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The Financial Situation.

The vigorous rally in nearly all classes of securities, which ran through last week, has not been continued into this week, but rather prices have been fluctuating in moderate swings not far from the high point of the rally. This has been particularly true of high grade bonds and stocks of the best quality, with thoroughly established dividends. The market at present is characterized by discriminating investment buying rather than by speculative movements. The evidence of this is seen in the continued eagerness of absorption of all high grade offerings.

The conspicuous issue of the week was made on Thursday morning by a large syndicate headed by the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh. It comprised \$37,000,000 Duke-Price Power Co., Ltd., first mortgage 6s, 1966. The bonds were offered at par, yielding 6%, and went to a premium early Thursday morning and were quoted Friday evening at 101½@102. This offering constitutes financing in connection with a development which is typical of the highest type of modern business organization, utilizing the latest scientific information and world resources, and organizing to reach world markets. A great many years ago Andrew W. Mellon and his brother at Pittsburgh backed with a modest sum Mr. Arthur B. Davis and associates in development of a process of making aluminum from bauxite ore. Since that time surplus earnings have been going into the development of the properties, which to-day represent more than \$150,000,000. The production of aluminum requires bauxite and cheap power in large quantities. To-day the Aluminum Company of America owns the principal bauxite deposits throughout the world, and operates approximately 600,000 horse-power in power plants. The company

has the controlling interest in the new Duke-Price Power Co., Ltd., which is developing a power plant with a present capacity of 450,000 horse-power, and an ultimate capacity of 540,000 or more. The plant is located near tidewater on the lower St. Lawrence River. To this bauxite can be cheaply transported from the company's huge deposits near tidewater on the Orinoco River, South America. The new power company will furnish power to the Aluminum Co., the Shawinigan Water & Power Co., which serves 50 communities in Ontario, including Quebec and Montreal, and to a number of large paper companies.

This building of large industrial units at points of vantage in the world, with every facility provided by science and unlimited capital is typical of modern industry, and is setting the pace in competition in which all industry must contend. The low costs of the products of such enterprises tend not only to bring down the cost of living throughout the world, but to afford competition with which less well organized business units cannot successfully contend. This stimulates improvement.

The development of large low cost business units, however, is not always productive of general good in the first instance, as is made clear by a study of the existing depression in the textile industry. This was one of the first great industries to be developed, and goes back in more or less modern form for more than 100 years. Ownership is not highly concentrated. There appears to be ample capacity, or even excess capacity for present world requirements. As a result, prices have been declining for some time, and manufacturing profits have been small, and in many cases absent. One of the longest and most intense depressions in the history of the industry prevails. Notwithstanding this, there are many concerns that are working night and day and making large profits. These mills have certain characteristics in common. Their managements possess the foresight needed to keep production in line with the public demand. Their organization is such that their operating costs are lower than the average in the industry, and for the most part they are running two or three shifts a day, so that the burden of sustaining the capital invested in plants is relatively light. These pace-makers of industry are providing the world with cheaper cloth than it would have otherwise, but their competition is exceedingly hard upon their less efficient rivals.

The only sure and permanent way out of the present difficult situation is for the rank and file of the industry to come up to the efficiency of the leaders. It will not be at all surprising to see a concentration of properties in this industry under

the skillful hands of those comparatively few men who are conducting successful operations under present conditions. This situation is world-wide in extent. Practically the same conditions prevail in the United States, Europe and elsewhere. There are, of course, other major factors causing depression, such as the large surplus of cotton at the present time, currency inflation in France, the impoverishment of Russia, the disturbances in China, the increase in the supply of cotton in India, and the fact that raw materials of textiles did not get down to the general post-war level of commodities as early as most other commodities, so that major adjustments are probably being made at present.

During the week there has been a considerable budget of constructive developments. Chief among these has been the signing of the agreement for funding the French debt to the United States Government. There has been surprise that the French franc, now about 3.30 cents, has not responded to this favorable development. Possibly, however, the French Government intends to stabilize near the present level and has the situation in hand. The United States Steel Corporation has placed its stock on a 7% basis, comparing with the regular rate of 5% paid during the past ten years, with extras from time to time, the extras making the total distribution 7% during recent years. While this does not provide for increase in the cash distribution, it nevertheless is an impressive gesture indicative of confidence in the continuation of favorable business conditions by a body of men occupying a commanding financial position in the world. The declaration was accompanied by an excellent report of earnings for the first three months of this year.

The Senate Committee on Irrigation and Reclamation has reported favorably in respect to the Boulder Dam bill, involving an expenditure of \$125,000,000 for developing the Colorado River Basin. A proper development of this project would be a matter of major importance to the nation, as there is possibility of providing some 6,000,000 horse-power, and of opening up through irrigation several million acres of what should prove to be one of the richest portions of the earth. It is estimated that this valley can be made very productive and support many millions of people under proper conditions.

The first 57 railroads to report their March earnings showed an increase of 8.9% in gross revenues and an increase of 28.7% in net income over the corresponding month in 1925, the net having risen from \$58,070,000 to \$74,779,000. Car loadings for the latest week were up 35,429 over the preceding week and 41,091 as compared with the corresponding week last year. The railroads have not had much of anything in the way of rate increases for a number of years, but they have gained materially in net income through increasing efficiency, and many of them are making determined efforts to create and develop traffic by providing superior service. The Boston & Maine, for instance, has recently shortened the time of all of its trains, and put into service a number of new crack trains, the result of which is already manifest in increasing passenger traffic. The reports of automobile companies for the first three months of this year have almost all shown record-breaking outputs, and in many cases the profits have been above those of any corresponding period. In the recent recovery in the stock market the automobile group has shown a greater percent-

age of recovery than any other group, and General Motors stock the present week recorded its highest price for the year. The recent reduction in Canadian duties on automobiles is considerably curtailing the Canadian industry, and probably will have the result of passing some business over the border to American firms. Henry Ford, however, has announced that the necessity to sell at lower prices will bring about greater efficiency, and that he sees no reason why Canadian built machines cannot compete with American machines. This is frank testimony for freedom of trade, which Mr. Ford favors as a universal principle.

This has been a week of important action with respect to European war debts to the United States. That of France easily has taken the lead. Just when the agreement was reached by the representatives of the two Governments that had the negotiations directly in hand has not been made public. The agreement was signed in Washington Thursday afternoon (April 29). In a special Washington dispatch under that date to the New York "Times" the action and the chief features of the agreement were outlined as follows: "An agreement for the funding of the French war-time debt of about \$4,000,000,000 to the United States, under which France undertakes to pay a total of \$6,847,674,102 over a period of sixty-two years, was signed this afternoon by the American Debt Commission and Ambassador Berenger, after President Coolidge had given his approval. The terms had already been endorsed by cable by Premier Briand. To become finally binding the compact must be ratified by the French and American legislative bodies. While the terms for the first ten years call for payments less by \$35,000,000 than those offered by former Finance Minister Caillaux last October, the total to be paid in sixty-two years is \$627,000,000 larger and there is no safeguard clause which would make the payments by France dependent upon receipt of German reparations. For this reason it is felt that ratification by Congress is assured and the leniency of the terms in the early years is expected to result in favorable action by the French Senate and Chamber. Under the agreement payments are \$30,000,000 for the first and second years, \$32,500,000 for the third and fourth years and \$35,000,000 for the fifth year. They then increase to a maximum of \$125,000,000 in the seventeenth year, continue at that level until the sixty-first year, and there is a final payment of \$117,674,104. No interest is charged for the first five years, and after that the interest, averaged, would be about 1.58%. The present-day value, under the agreement figured at 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ % over sixty-two years, is a shade more than 50% of the principal of the French debt, as opposed to 26% in the Italian agreement and 78% in the British compact. A clause will be written into the final form of the agreement granting to France the right to delay an individual payment in the first five years, for three years from the date it falls due, if France so desires, but this must be repaid before there can be other delays. A similar clause, granting a period of grace of two years, is in the British agreement." According to a special Washington dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune" under the same date, "emphatic refusal of the American Commission even to consider the so-called 'safety clause,' which would have provided for reconsideration should economic conditions in

France, especially the failure of German reparations, make it seem essential. The French were most insistent on this, but yielded when they discovered that the American Debt Commission would not consider the insertion of any such clause. It is understood here that the attitude of the French is that the present 'hard-hearted' attitude of America, as they see it, will pass with time, and that later on they will be able to obtain a substantial revision of the agreement. This is said to be the reason they are so anxious to avoid larger payments during the first few years, and why Ambassador Berenger, to obtain smaller early payments, was willing to agree to larger payments later on than the Caillaux Commission had been willing to consider."

The fact that a settlement had been signed was said to have been a surprise in Paris. The New York "Herald Tribune" representative at that centre cabled late Thursday night that "the American debt settlement came as a great surprise, not only to official circles here, but to press and public alike. After the Cabinet had debated the situation at length to-day, President Doumergue had called another meeting for to-morrow, in an effort to conciliate the differences which seemed to exist between Ambassador Berenger and the American Commission. This meeting will be held to-morrow morning and instead of outlining how far France is able to go toward a settlement will be called on to accept or reject the provisional agreement that was reached so unexpectedly at Washington. Premier Briand to-night was not advised that any agreement had been reached, having retired at 9 p. m., two hours before the first word reached Paris."

Commenting upon the probable action of the United States Senate, the Washington representative of the "Herald Tribune" said in a dispatch late Thursday night that "bitter opposition from a minority in both Houses of Congress to the settlement of the French debt reached to-day was apparent from a canvass of the two Houses to-night. The terms were not made public until too late for many Senators and Representatives to obtain a clear idea as to what had been done, but publication of some of the details in advance had given a sufficient inkling of what would come to reveal the line-up rather accurately. The settlement will be vigorously opposed by most, but not all, of the Senators who fought the Italian settlement, while it is expected that a small group of Senators who voted in favor of the Italian settlement will oppose the French. The fight against ratification will be led by Senator Reed, of Missouri, and Howell, of Nebraska, both of whom think the British settlement was far too liberal. Mr. Howell was not in the Senate when the British settlement was approved, but has opposed all the settlements since and has often voiced disapproval of the British terms. There seems to be no question, however, that the settlement will be ratified by both Houses of Congress if time is allowed to push it to a vote in the Senate before adjournment."

Even a week ago, according to Washington dispatches, the outlook was favorable for reaching an agreement during the present week on the French war debt to the United States. The Washington representative of the New York "Times" said on the evening of April 24, "that an agreement for the funding of the French war-time debt to the United

States of more than \$4,000,000,000 will be reached some time next week appeared pretty well assured after a meeting to-day of the American Debt Commission, at which the offer submitted yesterday by M. Berenger, the French Ambassador, was discussed." He added that "members of the Commission refused to go into the details of the proposition, but it was said informally that M. Berenger's offer was much more satisfactory than the one made by former Finance Minister Caillaux last October, and that there seemed good reason for the belief that adjustments could be obtained which would make it acceptable to the American Government."

Following the session of the American Debt Commission on Monday morning, official announcement was made that "the initial offer by Ambassador Berenger for payment of the French debt to the United States was not acceptable." It was added that "the offer, however, is much better than that made by Joseph Caillaux as head of the French Funding Mission, and will be used as the basis for further negotiation. There is genuine optimism that an agreement will be reached." Continuing, the New York "Evening Post" correspondent said: "The Berenger proposal is not viewed as being a final one. It was offered as a trading basis. On its rejection, the Ambassador will pretend to defer to Premier Briand and Finance Minister Peret, who know already how far they are prepared to go, to gain an agreement, obtain new credits in New York, put the franc on its feet and merit the approval of the major body of French public opinion." Word came from Paris the same afternoon, through an Associated Press dispatch, that "the Finance Committee of the Chamber of Deputies generally approved Ambassador Berenger's negotiations at Washington after Premier Briand and Finance Minister Peret explained the situation this afternoon." The correspondent further stated that "consequently, it is learned, the final accord with the United States will find a favorable majority in the committee." It became known at the same time that "M. Peret told the committee he was leaving for London after the American accord was accomplished, probably early next week, to negotiate with Chancellor of the Exchequer Churchill."

As the week progressed the advices, both from Washington and Paris, particularly the former, seemed to show that progress was being made in the negotiations. The American Debt Commission was said to have insisted that "M. Berenger, the French Ambassador, revise his offer for the funding of France's war-time debt by raising the annuities for the first five years to more than \$25,000,000 and also to make adjustment in payments for later years so as to bring the total nearer the \$7,500,000,000 which some of the Commissioners feel is the least this country should accept."

With respect to this point it was stated in a special Paris cable dispatch to the New York "Times" on April 26 that "the news that the American Debt Funding Commission has asked for revision of the French settlement terms has not caused any great surprise in Paris. Indeed, such is French opinion of the Washington Commission that the only surprising result would have been the Commission's acceptance of the proposals. Details are still lacking as to the manner in which it is proposed the revision should be made. If it is a question of larger pay-

ments during immediate years, then there seems very little chance of any hurried acceptance on the French side." The New York "Herald Tribune" correspondent in the French capital gave quite a different impression as to the attitude of the French Government leaders. He reported that "evidently with advance news of the American Debt Funding Commission's refusal to accept in its entirety the French proposal for settling the war debt, Premier Briand and Finance Minister Peret appeared this afternoon before the Chamber Finance Commission to pave the way for further concessions which may be found necessary to meet the American point of view. America's right to an equitable settlement, not only from a moral and political angle but also from a financial point of view, was vigorously upheld by the Premier, who urged the necessity of France's reaching an agreement which would regain American good-will and re-establish normal relations between the two countries."

