerably higher than the low prices prevailing on December 31 1924. The price level for crude and refined oils on December 311925 was generally higher than at the end of the previous year, leaving less opportunity for profits on sale of inventory during 1926. Since the first of the year there has been an advance in crude prices east of the Rockies, but supply of gasoline has been ample and gasoline prices have been weak, showing little or no profit to refiners. Such a condition is not apt to endure over a long period, though it is too soon to hazard a guess whether the situation will be corrected by an advance in prices of refined products or a decline in the price of crude. The increased use of modern cracking methods and the development of the natural gasoline industry are resulting in a large increase in the proportion of gasoline manufactured to crude oil produced. While the oil industry will doubtless readjust itself to this development as it has to other developments in the past, the situation caused by the increased yield of gasoline should not be overlooked.
By order of the Board of Directors,
EDWARD T. MOORE, President.
THOMAS W. STREETER, Chairman of the Board.
March 171926.

## SIMMS PETROLEUM COMPANY SIMMS OIL COMPANY <br> $$
\begin{aligned} & \text { TRINITY DRILLING COMPANY } \\ & \text { COMPANY } \end{aligned}
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## COMPARATIVE CONDENSED INCOME STATEMENT

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1925,1924,1923,1922 .
$$


 Operating expenses
Productive drinling,
taxes, in-
rest, abandonments, \&c- $1,736,406 \quad 1,074,418 \quad 1,121,716 \quad 1,354,195$ Expenses and Deductionss
Net income before deprecia-
$\$ 4,675,956$
$\$ 3,093,987$
$\$ 2,865,771$

$\$ 2,753,269$ | Net income before deprecia- |
| :--- |
| tion and depletion |
| Depreciation and depletion- $\$ 1,233,917$ | Det Income

Shares of capital stock out-
$\$ 2,636,736$
$\$ 1,922,218$ $\begin{array}{crrrr}\text { Shares of capital stock out- } & 684,492 & 683,251 & 664.042 & 673.280 \\ \text { standing at end of each year } & 680 \\ \text { Net Income per Share-- } & \$ 3.85 & \$ 2.81 & \$ 0.51 & \$ 0.30\end{array}$ ANNUAL NET PRODUOTION OF ORUDE OIL BX STATES FOR
YEAR.
 NUMBER OF PRODUCING OIL WELLS-DISTRIBUTED

DEOEMBER 31 1925. FOR YEAR ENDED
Gross Operating Revenue (after deducting cost of raw ma-
terial refined)
Operating Expenses:-

Refinery and marketing expenses
Administrative expenses

Total Operating Expenses.
Profit from Operations $\qquad$
Interest and
Miscellaneous
sild.741 36
Total_
In
Interest and discount-
Provision for Federal income franchise taxes.-
Leasing expenses.
Labor and ncidental cost of productive drilling
Depreciation and property abandonments.
Depletion of leases, based on cost...................
$266,037 \cdot 00$
${ }^{3,3,3,5877_{4}}$
The
July 11925 and payable January 2 1926)
$\begin{array}{r}684,77550 \\ \hline 1,951,96044 \\ \hline\end{array}$
Surplus for Year

| $-\$ 1,951,960$ |
| :--- |
| 1911925 |

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET, DEOEMBER 311925.
Property:
Active
Active leases at cost_-_-\$8, $\$ 8,641,15475$
Less reserve for depletion based
6,209,450 96
Net Value of Active Leases
$\$ 2,431,70379$
$2,026,34546$


Total_
$\begin{array}{r}\$ 9,537,40156 \\ 2,963,80576 \\ \hline\end{array}$
Net Value of Physical Equipment_-....-. 6,573,595 80
Total Property less Depletion and Depreciation_-_--\$11,031,645 05
tments in Other Companies: Inverpital stocks
Advances
Current Assets:
953,803 22

Accruals receivable.
Inventories (at market values):
Crude oil
Refined products.-.
$\qquad$
$\begin{array}{r}241,21084 \\ 398.51485 \\ \hline\end{array}$
Total Current Assets.
$4,678,77777$
Deferred Debt item
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Prepaid expenses and advances on contracts_ } & \$ 75,47911 \\ \text { Unamortized debt discount }\end{array}$
Items in suspense. $\begin{array}{r}\$ 75,47911 \\ 22,97767 \\ 23.42750 \\ \hline\end{array}$
Total Deferred Debt Items
121,88428
Total
\$16,786,11032

## LIABILITTES.

Capital Stock (authorized 1,000,000 shares, $\$ 1000$ par value,
issued 60,762 shares, in treasury 36,270 shares, outstand-
ing 684.492 shares).
$7 \%$ Equipment Trust Certificates (maturing serially 1926-
$\$ 6,844,92000$
449,00000
Current 1931 Liabilities:

Total Current Liabilities
$1,123,52184$
Reserver: for abandonment of leases and con

Total Reserves
$1,685,42115$
Surplus:
usta surplus.
Capital Surplus - ---1.--
Net Income for year 1925
Total
1925 and payable Jan. 2


## Net Profit and Loss Surplus...........-. $\$ 4,114,06233$ <br> 4,114,062 33

Total Surplus
Total_
6.683,247 33

NoteDecember 31 1925, on account of deferred payments for sundry leases to be Note- Whalues for active leases shown and sold. include unrealized appreciation due to discovery of oil. Such appreciation has been substantial and present values of active leases are considerably in excess of net values shown above. $\qquad$
SIMMS PETROLEUM COMPANY, INC., SIMMS OIL COMPANY,
TRINITY DRILLING COMPANY, DALLAS, TEXAS. CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT. We have made a general audit of the books and accounts of the Simms
Petroleum Company, Inc., Simms Oil Company, and Trinity Drilling
Company for the year ended December 31 1925, and for a number of years Company for the year ended December 31 1925, and for a number of years
prior thereto, and We Hereby Certify that, in our opinion, the accompanying Consolidated
Walance Sheet at December 311925 and Summary of Consolidated Income and Profit \& Loss for the year ended that date are correct.
HASKINS \& SELLS.

## COLUMBIAN CARBON COMPANY

## ANNUAL REPORT-MARCH 151926

In the year just completed, Columbian Carbon Company again demonstrated its ability to earn and pay a satisfactory return upon its capital, despite abnormally low prices for carbon black. This result is attributable in large measure to the policy adopted several years ago of diversifying the business so as to include the production and sale of gasoline, natural gas, lamp black, vegetable black and bone black, instead of confining it to a single product.

Though prices for carbon black were such as to yield only the slenderest margin of profit, the increased demand for the company's carefully standardized output of this commodity is attested by the fact that the volume of shipments was the largest in its history, being $28 \%$ in excess of the previous year. After experiencing the evils of a long period of overproduction, it is a pleasure to report that a better balance between supply and demand has at length been established, and that contracts for 1926 have been made on a more satisfactory price basis.
It is also gratifying to report that the company during the year improved its net liquid position by nearly two million dollars. Current assets on December 311925 amounted to $\$ 5,848,932$, of which $\$ 1,128,834$ was in cash, $\$ 1,406,863$ in receivables and $\$ 579,812$ in Liberty bonds and United States Treasury notes. Total liabilities at the same date (including reserve for income taxes payable in 1926) amounted to $\$ 633,382$, resulting in net current assets of $\$ 5,215,550$, as compared with $\$ 3,290,255$ at the close of the year 1924. The financial condition of the company is such as to enable it to avail itself of opportunities now presented for the expansion of its business in directions likely to increase and further to stabilize its earning power.
The inventory on December 311925 amounted to $\$ 2,712$,542. With better prices now prevailing, there is every reason to repeat the prediction in the last annual report that "a very substantial profit will be realized when the inventory is liquidated."

Net earnings after all operating charges but before reserves for depreciation, depletion and Federal Taxes amounted to $\$ 4,099,017$, or $\$ 1012$ per share.

Pursuant to the settled policy of the company of making adequate provision for depreciation and depletion, there was reserved for these purposes in the current year $\$ 1,622$,727 , or $\$ 403$ per share, as compared with $\$ 1,705,105$ in 1924. The decrease is due to the fact that certain of the older properties have been charged down to a salvage value, so that no more depreciation or depletion is allowable thereon. Total reserves for depreciation and depletion at the end of the year amounted to $\$ 8,064,033$, or approximately $49 \%$ of the entire property account.

Net earnings after depreciation, depletion and taxes were $\$ 2,166,290$, or $\$ 538$ per share, which is approximately the same as in 1924. After payment of dividends at the rate of $\$ 4$ per share and deducting $\$ 45,865$ for earnings applicable to minority stock in subsidiary corporations, the net credit to surplus was $\$ 515,515$.

Comparative production figures are as follows:


In view of the inventory carried, it was not deemed advisable to produce carbon black beyond current market requirements. Sales of natural gas showed an increase of $16 \%$ in volume and $35 \%$ in gross revenue. The following table shows the growth of the company's natural gas business:
sales of natural gas.


Gross Revenue. $\$ 964,93441$
715,607
12
16,457
lo
166,45753
131.08059
1035
In the development of this branch of the business, it is the policy of the present management so far as possible to avoid retail distribution under municipal franchises, and to sell gas only to pipe line or distributing companies at wholesale prices fixed by contract.

Last November the company began delivery of gas from its properties in Kanawha and Roane Counties, West Virginia, to Hope Natural Gas Company. Deliveries under this contract have averaged about eight million cubic feet per day, but commenced too late in the year to have an important bearing on income. The price received for this gas is fifteen cents per thousand, with annual increases. In Doddridge County, West Virginia, the company is marketing its entire gas production at twenty-two cents per thousand cubic feet. The above prices are for the gas delivered at receiving stations located near the wells.

A number of very satisfactory wells were completed in West Virginia during the year.

Total sales from the pipe line running from the Monroe, Louisiana, field to Alexandria amounted to $\$ 374,779$, as compared with $\$ 275,939$ in 1924.
Plans now matured justify the announcement that a great expansion in sales of gas may be expected within the next twelve months.
The following is the well record for 1925 :


The acreage owned or leased on December 31 1925:

| West Virginia | Owned. 550 | Leased. $19,261$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Louisiana --- | -31,258 | 7,335 |
| W yoming | 304 | 200 |
| Kentucky. | 60 | 10,422 |
| Texas_- | 56 | ---- |
| Total. | 32,228 | 37,218 |

Total open flow capacity of our wells in the Monroe, Louisiana, field, according to official gauge of the Departof Conservation, made in September 1925, amounted to 825,921,049 cubic feet per day. The acreage controlled by the company in that field amounted on December 311925 to 38,593 acres, of which 31,258 acres were owned in fee. Since the close of the year, the Louisiana acreage has been greatly augmented by purchases of additional fee and leasehold lands in the proven area.
In Kentucky, the company has done a moderate amount of exploration work with a view to the development of a sufficient gas production for future sale. On this acreage there are now ten producing wells with a total open flow capacity in excess of nine million cubic feet per day.

In general, the business of the company is in a more prosperous condition than at any time within the past two years. Its operations have been economically and successfully conducted. All departments of its business are in sound and flourishing condition. The price of natural gas gasoline is holding steadily, with prospect of improvement as the season advances. Prices of carbon black are approaching more nearly to normal levels. Natural gas sales in 1926 bid fair to be far in excess of any previous year. The prediction is therefore ventured that earnings in 1926 will run at a higher rate than in the last two years.
Attached hereto, in addition to the usual balance sheet and profit and loss account, is a table showing the growth of the business during the past nine-year period.
During this period, net current assets have increased from $\$ 307,406$ to $\$ 5,215,550$; gross assets have grown from $\$ 6,467,-$ 954 to $\$ 23,792,872$; depreciation reserve has increased from $\$ 434,512$ to $\$ 8,064,033$; and sales have risen from $\$ 1,597,980$ to $\$ 7,286,162$. Natural gas production has increased from seven billion to forty-one billion cubic feet. Carbon black production has trebled. Natural gas sales have increased twenty-fold. The entire present production of gasoline, lamp black and bone black has been added.
In the same period over eleven million dollars have been put back into the business, exclusive of all amounts derived from the sale of capital stock; nine and one-half million dollars have been disbursed in dividends; and in no year or quarter have the operations of the company resulted in a loss.

This record indicates consistent progress under conservative management, and furnishes a sound basis for the belief that the company will continue to grow and prosper.
On and after May 11926 the executive offices of the company will be located at 45 East 42d Street, New York City.

Respectfully submitted
F. F. CURTZE, President.

March 151926.

LESLIE, BANKS \& COMPANY,
Accountants.
7 Dey Street.
New York, February 241926.
To the Board of Directors and Stockholders
of the Columbian Carbon Company.
We have audited the books of account and records of the Columbian Carbon Company and its subsidiary companies for the year ended December 311925 and submit herewith balance sheet, profit and loss account and supporting schedules.

The cash, notes receivable and investments were verified by personal count, examination or by certification from the depositories.

The inventory of finished products is priced at cost of manufacture and the raw materials and supplies at invoice cost and it is our opinion that the inventory is conservatively valued.
Only actual additions have been charged to the property account during the year and a full and fair reserve has been made for depreciation and depletion.
We verified all known liabilities of the company by either direct communication or inspection of account and hereby certify that, in our opinion, based upon the records examined and information obtained by us, the accompanying balance sheet is drawn up so as to show the true financial condition of the Columbian Carbon Company and its subsidiary companies at December 311925.

LESLIE, BANKS \& COMPANY, Auditors.

## COMPARATIVE CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 311925. ASSETS.



## THE BORDEN COMPANY

and all subsidiary companies

## ANNUAL REPORT-FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 311925.

## DIRECTORS.

Union N. Bethell Arthur W. Milburn Lewis M. Borden George L. Nichols Albert T. Johnston Shepard Rareshide Albert G. Milbank Henry C. Sherman Robert Struthers

## OFFICERS.

Albert G. Milbank, Chairman Board of Directors. Arthur W. Milburn, President.
Albert T. Johnston, Vice-President.
Shepard Rareshide, Vice-President and Treasurer.
Charles C. Lobeck, Vice-President.
Wallace D. Strack, Vice-President.
William P. Marsh, Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.
George M. Waugh Jr., Comptroller and Assistant Secretary.
Stephen J. DeBaun, Assistant Treasurer.

## GENERAL OFFICES.

The Borden Company-
350 Madison Avenue, New York City.
510 North Dearborn Street, Chicago.
503 Market Street, San Francisco.
180 St. Paul Street West, Montreal, Canada.
Borden's Farm Products Company, Inc.-
110 Hudson Street, New York City.
326 West Madison Street, Chicago.
120 Murray Street, Montreal, Canada.
Transfer Agent, Seaboard National Bank, 115 Broadway, New York City.
Registrar, Bankers Trust Company, 16 Wall Street, New York City.
Counsel, Masten \& Nichols, 49 Wall Street, New York City.

## CORPORATE ORGANIZATION AND SCOPE.

The business of your Company may be divided into two parts:
(1) The manufacture and sale of milk products comprising: Condensed Milk
Evaporated Milk

Condensed Coffee and Milk
Condensed Cocoa and Milk
Condensed
Caramels
Dried Milk
Malted Milk
(2) The purchase, preparation and distribution of fresh milk, cream and other dairy products by a system of wagon deliveries.

The manufacturing operations are conducted by The Borden Company (which dates back to 1857 in the production of Eagle Brand Condensed Milk) and its following manufacturing subsidiaries:


The fresh milk and dairy products distribution in the socalled Metropolitan District of New York City and adjacent territory, in Chicago, Ill., and its suburbs, and in Montreal, Canada, is conducted by subsidiaries as follows:

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& \begin{array}{l}
\text { Corporate Name- } \\
\text { Percentage of } \\
\text { Stock Owned. }
\end{array} \\
& \text { Borden's Farm Products Co., Inc } \\
& \begin{array}{l}
\text { Borden's Farm Products Co., of IIl- (Oanada) } \\
\text { Borden's Farm Products Co., Ltd. }
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## COMMENT.

It seems proper to first direct your attention to the Balance Sheet of December 311925 because of the important changes, both as to form and figures, reflected therein and principal among, which are the following:

> Property, Plant and Equipment.

To the item of Property, Plant and Equipment, in addition to the year's extension and betterment expenditures, there has been added the net sum of $\$ 8,739,944.41$, being the result of a re-appraisal of the properties of three of the Company's subsidiaries as made by Messrs. Ford, Bacon \& Davis of New York City. This appreciation of $\$ 8,739,944.41$ of
property values has, because of its very nature, received special treatment as more particularly explained later. (See "Appropriations" on page 10 of this report.)
"Reserve for Property Depreciation" previously reported under "Reserves" has, in accordance with best modern practice, been directly applied to the reduction of the asset item of "Property, Plant and Equipment," thus showing this item at net sound values.

The increase in the amount of "Mortgages on Madison Avenue Office Building Properties" is the result of the purchase during the year by "The Borden Realty Corporation" of adjoining property on 45 th Street, which, in addition to its investment value, serves, together with control of the property on Madison Avenue adjoining on the south, to protect our building from developments that would interfere with the excellent light and air it now enjoys with consequent effect on rental values and comfort of the occupants.
Appropriation of Surplus Created by Re-Appraisal of Certain Subsidiary Companies' Properties.
The surplus created by the re-appraisal referred to and amounting to $\$ 8,739,944.41$ was appropriated as follows: For the reduction of Good-Will to a figure of $\$ 2,500,000$
(being less than the cash cost of Good-Will from time to
(being less than the cash cost of Good-will from time to
time purchased) - Retirement of Preerred Stock at $\$ 110$
For Premium on Retirement of Preferred Stock at $\$ 110$
( 75,000 shares at $\$ 10.00$ per sharo)
To a Reserve to provide against obsolescence, etc.-. as dif-
ferentiated from ordinary physical depreciation and
ferentiated from ordinary physical depreciation and
applying to certain manufacturing plants not included
applying to cert
in thie re-appraisal
,891,356.63

Total . $\$ 8,739,944.41$
By this action the appreciation of values resulting from reappraisals of part of the Company's properties has been so appropriated as to not directly affect Surplus Account.

## Current Assets.

Cash on hand December 311925 of $\$ 8,663,379.78$ compares with $\$ 7,018,028.71$ on hand at the close of the previous year.
"Reserve for Doubtful Accounts," also previously reported under "Reserves," has been directly applied to the reduction of "Accounts Receivable."
The use of previously created special reserves, together with revaluation and reclassification of certain investments of the Company, is reflected in the item of "Marketable Securities" and the elimination of "Investments in Stocks of other Companies." These valuations are well under market values.

Increase in the item of "Finished Goods" reflects a more normal and adequate inventory than that of the previous year.

Net Working Capital and Ratio of Current Assets.
Net Working Capital amounted on December 311925 to $\$ 17,763,441.19$ as compared with $\$ 12,445,790.76$ on December 311924.

Current Assets as of December 311925 amounted to $\$ 2.98$ for every $\$ 1.00$ of Current Liabilities.

## Mortgages.

The item "Mortgages" is $\$ 44,750$ less than at the close of the year 1924.

## Purchase Money Notes.

The item "Purchase Money Notes" reflects notes given in connection with plants purchased.

## Note Due June 1927.

The redemption of the Preferred Stock on December $\$ 15$ 1925 called for the expenditure of $\$ 110$ per share on 75,000 shares and amounted to $\$ 8,250,000$. This expenditure was financed by drawing on the Company's cash to the extent of $\$ 2,250,000$, and the balance of $\$ 6,000,000$ was provided by a favorable bank loan contract. A feature of this contract was the giving of a note which, while not due until June 1927, could be anticipated under the terms of the contract.

This note was paid in full January 271926.

## Capital Stock.

The "Capital Stock" account has, of course, changed during the year and reflects the shares of Common outstand-
ing December 311925 and the retirement of the Preferred Stock.

There was issued to stockholders or their assignees during the year 63,508 shares of Common at $\$ 50.00$ per share.

The report for the year 1926 will reflect the issuance of an additional 82,290 shares of Common Stock on February 15 1926 at $\$ 75.00$, which issuance will have the effect of adding substantially to Surplus.

## Reserves.

This Balance Sheet item of "Reserves" has, of course, been affected by the special and regular appropriations herein set forth and specially referred to, and, as well, by the transfer from this account of reserves now directly applied to the several asset accounts.

## Sales.

Sales for 1925 were $\$ 123,352,832.65$ as compared with $\$ 109,666,633.01$ in 1924. These are the largest sales in the history of the Company, even exceeding the peak war and post-war years.

Net Income.
Net Income for 1925 was $\$ 6,297,235.36$, compared with $\$ 5,412,705.62$ in 1924 , being the largest earnings in the history of the Company, although only $5.10 \%$ on Sales.

This is the equivalent of $\$ 10.65$ per share of Common Stock (par $\$ 50$ ) outstanding December 311925 after the full year's dividends on the Preferred Stock now retired.

## Collections and Credits.

Collections were again excellent with very small credit losses.

## Stockholders.

The stock records show a total of 4,805 holders of the Company's stock (now all Common) with an average individual holding of 114 shares. Employees hold an aggregate of 61,059 shares.
Report of Special Stockholders' Meeting.

It is with great satisfaction that a report is made of the result of the Special Meeting of Stockholders on March 10 1926.

There were 495,416 shares of stock represented, either in person or by proxy, being about $80 \%$ of the outstanding stock eligible to vote.

The stockholders voted overwhelmingly to sustain the action of the Directors on all of the matters brought before the meeting, including the approval and ratification of the Company's profit sharing plans and the modifications thereof as proposed by the Directors, and the ratification of all acts done by the Directors and Officers in respect thereof in the past, there being only 506 shares voting in opposition thereto.

The action of the Officers and Directors in connection with the underwriting of the recent issue of stock was also overwhelmingly approved and ratified, the same 506 shares voting in opposition.

Of these 506 shares, 253 shares were voted by Clarence H. Venner and 253 shares by Mr. Venner's company, The Continental Securities Company, these two stockholders being now engaged in litigation against the Company and its Directors, as to which stockholders have heretofore been advised.

There were a greater number of stockholders not identified with the Management present in person at this meeting than ever before. Full and detailed information as to all of the matters coming before the meeting was submitted during the five hours which the meeting was in session. Among the matters submitted was a full report by Messrs. Haskins \& Sells, Certified Public Accountants, of the detailed working of all profit sharing plans. Included in this report was an analysis of the expenditure of $\$ 4,415,423.78$ for profit sharing purposes during the seven year period from January 11919 to December 311925 inclusive, advice of which expenditure was included in a circular letter to Stockholders, dated February 20 1926. The analysis showed this total $\$ 4,415,423.78$ expenditure as including $\$ 954,228.74$ of profit sharing distribution applicable to the year 1925, which amount is included, as in previous years, in the item of "Appropriations to Reserves" appearing in the accompanying, "Statement of Consolidated Income and Profit and Loss," and was distributed among 327 Employees and Officers.
This gratifying endorsement by the Stockholders is deeply appreciated by the Directors and Officers of the Company.

## The Organization.

$\Gamma$ It gives pleasure to acknowledge with great appreciation the splendid spirit and intelligent service of the organization serving the business throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR W. MILBURN, President.

THE BORDEN COMPANY AND ALL SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES
CONSOLIDATED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 311925. ASSETS.

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Including Aladison Ave. Office Building Properties, and
Reapraisal Adjustment
Less:
Mortgages-Madison Ave. Office Build-
ing Properties
ing Properties
Reserve for Depreciation.-.................................. $11,784,82163$ $\cdots-\cdots-\cdots \frac{13,689,82163}{\$ 34,359,39669}$
Net Sound Values
Curren


Deferred and Suspended Assets

rade 2.no..0.020

Total_

Atlanta
Baltimore
Birmingham
Boston
Buffalo
Chicago
Cincinnati Cleveland
Dallas Denver


## Canada-Cuba-Mexico <br> Deloitte, Plender, Haskins \& Sells

## CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT.

We have audited the books and accounts of The Borden Company and its Subsidiary Companies for the year ended December 311925

We have verified the accounts representing cash and securities either by examination of such assets or by obtaining certifications of depositaries.

The charges to property accounts have been controlled by a conservative policy. Adequate reserves have been provided for depreciation of property and for possible losses, and full provision has been made for all known liabilities

The inventories of finished goods and raw materials and supplies represent book balances as shown by the inventory records, which are adjusted from time to time to agree with physical inventories, and which were examined and appear to be correct, all inventory valuations being based upon cost or market, whichever was lower.

We hereby certify that, in our opinion, the accompanying Consolidated General Balance Sheet and Statement of Consolidated Income and Profit and Loss correctly exhibit, respectively, the financial condition of the Companies at December 311925 and the results of their operations for the year ended that date.
New York, March 121926.

> Salt Lake Oity San Francisc Seattle
Tulsa Tulsa
Watertown
> Berlini
London
> Berlin
London
Paris


Paris
Shanghai

## LIABILITIES.



Current Liabilities:

Deferred and Suspended Liabilities_
soyitix
Total Liabilities to Other than Stockholders
$\$ 15,474,37026$
Capital Stock-The Borden Company:
548,606 shares Common ( $\$ 50.00$ each) ....- $\$ 27,430,30000$

Total Capital Stock, Reserves and Surplus
Total.
$\$ 48,300,77831$

* Note Paid in full January 271926.

STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND PROFIT AND LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 311925.

Net Operating Profit:
After deducting ali operating charges, including Depre-
ciation, Insurance and Property Taxes)
Other Income-Interest Received,

 Net Income-.
Surplus Credits:
$\$ 6,297,23536$
Surplus, January 11925
Earnings
$9,310,97906$
560,97274
Earnings applicable to Prio
Appreciation due to Appra
Appropriated as Follows:
.......- $\$ 8,739,944 \overline{4}$
Premium on Preferred
Reserve Retired.
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Reserve for Obsolescence } \\ \text { of Plants } & 750,000 \\ & 1,000,000\end{array}$

of Plants | of |
| :---: |
| Reserve for Contingencies |
| $3,000,000$ |
| , 587 |
| 78 |

8,739,944 41
Gross Surplus_-
Surplus Charges
$\underline{\ldots-\ldots \ldots-\ldots-\ldots}$
Dividends
Preferred
Common_- $\qquad$ $\$ 450,00000$
$1.940,38700$

Total Dividends
Interest on Subscriptions to Capital Stock
Loss on Property and Sis to
Appropriations to Reserves, Net
$\begin{array}{r}2,390,38700 \\ 19,71600 \\ 1,365,02173 \\ \hline\end{array}$
Surplus, December 311925 $\xlongequal{812,211,33526}$

 264,00000
$6.000,00000$



Accrued Accounts-Iaxes (estimated), etc-_ 2,759,24417

5,474,370 26


## FAMOUS PLAYERS-LASKY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT, YEAR 1925

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 26, 1925. ASSETS.

Bills Receivable
Accounts Receivable:

Film customers and sundries
$3,559,844.67$
Inventory:
Negatives, positives, film and supplies_
\$17,043,473.01
Rights to plays, scenarios, etc
1,171,521.47
Securities
$18,214,994.48$
$\$ 29,496,581.68$
Total current and working assets.
1,054,532.52

3,952,691.21
Investments in subsidiary and and leases and equipment, after depreciation (including equities of subsidiary companies subject
to mortgages thereon of $\$ 19,817,536.83$ being obligations of subsidiary companies) after giving effect to
increase in land values arising through independent appraisals of $\$ 7,438,174.19$ -
31,916,199.69

2,071,491.23 7,493,214.83

> TOTAL ASSETS
$\$ 75,984,711.16$

| IABILITIES AND CAPITAL. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Excise taxes, payrolls and sundries.- |  | 1,861,092.43 |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Purchase money notes and mortgage bonds of subsidiary companies maturing serially within twelve months. |  | $1,471,516.25$ |  |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 1,609,173.17 \\ 779.638 .30 \end{array}$ |  |
| 1925 Federal taxes (estimated) |  | $740,228.00$ |  |
| Reserve for dividend declared on common stock payable Jan. 2, 1926 <br> Reserve for dividend declared on preferred stock payable Feb. 1, 1926 |  | $740,000.00$ |  |
|  |  | 160,00.00 |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Advance payments of film rentals, etc. (self liquidating)Purchase money notes of subsidiary companies maturing serially after one year |  |  | 1,665,158.37 |
|  |  |  | 8,856,925.29 |
| Serial payments on investments due after one year <br> Reserve for contingencies. $\begin{aligned} & 543,866.08 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Capital (represented by): $\$ 8.000,000$ |  |  |  |
| Preferred Stock ( 80,000 shares $\$ 100$ par value) Common Stock ( 370,114 shares of no par value) $\qquad$ $31,183,244.70$ |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Sur |  | \$39,183,244.70 |  |
|  |  | 15,209,316.68 |  |
|  |  |  | \$75,984,711.16 |
| Contingent mortgage liability of subsidiary companies on properties | \$735,500.00 |  |  |
| Contingent liability on investment notes discounted..-.-.-. | 900,000.00 |  |  |
|  | 157,625.18 |  |  |
|  | \$1,793,125.18 |  |  |

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 26, 1925

Less: Provision for Federal taxes $700,000.00$

Balance carried to surplus
$\$ 5,718,053.85$

## CONSOLIDATED SURPLUS ACCOUNT AT DECEMBER 26, 1925.

Surplus at December 27,1924
Add: Profit, for 12 months to December 26,1925 , after providing for Federal taxes, as above.
$\$ 12,350,076.83$
5,718,053.85
$\$ 18,068,130.68$
Less Dividends:
學 On common stock (paid and reserved in 1925)
$\$ 2,200,814.00$
On preferred stock (paid and reserved in 1925)
658,000.00
$2,858,814.00$
Surplus at December 26, 1925

- | $15,209,316.68$ |
| :---: |

We have examined the accounts of the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation and its subsidiaries for the twelve months ending December 26,1925, and certify that, in our opinion, the foregoing balance sheet and profit and loss account correctly set forth the financial position of the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation and its subsidiary companies at December 26, 1925, and the earnings for the twelve months ending on that date.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE \& COMPANY.

## AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

## REPORT TO THE STOCKHOLDERS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING-APRIL 71926.

To the Stocloholders of the American International Corporation:
During the year the Income of the American International Corporation was as follows:

Dividends on Stocks Owned
Profit on Sales of Securities.-
Miscellaneous
Miscellaneous.
Total.
Deduct:

Operating Income $\qquad$
For the year 1925 the Operating Income of the Corporation was $\$ 5,118,34507$, as shown above. Included in the latter are the profits realized from the sale of the Corporation's holdings in New York Shipbuilding Corporation, Pacific Mail Steamship Company and International Products Company Mortgage Notes, a total of $\$ 3,064,57727$. Obviously these profits will not be recurring and before including such items, the Income for 1925 shows Operating Income from ordinary sources of $\$ 2,053,76780$, equal to $\$ 419$ per share on the 490,000 shares of Non Par Common Stock, the entire capital stock outstanding.

During the year your Corporation was able to retire all the outstanding Preferred Stock, for which $\$ 100$ per share in cash was originally paid to the Corporation. As stated in last year's Annual Report, an option of $\$ 70$ per share had been obtained; however, the actual retirement was effected at a discount from the option price, resulting in all, in a credit to surplus of $\$ 313,43589$. In due course, an Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation will be submitted to the stockholders so that proper legal action may be taken to eliminate the Preferred Stock from the authorized capital of the Corporation. The charges to surplus account during the year represent a special provision for possible shrrinkage in value of certain securities which was not provided for at the time of Recapitalization, October 311924.
The Balance Sheet of the Corporation as of December 31 1925, attached hereto, includes the following items:

## U. S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS AND OTHER TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS.

Under this heading in the Balance Sheet are included U. S. Government obligations which cost $\$ 1,009,99800$, temporary investments in marketable securities which cost $\$ 5,529,59789$ and subscriptions and participations in Syndicates representing an investment of $\$ 3,774,54381$, a total of $\$ 10,314,13970$. The market value of these investments at December 311925 (based on published quotations), was \$10,715,397 56.

## NOTES AND LOANS RECEIVABLE.

Included in this item are a loan to Welin Davit \& Boat Corporation of $\$ 23,000$ and a loan to G. Amsinck \& Company, Inc., of $\$ 1,200,000$ made to enable that Company to liquidate its bank loans.

## STOCKS AND SHARES-LISTED SECURITIES.

Your Corporation, together with other holders of large blocks of stock of New York Shipbuilding Corporation, sold its entire holdings of the Common Stock of New York Shipbuilding Corporation for cash and a new Preferred Stock, which latter stock was subsequently sold, resulting in the disposition of the Corporation's entire holdings in the New York Shipbuilding Corporation.
The sale to other interests by the United States Shipping Board of the five President steamers, which had been operated in the trans-Pacific service for four years by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, deprived that Company of a very substantial part of its earning capacity. Without the five President boats it was impossible to continue the transPacific service, as the Company had no vessels suitable for
that service. After protracted negotiations an arrangement was made which resulted in your Corporation being able to dispose of its shares of Pacific Mail Steamship Company at $\$ 1050$ per share in cash.

During the year your Corporation made various changes in its holdings of securities. The market value of these listed securities (based on published quotations at December 31 1925), exceeded the book value by approximately $\$ 1,500,000$.

## STOCKS, BONDS AND NOTES UNLISTED.

During the year your Corporation made several changes in its holdings under this heading, the principal item being an increase in its investment in Ulen \& Company.

This company, in which we have a substantial interest, had an excellent year. The average capital employed in their business during the year was $\$ 2,193,310$, and after providing for taxes and other contingencies the net earnings were equivalent to over $28 \%$. In addition to paying the full semi-annual dividends on the Preferred Stock Ulen \& Company are accumulating a satisfactory surplus.

At the end of the year Ulen \& Company had engineering and construction contracts amounting to approximately $\$ 33,500,000$ on which the profits should be substantial. They also have under consideration other attractive proposals.

## PROPRIETARY COMPANIES.

Gross business of the Allied Machinery Company of America fell off, principally on account of business conditions in Japan; but due to drastic reduction in expenses the Company is able to report an increase in net profits over the previous year. Very substantial reduction was effected in inventories in Europe and in the Far East, and the cash position of the company has materially improved.

Negotiations by G. Amsinck \& Co., Inc., are pending, looking toward permitting important interests to join in this venture. The contemplated arrangement will provide a means of enabling G. Amsinck \& Co., Inc., to repay its loan to your Corporation and will result in your Corporation's retaining a minority interest in this Company, consisting of Preferred and Common Stock instead of $100 \%$ Common Stock as at present.

At the close of the year your Corporation had 490,000 shares of Common Stock outstanding which is carried in the Balance Sheet at $\$ 14,700,000$. The surplus account at the close of the year amounted to $\$ 9,899,72096$, making a combined capital and surplus of $\$ 24,599,72096$. Of the total net assets $\$ 5,276,35980$ is invested in assets which are at present non-productive, and $\$ 19,323,36116$ is invested in productive assets. During the year the amount of the productive assets increased $\$ 9,288,67356$.

Your Corporation has had a very satisfactory year and at present is in the strongest financial position it has known for a number of years.

Annexed to this report are a Balance Sheet of American International Corporation as of December 31 1925, a Summary of Income and Profit and Lioss Account for the year, and a Certificate of Audit by Messrs. Haskins \& Sells, the Auditors of the Corporation.

By order of the Board of Directors.
M. C. BRUSH, President.

## CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT.

We have audited for the year ended December 311925 the general accounts of the AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION, including verification of the current assets and securities, and

WE HEREBY OERTIFY that, in our opinion, the accompanying Balance Sheet and Summary of Income and Profit \& Loss correctly exhibit, respectively, the financial condition of the Corporation at December 311925 and the results of its operations for the year ended that date.

HASKINS \& SELLS.
New York, February 241926.

## AMERICAN INTERNATIONALICORPORATION. ballance sheet degemberi31 1925 . <br> ASSETS.



## MACK TRUCKS, Inc. and subsidiary companies

## ANNUAL REPORT AND CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 311925.

To the Stockholders of Mack Trucks, Inc.:
Your Directors submit herewith consolidated balance sheet and profit and loss statement of Mack Trucks, Inc., and subsidiary companies, prepared by Arthur Young \& Company, Members American Institute of Accountants, showing the condition of your Company as of December 31 1925 as compared with December 311924.

Your attention is called to the financial statements of the two wholly owned subsidiaries-Mack Acceptance Corporation and Mack Trucks Real Estate, Inc. Mack Acceptance Corporation was organized to finance customers' notes secured by liens on trucks and buses sold on part cash part time basis. Mack Trucks Real Estate, Inc., was organized to finance service stations owned by your Company or its subsidiaries.
Sales for the year 1925 were $\$ 68,912,18309$, as compared with $\$ 46,622,62175$ for the year 1924.
The combined earnings for the year were $\$ 9,468,26970$, which, after paying dividends of $7 \%$ on the first and second
preferred stock, amount to $\$ 1362$ per share on the outstanding 611,514.84869 shares of common stock.

During the year the regular dividends of $7 \%$ were paid on the first and second preferred stock amounting to $\$ 1,137,-$ 75136 , and four quarterly dividends of $\$ 150$ on the common stock amounting to $\$ 2,056,62958$.
In addition to cash dividends your Directors at the November meeting declared a $50 \%$ dividend, payable December 31 1925, in common stock to common stockholders of record at the close of business December 151925.
The plants have been fully maintained and the maintenance cost charged to operating expense. In addition, $\$ 1,226,05302$ has been charged off as depreciation. The inventory has been priced at cost or market, whichever was lower. No obsolete materials have been included in the inventory, and ample reserves have been set up for contingencies.

The balance sheet reflects the excellent financial condition of your company, with net current assets of $\$ 37,790,36413$.

During the year your Directors authorized plant extensions at Allentown, Plainfield and New Brunswick. These extensions will be completed during 1926, making it possible for your Company to take care of a greater volume of business than ever before.

Your Directors authorized also the erection of new service stations at Chicago, Jersey City, New Haven, Bridgeport, Worcester, Albany, White Plains, Camden, Baltimore, Tampa, Minneapolis-St. Paul.

Your Company produces and sells more high quality, heavy duty trucks- 2 -tons and up-than any other Company. It is also the largest producer of high-grade buses.

The growth of your Company, while proceeding at an extremely rapid rate, is, nevertheless, normal and thoroughly sound, and has been carried on in an orderly manner.
The plants are working at full capacity. Orders on hand and the prospects for next year justify our Officers in forecasting a continued increase in business, and that your Company will maintain and improve its dominating position in the industry.
The President takes this opportunity to express his appreciation of the loyal efforts of the employees and the everincreasing spirit of co-operation that is being manifested.
For the Directors,
A. J. BROSSEAU, President.

New York City, February 241926.

MACK TRUCKS, INC., AND SUBSIDIARIES.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT DECEMBER 311925 AND
ASSETS.


MACK TRUCKS REAL ESTATE, INC., AND SUBSIDIARIES.
CONSOLIDATED BALANOE SHEET AT DEC. 311925. ASSETS.
Dash from Mack Trucks, Inc--
Accrued Rents Receivable

2,280,388 47 $\stackrel{\underline{\$ 4,128,64103}}{ }$
LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL.
 Reserve for Federal Income Tax Secured Gold Notes, $6 \%$, Series "A," $1926-1940$ _
Capital Stock:
Authorized-
50,000 shares of a par value of $\$ 100$ each $-.-\$ 5,000,00000$
Issued-
10.000 shares of a par value of $\$ 100$ each. $\qquad$
Earned Surplus.
$\begin{array}{r}1,000,00000 \\ 38,16894 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $\overline{\$ 4,128,64103}$

COMBINED STATEMENT OF EARNINGS FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 311925.

> Mack Trucks Mack Mack Trucks Inc. and Aeal Estate Subsidiaries. Corporation. Subsidiaries and

Net profit for year after providing
but before pro-
viding for
viding for Re-
serve for Federal
$\begin{aligned} & \text { serve for Federal } \\ & \text { Taxes.---- } \$ 11,036,76970 \\ & \$ 10,903,48690 \\ & \$ 89,113 \\ & 86\end{aligned} \$ 44,16894$ Deduct:
Reserve for Fed-
eral Income
$1,568,50000 \quad 1,550,00000 \quad 12,50000 \quad 6,00000$ $\overline{\$ 9,468,26970} \xlongequal{\$ 9,353,48690} \overline{\$ 76,61386} \xlongequal{\$ 38,16894}$

MACK TRUCK, INC., AND SUBSIDIARIES. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF SURPLUS AT DEC. 311925.
Surplus at Dec. 31 1924, per Total. Capital. Earned.
Certified Accounts.-.-- $\$ 21,355,58048$ Den $\$ 7,782,32500 \$ 13,573,25548$
Add: Add:
companying Statement
Additional Common stock
Issued …ommon Stock $9,353,48690$
Additional Common Stock
,710.447 $75 \quad 10,710,447$
9,353,486 90
\$ 797,16381 797,16381 --......... Deduct:
Cash Dividends on 1st Pre-
ferred, 2d Preferred and
ferred, 2d Preferred and
Common Stocks from
Jan. 1 to Dec. 311925 .-
$3,194,38094$ $\qquad$ 3,194,380 94 mon Stock-..........-- $1,122,06500$.........-- $\quad 1,122,06500$ Surplus at Dec. 31 1925 $\ldots \ldots \$ 37,900,23300 \$ 19$


## MACK ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION BALANCE SHEET AT DEC. 31 1925.



## OERTIFICATE OF AUDITORS.

We have audited the books and records of MAOK TRUOKS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES for the year ended December 31 1925, and have prepared therefrom the accompanying Balance Sheets and Statement of Earnings. The Balance Sheets of Mack Acceptance Corporation and Mack Trucks Real Estate, Inc., are not included on Consolidated Balance Sheet submitted but are attached hereto.
We hereby certify that, in our opinion, the accompanying Balance Sheets and Statement of Earnings correctly set forth, respectively, the financial position of the Corporation and its Subsidiaries at December 31 1925, and he results of their operations for the year ended that date.

ARTHUR YOUNG \& COMPANY,
Members American Institute of Accountants.
New York, February 241926.

## CHRYSLER CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 311925.

Detroit, Michigan, March 91926. To the Stockholders of the Chrysler Corporation:

The past year has been one of notable progress and achievement for your business. With an increased volume amounting to $167 \%$ of that of the previous calendar year 1924, the net profits of the business for the calendar year 1925 aggregate $\$ 17,126,135.85$ after making provision for Federal taxes estimated at $\$ 2,471,000.00$. This is nearly four times the net profit earned during the preceding year and reflects the improved position won by Chrysler cars in the automobile trade.

Important changes were effected during the year in the capitalization of your properties. The organization of the Chrysler Corporation and the acquisition by it of the assets of the Maxwell Motor Corporation accomplished a decided improvement in the investment standing of the Preferred Shares by according to them a cumulative preference to dividends, and at the same time increased the desirability of the Common Shares by the elimination of the participating feature of the Class "A" Shares of the Maxwell Motor Corporation. Subsequently a four to one split-up of the Common Shares of the Chrysler Corporation brought the current market value of the new shares to levels more generally acceptable to the investing public. The results of these changes, the details of which have already been communicated to the stockholders by letters addressed to them during the year, supplementing the improvement in earnings, have been reflected in the market values accorded to the securities which represent your property.

During the year $\$ 7,902,636.35$ has been expended on developments and additions to your properties, included in which is the acquisition on a very favorable basis of the Detroit property of the American Motor Body Corporation, a most efficient and modern automobile body building plant, and a valuable addition to the facilities of the Corporation.

Dividend payments on your Preferred Stock were inaugurated, and Preferred Stock dividends to the amount of $\$ 1,750,400.00$ have been paid.

Net current assets at December 311925 stood at \$28, $021,131.27$, an increase as compared with the previous year of $\$ 11,755,227.11$. There is no indebtedness to banks.
Your Corporation has just recently broadened its market by introducing into its line of products the "Chrysler Imperial $80 . "$ This car has been designed to meet the requirements of the most discriminating, and will further enhance the prestige which your company's products have already won in the minds of the public. The "Chrysler 58" and the "Chrysler 70" are winning continually wider acceptance in their respective price markets and may already be regarded as firmly established in the esteem of the motor buying public.

Export business is offering increasing opportunities, and this phase of your business is receiving special attention. It is gratifying to report that favorable results are already in evidence, the export business for 1925 being no less than $255 \%$ of the export business for the previous year, and the continued deyelopment of the export market is expected to make an important contribution to the future stabilization of your business.
Your attention is invited to the Corporation's Balance Sheet as of December 31 1925, the Consolidated Income Summary and the Consolidated Surplus Account, both for the year ending. December 311925 , and all certified to by the Corporation's Auditors, Messrs. Ernst \& Ernst.

The new year opens with every promise of continued progress. The extent and character of the Corporation's dealer and distributor representation has shown notable progress and continues to improve. There is every indication that business this spring will pass all previous records of this Corporation.

WALTER P. CHRYSLER,
President and Chairman of the Board.
CONSOLIDATED INCOME SUMMARY OHRYSLEE CORPORA-
TION AND SUBSIDIARIES (INCLUDING OPERATION
OF MAXWELL MOTOR CORPORATION) FOR OF MAXWELL MOTOR CORPPORATION) FOR
THE YEAR ENDED DEOEMBER 311925 .
Gross Profit from Sale of Automobiles and Parts_-


## Total Income

## Deduct-

Administrative, Engineering, Selling, Adver-

| tising, Service and General Expenses......-- $\quad \$ 9,410,127.04$ |
| :--- |
| Interest Paid and Accrued. |
| $284,297.93$ |



CONSOLIDATED SURPLUS ACCOUNT OHRYSLER CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 311925.
Balance January 1.1925 (Maxwell Motor Corporation)-.---- $\quad \$ 6,782.22$ Add-
Net Profit from Operations for the year ended
December 31 1925, after Providing for
Estimated Federal Income Tax-.-.-...--\$17,126,135.85
Deduct-
Cost of Class B Stock of Max-
well Motor Corporation pur-
chased and against which no
stock of Chrysler Corporation
is issuable--
$\$ 1,514,750.00$
Dividends Paid and Declared
on Preferred Stock........-.-. $1,750,400.00$
$3,265,150.00$
$13,860,985.85$

\$13,867,768.07

CONSOLIDATED BALANOE SHEET GHRYSLER GORPORATION
AND SUBSIDIARIES AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS
DECEMBER 311925.
ASSETS.
Cash on Hand, in Transit and on Deposit.-. \$4,643,100.73 Marketable Securities_--------------------13, $13,31,590.01$ Car Shipments against B-L Drafts.Customers' Notes Receivable-Secured by Trust Receipts 3,212,997.04 Allowances. $1,439,436.04$

Prices)
$1,233,260.45$
$14,812,834.72$
Other Assets-
Real Estate and Investments, less Allowances \$125,361.60 Miscellaneous Notes and Accounts, less Al-

Permanent-
Land, Buildings, Machinery and Equipment-\$29,275,497.99
Less: Allowances for Depreciation, etc.-.....- $9,112,368.38$
Good-Will 25,000,000.00
Deferred-Prepaid Insurance, Taxes, Royalties, Dies, etc-- 1,276,113.09
\$85,602,497.43
LIABILITIES.
Current-
Accounts Payable_
Dividends Payable

Distributors' and Dealers' Deposits._
,380,034.78

Provision for Federal Taxes (Estimated)
439,662,00

Ten-Year $51 / 2 \%$ Serial Gold Bonds-
Outstanding-Not Matured.
271,195.27
$\$ 3,150,000.00$

Reserves for Contingencies, Price Adjustment of Janu-
ary 6 1926. etc.-
Capital Stock-
Invested Capital_-
Represented by:
$. \$ 56,259,939.96$

Preferred
No Par Value Stock: Series A. Common
Outstanding_-..----218,536 $2,645,342$
Deliverable under the
tion Plan and Agree-
ment dated April
$151925 \ldots-\ldots 264 \quad 66,298$

| 15 | 264 | 66,298 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| In Treasury |  |  |

In Trissued $\quad 480,000$
Shares Authorized $275,000 \quad 3,200,000$
Surplus-
*Appropriated-On account of
Repurchase of Maxwell Motor
Corporation Class A Stock-- $\$ 2,090,000.00$
Unappropriated_-............-- $11,777,768.07$
$13,867,768.07$
*Upon retirement of this stock this item will become part of the Unappropriated Surplus.
Note $A$-The Company is reported to be contingently liable as endorser on Notes Receivable discounted in the amount of $\$ 42,427.11$.
Note B-Material in Transit not included In either Assets or Liabilities - \$1,492,509.67.

Note C-This Balance Sheet is subject to the comments contained in our "Certificate" included in and made a part of this report.

| New York |
| :--- |
| Philadelphia |
| Boston |
| Providence |
| Baltimore |
| Washington |
| Richmond |
| Buffalo |
| Pittsburgh |
| Wheeling |
| Cleveland |


| Cable Address "Ernstauditio New York |  |  | Memphis |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Certified Public Accountants |  |  | New Orleans |
| Audits and Systems |  |  | Dallas |
| Tax Service |  |  | Houston |
| Detroit |  |  | San Francisco |
|  | National B | k Bldg. | Los Angeles |
| Toledo | Atlanta | Minneapolis | Denver |
| Detroit | Chicago | St. Paul | St. Louis |
| Oincinnati | Milwaukee | Indianapolis | Kansas City |
| Louisville |  |  | Omaha |

## February 81926.

Board of Directors and Stockholders, Chrysler Corporation, Detroit, Mich.
Gentlemen:-We have completed our annual audit of the books of account and records pertaining to the assets and iabilities of the Chrysler Corporation, Detroit, and its subsidiaries at December 31 1925, and submit herewith a Consolidated Balance Sheet, together with Surplus Account and Income Summary
In the preparation of the Consolidated Balance Sheet included herein we have shown the number of shares of stock of the Chrysler Corporation which were outstanding and deliverable at December 311925 under the Maxwell Motor Corporation Plan and Agreement dated April 151925. Invested Capital at December 311925 is also in accordance with and as defined by this Plan and Agreement.
Cash funds and securities at December 311925 were fully verified. Sufficient provision had, in our opinion, been made for doubtful notes and accounts. The inventories were thoroughly tested as to quantities, pricing and clerical accuracy by our representatives and we satisfied ourselves that the inventory valuation has been established upon the basis of the lower of cost or market prices.
Additions to Permanent Assets during the year are, in our opinion, properly capitalized and sufficient provision has been made from earnings for depreciation and amortiFion.
Full provision has been made, as far as we could ascertain, or all known liabilities of the Company at December 311925. The liability for merchandise in transit at that date, however, amounting to $\$ 1,492,509.67$ has not been included in
either the assets or the liabilities. The provision for Federal either the assets or the liabilities. The provision for Federal
taxes is based upon rates effective under the present law.
We hereby certify that, in our opinion, based upon the records examined and information obtained by us the accompanying Balance Sheet sets forth correctly the financial position of the Chrysler Corporation and its subsidiaries at December 31 1925, and that the Consolidated Surplus Account and Income Summary are correct.

Very truly yours,
ERNST \& ERNST.
White Motor Co.-Stock Increased - $20 \%$ Stock Dividend -Rights.-
The stockholders on March 19 increased the canital stock from $\$ 25,000,000$
(all outstanding) to $\$ 50,000,000$, par $\$ 25$. Of this increase $\$ 15,000,000$ is (all outstandings) to $\$ 50,000,000$ par $\$ 25$. Of this increase $\$ 15,000,000$ is
to be issued at an early 10.0 date, $\$ 5.000,000$ of which will be paid as a stock
dividend to stockholders of record to be issued at an early date, $\$ 5,000,000$ of which will be paid as a stock
dividend to stockholders or record March 25 and the emaining $\$ 10,000,000$
will be offered at par to stoct will be offered at par to stockholders of record March 25 . ${ }^{\text {Warrants }}$, giving the right to subscribe to the $\$ 10,000,000$ new stock
will be mailed to stock wiil be mailed to stockholders about March 27 and are payable at the
Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., New York City, transfer agents, on or
before April before April 10.
Calendar Years-
Oper. profit after de-. 1925. 1924. $1923 . \quad 1922$.
ducting \&rg., selling,
service \& adm. exp.).
Discount on purch., int.
D4,62,104
D Discount on purch., int.
earned and
othiscell.

| other income-net...- | $1,129,772$ | 948,180 | 876,073 | 703,839 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | | Total income_-. |
| :---: |
| Less-Int. \& exp.on bor- |
| $\$ 5,821,876$ |
| $\$ 4,814,290$ |
| $\$ 7,898,282$ |
| $\$ 3,917,457$ | Estimated Fed. taxes.


 Adjustments
Provision for prior year's
Federal taxes in excess
of payment..........
Surplus Dec. 31

- V. 122, p. 1041, $897 . \quad \overline{\$ 14,810,403} \overline{\$ 11,534,157} \overline{\$ 9,425,739} \overline{\$ 4,461,073}$


## White Sewing Machine Corp.-Earnings.-

The corporation reports earnings for 1925, after depreciation but before ing interest on the debentures outstanding and taxes at the $13 \%$ rate, the
 An official
iderably ahead of 1925 , the first two that 1926 business is running conapproximately $\$ 250,000$ as against $\$ 155.000$ for the same period of 1925 , or at the rate of approximately $\$ 11$ per share of preference stock.
It is expected that the first dividend declared at the directors' meeting early in April and payable on May 1. -
V. 122 , p. 363.

Wilson Foundry \& Machine Co.-Large Order Received. A dispatch from Detroit says: The Federal Motor Truck Co. has placed an order for 6,000 motors with the Whllson Foundry \& Machine Co
order is estimated to be worth about $\$ 1,500,000$.-V. 121, p. 473 .

Woodbridge Corp. ( 100 William Street Corp.), N. Y. City.-Bonds Sold.--P. W. Chapman \& Co., Inc., have sold at 100 and int. $\$ 2,500,000$ 1st (closed) mtge. $53 / 4 \%$ sinking fund gold loan.
 \$500c* Red. in part on any int. date upon 30 days' notice, or as a whole at any time upon 60 days notice to and incl. April 11930 at 103 and int.;
thereafter to and incl. April 11935 , at 102 and int.; thereafter to and incl.

Oct. 11940 at 101 and int, and thereafter at par and int. Interest payable without deduction of any Federal income tax not in excess of $2 \%$ Refurd
of the Penn Conn. Kansas and of the Penn Conn. Kansas and Caliif. taxes not to exceed 4 mills, Mary-
land $41 / 2$ milis tax
Kantucky, District of Columbia excess of 5 mills, Michigan 5 mills exemption tax, Virginia $51 / 2$ mills tax and Mass. Income tax not to exceed $6 \%$ Building.-The Woodbridge Building, located at 100 William St., N. Y. city, is one of the largest and most important office buildings in the downin fee and has a total street frontage on Wiliam, Platt and John Sts. of about 430 ft. The front of the building is is 13 stories in height while. the of over 192.000 sq. ft. of rentable area. Leases. -The Aetna Life Insurance. Co. has leased $101 / 2$ floors of the building, represeating approximately $60 \%$ of the net rentable area, for a period extending beyond the maturity of this loan. In addition, the
Aetna Life Insurance Co. has assumed the unexpired leases of certain othe tenants aggregating over $10 \%$ of the total net rentable area of the building, The total space to be leased by the Aetna Life Insurance Co. is over $70 \%$ of the rentable area of the building. Other important tenants include:
Phoenix Assurance Co., General Accident Co., New York Underwriters, Pacific Coast Borax Co.
Seururity.-Secured by a first closed mortgage on the land and building, owned in fee, the plot extending about 121.7 ft . on William St . 145 ft . on Oohn St. and 163.7 ft . on Platt St. The property, land and building, has Earnings.- Building is. practically $100 \%$ Ieased and occupied. The maturity of this loan, is at a a annual rental of $\$ 282,760$ or an aggregate states the annual income, as of May 1 1926, based on signed leases of present occupants, to be as follows:

| Gross earnings |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Oper exps., maint.,. ins. \& taxes, other than Fed. taxes (est.). | $\begin{array}{l}\$ 512,460 \\ 214,000\end{array}$ |

 Sinking Fund.-Mortgage securing this loan will provide for a sinking during the life of this loan. The operation of this quarterly sinking fund through purchase in the open market or through retirement by lot at the then call price, will reduce this oan to ress than s1,815,000 at maturity, or Legal or Trust Funds.-This loan represents less than a $58 \%$ loan, and these securities are legal
the State of New York.
Woodmen of the World Building (Woodmen Building Corp.) Omaha, Neb.-Bonds Offered.-H. M. Byllesby \& Co., Inc. are offering at 99 and int., to yield about $6.10 \%$ $\$ 1,125,000$ 1st (closed) mtge. leasehold $6 \%$ sinking fund Bds. Dated March 1 1926; due March 11944 . Interest payable M. \& S.
Denom. $\$ 1.000, \$ 500$ and $\$ 100$ c* Callable as a whole at any time on 60 days' notice at 102 and int. up to and incl. March 1 1934; and thereafter at int. up to and incl. March 1 1934, and thereafter at 105 and int. less $1 / 2 \%$
for each full year or fraction thereof expired after Feb. 28 1934. Interest payable without deduction of that portion of any Federal income tax not 5 exceed 4 mills. Maryland $41 / 2$ mills tax, Kentucky and District of Columbia 5 mills tax, Mich. 5 mills exemption tax, Virginia $51 / 2$ mills tax, and Mass. income tax not to exceed $6 \%$ to resident holders upon proper, application
made within 60 days after payyment of such tax. Exempt from Nebraska personal property taxes. Principal and interest payable at Continental \& Commercial Trust \& Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee. known or a ground area of approximatest. 14 The main building of the bestheight, with 2 had area of approximately $14,520 \mathrm{sq}$. ft . and is 19 stories in and hollow tile construction. The Annex Building, erected in tera cotta, brick adjoining and connected with the main building, erected in 1920 , directly contain approximately $3,796,530$ cu. ft., have in height. The 2 buildings 180,101 sq. ft, and have been recentily appraised at $\$ 2,600,240$.
Security. -These bonds will be secured by Security, -These bonds will be secured by a closed first mortgage on the
leasehold estate comprising approximately 20,360 sq. ft. of ground area The lease, which extends to March 12025 without right to revaluation, leases the ground and buildings for an annual rental of ss4,000. The leasehold
estate has been appraised at $\$ 1,907,200$, making this issue approximately a $59 \%$ mortgage. 31 Earnings.-The total gross income for the two calendar years ended Dec. and adding thereto the ground rental of $\$ 44,000$ per annum, averaged for the same period, $\$ 216,450.74$. Net income, on the above basis, available
 approximately $\$ 135,000$,or 2 times the maximum annual Interest require
and ments on this issue of bonds.
Sinking funa.-The mortgage securing these bonds will provide for a and continuing throughout the life of this issue. The operation of this sinking fund, through the deposit, purchase in the open market or redemp-

Yale \& Towne Manufacturing Co.-Annual Report.-

 Rividends (cash)---( $\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ ) 2,000,000(20)2000,000 (20) 2000,000 $\quad$ y $1,150,000$ $\begin{array}{rrrrr}\text { Balance, surplus...-- } & \$ 570,749 & \$ 18,592 & \$ 890,623 \\ \text { Previous surplus } & 8,-944,363 & 8,925,771 & 8,035,148\end{array}$ Adjustments Stock dividend ( $100 \%$ )- $\qquad$
Profit \& loss, surplus- $\$ 9,515,112 ~ \$ 8,944,363 ~ \$ 8,925,771$ x After deducting cost of production, operating expenses, incl. $\$ 795,704$ for repairs, maintenance, but charged to current expenses; after deducting
$\$ 333,282$ for depreciation on plant and equipment and after charging all but excluding interest earned and taxes accrued but not paid. y Dividends were paid in 1922 at the rate of $5 \%$ quarterly for the April, July and October quarters on the old stock of $\$ 100$ par value and at the rate of $4 \%$ ( $\$ 1$ )
for Jan. 1923 quarter on the new stock of $\$ 25$ a share after the $100 \%$ stock dividend. Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.