Word came from Paris Thursday afternoon (April 29) that "the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate, after sending the budget backward and forward all day yesterday and last night, finally reached an agreement and passed it shortly before dawn to-day. Parliament then adjourned until May 27. The figures of the budget as finally voted show receipts of 37,498,000,000 francs and expenditures of 37,338,000,000 francs, thus giving a surplus of 160,000,000 francs." In a later wireless Paris message to the New York "Times" the same evening the following details were given: "At 3.30 o'clock this morning the French budget for 1926, which should have been voted before the first of the year, got the final approval of the Senate and Chamber. It had been under discussion in commission and Parliament since Finance Minister Caillaux first presented it last July. It has been modified and redrafted half a dozen times in its major outlines and changed almost completely in details. Its passage has entailed the ousting of five Finance Ministers—Caillaux, Painlevé, Bonnet, Loucheur and Doumer—and provoked the downfall of Painlevé's Cabinet and Briand's first Ministry. In amount—37,500,000,000 francs—it is the largest budget ever voted, and its passage has provoked many records in oratorical effort, in the number of night sessions and in bitterness of polemics. Only its final results have been satisfactory."

Now that a settlement of the French debt to the United States has been reached, negotiations are to be taken up by the French Government with Great Britain with respect to closer relations. Word came from Paris yesterday morning that "President Doumergue of France, accompanied by Premier Briand, will make a State visit to London on June 22. To this announcement, made here to-day, considerable importance is attached, as it is hoped that the visit will lead to a reaffirmation of the entente between the two great Allies." According to a special wireless message to the New York "Times" at the same time, "when President Doumergue and Premier Briand arrive in London on June 23 for a three-day State visit they will be the guests of King George at Buckingham Palace. There will be a State banquet on the night of their arrival." It was added that, "although this is not the first time that French statesmen have been so honored, it is probable that the invitation was intended as a special gesture of

friendliness toward France at a time when, as stated a few days ago by Sir Austen Chamberlain, the peace of Europe depends so greatly on cordial agreement between the two former Allies."

Plans for the settlement of war debts to the United States have been ratified by the United States Senate in rapid succession, following the action in the Italian plan late last week. On Monday (April 26) the Belgian plan was approved by a vote of 55 to 20. The New York "Herald Tribune" representative in Washington said that "the majority of thirty-five in the Senate for the Belgian debt settlement caused much surprise, as the margin for the Italian settlement was only nineteen." The next day agreements with Latvia, Esthonia and Rumania were favorably acted upon by the Senate. The vote on the settlement with Latvia was 50 to 18 and on the other two 51 to 16. In a special Washington dispatch to the New York "Times" on the evening of April 27 it was set forth that "the amounts involved in the compact ratified to-day are as follows: Latvia, \$5,775,000; Esthonia, \$13,830,000; Rumania, \$44,590,000. The funded debts which have been approved by Senate and House include, in addition to the foregoing, those with Belgium, Great Britain, Hungary, Finland, Italy, Lithuania and Poland. Those still to be adjusted are with France, \$4,377,000,000; Russia, \$225,200,000; Jugoslavia, \$65,400,000; Armenia, \$14,960,000, and Greece, \$17,600,000." It became known Wednesday afternoon that "the Senate cleared its calendar of war debt settlements to-day by approving the agreement with Czechoslovakia for the funding of its \$185,000,000 obligation to the United States. The vote was 53 to 17." On the same afternoon "President Coolidge signed the Italian debt compact, thereby making it effective." Yesterday he signed the French agreement.

Much less progress, in fact, no real progress, was reported to have been made as a result of the negotiations with respect to the debt of Russia, under the old regime, to France. It was asserted in a special Paris dispatch to the New York "Times" on April 24 that "the negotiations which have been going on for several weeks between France and Russia for payment of the Czarist debt to this country have broken down. In fact, it became known here to-day that the sessions which have been held daily at the Quai d'Orsay by representatives of both nations had been suspended since the beginning of the week, so far apart did the negotiators find themselves. M. de Monzie, head of the French delegation, frankly informed the Soviet delegates that it was useless to go on in view of the radical divergence of opinion expressed by France and Russia, but the Russians, it is stated, have become greatly worried over the impending breakup of the conference. The Soviet Ambassador to France, M. Rakowsky, conferred at considerable length with Premier Briand and succeeded in obtaining a delay during which time the two nations 'will rest on their respective positions' for a period not yet fixed."

The negotiations between the French and Spanish Governments and representatives of Abd-el-Krim, the Riffian leader, have continued. Announcement was made in an Associated Press dispatch from El Aioun, French Morocco, on April 24 that "a plenary session of the French, Spanish and Riffian peace

delegations was convened here at 3 o'clock this afternoon."

According to a special cable dispatch from Taourirt, Morocco, to the New York "Times" the next day the Riffian delegates were becoming rather impatient. It was stated that "Si Mohammed Azerkane, Foreign Minister of the Riff and Abd-el-Krim's chief peace delegate, complained in his first unrestricted interview with the correspondents that the Riffian envoys were tired of being taken from one little town or army post to another. 'We came here from the Riff to participate in a peace conference at Oudja,' he said, 'but we have not yet been permitted to enter Oudja. We are housed very comfortably and M. Gabrielli is very fair to us, but we have come to make peace, if that is possible, and we are anxious that the conference actually should begin here. If we delay much longer here the Riffian people will become suspicious. They will think we are waiting here in secret conference with the Spanish and French instead of going to Oudja, as had been planned when Abd-el-Krim sent us. They will wonder if perhaps we are not making some secret bargain of our own.'"

There appeared to be a determination on the part of the French and Spanish to hurry the negotiations and to blame the other side for the delay. Announcement was made in an Associated Press dispatch from Paris on April 26 that "the Havas Agency declares that France and Spain have decided to limit the peace discussions with the Riffians at Oudja to May 1, and that if an agreement is not reached by that day a military offensive will be started."

According to all the accounts, the preliminary conferences or "conversations" did not accomplish anything definite. In a special cable dispatch from Oudja, Morocco, to the New York "Times" on April 26 it was stated that "the fruitless preliminary conversations between the French, Spanish and Riffians were cut off short to-day on instructions from Paris and Madrid and the formal peace conference was convened soon after 6 o'clock this evening. The first meeting lasted but ten minutes and the next session will convene at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. During the brief initial conference General Simon, head of the French delegation, outlined in behalf of the French and Spanish the program which will be followed to-morrow. There was no discussion. Si Mohammed Azerkane, the leader of the Riffian delegates, was then escorted back to the Moorish house placed at his disposal during the conference, and a few minutes later he received the newspaper correspondents. To countless questions he raised tired eyes from the low couch upon which he reclined and replied in a soft voice: 'We wish peace. We hope to establish it as soon as possible. We are happy with our first reception, but only Allah knows how long it will take to reach an agreement.'"

The assertion was made in a special Paris dispatch to the New York "Times" on April 28 that the French and Spanish intended to use heroic measures if necessary to bring the Riffians to time. According to the dispatch, "everything is in readiness for the launching of a sharp, decisive offensive against the Riffians next Saturday if by then the representatives of Abd-el-Krim have not unconditionally accepted the four essential terms presented to them by France and Spain. This was learned in Paris to-

night from an official source, where it was explained that France as well as Spain could not tolerate any longer the dilatory tactics of the Riff delegates. It is therefore quite likely that to-morrow, or Friday morning at the latest, General Simon will say in effect to Si Mohammed Azerkane and his aids: 'These are our terms. You have had plenty of time to consider and discuss them. You must now give us a yes or no answer without further requests for concessions or delays. Otherwise war will be resumed.'"

Word came from Oudja, French Morocco, the next day, through an Associated Press dispatch, that "the Riffians have accepted the Franco-Spanish demand for a reply to their peace terms before May 1. A courier from Abd-el-Krim was expected to arrive from Targuist during the afternoon, and when the conference reconvenes at 6.30 p. m. a decisive turn in the negotiations, either toward war or peace, is expected." It was added that "the French military authorities declared this afternoon that the advance movement of their outposts south of the Ouergha River was now concluded. The only object of the movement, they said, was to relieve the friendly tribesmen who held the line during the rainy season."

Announcement was made in Paris yesterday afternoon that the Riffians had been given two or three days longer in which to make their reply. The Associated Press representative at that centre cabled that "the Riffians have one more chance to confer with Abd-el-Krim before replying definitely to the Franco-Spanish peace offers. War Minister Painleve announced upon leaving a conference with Premier Briand to-day that the tribesmen 'have until the second or third of May.'"

Although acts and statements of Benito Mussolini, Premier and Dictator of Italy, in recent weeks, are said to have been disturbing to Great Britain and several other Powers, they do not appear to have troubled Aristide Briand, Premier and Foreign Minister of France. In fact, the latter apparently is a defender and champion of Mussolini's foreign policies. According to an Associated Press dispatch from Paris on April 23, "Premier Briand, replying to a Socialist interpellation in the Chamber of Deputies this morning, said he was convinced that Premier Mussolini was trying to realize Italy's legitimate aspirations and that the Italian Premier did not wish to disturb the peace of Europe." The correspondent added that "he took occasion to warn the Chamber that France was not ready to 'indicate to other peoples the manner in which they ought to govern themselves,' pointing out that this 'hands-off' policy was not confined to Italy alone, but applied to Russia and Hungary, as well as every other country with which France had relations." The New York "Herald Tribune" representative in the French capital cabled that "M. Briand summed up by saying: 'In the actual state of Europe and the whole world France will constantly be an agent for peace.' This phrase drew thunderous applause from the Chamber."

In the following excerpt from a special cable dispatch from Rome to the New York "Herald Tribune" on April 29, an excellent idea of Mussolini's attitude and policies is given: "'If it is my lot to die,' declared Premier Mussolini to-day, in a speech before an enthusiastic demonstration of members of the

Chamber of Deputies on the occasion of the Duce's reopening of Parliament, 'all necessary arrangements have been made for Fascism to continue firmly holding Italy's destinies in its hands, whatever may arise.' In these words Signor Mussolini for the first time made a specific answer to the charge that Fascism will crumble up on his death. Referring to the attempt on his life, he said: 'Mussolini wants a share in danger. Nor does he intend to lose contact with the Fascist Party or the Italian people. I have no intention of hiding myself from the public or of living in guarded seclusion. April 7 was a rather lively day, but not because of the happening at the Capitol, but because of what happened in regard to Africa.' The Chamber officially and enthusiastically expressed thanksgiving for Signor Mussolini's escape and after a rousing ovation, Signor Casertano, President of the Chamber, concluded a speech by saying: 'God has given Mussolini to us. Beware who touches him!'

The much-discussed treaty between Germany and Russia has been signed. This took place in Berlin on April 24. The Berlin representative of the New York "Times," in a wireless dispatch that evening, said, "with the simplicity befitting the Spartan traditions of the Teutonic and Soviet Republics the Russo-German treaty, guaranteeing the reciprocal neutrality of the high contracting Powers in the event of either being attacked by another nation, was signed this afternoon in the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs by Foreign Minister Stresemann and M. Krestinsky, the Russian Ambassador." Announcement was made in the same dispatch also that "the Luther Cabinet this morning unanimously approved the treaty without discussion. President von Hindenburg immediately gave Dr. Stresemann formal authorization to sign for Germany. The Foreign Minister then called in the leaders of all the Reichstag parties except the Communists and the Ludendorff Voelkische chiefs, which are considered outside the political pale, and outlined the agreement to them, without, however, disclosing its exact wording."

The text of the treaty was made available in Berlin Monday evening for publication the next morning (April 27). In a special wireless message to the New York "Times" from that centre on Monday evening it was declared that "Germany's Locarno and League of Nations Policy remains unaltered by the so-called neutrality treaty between Communist Russia and republican Germany, issued to-night for publication. But political and economic co-operation between the two major Powers of Central and Eastern Europe is to be so close as to constitute a comprehensive entente cordiale, though with the military background left out—at least both sides so aver. Consultative collaboration, which is practically unlimited, obviously is the most important feature of the new accord, since it begins at once and is not subject, like other clauses of the instrument, to hypothetical eventualities. The contemplated contract 'to insure mutual understanding' is defined as covering 'all questions of a political or economic nature affecting the two countries.'"

The principal features of the treaty were outlined in greater detail as follows: 1. Germany and Russia insure mutual neutrality, both military and economic, in the event of a declaration of war against either emanating from a third Power actuated by

motives of unprovoked aggression. 2. Germany, basing her position on her interpretation of the Covenant of the League of Nations, as concurred in by the other Powers participating in the League settlement, binds herself to participate in no action, economic or otherwise, directed against Russia by the League of Nations, provided that the German representative in the League negotiations preliminary to such an action decides that no proper grounds exist for warranting Germany's participation. 3. The friendly relations between Germany and Russia established by the Rapallo treaty are to be further strengthened through consultations on a permanent basis regarding political and economic questions. 4. All disputes that may arise between Germany and Russia out of the present Russo-German treaty on the one hand and the Locarno accords and Germany's entrance into the League of Nations on the other, shall be submitted for settlement to a non-partisan court of arbitration."

The treaty seems to have been received in London without apprehension. Sir Austen Chamberlain was said to have given expression to this idea at the Anglo-French luncheon in the British capital on April 26. The impression conveyed in French Government circles was quite different, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Paris on the afternoon of April 27. It stated that "the Russo-German treaty, received in official form at the French Foreign Office this morning, created a most unfavorable impression. The Foreign Office experts will carefully examine the text before any decision is taken as to what steps may be necessary. It is said that Germany is likely to be asked to explain the apparent conflict between the terms of the treaty and Article 16 of the League of Nations' covenant before she is admitted to the League in September."

It was explained that "Article 16 of the League covenant binds the members of the League mutually to support one another in any financial and economic measures which may be taken against a covenant-breaking State. Article 3 of the Russo-German treaty, as given out in Berlin, sets forth that should a coalition be formed with the object of imposing an economic or financial boycott against one of the two signatories of the present treaty the other will not join in such a coalition."