 O. S. securtites...

Mtyes. and loans.
 President W. C. Allen says: "During the year the company was offered
the physial properties of the Barrows Lock Co., the Sager Lock Co. and the Milier Lock Co, and, after careful consideration, accerted the offers.
theluded in the plant and equipment account is $\$ 967,482$ representing
In Include in the plant and equipment account is $\$ 897,482$ representing
the cost of plant and equinment of the newly acquired branches Payment
for these properties was made for these properties was made by liquidating part of our U. S. securities.
These newly accuired plants are now known as Barrows Lock Works.
Sager Lock Works.and Miller Lock Works, of Yale \& Towne Manufacturing
Co. W,

# The Commercial Markets and the Crops <br> 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 O BUSINESS ACTIVITY."

Friday Night, March 191926.
COFFEE on the spot was dull and tending downward with increasing supplies of Rio. Santos $4 \mathrm{~s}, 223 / 4$ to $231 / 4 \mathrm{c}$., and Rio $7 \mathrm{~s}, 173 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Maracaibo Trujillo, $231 / 2$ to $241 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; Cucuta, fair to good, $251 / 4$ to 26 c .; Colombian, Ocana, 24 to 25 c.; Bucaramanga, natural, $271 / 4$ to 28 c.; washed, 29 to $293 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; Honda, $291 / 4$ to $293 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; Tolima, $291 / 4$ to $293 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; Giradot, $291 / 4$ to $293 / 4$ c.; Medellin, $301 / 2$ to 31 c .; Manizales, $291 / 4$ to $293 / 4$ c. The cost and freight market early in the week was steady. For prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 2s were offered at 22.80 to 23.15 c.; 3 s at $233 / 4$ c.; $3 \mathrm{~s}-4 \mathrm{~s}$ at 21.90 to $221 / 8 \mathrm{e}$.; $3 \mathrm{~s}-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at $211 / 2$ to $221 / 8$ e.; $4 \mathrm{~s}-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at $211 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; 6 s at 21.30 to 21.40 c .; part Bourbon, $3 \mathrm{~s}-4 \mathrm{~s}$, at $213 / 4$ to 22.30 c .; $3 \mathrm{~s}-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at 21.70 to $217 / 8 \mathrm{c}$.; $4 \mathrm{~s}-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at $211 / 2$ to 21.85 c .; $5 \mathrm{~s}-6 \mathrm{~s}$ at 21.40 c .; Santos peaberry, $3 \mathrm{~s}-4 \mathrm{~s}$, at 22.30 c .; Rio 4 s at $201 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; 7 s at 17.90 c . to $181 / \mathrm{c}$..; Victoria 4 s and 5 s at 20 c . Cost and freight offers though not plentiful on the 18th inst. were lower. Prompt shipment Bourbon Santos 2 s here at $223 / 4 \mathrm{4}$.; 3 s at 22.60 c .; 3 -4s at 21.70 to 21.75 c .; $3-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at 21.25 c .; $4-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at $211 / 4 \mathrm{c} . ; 5 \mathrm{~s}$ at $21 \mathrm{c} . ; 5-6 \mathrm{~s}$ at 20.80 c .; Bourbon grinders 6 s , 21.30c.; 7-8s, at 19.80 to 20.30c.; part Bourbon or flat bean 3 -4s at 21.30 to 21.45 c .; 3 -5s at 21.15 to 21.40 c .; $4-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at 21.20 c .; 5 -6s at 21c.; Rio 7s, 18c. Future shipment equal quantities each month from September to December, Bourbon 4 s , 20c. To-day coffee was dull and weak, winding up at $177 / 8$ e. for Rio 7 s , against $181 / 4 \mathrm{a}$ week ago.
Futures declined with Brazilian markets lower, Brazi ready to sell freely and liquidation here for home and European account persistent and spot coffee dull and declining. On the 18th inst. the transactions were 61,000 bags or 120,000 bags in two days. On the 16th inst. Santos terme prices ell 50 reis, while exchange was off $1-32 \mathrm{~d}$. at $71 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$. with the dollar rate 30 reis net higher. Rio was 50 to 150 reis net lower, with exchange off 1-64d. at 7 17-64d. with the dollar rate up 10 reis. Some roasting establishments are said to be buying direct from Brazil. On the 17th inst. Santos was 50 reis lower to 50 reis higher, exchange $71 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$. and the dollar rate 10 reis higher. Rio was 100 to 200 reis net higher with exchange off $1-32 \mathrm{~d}$. at $715-64 \mathrm{~d}$. and the dollar rate 30 reis net higher. Switches were with March-May even; March-July 55 points, May-Sept. 100 points and Sept.Mar. 192780 pts. On the 18th inst. both public and private cables were lower with Brazil anxious to sell. Santos was 25 to 175 reis net lower with exchange off $3-64 \mathrm{~d}$. at 7 13-64d. and the dollar rate up 30 reis. Rio was 50 to 225 reis net higher with exchange off 1-32d. at $713-64 \mathrm{~d}$. and the dollar rate 30 reis net higher. Cost and freight offers were noticeably depressed. The New York stock of Brazil was 312,888 bags, against 334,207 a year ago; at New Orleans 113,403 bags, against 116,965 a year ago; in the United States 426,291, against 451,172 last year; afloat from Brazil 404,900 bags, against 362,800 last year; total in sight 831,191 bags, against 813,972 last year. Rio has 225,000 bags, against 241,000 last year; Santos $1,373,000$, against $1,908,000$ last year. The effects of a dilatory poliey in buying is evidently telling.

Brazilians were credited with trying to support the market from time to time, but their efforts have met with no great success. Later they gave it up. With reduced freight rates, slowness of the spot demand and reports that the present Santos crop will be much larger than early estimates, buyers have played a waiting game. It is recalled the official report of stocks of Santos coffee in Government warehouses and railroad stations on Feb. 28, much to the surprise of everybody, showed some increase over the figures for Feb. 15, being $4,214,000$ bags. At least fair-sized quantities of coffee, it is inferred, are left on the plantations. With the picking season in Sao Paulo now only some five weeks off and Rio and Victoria close at hand, a general idea as to the size of the next crop may before very long be possible. Some estimated the present Santos crop at about $9,250,000$ bags, the next at $9,500,000$, to which the surplus
of the last crop, amounting to $1,702,000$ bags, must be added; also $3,750,000$ and $3,000,000$ bags as the probable yields of the present and next Rio crops. Possibly, it is suggested, new supplies to come into sight during the resent season may reach $22,850,000$ bags and about 20,500,000 next season or a yearly average of about $21,650,000$ bags, in contrast with a consumption of about $21,500,000$ bags. Some think this line of reasoning tends to confirm buyers in a cautious policy. To-day futures declined 7 to 14 points net with sales of 54,000 bags. Rio fell 25 to 75 reis and Santos 25 to 150 . Rio exchange on London was $713-64$ to $77-32 \mathrm{~d}$. The dollar rate was $6 \$ 860$. Sao Paulo stock at interior warehouses and railways on March 10 are said to have been $4,025,000$ bags, against $4,214,000$ on Feb. 28. For the week there is a decline here of 55 to 65 points.
 SUGAR.-After sales last week of $460,000 \mathrm{bags}$ at $21 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. to 2 9-32c. c. i. f. for Cuban, or 4.02c. duty-paid, demand continued. Refined was in better demand. Raws became stronger. Because of its cheapness, the world's consumption of sugar is the largest ever known. Warm weather wil cause a further increase. The Cuban movement to market will soon decrease. Some contended early in the week that the market had turned for the better and looked for improvement in both raws and granulated. They think sugar fu tures are a good purchase, especially July and September Willett \& Gray said of Cuban production that at all centrals up to March 1 (partly estimated), the total was $2,576,847$ tons, against $2,625,146$ for the same time last year, les Cuban consumption to date, 28,000 tons, as usual; total $2,548,847$ tons, against $2,597,146$. Stocks of new-crop at shipping points, 884,479 tons, against 713,593 last year Total exports of new-crop, $1,024,122$ tons, against $1,260,306$ last year. Total receipts of new-crop at shipping ports, 1,908,601, against 1,973,899 last year. Stock of new-crop on plantations and in transit to ports, 640,246 tons, against 623,247 last year. Stock March 12 of new-crop at shipping ports, 884,479 , against 713,593 last year; on plantations and in transit, 640,246 , against 623,247 last year; total in Cuba, partly estimated, $1,524,725$ tons, against $1,366,840$ tons last year.
Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 211,563 tons against 195,110 in the previous week, 215,562 in the same week last year and 195,532 two years ago; exports 91,503 tons, against 114,954 in previous week, 185,595 in the same week last year and 136,815 two years ago; stock 884,479 tons, against 764,419 in previous week, 713,593 last year and $552,-$ 361 two years ago. Centrals grinding numbered 175 , against the same number last week, 181 in the same week last year and 176 two years ago. Havana cabled "weather favorable." The uncertainty as regards ultimate Cuban production has had at times an unsettling effect. Cuban ports had 80,000 tons more than a year ago. Cuban sugar was offered freely enough to check any sharp upward turn. When the crest of Cuban production has passed this year the market is expected to respond. Both refined and raw sugars, some declare, are selling at a basis that attracts not only the domestic trade but the entire world. The period of heavy consumption is ahead. Last year's history showed that the consumption of sugar throughout the world is increasing rapidly. Large raw sugar crops have put Cuban prices below the cost of production. Sugar, it is urged, cannot long continue to sell at present prices and increase production. The law of supply and demand will naturally regulate matters in the end. On the 13 th and 15 th inst. $25-16$ c. c. \& f. was paid for 105,000 bags of Cubas, San Domingo and Porto Ricos, mostly for prompt shipment to operators. Early on the 15 th inst. $23 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. for Cubas and Porto Ricos was asked but had to ease this later to 214c. Later 50,000 bags of Cuban and Porto Rican prompt and late March shipment sold at that price. Holders then tried asking 29-32 to $25-16 \mathrm{c}$. for a time unsuccessfully and later 45,000 bags sold, including Porto Ricos due March 24 and early April at 4.20 c . c.i.f., Cubas prompt shipment at $21 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. c. \& f. Cubas loading to operators at 2.27c. c. \& f. Weak ness here depressed United Kingdom prices. Two cargoes sold to the United Kingdom, one for April shipment at 10s. $101 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. and another for May at 11s. 11/2d. Japanese buying on the 17 th inst. was reported in London to have exceeded 8,000 tons for March loading at 2.20c. f.o.b. On the 18th inst. 125,000 bags sold at $21 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. basis. Big supplies of Cuban tell on the price. The Cuban output to March 15 was 2,788,000 tons, against $2,665,896$ a year ago.

Futures felt the effects of long liquidation and trade selling. Refined sold heavily at 5c. prompt delivery, cutting down supplies at refineries and consignment points to about the normal level and clearing the statistical outlook. The range of prices was 5 to 515 c . the highest for 30 days and

5\%10c. generally the top on local deliveries. TToday futures closed 3 to 6 points lower with transactions of 64,500 tons. Spot raws were quiet at $21 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. On the 18 th inst. the total sales are now estimated to have been 175,000 bags. Refined was less active today at 5 c . for prompt delivery. European markets were off. Cuba for April shipment sold on Thursday at 10 s .9 d . c. i. f. Holland. Last prices show a decline
for the week in futures of 4 to 11 points the latter on July. for the week in futures of 4 to 11 points the latter on July.
Spot raws closed at $21 / 4$ c. the same as a week ago though some are inclined to quote at $27-32 \mathrm{c}$.
Spot unofficial-2 17-32 May
$2.27 @-$
$\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { September-. } 2.54 @ \text { nom. } \\ & \text { December--2.63@ }\end{aligned}\right.$
TEA. - In London on March 15 offerings of India teas were $26,300 \mathrm{pkgs}$. of which 24,000 sold. Prices rather weak.
Medium pekoe, 1s. $71 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. to $1 \mathrm{~s} .91 / \mathrm{d}$.; fine pekoe, 1 s .10 d . to 2 s . $51 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.; medium orange pekoe, 1s. $81 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$. to 1 s . 10 d . 16, of Ceylon teas 17,300 pkgs. were offered and 16,000 sold at steady prices. Medium pekoe, 1s. 9d. to 1s. 11 d .; fine pekoe, $1 \mathrm{~s} .111 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$. to $2 \mathrm{~s} .41 / 2 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ medium orange pekoe, 1 s.
$91 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$. to $1 \mathrm{~s} .111 / 4 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ fine orange pekoe, $1 \mathrm{~s} .111 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. to 2 s .5 d . In London March 17, of Indian teas 22,900 pkgs. were offered of which 21,000 sold at unchanged prices.

LARD on the spot declined for a time with trade rather poor. Prime Western, 15.35 to $15.45 \mathrm{c} . ;$ Middle Western, 15.20 to 15.30 c .; city, in tierces, 15 to $151 / \mathrm{c}$ c.; city, in tubs, 15 to $15 \frac{3}{4} \mathrm{c}$. Compound carlots, in tierces, $133 / 4$ to 14 c . Refined, Continent, $153 / 4$ c.; South America, $163 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; Brazil, $173 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. TTo-day spot lard was weaker. Prime Western, 15.15c.; refined Continent, $155 / 8 \mathrm{c}$.; South American, $165 / 8 \mathrm{c}$.; Brazil, $175 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. Futures were lower with receipts of hogs large, prices down, cash business unsatisfactory, grain falling, liquidation general and hedge selling by packers not absent New York cleared $10,309,000$ pounds of lard and $4,886,000$ pounds bacon last week, the bulk of which represented packers' consignments. Chicago lard stocks increased 596,000 pounds since March 1, a noticeably adverse showing as compared with a decrease of $3,316,000$ pounds in the same time last year. Total stocks, however, were only 23,557,000 pounds, against $77,392,000$ a year ago. Lard production during February was $126,752,000$ pounds, compared with $161,697,000$ pounds in February 1925 and a five-year average of $115,684,000$ pounds. For the week ended March 13 lard exports were $12,231,000$ pounds, against $16,981,000$ last year; hams, shoulders and Wiltshires, 860,000 pounds, against $1,796,000$ pounds last year; bacon and Cumberlands, $3,826,000$ pounds, against $7,436,000$ last year; pickled pork, 211,000 pounds, against 413,000 pounds last year. To-day futures declined, partly in sympathy with the grain markets, which broke sharply. Commission houses were selling. Liquidation was general.
Cash trade was light. Hogs were irregular in spite of light Cash trade was light. Hogs were irregular in spite of light receipts. The top was $\$ 1410$. Western hog receipts were only 78,000, against 110,000 a year ago. Last prices show a decline in lard for the week of 38 to 58 points.
daily closing prices of lard futures in chicago.

PORK quiet but steady; Mess $\$ 37$; family $\$ 38$ to $\$ 40$; fat back pork $\$ 2850$ to $\$ 32$. Ribs, cash 16 c ., basis 40 to 60 lbs. average. Beef firm; Mess $\$ 24$ to $\$ 26$; packet $\$ 21$ to 23 ; family $\$ 25$ to $\$ 27$; extra India Mess $\$ 45$ to $\$ 47$; No. 1 canned corned beef $\$ 3$; No. 2, $\$ 525$; six lbs. $\$ 1850$; pickled tongues $\$ 55$ to $\$ 60$ nominal. Meats higher. Pickled hams 10 to $20 \mathrm{lbs} .221 / 4$ to $261 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; pickled bellies 6 to 12 lbs .23 to 24 c . Butter, lower grades to high scoring $391 / 2$ to $443 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Cheese, flats 26 to 29c. Eggs, fresh medium to extra $26 \frac{1}{2}$ to 32 c .
OILS.-Linseed shows little change. Buying is only of a hand-to-mouth nature, despite the nearness of the heavy consuming season. Leading crushers were quoting 10.7 c . for spot-April raw oil in carlots, cooperage basis, while MayJune was held at 10.8c. and July-August at 10.9c. Cocoanut oil, Ceylon, f.o.b. coast tanks, 10c.; Manila, tanks, coast, spot, 10 c.; spot, bbls., $111 / 4$ to $111 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; China, wood, New York, spot, bbls., $123 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; tanks, $113 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Corn, crude, tanks, plant, $101 / 40$; bbls., spot, $111 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. nom. Olive, Denmark, $\$ 120$ to $\$ 125$. Soya bean, coast tanks, $101 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; blown bbls., 14 to $141 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Lard, prime, $173 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. ; extra strained winter, New York, 14c. Cod, domestic, 63 to 64 c .; Newfoundland, 65 to 67 c . Turpentine, $\$ 101$ to $\$ 1051 / 2$. Rosin, $\$ 1125$ to $\$ 1650$. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 14,200 bbls. P. Crude S.E. nominal. Prices closed as follows:

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 PETROLEUM.-Kerosene has been easier with water white offered at $91 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. in bulk at refineries and $101 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. in tank cars delivered to trade. Jobbing demand has been small. Prime white was quoted at $83 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. at refinery and $93 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. in tank cars delivered to trade. In the Gulf water white was firm at $81 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. and prime at $71 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Gasoline has been weaker. Some shading was reported, but leading producers were quoting $121 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. One report was to the effect that business could be done on a firm bid at 120. In the Gulf, U. S. motor was weak at 75 at refinery. Diesel oil was quoted at $\$ 230$.steady at $\$ 175$.

In the Gulf, for Grade C bunker oil $\$ 160$ was asked for bunkering purposes and $\$ 155$ in cargo lots. Gas oil was firm at 6c. for 36-40 gravity local refineries, while 28-34 was held at 6c. or $66-40$ gravity local refineries, while $28-34$ was held at
$51 / 2$ c. For 26-28 transparent in Gulf section 50 . was asked but little was offered; 32 plus dark oil $43 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. in bulk. Of late gasoline has sold less readily for export. There were no new features in kerosene. Gas oil has been firm without any very active demand. Lubricating oils remain dull. New York refined export prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, U. S. motor specifications, deodorized, 27.90c.; U. S. motor bulk refinery, $121 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; kerosene in cargo lots, cases, 18.40 c .; petroleum, refined, tanks, wagon to store, 16c.; kerosene, bulk, 45-46-150 W. W. delivered New York tank cars, $101 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; motor gasoline, garages (steel bbls.), 18c.; up-State, 18 c .


RUBBER was quiet and steady early in the week. In London the stock increased 1,175 tons last week, being reported on the 15 th inst. at 11,681 tons, against 10,506 in the previous week, 9,571 a month ago and 20,534 in the same week last year. At the Rubber Exchange on the 15th inst. May closed at 60.90 c., July at 59.70 c., October at 58 c . and November at 57.30 c . Outside closing prices on that day were 62 to 63c. for first latex crepe spot and March 61 to 62c. for April-June, 59 to 60c. for July-September and 58 to 59c. for October-December, 61 to 62c. for ribbed smoked sheets spot and March, 60 to 61c. for April-June, 58 to 59 e . for July-September, and 57 to 58c. for October-December. For brown crepe, thin, clean, 58c. was asked and for specky $56 \mathrm{c} . ;$ amber No. 2, 59 c .; No. 3, 58c. Imports of rubber crude through the ports of Boston and New York in February, it is said, were $73,900,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. Most of it was said to be rubber delivered on contracts made three and four months ago when the price averaged 80.4c. a pound. If current rubber prices had prevanled for the month's imports, it was stated, the value of rubber imports would have been nearly $40 \%$ lower. The House Committee on Inter-State and Foreign Commerce has backed Secretary Hoover in his charges of rubber monopoly. The committee says Americans paid $\$ 100,000$,000 over a "fair price" in three months. They named seven governments as exercising price control of other materials. Washington wired: "A quiet movement is under way in the House to secure some sort of positive action on the British rubber monopoly. Just what is not stated."
New York on the 18th inst. was quiet but firm. At the Rubber Exchange May closed at 61c., July at 59.80 c . Outside closing prices on that day were 62 to 63 c . for first latex crepe spot, 61 to $621 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. for March, 61 to 62 c . for April-June, 59 to 61c. for July-Sept. and 58 to $591 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. for Oct.-Dec. 60 to 62c. for ribbed smoked sheets spot, 60 to $611 \frac{1}{2}$ c. for March, 60 to 61c. for April-June, 58 to 60 c . for July-Sept. and 57 to $581 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. for Oct.-Dec. 59 c . for brown crepe thin clean, 57 c . for specky and 56 c . for No. 1 rolled. In London on March 18th a sharp rally followed an early decline. It reduced the loss to $1 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. Spot $301 / 4$ to 31d.; March, $301 / 4$ to $303 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$.; April-June, $301 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$. to $303 / 4 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ July-Sept., $281 / 2$ to 29 d .; Öct.-Dec., 28d. to $281 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. Singapore advanced. $1 / 2$ to $7 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$. Spot, $291 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$.; March, $291 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$.; April-June, $283 / 4 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ July-Sept., 281/4d. To-day prices here were irregular An Akron, Ohio dispatch prices here were irregular. An Akron, ohio dispatch with extreme caution in making commitments for their future tire yarn and fabric requirements. Practically no orders for fabric are being taken further ahead than June.
HIDES have been quiet and rather weak. A lot of 4,000 La Plata heavy steers sold at $\$ 3650$ or $163 / 4$ c. c. \& f. Comdry hides were dull and apparently tending downward. City packer hides were neglected. Common dry prices are nominally as follows: Antioquias 25c.; Orinocos 201/2c.; Maracaibo 21c.; Savanillas 21c.; Packer hides, native steers 12c.; butt brands $111 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; Colorados 11c. Frigorifico steers $161 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Calfskins last sold at $\$ 150, \$ 205$ and $\$ 270$. Ocean freights have been in good supply on berth and as to steamers with rates low. Coal traffic was an outstanding feature. Charters included sugar from Santo Domingo to Halifax 14c. prompt;
coal from Hampton Roads to Para $\$ 3$ 15 March loading; time charter, 2.041 net round trip in West Coast South America trade, 80 c . prompt loading:
972 net, six months West Indies trade. $\$ 155$ continuation; tankers, 4.339 net from Gulf to North of Hatteras, 30c., option Tampico, 34c. two trips commencing April; 4,463 net clean oil from Gulf to United Kingdon-
Continent 27 s . April loading; 1,566 net from Black Sea to Alexandria 14s. 6 d . two trips prompt; coal from Hampton Roads to Rio de Janeiro $\$ 325$ prompt; grain from New York to Rio de Janeiro 18s. 6 d . March 15 cancelling sugar from St. John, N. B., to Marseilles 18s. prompt loading; oil cake
from New York to Rotterdam 12c. March loading; crushed stone from
north of Hatteras to Florida $\$ 1$ free load and discharge; phosphate rock north of Hatteras to Florida $\$ 1$ free load and discharge; phosphate rock
from Tampa to Wilmington, N. $\$ 2.55$ March loading free load and
discharge; coal from Hampton Roads to Rio de Janeiro $\$ 315$ April loading: discharge; coal from Hampton Roads to Rio de Janeiro $\$ 315$ April loading:
from Hampton Roads or Baltimore to Ancona and Venice $\$ 265$ option one port West italy, $\$ 240$ late March loading; from Hampton Roads to Santos
$\$ 75$ Apri loading; sulphur from Galveston to Hamburg or Harburg
$\$ 240$ March loading; nitrate from Chile to Galveston-Boston range $\$ 425$ $\$ 240$ March loading; nitrate from Chile to Galveston-Boston range $\$ 425$. grain from Atlantic range to West Coast Italy basis 11c. March loading;
sugar from Cuba to United Kingdon-Continent 13s. 6d. March loading; time charter 1,434 net round trip West Indies trade 75 c . delivery nerth of Hatteras prompt leading; 2,337 net delivery North Pacific re redelivery
north of Hatteras $\$ 135$ March loading; coal trade with Brazil is larger.

TOBACCO.-New business has been slow. Hopes are entertained of a better business in cigars before long. But at the moment business is slow. Sumatra wrappers are said to sell rather readily, but they are not at all scarce. The demand is not large enough to infuse any great strength into prices. Connecticut has been in fair demand and steady. Nominal prices: First remedios, $\$ 1$ to $\$ 105 ; 2 d$ remedios, 88 to 92 c .; Pennsylvania broadleaf, filler, 8 to 13c.; broadleaf binder, 15 to 20 c .; Porto Rico, 65 to $\$ 110$; Connecticut; top leaf, 18 to 22 c .; No. 1 sec., 60 to 75 c .; seed fillers, 15 c . medium wrappers, 65 to 75 c .; dark wrappers, 35 to 45 c .; light wrappers, 90 c . to $\$ 125$.

COAL.-Bunker prices have shown a downward tendency. Nominal bunker quotations are said to be cut now and then 50 cents. Some retail dealers ignore hard coal as much as possible until they can get rid of coke, soft coal, \&c., but for all that hard coal is coming forward more freely from terminals to consuming points here. On the 15 th inst., for instance, the movement from terminals to consuming points was 1,124 cars of hard coal, compared with 888 cars on the 8th inst. Standing cars of anthracite coal amounted to 3,909 . The general tendency of prices is believed to be downward, especially as within the last two days the weather has been milder.

COPPER has been steadier at 14.20 c . delivered in the Valley. There was a good domestic demand. Not a few producers were holding for 14.25 c . London was higher, and this with other metals advancing and optimistic reports from the steel industry helped considerably in lifting the price. Shipments from the Lake district are heavy. It is said that only $20 \%$ is going abroad, the bulk going to MidWestern consumers. Spot standard in London on the 17 th inst. advanced 2 s .6 d . to $£ 595 \mathrm{~s}$. and futures rose 5 s . to $£ 605 \mathrm{~s}$. Latterly copper has been rather less active with 14.25 c . delivered in the Valley asked and 14.20c. f.a.s. New York; April, 14.20c. delivered. February statistics were rather bearish. Spot standard in London late in the week was $£ 595$ s.; futures 2 s .6 d . lower at $£ 602 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d}$.

TIN has been higher at 66 c . for spot Straits and $631 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. for July. Premiums are now paid for prompt shipments. The situation as regards supplies has become so tight that the form of contract in the Far East is being changed. Producers expect prices to go higher and are therefore holding their tin as long as possible. Spot standard in London on the 17 th inst. advanced $£ 17 \mathrm{~s} 6 \mathrm{~d}$ to $£ 229$ and futures rose 12 s 6 d to $£ 289$ 7s 6d. Prices have latterly weakened in London $£ 312 \mathrm{~s} 3 \mathrm{~d}$ to $£ 5$ and New York fell 1c. Spot Straits sold at $65 \mathrm{c} .$, April at $643 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; May at 64 and June at 63 c . London spot standard $£ 294$; futures $£ 28515 \mathrm{~s}$.

LEAD has been in fair demand and firmer. A few carloads of lead were reported sold by Middle Western producers therican Smelting \& Refining Co. quoted 8.20 c . The leading producer in the West was selling at 8 c . East St. Louis, but some other producers were said to be obtaining a little above that price. London on the 17 th inst. was up 8 s .9 d . on the spot to $£ 327 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d} .$, and futures advanced 3s. 9 d . to $£ 3212 \mathrm{~s}$. 6d. Business this week has been the largest for some little time. March delivery is not easy to buy. The big company is quoting 8.20 c . New York. London fell 5 s. late in the week; spot, $£ 32$ 2s. 6 d futures $£ 327 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d}$.
ZINC advanced to 7.45 c . to 7.50 c ., East St. Louis, on the 17 th inst. on good buying by dealers and galvanizers London was also higher. Spot and April there on the 17th inst. advanced 2 s .6 d . to $£ 3317 \mathrm{~s}$. 6 d . and $£ 345 \mathrm{~s}$. for futures. Latterly trade has not been at all brisk. East St. Louis, 7.50 c . Brass special is 10 to $121 / 2$ points premium. Demand has not followed the recent advance readily. That is an outstanding fact. New York settling price, 7.85c. London advanced 1 s . 3 d . late in the week. Spot, £33 18s. 9d. futures, £34 3s. 9d.

STEEL has not been oversteady, with production large and reports that the March output may be something beyond precedent for this month. In Chicago especially the March production is heavy. It is supposed that nothing has equalled it in the history of the steel business there. A steady demand comes from railroads, auto companies and construction concerns. But outside of this the trade is only moderate at best, where it is not actually dull. There is as a rule not much forward buying. At any rate the general understanding is that the purchases are mostly for prompt delivery. The fact is not lost sight of that the tendency of pig iron and scrap and possibly of coke is apparently downward. Forging billets have dropped it seems to $\$ 40$ a ton a decline of $\$ 1$. Finished floor plates have it is stated declined $\$ 4$ at the mills and $\$ 6$ at the warehouses. This excites no surprise in the light of the very heavy production of steel. Cast iron pipe is said to be selling very well with some of the makers engaged ahead for 3 months. Prices for such material are reported to be firmer. According to talk in some directions the attempt to advance prices for the secona quarter has been practically abandoned at least for the time being. It looks as though the first quarter quotations would be maintained wherever possible in the second quarter.
PIG IRON is said to be meeting with a little more inquiry, but actual sales are not believed to be large. Inquiries, it is
said, comprise about 15,000 tons here; but buyers are inclined to insist on some decline in prices for the second quarter of the year. And the belief in some quarters is that the tendency is towards some easing of prices. Nominal quotations for Eastern Pennsylvania are $\$ 22$ to $\$ 2250$, and or Buffalo $\$ 21$ to $\$ 22$. It is believed, rightly or wrongly, hat in some cases these prices are shaded. This idea is here mentioned for what it is worth. In general the inquiry is light. Production is large and pig iron is made to sell. Just now the trade is in a state of transition. In such circumstances there is naturally more or less sharp competition or business. Virginia iron is quoted at nominally $\$ 23$ to $\$ 24$. Chicago $\$ 2250$ to $\$ 23$ and the Valleys at $\$ 2050$ to 21. These are wholly nominal quotations, however.解 conjecture, with foreign iron still a competitor.

WOOL has been dull and lower, regardless of recent firmness in London. In this country demand is poor, neutralizing any favorable foreign features. Goods business is bad. That is the big drawback. Some early-shorn Idaho mixed wool sold at 34c. Arizona generally 38 to 40 c . for the best wools. Rail and water shipments of wool from Boston from Jan. 11926 to Mar. 11, inclusive, were $49,393,000$ lbs., against $35,936,000$ for the same period last year. Receipts rom Jan. 11926 to Mar. 11 inclusive were $85,123,900 \mathrm{lbs}$., against $75,089,500 \mathrm{lbs}$. for the same period last year.

 England, $1 / 2$ blood, 45 to tonc. $34 / 8$ blood, $47 \mathrm{c} .1 / 1 /$ blood, 46 to 47 c . Scoured
 medium combing, $\$ 10$ to $\$ 1$ 15. Eastern clothing, $\$ 1$ O0. Valley No. 1 .

combing, 75 to 80 c .; best carding, 65 to 70 c .
In Liverpool, England, on March 12 East India wool uctions closed quiet; prices about the same as earlier in the sale. In London on March 12 sales 10,401 bales. Selection better. Demand good. Inferior dull and often withdrawn. Details:
New South Wales, 2,373 bales: scoured merinos, 20 to $421 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.; crossbreds
 bales: scoured merinos, 25 to 45 d . crossbreds, 18 to $371 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. greasy merinos,

 merinos, 30 to 40 d .; greasy merinos, 14 to $211 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.; Cape Colony, 187 bales:
Greasy crossbreds, 10 to $171 / 2$ d.; slipes, 8 to 22 d .