The correspondent added that "a Foreign Office spokesman said the treaty text sounded as though it had been drawn to please the reactionary elements in Germany, indicating that the Berlin Government was trying to follow two opposing policies, one of which tended to support the Russian attacks on the League while the other kept the League door open for Germany's entrance." Continuing, he said that "the Allied Chancelleries are busy studying the text of the treaty, and as soon as it was fully digested exchanges of views will be immediately initiated between London, Paris, Rome, Brussels, Prague and the Secretariat of the League of Nations."

According to a special Paris cable dispatch to the New York "Times" on April 27, apprehension over the treaty was on the increase rather than otherwise. It was stated that "to the appearance of the European chessboard and to the game which France has been playing during the last few years the German-Russian move revealed in the text of the German-Russian treaty published to-day has made a difference of the utmost importance. In diplomatic cir-

cles it is admitted that the new situation calls for the greatest skill if it is to be countered; in Parliamentary circles where what has happened is far less understood there is something of dismay, and in Nationalist circles there is one more fagot of blame added to the burden which Premier Briand has to carry. Official comment is moderate. The Quai d'Orsay spokesman had nothing to say in criticism of the new compact in so far as it concerned France. Germany's right to make a treaty of neutrality with Russia is not a matter France can dispute. But among the lesser chessmen on the board, those bishops, castles and knights who are France's allies in Eastern Europe and who feel themselves threatened, the effect has been such that the Quai d'Orsay has been in these last few days besieged by Ministers and Ambassadors asking what is going to be done about it. M. Briand, with his usual pacific words, has tried to calm their fears, but he more than any one is gravely conscious of the real purport of this compact and its challenge, at least on the side of Russia, to the League."

Rather bold and striking statements were made by the Berlin representative of the New York "Evening Post" relative to actual aims of Germany, as revealed in the treaty. He asserted that, "with the Russo-German treaty Germany gives notice to the world that she is again going to play the role of a great Power determining the destinies of Europe and that she is under no circumstances going to entrust her fate entirely to the beneficence of the League of Nations. The treaty is a consummation of Foreign Minister Stresemann's policy, which is realistic and frankly opportunistic, although wary and cognizant of the dangers of Germany's position, Stresemann is motivated by a determination to keep Germany free to act in any emergency in conformity with her own interests. It is exactly the same policy that led Dr. Stresemann to accept the Locarno agreement, and those who then said that Locarno was the end of Germany's eastward orientation did not know their man. Dr. Stresemann finds France the best vantage point from which to survey the European situation and this treaty puts another cushion under him. He finds his position quite comfortable. No act of Foreign Minister Stresemann, in his long, stormy career has received such unanimous approbation at home as has the Russian treaty. Locarno precipitated a Governmental crisis and led to the withdrawal of the Nationalists from the Cabinet and still is a source of contention. In contrast, the Russo-German 'bruderschaft' was accepted unanimously by all parties from Communists to Fascists." The Associated Press correspondent in Berlin said in a dispatch on April 27 that "the Berlin press, sections of which almost invariably oppose Governmental measures, to-day unanimously indorses the Russo-German treaty, although from diverse motives."

A copy of the treaty between Germany and Russia was filed with the Secretary-General of the League of Nations. According to a special Geneva dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune" on April 27, "official scrutiny of the Russo-German treaty by the juridical experts of the League of Nations brought forth the statement that the document was completely within the legal boundaries of the Covenant, but that its political aspects will have to

be determined entirely by the actions of the League between now and September. Officials are not inclined to take the treaty seriously, and predict that, if Germany enters the League in September, the agreement will serve as a bridge between Russia and Western Europe. The most important feature is considered to be the Soviet's advance along arbitration lines. Heretofore Russia has refused even to consider an arbitration agreement with a 'capitalistic' Government."

Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the British Exchequer, presented his long awaited budget in the British House of Commons on April 26. The London representatives of the New York "Times" and "Herald Tribune" took quite different views of the document in their respective summaries. The former said in part: "No remission of existing taxation, but instead the imposition of new taxes—no decrease in the existing income tax—and the possibility of heavy supplementary taxation if the present coal crisis is not settled peaceably, are the outstanding features of Winston Churchill's long-awaited budget speech in the House of Commons this afternoon. They served to dampen seriously the pleasure of his audience over the announcement that the budget for 1926-27 would show a surplus. The Chancellor of the Exchequer sprang none of the great surprises which had been foreshadowed. The speech did not show that the brilliant helmsman of Britain's ship of finance had magically guided it into a safe harbor. It showed that the ship was still tossing among the billows and reefs and other perils of the financial deep. It proved that unless the coal crisis is settled peaceably within the next four days there is no telling how much Mr. Churchill's budget will have to be revised, nor whether his loudly heralded 'surplus' may not change into a serious deficit."

The "Herald Tribune" representative used much more specific terms and said in part: "By grace of two last-minute windfalls Winston Churchill this afternoon was enabled to present to the House of Commons a budget for the coming fiscal year which shows an estimated surplus of £1,415,000. A decision to revise the terms on beer tax collection and assurances from France that £4,000,000 would be paid unconditionally on her war debt account this year added £9,500,000 to the revenue on which the Chancellor of the Exchequer had been counting and more than sufficed to wipe out the deficit which otherwise would have existed. The total British Governmental expenditure for the coming twelve months will be £812,062,000 under Churchill's estimate, while the revenues are expected to reach £813,477,000. The income tax, the backbone of the British Governmental income, remains unchanged at the basic rate of 20% for the next year, but Mr. Churchill announced the imposition of two new taxes—a 5% levy on all bets on horse racing, to take effect on Nov. 1, and a 16 2-3% ad valorem duty on imported wrapping paper, taking effect on May 1. At the same time he revealed his decision to extend the McKenna duties to cover commercial motor cars as well as passenger cars and declared his intention of taking for general revenue purposes £7,000,000 from the total of £19,000,000 received annually from motor licenses—a sum which hitherto has been devoted solely to road improvements. He also forecast that,

during the life of the present Parliament, the whole system of automobile taxation would be shifted to petrol, rather than to a horsepower basis. The Chancellor rose before the crowded House at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon to present his second budget and immediately set at rest all the usual rumors of drastic innovations by declaring that this year's estimates would be 'smaller, simpler and more sombre' than last year's, which were marked by a return to the gold standard and the inauguration of the scheme of widows' pensions. 'The attempt to put the coal industry on its feet overshadows all other considerations,' Mr. Churchill declared gravely. Despite this, he insisted that the nation was richer than it was a year ago. 'Generally, trade is improving,' he said, 'and very large profits have been made in rubber and tin. The basic industries of the country, however, still are obstinately depressed. I feel that the return to the gold standard has been justified, and the Bank rate would have been lower but for the coal situation. The most important gain is that we stand to-day on a sound, solid basis of reality.'

The budget was actively discussed, first in committee and then in the House of Commons. In a dispatch late in the evening of April 28 the London correspondent of the New York "Times" said that "the main budget resolution was reported from committee to the House of Commons to-night without a division, after its sponsor, Winston Churchill, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, had smitten his critics hip an dthigh in a witty and reasoned review of their arguments." Continuing his report, he said: "Sir Robert Horne, himself an ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer and now a Conservative member of Parliament, was the first speaker. He damned the budget with faint praise. He admitted it showed courage and resource, but criticized it because it authorized expenditures, excluding abnormalities, of £3,500,000 more than last year. He found the most disquieting fact was that the income tax had decreased, since in conjunction with the recent drop in many items of the export trade, it was proof positive that industry was suffering. Mr. Churchill, replying, noted that never had the opponents of a budget been so unfertile in criticism, a symptom he interpreted as indicative of general agreement with its provisions. He denied the Government was allowing the banks to make more money by changing the ratio between the bank discount and the deposit interest rates, and he said the Government would lose no opportunity to lower its debt by conversion operations."

Although Prime Minister Baldwin took a hand in the negotiations with respect to the coal labor situation in Great Britain, the indications at the beginning of the week, according to a special London cable dispatch to the New York "Times" on April 23, were that the subsidy of the Government to the industry that was granted last August and which would expire to-day, must be renewed if a strike were to be averted. The "Times" correspondent said: "Everything pointed to-night to the probability that the coal subsidy, though anathema alike to the Government and to the experts who drafted the recent coal report, would be continued after May 1 in order to avert an industrial catastrophe. The Government is already on record as disapproving

the continuing of the subsidy. But after what has happened here to-day it is difficult to see what else there is to do except continue subsidizing the coal industry. If the subsidy is continued it may not be called a subsidy. It may be camouflaged under some name less offensive to its foes. It may be dubbed a loan or temporary aid, or what not. But the fact will remain that it will still be to all intents and purposes a subsidy. And if it is continued Britain will be confronted one week from to-morrow with a makeshift remedy in an endeavor to solve her acute coal crisis, instead of with a definite, drastic cure. If this occurs history will repeat itself, for that is what happened last August when the subsidy was first granted and the country was told that the announcement of a panacea for British industrial ills would be deferred until May 1 1926."

Prime Minister Baldwin continued to give special attention to the coal labor situation, "cutting short his week-end holiday at Chequers, his country seat, several hours, in order to confer with Colonel Lane-Fox, Secretary of the Department of Mines."

According to a dispatch from the London representative of the New York "Evening Post" at about the same time, "the week's developments have brought out some change in public sentiment, to the advantage of the miners. The schedules posted in the districts showing the wages for work after May 1 were low enough to recapture much of the sympathy which the miners had lost in the last fortnight. The owners further have sacrificed the public's good-will by their apparent defiance of Mr. Baldwin's advice not to hold out against national negotiations for a minimum wage percentage. The coal struggle now has settled down virtually to the identical issues which prevailed last July, when a crisis was averted by the subsidy offer."

Real progress with respect to the negotiations for a plan of settlement appeared to have been made by Premier Baldwin on Tuesday. The London representative of the New York "Herald Tribune" cabled that evening that, "after a day of many feverish interviews and discussions, Premier Baldwin succeeded this evening in bringing both the coal owners and miners together again under his chairmanship at 10 Downing Street. A degree of optimism was created by this feat alone, but with only three days remaining before a national tie-up is scheduled to take place, the Premier will have to accomplish almost a miracle if he effects an agreement. He made a start to-day by getting the operators to consent conditionally to a national agreement on a minimum percentage for wages, which has been the main bone of contention between the two parties, but the conditions the owners demand—less wages and longer hours—will be resisted to the bitter end by the miners." He further stated that "the hopeful feature of the situation was that when both sides adjourned they agreed to meet again to-morrow afternoon, following the meeting of the miners' delegate conference here. The miners' leaders will take the sense of that meeting, and it is hoped that they will return to the joint meeting with the owners with their hands freer than they have been hitherto. There is talk to-night of the owners suspending for a limited period their new wage proposals and of an agreement by the miners to work from day to day while a new contract is being worked out, but it may be taken that this is the talk of desperation."

Confidence on the part of Government leaders was reported to have been in evidence again the next day. The New York "Herald Tribune" correspondent said that "growing confidence prevails here to-night that a basis for peace in the coal industry will be found to-morrow as a result of to-day's discussions among Prime Minister Baldwin, the mine owners, the miners and representatives of the Trades Union Congress. It is expected that an order, suspending for seven days the miner owners' new wage terms, scheduled to take effect on Friday at midnight, will be issued to-morrow or Friday morning, so that the negotiations may continue throughout next week if necessary. Mr. Baldwin, who is working on a plan for a five years' peace in the coal fields, will ask the mine owners to take this step, promising to continue the Government subsidy for a further limited period, while the industry proceeds on day-to-day contracts. Since Mr. Baldwin won his big victory yesterday, in getting the owners to concede the principle of national wages and agreements, small yet substantial progress has been made in the succeeding twenty-four hours, and the belief is prevalent to-night that the most critical part of the negotiations is past. The situation at present, it is reported, is that the miners are prepared to accept compromises in wages, but demand that the Government intervene to afford financial assistance to mines in the poorer districts. Wage conditions now are said to be the crux of the situation on which the negotiations of the next twenty-four hours will be concentrated."

A much less favorable report was made by the London representative of "The Sun" in a dispatch on Thursday afternoon. He said that "with Premier Baldwin still striving to bring about some compromise between the miners and the mine owners before the subsidy expires to-morrow midnight, and the mine owners' notices posted up canceling the present wage and hours agreements, there is a threat by organized labor of a national strike in support of the miners, with all its incalculable harm to British industry. A majority of the General Council of the Trade Union Congress, which is in effect the general staff, or executive, of the organized workers and comprises the representatives of 205 unions with a membership of 5,000,000, is in favor of such a general tieup rather than see a reduction of the wages and an increase in the hours of the miners."

According to London cables late Thursday evening, the outlook continued threatening. The New York "Herald Tribune" representative in the British capital said: "Everything to-night points to a stoppage in Great Britain's coal industry at midnight to-morrow when the period of Government subsidy will have elapsed, despite the frantic efforts of Premier Baldwin throughout the day and to-night to find a way out of the dilemma. The mine owners, while professing willingness to concede to the principle of a national minimum percentage of wages, insist on a revision of the miners' working day to eight hours and on this point the men are adamant in their refusal. At a late hour to-night Walter Citrine, Secretary of the Trade Union Congress, announced that the meeting between the Prime Minister, the mine owners and the miners had adjourned until 10.30 o'clock to-morrow morning, at which time the operators were expected to make specific proposals the nature of which are at present unknown to the miners."

This last effort also proved fruitless. At midnight yesterday the miners all quit work. The final conference was held between Premier Baldwin and representatives of the Trade Union Congress and when the latter's efforts failed to win a suspension of the coal owners' notice ordering the stoppage unless the miners agreed to wage cuts the negotiations terminated, throwing out of work a million men. It was reported last night that the Government was seriously contemplating placing the nation under a proclamation of martial law. King George was specially summoned in the afternoon from Windsor to Buckingham Palace to preside at a meeting of the Privy Council held to prepare for the signing of a declaration of the Emergency Powers Act of 1920, which will enable the Government to secure the essentials of life to the community.