In London on March 15 sales 9,778 bales; supply small. Demand better; prices steady. Details:
New South Wales, 1,013 bales: Scoured merinos, 20 to 35 d ; crossbreds, 12 nd, 2,247 bales: scoured crossbreds, 22 to 27 1/2d.; greasy merinos, 16 to
 111, to 231/2d. South Australia, 149 bales: Greasy merinos. $131 / 1$ to $211 / 1 / \mathrm{d}$. 34d.; crossbreds, 12 to $301 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.; greasy merinos, 16 to 23 d ; crossbreds, 10 to 4, 051 bales: Greasy merinos, 14 to 21d.: crossbred
Arenas, 340 bales: Greasy crossbreds, 10 to 18 d .

In London on March 16 sales, 9,939 bales. Prices steady. Selection extensive. Demand better for crossbreds.
New South Wales, 1,293 bales: Scoured merinos, 20 to $381 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.; crossbreds,
$15^{1 / 2}$ to $35 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ greasy merinos, 15 to $27 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ crossbreds. 7 to 20 d . Quensland; $151 / 2$ to 35 d .; Sreasy med merinos, 30 to 39 d. s. crossbreds. 20 to 32 d .; greasy merinos, 172 , crossbreds, 17 to 31d. greasy merinos, 14 to $288 \mathrm{~d} .$. cross
bales: Scoured
breds, 9 to 24 d . South Australia, 1,282 bales: Scoured merinos, 25 to 33 d . crossbreds, 16 to $291 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.; greasy merinos, 15 to $271 / 2 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ crossbreds, $71 / 2$ to
22 d West Australia, 656 bales: Scoured merinos. 26 to 40 d. ; crossbreds,
16 to $34 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ greasy merinos, 18 to 25 d. crossbreds, 10 to $191 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.
91 bales: Greasy meria, 91 bales
greasy merinos, 12 to $251 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. . crossbreds, 8 to $201 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. Cape Colony, 888
bales: scoured merinos, 28 to 38 d .; crossbreds, 20 to 29 d .; greasy merinos 12 to 21d.; crossbreds, 9 to 13 d
In London on March 17 sales, 10,669 bales. Demand good, especially for fine greasy merinos. High limits:
Now South Wales, 664 bales: Scoured merinos, 30 to 41 d .; crossbreds,
 greasy merinos, 16 to $281 / 2 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ crossbreds, 14 to 22 d . Victoria, 2,289 bales.
Scoured merinos, 28 to $411 / \mathrm{d} . ;$ crossbreds, $141 / 2$ to $321 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.; greasy merinos,
14 to 14 to $28 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ crossbreds, $111 / 2$ to 25 d . South Australia, 56 bales: Scoured
crossbreds, 18 to 28d.; greasy crossbreds, 12 to 21 d.
New Zealand, 5,243
bales: Scoured merinos, 30 to $491 / 2$ d.; crossbreds, 16 to $291 / 5 \mathrm{~d}$.; greasy merinos, 18 to 23 d. ; crossbreds, 10 to $221 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. Cape Colony, 262 bales: Scoured merinos, 33 to 40 d .; scoured crossbreds, 33 to 40 d . grea gy meri
14 to $181 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. River Plate, 171 bales: Greasy crossbreds, 2 to $18 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$.

In London on March 18 sales, 10,515 bales. High grade greasy merinos were 5 to $10 \%$ and fine greasy crossbreds, $5 \%$ above January prices. Demand good. Details:
New South Wales, 1,988 bales: Scoured merinos, 20 to $43 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ crossbreds:
$161 / 2$ to 36 d . greasy merinos, 15 to $341 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. crossbreds $81 ;$ to $161 / 2$ to $36 \mathrm{~d} .:$ greasy merinos, 15 to $341 / 2 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ crossbreds, $81 / 2$ to $211 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. $361 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. greasy merinos, 17 to 28 d .; crossbreds, 14 to $241 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. Victoria, 539 bales: Greasy merinos, 16 to 30 d
Australia, 285 bales: Greasy merinos, 1
greasy crossbreds, 10 to 16 d . Tasmania, 161 bales: Greasy merinos, breds, 14 to $35 \mathrm{~d} ;$; greasy merinos, 15 to 23d.; greasy crossbreds, 9 to $191 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.
Punta Arenas, 4,581 bales: Greasy merinos, 14 to 20 d .; crossbreds, 7 to 191/2d

London cabled March 17 th that the next wool sales at Adelaide, Australia, will open on April 1st when 25,000 bales will be offered with an additional 12,000 bales scheduled for the April 22nd series. At Dunedin, N. Z. on March 12 th most of the 26,500 bales offered sold. Demand good and
prices compared with the last sale at Christchurch slightly higher. At Invercargill 6,600 bales offered, of which 6,000 sold. Demand good; market firm. Good to super halfbreds $50-56 \mathrm{~s}$ were 18 d ; crossbreds $48 \mathrm{~s}-50 \mathrm{~s}$, $153 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$; $46-48 \mathrm{~s}$, 14 d ; $44-46 \mathrm{~s}, 121 / 2 \mathrm{~d} . ; 40 \mathrm{~s}-44 \mathrm{~s}$ unquoted. Low to medium wools in the same order sold at: Unquoted, $143 / 4 \mathrm{~d} . ; 13 \mathrm{~d} ., 12 \mathrm{~d}$. and $111 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. respectively. At Perth on March $16 \mathrm{th} 85 \%$ of the 19,000 bales offered sold. Attendance fair. Demand discriminating. Prices irregular. Bradford largest buyer. The United States did little. Compared with the last sales on Feb. 16th super greasy merinos were slightly lower. Good to medium sorts, firm; faulty neglected; pieces, bellies and locks, par to $5 \%$ higher; good lambs $5 \%$ higher and inferior unchanged. Scoured merinos not wanted.

## COTTON.

Friday Night, March 191926.
THE MOVEMENT OF THE $i$ ROP, as indicated by our telegrams from the South to-night, is given below. For the week ending this evening the total receipts have reached 121,458 bales, against 105,260 bales last week and 118,766 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August 1925, $8,232,270$ bales, against $8,282,002$ bales for the same period of $1924-25$, showing a decrease since Aug. 11925 of 49,732 bales.


The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 11925 and the stocks to-night, compared with last year:

| Receipts to Mar. 19. | 1925-26. |  | 1924-25. |  | Stock. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | This Week. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Since Aug } \\ 11925 . \end{gathered}$ | This Week. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Since Aug } \\ 11924 . \end{array}\right\|$ | 1926. | 1925. |
| Galveston <br> Texas Cit | 26,810 | 2,776,495 | 36,164 | 3,447.062 | 503,522 | 352,725 |
| Houston--- | 28,244 | 1,456,094 | $46,4 \overline{3}$ | 1,569,126 | 3,99 | 9,024 |
| Port Arthur, |  |  | - $\overline{1} 1.9 \overline{6} \overline{4}$ |  |  |  |
| Gulfport |  | 2,050,545 | 31,964 | 1,714,287 | 377,086 | 284,780 |
| Mobile | 2,655 | 203,495 | 3,909 | 1377,484 | 16,934 | 7,0̄2̄ |
| Jacksonvil |  | 15,653 12,961 | 100 | 10,906 3,225 |  | 62 |
| Savannah | 16,688 | 792,972 | 12,109 | 569,340 | 70,640 | 44,736 |
| Oharleston | $\overline{5,021}$ | 269,837 | 4,861 | 226,339 |  |  |
| Georgetown |  | 1080-0-8 | - |  |  | $\cdots$ |
| Norfolk | 1,044 | 108,908 | 2,881 | 119,376 | 115,660 | 42,175 81,696 |
| N'port New New York | 12 | 42992 |  |  |  |  |
| Boston. | 3615 | 26161 | 1506 | 21,237 | 31130 |  |
| Baltimor | . 587 | 33,745 | 2,166 | 25,790 | 3,113 | 1,361 |
| Philadelphi |  | 9,683 | 61 | 1,040 | 4,854 | 3,732 |
| Totals | 121,458 | 8,232,270 | 148,871 | 282,002 | 4 | 69,724 |

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. | $1920-21$. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Gatr |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Galv | 26,810 | 36.16 | 13 | 15,639 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Houston, \&c- | 28,244 | 46.438 | 18,235 | 15,639 | 39,540 | 28,878 |
| New Orleans_ | 32,323 | 31,964 | 12,130 | $\overline{25}, \overline{0} \overline{2} \overline{5}$ | 21,843 | 17,561 |
| Mobile- | 2,655 | 3,909 | 1,551 | 788 | 3,022 | . 672 |
| Srunswick | 16,688 | 12,109 | 3,971 | 15,143 | 19,339 | 4,976 |
| Charleston | 5,021 | 4,831 | $\overline{2}, 2 \overline{7} 9$ | 4,343 | 4,100 | ${ }^{9} 6 \overline{9}$ |
| Wilmington | $\frac{1}{3}, 044$ | 2,881 |  |  | 2,153 | 1,881 |
| N N'port N . | 3,225 | 7,857 | 2,429 | 3,323 | 5,071 | 4,000 |
| All othe | 5.448 | 2,688 | 2,671 | $\overline{3}, \overline{2} \overline{7} \overline{3}$ | 6.077 | 943 |
| Total this wk. | 121,458 | 148,871 | 56,871 | 68,644 | 102,691 | 72,898 |

Since Aug. 1_- $\overline{8,232,270} \overline{8,282,002} \overline{5,860,399} \overline{5,095,088} \overline{4,511,050} \overline{4,715,477}$
The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 160,689 bales, of which 49,909 were to Great Britain, 19,509 to France, 31,487 to Germany, 13,685 to Italy, 21,855 to Japan and China and 24,244 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 208,178 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been $6,178,536$ bales, against $6,657,464$ bales in the
same period of the previous season. Below are the exports same the week:


| From | Exported to- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mar. 191926 <br> Exports from- | Great Britain. | France. | many. | Italy. | Russia. | Japand | Other. | Total. |
| Galveston. | 511,160 | 274.006 | 341,086 | 167,859 | 6,000 | 162,629 | 244,933 | 1,707,673 |
| Houston.- | 405,028 | 253,570 | 327,974 | 104,090 | 97,573 | 104,806 | 133,995 | 1,427,036 |
| New Orleans. | 434,855 | 158,701 | 222,975 | 152,432 |  | 250,892 | 158,877 | 1,378,732 |
| Mobile --.-- | 75,748 | 9,478 | 28.326 | 1,000 |  | 1,500 | 5,536 | 121,588 |
| Pensacola- | 6,880 | 758 | 4,400 | 449 |  | 4,150 | 1,924 436 | 12,370 15,653 |
| Savannah.-- | 186,263 | 11,861 | 266,841 | 7,408 |  | 108,756 | 51,423 | 632,552 |
| Brunswick |  |  | 400 |  |  |  |  | 400 |
| Charleston-- | 62,126 | 977 | 79,428 |  |  | 40.750 | 16,538 | 199,819 |
| Wilmington. | 4,000 102,634 | 100 | 28,470 92,750 | 34,000 |  |  | 3,900 | 70,370 213,112 |
| New York-- | +47,091 | 17,379 | 44,174 | 21,150 | 200 | 44,063 | 39,287 | 213,344 |
| Boston-.- | 2,733 |  | 461 |  |  |  | 4,595 | 7,789 |
| Phaltimore--- |  | 3,605 |  | 2,734 |  |  |  | 6,339 |
| Los Angeles | 19,941 | ,600 | 9,775 | 1,275 500 |  |  | 302 | ${ }_{36,047}$ |
| San Diego-- | 2,200 |  |  | 500 |  | 3,312 | 837 1,500 | 36,965 3,700 |
| San Fran.-- | 950 |  | 100 |  |  | 70,791 | 1,86 | 71,827 |
| Seattle |  |  |  |  |  | 56,820 | 300 | 57,220 |


 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 imposalble 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 inquirles we are recelving regarding the matter, we will say that
for the month of February the exports to the Dominion the present season have for the month of February the exports to the Dominion the present season have
been 19,858 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 16,603 bales. For the seven months ended Feb. 28 1926, there were 168,113
bales exported, as against 128,256 bales for the corresponding seven months of 1925 . bales exported, as against 128,256 bales for the corresponding seven months of 1925.
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:

| Mar. 19 at - | On Shipboard, Not Cleared for- |  |  |  |  |  | Leaving Stock. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Great Britain. | France. | Germany. | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Other } \\ \text { Foreign } \end{gathered}\right.$ | Coastwise. | Total. |  |
| Galveston_--- | 2.000 | 6,700 | 5,000 | 20,700 | 8,000 | 42,400 | 461,122 |
| New Orleans.- | 12,912 1,500 | 2,333 | 6,349 | 18,216 | 105 | 39,915 | 337,171 |
| Charleston- |  |  |  | 300 | 2,451 | 1.800 2.451 | 68.840 |
| Mobile | 2,000 | $80 \overline{0}$ |  | 2,500 | 2,400 | 6,100 | 10,834 |
|  | 2,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 3,000 | 500 | 7.500 | 115,467 64,952 |
| Total 1926.- | 20.412 | 10,833 | 12,349 | 44,7 | 11,856 |  |  |
| Total 1925-- | 25,625 | 13,333 | 16,702 | 45,353 | 11,856 9,722 | ${ }_{110}^{100.735}$ | $1,104,144$ 958,989 |
| Total 1924.- | 11,042 | 9,300 | 12,712 | 34,061 | 4,700 | 71,815 | 577,775 |

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has latterly been very quiet, with correspondingly small fluctuations. In the main the tone has been steady. And since the beginning of the month, there has been a rise of roughly 50 to 75 points in spite of anything that might seem to militate against any upward movement in prices such as the dulness of raw and manufactured cotton and the large stocks of the raw material. As to the stocks, however, the case is a little different from what it was. That is, the visible supply of American cotton is not now much over 500,000 bales larger than a year ago. The excess was much greater earlier in the season. As to stocks in Europe and afloat for Europe they are some 600,000 bales less than a year ago. Not that these things have any influence at the present time. People are tired of statistics. There is some interest as to the total ginning for the season to be reported by the Census Bureau on Saturday. But it is hardly more than mere curiosity. Very few expect it to be a factor in the market. Meanwhile there is no pressure to sell. Contracts at times are scarce. Mills fix prices to some extent here as well as in Liverpool There is very little hedge selling. Spot houses which sell May buy July. The May premium over July has latterly been steady at 47 points, as against 38 recently. Spot markets of late have shown rather more steadiness though without activity. Exports on the 17 th inst. were heavy, reaching some 82,300 bales. That, of course, could not be put down to a month-end spurt, which is a familiar feature. The deficit in the total exports for the season which at one time recently was some 465,000 bales, has latterly dropped to lower figures. Whether this indicates that the tide is turning for the better remains to be seen.
The weather has been something of a feature at times, though not a decisive one by any means. But recently conditions over much of the belt have been too cold and wet, and this caused some delay in plowing and planting in different parts of the belt. They caused Wall Street buying. The weather temperatures were higher on the 18 th, but on the other hand, the forecast was for cold rains in the Western belt and rains to the eastward. The common understanding is that the conditions most desirable at the present time are clear, warm weather to enable field work to be pushed with great vigor, and planting wherever the latitude warrants it. Manchester has latterly been quiet, but there is said to be some improvement at the Shanghai auctions. And as regards Manchester, some are interested if not a little puzzled to find that the earnings of 65 spinning mills in Lancashire-mills not reorganized or 65 spinning mills in Lancashire-mills not reorganized or
put on increased capitalization during the boom-earned
some $13.25 \%$ as against $4.7 \%$ in 1924 . In the case of 35 resomitalized mills, re-capitalized by increases out of reserves, the earnings in 1925 were $8.66 \%$, as against $5.9 \%$ in 1924 . Some 212 companies organized in the boom period or after, but of which only 70 were able to pay dividends in 1925 , compared with 25 in 1924, the average earnings for 1925 amounted to $2.25 \%$, as against . 8 of $1 \%$ in 1924. The total of 312 mills with a paid- 4 p capital of $£ 46,186,557$ earned in 1925, $4.3 \%$, against $1.7 \%$ in 1924 . It is pointed out that these figures of 1925 were the best since the mill buying boom set in and compare favorably with some of the best years before the war. Yet in 1925, as will be recalled, there was a great deal of complaint about dulness of trade in Lancashire, and of unprofitable prices. On this side of the water of late if print cloths have been quiet it is said that printed goods in general have sold very well. One mill at Fall River has resumed work, presumably on full time The operatives at the Amoskeag mills in Manchester, N. H., have agreed to work for six months further at unchanged
wages. wages.
Finally, there is believed to be still a large short interest in the market here, in spite of the fact that in the last week there has been some heavy covering, especially for Florida and North Carolina account. Japanese interests have been buying distant months, including the new crop deliveries. The Continent has been buying new crop months from time to time. It is supposed to be heavily long of those months. At one time there was some increase in spot business on this side of the water, though in Liverpool it has continued to be small. New Orleans has been rather firm and has bought here at times on the adverse weather news. In that market they are paying more attention to the weather than New York is. Some, indeed, think that in the near future the variations in the weather will be a more or less telling market factor. The most conspicuous characteristic of the market in the judgment of not a few, however, is its indifference to bearish factors in the situation. That suggests to some that such factors have been discounted in the price.
On the other hand, there is no bull speculation. The influence of a more or less unsettled stock market has been perceptible. The adverse news from Geneva and its implications as to the League of Nations has not been totally disregarded, even if it has not been an active factor. Spot markets for the most part have been quiet at home and abroad. Manchester's business has fallen off. There is more or less depression there, especially in yarns. Its trade in cloths has latterly been limited for the most part to sales to Calcutta. Bombay's trade is affected by the stringency of money. In China internal dissensions have had a more or less injurious effect on business. In Alexandria prices of Egyptian cotton have broken sharply, and this has caused an almost equally pronounced decline in Liverpool and Boston. Wool has been weak and raw silk and jute lower. Of late the basis at the South has been reported weaker. In parts of Georgia, it is said to be down to the lowest of the season. The ginning up to March 20 is estimated at anywhere from $15,700,000$ to $16,200,000$ bales-the latest is $16,163,000$. The Census report showed domestic consumption of 567,244 bales for the month of February, compared with 583,192 for January and 550,775 for February 1925. The total for February 1926 was only 37,000 under the highest total ever known, namely 624,264 bales in March 1923, and was 272,000 above the lowest total seen in recent years, viz. : 295, 292 in December 1920. But it had no stimulating power. Stocks on hand in consuming establishments at the end of February were $1,831,296$, against $1,811,392$ at the end of February last year. Stocks held in public storage were $4,744,000$, against $5,175,884$ at the end of January and $3,073,396$ at the end of February last year. Active spindles during February were $33,028,966$, against $32,893,156$ during January and $33,277,189$ during February last year. Imports of foreign cotton during February were 38,355 bales, against 62,061 the previous month and 39,984 a year ago.

Exports of cotton yarns from the United Kingdom during February were $15,652,000$ lbs., compared with 16,791,000 the preceding month and $15,998,000$ during February 1925. Exports of cotton cloths during February were $366,410,000$ square yards, compared with $356,097,000$ in the preceding month and 422,264,000 during February 1925.

Possibly the actual ginning figures to-morrow may have more or less effect, but this is not entirely clear. The market is in a rut. The question is: What will take it out of the rut? Some think that nothing will do it but more or less striking news about the weather, the crop, etc.

To-day prices were irregular within narrow limits, that is the swing was 12 to 15 points, ending at a net rise for the day of 3 to 7 points. Late in the day contracts became scarce. Room traders covered. This was after Wall Street and the West sold as stocks and grain dropped. Traders feared that the ginning report to-morrow might be rather bullish after all. Spot markets were rather firmer. Spinners' takings showed some increase over last week's. Final prices show a decline for the week of 4 to 15 points, the latter on May, which ended, however, at a premium over July of 48 points, the highest this week. Spot cotton closed at 19.30 c., a decline for the week of 25 points. For three days it has not changed here.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been
 FUTURES.-The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

|  | Saturday, Match 13 | Monday, March 15 | Tuesday. March 16. | Wednesday, March 17. | Thursday. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Friday. } \\ & \text { March } 19 . \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| March- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Range- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| pril- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Range | 18.77 |  | 18.77 | 18.66 | 18.65 | 8.7 |
| ${ }_{\text {Ray }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\xrightarrow{\text { Range- }}$ Closing | 18.72-18.74 | 18.71-18.73 | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 18.65-18.84 \\ & 18.78 \end{aligned}\right.$ | 18.66-18.67 | 18.65-18.67 | 18.72-18.74 |
| Rane |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Closing. | 18.38 | 18.40 | 18.46 | 18.35 | 18.34 | 18. |
| $\begin{array}{ll} \text { uly } \\ \text { Rang } \end{array}$ | 18.2 | 18.12-18.27 | 18.19-18.38 | 18.19-18.38 | 18.15-18.26 | 18.10-18.25 |
| Closing | 18.2 | 18.25-18.26 | 18.31-18.32 | 18.19-18.20 | 18.18-18.19 | 18.24-18.25 |
| upust- | 18.30-18.30 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Closing. | 18, | 17.99 | 18.05 | 17.84 | 7.86 | 17.9 |
| Rat-- |  |  |  |  | 7.62-17.62 |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Closing }}$ | 17. | 17.63 | 17.67 | 17.5 | 17.60 | 17.63 |
| ctober- <br> Range. | 17.54-17.74 | 17.46-17.58 | 17.52-17. |  | 17.50 |  |
| Closing. | 17.57-17.58 | 17.57 | 17.61 | 17.52 | 17. | 17. |
| Rang |  |  | 7. |  |  |  |
| Closing. | 17. | 17.40 |  | 17.2 | 17.26 |  |
| Range-- | 17.20-17.42 | 17.10-17.23 | 17.17-17.34 | 17.18-17.35 | 17.16-1 | 17.11-17.23 |
| ${ }^{\text {Clo }}$ | 17 |  |  |  | 17.16-17 |  |
| Range - | 17.20-17.41 | 17.12-17.22 | 17.18-17.32 | 17.16-17.31 | 17.16 | 17.10-17.20 |
| Closing |  |  |  |  | 17.10-17 |  |
| Range.. |  | - |  |  |  |  |

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Mar. 191926 and since trading began on each option


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.

| - |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Stock at Liverpool_-.-.-.--bales | 826,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 939.000 .000 \\ & 99.000 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| Stock at London-- | 82,0000 | 129.000 | 4.000 129000 | 77,000 |
| al | 908,000 | 1,070,000 |  | 879,000 |
| Stock at Ham | 249,000 | 230.000 | 175,000 | 68,000 0 |
| Stock at Hav | 217.000 | 208,000 | 135.0 |  |
| Stock at Rot |  | 12,0 |  |  |
| stock |  |  |  |  |
| stock at |  | 1,00 | 30,000 |  |
| Stock at Antw |  | 12,000 | $\begin{array}{r}3,00 \\ 12,00 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 4,000 68 |
| tal Continent | 600,000 | 594,000 | 432,00 | 341,000 |
|  | ,508,000 | 1,66 | 26 | ,22 |
| India |  | 215.000 |  |  |
| American cotton afloat for Eu | 357,000 | 595.000 | 274,000 |  |
| Egypt, Brazil, \&c.,.afloat for Eu | 117.000 | 77.00 |  |  |
| in | 305, | 188, | 201 | 267,000 |
| ck in |  | \% |  |  |
| ck in U | ,766,002 |  | 662,025 | 775,517 |
| 8. exports to-d |  | 3,680 |  |  |

 Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:


Continental imports for past week have been 80,000 bales. The above figures for 1926 show a decrease from last week of 115,046 bales, a gain of 762,958 over 1925, an
increase of $2,022,697$ bales over 1924, and an increase of 1,940,339 bales over 1923.


|  | Spot Market Closed. | Futures Market Closed. | SALES. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Spot. | Contr'ct | Total. |
| Saturday ${ }^{\text {Monday }}$ | Quiet, 20 pts. dec-- | Steady |  |  |  |
| Monday | Quiet, unchanged -- | Steady |  | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Wednesday- | Quiet, 10 pts . dec-- | Barely stead |  | 200 | 200 |
| Thursday -- | Quiet, unchanged-- | Steady ---- |  | 1,100 | 1.100 |
| Friday - | steady, unchanged. | firm |  |  |  |
| Total |  |  |  | 5,200 | 5,200 |

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement-that is the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for corresponding periods of the previous year, is set out in detail below:

| Towns. | Movement to March 191926. |  |  |  | Movement to March 201925. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Recelpts. |  | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Shtp } \\ \text { ments. } \\ \text { Week. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Stocks <br> Mar. <br> 19. | Recetpts. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ship- } \\ & \text { ments. } \\ & \text { Week. } \end{aligned}$ | Stocks Mar. 20. |
|  | Week. | Season. |  |  | Week. | Season. |  |  |
| Ala., Birming'm | 554 37 | $86,873$ | 1,195 | 6,520 | 994 | 61,490 | 1,617 |  |
| Montgomery -- | 424 | 95,419 | 1,366 1,409 | re, $\begin{array}{r}5,814 \\ 20,138\end{array}$ | 186 | 19,329 81,124 | 1,000 | 3,014 10,156 |
| Selma | 378 | 86,498 | 1,018 | 16,533 | 119 | 63,094 | 843 | 7,933 |
| Ark C Hitle Rock | 1,516 | 96,849 | 1.841 | 34,876 | 51 | 63,068 | 1,304 | 5,837 |
| Little Rock | ${ }^{995}$ | 221,993 173,928 | 2,426 | 57.448 60826 | 1,053 | 202,552 | 3,905 1,970 | 15,849 1723 |
| Ga., Albany |  | 17,906 | 2,525 | 60,826 2101 | 274 | 105,673 3,877 | 1,970 | 17,236 2,523 |
| Athens-- | 1,040 | 30,437 | 1,462 | 12,027 | 1,147 | $4{ }_{46,795}$ | 1,420 | 14,702 |
| Atlanta | 2,521 | 195,418 | 5,658 | 45,848 | 4,711 | 205,952 | 3,634 | 37.034 |
| Augusta | 3,451 | 326,071 | 8,378 | 77,548 | 2,706 | 215,234 | 3,999 | 53,951 |
| Columb | 1,242 | 77,404 | 1,340 | 4,500 | 2,088 | 71,994 | 1,920 | 8,870 |
| Macon | 445 | 64,684 | 1,924 | 19,249 | 312 | 41,717 | 1,172 | 7,053 |
| La., Shreveport | 229 | 49,635 | 450 | 12,829 | 571 | 43,237 | 1,209 | 10,828 |
| La., Shreveport | 1,322 | 165,623 45,141 | 1,582 | 21,350 |  | 98.000 | 4,500 | 4,000 |
| Clarksdale .-- | 4,411 | 220,173 | 2,766 | $\mathbf{7 9 , 3} 36$ | 477 | 110,813 | $2, \overline{2} 40$ | 10,243 |
| Greenwood | 1,543 | 215,758 | 1,014 | 72,152 | 416 | 134,663 | 1,952 | 15,593 |
| Meridian | 1,546 | 66,572 | 1,071 | 15,323 | 213 | 37,055 | 1,133 | 7,564 |
| Natchez | 300 | 57.195 | 561 | 13,408 | 60 | 41,108 | 440 | 3,185 |
| leksburg | 489 | 52.9 | 391 | 17,920 | 25. | 31,478 | 68 | 3,330 |
| Mo., St. Louis- | 10,102 | 614,398 | 10,192 | 15,389 15,998 | 18.259 | 653,141 | 18,244 | 4,116 |
| N.C., Greensb'ro | -658 | 56,289 | 10,827 | 18,084 | 18,761 | 65,797 | 18,2449 2,389 | 14,496 |
| Raleigh | 229 | 16,868 | 77 | 12,975 | 472 | 7,872 | 500 | 600 |
| Okla., Altus | 1,147 | 136.759 | 1,791 | 14,562 | 1,717 | 204,191 | 3,037 | 12,104 |
| Chickasha | 3,295 | 185,689 | 3,748 | 18,269 | 1,403 | 147,903 | 3,074 | 7,132 |
| S.C., Greenvilie | 913 | 164,330 | 1,976 | ${ }_{62,474}^{26,208}$ | 1,112 | 142.592 | 3,332 | 12,304 |
| Greenwood |  | 4,912 |  | 3,705 |  | 192,773 12 | 7.865 | 43,180 4,861 |
| Tenn.,Memphis | 31,971 | 1,660,783 | 37,814 | 289,641 | 24,320 | 1,174,300 | 30,029 | 65,752 |
| Nashville- |  | 3,329 | 28 | 678 |  | -855 |  | 229 |
| ex., Abllen | 501 | 83,796 | 429 | 1,070 | 468 | 71,387 | 842 | 453 |
| Brenhan | 39 57 | 5,789 | 65 | 4,043 | 270 | 22,703 | 395 | 4,006 |
| Dallas. | 914 | 147,011 | 1,441 | 17,158 | 1.252 | 33,683 190.285 | 2,960 | 1,089 |
| Houst | 34,540 ${ }^{4}$ | 4,496,271 | 57,456 | 642,224 | 40,6754 | 4,567,123 | 80,847 | 451,456 |
| Parls -...-- | 391 | 111,968 | 352 | 3,517 | - | 93,087 | 507 | 1,864 |
| San Antonio- | 60 | 25,609 |  | 1,270 | 730 | 64,951 | 656 | 1,428 |
| Fort W | 774 | 89,187 | 1,444 | 10,429 | 239 | 155,853 | 237 | 6,114 |

The above total shows that the interior stocks have de creased during the week 50,850 bales and are to-night 866,052 bales more than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 21 bales less than the same week last year.
OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.-We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

| Mar. ${ }^{19-}$ |  | 26 Since |  | ${ }^{-25}$ Since |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Viasped. Louis | Week. |  |  | \%. ${ }^{1}$ 2.673 |
| Via Mounds | 4,950 | 258,522 | 5,980 | 230,000 |
| Via Rock Isian | 590 | 36,1 | 900 | 32,536 |
| Via Virginia points | 1,098 4 | +51.269 | 1,332 | ${ }^{446.110}$ |
| Via other routes, | 5,729 | 337,512 | 5,824 | 398,254 |
| Total gross overla uct Shipments- | 27,413 | $\xrightarrow[1,452,133]{ }$ | 35,086 | 1,503,965 |
| Overland to N . Y. Bosto | 5,448 | 114,016 |  |  |
| Inland, \&c., from South. | 17,613 | $\begin{array}{r} 18,505 \\ 620,025 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 609 \\ 15,826 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 19,677 \\ 501,300 \end{array}$ |
| Total to be deducted. | 23,653 | 752,546 | 19,018 | 602,353 |
| Leaving total net overland | - 3,760 | 699,587 | 16,068 | 901,612 |

## * Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 3,760 bales, against 16,068 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 202,025 bales.