No changes were noted in official bank rates at leading European centres from 7½% in Austria; 7% in Berlin, Belgium and Italy; 6% in Paris; 5½% in Denmark and Norway; 5% in London and Madrid; 4½% in Sweden, and 3½% in Holland and Switzerland. In London the open market discount rate was slightly lower, and short bills as well as three months' bill finished at 4¼@4 5-16%, in comparison with 4 5-16% a week ago. Money on call at the British centre, however, was strong, and advanced to 4¾%, closing at 4¼%, as against 3¾% last week. In Paris and Switzerland open market discount rates have not been changed from 4¼% and 2½%, respectively, the previous week.

The Bank of France in its weekly statement issued on Thursday showed an expansion of 193,809,000 francs in notes in circulation. Total notes in circulation accordingly aggregate 52,208,223,535 francs as compared with the total of 43,049,852,890 francs for the corresponding period in 1925 and with only 40,020,828,325 francs in 1924. A further small gain occurred in the gold holdings, namely, 2,625 francs, bringing total gold up to 5,548,409,125 francs. In 1925 gold holdings stood at 5,546,262,119 francs and in 1924 at 5,542,449,192 francs. The Government repaid the Bank 150,000,000 francs of its borrowings during the week. Advances to the State now aggregate 35,150,000,000 francs, against 23,250,000,000 francs a year ago and 23,000,000,000 francs two years ago. Changes in the various other items for the week are: Trade advances were reduced 46,874,000 francs and Treasury deposits fell off 8,957,000 francs. Silver, on the other hand, gained 547,000 francs, bills discounted increased 790,990,000 francs and general deposits rose 145,045,000 francs. Comparison of the various items in this week's return with the figures of last week and the corresponding dates in both 1925 and 1924 are as follows:

	Changes for Week. Francs.	Status as of—		
		Apr. 28 1926. Francs.	Apr. 29 1925. Francs.	Apr. 30 1924. Francs.
Gold Holdings—				
In France.....Inc.	2,625	3,684,088,218	3,681,941,211	3,678,128,284
Abroad.....Unchanged		1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907
Total.....Inc.	2,625	5,548,409,125	5,546,262,119	5,542,449,192
Silver.....Inc.	547,000	333,882,079	317,007,489	298,761,656
Bills discounted...Inc.	790,990,000	4,189,653,431	5,959,290,642	4,943,505,552
Trade advances...Dec.	46,874,000	2,412,945,217	3,019,686,445	2,534,811,004
Note circulation...Inc.	193,809,000	52,208,223,535	43,049,852,890	40,020,828,325
Treasury deposits...Dec.	8,957,000	36,474,001	28,320,666	16,720,241
General deposits...Inc.	145,045,000	2,400,893,760	2,077,036,021	2,280,547,823
Advances to State...Dec.	150,000,000	35,150,000,000	23,250,000,000	23,000,000,000

The Bank of England continues to lose small amounts of gold, this week's return showing a decrease of £37,227. Moreover, note circulation, which

had been declining lately, expanded £936,000, so that the reserve in gold and notes in the banking department fell £973,000, to £25,025,000, which compares with £27,105,359 last year and £22,254,517 in 1924. There was a further increase in public deposits of £6,556,000, while "other" deposits fell £7,539,000. The Bank's temporary loans to the Government increased £225,000, although loans on other securities declined £208,000. Gold reserves amount to £146,372,276, as against £155,742,064 last year and £128,120,530 the year previous (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). A drop of 1.66 points was shown in the proportion of reserve to liabilities, which receded to 21.84%, as compared with 22.50% a week ago. In the corresponding week of 1925 the ratio stood at 22½% and the year before at 18¾%. Note circulation stands at £141,097,000, as against £148,386,705 last year and £125,616,015 in 1924. Loans total £67,822,000, in comparison with £76,245,186 and £74,345,545 one and two years ago, respectively. Clearings through the London banks for the week totaled £788,372,000, as compared with £750,560,000 last week and £761,441,000 a year ago. No change has been made in the Bank's official discount rate from 5%. We append herewith comparisons of the different items of the Bank of England return for a series of years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1926. April 28.	1925. April 29.	1924. April 30.	1923. May 2.	1922. May 3.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	b141,097,000	148,386,705	125,616,015	124,191,570	122,091,180
Public deposits.....	18,925,000	17,048,096	10,586,588	13,234,545	14,355,679
Other deposits.....	95,657,000	105,481,216	110,992,284	107,635,894	131,693,656
Government securities	39,495,000	36,851,892	42,632,755	45,359,445	63,542,646
Other securities.....	67,822,000	76,245,186	74,345,545	70,130,283	74,968,814
Reserve notes & coin	25,025,000	27,105,359	22,254,517	23,079,330	25,232,698
Coin and bullion.....	a146,372,276	155,742,064	128,120,530	127,520,900	128,873,878
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	21.84%	22½%	18¾%	19%	17.25%
Bank rate.....	5%	5%	4%	3%	4%

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

b Beginning with the statement for April 29 1925, includes £27,000,000 of Bank of England notes issued in return for the same amount of gold coin and bullion held up to that time in redemption account of currency note issue.

The Imperial Bank of Germany again reduced its outstanding note circulation, this time to 3,645,936,000 marks, a decline for the week of 144,381,000 marks. The Bank's statement, issued as of April 23, also showed a reduction of 2,994,000 marks in other liabilities, but expansion of 48,484,000 marks "in other maturing obligations." Both gains and losses occurred in assets. Bills of exchange and checks declined 66,789,000 marks, while advances fell off 787,000 marks, and reserve in foreign currencies 21,978,000 marks. Silver and other coins, however, increased 4,639,000 marks, and notes on other banks rose 7,854,000 marks. Shrinkage of 898,000 marks occurred in investments, and of 21,153,000 marks in other assets. The German institution reported a small addition to gold and bullion goldings, namely, 221,000 marks, raising the total to 1,491,448,000 marks, in comparison with 1,004,098,000 marks a year ago and 441,815,000 marks in 1924.

The weekly statements of the Federal Reserve banks that were issued at the close of business on Thursday showed a further slight addition to gold holdings for the banks as a group, accompanied by substantial increases in rediscounting operations, both nationally and locally, the latter feature contrasting quite sharply with heavy shrinkage the

preceding week. Open market dealings were again reduced. For the System as a whole, gold increased \$2,000,000. Rediscounting of bills secured by Government obligations increased \$66,400,000. In "other" bills there was a contraction of \$2,400,000, so that total bills discounted for the week increased \$64,000,000, to \$13,668,000, as compared with \$399,985,000 the year previous. Holdings of bills bought in the open market were reduced \$30,400,000. Total bills and securities (earning assets) increased \$33,100,000 and deposits \$22,400,000, at the same time that member bank reserve accounts expanded \$31,700,000. The New York bank lost gold to interior institutions to the sum of \$25,100,000. Here also heavy additions were shown to bills discounted, amounting to approximately \$79,400,000 in rediscounting of all classes of paper, bringing the grand total of bills rediscounted to \$140,636,000, against \$87,698,000 last year. Open market purchases declined \$6,500,000. Total bills and securities increased \$72,700,000 and deposits \$43,000,000. Member bank reserve accounts rose \$49,200,000. Shrinkage was shown in the amount of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation; \$1,900,000 at New York and \$300,000 for the combined System. Reserve ratios which advanced so sharply last week, declined slightly in consequence of larger deposits and failure to add to any considerable extent to gold reserves. The ratio of the System fell 0.3%, to 75.7%, while at New York there was a drop of 4.8%, to 83.5%.

Last Saturday's statement of New York Clearing House banks and trust companies showed some noteworthy changes, indicating heavy shifting of funds. The net result was complete elimination of surplus and the establishment of a deficit in reserve of more than \$7,000,000. This was brought about both by expansion of deposits and by the drawing down of reserves of member banks with the Federal Reserve Bank. The figures revealed an addition to net demand deposits of \$25,151,000 and to time deposits of \$12,665,000. Total demand deposits aggregate \$4,342,465,000, which is exclusive of \$37,127,000 in Government deposits, while time deposits amount to \$584,843,000. Loans and discounts increased heavily—\$95,057,000. Cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank gained \$1,041,000, to \$45,902,000, which, however, is not counted as reserve. Reserve of State banks and trust companies in own vaults increased \$130,000 and reserve kept by these institutions in other depositories, \$677,000. Member banks reduced their reserves in the Federal Bank \$18,902,000, which, combined with expansion in the deposit items, served to wipe out last week's surplus reserve of \$14,264,680, and leave in its place a deficit in reserve of \$7,532,850. The above figures, it should be noted, for surplus are on the basis of legal reserve requirements of 13% against demand deposits for member banks of the Federal Reserve System, but do not include \$45,902,000 held by these member institutions on Saturday last.

Money has continued easy at this centre. The ruling rate for call loans may be said to have been 3½%. There was an upturn to 4% Thursday afternoon and to 4½% yesterday afternoon, on the calling of loans and the shifting of accounts otherwise in preparation for the May 1 dis-

bursements. The opinion was expressed in banking circles, however, that so long as present conditions exist money would continue easy. Transactions in bonds on the Stock Exchange have dropped to about one-half of what they were at the peak recently, following the reduction in the New York Federal Reserve rediscount rate. Offerings of new securities have been on a somewhat smaller scale also. Transactions in stocks in the Stock Exchange dropped to close to 1,000,000 shares at midweek, compared with 2,300,000 only a week ago yesterday. The indications are for a continuance of general business in this country on about the present scale. Railroad earnings for March were surprisingly good. Reports of industrial companies, particularly steel and motor, disclosed large gains in both gross and net in comparison with the same period of last year. The action of the United States Steel directors with respect to the common dividend indicated confidence on the part of the board in the future. All this would suggest a normal demand for money. Brokers' loans for the week ended April 21 showed an increase of \$13,340,000, the first increase since Feb. 17. The total for all accounts on April 21 was \$2,464,679,000, against the peak of \$3,141,125,000 on Jan. 6. Loans were called yesterday to the extent of \$25,000,000.

Dealing with specific rates for money, call loans this week covered a range of $3@4\frac{1}{2}\%$, which compares with $3@4\frac{1}{4}\%$ last week. Monday as low as 3% was named, although renewals were put through at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$, which was the high. On Tuesday and Wednesday there was no range, $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ being the high, the low and renewal figure on both days. With the approach of the month-end firmness developed, and on Thursday there was an advance to 4% , although renewals continued at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$, and this was the low. Friday call funds renewed at 4% , while the maximum was $4\frac{1}{2}\%$; the low was 4% . Preparations for meeting the heavy May 1 interest and dividend payments were responsible for the stiffening.

For fixed date maturities the trend was comparatively easy and during the latter part of the week all periods from sixty days to six months were quoted at 4% , as against $4@4\frac{1}{4}\%$ a week ago. The market was quiet. Offerings were said to be more plentiful than they have been for months; the demand was light.

Commercial paper was in good demand, but offerings continue restricted; consequently trading in the aggregate was of moderate proportions. Four to six months' names of choice character have not been changed from $4@4\frac{1}{4}\%$, with $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ still required for names not so well known. New England mill paper and the shorter choice names are usually dealt in at 4% , the same as heretofore.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances remain at the levels established last week. Trading was quiet, however, as is so often the case when call funds advance. Country banks furnished the bulk of the business passing, but the turnover for the week was light. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council is now $3\frac{1}{2}\%$, against 3% last week. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rate on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks $3\frac{1}{4}\%$ bid and $3\frac{1}{8}\%$ asked for bills running 30 to 90 days, $3\frac{3}{8}\%$ bid and $3\frac{1}{4}\%$ asked for 120 days, $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ bid and $3\frac{3}{8}\%$ asked for 150 days,

and $3\frac{5}{8}\%$ bid and $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ asked for 180 days. Open market quotations are as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.			
	90 Days.	60 Days.	30 Days.
Prime eligible bills.....	$3\frac{1}{4} @ 3\frac{1}{4}$	$3\frac{1}{4} @ 3\frac{1}{4}$	$3\frac{1}{4} @ 3\frac{1}{4}$
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.			
Prime eligible bills.....	$3\frac{1}{4}$ bid		

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

DISCOUNT RATES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS IN EFFECT
APRIL 30 1926.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.	Paper Maturing—					
	Within 90 Days.				After 90 Days, but Within 6 Months.	After 6 Months, but Within 9 Months.
	Commercial & Agricultural Paper.	Securities of U. S. Govt. Obligations.	Bankers' Acceptances.	Trade Acceptances.	Agricultural and Livestock Paper.	Agricultural and Livestock Paper.
Boston.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
New York.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$
Philadelphia.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Cleveland.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Richmond.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Atlanta.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Chicago.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
St. Louis.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Minneapolis.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Kansas City.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
Dallas.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
San Francisco.....	4	4	4	4	4	4

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

The early part of the week firmness pervaded dealings in sterling exchange, and although the volume of business was still relatively light, prices were well maintained. Demand bills ruled at 4 86 during the greater part of the week, with a maximum figure of 4 86 5-32 and 4 85 31-32 the minimum. A quiet but steady inquiry for sterling was in evidence and was, of course, attributed to the continued spread between money rates in the New York and London markets. The apparently unexpected lowering of the official discount rate of the New York Federal Reserve Bank that took place at the close of last week has been a source of considerable interest and discussion in local banking circles this week. Taking into consideration the fact that money in London is higher than here, the effect of this action upon sterling values is regarded as likely to be far-reaching and important. Already American capital has begun to find its way back to the London market for investment at higher and more profitable rates in considerable volume, and the movement is on the increase. It is believed that the demand for sterling thus created may go a good way toward offsetting the unfavorable influence of the threatened coal strike in Great Britain. Bankers point to the fact that notwithstanding apparent failure of all efforts to adjust the coal controversy, sterling has held its own and remained at higher levels than in recent weeks. Some intimate that sterling will reach par shortly, and that in the event of a peaceful conclusion of British labor difficulties, the pound sterling will cross par. At the close dispatches on the coal labor situation took on a more pessimistic tone with the result that quotations touched the lowest point of the week.

As to day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was firm and slightly higher; demand rose to 4 86@4 86 3-32, cable transfers to 4 86 $\frac{3}{8}$ @4 86 15-32, and sixty days to 4 82 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4 82 27-32; trading, however, was quiet. On Monday no increase in activity was noted; all of the limited business that passed was at 4 86 for demand, 4 86 $\frac{3}{8}$ for cable transfers and 4 82 $\frac{3}{4}$ for sixty days. Better buying

sent values up 1-32 on Tuesday and demand bills ranged between 4 86 and 4 86 1-32, cable transfers at 4 86 $\frac{3}{8}$ @4 86 13-32, and sixty days at 4 82 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4 82 25-32. Wednesday's market was firm with rates a trifle higher at 4 86@4 86 3-32 for demand, 4 86 $\frac{3}{8}$ @4 86 15-32 for cable transfers and 4 82 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4 82 27-32 for sixty days. Dulness characterized trading on Thursday though quotations advanced fractionally; demand was 4 86@4 86 7-32, cable transfers 4 86 $\frac{3}{8}$ @4 86 19-32 and sixty days 4 82 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4 82 31-32. Friday irregular, weakness prevailed, with quoted rates easier at 4 85 31-32@4 86 5-32 for demand, 4 86 11-32@4 86 17-32 for cable transfers and 4 82 29-32 for sixty days. Closing quotations were 4 82 $\frac{7}{8}$ for sixty days, 4 86 $\frac{1}{8}$ for demand and 4 86 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4 86, sixty days at 4 82 $\frac{3}{8}$, ninety days at 4 80 $\frac{7}{8}$, documents for payment (sixty days) at 4 82 $\frac{5}{8}$ and seven-day grain bills at 4 84 $\frac{7}{8}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 86.

Gold engagements for Canada assumed sizable proportions this week, totaling about \$3,500,000, divided as follows: \$2,000,000 for the Canadian Bank of Commerce and \$1,500,000 for the New York Trust Co. This makes \$15,250,000 since the present movement began.

Renewed weakness in French francs and a series of sharp up and down movements in Belgian currency were among the outstanding features in the week's trading in the Continental exchanges. Notwithstanding the fact that trading at no time was more than intermittently active, price changes were frequent and erratic. Antwerp francs in some respects attracted more attention than did Paris francs, because of the violence in the day to day price fluctuations. After opening at 3.55, Belgian currency shot up to 3.67 $\frac{1}{4}$; hovered for a while around 3.59@3.60, then slumped off to 3.6 $\frac{3}{4}$. The chief influences at work responsible for these movements were news of the ratification of the Belgian debt funding agreement by the Senate, on the one hand, and a fresh flood of conflicting rumors to the effect that the Bank of Belgium was finding it exceedingly difficult to maintain the equilibrium of Antwerp francs at around the levels figured some time ago in the absence of any definite and satisfactory arrangements for the placing of a Belgian stabilization loan; all of which caused Antwerp francs to rule strong and weak by turns. The extreme narrowness of the market was also a contributory factor to the weakness since offerings often were unsalable even at the most drastic concessions. French francs were likewise under pressure and inactive for lack of buyers. During the first part of the week, the quotation hovered around 3.36@3.33 $\frac{1}{4}$: On Wednesday heavy selling, said to emanate from London and Paris interests, forced a break to 3.27, another new low record, and 15 points under the much-talked-of low point of 3.42 established in the spring of 1924. As has been the case so often in the past few months, the sensational fluctuations above noted were little more than a reflex of what is occurring abroad, since local dealers took very little part in the transactions.

In marked contrast with the wild gyrations noted above, Italian lire continue to rule within a point or so of 4.01@4.02. It is claimed, however, that this state of things was not accomplished without considerable effort on the part of the Italian Institute

of Exchange, which was said to have been compelled to come to the support of lire at frequent intervals. German and Austrian exchanges remain stationary with no trading activity to speak of. The same is true of Russian rubles. Greek drachmae continue heavy and hovered around 1.23 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1.24 $\frac{1}{4}$, throughout. In the minor Central European group no important changes were noted. Rumanian lei ruled at close to the low level established last week, namely, 0.39, then dropped to 0.37 $\frac{5}{8}$, while Polish zloties after opening at 10.50, lost another 10 points to 10.40, mainly on political disturbances and revolutionary threats. Toward the close of the week news that a final settlement of the French debt settlement question had been reached, aroused fresh interest in the franc, and considerable speculation was indulged in as to the real reason for failure of franc quotations to respond more freely to favorable news. Some claim that the weakness was largely inspired in order to aid the French negotiators at Washington in making more advantageous terms; others insist that no negotiations of any sort can prove successful so long as France refuses to meet her internal financial problems and submit to needed tax reform. One explanation of the spectacular weakness in Belgian francs is that it is partly due to the tactics of certain politicians in Belgium who are delaying proceedings and creating an atmosphere of nervousness and suspicion by claiming that the country is under the control of foreign bankers and urging rejection of proffered terms.

The London check rate in Paris closed at 147.85, comparing with 145.85 last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 3.29, against 3.36 $\frac{3}{4}$; cable transfers at 3.30, against 3.37 $\frac{3}{4}$; commercial sight bills at 3.28, against 3.35 $\frac{3}{4}$, and commercial sixty days at 3.23 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 3.31 $\frac{1}{4}$ a week ago. Closing rates on Antwerp francs were 3.41 $\frac{1}{2}$ for checks and 3.42 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers. This compares with 3.56 $\frac{1}{4}$ @3.57 $\frac{1}{4}$. Reichsmarks finished at 23.81 (one rate) for both checks and cable transfers, unchanged. Austrian schillings remain at 14 $\frac{1}{8}$, the same as heretofore. Lire finished at 4.01 $\frac{1}{4}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 4.02 $\frac{1}{4}$ for cable remittances. Last week the close was 4.01 $\frac{3}{8}$ and 4.02 $\frac{3}{8}$. Exchange on Czechoslovakia closed at 2.96 $\frac{3}{8}$, against 2.96 $\frac{1}{4}$; on Bucharest at 0.37 $\frac{5}{8}$, against 0.39; and on Finland at 2.52 $\frac{1}{4}$ (unchanged). Polish exchange finished at 10.40, against 10.50 the previous week. Greek drachmae closed at 1.23 $\frac{1}{4}$ for checks and at 1.23 $\frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers, in comparison with 1.24 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 1.24 $\frac{3}{4}$ last week.

As to the neutral exchanges formerly so-called, only a moderate degree of trading was noted, and price changes, with the exception of Norwegian kroner, were confined to a few points, though the tendency was upward. Guilders and Swiss francs were very firm, the former gaining some 10 points, on heavy buying by those who are disposing of French franc holdings. Unusually light offerings of guilder grain bills has also helped the rise. In the Scandinavian group, Danish and Swedish exchanges were steady, but not essentially changed. Norwegian kroner continue the storm centre of speculative attack and scored a fresh advance to 21.73, or nearly 30 points over the close of last week, and this, too, in the face of prospective labor troubles; the close, however, was under this figure.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished at 40.19, against 40.12½; cable transfers at 40.21, against 40.14½; commercial sight bills at 40.11, against 40.04½, and commercial sixty days at 39.76, against 39.68½ last week. Final quotations on Swiss francs were 19.32½ for bankers' sight bills and 19.33½ for cable transfers, as compared with 19.31 and 19.32 the previous week. Copenhagen checks closed at 26.14 and cable transfers at 26.18, against 26.13 and 26.17. Checks on Sweden finished at 26.75 and cable transfers at 26.79, against 26.74 and 26.78, while checks on Norway closed at 21.65 and cable transfers at 21.69, against 21.47½ and 21.51½ the previous week. Spanish pesetas, which were quiet but steady throughout, notwithstanding unsettling news of the Riff peace negotiations, finished at 14.43½ for checks and at 14.45½ for cable transfers, which compares with 14.35 and 14.37 a week earlier.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922. APRIL 24 1926 TO APRIL 30 1926, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	April 24.	April 26.	April 27.	April 28.	April 29.	April 30.
EUROPE—						
Austria, schilling	1.4066	1.4064	1.4058	1.4079	1.4088	1.4079
Belgium, franc	.0356	.0359	.0361	.0354	.0348	.0338
Bulgaria, lev	.007260	.007233	.007231	.007241	.007236	.007228
Czechoslovakia, krone	.029616	.029617	.029617	.029620	.029618	.029622
Denmark, krone	.2617	.2617	.2617	.2617	.2616	.2616
England, pound sterling	4.8635	4.8632	4.8635	4.8635	4.8638	4.8634
Finland, marka	.025204	.025210	.025209	.025208	.025207	.025215
France, franc	.0336	.0334	.0334	.0329	.0329	.0329
Germany, reichsmark	.2380	.2380	.2380	.2380	.2380	.2380
Greece, drachma	.012403	.012565	.012482	.012434	.012375	.012387
Holland, guilder	.4016	.4017	.4019	.4020	.4021	.4021
Hungary, pengo	.1758	.1755	.1756	.1758	.1761	.1758
Italy, lira	.0402	.0402	.0402	.0402	.0402	.0402
Norway, krone	.2146	.2157	.2163	.2167	.2156	.2173
Poland, zloty	.1058	.1056	.1047	.1041	.1048	.1030
Portugal, escudo	.0513	.0514	.0513	.0514	.0514	.0513
Rumania, leu	.003907	.003920	.003913	.003908	.003862	.003784
Spain, peseta	.1443	.1441	.1443	.1450	.1447	.1445
Sweden, krona	.2677	.2678	.2677	.2677	.2677	.2678
Switzerland, franc	.1931	.1931	.1933	.1933	.1933	.1933
Yugoslavia, dinar	.017609	.017613	.017612	.017612	.017612	.017613
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo, tael	.7254	.7396	.7296	.7258	.7308	.7338
Hankow, tael	.7247	.7353	.7272	.7238	.7278	.7300
Shanghai, tael	.7013	.7116	.7041	.7013	.7067	.7100
Tientsin, tael	.7342	.7492	.7392	.7346	.7396	.7425
Hongkong dollar	.5395	.9459	.5411	.4388	.5427	.5454
Mexican dollar	.5096	.5125	.5117	.5088	.5148	.5156
Tientsin or Peking dollar	.5117	.5138	.5146	.5067	.5142	.5154
Yuan dollar	.5246	.5263	.5271	.5196	.5271	.5271
India, rupee	.3616	.3615	.3616	.3616	.3617	.3616
Japan, yen	.4718	.4720	.4738	.4743	.4729	.4712
Singapore (S.S.) dollar	.5654	.5650	.5646	.5646	.5650	.5642
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar	1.001611	1.001552	1.001585	1.001604	1.000926	1.000435
Cuba, peso	.998875	.999050	.999063	.999425	.999438	.999563
Mexico, peso	.487000	.486000	.486000	.486000	.485500	.486000
Newfoundland, dollar	.998656	.999336	.999563	.999313	.998406	.998250
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	.9174	.9177	.9158	.9116	.9073	.9134
Brazil, milreis	.1415	.1427	.1437	.1422	.1442	.1443
Chile, peso (paper)	.1205	.1205	.1207	.1206	.1204	.1204
Uruguay, peso	1.0352	1.0349	1.0322	1.0322	1.0298	1.0296

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

As to South American exchange mixed movements occurred, and Argentine pesos were strong, while Brazilian milreis turned weak for a while, though closing strong. In the case of the former quotations were benefitted by the successful flotation of a large Argentine loan in this city. Pesos advanced, then reacted, and closed at 40.20 and 40.25, as against 40.37 and 40.42 a week ago. Brazilian milreis lost ground slightly, then rallied and finished at 14.33 for sight bills and at 14.38 for cable transfers, against 13.93 and 13.98 a week ago. Chilean exchange was firmer and touched 12.10, but closed unchanged at 12.01. Peru went down to new low levels, and closed at 3 65, on unsettling advices from Lima, against 3 70 a week ago.

The Far Eastern exchanges were devoid of new or interesting features. Trading was quiet and price changes unimportant, although the general trend continues upward. Hong Kong closed at 54½@55½, against 54@54¼; Shanghai at 71½@71¾, against 70 and 70¼; Yokohama at 47½@47¾, against 47.35@47.75; Manila 49½@49¾ (unchanged); Singapore 56¾@57 (unchanged); Bombay

36¼@36¾, against 36¾@36½, and Calcutta 36@36½, against 36@36¾.