Movement into sight in previous years: Week-
$\begin{aligned} & \text { 1924 } \\ & 1923-\text { Mar. }\end{aligned} .2$ $\qquad$

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.-Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Week Ended } \\ \text { Mar. } 19 . \end{gathered}$ | Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on- |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Saturday. | Monday. | Tuesda | Wed'day | Thursd'v. | Friday. |
| Galveston- | 18.95 | 18.95 | 18.95 | 18.85 | 18.85 | 18.90 |
| New Orlean | 18.85 | ${ }^{18} 78.35$ | ${ }_{17}^{18.41}$ | 18.75 | 18.34 17.75 | 118.37 |
| Savannah-.-- | 18.25 | 18.25 | 18.25 | 18.16 | 18.16 | 18.25 |
| Norrolk--- | 18.75 | 18.63 | 18.63 | 18.50 | ${ }_{1}^{18.50}$ | 0 |
| Augusta- | 18.31 | 18.25 | 8.25 | 8.06 | 18.13 | 18.25 |
| Houston- | 8.80 | 18.75 | 18.80 | 18.70 | 18.70 | 18.75 |
| Little Rock | 18.00 | 18.00 | 18.00 | 17.90 | 17.90 | 17.90 |
| Fort Worth | 18.45 | 188.35 | $1 \begin{aligned} & 18.40 \\ & 18.40\end{aligned}$ | 18.05 18.20 | 188.00 | 18.25 |

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.-The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

|  | Saturday, March 13. | Monday, March 15. | Tuesday, March 16. | Wednesday. March 17. | Thursday. March 18. | Friday, March 19. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| arch | 18.36 | 18.34-18.35 | 18.41 | 18.32-18.33 | 18.36 | 18.37-18.39 |
| April May | 17.98-18.01 | 17.98-17.99 | 18.06-18.07 | 17.96-17.97 | 17.99 | 17.98-18.01 |
| June .- | 17.62-17.64 | 17.59-17.60 | 17.6 | 17.56-17.57 | 17 | 17.59-17.60 |
| August ${ }^{\text {September }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| October -- | 16.89-16.91 | 16.88-16.89 | 16.93-16.94 | 16.86-16.87 | 16.86-16.87 | 16.88-16.90 |
| November | 16.93-16.94 | 16.90 bld | 16.95-16.97 | 16.88-16.90 | 16.88-16.90 | 16.94 |
| January -- | 16.89-16.91 | 16.88 bid | 16.93-16.95 | 16.86-16.88 | 16.85-16.87 | 16.88 bld |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { February } \\ & \text { Tone- } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Spot Options. | Steady Steady | Steady Steady | Steady Steady | Steady <br> Steady | Qulet <br> Steady | Steady <br> steady |

SELECTS COTTON FOR STAPLE STANDARDS. Ten bales of cotton to be used in preparing practical forms of the Official Cotton Standards of the United States (American Upland), length of staple $7 / 8$ inch, established by the Secretary of Agriculture July 311925 and effective Aug. 1 1926, were selected by representatives of cotton exchanges and associations meeting with Department of Agriculture officials at Washington March 15. The action of the conference involves no change in the original standards for length of staple.
The order of the Secretary last July followed a conference of representatives of leading organizations of cotton growers, merchants and spinners representations of the Ofricial Coton Standards for lennth of staple, to
be kept by the Department at Washington, were considered and recommended.
The present conference was to enable representatives of the cotton
industry to participate in selecting the actual bales from which practical industry the participate in selecting the actual bales from which practical
forms of the standard for $7 /$-inch staple are to be made for public distribu-
tion. tion.
Delegates of the various organizations represented were: G. M. McIn-

 homa State Ootton Exchange; T. R. Wells, Stapie Cotton Co-operative
Association; R. H. Gilbert and Joseph Walker, representing the Atlantic Cotton Association, Atlanta Commercial Exchange, Augusta Cotton Exchange, Montgomery Cotton Exchange, Norfolk and Portsmouth Cotton Exchange and the Savannah Cotton Exchange; A. S. Taylor and H. H. change, Fort Worth Cotton Exchange, Galveston Cotton Exchange, Houston Cotton Exchange; J. C. Lutz, representing the Memphis Cotton Exchange and Southern Cotton Shippers Association; J. B. Hisizhelm, repretion, and R. L. Crittenden, representing the Arkwright Olub and National Association of Cotton Manufacturers.
CENSUS REPORT ON COTTONSEED OIL PRODUCTION DURING FEBRUARY. - Persons interested in this report will find it in our department headed "Indications of Business Activity" on earlier pages.
CENSUS REPORT ON COTTON CONSUMED AND ON HAND IN FEBRUARY, \&C.-This report, issued on March 13 by the Census Bureau, will be found in full in an earlier part of our paper under the heading "Indications of Business Activity.
WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.-Reports to us by telegraph this evening indicate that west of the Mississippi River the weather during the week has continued generally favorable for farm work, but in other sections cold weather and too wet soil have delayed work. Arkansas is well advanced with field work and some cotton has been planted in the southwestern portion of Arizona.
Texas.-In the lower coast sections of this State some cotton is up, but planting has been stopped by unfavorable weather.
Mobile, Ala.-Farm work has made good progress in the uplands, but the lowiands have been too wet.


La. - New Orleans Shreveport--.-
Ala.-Mobile
Ga.- Savannah.
S. Charleston
N. C. Charlotte.

Rain. Rainfall.
-1 day
0.30 in.
1 day $\begin{gathered}\text { dry } \\ \text { dry } \\ 0.08 \\ \text { in. }\end{gathered}$ dry
$\begin{gathered}\text { dry } \\ \text { dry } \\ \text { dry }\end{gathered}$



The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of rivers at the points named at 8 a . m. of the dates given:


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RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.-The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the c

| Week Enced |
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| Dec. |
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| 22. |
| 29. |
| Feb. |
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| 19. |
| 26. |
| Mar. |
|  |

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 11925 are 9,752,113 bales; in 1924 were $8,991,067$ bales, and in 1923 were $6,188,902$ bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 121,458 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 70,608 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 50,850 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 73,473 bales and for 1924 they were 22,214 bales.
WORLD SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable, also the takings or amounts gone out of sight for the like period.

| Cotton Takings. Week and Season. | 1925-26. |  | 1924-25. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Week. | Season. | Week. | Season. |
| Visible supply Mar. | 6,358,358 |  | 5,574,712 |  |
| Visible supply Aug. ${ }^{\text {American in sight to Mar. } 19}$ | 184, ${ }^{\text {a }}$ ¢ 8 | 14,242,540 | 169,541 | $\begin{array}{r} 2,190,493 \\ 13,272,537 \end{array}$ |
| Bombay receipts to Mar. 18 - 18 | 89.000 | 2,417,000 | 138,000 | 2,266,000 |
| Other India shipm'ts to Mar. 18 | 22,000 13,000 | 424,000 $1,359,200$ | 45,000 |  |
| Other supply to Mar. 17-*_b-- | 11,000 | -574,000 | 18,000 | 313,000 |
|  | 6,677,726 | 21,359,627 | 5,960,253 | 19,681,830 |
| Visible supply Mar. 19 | 6,243,312 | 6,243,312 | 5,480,354 | 5,480,354 |
| Total takings to Mar. 19-a |  |  |  |  |
| which | 318,414 | 10,788,115 | 342,899 137,000 | 10,247,676 |

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, March 17. | 1925-26. |  | 1924-25. |  | 1923-24. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Receipts (cantars) This week Since Aug. 1 | $\begin{array}{r} 65,000 \\ 6,781,520 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 75,000 \\ 6,817,945 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 32,000 \\ 5,991,188 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |
| Exports (bales) - | This Week. | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Since } \\ \text { Aug. } 1 . \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { This } \\ \text { Week. } \end{gathered}$ | Since | This Week. | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Since } \\ \text { Aug. } 1 . \end{gathered}\right.$ |
| To Liverpool----.....-- | 7,000 6,000 6 | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} 153,689 \\ 151.269 \\ 240,674 \end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4,750 \\ & 6,750 \\ & 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{l\|l} 0 \\ \hline \end{array} 168,844$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,000 \\ & 4,250 \\ & 0,250 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 175,464 \\ & 165,668 \\ & 067 \end{aligned}$ |
| To Continent and India- | 5,000 | 249,674 | 7,000 6,500 | (13,167 | $\begin{gathered} 4,250 \\ 9,250 \\ 5,750 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0 \\ 0 \\ 047,888 \\ \hline 94,928 \end{gathered}$ |
| Total exports.------- | 28,000 | 677,334 | 25,000 | 768,130 | 20,250 | 723,948 |

Note.-A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs .
This statement shows that the rcceipts for the week ending Mar. 18 were
65,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 28.000 bales.
MANCHESTER MARKET.-Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in cloths is easy and in yarns is quiet. Stocks of yarns are accumulating. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison.

|  | 1925-26. |  |  |  | 1924-25. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 328 CoD Trodst. |  | bs. Shstr Common Finest. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Cotton } \\ \text { Middrl } \\ \text { Upl'ds } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 328 \mathrm{Cod} \\ \text { Tvostst. } \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{\substack{81,1 \\ \text { ings, } \\ t 0 \\ t i}}{ }$ | Lbs. Shiti Finest. |  |
| December- | 61/318 0 |  |  | 10.17 |  |  | 1170 | 13. |
|  | 16.17173 |  | ${ }_{\text {a14 }} 4$ | 9.81 | ${ }_{23}^{23}$ a24\% |  | ${ }_{\text {a }} 167$ | ${ }_{13} 13.28$ |
| ${ }_{31}^{24}$ |  | 14. | ${ }^{114}{ }_{14}{ }^{14}$ | 9.92 10.27 |  |  | ${ }_{\text {a17 }}{ }_{17} 17$ | 13.24 |
| January | 1928 |  |  | 1928 | 1205 |  |  | 11.25 |
| ${ }_{15}^{8}$ | $161 / 2173 / 4$ 1613 $1 / 17$ |  | ${ }^{a 14}{ }^{a 14} 5$ | 10.54 <br> 10.84 |  |  | ${ }_{\text {a }}^{17}{ }_{17} 17$ | (13.03 |
|  | 173, $18 \%$ |  | ${ }^{1414}{ }^{14}$ | ${ }_{10}^{10.76}$ | 22236at |  | ${ }^{\text {a }} 170$ | 12.87 |
|  | 161/217\% | 144 | a14 6 | 10.63 | $22.3233 /$ |  | $a 17$ | 12.92 |
| February | 161/21736 | 14 |  | 10.80 | 2214a23 | 18 |  | 13.23 |
|  | 1633017\% |  | ${ }^{\text {a }} 143$ | 10.52 | $223 / 424 / 1 / 2$ |  | ${ }^{17}{ }^{17}$ | 13. |
| ${ }_{26}^{19}$ |  | 140 | ${ }_{614}^{a 14} 3$ | 10.57 10.33 |  |  |  | 13.66 13.94 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \begin{array}{c} 5 \\ 5 . \\ 12 . \end{array} \end{gathered}$ | 153, 17174 |  | $\begin{aligned} & a 143 \\ & a 136 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9.95 \\ & 9.95 \end{aligned}$ | $231 / 2 a 233$ <br> $231 / 4241 / 2$ | $1 \begin{aligned} & 173 \\ & 172 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & a 176 \\ & a_{17} \end{aligned}$ | 14.37 <br> 1404 |
| 19 | 15\% ${ }^{1517} 0$ | 13 ${ }^{13}$ | $a 13$ <br> $a 13$ <br> 18 | 10.08 | ${ }_{23}^{23} \quad a 24 / 3$ | ${ }_{17}{ }_{2}^{2}$ | ${ }_{a 17}{ }_{5}{ }^{17}$ | 14.08 |

SHIPPING NEWS.-As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 160,689 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:


Villano, 350






To Copenhagen-Mar. 17-Tampa, 1,848......
NEW ORLEANS To Bremen-Mar. 9 Hilversum, 875.-Mar
 Eidshorn, 100
To Vera Cruz-Mar. $12-$ Baja California, 680 To Oporto-Mar, 13 - West Chatal, a 950

To Antwerp-Mar. 15 -Coldbrook, 442
To Ghent-Mar. 15 Coldbrook, 100 .
To Barcelona-Mar. 15 - West Chetac, 150 Vorwarts, $1 * 0$ Mar. 15 -Tripp,

To Manchester-Mar. 16 - Colorado Sp
To Japan-Mar. 17 Invincible, 3,260
To China-Mar. 17 -Invincible, Bales.

The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

| March 18. Recetpts at- |  |  | 1925-26. |  | 1924-25. |  | 1923-24. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\frac{W e e k .}{89,000}$ | Since Aug. 1. <br> 2.417,000 | $\left\|\frac{\text { Week. }}{138,000}\right\|$ | Since <br> Aug. 1. <br> $2,266.000$ | $\frac{\text { Week. }}{91,000}$ | $\|$Since <br> Auq. 1. <br> $2,531,000$ |
| Bo |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ecports from- | For the Week. |  |  |  | Since August 1. |  |  |  |
|  | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Great } \\ \text { Britain. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Continent. | Japand China | Total. | Great Britain. | Continent. | apan \& China. | Total. |
| Bombay- | $\begin{aligned} & 6,000 \\ & 2,000 \\ & 2,000 \end{aligned}$ | 18,00023,00021,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 10,000 \\ & 81,000 \\ & 42,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 34,000 \\ 106,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 34,000 \\ & 37,000 \end{aligned}$ | $363,0001,154,000$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1,551,000 \\ & 1,509,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| 1925-26-- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1923-24- |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 25,000 \\ 22,000 \\ 45,000 \\ 4,000 \end{array}$ | 113,000 | 637,000 1,050,000 |  | 1,800,000 |
| Other India- |  | 21,00042,000  <br> 22 $\ldots$ |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 344,000 \\ & 250,000 \\ & 321,000 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| 1924-25-- |  | $\begin{array}{r} 2 z, 000 \\ 45,000 \\ 4,000 \end{array}$ |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 80,000 \\ & 42,000 \\ & 95,000 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | 292,000 |
| 1923-24-- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 416.000 |
| $\begin{array}{r} \text { Total all- } \\ 1925-26 \\ 1924-25 \end{array}$ |  | 40,000 | 10.000 | $56,000$ | $114,000$ | 707,000 1,154,000 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1,975,000 \\ & 1,801,000 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | 6,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1924-2 | 2,000 2,000 | 68,000 25,000 | 81,000 42,000 | 151,000 69,000 | 79,000 208,000 | 575,0001 958,0001 | ,147,000 |  |

[^5]GALVESTON-To Barcelona-Mar. 11-Mar Blanco, 4, 332 - - -
To Japan-Mar. 11 Hofuku Maru, $2,325 \ldots$ Mar. 15 Stee
To Japan-Mar, 11-Hofuku Maru, 2,325_- Mar. 15 - Steel
Engineer, 4,870_- Miverpool-Mar. 16-Mount Evans, Domingo de Larrinaga, 2.683.-Mar. 16 - Electrician, 4.242mingo de Larrinaga, $3,784-$ Mar. 16- Electrician, 633-Do-
To Havre Mar. 15 Penrith Castle, 2,699.-Mra. 16 - Endi-
 To Ghent Mar. 16 Endicott, 796, Mar. $15-$ Penrith
 Panuco, $950-15$ Gda Zo, 6,630
NORFOLK-To China-Mar. 15, Havana Maru, 1000 -...................

 To Hamburg ${ }^{75}$ Mar. 12 Shickshinny, 49 Mar. 13 - Ber-
windmoor,


Bales.


160,689
COTTON FREIGHTS.-Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert \& Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 00. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 300 | .45c. |  | .50c | ${ }_{\text {. } 560}$. | Shanghat |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {An }}^{\text {Gn }}$ |  |  | Tri | . 450 | .60c. | Bombay |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Geno |  |  | Barcelon |  | . 450 |  |  |  |

LIVERPOOL.-By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, \&c., at that port:
Sales of the week-
of which Ameri

| $\mathrm{A}$ |
| :---: |
| rwarded- |
| Total stock |
|  | Of which Am Amount afloat

$\begin{array}{cc}907,000 & 261.000 \\ 145,000\end{array}$
India. The visible supply decrease in the United States of ,080,000 bushels was larger than had been generally expected, though the falling off in the same week last year was $3,522,000$ bushels. The total is now only $37,045,000$ bushels, against $66,083,000$ a year ago. Minneapolis millers were buyers of the May wheat in that market against flour sales. There have been 12 days of rain or snow in Missouri so far this month. In Chicago May wheat is considered by some as possessing great possibilities and either can advance or decline sharply, depending partly on pit operations. The largest of the local shorts is said to have covered and the Eastern longs are said to have the largest interest. It is pointed out that world's shipments are well below the normal, especially to European countries. Argentine shippers are not able to send much wheat from northern parts this year owing to the objectionable quality and the southern ports are not very well supplied. Canada is exporting fair quantities. Chicago wired that May wheat in Chicago is tied up and has practically cornered itself because of the scarcity of contract stocks. Not more than 62,000 bushels of wheat in public elevators, it is said, remain unsold and of this 25,000 is No. 2 red held in special bins, which can only be delivered by a transfer to regular bins. The Kansas State weekly report said that wheat made satisfactory progress last week. It has greened up and furnished light pasture in many places. Just enough rain fell to retard wind damage, but both surface and subsoil moisture are still deficient over most of the western two-thirds of the State. deficient over most of the western two-thirds of the State.
Very little winter killing is evident, but considerable acreage has suffered a total loss in the Southwest from soil drifting. Washington wired that the Senate Agricultural Committee ordered favorably reported a bill by Senator Capper to prohibit grain exchanges from excluding co-operative marketing associations from memberships in the exchanges. The bill also permits co-operatives to sell grain without charging commissions. On the 17 th inst. export sales were only 100,000 bushels, mostly Manitoba to the Continent. Liverpool opened weak but rallied sharply with Argentine exchange higher and Buenos Aires up $23 / 4$ to $31 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. On the 19th inst. expori sales suddenly leaped to $4,000,000$ bushels, mostly Manitoba, the largest for months past and prices advanced $31 / 4$ to $4 c$. Canada is taking the market away from Argentina, owing, it is said, to European objections to the quality of Argentine wheat. Wall Street also bought. Greece was buying flour. Liverpool advanced $21 / 2$ to $23 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$. and Buenos Aires $33 / 4$ to 4 c . Milling demand was sharper at Chicago and St. Louis. To-day prices closed $41 / 2$ to 7 c . lower at Chicago and 4 to 5 c . lower at Winnipeg, one of the worst declines in some time. Selling was general. Liquidation was heavy, especially in the last hour. Cables were lower than expected. Export business was only 250,000 bushels, mostly durum to Italy. The break came late in the day, too late for much export business, even if the orders were there. The weather at the West was favorable. That counted for not a little, together with the poor cables and the stagnant export business. May lost 2c. of its premium over July, now being 21c. The drop shuts off shipments from Minneapolis to Chicago. Shorts were about the only buyers aside from buying against privileges. Final prices show a decline for the week of 4 to 6 c .

DAILY ClOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.
 daily closing prices of wheat futures in chicago. May delivery in elevator-
July delivery in elevator-...--
September delivery in elevator

May delivery in elevator--
July delivery in elevator--
October delivery in elevato
Indian corn like other位e other grain, declined materially. The els, anainst 1 supply last week increased 667,000 bushels, against $1,836,000$ in the same week last year. The total was therefore raised to $35,880,000$ bushels, against 34,400 ,000 a year ago. Stocks of corn in Liverpool amount to $2,074,000$ bushels, as against $2,456,000$ a year ago. Arrivals this week in England were 2,074,000, as compared to 1,428, 000 a week ago, according to Broomhall. On the 17th inst. prices fell with planting already under way in extreme Southern States and with speculative demand light. The action of the market disappointed its friends, as corn fell when wheat rose. To-day prices ended 3 to $31 / 2$ c. lower on heavy liquidation. New low prices were reached for the season. Selling was general, partly for short account. Stop orders were caught and naturally hastened the decline. There was a lack of support in corn, as there was in other grain. The only buying was to realize profits on the short side. Receipts were not heavy, but they were a little larger than lately. The weather was unsettled, but nobody paid any attention to this feature. Buying against privileges tended to steady the market towards the end. But, after all, the closing prices were about the lowest of the day. There is a net decline for the week of 4 to 5c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.
 DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO. May delivery in elevator


Oats declined under the influence of falling prices for other grain and with a lack of life and snap in the trading. The American visible supply decreased last week $1,463,000$ bushels, against a decrease in the same week last year of $2,058,000$ bushels. That made the total $56,845,000$ bushels, against $69,118,000$ a year ago. In Liverpool stocks are very small and there has been a better demand for foreign sorts. The Kansas report said that oats seeding reached completion in the south half of the State, and is well advanced even along the northern border. Early sown oats are up and show good stands. Prices eased with those for corn, with planting increasing. Later prices rallied slightly, but were not at all active, paying no attention to wheat's rise on a wave of big export buying. To-day prices ended 1 to $11 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. lower under the influence of the decline in other grain. Trading was more active, but it meant liquidation on a larger scale. There was no aggressive support. Here, as in other grain, the buying was mostly by shorts. The receipts were only fair, but on the other hand the cash demand was not at all brisk. Last prices show a decline for the week of $11 / 4$ to $11 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.
 daily closing prices of oats futures in chicago. May delivery in elevator
July delivery in eleleyator---..-DAI OL OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG. May delivery in elevator-......ct

Rye declined with wheat lower, export demand lacking and liquidation apparent. The American visible supply decreased last week 35,000 bushels, against an increase in the same week last year of 214,000 bushels. The total is now $13,869,000$ bushels, against $23,149,000$ a year ago. The Kansas report said that barley seeding made good progress in Kansas and was almost finished in the southwestern counties. The turn was downward later, with coarse grain either dull or declining, disregarding wheat. Europe is to all appearances not in the market. That is a big drawback. To-day prices ended $41 / 2$ to $51 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. lower on big liquidation and general selling. The collapse of wheat prices had much to do with the perpendicular drop in rye. Also, a foreign demand was lacking. No support was forthcoming except covering of shorts. Stop orders were caught, on the way down. Last prices show a decline for the week of 5 to 6 c . DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.


Closing quotations were as follows:
GRAIN.


The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, March 12, and since July 11925 and 1924, are shown in the following:

|  | Wheat. |  |  | Corn. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1925-26. |  | 1924-25. | 1925-26. |  | 1924-25. |
|  | Week March12 | Since July 1. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Stuce } \\ & \text { July } 1 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline W e e k \\ M a r c h \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Since } \\ \text { Suly } 1 . \end{gathered}$ | Stnce |
| North Amer- | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bushels. } \\ & 5,222,000 \\ & 552,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Bushels. } \\ 278,643,000 \\ 19.760,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Bushels. } \\ 332,955,000 \\ 3,088,000 \end{gathered}$ | Bushets. <br> 2225,00 <br> 629,000 | Bushels. <br> $8,342,000$ <br> $20,964,000$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Bushels. } \\ 856000 \\ 23,059.000 \end{gathered}$ |
| Aryentina-:- | 2,493,000 | 55, 533,000 53,167 | -95,900,000 | 976,000 | 108,196,000 | 139,286,000 |
| Australia .-. | 2,816,000 | 53,767.000 | - $63,956,0000$ |  |  |  |
| Oth.Countr's | 160,000 | 1,040,000 |  | -------- | 33,850,000 | 1,438,000 |
| Total. | 11,245,000 4 | 413,741,000 | 534,497,000 | 1,830,000 1 | 171,352,000 | 164,639,000 |

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, March 13, were as follows:


GRAIN stocks.


Barley.
bushi:

| bush. |
| :---: |
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14,000
14,000

## 268,000 267,000

1,000

| ited States |  |  |  |  | Barley, bush. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| teago-a-ios | 2,786,0 | 17,964,000 | 6,602,000 $1,969,000$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,793,000 \\ 186,000 \end{array}$ |  |
| Hwaukee | 342,000 | 1,562,000 | 1, 301, 1200 | 1900000 | 17,000 |
| Duluth.-. | 8,817,0 |  | 11,108,000 | 5,324,000 | 630,000 |
| Minneapolls | 150 | 570,000 | 69,000 | 63,000 | 18 |
| Sloux | 256,000 | ${ }_{266,000}$ | 431,000 | 8,000 | 24,000 |
| Lou | 1,013,000 | 1,503,000. | 812.00 | ${ }^{22,000}$ | 45,000 |
| Kansas | 2,021,000 | 5,354,000 | ${ }_{132,00}$ | 14,000 |  |
|  | 1,318, | 436,000 | 32,000 | 6,000 | 3,00 |
|  | 3,000 | 89,000 | 1,148,000 |  |  |
|  | 345,000 | ${ }^{1,783,000}$ | 3,338,000 |  | ,000 |
|  | 925, | 1,783,0 | 3,338,0 |  | ,000 |

 Note.- Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 274,000 bushels;
Buffalo $181.000:$ Butralo arloat, 309,000 ; Duluth, 107,000 ; total, 871,000 bushels, against 1,000,000 bushels in 1925. Bartey, New' York, 170,000 bushels: Boston, 289,000; Battimore, 191,000; Burfalo. 703,000: Duluth, 118,000 total, $1,471,000$
bushels, against 866,000 bushels in 1925. Wheat, New York, 2,261,000 bushels; Boston, 96,000 P Philadelpha, 754,000 Baltimore, 632,$000 ;$ Burfalo. $4.664,000$; Butfan, affoat, i, 187,000: Duluth, 358,000 ; Toledo, 96,000 Chicago. 84,000 : Fal
port, 461,000 ; total, $10,593,000$ bushels, against $11,236,000$ bushels in 1925 .
Canadian-
 Ft. Willam \& Pt, Arthur_ $41,244,000$ Other Canadian-.........-. $\begin{array}{r}\text { and } \\ 5,560,000 \\ \hline\end{array}$

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 Canadian.
 Total Mar. $141925 . .-102,109,000{ }_{34}$,603,000 $87,881,000 \quad 25,352,000$ 10,967,000
FURTHER INCREASE IN ARGENTINE CORN ACREAGE. -The Argentine corn acreage is now placed at $10,618,000$ acres instead of $10,526,000$ acres reported in the first estimate, according to a cablegram received by the United States Department of Agriculture from the International Institute of Agriculture, and made public on March 13: This is a record area, and with an a average yield the crop would amount
to some $250.000,000$ bushels, not far short of the bumper 1923 -24 harvest of $276,000,000$ bushels.
1914-15 largest outturn of corn ever obtained in Argentina was in the year The condition of the early crop, the Institute says, is satisfactory, but that of the late crop is somewhat unfavorable. However, warm wet weaularly favorable for the late crop. Consumption requirements are roughly placed at $80,000,000$ bushels.
Should the crop this year amount to $250,000,000$ bushels, there would be Should the crop this year amount to
an exportable surplus of $170,000,000$ bushels.

FIRST INDIAN WHEAT FORECAST, 1925-26. Under date of Calcutta, Feb. 4, the Indian Government issued its first wheat forecast for the season of 1925-26. Below is the report in part:
This forecast is based on reports received from Provinces and States returns relate to all the important wheat-growing areas except Kashmir.
The figures dealt with in this report generally relate to the area sown up to the beginning of January.
The total area sown is estimated at 29,151,000 acres, as against 31,638,000 cres (revised estimate) at this time last year, or a decreaso orde. but the
Climatic conditions at sowing time were not quite favorable, present condition of the crop is, on the whole, reported to be good. Mor rain is, however, urgently required.
The detailed figures for the Provin

 WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED MARCH 16.-The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended March 16, follows: Following the lead of last week, and influenced by the prevalling high pressure, temperatures continued persistently low east ord the Great normal and cold weather for the season continued from day to day, finally
culminating over the Southeast in temperatures remarkably low for March. On the 14th minima from 2 to 4 degrees below freezing were reported as far south as the east Gulf coast and northern Florida. They were the low of record for so late in the season in parts of the Southeastern States.
In contrast to these subnormal temperatures in the East, the week w generally warmer than normal in the Northwest and also in all sections west of the Rocky Mountains, with maximum temperatures on the 13th
and 14th as high as 86 to 88 degrees in parts of Californias The minma along the Pacific coast ranged from about 40 degrees in the north to 50 degrees in the south, and they did not go below 40 degrees in the west Gulf districts. Subzero temperatures were confine
sections from eastern North Dakota eastward.
Chart I shows that the temperature for the week, as a whole, averaged
much below normal over the eastern half of the country and the Southwest. The largest deficiencies occurred from the Ohio Valley eastward and southWhatd where the weekly means were generally from 12 degrees to as much western States, on the other hand, the weather was abnormally warm, with
the weekly means ranging mostly from 5 degrees to as much as 11 degrees above normal.
Storms during the week were generally of weak or moderate intensity
and erratic in movements. The only depression of material influence and erratic in movements. Tre only depression of material infuence
moved from the lower Rio Grande Valley to the south Atlantic coast on moved from the lower Rio Grande a mecipitation over the central and southern the 10-11th, and was artenal of the country, with fairly heavy rainfall in
portions of the eastern half of that of
most southeastern districts. Otherwise precinitation wwas mostly light of
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and northern sections. On the morning of the 13th light snow was reported
as far south as the north-central portions of the east
chate States.
Chart II shows that rainfall was heavy in parts of Texas and was subChart II shows that rainfall was heavy in parts of Texas and was sub-
stantial in amount in most sections from that State and eastern Oklahoma stantial in amount in most sections from that State and eastern oklatioma
eastward. Moderate amounts were reported also from the central valley
Otherwise, precipitation was gen
 in northern districts. Sunshine was almost continuous in California an
some districts to the east, but there was an unusually large amount o
cloudy weather in the ecntral valley States. cloudy weather in the central valiey States.
e.The freezing weather in Southeastern States caused considerable damage
to truck crops, and early fruit was harmed in some sections, but, in general to truck crops, and early fruit was harred in some sections, but, in general,
the damage to ruit has not been definitely determined
in this area was also unfavorable for in this area was also unfavorable for growth and for field work, and very
littleadditional preparation for spring planting was accomplished. Outdor
operations were likewisise again practically suspended from the middle and operations were likewise again practically suspended from the middle and
apper Mississippi Valley eastward because of the prevailing unfavorable
Over the Great Plains States from Texas northward conditions were more
avorable and work made satisfactory advance in most sections, though Pavorable and work made satisfactory advance in most sections, though
more soil moisture is needed over much of this area. The planting of
potatoes and seeding of spring grain advanced in the southern Great Plains, potatoes and seeding of spring grain advanced in the southern Great Plains,
with early gardens being made as far north as Kansas. In the Southwest Hight to moderate prectititation was helpful to the range, particularly in in
much of Arizona, but, in teneral, it is stild dry and rain is needed over most
of the area. In other sections west of the Rocky Mountains the warmth and abundant sunshine were generally favorable for stock interests, and
vegetation made rapid advance in teme milder Pacific coast distrits. EArl
fruit trees are blooming in the Pacific inerthwest where the season is well
SMALL GRAINS:- Due to the low temperatures, small grains east of
the Rocky Mountains made little progress during the week, while in Michina and portions of the Ohio Valley, winter wheat suffered some daman-
by ice from lack of snow cover. Although growth has been slow, the condition of wheat continues mostly fair to good, and it is stooling in advanced
fields in the eastern half of Kansas. In the more western portion of the country wheat is advancing satisfactorily and is in good to excellent con-
dition. Rye is doing well in North Dakota, Arkansas, and Tennessee.
 and condition of oats are good in west Gulf districts, but not so favorable while preparations for this crop advanced in the lower Mississippi valley and some corrn was por thited. crop advancanced in the lower Mississiopi van was slow in Louisiana.as was also
the case in Alabama. Progress and condition were only fair in Texas and the case in Alabama. Progress and condition were only fair in Texas and
planting was stopped by cold, wet weather. This work is becoming eneral in Oklahoma. In all of the northern portions of the Corn Belt the weather was wet and cold, precluding the preparation of ground for planting,
and work was practically at a standstill, though slight progress was made in parts of the Plain States.
Some cotton was up on the
stopped by unfavorable weather. Preparations for planting are further advanced than usual in Arkansas. Only a small amount of plowing was
done in the extreme lower Mississippi Valley, and preparations for seeding
 Belt east of the Mississippi River. Some cotton was planted in the south-
The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of conditions in the different States:
Virginia.-Richmond: Abnormally cold and precipitation moderate: general snows latter part of week. Farm work backward in most sections delayed. Winter grains good condition. Pastures and meadows greening North Carolina.-Raleigh: Hard freeze to coast on 14th; lowest tem-
perature of record at Raleigh and Charlotte for so late in season. Incomperature of record at Raleigh and Charlotte for so late in season. Incom-
plete reports show considerable damage to hardy truck, though most of ecenty-planted not yet up and fruit apparently not far enough avanced South Caroinina.- Columbia: Unseasonably cold and raw, with freezing
to coast on 14th. Fruit-bud damage rather serious in east-central and to coast on 14th. Fruit-bud damage rather serious in east-central and south where blooms rather profuse but too early to estimate damage in
northwest where buds are more backward. Winter ceral and truck growth at standstill. Intermittent precipitation and wet soil retarded
pring plowing. Cabbage, onions, and spinach rather plentiful; young spring plowing, Cabbage, onions, and spinach rather plentiful; young wet to plow and little work accomplished. Cold, unfavorable weather with frost several mornings and severe freeze on Sunday. caused much Some sugar cane planted. Cereals, truck, and pastures made little growth Florida.-Jacksonville: Week mostly dry and sunshiny; mean temperature almost unprecedently low for season. Berry and peach bloom and division. Citrus bloom in north not advanced and probably escaped and other truck continued from south, but rain badly needed on coast for citrus, pineapples, and trucking.
Alabama.-Montyomery: Gen
remainder mostly fair. Unseasonably cold with severe fre beginning: morning Little farm work accomplished; some corn planted in south Oats doing well in coast region; elsewhere mostly poor. Freeze killed apparently not seriously affected. Too early to estimate damage to peach, pear, and plum trees
Mississippi.-Vicksbur
in north and central. Seasonable farm to heavy raivities hind throughout; light Truck somewhat damaged by unseasonable cold Saturday and thereafter. Pastures mostly poor progress.
Louisiana.- New Orleans: Too wet at beginning and cold last half unfavorable for farm work and growing crops. Freezing in many interior and spring gardens retarded; some damage to strawberry bloom, but fruit apparently unhurt. Only small a amount of plowing or planting accompished. Pastures improving rapidly.
Texas.-Houston: Wet and cold
damage slight. Farm work made fair progress in western halt, but provented by wet soil in eastern. Progress and condition of pastures, wheat oats, and winter truck good; some damage to spring truck by cold and
heavy rains in eastern half. Progress and condition of corn only fair and planting stopped by unfavorable weather. Some cotton up in lower coas section where germination fair: planting stopped.
frost and freezing from 13th to 15th; light to moderate precipitation, but more rain neeral in southern portion and potatoes completed. corn plantin becocondition generally fair to good. Pastures fair oats made slow growth. slow due to cold, wet weather and lack of sunshine browt of vegetation planting corn and cotton further advanced than usual; some corn planted in central and southern portions, Wheat, rye, oats, meadows, pastures and truck good; some oats still being sown. Peaches and plums damaged Tennessee.-Nashville:
first of week. Early-sown wheat made little progress; winter osts in period frozen; spring oats coming up. Rye holding well with; winter oats in east
trees ready to bloom. Livestock in good condition. trees readchy. Louisville: Continued cold with
Early wheat mostly maintaining fairly good condition, but some firing. Eariy from lifting. Precipitation light, but soil stili wet some purther
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ithe progress in sowing tobacco plat Little progress in sowing tobacco plant beds; other outdoor work practically.
at standstill.

## THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Friday Night, Mar. 191926.
There has been little in the way of new developments to change the attitude of buyers in the markets for textiles during the past week. For the most part buyers continued
to operate on a hand-to-mouth basis, ordering only limited quantities for either immediate or near-by delivery. Despite the fact that Easter is but two weeks away, trade has continued slack, owing to a number of developments of an adverse nature. The latter included the European settlement, declining stock market, the strike at Passaic against wage reductions, the slow departure of winter and the completion of income tax reports which in many instances disclosed meagre or disappointing earnings. On the other hand, expectations of a spring increase in general business, reviving activity in retail circles and the arrival of planting time throughout the country were cited as influences which might stimulate better trade. In the meantime, the raw markets were still more or less unsettled and buyers were waiting for the development of a more definite trend. Illustrative of this was the silk division, where price con cessions and unloading have become quite general. Raw silk has dropped steadily and has declined fully $15 \%$ since Jan. 1. However, the decline in raw material values has not been responsible for the unsettlement of the silk mar kets, but a combination of over-production, unfavorable weather and too early opening of spring lines were claimed to be the real reasons. Another example can be found in the woolen division. On Tuesday the American Woolen Co. opened their fall women's wear lines at prices which showed a decline of from 5 to $18 \%$ below last year's levels, reflecting lower wool and labor costs. Thus far these lower prices have failed to stimulate buying equal to expectations.
DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS: Markets for domestic cotton goods continued to rule irregular and somewhat less active during the week. Except for the fact that neither buyers nor sellers were very aggressive, underlying conditions showed little change. As during the previous week, business centred more in prints, percales, wash goods and ginghams, while the heavier goods remained neglected with a further price easing noticeable in certain directions. Buy ing of the latter class of goods has been very light for some weeks past and when any business comes into sight keen competition leads to lower prices. For instance, nothing much has been done in the heavy colored cotton goods, despite the fact that they are several cents a yard cheaper than they were at this time last year. Buyers' lack of interest can be directly traced to expectations of lower prices following a gradual decline in raw cotton quotations. Sheetings, however, have been an exception to the general rule. Prices for the latter were revised downward about seven weeks ago and mills are said to have booked sufficient business to make further price concessions unnecessary. In regard to finished goods, prints and ginghams continued in active demand. The call for percales and other printed cottons gave no sign of diminishing, in spite of the large volume of business already booked. In many respects records have been established on business done in merchandise of this kind. During the week a number of Southern manufacturers opened their fall gingham season. The new lines, which covered deliveries from June to September, were said to be most comprehensive as to colorings and patterns. Buyers' response to the new showings were stated to be most encouraging. Print cloths, 28 -inch, $64 \times 64$ 's construction, are quoted at $61 / \mathrm{c}$., and 27 -inch, $64 \times 60$ 's, at $55 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. Gray goods in the 39 -inch, $68 \times 72$ 's construction, are quoted at $91 / 4 \mathrm{c}$., and 39 -inch, $80 \times 80$ 's, at $121 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.
WOOLEN GOODS: Interest in the markets for woolens and worsteds centred in Tuesday's opening of fall women's wear fabrics by the American Woolen Co. Reflecting lower wool and labor costs, prices showed a decline of from 5 to $18 \%$ below last year's levels on both woolen and worsted coatings, suitings and skirtings. Actual price reductions per yard ranged from $71 / 2$ to $571 / 2$ cents. The offering consisted of ninty-five staples and six hundred fancies produced by nineteen mills of the organization. The color range was also large, totaling seventy-eight different shades. Subdued colors replaced the former brilliant hues, with browns, blues and greens conspicuous. As far as the goods themselves were concerned, the feature was the prominence accorded pile sheen coatings, more commonly known as bolivias.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS: Markets for linens presented a firm appearance and demand continued moderately active. Although operations were largely confined to small lots covering immediate needs, these were received in satisfactory volume. Demand for damasks was one of the features with interest noted for both the cheap and finer grades. Stocks of these goods in the hands of importers were said to be comparatively light. Dress linens were likewise in better call, especially the finer fabrics. The handkerchief division continued in a healthy condition, with retailers requesting merchandise for the Easter season. The largest volume of business was received both in the plain styles and the new printed effects. Whereas lace borders have heretofore been in popular demand, prints have now assumed the leadership in retail sales. Burlap prices continued their downward course owing to substantial stock accumulations, both here and in Calcutta, which tend to make consumers wary. Light weights are quoted at 6.50 c . and heavies at 9.25 c .

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## NEWS ITEMS

Massachusetts (State of).-Legal Investments for Savings Banks.-In publishing the list of legal investments for savings banks in Massachusetts in our issue of March 6-
$\nabla .122$, p. 1347 -we gave the names of certain states whose V .122 , p. 1347 -we gave the names of certain states whose
bonds had been found legal investments by the State Banking Department copying for this purpose the names of the states mentioned a year ago. As a matter of fact, howerer, the Banking Department this time does not undertake to name the states which fall in the legal class but simply cites the provision of the law governing investments as follows:
"Public funds of the United States or of this commonwealth, or in the
gally authorized bonds of any other state of the United States, but not legally authorized bonds of any other state of the United States, but not
including a teritory, which has not within the twenty years prior to the making of surch investment defanted winthine payment of any part of either
principal or interest of any legal debt." principal or interest of any legal debt.

New York City.-Resolution Exempting $\$ 300,000,000$ for Subway Construction from City's Debt Limit Passed by Both Houses-Must Again Be Approved by the 1927 Legislature Before Submission to Voters.-The Senate on March 17 concurred with the Assembly in passing the resolution proposing an amendment to the State Constitution exempting $\$ 300$,000,000 from the city's debt limit to aid subway construction. The resolution was adopted on March 11 by the Assembly -V. 122, p. 1503 . The measure must again be approved time will be submitted to the voters.

Texas (State of)-Rehearing of Road District Case Denied. -The petition for the rehearing of the Archer County Road District No. 2 case filed by Dan Moody, Attorney-General of Texas, on Feb. 12 (V. 122, p. 1054), was denied on Mar. 8 without opinion by the U. S. Supreme Court. The Attor-ney-General was joined in the motion by C. A. Wheeler, Asst. Attorney-General; W. P. Dumas of Dallas and John C. Thomson and John W. Davis, both of New York.

The case as explained earlier (in V. 122, p. 374) was started by Browning and others against Hooper and others and a decision was handed down on Jan. 4 by the U. S. Supreme Court holding that the law under which Archer County Road District No. 2 was created was unconstitutional. This decision made an issue of $\$ 300,000$ road improvement bonds of this district invalid.

An Associated Press dispatch from Austin, Texas, under date of March 8 in reference to the above matter, appearing in the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat," said:
Decision of the United States Supreme Court in denying motion for re-
hearing of the Archer County road bond case affects between $\$ 75.000 .000$ hearing of the Archer County road bond case affects between $\$ 75,000,000$
and $\$ 100,000.000$ of Texas road district bonds and similar bond issues in many other States. Attorney-General Dan Moody, who filed the motion issues must be found. He He dectared that he did not believe that the peonle
fo Texas Former Gov. James F. Ferguson said he could say nothing until he had had an opportunity to study the opinion in the case. Some authorities

## BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS this week have beenas follows:

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Abington) Montgomery County,
 March 11926 Prin and semi-ann. int. (M. \& \& S. De payable at the Jenkin1936, 194], 1946, 1951 and 1956. Legality approved by Townsend, Eilioti ABSECON, Atlantic County, N. J.-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids
will be received until $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Mar. 24 by Samuel Johnson, City Clerk, for $5 \%$ coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only or as to both principal and interest) school bonds, not to exceed $\$ 65,000$, no more A. \& O. ) payable at the First National Bank, Absecon. Due $\$ 2,000$ yearly from 1927 to 1951 incl. and $\$ 3.00,1952$ to 1956 incl. Certified check on
an incorporated bank or trust company, for $2 \%$ of the amount of bonds
and an incorporated bank or trust company, for
bid for, payable the the
Dillon of New York. Dillon of New York.
These are the bonds originally offered on March 17 (V. 122, p. 1349.) ALICE, Jim Wells County, Tex.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 50,00051 / 2 \%$ sewer bonds offered on Mar. Elkins \& Co of Little Rock,
AMARILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Potter County, Tex.- 122, p. 1349 were awarded to M. W. Elkins \& Co. of Little Rock.
 $\$ 7.000$ 1947 to 1956 and $\$ 9,000,1957$ to 1966
print the bonds and pay for attorney's opinion.
ASTORIA, Clatsop County, Ore.-BOND OFFERING.-Victor See-
borg, Commissioner of Finance, will receive sealed bids until $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Ar. 5 for 86,42287 . not exceeding $6 \%$ improvement bonds. Dated $5 \%$ of amount bid required.
ATHENS, Athens County, Ohio-GOND OFFERING.- Sealed bids
will be received until 12 m . Aprii 3 by Griff H. Evans, City Auditor, for the
 1,05901

ue each six months as pollows: $\$ 5990$, Mar. 15 , and $\$ 58.80$
Dated Jon. 11926. Certified check for $2 \%$ of the amount bid for, Day le the City rreasure, required.
AVON-BY-THE-SEA, Monmouth County, N. J.-BOND OFFERING. Clerk, for the following two issues of $5 \%$ coupon or registered bonds, aggreyating $\$ 50,000$
315,000 street
pt. bonds. Denom. $\$ 500$. Due $\$ 500$ yearly from 35,000 Aprile Front impt. bonds. Denom. $\$ 1000$. Due on April 1 as

Dated April 1 1926. Int. A. \& O. No more bonds to be awarded than
will produce a premium of $\$ 1.00$ over each of the above issues.
check on an incortified
berderated bank or trust company, for $2 \%$ of the amount of BAYPORT, Washington County, Minn.-BOND ELECTION.-An election will be held on Mar. 30 for the purnose of voting on the question
of issuing $\$ 5,00051 / 2 \%$ village bonds. W. E. Alvin, Village Clerk.
BAYONNE, Hudson County, N. J.-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed for an issue of $41 \%$ coupon or registered water series " $A$ " bonds not to exceed $\$ 1,804,000$, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a pre-
mium of $\$ 1,000$ over $\$ 1,804,000$. Denom. $\$ 1.000$ Dated April 11926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. \& O, D payable in gold at the Union Trust \&
Hudson County National Bank, Bayonne Branch, or at the Mechanics Metals National Bank, New York. Due on April 1 as follows $\$ 40,000$. and 1945, and $\$ 60,000,1946$ to 1961 incl. Certified check for $2 \%$ of the
bonds bid the supervision of the United States Mortgage \& Trust Co Nre, New York, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and
the seal impressed thereon. Legality of the bonds will be approved by Hawnens, Delat
BEAUMONT, Jefferson County, Tex.-BOND SALE.-H. C. Burt
Co. of Austin, have purchased an issue of $\$ 48,0005 \%$ improvement \&o. of Austin, have purchased an issue
bonds at a premium of $\$ 735$. equal to 101.53.
BEDFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bedford), Taylor County, lowa.- BOND ELECTION.-On April 5 an election will
be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing $\$ 160,000$ school bonds
BELTRAMI COUNTY (P. O. Bemidji), Minn--BOND OFFERING. April 6 for $\$ 75,000$ draina ce funding bonds.
BIG SANDY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Upshur County Tex.-BONDS NOT SoLD.-The $\$ 35,0005 \%$ school bonds offered on
Feb. $15-$ V. 122 , D. 915 were not sold
$\$ 500$ Due in 40 years. Int. payable J. \& J. Jan. 1926 . Denom.
BILLINGS, Noble County, Okla.-BOND DESCRIPTION.-The \$41.600 coupon sewer bonds purchased by the Branch-Middlekauff Co. of
Wichita at $106.14-\mathrm{V} .122$, p. $1350-\mathrm{a}$ basis of about $5.29 \%$ bear interest at the rate of $6 \%$ and are described as follows: Date June 11925 . Denom. 1945. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. \& A.) payable, at the fiscal agenecy of
Ollahoma in New York City. Legality approved by Chapman, Cutler \& Parker of Chicago.

Financial Statement.
Actual valuation
Assessed valuation
-----------------------------------1,000,000
Net debt inclusive.
561,687
41,600
1,500
BIRDVILLE COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Tarrant County, Tex-- BOND ELECTION.-An election will be held on April
purpose of voting on the question of issuing $\$ 12,000$ school bonds.
BOONE, Watauga County, No. Caro--BOND SALE.-The $\$ 50,000$ equal awarded to McDaniel Lurin of Greensboro at a premium of \$100, equal to 100.20 a basis of about $5.98 \%$. Dated Feb. ${ }^{1} 1926$ Due Feb.
as follows: $\$ 2,000,1929$ to 1939 incl., and $\$ 4,000,1940$ to 1946 incl. BOSSIER PARISH CONSOLIDATED ROAD DISTRICT (P. O. tion bonds offered on March 9-V. 122, p. 915 -were awarded to a syndicate composed of Caldwell \& Co. of Nashville, Commercial Securities Co. of
Shreveport and the Whitnev-Central Trust \& Savings Bank of New Orleans

 $\$ 56,000$, 1959; $\$ 588.000,1950 ; \$ 53,000,1956 ; \$ 54,000,1957 ; \$ 55,000,1958 ;$
$\$ 70,000,1964$, and $\$ 71,000,1965.000,1961 ; \$ 63,000,1962 ; \$ 66 ; 000,1963 ;$ BOULDER, Boulder County, Colo--BOND DESCRIPTION.-TheSon of Denver at $101.20-\mathrm{V}$. $122, \mathrm{p} .1203$-a basis of about $4.37 \%$ are described as follows: Dated Sept. 1 1926. Denom. \$1.000. Due $\$ 5.000$
Sept. 11927 to 1951 incl. Int. payable M. \& S. Date of award Feb. 25. BRAINTREE, Norfolk County, Mass.-LOAN OFFERING.-Sealed Treasurer. for the purchase on a discount basis of a $\$ 100,000$ temporary

BRECKENRIDGE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRIC Ste phens County, Tex.-BOND SALE.-The First National Bank of Breck-
enridge has purchased an issue of $\$ 100,000$ school building bonds at par. BONDS REGISTERED. The State Comptroller of Texasregistered on Mar. 11 an issue of $\$ 100,0005 \%$ school bonds. Due serially.
BRISTOL TOWNSHIPRURALSCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bristol), received until 12 m . Mar. 22 by W. S. Munson, Olerk Board of Education





BROOKLINE, Nor
 urer. for the purchase on a discount
Mar. 22 1926. Due Oct. 28 1926.
(P. O. Fort Lauderdale) SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 nds offered on Feb. 11 (V. 122

BRUNSWICK, Cumberland County, Me-TEMPORARY LOAN.BRUNSWICK, Cumberrand County, Me.-TENPORARY LOAN.-
The Merchants National Bank of Boston purchased a $\$ 40,000$ temporary loan on a $3.73 \%$ discount basis. Due Nov. 11926 .
BRYAN, Brazos County, Tex-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 25,0005 \%$ couto the Hanchett Bond Co of on Micago at a premium of $\$ 27250$, equal to
tor 122 . Dated March 1 1926 . Due serill 101.09. Dated March 1 1926. Due serially.

BURKE COUNTY (P. O. Bowbells), No. Dak,-BOND OFFERING.-
Ole Strompro, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids notil 30 for $\$ 70,00053 \%$ refunding bonds. Dated April 11926 . Denom. s1. 000 . Int. payable semi-ann. A certified check for $19 \%$ of amount
bid recuired bid required.
BURLINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Mount Holly), N. J.-BOND SALE. option of the holder) road and bridge bonds offered on that date (V. 122 paying $\$ 201,350$ for $\$ 195,000$, equal to 103,27, a basis., of about $4.30 \%$. Dated March 1 1926. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: $\$ 21,0$
incl, and $\$ 20,000,1932$ to 1935 incl., and $\$ 10,000,1936$.
CARTERSVILLE, Bartow County, Ga--BOND SALEE-The $\$ 40,000$ -
$5 \%$ paving, gas and water main bonds offered on Feb. $23(\mathrm{~V} .122, \mathrm{p} .1055)$
were awarded to J. H. Hilsman \& Co., Inc., of Atlanta at a premium of
81,708, equal to 104.27, a basis of about $4.65 \%$ Dated Mar. 11926.
 CENTRAL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Merrick County, Neb. -

 to Jan. 1 1952, incl. Prin. and int. (J. \& J.) payable at the County Assessed valuation, 1925-Financial Statement.
otal bonded debt' (this issue included)
Population (estimated), 3,000 .
$\$ 3,221,260$
139,500
CHICAGO, Cook County, IIl-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids will
be received until March 29 by the City Comptroller for $\$ 1,385,0004 \%$
city bonds. Dine be received until March 29 by the
city bonds. Due in 1 to 20 years.
CHICAGO SANITARY DISTRICT (P. O. Chicago), Cook County,
(standard DioF ,

 sand semi-ann int. .A. Ads. Denom, \$1,000. Dated April 1 1926. Prin.
af America at the District. Treyable in lawful money of the United States
of Aprin 11927 to 1946 incl. Treasurer's office. Due $\$ 250,000$ yearly from
bank in Chicago for $3 \%$ of the amifed check (or cash) on some responsible required. Legolity approved by amout of bid payable to the above Clerk,
and paid for at the District Treasurer's offikey. Bonds to be delivered
and Fqualized value of property, 1925 .......-------
Outstanding bonds April 1926
Amount of present issue
$\begin{array}{r}\$ 2,018,533,63700 \\ 80,741,34548 \\ \hline\end{array}$
$\$ 56,651,000$
$5,000,000$
00
Total bonded debt, including present issue
Contract liabilities_-..............
$\$ 61,651,00000$
Unexerc
$870,574,21914$
$10,167,12534$
Mo.-BONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Clayton), St. Louis County, received sealed bids until $7: 30 \mathrm{D} . \mathrm{m}$. March 15 for $\$ 14000041$. serially in 20 y yoars. Prin. and semi- 11,000 . Dann. int. Med March 1 . 1926 .) payable at a place
to be agreed upon Date of statement, Mar. Financial Statement. Stat
 COATES SCHOOL DISTRICT, Pemiscot County, Mo-BOND DECommerce Trust Co. of Kansas City (V. 122,0 . 1350 ) purchased by the as follows: Dated Mar. 1 1926. Dity (v. 122, p. 1350 ) at 98 are described
years. Date of awar Feb. 19. $\$ 1,000$. Due serially in 1 to 20 COLUMBIA FAILS
CoLUMBIA FALLS, Flathead County, Mont--BOND OFFERING.Duncan McBain, Town Clerk, will sell at public auction at 12 m . April 12
an issue of $\$ 26,000$ not exceedding $6 \%$ water bonds. Bonds to be either
serial bonds or amortization bonds and serial bonds the second chots, amortization bonds are the first choice optional on any interest pate Dan. 1 1926. Due Jan. 1 1946. Years
 $\$ 2,500$, payable to the Town Treasurer, is required.
R. W. Pressprich Franklin County, Ohio.- NOTE SALE.-On March 9 anticipations Series No. No New York purchased an issue of $\$ 65.000$ taxCONCORD, Middlesex County, Mass.-TEMPORARY LOAN.-The
 CONWAY, Horry County, So. Caro--BOND SALE.-The following
coupon bonds aggregating 885,000 offered on Feb. 15- -122 , p. 777of $\$ 80$, equal to 100.09 , a basis of about $5.49 \%$ :
$\$ 55,000$ street improvem as $51 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$ at a premium 30,000 to 1960 incl, and $\$ 1,000.1961$ to 1965 Feb. 1 incl. follows: $\$ 2,000,1936$
Serwe bonds. Due $\$ 1,000$ Feb . 1965 incl.
COOS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Holland), Dubois county, Ind.- BOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids will be received until
10 a. m.. Apri1 by David F. Wellemeyr, Township Trustee, for $\$ 12,000$
$41 / 2 \%$ school bonds.
CORNING SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13 (P. O. Corning), Steuben County, N. 1 .-BONDS OFFERED. - Sealed bids were received until
7 p. M. Mar. 19 by the Clerk Board of Education for $\$ 450,000$ shtool bonds.
Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Dated Mar. 1926 . Due $\$ 10,000$ Jan. 1927 to 1971 incl. CORONADO BEACH, Volusia County, Fla.- BONDS NOT SOLD.-
The S102,000 $6 \%$ improvement bonds offered on Feb. 9 (V. 122 , p. 7i8) The $\$ 102,0006 \%$ improve
COUNCIL BLUFFS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Pottavoters authorized the issuance of the following school bonds, aggregating
S105,000: $\$ 105.000:$
35,000 symnoasium bonds.
CROSBY, Divide County, No. Dak.- BOND ELECTION.-On April 5 7,000 sewerage disposal plant bonds
CROSBY COUNTY (P. O. Crosbyton), Tex:-BONDS REGISTERED. On Mar. 11 the State Comptron
issue of $335,0005 \%$ jail bonds. Due serially
CUYAHOGA FALLS, Summit County, Ohio.-BOND offering.Sealed bids will be received until 12 m . (Central standard time) April 6 by rating $\$ 45,000$ :
$\$ 15,000$ fire-apparatus bonds. Denom. $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 500$. Due $\$ 1,500$
 Dated April 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. \& O.) payable at the
Depositors deositors bankingse Trust Co. of Cuyahoga Falls. Certified check on payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid DADE COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O Miami), Fla.-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids will be received until tion, for the following $5 \%$ school bonds, aggregating $\$ 705,000$
special Tax school District No. 3 bonds. Due May 1 as follows:
$\$ 13.000,198$ to 1937 incl.; $\$ 17,000,1938$ to 1947 incl., and
$\$ 20,0001948$ to 1953 incl. 285,000 Special Tax School District No. 5 bonds. Due May 1 as follows:
$\$ 9,00,1928$ to 1937 incl.; $\$ 12,000,1938$ to 1947 incl., and
$\$ 15,000$ ind 1948 to 1952 incl
Date May 11925 . Denom. \$1.000. Prin. and int. (M. \& N.) payable
at the Chase National Bank. N. Y. City. Legality approved by Chester
at the Chase Natiow York City.
B. Masslich or New
These are the bonds originaliy offered on Sept. 1-V. 121, p. 871
DAVIESS COUNTY (P. O. Washington), Ind.-BOND SALE. - On
March 16 the $\$ 80,00041 / 2 \%$ hospital bogds offered on that date (V.
p. 1350) were awarded to Breed. Elliott \& Harrison of Cincinnati at a pre
mium of $\$ 2.336$. equal to 102.92 . Dated April 15 1926. Int. M. \& N.
Due semi-annually

DEAF SMITH COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O Hereford), Tex.- BOND SALEE. The State Board of Education purchased
an issue of st.000 $5 \%$ couppon school bonds at par. Dated Jan. .15 1926.
Denom. $\$ 100$ Due $\$ 200,1927$ to 1946 incl. Int. payable annually
Jan. 15.
DECATUR, Burt County, Neb.-BOND ELECTION.-On April 6 an $\$ 4,000$ funding bonds. H. B. Albeey, Village on the question of issuing DE RIDDER, Beauregard Parish, La.- BOND DESCRIIPTION.of De Ridder- V . $122, \mathrm{p} .1204-\mathrm{at} 95$, a basis of about $5.94 \%$, bear interest at the rate of $5 \%$ and are described as follows: Dated jan. 1 I 1926 .
Denoms. $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 100$ Due $\$ 3,300,1928$ to 1937 incl. Int. pay-
able 1 .

## DONIPHAN COUNTY RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7

 on March 29 for the purpose of voting on the - Anestion of issuing $\$ 95,000$ $41 / 2 \%$ school bonds.These bonds were purchased subject to their being voted at this election
by Stern Bros. \& Co. of Kansas City-V. 122, p. 1351 .
County GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Dunn), Hartnett on March 16-V. 122 , p. 1350 -were awarded to Emer school bonds offered $4.87 \%$. Date Feb. 11926 . Due Feb. 1 as follows: $\$ 1,000$ a basis of about $\$ 1.50,1931$ to 1934, incl.; $\$ 2,000,1935$ to 1940, incl., and $\$ 2,500$. 1941 to
1956 , incl.
DURAND, Pepin County, Wis.- - BOND SALE.- Hill, Joiner \& Co. of
Shicago have purchased an issue of $\$ 39,0005 \%$ sewer bonds at a premium Chicago have purchased an
of $\$ 1,731$, equal to 104.43 .
EASTHAMPTON, Hampshire County, Mass.-TEMPORARY LOAN. $\overline{2}$ On March 17 F. S. Moseley \& Co. of Boston purchased a
temporary loan on a $3.68 \%$ discount basis. Due Nov. 261926 .
Tavart LAKE SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT (P. O.