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$5,363,128 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ended April 29. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$6,270,328, while the shipments have reached \$907,200, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week Ended April 29.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' Interior movement	\$6,270,328	\$907,200	Gain \$5,363,128

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

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

Saturday, Apr. 24.	Monday, Apr. 26.	Tuesday, Apr. 27.	Wednesday, Apr. 28.	Thursday, Apr. 29.	Friday, Apr. 30.	Aggregate for Week.
\$86,000,000	\$86,000,000	\$83,000,000	\$82,000,000	\$83,000,000	\$85,000,000	Cr. 505,000,000

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

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

Banks of	April 29 1926.			May 1 1925.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£146,372,276	£146,372,276	£146,372,276	£155,742,064	£155,742,064	£155,742,064
France a	147,363,529	13,320,000	160,683,529	147,277,649	12,680,000	159,957,649
Germany c	58,003,400	d994,600	58,998,000	43,533,850	d994,600	44,528,450
Aus.-Hun.	b2,000,000	b	b2,000,000	b2,000,000	b	b2,000,000
Spain	101,475,000	26,556,000	128,031,000	101,444,000	25,819,000	127,263,000
Italy	35,702,000	3,418,000	39,120,000	35,587,000	3,361,000	38,948,000
Netherl'ds	35,700,000	2,145,000	37,845,000	41,000,000	1,721,000	42,721,000
Nat. Belg.	10,954,000	3,651,000	14,605,000	10,891,000	3,015,000	13,906,000
Switz'land	16,727,000	3,591,000	20,318,000	19,231,000	3,605,000	22,836,000
Sweden	12,747,000	—	12,747,000	12,992,000	—	12,992,000
Denmark	11,622,000	860,000	12,482,000	11,637,000	989,000	12,626,000
Norway	8,180,000	—	8,180,000	8,180,000	—	8,180,000
Total week	586,846,205	54,535,600	641,381,805	589,515,563	52,184,600	641,700,136
Prev. week	585,774,377	54,589,600	640,363,977	582,537,263	52,037,600	634,574,863

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £74,572,836 held abroad. b No recent figures. c Gold holdings of the Bank of Germany this year are exclusive of £16,568,500 held abroad. d As of Oct. 7 1924.

The Problem of War Debts and Reparations.

Close on the heels of the ratification of the Italian and Belgian debt settlements with the United States, and just before the conclusion of a satisfactory debt agreement with France, a usually well-informed correspondent of the New York "Times" makes public the main features of an ambitious scheme, said to be under consideration by "the best financial experts available," which if adopted would dispose of war debts and German reparations in one comprehensive stroke. According to this correspondent, who cabled from London on Tuesday, the plan contemplates the issuance of the full amount of German railway bonds, aggregating 11,000,000,000 gold marks, for which the Dawes plan makes provision, and the use of the proceeds of the sale of these bonds, to be effected through bankers and investors in various countries, to pay off at their estimated present worth the entire mass of war debts and reparations, thereby leaving Germany, the Allied Governments and the United States free of obligations one to another on either or both of these accounts. In other words, the adoption of the plan would have

the effect of canceling all the existing war debt agreements, whatever their terms or the periods over which they are to run, together with the obligation of the German Government to pay reparations, by the simple process of converting all these obligations from Governmental to private obligations through the medium of the issuance and sale of the German railway bonds. What was received from the bonds, if we understand the proposal aright, would be used to discharge the reparations obligation, and what was received as reparations would thereupon be used to pay off the war debts. In this way both sides of the slate would be wiped clean. The plan, according to the "Times" correspondent, is not to be launched immediately, but is expected to "be in season in two, three or four years from now."

In the absence of details, and of knowledge of the financial interests that are back of the project, the practicability of so elaborate an undertaking cannot well be definitely judged. One may hesitate to affirm, in this day of huge financial transactions, that so large and complicated an undertaking as this would be impossible, or that the marketing of some billions of dollars' worth of securities—the "Times" correspondent speaks of \$3,000,000,000 as approximately the amount involved, although the actual figures would apparently be much larger than that—would be impracticable now or in the near future, especially if the French debt settlements with Great Britain and the United States were out of the way. On its face, the suggestion offers some advantages. No one can safely predict what will be the state of Europe twenty, forty or sixty-two years hence, and the payment of war debts, especially to the United States, over periods that exceed the expectation of life of most men now living, is certain to raise troublesome questions as the years go on. No such colossal debts as the World War left have previously been known to history, and the power for political mischief which they hold would doubtless be materially lessened if the debts could be converted from public into private loans. Germany might be expected to gain in political stability if the reparations issue were disposed of, and one of the chief causes of irritation between Germany and France would be removed. There would still remain, of course, the serious problem of transferring large sums of money from Germany to other countries without demoralizing exchange, but until such considerable transfers as are now involved in the Dawes plan prove impracticable—and Mr. Parker Gilbert does not seem yet to vision any insuperable difficulty at that point—it cannot be said that they would prove unmanageable under such a scheme as the "Times" correspondent has rather vaguely outlined.

There are two important points, however, at which the scheme seems open to criticism. The first is the apparent absence of any provision for fixing the total amount of reparations which Germany is to pay. At this point the question of reparations is practically where it was when the Treaty of Versailles was signed. The figure of 132,000,000,000 gold marks fixed by the Reparations Commission has been generally recognized as impossible, if not fantastic, but no other figure has yet been agreed upon. The figure of 50,000,000,000 gold marks, often spoken of as if it were an agreed maximum, is only a tentative proposal which was used as a basis of apportioning the respective shares of the reparations payments which the several creditor Governments were

to receive, but it has never received final sanction and the question is still open. The Dawes Commission expressly declined to fix a maximum figure, or even to suggest what such a maximum should be, rightly holding that that question was a political one wholly outside its province. All that the Dawes plan does is to provide a graduated scale of annual payments, rising eventually to 2,500,000,000 gold marks and based upon Germany's supposed capacity to pay, but how long such maximum annual payments are to continue is still to be determined. Obviously, there can be no final settlement of the reparations question, under such a plan as is said to be under consideration at London, as long as nobody knows how much in the aggregate Germany is to be asked to pay; and while the adoption of such a figure as 50,000,000,000 gold marks might result in making reparations an entirely manageable factor in the plan, no one knows whether that figure would be satisfactory to the Allied Governments.

A second objection is that a plan, however sound, which is not to be put directly in the way of accomplishment for two, three or four years does not meet the immediate and pressing financial needs of France. What France needs, and needs now, is a considerable amount of disposable cash. It needs cash to enable it to stabilize the franc and maintain the actual balance of its budget, and to assure the meeting of the obligations which it is now preparing to assume in the settlement of its war debts. Disposable cash to-day is worth to France a good many times the same amount several years hence, and until enough free cash is available to put the finances of France upon a sound basis, the industrial and commercial recovery of the country will be retarded, its political life will remain disturbed, and the economic life of Europe in general will be adversely affected.

Instead, accordingly, of undertaking to deal with both the war debts and the German reparations in one comprehensive scheme, with the virtual certainty that the scheme would be opposed at Washington if it involved any further abatement of the American debt claims, it might be possible for international financiers to bring about a settlement of the reparations issue that would immediately benefit both Germany and France, and Germany's other creditors as well. Whether the 11,000,000,000 gold marks of German railway bonds would be sufficient in amount to effect a transformation from Government obligations to private loans of the whole mass of war debts and reparations at their present estimated worth is at least doubtful, but the issuance of that amount of bonds, and their conversion into cash or credit in the world markets, would make possible the prompt discharge of a large part of the reparations obligations, even if the Allies still hesitated to fix a maximum figure. Of the amount, France, the largest and most needy creditor, would be entitled, under present arrangements, to 52%, and with so considerable a sum promptly available, the financial condition of France would cease to be disquieting. Germany would know better where it stands, as it hardly knows at all now, and France would be paid. It would not be necessary in such case to alter the existing financial obligations of either the Germany railways or the German Government under the Dawes plan, for if the obligation of the railways, with the German Government as the ultimate guarantor, can be met under

the Dawes plan, it can be met equally well under the procedure proposed. As matters now stand, the financial resource afforded by the railway bonds appears to be withheld for use at some future time, whereas that resource ought, if possible, to be made available now.

There is no concealing the fact that the Dawes plan, although it has worked well down to the present time, nevertheless leaves the future uncertain. The real pressure will come when the maximum annual payments called for by the plan are reached, and few will venture now to predict how, or how long, those maximum payments can be met without checking Germany's economic recovery. We may be sure that Germany will not go on paying 2,500,000,000 gold marks indefinitely, with no agreement by the Allies as to when the end is to be reached. In the meantime the problem of handling a large volume of payments in kind creates a difficult situation for France, and the imperative need of France for cash is not being met. If so large a financial transaction as is involved in disposing, some years hence, of both the war debts and reparations can be seriously thought of as practicable at the present time, the lesser task of easing the burden of reparations alone, to the obvious immediate advantage of Germany and its creditors, could hardly prove insuperable, nor does it seem necessary to wait three or four years to carry it out.

"Intellectual Dishonesty" and "Hypocrisy"— Former Governor Cox's Criticism.

Former Governor James M. Cox, Democratic candidate for President in 1920, said the other day, in New York City: "I think the man who is out of public life is a most fortunate person for the reason that it is an era of intellectual dishonesty and hypocrisy." A little later in the interview, after holding up the Cathcart case as an example that made the whole world "laugh at us," he remarked: "What a nation of hypocrites!" Now, these are brave words, if true; and we ought to concern ourselves very seriously about an "era of intellectual dishonesty and hypocrisy." But perhaps, if one who was formerly in "public life" is able to speak authoritatively of politics, the charge of "intellectual dishonesty and hypocrisy" is intended to be confined to our politicians of the present time. If so, why broaden the animadversion and exclaim: "What a nation of hypocrites!" It is very hard to define intellectual dishonesty. Does it mean that we are not honest in our processes of thought—that is very difficult to understand! Does it mean that we strive to deceive ourselves and then to deceive others? That would not be intellectual, for it could not be logical. Does it mean that we do not say what our mind tells us is truth? That would be plain lying. And this, all agree, is immoral. Does it mean that we have not the courage of our convictions, that we think one way and act another; that, for example, we advocate "prohibition" but do not practice abstinence ourselves? If so, is it not more a conflict with conscience than with reason? Perhaps the nearest we can come to a satisfactory definition is to say we use the intellect more to accomplish selfish interests than to maintain the right.

Whatever intellectual dishonesty may mean, we are not at much trouble to define hypocrisy, and a hypocrite. A hypocrite is one who preaches that

which he does not practice. And it may be that he sometimes practices that which he does not advocate or believe in. A hypocrite is, commonly, a wolf in sheep's clothing. He is one who cries "Lord, Lord," and does evil. He may reason against himself, deny his own heart, cry his faith from the housetops, yet know that he is a doubter and deceiver. He lives on false pretense, and helps others solely that he may help himself. He may join a political party for the office he hopes to get. He may denounce capital or labor, as the case may be, because he thinks it will gain him the most votes. He may profess peace and prepare for war, *feeling that preparedness must lead to war*. In the guise of friend he is an enemy. In politics he is all things to all men; in religion, a devout worshipper who hopes that this will save his soul if indeed there be any punishment for deeds done in the body; in civics and governmental procedure he decries law and justice as meted out to men and does not perform his own duty as citizen. And in a campaign for office he advocates that which he knows to be unwise and harmful that he may be elected. A hypocrite is not intellectually dishonest, but he is a moral cheat.

With these attempts at definitions, are we a "nation of hypocrites"? Because if we are, much is explained as to conditions, much may be prophesied as to our future. We think this charge is almost entirely without foundation. The American people are neither "intellectually dishonest" nor are they "a nation of hypocrites." It must be true that where there are so many views held of politics, economics, civics, education, religion, science and art, as are to be found in the United States, where thought at least is free, that men are honest in their beliefs. It is not that associations, societies, parties even, are always honest with the world, but they are honest with themselves, in that they are selfishly seeking their own estimate of the good, their own advantage. A superior intellect may surround itself with followers by proclaiming and expounding that which it does not believe. That makes a hypocrite. But the followers, unable to discern the fallacy, may sincerely believe. So that we must admit that the "rank and file" are honest, though they may be selfish. And in all the "turmoil" through which we are passing we must hold fast to the belief that however divided, however misled, however deceived, the *people are honest*. If not, democracy is doomed, and a benevolent despot would better rule us, if such could be.

Considering the vast variety of persons who may be said to constitute "the people," it is not that the many wilfully think wrong, if that, indeed, be possible, but that, though free, their minds travel a narrow gauge road. Selfishness or private or personal gain may constitute a motive, but the intellectual process is confined to a "single track," it is honest enough in itself because it is founded and works in a machine-like mind. In other words, knowing may not co-ordinate or co-operate with acting—men know the right better than they do the right—but every man knows when he himself is a "hypocrite." Reformers and fanatics (when they are *not* hypocrites) are honest. And it is impossible for an outsider to enter the secrets of these minds and say they are going against their own convictions. There is an old saying, applied to certain garrulous characters in a community, to the effect that "he has told that lie so often he believes it him-

self." What modern science calls "auto-suggestion" accounts for many of our inconsistencies, we believe because we want to believe, the "wish is father to the thought," but this is not "intellectual dishonesty," nor indeed are these persons actual "hypocrites." Collectively we are denominated an "emotional people." Our emotions sweep us along and influence our thoughts and our reasoning; and it would be better often if we were colder and more calculating. Many of our great "movements," social, religious and political, turn themselves into crusades, through sheer emotional excitement. Believers soon come to exaggerate their importance. If we do not believe this or that we are doomed, if we do not have this law or that condition or law, the nation will perish. But there is nothing essentially intellectually dishonest about all this, it only seems to make us variable. It has been said "consistency is an attribute of fools."

Are we a nation of "hypocrites"? How, when, where? Look on the map and find if you can another hundred and fifteen millions as near a unit as to a *form* of government! Yet we have an East, West, and in lesser degree a North and a South, divided in sentiment as to political policies and principles, and yet not wholly divided. Where else in so varied a terrain are there fewer parties? Is there a hue and cry about "Wall Street"? Look at your country town, and do not its banks huddle together in the centre of "business"—constituting a financial district, though small. Have we "labor unions," clamoring for increase in wages, coercing by means of "the strike"—the vast body of labor is unorganized and submissive to conditions that cannot be changed. Does society spend itself in spectacles and fantasies; is youth in revolt against everything that is old and sacred; are we pleasure-mad, profit-bound, wasters and spenders;—yes—but count the degrees, and over against a manifest majority who are none of these! Is religion an index of hypocrisy because two modern schools war over its origin, over its substance—when scores of denominational creeds *are* worshipping according to the dictates of conscience, each unostentatious by the others. If in the broad view there are so-called inconsistencies, are not these proof patent that there *is* intellectual honesty and a lack of hypocrisy? And was the old South, for an example, intellectually dishonest (see the subtle logic of John C. Calhoun)—a South lost in new issues, a cause forgotten? And did not Carl Schurz say Lincoln fought more for the slave than for the Union?