EAST LIVERPOOL, Columbiana County, Ohio.-BOND OFFERING.
Sealed bids will be received until 12 m . Aprii 7 by w. M. McGraw, City Audated bids wil be received untill 12 m . April 7 by W. M. McGraw, City
 Certified check for $2 \%$ of the amount bid for, payable to the City Treasurer. EDGERTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Platte Education, received sealed bids until $7: 30 \mathrm{p}$. m. March 19 for $\$ 38.000$

 certified check payable to the above named official for $\$ 2,000$, required. $\begin{aligned} & \text { w }\end{aligned}$ Colobert Count SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (P. O. Simla), purchased an issue of $\$ 4,5005 \%$ recknding bonds, subject to their being
voted at an election to be held on May 3 . Due in 20 years.
May CAMPO, Wharton County, Tex.-BOND OFFERING.-George F. Mayield. City Secretary, will receive sealed bids oftil $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. April 6 for
$\$ 60.00051 / 2 \%$ sanitary sewer bonds.
$\$ 1,000$ Duted
 \& Parker of Chicago. A certififility che be approved by Chapman, Cutler
These are the bonds Financial Statement.
Bonded debt (including this issue)
Assessed valuation, 1925
Population (estimated)
884,769
$1,819,583$
ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass. - BOND OFFERING -Sealed County.,Treasurer, for $\$ 225,000 \mathrm{~A} \%$. March 26 by Harold E . Thurston, and semi-ann. No. 4 bonds. Denom. \$1.000. Date April 11926. Prin. Salem or at holder's option at the First National Bank, Boston. Due on
April i as follows: $\$ 50,000,1927$ to 1930 , incl., and $\$ 25,000,1931$. Bonds The First National Bank of Boston; their legality will be aupproved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden, \& Perkins. of Boston, whose opinion we will be furnished
the purchaser. All legal papers incident to this issue will be filed with the abo purchaser. All legal papers incident to this issue will be filed with the
abo bank where they may be inspected at any time. Bonds will be abole
deive bank to the pure they may be inspected at any time. Bonds wili be
Bank of Boston.
Ftrerris, Ellis County, Tex.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 130,000$ coupon street improvement bonds, offered on Feb. 25-V. 122, p. 1204 were S5,562, equal to 104.278, a basis of about 5.18\%. Dated Feb. 101926 . incl, and $\$ 4,0001947$ to 1966 . incl
The above supersedes the report given in V. 122, p. 1351.
FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Floyd County, rexistered an issue of $\$ 85.000$. On Mar. 8 the state Comptroler of Texas FOLEY, Baldwin County, Ala.- BONDS OFFERED.-Mayor George
Holk received sealed bids until 8 p . m . March 17 for $\$ 29,50051 / 2 \%$ water Hork received sealed bids until 8 D. M. March 17
works bonds. Dated Feb. 15 1926. Due 1956.
FORT BEND COUNTY (P. O. Richmond), Tex.-BONDS REGIS-TERED,-On March 11 the State Comptroller of 'Texas registered an issue
of $\$ 15,9206 \%$ bridge refunding bonds. Due serially. FORT DODGE, Webster County, Iowa.-BOND OFFERING.-C. W.
 must include the cost of printing the bonds, and the cost of attorney's

FRANKLIN, Williamson County, Tenn.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 25,-$
 equal to 100.50, a basis of about 4.72\%. Date Mar. 1 . 1926. Due Mar. I
as follows: $\$ 1,000,1936$ to 1950 incl., and $\$ 2,000$, 1951 to 1955 incl. GALVESTON, Galveston County, Tex.-BOND SALE.-The folp 1505 - were awarded to Stranahan, Harris \& Oatis, Inc., of Toledo at



 Date
GALVESTON, Galveston County, Tex.-BONDS REGISTERED.-On Mar. 12, the state Comptroller of Texas registered the following $5 \%$ bond
150,000 permanent paving bonds
125,000 paving West Broadway bonds.
Due serially.

GARFIELD COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT Oo. of Denver have purchased an issue ors $11,0005 \%$ refunding bonds, subGERING, Scotts Bluff County, Neb.-BOND SALE.-The United tates Bond

## intersectional paving bonds.

$12,5005 \%$ refunding bonds.
$40,0005 \%$ p paving district No. 1 bonds.
GRAND JUNCTION PAVING DISTRICT NO. 15, Mesa County, Colo.-BOND SALE.-Geo. W. Valery \& Co. of Denver have purs.
an issue of $\$ 190,00043 \%$ paving bonds at 97.75 . Due in 12 years.
GRAPEVINE, Tarrant County, Tex.-WARRANTS VOTED.-At the election held on March $10-\mathrm{V}$.
issuance of $\$ 30,000$ sewer warrants.
GREENBURGH (TOWN) UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 P. O. Dobbs Ferry), Westchester County, N. Y. BOND SALE.- On V. 122, 1 . 1506 , were awarded to the Greenburgh Savings Bank of Dobbs
erry at 102.707, basis of about 4.317. Dated Apri1 11926 . Due on GUNNISON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 (P.O. Gunnison) Colo.-PRE-ELECTION SALE.-The International Trust Co. of Denver eing voted at an election
HAMBLEN COUNTY (P. O. Morristown), Tenn. - BOND SALE.p. 1057 -were awarded to Bumpus \& Co. of Detroit as $43 / 4 \mathrm{~s}$ at a premium

Due in 30 years.
HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Cincinnati), Ohio.-BOND OFFERNA. Sealed bids will be received until 12 m . Mar. 30 by Albert Rein$5 \%$ bonds, aggregating $\$ 317,734$ 50:
$\$ 17,76272$ Main Sanitary Sewer District No. 1, Water Supply Line No. 32 as follows: $\$ 1,76272,1927$, and $\$ 1,000,1928$ to 1943 incl. 32,939 26 Main Sanitary sewe.000 excent one for $\$ 939$ 26. Duen Dine No. 20 as follows. $\$ 2,939$ 26, 26,1927 , $\$ 2,000,1928$ to. 1938 incl., and
$\$ 1,0001939$ to 1946 incl
trict No. 1, Sanitary Sewer No. 16 Sept. 1 as follow. $\$ 1,000$. except. one for $\$ 75932,1927$; $\$ 2,000$, 1928 to 1943 incl.
and $\$ 1,0001944$ to 1946 incl.
140,33908 Main Sanitary Sewer District No. 3, Sewer No. 11, bonds, Denom. $\$ 1,000$, except one for $\$ 33908$. Due on sept. 1 as
ollows: $\$ 7,33908,1927 . a n d$, $\$ 7,000,1928$ to 1946 incl.
 Due on Juy 1 as follows: $\$ 5,90412,1027,35,000,1028$ to 1046
Dated Mar. 11926 . Certified check for $\$ 500$ for each issue required.
The above five issues of bonds were originally offered on Feb. 23 V .122
The ab
HARLEM, Blaine County, Mont-BOND OFFERING.-R. J. Gwaltney, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids untill 2 p. m . April 17 for $\$ 17.000$
not exceeding $6 \%$ electric light bonds Dated Jan. 1926 Denom. sion
Bonds will be on the amortization pian if this form can be sold. if not serial bonds wiil be issued, maturing on Jan. 1 as follows: $\$ 1,000,1927$ to ann. int. payable in Harlem or at the fiscal agency of the State of Montana
HARRIS COUNTY (P. O. Houston), Tex. - BONDS VOTED.-At the election held on March $16-\mathrm{V}$. 122 , p. 1057 -the voters
issuance of the following bonds, aggregating $\$ 6,600,000$ :
$\$ 6,000,000$ road bonds.
600,000 jail bonds.
HARRISON COUNTY (P. O. Gulfport), Miss.-BONDS VOTED.At an election hel bonds.
HASTINGS, Adams County, Neb.- BOND ELECTION.-An election will be held on April 6 for the purpose of voting on th
$\$ 150.000$ sewer bonds. A. T. Bralton, City Clerk.
HEBRON, Licking County, Ohio-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids
 and $\$ 800$, 1929 to 1932 incl. Certified check for $5 \%$ of the amount bid,
payale to the Village Treasurer, required. HENRY COUNTY (P. O. Newcastle), Ind.-BOND OFFERING.Sealed bids wil be received until 10 a. m. Aprils. by Enisha McFarland ore
one for $\$ 66616$. Date Feb. 15 1926. Int. M. \& N. Nue on Nov. 15 as
follow 16.1927 , and $\$ 100,1928$ to 1936 , incl. ollows: $\$ 696$ 16, 192才,
HITCHCOCK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 (P. O. Tren-
ton), Neb. - BOND ELECTION. $-0 n$
April 6 an election will be held for ton, , Ne. voting on the question of issuing $\$ 60,000$ school bonds. the purpose of voting on the question of issuing $\$ 6$.
Helen W. Clark, Director, Board of School Trustees.
HOLBROOK, Furnas County, Neb.-BONDS DEFEATED.-The proposition of issuing \$75.000 schoo bonds suamitted to a vote or the people future.
HOLDREDGE, Phelps County, Neb--BOND SALE.-The $\$ 100,000$
Houpon paving districts Nos. 21 and 22 bonds offered on March $8-\mathrm{V}$. 122 , D 1205 .ewere awarded to the First Trust Co. of Lincoln as 5 s at a premium
of $\$ 60$, equal to 100.06 . Denoms. $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 500$. Due serially 2 to 10 years. Int. payable semi-annually.
KINGSTON, Ulster County, N. Y.-BOND OFFERING. - Harry S. $\$ 47,000$ refonding bonds.

Denom. $\$ 1,000$, the city will not be liable to the purchaser or to any
and other person for atto
KIT CARSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (P. O. Straton, Denver have purchased an issue of $\$ 8,1005 \%$ refunding school bonds subject to their being passed upon at the regular May electlons. Due
$\$ 500,1927$ to 1929 incl.; $\$ 600$ in 1930 , and $\$ 1,000,1931$ to 1936 incl. KNOXVILLE, Knox County, Tenn.-NOTE SALE.-The Bankers Trust Co. of New York purchased on March 4 an Issue of $\$ 500,00041 / 2 \%$.
revenue notes at a premium of $\$ 77$, equal to 100.01 . Dated March 151926 . revenue neptember
DOND
BOND DFERING.-J. o. Borden, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 7.30 p . m. Mar. 30 for $\$ 429,00044 \%$ improvement
 payable in gold in Now Yew.
LAFAYETTE PARISH-(P. O. Lafayette), La.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 300,000$ court house and jail bonds offered on March $11-\mathrm{V}$. 122, p. $644-$
 LAKE ALFRED, Poll
LAKE ALFRED, Polk County, Fla.-BOND SALE.-The following
6\% bonds, aggregating $\$ 10,000 \%$ offered onlFeb. $8-\mathrm{V} .122$, p. 377 -were sold at par:
$\$ 20,000$ water works extension bonds. Due $\$ 5,000$ Oct. 11933 to 1936 , incl.
50,000 storm sewer bonds.
Due
St. 40,000 storm sewer bonds. Due $\$ 5,000$ Oct. 11947 to 1954, incl.
LAKE CRYSTAL, Blue Earth County, Minn.- BOND ELECTTION.On March 30 an election will be held for the purpose of voting o
tion of issuing $\$ 30,000$ municipal building and fire truck bonds.
LAKE WORTH INLET DISTRICT (P. O. West Palm Beach), Palm Beach County, Fla.- BONDS NOT SOLD.-The $\$ 250.00051 / \%$ coupon
inlet bonds scheduled to be offered on March 9-V. 122, p. $1205-$ wer at sold on that date
LA JOYA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Socorro), Socorro the Superintendent of Schools until April 19 for $\$ 15,0006 \%$ school bonds. Due in 20 years, optional after 5 years.
LANGDON, Cavalier County, No. Dak.-BOND ELECTION.-On issuing 55,000 bonds
ind
La PORTE COUNTY ( $\mathbf{P}$, O. La Porte), Ind.-BOND SALE.-On offered on that date (V. 122, p. 1352) were awarded to the City Securities Corporation of Indianapolis at a premium of $\$ 717$, equal to 103.25 .
LA PLATA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 18 (P. O. Red Mesa), urchased the following $5 \% / 2 \%$ school bonds aggregating $\$ 3,500$ :

## 2,000 refunding bond 1,500 building bonds.

Due $\$ 200$ in 1928 and $\$ 300,1929$ to 1939 incl.
LAS CRUCES, Dona Ana County, N. Mex.- BOND ELECTIONAn election will be held on April 6 for the purposeo voting on the question of issuing the following bonds agsregating $\$ 249,000$

## $\$ 99,000$ sanitary sewer bonds. 35,000 water extension bonds.

35,000 water extension bo
85,000 storm sever bonds.
30,000 town hall bonds.
LAWRENCE COUNTY (P. O. Bedford), Ind.-BOND SALE.-On March 15 the $\$ 80,0004)^{4 / 2}$. Merchants National Bank of Muncie at a p. 1507 - were awarded to the 101.08 . Date March 151926 .

LEMHI COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Idaho--BOND SALE.-The $\$ 100,000$ coupon road and arcate composed of Newton \& Co., United States National Co. and Benwell \& Co. all of Denver, at a premium of $\$ 51$, equal to 100.05 .
basis of about $4.79 \%$, taking $\$ 50,000$ as 43 s and $\$ 50.000$ as 5 s . Date a basis of about $4.79 \%$, taking $\$ 50,000$ as $43 / \mathrm{s}$ and
Jan. 11926 . Due $\$ 10,000$ Jan. 11936 to 1945 incl.
LEMITAS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Socorro), Socorro Count, in 20 years, optional after 5 years.
LIBBY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Libby), Lincoln County, Mont- BOND ELECCTION.-An election $\$ 30,000$ school bonds.
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP (P. O. Girard), Trumbull County, OhioBOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids will be recelved unti 12 m . Niaduct 29
 semi-annual interest (A. \&\% O.) payable at the First National Bank, Girard.
Due each six months as follows: $\$ 8.000$ April 11927 to Oct. 11946 , incl.


LORIMOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT P. O. Lorimor), Union County

LOS ANGELES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Los Angeles), Los Angeles County, Calif. - BOND OFFARING.-L Eide Lampton, March 22 for the following $5 \%$ school district bonds aggregating $\$ 4.000,000$ : 2,000,000 Los Angeles City School District bonds. Due Aug. 1 as fol-
lows:
$\$ 75,000.1926$ to 1927 , and $\$ 50,00$, 1928 to 1964 , incl. 2,000,000 Los: Angeles City High Schol District bonds. Due Aug. I As
follows. $\$ 75,000,1926$ to 1927 , and 850,000 , 1928 to 1964; incl Dated Aug. 11924. Denom. at the County Treasurer's office or at Kountze Bros, N. N. City, at option
or holder. A certified check for $3 \%$ of bid, payable to the Chairman of Board of Supervisors, is required.

Assessed valuation, 1925.
$\qquad$
Total bonded debt. 192 bids will be received until $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. March 22 by Adelaide E. Schmitt. Clerl Board orod Impt. No 283 bonds. Denom. \$1. Washington Township Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. \& S.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Dated March 1 11926. Due on Sept. 10 as follows: $\$ 18,874$,
$1927 \$ 19.000,1928$ to 1930 incl., and $\$ 20,000,1931$ to 1936 incl. Certified
LYNN, Essox County, Mass.-TEMPORARY LOAN.-The Central National Bank of Lynn was awarded on March of $\$$ a ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Sbove Dov. 11926 . McCLAIN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Wayne), Okla.-BOND Ofill receive sealed bids until April 9 for $\$ 32000$. Dawson, District
 Int. payabiequired.
MCINTOSH SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2, Marion County (P.O. Ocala), Fla.- BOND OFFERING.-H.G. Shealy, Supt.
Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. April 20 for incl. and $\$ 1.000$ in 1955. Int. payable J. \& J. A certified check for
in of amount bid required. MADISON, Madison Cou street improvement assessment bonds offered on MaL. - The $\$ 35,0006 \%$ were awarded to the Citizens' Bank and the Madison State Bank, both or Madison, jointly at 98, a basis of about $6.42 \%$. Date Jan. 11926 Due
Jan. 1 as follows: $\$ 3,000$, 197 to 1931 incl., and $\$ 4,000,1932$ to 1936 incl. MADISON SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Madison), Madison County, Fla. - BONDSNOT TO BE SOLD.-The $\$ 100,000$ schoo that date, as the election at which the bonds were voted has been declared illegal.
D. F. Burnett, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive seaied
 Bank, N. Y. City or at any bank in Madison. Legality approved by
John C. Thomson, N. Y. City. A certified check for $5 \%$ of bid is required. MAHNOMEN COUNTY (P. O. Mahnomen), Minn, -BOND DESCRIPTIIN. The $\$ 30.0005 \%$ coupon drainage bonds purchased on Jan. 29 by
the Wells-Dickey Co. of Mineapolis at $101.45-\mathrm{V} .122, \mathrm{p}$. 1206 -are described as follows: Date Febi ${ }^{1}$ 1926. Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Due serially
1929 to 1940 incl. Int. payabie F. \& A. 1929 to 1940 incl. Int. payable F . \& A.
MAINE State of .-BOND OFFERING.- Sealed bids will be received
until $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. March 25 by W. L. Bonney, State Treasurer, for $\$ 1.500 .000$ $4 \%$ coupon highway and briage bonds. Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Dated April 1
1926. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. \& O.) payable in gold coin
or the United States. of America of the present standard or weight and fine-
ness at the office of the State ness at the office of the America Treasurer. Due Stane $\$ 10,0$ ond yearly from April
1927 to 1941 , incl Payment for the bonds may be made on or about
April
 Valuation of the State Financial Statement.
Valuation of the State.-
Bonded debt (exclusive

- 14,624,300 Spring County, Ark.- BOND OFFERTNG.-A. (P. $\mathbf{i}$. ${ }^{\text {O. Malvern), Hot }}$ Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until Mar. 25 for $\$ 150,0006 \%$
school bonds. Mirst Nalehead, Essex County, Mass.-TEMPORARY LOAN.-The loan on a $3.69 \%$ discount basis, plus a premium of $\$ 8.00,000$ temporary Ariz.-BOND OFOUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25 (P. O. Phoenix),
 years. Principal and interest (M. \&'S.) payable at the County Treassurer's
office or at the Bankers Trust Co., New York City. A certified check
for $5 \%$ of amount bid requren offrice or at the Bankers Trust
for $5 \%$ of amount bid required.
Mancion COUNTY (P. O. Ocala), Fla.-BOND OFFERING.-T. D.
 on one of the three following propositions: (a) For all or nonay be submitted
 gality approved by Dhester \&A. Mayable in gold in New York City. Le.
check payable to the Board of Country of New York City. A certified bid renaired. These are the bonds originally offered for sale on Mar. 10
(V. 122, p. 917 ) MASSACHUSETTS (State of),-NOTE SALE. The OId Colony plus a premium of $\$ 1675$. Due Nov. 221926 .
MEDINA, Medina County, Ohio-BOND ofFERING.-Sealed bids $\$ 3.951316 \%$ (special assessment) street Rmroverard. Village

MELROSE, Curry County, N. Mex. - BOND ELEECTION.-An election
will be held on April 6 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing water-works bonds.
MEMPHIS, Shelby County, Tenn.-NOTE SALE. The $\$ 500,000$ were awarded to the First National Corporation of Boston at a premium 0
 Dune sept.
other bds:
Bidder
Bidder
Bank or Commerce \& Trust Co
Old Col
Contineny Corporation \& Commercial Trust \& Sa- inving Bank-
S. N. Bond \& Co

$\begin{array}{r}\text { Prem } \\ -810.00 \\ 810.00 \\ \hline\end{array}$

Bankers Trust Co. of New York and Union \& Planters Bank er
MIAMI, Dade
of Eldredge \& Co., Redmond \& \& OO., and BALE. S. Van syndicate composed
New York Oity, and Stranahan. Harris \& Oatis, Incen \& Co., all of
 1927 to 1935 , inclusive, and $\$ 286.000$ in 1936.1 Principal and interent
(M. \&s.) payable in gold at the United States Mortgage \& Trust Co.,
New York City. The bond tion as to principal only. Legality to be approved by brivilege of registraof New York City. The sale of these bonds was given in V. $122, \mathrm{p} .1342$,
using an approximate amount The bankers are reoffering the bonds to investors at prices to yield from

Assessed valuation, 1925 Financial Statement.

Water debt
Sinking fund (except for water debt)
N
$*$
$*$ Special assessments to the amount of $\$ 5,962,74682$ are aplicable 16,773 to the retirement of the outstanding local improvement bonds included in
this net bonded debt. this net bonded debt.
Population, State census 1925, 69,754.
MINNEAPOLIS, Hennepin County, Minn.-BIDS.-Following is a
list of other bids for the $\$ 975,000$ coupon aun.-B7ium bonds awarged on
Mar. 10 to a syndicate composed of E . H. Rollins \& Sons. Phelps. Fenn \&
Co., both of New about tho New York, and Kalman \& Co. of St. Paut at ione 27 , a bens of and $\$ 4900 \mathrm{Mar}{ }^{1} 1932$ to 1935 maturing $\$ 48,000$ Mar. 192 to 1931 incl. 192.
Mar. 1936 to 1946 incl.) as 4 s :

Bidders-
E. Rolins \& Sons, Phelps. Fenn \& Co. and
Kalman \& Co (second bid) $\frac{\text { Eldredze } \& \text { \& Co. }}{\text { We. }}$
Illinois Merchants Trust Co. Wm.R. Comp-
ton Co. and First Trust \& Sivings Bank.-
Blodget \& Co. and Graham, Parsons \& Co
National City Co.-
Halsey, Stuart $\&$ Co. Brown Bros. \& Co
Barr Bros. \& $\&$ Co., Olld Colony Trust Co Bar Bros. \& Co., Old Colony Trust Co,
and Northwestern Trust Co., first bid
do
do
W. A. Harriman \& Co... Inc., Ames, Emerich

Bankers Trust Co. of New York.
Minneapolis Trust Co
First National Bank, Minneapolis
A. B. Leach \& Co

Merchants Trust Co., St. Paul., Detroit Co.,
Inc., and Eastman, Dillon \& Co--.......
Keand Taylor \& Co, Geo. B. Gibbons \& Co


Tominnon, City Clerk, will rocentye sealed -bids und ofil 5 pERING, March 31 . for

to 1933 incl. $\$ 14,0001934,1910.000,1935$ and $1936 ; \$ 21,000$,
1937 , and $\$ 10,000,1938$ to 1944 incl.

134,000 sanitary sewer bonds. Due March 1 as follows: $\$ 6,000,1927 \mathrm{t}^{\circ}$ 66,000 storm sewer bonds. Due March 1 as. follows: $\$ 6,000,1927$ and
1928 , and $\$ 3,000,1929$ to 1946 incl. 150,000 water bonds. Due March 1 as follows: $\$ 7,000,1927$ to 1944 76,000 brid, $\begin{aligned} & \text { and bonds. } \\ & \text { and } \$ 3,000 \\ & 1943 \text { to } 1946 \text { Mar incl. }\end{aligned}$ 16,000 paving bonds. Dues 81.000 Mar . 1927 to 1942 incl.
20,000 park bonds. Due 81.000 Mar .11927 to 1946 incl.
15,000 whart bonds. Due $\$ 1,000 \mathrm{Mar}$. 11927 to 1941 incl.
 Dated 1927 to to 1944 incl., and $\$ 37,000$ in 1945 . 1 . 1 as follows: $\$ 24,000$.
 supervision of the U.S. Mt principal only and will be prepared under the to., N. Y. City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures oo, N. No officials, which will certify
pressed thereon. The purchaser will be furnished approving legal in
of Cald well \& R pressed thereon. The purchaser will be furnished approving legal opinion
of Caldwell \& Raymond, N. Y. City
of bid required. There are the bortified check for $2 \%$ of amount
of mentioned in V. offered on March 24 .
MOBERLY, Randolph County, Mo--BOND ELECTION.-On April 6 the following bonds, aggregating $\$ 200,000$ :
$\$ 125,000$ city hall bonds.
75,000 sewer b

75,000 sewer bonds.
MONMOUTH COUNTY (P. O. Freehold), N. J.-BOND SALE.offered on that date (V. 122, p. 1206) were awarded to Graham, Parsons
$\&$ Co. of Philadelphia $\$ 284,000$ ( $\$ 292,000$ offered) road bonds for $\$ 292,25666$, equal to 102.91 .

23,000
 Dated Ma
MONONA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Monona), Clayton County, Iowa.-BOND ELECTION.-On April 9 an election
will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing $\$ 95,000$ school bonds.
MONTEZUMA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ${ }^{29}$, (P. O. McPhee), Csio- BOND SALE - Benwell \& Co. of Denver have pur-
MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Ohio.-BOND OFFER-ING.-Sealed bids will be received until $10 \mathrm{a} \cdot \mathrm{m}$. (central standard time) March ${ }^{2}$, by F. A. Kilmer, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for
S77,000 $5 \%$ Coilege Hill water supply system bonds. Denom. $\$ 1,000$.
Dated at the County Treasurer's oftical and semi-annual interest (A. \& O.) payable \$4.000, 1928: $\$ 3,000$, 1929. $\$ 4,000$, $1930: \$ 3,000$, 1931 , and $\$ 4,000,1932$ to
1946 inclusive
for $\$ 8,000$ pertified check on any solvent bank or trust company approved by D. W. and A. County Treasurer, required. Legality to bo
Willams, of Cincinnati. MOUNT ANGEL, Marion County, Ore.-BOND ofFERING.Samuel Dearborn, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 6 D . m .
April 5 for $\$ 14,000$ water works bonds. A certified check for $5 \%$ of bid
required.
MOUNT MORRISSON, Jefferson County, Colo-BOND DESCRIP-TION.-The $\$ 15,0005 \%$ coupon water refunding bonds awarded to Pollows: Date April 1 1 1926 . Denver. $\$ 5000^{\text {D }}$, pue $\$ 5001927$ to 1956 , incl.
Int. payable A. \& 0 . Date of award. Dec,
MOUNT PLEASANT, Titus County, Tex.- BOND ELECTIION--
An election will be held on April 3 for the purpose of voting on the question
of issuing $\$ 50,000$ water bonds.

MOUNT PLEASANT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Titus County, Tex.BONDS VOTED.-At the election held on March 9 V. 122 , p. 1206- the
voters authorized the issuance of $\$ 100,000$ school bonds by a count of
507 for to 51 against.
MULTNOMAH COUNTY (P. O. Portland), Ore--BIDS.- Following
is list of other bids for the Burnside Street bonds and the Ross Island Bridge bonds, aggregating $\$ 1,000,000$ awarded as $41 / \mathrm{ss}$ to a syndicate
composed of A. B. Leach $\mathbb{E}$ Co. of Ohicago. Peirce Fair \& Co., of Portland
 12066
Bidde The Dider- troit Co.. Inc.; Eldredge \& Co.; Continental \& Commercial
Trust \& Savings Bank; Wells-Dickey Co. and Ralph Schneelech Geo. H. Burr, Onrad \& Broom, Inc.; B. J. Van Ingen \& Co. and Redmond \& Co. First National Bank of New York; Phelps, Fenn \& Co.; Anglo London-Paris Co. and A. D. Wakeman Co --end $\quad 10,660$
Bankers Trust Co.; National City Co.; Hannahs, Ballin \& Lee and Freeman, Smith \& Camp Co.: Illinois Merchants Trust Co.; Wm. A. Compton Co.; John E. Price \& Co : and Northern Trust Co ${ }^{*} \neq 101.204$ $\frac{\text { Al }}{}{ }^{*}$ Rate the tid.
The following bids were also received but were declared irregular by the Board of County Commissioners:
Redmond $\&$ Co.
First First National Bank of N. Y. County, Oregon, bridge bonds, namely: Anzlo London-Paris Co.
A. D. Wakeman Co
Kean, Taylor \& Co. W. A. Harriman \& $\mathbf{C o}$ Island bidge bonds and $\$ 500,000$ Multno-
mah County, Oreon $41 / \%$ Burnside Street
bridge bonds. $\$ 1.000,000$. bridge bonds, $\$ 1,000,000$.
For
Fonon
bonds, and
4150
$415 \%$
Ross B MULTNOMAH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Portland, Ore-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 1,500,000$ series D school bonds composed of the Freeman, Smith \& Camp Co. of Portland, Ilifiols

 S1,650,000 ${ }^{415}$ COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ga.-BOND SALE.-The March 27-V. 122, p. 1353-were awarded on March 17 to the Barlow-

NEWBURYPORT, Essex County, Mass.-LOAN OFFERED.-Sealed bids were received until 12 m . March 18 by the City Treasurer. for the
purchase on a discount basis of a $\$ 150,000$ temporary loan. Due Nov. 1
1926 .
MEW MARATHON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O Marathon, Buena Vista County, Iowa. BONDS VOTED.-At the
election held on March $8-V$. 122, p. 1353 - the voters authorized the issuance of $\$ 25,000$ school bonds by a count of 176 for to 165 against. NASHUA, Hills borough County, N. H.-BOND OFFERING.Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. M. March 26 by Samuel Dearborn,
City Treasurer, for
Dated Aprion
 National Bank, Boston. Due $\$ 2,000$ yearly from April ${ }^{1} 1927$ to 1946,
incl. Bonds are engraved under the supervision of and certified as to
genuineness by the First National Bank, Boston. Their legality will be genuineness by the First National Bank, Boston. Their negality will be
approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden \& Perkins, whose opinion wil be fur-
nished the purchaser. Ali legal papers incident to this issue will be filed with the above bank, where they may be expected a
Financial Statement March 11926 .