All this talk of "hypocrisy" arises from mistaking a part for the whole. And again, we make so much noise through our reformers and crusaders that we are deceived by the very violence of the outcry. It may even to-day be a source of wonder to the peoples of Europe that we are not in the League of Nations. But it is not a wonder to the thoughtful American. When the test came he who felt himself commissioned to carry the nation into the League found that he was mistaken, that he had not and never had had such a commission. In the light of this tremendous fact we are not hypocrites in our own estimation that we wish all nations well but will not engage in entangling alliances. Take prohibition—since it is now vociferously discussed. The people are not hypocrites, be they in majority or minority, who refuse to accept *in spirit* a law they did not by direct vote in fact enact. It is not as we appear to others,

but as we appear to ourselves, that makes us hypocrites, whatever be the degree. Do we preach an abiding love for, and intent toward, peace; and at the same time cry for preparedness, more and ever more? It is not the people at large that are commanding this constant and increasing preparation for the making of war—it is a faction of over-zealous civilians following a star they cannot see is baleful, it is a body of military autocrats seeking to defend a country that has honored them and which they honor!

Take this very administration of an immigration law (the attempt to shut out a person on the ground of "moral turpitude") which called forth this futile and frothy charge that we are a nation of hypocrites. It is true that socially we are not averse to divorce. It is true that there are many causes therefore, distributed through many States. It is true that in the granting of divorce under "easy grounds" much of moral turpitude is disclosed. But it is silly to imagine that the acts of administrators at Ellis Island make us a nation of hypocrites. It is a venture to say that nine out of ten persons who read of the incident saw that the law merely overshot the mark of common sense and had almost nothing to do with the real attitude of the people either on immigration or on divorce. But for the sake of the argument say that the "world" does laugh at us over the League, or Court, or Immigration, or mayhap Tariff, or Debt, we are not foisting upon this "world" or any people in it something we do not believe or believe in ourselves. We may be wrong, but we reserve the right to consider ourselves honest. We may even overwhelmingly defeat a candidate for President without laying ourselves open to the charge of hypocrisy. And if among ourselves we protest against our own intolerance, inconsistencies, and intemperance in speech, we are not thereby intellectually dishonest.

It is true that in our sectional and bloc appeals to the national Government for laws and direct aid to industries there are many willing to accept help, if so be it help shall come their way through these innovations and interferences, and do not protest against these movements though little believing in them. If this be really hypocrisy it is of a latent and an innocuous kind. For the fact is that this appeal is now the fashion. The farmer in the field is not the farmer in the agricultural convention dominated by theoretical farmers who do not work. In the same way the factory worker in the union who would rather not strike if left to his own will is not a hypocrite because he does go out with the others. All men are in the current of forces they cannot control. It is always well to speak the truth and to speak it out in public when good can come thereby. But in a democracy and in a representative form of democracy, it is sometimes better to suffer in silence than to add to the discords of life, be they social or industrial or political. There is such a thing as allowing error to defeat itself. There is such a thing as giving natural law time to work the undoing of legislative law. The great trouble often is that because of the speech and act and domination of minorities, and sometimes of majorities, the truth is not allowed to reveal itself. It is not that these minorities and majorities demonstrate hypocrisy, or intellectual dishonesty, in the masses of the people, but that in the constant change many do not feel it incumbent to gird on the armor of the crusader, not

that they do not think, contemplate and know, but that they await the opportune hour at the ballot box.

The Farm Relief Measures Before Congress.

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While the score or more of bills for farm relief which have been introduced into the 69th Congress differ radically as to methods, they all rest on certain common assumptions: (1) that the farmers of the United States are in dire distress; (2) that they cannot rescue themselves; (3) that the Government can and should come to the rescue by making generous loans or absolute grants of money; (4) that a new board should be created to administer this relief from Washington, and (5) that, wherever possible, the agencies of relief should be co-operative organizations. And there is general agreement that relief is to be sought in higher net prices for agricultural products—prices that shall cover the cost of production and leave a reasonable profit, or, to quote a favorite expression, "the American farmer must have American prices." Among the devices for bringing this to pass may be mentioned: (1) Orderly marketing, by means of credits for warehousing and holding; (2) elimination of speculation; (3) removal of the surplus either through dumping it abroad and making up the loss by assessments on the producers (equalization fees) through the payment of export bounties, or through storage of the surplus either directly by the Government, or with the aid of Government credit, or (4) elimination of surpluses through the control of domestic production; (5) reduction of distribution costs, and (6) price fixing, either avowed or implied.

This ambitious program is being pressed by farm leaders and by politicians both inside and outside of Congress and has the active support of many bankers throughout the South and West and of numerous citizens sincerely interested in farmers' welfare; and it seems of late to have won the approval of a hitherto hostile Administration. Never was agriculture so vocal as at present. The extent of the proposed relief may be seen from the fact that practically all agricultural products—grains, cotton, wool, fruits, dairy products, live stock products and naval stores—are to be looked after.

There is space here only for a brief analysis of the most important of these measures. (1) The Haugen bill, which is an Administration measure and which has passed the House; (2) and (3) the McKinley bill and Oldfield bill, which provide for export bounties; (4) the Dickinson bill, which takes care of the surplus through an equalization fee; (5) and (6) the Fort bill and the new Haugen bill, which are modifications of the Dickinson bill, and (7) the Tinchler bill, which is the relief bill of the Administration and is supposed to avoid the pitfalls of the other measures.

The Haugen bill, which goes as far as the Administration really wants to go in the way of farm relief, provides that the Secretary of Agriculture shall set up within his Department a co-operative marketing division which shall encourage and stimulate the development of co-operative marketing and furnish the co-operatives with information concerning general agricultural conditions, so that they may better control prices and regulate production. Although this measure has passed the House, it is too

mild for the more radical advocates of farm relief and it is doubtful that it will receive further serious consideration, unless as a better than nothing measure.

One of the causes of agricultural discontent is the fact that it is finally dawning in the mind of the farmer that he is a victim of the protective tariff, that while he sells his products at prices fixed in a world market, he buys his supplies at prices fixed in a market restricted by protective tariff walls.

Senator McKinley's bill aims to bring the farmers under the wings of protection by providing for a virtual export bounty on agricultural products at the rate, in each case, of the import duty on the product. But instead of a simple bounty to be paid directly out of the Treasury, the exporter shall be paid in "Export Equalization Debentures," which are acceptable for customs fees only. These debentures cannot amount to more than 100% of the import duties on all commodities, and it is evident that unless the exporter happens to be an importer paying tariff duties at least equal in amount to his export equalization debentures he must resort to a broker to turn these debentures into cash. Since it appears that the direct payment of an export bounty would not be constitutional it would seem that the only object of this fantastic arrangement is duly to impress the farmer with the fact that his bounty is intimately and directly wrapped up with the tariff; for without import duty, how is he to cash his export debentures? The inspiration for this scheme seems to have been derived from Germany, where, however, the occasion which gave rise to it was very different. The Germans sought to relieve their Far Eastern rye growers of the long freight rates to the German centres, enabling them to sell their grain in the nearby Russian markets. Sellers in these markets were given export debentures which were equal in amount to the tariff duty, and which could be used to pay the import duties on similar grains imported from markets nearer to German centres of population. The benefits to the Eastern grain growers were large, since they not only escaped freight rates, but also reaped an export bounty. But the Government was unable to prevent grave inequalities and abuses and the favored farmers immediately expanded their production enormously. As the McKinley bill would work in like fashion, it is difficult to see how it would solve the problem of the surplus.

The Oldfield bill includes two distinct plans for relief—a plan for an export bounty and a plan for credit to enable foreign consumers to purchase our surplus. The idea underlying the latter plan is that somewhere outside the United States there are large potential buyers of American agricultural products who are solvent and credit-worthy, but who lack ready money and are unable to borrow either from their own respective nationals or from private bankers abroad. In order to enable such potential purchasers to buy, the bill provides for the formation of an export corporation with a revolving fund of \$200,000,000 drawn from the United States Treasury. The corporation shall be empowered to issue bonds and make loans, of which the amount outstanding at any time shall not exceed \$1,000,000,000, to exporters, whether farmers, co-operative associations, or mere exporters, to enable them to sell their agricultural products to these hungry, moneyless, but solvent foreign buyers.

At one time the idea of an export corporation was rather widely accepted and came near being embodied in a law. But its fundamental weaknesses are apparent, and our attitude toward further credit to Europe is such that this phase of the Oldfield bill has not been taken seriously by the present Congress.

The second part of this bill, like the McKinley bill, provides for an export bounty on surplus agricultural products, but without resort to export duties. It should be noted that of the commodities mentioned—wheat, corn, oats, rye, rice, cotton, cotton seed, tobacco, beef cattle and hogs processed or in their natural state—the majority are not imported except in very small quantities, and that some of them are at present on the free list. The bill provides that, when such a surplus exists that the farmer cannot secure a fair price, the Board shall declare that an emergency exists and shall immediately proceed to set up a schedule of export bounties sufficient "to secure for the farmer a just and reasonable price for his products." That is, before the Board can fix the amount of the bounty, it must declare what is a "just and reasonable price." In other words, it must fix prices. The idea of paying an export bounty in order to get rid of a surplus is a novel one, although in 1895, under the inspiration of Mr. Lubin, it was embodied in a bill which was introduced into Congress but failed of passage. But an export bounty has often been resorted to as a means of stimulating home production. The classical example is the English export bounty on wheat, which was repealed in 1816. Such payments have long been held in ill repute and few people who have given the matter thought disagree materially with Adam Smith, who held that they were an abomination unto the Lord.

The most striking development of the bounty idea is to be found in the export bounty on beet sugar, which was instituted during the second half of the 19th century by Germany, France, Belgium, and other European countries. In brief, the result of these payments has been to over-stimulate sugar production in these countries, to raise the domestic prices so high as to check domestic consumption, and to furnish sugar to foreign countries—England, for example—below cost at the expense of the taxpayers of the bounty-paying countries. France alone paid directly in sugar bounties during 1897 the enormous sum of \$22,000,000. It is significant that not one of these countries, when it started on this bounty policy, dreamed of carrying it to any such extent. But like many other artificial schemes, it led to international rivalry to control the foreign market.

By the beginning of the century the export bounty plague had reached such proportions that in 1901 the nations afflicted with it and those suffering indirectly from it—England, for example—called an international convention at Brussels. The outcome was the Brussels Agreement of 1902, which practically brought about the abrogation of export bounties.

For a short time the United States paid an export bounty on refined sugar, but our settled policy has been opposed to export bounties. Furthermore, by levying a countervailing duty on imported products enjoying an export duty—sugar, for example—we have refused to permit our consumers to profit from export bounties paid by other countries. And it is

interesting to point out that we have been more meticulous, perhaps, than any other country in interpreting what constitutes an export bounty.

Since such an export bounty as is proposed in the Oldfield bill would stimulate sporadic dumping and destroy the equality of nations under the favored nations clause it would undoubtedly cause much international irritation and would lead to reprisals. In the case of nations directly affected, the measure would be a dead letter; for with the possible exception of England they would, under their present laws, immediately levy countervailing duties. In the case of nations indirectly affected, Argentina, for example, or Canada, selling wheat in England in competition with bounty fed wheat of the United States, it is not quite so evident what would happen; but it is clear that their interests would be vitally affected and that they would demand from England some countervailing action. As early as 1879 Justice Sheldon Amos of the Inner Temple held that countervailing duties were necessary to restore equality among nations under the favored nation clause, when that equality had been destroyed by an export bounty.

But leaving aside the international aspects of the question, it is difficult to see how an export bounty could benefit American agriculture, except temporarily. Indeed, it is easier to see how it could do it grave injury. At first, no doubt, it would effect a rise in prices, but the amount of the rise would fall short of the amount of the bounty because a larger volume of the commodity would be exported than under non-bounty conditions and prices to foreigners would, therefore, have to be cut. That is, the American producer would share the bounty with the foreign consumer. The American consumer would eat dearer bread, the English consumer cheaper bread, and the bill would be paid by the American taxpayer. Ultimately, however, production would be stimulated, the amount of the product to be disposed of would mount and prices to foreign buyers would have to come down. And thus the filip due to the export bounty would practically melt away. The American farmer would be back where he started, but with a larger surplus; and the foreign consumer would enjoy still cheaper bread, bought in part with money taken out of the pockets of American taxpayers. How strange indeed that we, of all people, should disinter and attempt to breathe the breath of life into this discredited and contemptible old fraud—the export bounty!

The Dickinson bill, which is a legitimate descendant of the Haugen-McNary bill of the 68th Congress, voices the sentiment of the more radical advocates of Government aid to farmers, and however disguised, it constitutes the foundation of almost every farm relief measure, including that sponsored by the Administration. It provides for an Advisory Council, to be paid on a per diem basis, which shall function through a board of seven members, of whom six shall be appointed by the President. Their salaries and the other administration expenses shall be paid by the Government. Its chief duties are: (1) To collect and disseminate information concerning agriculture and to advise farmers in matters pertaining to agricultural production; (2) to raise the prices of practically all agricultural products by assisting farm organizations to remove surpluses from the market, and (3) to make up the resultant losses by assessing an equalization fee, for the non-

payment of which fines and penalties are prescribed, against the producers of any commodity a surplus of which has been declared by the board. The board may anticipate the payment of these fees by borrowing on the security of the commodity immediately concerned.