## Assessed valuatio Bonded debt Bridge bonds_

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Paving and road bonds
Highway bonds...... Sinking fund

2,189,000 00 emporary loan an a 3.77 . discount basis, plus a premium of $\$ 7$ a $\$ 100,000$ \$10,000. Dated March 15 1926. Due Sept. 1 li926. The notes will be th the First National Bank, Boston. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray
Boyden \& Perkins, of Boston.
NEWPORT FIRST RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Newport), $51,2 \%$ school bonds offered on that date- V. $122, \mathrm{p}$. 1206 -were awarded
to the State Teachers Retirement 8 stem for 861.39320 equal to 105.85 . a basis of about $4.76 \%$ Date March 151926 . Due on
$\$ 3,000,1927$ to 1944 . incl., and $\$ 2,000.1945$ and 1946 .
NEWPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Campbell County, Ky.-BOND p. $1059-$ were awarded to Breed, Elliott \& Harrison of Cincinnati, at a
 1951, 1956 and 1961 and \$55,000 in 1960.
NEWTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Jasper County Education, received sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. April 12 for $\$ 170,000$

 Legality to be approved by Chapman, Cuther \& Parker of Chicago. A
certified check for $\$ 1.000$ required. NILES SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Niles), Berrien County,
 NOBLES COUNTY (P. O. Worthington), Minn--BOND SALE,-
The $\$ 125,000$ coupon Judicial Ditch No. 9 bonds offered on March $15-1$ as $41 / 4 \mathrm{~s}$ at a premium of $\$ 780$ e equal to 100.62. Date March 1 M926. Due in 6 to 20 years. Int. payable semi-annually (M. \& S .
NORTH ADAMS, Berkshire County, Mass.-TEMPORARY LOAN.--
O Mar, 12 the First National Bank of Boston purchased a $\$ 100,000$ temporary loan on a $3.69 \%$ discount basis plus a premium of $\$ 4$. Due Nov. 2 1926.

OAKFIELD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O.
 OCEAN SPRINGS, Jackson County, Miss.- BOND DESCRIPTION. Securities Co. of New Orleans as $51 /$ s at 101.04 (V. 121, , 1 . 3159 ), a basis
of about $5.14 \%$ are decribed as follows. Date Feb. 1926. Denom.



Financial Statement.
Actual value of taxable property

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$\qquad$ Net bonded indebtedness.
OIL CITY, Venango County, Pa.-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids Winl be recelve $\$ 3 \mathrm{~K} \%$ coupon . (with privilege of registration as to principai

 mount bid for, payable to the city, required. Legaily approved by That
nd, Elliott \& Munson or Philadelpha.
These are the bonds originally offered on March 22 (V. 122, p. 1353).
OLEAN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Olean), Cattaraugus County, ${ }^{f}$. Yarch 26 by the Clerk, Board of Education, for $\$ 195,000$ school bonds. OMAHA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Douglas County, Neb-BIDS REschool bonds offered on Mar. 18 (V. $122, \mathrm{p} .1353$, were rejected. The highest bid was 99.96 \& , the Northern Trust Co. and the Continental Trust Co.,.all of Chicalo. and the Firist Trust Co. of Omaha.
The bonds will be reoffered on April 19 .

ONEIDA COUNTY (P. O. Utica), N. Y.-BOND SALE.-On March 16 the $\$ 420,000$ coupon jail bonds offered on that date -V. 122 , D. 1508 -
 and 1936 .
ONEIDA COUNTY (P. O. Rhinelander), Wis.- BOND ELECTION-The proposition of issuing 860,000 po
ORANGE COUNTY (P O. Paoli), Ind--BOND OFFERING.- Sealed bids will gating $\$ 4,900:$
$\$ 3,600$
Northwest Township bonds. Denom. $\$ 180$. Due $\$ 180$, May and 1,300 Paoli Township bonds. Denom. $\$ 65$. Due $\$ 65$ May and Nov. 15 Date April 51926
OTTUMWA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wapello County
 of Davenport at a premium of $\$ 6.165$, equal to 102.05 , a basis of about $4.28 \%$. Date April 11926 . Due $\$ 20,000$ April 11932 to 1946 incl. Other bidders were.
OBider- Bank, Des Moines_
Iowa Nat. Bank,
National City CO., Chicago...
Nationat Trust Co., Ottumwa-
Pinoenix Theim \& Co, Des Moines
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Premium,

PALISADES PARK, Bergen County, N. J.-BOND OFFERING.Borough Cleerk, for an issue of $51 / \% \%$ coupon temporary impt. bonds. no to exceed $\$ 125,000$, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce
premium of $\$ 1,000$ over $\$ 125,000$. Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Dated Jan 1926 .

Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. \& S.) Sayable, at the Palisades Park
National Bank, Palisades Park. Duee 1926; $\$ 22,000,1927 ; \$ 32,000,1928$, and $\$ 58,000$, 1929 . Certified check bid for, payable to the Borough Collector, required
PALMETTO SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 16, Manatee County, Fla.- BOND SALEE-The S100,000 school bonds offered on Slayton \& Co., both of Toledo, jointly as 6 s, at 95.63 a basis of about $6.42 \%$. Date Jan. 151926 . Due Jan.
1940 incl. and $\$ 4,000,1941$ to 1956 incl.
PASADENA, Los Angeles County, Calif.-BOND OFFERING.March 23 for $\$ 25,00043 \%$ relief work bonds. Denom. $\$ 1.000$ a.m. 15 1927. Principal and interest (F. \& A. D payable at the City Treaswill be furnished the approving legal opinion of Goodfellow, Eells, Moore
Orrick, of San Francisco. A certified check for $\$ 250$, payable to the City Clerk. recuired
PERRY, Lake County, Ohio--BOND SALE.-On March 13 the
$\$ 8.4006 \%$ coupon sidewalk' bonds offered on that date- $\mathrm{V} .122, \mathrm{p} .1207-\mathrm{l}$ were awarded to A. E. Aub \& Co. of Cincinnati at a premium of $\$ 266$,
 PERTH AMBOY, Middlesex County, N. J.-BOND OFFERIN
 Treasurer. for an issue of $41 / \%$ coupon or registered water series W bonds,
not to exceed $\$ 1.200 .900$ no more bonds to be awarded than will produce 1926. Prin and semi ann int (i) office. Due on April 15, as follows: $\$ 30,000$. 1928 to 1946 incl. and $\$ 45,000$.
1947 to 1960 incl. Certified check for $2 \%$ of the bonds bid for required Bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage signatures of the officials, and the seal impressed thereon, and the validity
of the bonds will be approved by Caldwell \& Raymond, of New York. PHENIX CITY, Lee County, Ala.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 130,0006 \%$ to the Barlow-Gortly Construction Co. at par. Date. April 1 1926. Denom.
PLACER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Auburn),
Placer County, Calif.- BOND OFFERING.-A. S. Fleming. Clerk Bard or county supervisors, will receive sealed bids until 10 a . m . April 6 for
$\$ 225,000$ 亚
 PLATTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 14 (P. O. Sunrise), tees, will receive sealed bids until 2 p . M. April 1 for $\$ 45,0005 \%$ school
bonds. Date April 1 1926. Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Due $\$ 5,000$. 1928 to 1936
ind incl. 14. . payabe semi-annualty. Notice of the offering of these bonds appeared in $\mathrm{V}, 122 . \mathrm{p}$. ${ }^{1353,}$, but
under the incorrect caption "Platte County School District No. W. Wyo. PLATTSMOUTH, Cass County, Neb.-BOND DESCRIPTION.-
 Due sL.000, Mar. 11927 to 1936 incl. Int. payable M. \& S. Date of
award Feb. 23 .
PLATTSMOUTH, Cass County, Neb.- BOND ELECTION-An
Cection will be held on April 6 for the purpose of voting on the question of election wil be held on April 6 for the purpose of voting on the question of
issuing $\$ 35,000$ funding bonds. J. Cloidt. City Clerk. POCATELLO, Bannock County, Idaho- - BOND ELECTION.-On
April 6 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$463,530 water bonds,
POCATELLO, Bannock County, Ida.-BOND ELECTION.-An
election will be held on April 8 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing $\$ 150,0006 \%$ paving bonds. p. 1353 - subject to their being voted at this election.

POLK COUNTY (P. O. Des Moines), Iowa.-BOND OFFERING.-
Allen Munn, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until $2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. April for $\$ 335.000414 \%$ coupon road refunding bonds. Due May 1 as follows: $\$ 85.0001940$ and $\$ 50,0001941$ to 1945 , inclusive. Legality approved by
Chapman, Cutler \& Parker, of Chicago. A certified check for $\$ 10,000$ required.
These are the bonds originally offered on March 15.-V. 122, p. 1065. PUEBLO SOUTH SIDE SEWER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (P. O. Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colo- - BOND.
$5 \%$ coupon sewer bonds purchased by N . Walpole of Pueblo-V. 122 , p. $1354-$ at 99 , a basis of about. $5.08 \%$ are described as follows: Date
Mar. 1 196. Denom. $\$ 1.000$. Due Mar. 1 1946. Interest payable M. \& S. Date of award Feb. 20
N. QUAY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53 (P. O. Tucumcari), purpose of voting on the question of issuing $\$ 31,500$ school bonds.
RAVENNA, Portage County, Ohio--BOND OFFERING.-Sealed
bids will be received until 12 m . Mar, 23 by W. A. Root, City Auditor,


REEDER, Adams County, No. Dak.-CERTIFICATE OFFERING.H. J. Horp, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids untill $2 \mathrm{D} . \mathrm{m}$. April 3 for
S2.500 $7 \%$ certificates of indebtedness. Dated April 5 1926. Due Oct. 5 1927. A certified check for $5 \%$ of bid required

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. bonds offered on that date-V. 122, p. 918-were awarded to the Fletcher avings \& Trust Co. of Indianapois at a premium
101.41. Dated Feb. 1 1926. Due in 1 to 15 years.
RICHMOND UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Contra Costa bonds awarded to a syndicate composed of the Bank of Italy, R. H. Moultional City Co. of N. Y. iity, and E. H. Rölins \& Sons of Boston at 104.81

 Treasurer. Legality approved by Goodfellow, Eells, Moore \& Orrick of
RIVERSIDE, Riverside County, Calif.-BOND oFFERING.-Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk until March 30 for the following $\$ 2$ improvement bon
200,000 auditorium and soldiers' home bonds.
ROCHESTER, Olmsted County, Minn.-BOND OFFERING.-A. F. Wright, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 offerING.-A. F. March 31 for $\$ 75,00043 \% \%$ servage disposal plant bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1924. Denom.
$\$ 1,000$. Due Dec. 1 as follows: $\$ 8,000,1928$ to 1930 incl.; $\$ 4,000,1931$ to 1940 incl. $\$ 3.000,1941$ to 1943 incl. ana $\$ 2,000$ in 1944 . Prin and int. A. \& O. payable at the city Treasurer's omice. A cerined.
to the City Treasurer, for $2 \%$ of amount of bid, required.

ROCKWELL CITY, Calhoun County, Iowa.-BOND SALE.-The White-Phillips Co. of Davenport recently purchased an issue of $\$ 10,700$
$43 / 4 \%$ funding bonds. Dated Mar. 11926. Denom. $\$ 500$ and $\$ 100$ Due
Duen 1932. as follows: $\$ 1,700,1927$; $\$ 2,000,1928$ to 1931 incl., and $\$ 1,000$. Legality approved by $\mathbf{F}$. C. Duncan of Davenport.

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, Belmont County, Ohio-BOND OFFERING.-

 Village Treaskrer, recuired. the amount Bonds will be delivered and paid for within
ten days from time of award.
SAGINAW, Saginaw County, Mich.-BOND SALE.-On Mar. 16

 Guardian Trust Co. and American State Bank
Detroit Trust Co Harris Trust \& Savs. Bank, Chicago, and
First National Company, Detroit Second Nat. Bank, Saginaw; A. B. Leach \& Co., Watling,
Lerchen \& Co. and Harris, Small \& Co Security Trust Co., Wm. R. Compton Co. and Bank of Detroit The National City Company
Redmand \& Co. and Halsey, stuart \& Co
Eldredge \& Co., New York. SAN BENITO, Cameron County, Tex.-BONDS VOTED.-At an
election held on March 6 the voters authorized the issuance of $\$ 130,000$
school bonds. SAN GABRIEL, Los Angeles County, Calif.-BOND DESCRIPTION. First fecuritios $5 \%$ coupon bonds, aggregaving $\$ 32.500$, purchased by the scribed as follows:
$\$ 20,000$ bridge bonds.
12,500 fire de
12,500 fire department and site purchase bonds.
 SAN JOSEE San Miquel County, N. Mex. - BOND ELECTION.An election will be held on April 10 for th
of issuing $\$ 35,000$ school building bonds.
CAN MATEO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, San Mateo

SEBRING, Highlands County, Fla.- BOND OFFERING, A. A. M.
Wolfe, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids for $\$ 131,0006 \%$ special assess-
ment paving, series E bonds.
SHELBY, Toole County, Mont.- BOND ELEOTION.-On May 17,
an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing $\$ 45,000$ bonds.
SLATON, Lubbock County, Tex--BOND SALEE-The $\$ 100.000$ awarded to the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita at a premium of $\$ 3,626$. 6 equal to 103.62 a basis of about 5.24 . . Date Jan. 1192 . Due $\$ 2,000$. 1927 to 1946 , inclusive, and $\$ 3,000$. 1947 to 1966, inclusive.
SLATON CITY, Lubbock County, Tex.-BONDS REGISTERED.-
On March \& the State Comptroller of Texas registered an issue of $\$ 100,000$
$51 / 2 \%$ paving bonds. Due serially ander berially,
SMITHFIELD, Johnston County, No. Caro--BOND SALE.-The
$\$ 120,000$ street improvement \$120.000 street impohnement bonds off, No. Caro.-BOND SA March 15 (V. 122 E . 1207 ) The
were awarded to W. L. Slayton \& Co.. of Toledo. as 5 s at a premium of
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SMITHFIELD VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Jefferson County,
Ohio.-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids will be received (Eastern standard time) April 5 by W W W Thomasson, Clerk Board of ${ }^{\text {O }}$.
 the office of the Clerk of Board of Education, except that if said bonds are purchased by the Industrial Commission of Ohio. or by the State Teachers at the office of the Treasurer of State of Ohio. Columbus. Due each six March 11950 to Sept. 1 1951, incl. Certified check for $\$ 1$. and Payable and the state Teachers' Retirement System need not accompany their said bid with any certified check.
SOMERVILLE, Middlesex County, Mass.-TEMPORARY LOAN.F. S. Moseley \& Co. of Boston have purchased a $\$ 400,000$ temporary loan
on a $3.63 \%$ discount basis, plus a premium of $\$ 5$. Due Nov. 51926 . SOUTHBRIDGE, Worcester County, Mass.-TEMPORARY LOAN. loan on a $3.73 \%$ discount basis plus a premium of $\$ 11$. Due Nov, 41926 . SOUTHWEST GREENSBURG (P. O. Greensburg), Westmoreland bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 1207) were awarded to $\&$ Co. of Pittsburgh. Date Feb. i 1925. Due on Dec. 1 as follows:
$\$ 5,000,1929$, and $\$ 10,000,1935,1939,1942$ and 1945,1
SPOONER, Wachluin

SPOONER, Washburn County, Wis.-BOND ELECTION.-On April 6, an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of
Issuing $\$ 25,000$ coupon water works bonds. G. B. Sage, City STANTON, Montgomery County, Iowa.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 4,000$ the Carleton D. Beh Co. of Des Moines as $\dot{5}$ s at a p premium or $\$ 8$ warded to 102.20 . Denom. $\$ 500$. Due serially 1928 to 1937 , incl. Interest BOND DESCRIPTION.-The $\$ 7,000$ coupon improvement fund bonds p. 1207-at a premium of $\$ 200$, equal to 101, bear interest at the rate of
$5 \%$ and are described as pollows Denom. $\$ 500$. Due serially 1926 to STAPLES, Todd County, Minn.-CERTIFICATE ofFERING. for $\$ 1000006 \%$ certificates, of indebtedness. Date Dec. 1 Di 1925 . March 23
 STAUNTON, Augusta County, Va.-BOND ofFERING.-Olive H Stoddard, City clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m . April 13 for
$\$ 240,00043 \%$ coupon rer reistered school bonds. Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Due 1960, inclusive. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. \& S S.) payable in gold at City Treasurer s office. Legality to be approved by Thomson,
Woo \& Hoofman, New York City, A certified check for $2 \%$ of the bonds
Wid id for, payable to the requred.
STEPHEN, Marshall County, Minn--BOND ofFERING.-James
 stewartsville, De Kalb County, Mo.-bond sALE. Th ommerce Trust co. or Kansas city, has purchased an issue of $\$ 25.0005 \%$ mprovement bonds. Due in 5 to 20 years.
STRUTHERS, Mahoning County, Ohio--BOND SALE.-On Mar. date (V. 122, p. 1354) were awarded as follows: $\$$ $\$ 94,153,876 \%$ street impt. special assessment bonds at a premium of $\$ 3,935$ equal to 104.17 , a basis of about $4.71 \%$. Due on Oct. 1 as
folows. $\$ 19.00$, 1927 and $1928 ; \$ 18,15387$, 1929 and $\$ 19,000$.
To the Ohio State (Teachers Retirement System of Ohio:
$\$ 5,41913{ }_{51 / 2} \%$ (city's portion) street impt, bonds
qual to 102.88 , a basis of about $4.79 \%$. Due on Oct. 1 , as follows: $\$ 800,1927$ to 1929 incl.; $\$ 61913,1930$ and $\$ 800$,
1931 to 1933 incl

STUART, Palm Beach County, Fla.- BOND SALEE.-Prudden \& Co.
 Seaboard National Bank, incl. Prin. and int. (M. \& N.) payable at the Raymond.

Financial Statement.

## Assessed valuation (1926) Total bonded debt (inclu <br> Less sinking fund -.... <br> Less electric light bonds.

$8,427,428$
660,000

SUDAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P O S purchased on Feb. Tex.-BOND SALE.-Edgar Honnold of Oklahoma City SULLIVAN COUNTY (P. O. Sullivan), Ind- BOND OFFERING.Sealud bids will be received until 2 p . m. March 27 by Charles W. Coffman,
County Treasurer , for the following two issues of $41 / 2 \%$ coupon road bonds aggregating $\$ 9,100$ :
\$4,400 Jefferson
$\$ 4.400$ Jefferson Township road bonds.
4.700 Jefferson Township road bonds.
Treasurer check for $236 \%$ of the amount bid for, payable to the County SUMTER COUNTY (P, O. Sumter), So. Caro.-BOND OFFERING. sealed bids until 10 a. m. April 1 for $\$ 5.0005 \%$ coumpon road and brevide
bonds. Dated Jan. 1926 . Denom. $\$ 1.000$. Due $\$ 1,000$ Jan. 11950 to 1954 incl Prin, and int. (J. \& J.) payable in New York. The purchaser is
 procuring legal opinion to be paid by purchaser. A certified chec
SWAMPSCOTT, Essex
bids were received until 7 p . m. March 19 Mass.- NoTES OFERED.-Sealed
bames W. Libby. Town Treasurer, for 1000,000 revenue notes Dennominations to suit purchaser.
Due Nov, 10 1926. Payable at the First National Bank. Buston. TAHOKA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lynn County, Tex.-BONDS VOTED.-At the election held on March $6-\mathrm{V}$. 122 , p , (P. O. Frederick), Okla.
 TOM GREEN COUNTY (P, O. San Angelo), Tex,-BONDS OFMar, 18 for $\$ 500.0005 \%$ coupon nomin bonds. Dated Mar. 11926 . D. De-






Total indebtedness 25.000 . $\$ 999,09597$
TOPEKA, Shawnee County, Kan--BOND OFFERING.-F. L. Stevens, Finance Commissioner will receive sealed bids until $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{L}$. m .
Mar. 30 for $\$ 32,54241 / 2$ internal mprovenent bonds. Date Mar. 15
1926.
 in Topeka. Bonds soid subject to reejection by the Kansas State School
TRUMBULL COUNTY (P.O. Warren) Ohio.-BOND OFFERING.Sealed bids will be received untili 1 p . m. April 9 by David H. Wick, Clerk
Board oo County Commissiners for $\$ 3,0005 \%$. C . H. N. 35 , Section P
bonds. Denom. A. \& O.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Due each
six months as follows: 11.000 Aril and Oct. 11127 to April 1935 and
$\$ 2.000$ Oct. 1935 and $\$ 2.000$ April and Oct. 11936 A certified chect $\$ 2.000$ oct. 11935 and $\$ 2,000$ April and Oct. 11936 A certified check
for $\$ 1,000$, payable to F. F. Musser, County Treasurer, required. TULIA CITY, Swisher County, Tex.-BONDS REGISTERED.-On aagregating $\$ 103,500$.
$\$ 65,00051 / \%$ street improvement bonds.
Due serially. refunding bonds.
TYLER, Summit County, Tex.-BONDS VOTED.-At the election held on Mar. 12 (V. $122, \mathrm{p}$. 1061 ) the voters authorized the issuance of
$\$ 50.000$ street impromement bonds. It was proposed to subscribe 825,000 was defeated by 236 votes of an auditorium. This measure, however. of 569 votes, and under charter provisions the entire $\$ 50,000$ must be used in the paving program. A total of 2,339 votes was polled.
UNDERWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Pottawattamie County, Iowa. mate count of 160 for to 100 agains
UNION COUNTY (P. O. Elizabeth), N. J. - BOND OFFERING.-
Sealed bids will be received until $12 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{Mar} .29$ by N. R. Leavitt, County Treasurer. for an issue of $41 /$ or $41 / 2 \%$ coupon (registerable at the ountion
of the hoider as to principal only or as to both principal and interest) road, bridge and building bonds, not to exceed $\$ 1.698,000$ no more bonds

 check on an incorporated bank or trust company for $2 \%$ of the amount of
bonds bid bonds bid for, payable to the County of Union, required. Legality ap-
proved by Reed, Dougherty \& Hoyt of New York.
VICKSBURG, Warren County, Miss.-BOND orFERING.-Sealed
 $\$ 4,000,1932$ to 1946 incl.; and $\$ 5,000,1947$ to 1951 incl. to 1931 incl.; approved by Thomson, Wood \& Hoffman, of New Yorincipal only. City. A certified
check for 5 The
WAHKIAKUM COUNTY (P. O. Cathlamet), Wash.- - BOND OF-
FERING.-Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk, Board of County Commissioners. until 2 p. m. Apr. A for siod on the county. bonds. Due in 15 an-
nual installments. A certified check for $2 \%$ required. nual installments. A certified check for $2 \%$ required.
WARRENTON, Warren County, No. Caro.-BOND SALE.-Thé were awarded to $R$. $S$. Dickson \& Co. of Gastonia at 97 , a basis of about $5.34 \%$ Date March 1 1926.
and \$1,000, 1931 to 1946, incl.
W27.000 coupon water works systy, III.-BOND SALE.-On Mar. 9 the 355) were awarded to Hill system bonds offered on that date (V). 122 , p .


Due on Sept. 1 as follows: $\$ 1,000,1928$ to 1933 incl.; $\$ 1,500,1934$ to 1939
incl., and $\$ 2,000,1940$ to 1945 incl. WASHBURN, MeLean County, No. Dak.- BONDS VOTED.-At a by a count of 171 to 62 against.
WATERTOWN, Middlesex County, Mass.-LOAN offering.Sealed bids will be received until $3: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. March 22 by the City Treasurer

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WAUWATOSA, Milwaukee County, Wis-BOND SALE.-The
 Chicayo at a premium of $\$ 925$, equal to 101.85, a basis of about $4.29 \%$.
Date March 151926 . Due March 15 as follows: $\$ 2,000,1927$ to 1936 , incl., and $\$ 3,000,1937$ to 1946, incl
WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Greeley), Colo. - BOND ELECTION -SALE.-An election will be held on April 8 for the burnds have been purchased by Bosworth, Chanute \& Co., and the International Trust Co,, both of Denver, joi
WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19 (P. O. Fort Lupton), Colo.-PRE-ELECTION SALE - Bosworth, Chanute \& Co of Denver Colo. - PRE-CLEed an issue of s18,
have purn
being voted at a coming election.
WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO, 23 (P. O. Greeley) Colo. - PRE-ELECTION SALE.-Benwell \& Co. of Denver have purchased an issue of $\$ 15,00041 / 2 \%$ school bonds
at a coming election. Due serially.
WHITE COUNTY (P. O. Monticello), Ind.-BOND OFFERING.Sealed bids win be recer $\$ 24,00041 / 5 \%$ Princeton Township road bonds. Denom. $\$ 1,200$. Dated March 151926 . Int. M. \& N. Due $\$ 1,200$
Lay and Nov. 151927 to 1936, incl
WILCOX, Kearney County, Neb-BOND ELECTION.-An election will be held on April 6 fo
WILDWOOD, Cape May County, N. J.-BOND OFERING.-Sealed bids will be received until $2: 30 \mathrm{p}$. M. March 30 by O. A. Heil, Jr., City principal only or as to both principal and interest, school bonds not to of $\$ 1,000$ or over, $\$ 275,000$. Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Date April 151926. Prin. and semi-ann, int. (A. Due on Apabil 15 as follows: $\$ 10,000,1927$ to 1931, incl., and $\$ 15,000,1932$ to 1946 , incl. Cert. check on an incorporated Robert J. Kay, City Treasurer, required. Legality approved by Caldwell $\&$ Raymond of New York. Bonds will be deilivered to the successful bidder at the office of the City rreasurer thereater as they may be prepared.
WINDOM, Cottonwood County, Minn--BOND ELECTION.-On April 6 an election will be held for the
of issuing $\$ 10,000$ land purchase bonds.
WYLIE, Collin County, Texas.-BOND ELECTION.-An election will be held on March
$\$ 40,000$ school bonds.
YORK, York County, So. Caro-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 100,000$ water and sewer bonds offered on March $16-\mathrm{V}$. 122 , p . 1355 -were $\$$ awarded to Ryan, Sutherland \& Co. or
ZAVALLA-DIMMIT COUNTIES WATER IMPROVEMENT DISelection will be held on March 29 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing $\$ 70,0006 \%$ water bonds.

## CANADA, Provinces and its Municipalities.

BARTON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Hamilton), Ont.-BOND SALE.-On March 15 the $\$ 8,1315^{1 / 2} \%$,year straight term road and sidewalk bonds Co., of Toronto, at 103.55 - a basis of about $5.04 \%$.
BASIN OF CHAMBLY, Yue.-BOND OFFERING.-Bids will be received up to 6 p . m . March 23 for the purchase of $\$ 70,0005 \% 30$-year
serial bonds, dated Feb. 11926 , and in denom, of $\$ 100, \$ 500$ and $\$ 1,000$ each. R. Perrault, Secretary-Treasurer
DALHOUSIE PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ${ }^{1}$ (P. O. Dal-

 Due serialy from March 11927 to 1951 inclusive.
EDMONTON, Alta.-BOND SALE,-Wood. Gundy \& Co., Cochran, Hay \& Co., McLeod, Young, Weir \& Co.. Macneill, Graham \& Co. McDonagh. Somers \& Co., C. H. Burgess \& Co., and Gairdner, Clarke \&
Co., all of Toronto, purchased the following 13 issues of bonds aggregating .
$\$ 237,78534$ as follows:
$\$ 200231$ krading streets bonds. Due in 8 years.
3,00692 bituminouss walks bonds. Due in 10 years.
69.20538 bituminous walks bonds. Due in 10 years.
69.200000 bridges bonds. Due in 15 years.
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. 92104 plank sideewalks bonds. Due in 5 years.
16, Tho 43 sidewalk construction bonds. Due in 10 years.
7.0000 Aberta Ave paving bonds. Due in 20 years.

13,80703 curb and gutter bonds. Due in 20 years.
1,56024 concrete walks bonds. Due in 20 years.
1,04199 widening 122 nd St . bonds. Due in 20 years.
$\$ 90,800$ water works extension bonds. Due in 30 years
18.100 sewer construction bonds. Due in 30 years.
12.000 sewer construction bonds. Due in 30 yers.
12.000 sewer construction bonds. Due in 30 years.
The above issues were sold at 101.37.

NOVA SCOTIA (Province of).-BOND OFFERING.-E. H. Rhodes, 3 p. m. standard time) March 23 for the purchase of $\$ 5,000,0004 \%$ or $41, \%$ coupon bonds to be issued for the following purposes:
$\$ 1,500,000$ bonds to be issued under an Act of the prese.
$\$ 1,500,000$ bonds to be issued under an Act of the present session of the of the Public Service of the Province for the purpose of paying and retiring two Treasury Bills of \$750,000 each, entered into
1,500,000 bends to be issued under an. Act of the present session of the Legislature to provide for an derraying certain charges and expen of the
of the Public Service of the Province towards of the Public Service of the Province, towards paying and
retiring bonds of the Province maturing April 11926
2,000,000 bonds to be issued under an Act of the present session of the
Legislature to provide for defraying certian charges and expenses of the Public Service of the Province, for the purpose of paying Bonds will be dated April 11926. ive bonds may be registered as to principal at the office of the Pe DefiniTreasurer. Interim bonds without coupons, authorizing the holders to delivery of definitive bonds when engraved. to the amount specified in the
interim bonds, will be ready for delivery April 1 1926. Definitive bonds will be engraved as soon as possible. Interim and definitive bonds to be delivered to purchaser and payment for same to be made at the Agency of the Royal Bank of Canada or the agency of the Canadian Bank of Com-
merce, New York. Bids are requested to be made for the full amount of borce, New 20 -year bonds, prin. $\&$ int. payable in Halifax, Montreal, Toronto or N . Y. 10-year bonds, prin. \& int. payable in Halifax, Montreal, Toronto or N . Y. Y
3-year bonds, prin. \& int. payable in Halifax, Montreal. Toronto or N . Y .
2-var The total amount of bonds to be issued as above mentioned will be for a sum sufficient to realize $\$ 5,000,000$
PEMBROKE, Ont.-BOND SALEE-On March 15 the following twe issues of $5 \%$ bonds, aggregating S60,515 22, offered on that date (V. 522 , §. $\$ 54,2441$ were alw improvement bonds. Due in 1936 .
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water-works extension bonds. Due in 1956 .
ate April 15 1926. Other bidders were: in 1956 .
Bidders





SALABERRY DE YALLEEYFIELD, Que.-BOND OFFERING.-Bids will be received up to $7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. March 24 for the purchase of $\$ 175,0005 \%$ $30-$ year serial bonds, dated Nov. ${ }^{1} 1926$, and payable at Valleyfield and
Montreal. Bonds are in denom. of $\$ 500$ and multiples. L.J. Boyer, Clerk.
SASKATOON, Sask.-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids will be received up to 12 o clock noon April 8 for the purchase of $\$ 109,7315 \% 10$, 15,20 bonds payable in Canada only, and payable in Canada and New York
Andrew Leslie, City Commissioner. Andrew Leslie, City Commissioner.
TORONTO, Ont.-BOND OFFERING.- Sealed bids will be received $\$ 4,995,00041 / 5 \%$ city bonds. Payable in Canada and London. Legality

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