The new Haugen bill and the Fort bill were introduced on April 15, at the close of the hearings, and may be said to represent the latest thought on agricultural relief. Both are more ambitious than the Dickinson bill. The Haugen bill does not differ radically from its predecessor of the 68th Congress except that it resembles the Dickinson bill in its provisions for organization, and provides for a revolving fund and exempts cotton from the equalization fee for three years. The Fort bill also has its Advisory Council, its board and its revolving fund. And it provides for the creation of an agricultural corporation for each commodity. These corporations are agents of the board and have little discretionary power. The board may make loans to these corporations and also to co-operative associations, and if such co-operatives assume unlimited liability, the loans need not be secured.

None of these measures has won the support of more than a faction either in or out of Congress. The Haugen bill, which farmers have not accepted as a relief measure, and which is supported by a small minority of farm leaders, was changed quite beyond recognition by an amendment of the Senate committee, into a form which is substantially that of the Dickinson bill, except for the temporary exemption of corn and cotton from the equalization fee and the addition of a provision for a large revolving fund. The export bounty measures have been rather half-heartedly supported by a small faction, who see in them an escape from the equalization fee and from price fixing. But both in and out of Congress the basic features of the Dickinson bill, as enlarged and modified in the recent bills of Mr. Haugen and Mr. Fort, meet with widest approval. The non-salaried advisory council, operating through a highly salaried board, which may declare that in any one of a long list of products an emergency in the nature of a surplus exists, the compulsory equalization fee, price fixing, implied in the demand for American prices, a revolving fund, furnished by the Government loans of Government money to co-operatives and finally aid to co-operative organizations, which may engage in any sort of activity, untrammelled by the anti-trust laws, all these would be willingly accepted by Congress if the Administration were willing. But the Administration is not willing. It objects to any form of the equalization fee or of price fixing. This attitude created an impasse which threatened to prevent the adoption of any measure of farm relief.

But the pressure on the Administration became irresistible and on April 15 Mr. Tincher introduced a new bill which the spokesman of the White House has let it be known is acceptable to the Administration. However, this measure, as modified by Mr. Haugen and Mr. Fort, and the Dickinson bill, are as nearly alike as two peas in a pod. The Dickinson bill is the larger pea because it frankly states in detail what it is proposed to do, while the less frank Tincher bill avoids detail and places the responsibility on a marketing commission. There is the same type of organization, the same surplus idea involving the same list of commodities, the same revolving

fund, though reduced in size in the new bill, and the same provision for loans; and while the mention of an equalization fee is avoided in the Tincher bill, it is provided, to quote, that "any association receiving a loan shall provide for the payment thereof by imposing a charge, in a manner approved by the commission, on the commodity marketed by or through the association." And since the idea of a surplus is inseparably bound up with price, in the Tincher as in the Dickinson bill, price fixing is the keystone of the arch. And finally, the partnership set up between the commission and the co-operatives is such that this bill, like the Dickinson bill, involves the Government in a huge marketing adventure. All three bills have the same congenital weakness, however disguised—the provision for making up losses and paying the expenses of operation by an assessment against the commodity to be relieved.

Any scheme of an assessment, under whatever name, whether voluntary or involuntary, whether levied on all products to be relieved or only on certain cash crops, such as wheat, whether paid by the producer or the processor, is economically unsound and administratively impossible. To be effective it must be compulsory; to be just it must be prorated on all producers of the crops in question, because all would claim its benefits, and this would make it necessary for a Government board to keep an account with millions of producers. And it must be adjusted in each case to a surplus, the volume of which scarcely any two men could agree on, let alone a Government board on the one hand and a group of farmers on the other. But if it be assumed that an agreement on this point could be reached, the difficulties would have only begun. The committee of Western farmers throws up its hands when it comes to corn and thinks to solve the problem by placing the fee on meats, though it wisely leaves to the board the question of how to collect it. And it solves the problem for a cash crop—wheat—by assessing the miller. And then, under the questioning of this committee, the spokesman of the farmers thinks he has got out of the difficulty by saying that no one will pay the fee unless the consumer does and that he won't know it.

Finally, if the fee could be administered and if it should accomplish its object by raising prices, it would become necessary to take care of all other producers whose costs had thereby been upset. For example, higher wheat means higher milling offal to dairymen and higher cost of production for them. Such producers would evidently be entitled to compensatory fees, which would put to shame the compulsory duties under our protective tariff.

It is hardly necessary to point out that higher prices lead to larger production and that the provision in these bills for warning the farmers of this fact scarcely meets the situation.

All these measures involve price fixing. The McNary-Haugen bill and certain bills which I have not discussed, openly and frankly provide for price fixing. The Dickinson and Tincher bills go around it but come out at the same place. The conclusion is inevitable that any measure which provides for the segregation of a surplus or any measure of which the purpose is to set up a "fair price" or an "American price" must rest on price fixing. And furthermore, that any board established to bring about farm relief, if denied the power of price fixing, would be unable to perform its function.

All these measures involve operating through co-operative associations. With much temerity I suggest that they are loading a very small craft with a very heavy cargo. The work which the co-operatives are asked to do is quite outside their province and for them to undertake it would not only bring disaster to the co-operatives themselves, but would destroy farm relief. Outside of a rather restricted field, the co-operative movement has many limitations.

In the marketing of products needing grading and standardization co-operation has rendered great service, but in the marketing of the great staple products—cotton, corn, wheat, meat and so forth, co-operation has little to offer. Indeed, it is doubtful that it can measure up to private enterprise. This is the testimony of leaders in the co-operative movement.

The problem which these measures are intended to solve is, how to put the farmer's dollar on a parity with the dollar of the industrialist. In this problem all citizens are intensely interested. But wise citizens object to uneconomic experiments at the expense of the Government. Nor do wise citizens desire to see more boards and bureaus added to what they deem an already over-extended bureaucracy unless it is shown beyond a reasonable doubt that such further extension will materially assist in the rescue of the American farmer from his present plight. Personally, I do not believe that his rescue can be effected in this way.

The Modernizing of Politics.

It was inevitable that the upheaval of human society that came with the passing of feudalism and the end of the Middle Ages should record itself in the changing form and functions of the State. The era culminated with the emancipation of the individual; and the 19th century, with its new conceptions, its new mastery over nature and its new science, was the result. Politics, as the popular and practical conception of government, necessarily shared in the movement and passed into a new stage. It acquired a new conception and a new method. It became a more definite function of the people. From that time Government, from the position and duties of the head through all the subordinate branches down to the function and responsibility of the individual citizen, has been in process of change, however little this may be realized.

A scholarly book has been written on "The Passing of Politics."* But politics is by no means passing. It is simply developing, evolving, if you will, in keeping with the times and the progress of man. It is modernizing as are men, by the same enlarging of its underlying conceptions and by the same necessary changes in its methods. There will be to the end ideals and philosophical theories, but there will also be historical teaching and the insistent demands of the practical. Politics as never before pertains to Democracy, and Democracy as government of the people, by the people and for the people is ideal and will endure.

With this in mind we may well turn to Mr. Wallace's book and follow a historical scholar, even though we do not accept his conclusions. We may see not the passing, but the development of politics in the form which has to-day become distinctive, and

which will make it possible for our generation "to enter into the full heritage of the new age" with confidence both in its promise and the method by which it is to be achieved. We are ready to be guided by experience, not in dropping but in enlarging and clarifying our ideals, philosophical or otherwise, and giving them fair and honest application in the life open to us.

Our author starts with the statement that politics, like war, is a struggle for power. The politician and the soldier have a definite aim, and pay little attention to other laws or customs than those they make for themselves. After the period in which the soldier could be hired for any service, and war became a means of serving any political or personal ambition, new methods of social adjustment served in time to displace war as the occupation of the best type of man. Men could take an interest in politics as a function of organized life. It was long before the politician in his better form became possible as the large-minded statesman, the man of high integrity, invested with authority because of his known wisdom and character. It has been a slow development. It had to pass through the period in which war, from being the chief recourse, became the means, when diplomacy failed. This was preliminary to the conditions existing to-day in which not only war but the methods of the politician have become obsolete. Lord Bryce said not long before his death that he had never visited a country in which he was not warned shortly after his arrival that he must not judge the national sentiment by the opinions of the politicians.

Our author notes three stages in the efforts of civilized people to establish necessary and helpful institutions. These stages cannot be sharply divided, but represent periods each of approximately 500 years. They are the period of military society; that of urban national organization with a dominant middle class; and at present a cosmopolitan industrial society with peace as its focus, authority as its rule, and science as its cohesive factor. There is throughout a sequence of social institutions, and the present task is to determine when and how progress is made, and whether we are at the dawn of a new era, or the occurrence of a new epoch. An era marks a period of change going on in institutions, while an epoch is a turning point in history. He holds that decay has rapidly appeared, and that democracy, which is to be distinguished from a republican form of government, may perform a healthy function in its proving a dissolving agency of decadent institutions.

This dissolvent process is the burden of his review, and the crux of the problem to-day. Politics as the focus of social life may be shown to have declined and ceased to be determining in public affairs. A new age may be opening. If this is true it will be necessary to get rid of what he terms the "dying sophisms" and "weedy truisms" of politics, so that there may be a new and richer flowering of the human spirit. This may be a "passing of democracy", in giving place to what is a new conception of the relations of men to one another and a reshaping of institutions to meet a larger, a more real and generous conception of the present life.

It is more than a question of terms, though Mr. Wallace uses the words "politics" and "political" as pertaining to the past. In successive chapters he deals in interesting fullness with such subjects as

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The Political Age, covering the theory and practice of Constitutional Government; its Ethics, embracing Political Liberty, Equality, the Pursuit of Happiness and the Principle and Progress of Democracy; leading up to the Significance of Socialism, the various plans of Social Organization, the Decay of Parliamentary Government before the growth of Industrial and Capitalistic Organization; with an estimate of the Economic Age and the danger of introducing Politics into industrial and commercial life.

This will be recognized as a suggestive and interesting series. But we are compelled at this point to break with our author. He has proved an informing leader in his historic review of human society. All must agree with him when he says that Economics does not account for the movements of history, and that Politics as a method of social adjustment equally belongs to the past. It is obvious that neither the one nor the other accords with the science of to-day. So far it is true that both have done their work and are passing away.

When at the end he is compelled to recognize the existence of the human will his conclusion goes far astray. He admits that its recognition is the basis of politics, as it is of religion; and complains that because it projects man's life into the future it leads to neglect of the life of the present. On the one hand he says it has led to the belief in God as the supreme authority, on the other it has set up the State. It has influenced men to try to join the past with the future and to create a process "called prog-

ress." Whatever good it has done in the past he considers as ended. It postpones, in his view, the control of matter over mind, which while satisfying certain material wants left man under the influence of "vague metaphysical" wants, such as justice, happiness, the greatest good, natural law and the like."

We have outgrown these philosophical conceptions, he thinks. While he admits that science has not yet received an adequate general definition it has opened a new line of approach to the questions before us "in accordance with the spirit of the age." For directing "man's undeniable native energy" he therefore would offer what he calls "the materialistic-moral" code. Outside of the realm of science and the reality it offers, "fiction," which, he says, "embraces what are termed the highest human aspirations as in religion and philosophy" must remain the rule. The will and all that it implies are dispensed with, and remain only as offering a means of solving, what to him appears untenable, the superiority of mind over matter, with the whole cosmology it implies, i. e., the Divine Rule.

For the hopeful view of life which we all cherish, our author finds a foundation in the increase of wealth and of population, and the safeguarding of health and of public welfare, as "coefficients of the economic efficiency which is transforming the character of social life." But we cannot follow him any further in his argument. To most persons this will not be accepted as a satisfactory philosophy of life, which is certainly something more than general well-being and any amount of economic efficiency.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Apr. 30 1926.

Trade conditions are variable, and on the whole not altogether satisfactory. This is largely due to weather conditions. The cold, wet spring has militated very noticeably against American trade. In some sections of late, for instance in the Northwest, it has been too dry. Recently in the Southwest it was too wet. Temperatures thus far this spring have for the most part been abnormally low. This fact has affected many different branches of trade, some of which at first glance would seemingly not be much affected by atmospheric conditions. But the iron and steel trade has suffered. So have the clothing trades, textile manufactures, the sugar trade, and too many others to be enumerated here. The whole gamut of business has been more or less affected. In other words, consumption has been reduced. Wholesale business returns are not quite so satisfactory as they were last week. Retail sales are running behind those of a year ago. It has been bad weather for distribution. Even the automobile output has fallen off from the March total, though it is noticeably larger than that of a year ago. The coal trade has been only fairly active, though naturally the low temperatures in various parts of the country have injured more or less to the benefit of this branch of business. Wheat prices have advanced mainly owing to the prevalence of dry weather in the Northwest and also in Canada. This has offset a rather disappointing export trade. Corn prices have declined, as trade and speculation have been slow, and interior stocks are said to be large. There is still an agitation in Washington for what are termed measures of relief to the farmer, and there are still advocates of the Haugen bill, though there are those who not without reason consider it entirely impractical. It aims at purely paternalistic measures for regulating the price of corn, wheat, live stock, dairy products and cotton. It has been pronounced unconstitutional. It may turn out to be a boomerang for some of its foremost advocates. In the end, the law of supply and demand must regulate prices, as it has for ages past and will for ages to come.

Overproduction is certain to have its reflection in low prices, as it always has had and must inevitably have always.

It is regrettable that the competition of foreign growers has shut the American corn farmer out from the foreign market. It is a fact that for many months past there has been only a small sale for American grain abroad, whether wheat, corn, oats or rye. Cotton has declined somewhat in response to better weather at the South. But conditions in the cotton belt could be still better than they are, although temperatures are rising and rains have slackened or disappeared. The regrettable thing is that the spring wheat belt and also the cotton belt are behind last year, in their development. Seeding in both has been considerably delayed. The soil of the cotton belt is in excellent condition and only needs a few weeks of dry, warm weather to facilitate planting and germination. It looks as though there would be another large acreage planted. Certainly current estimates point to only a small decrease from the unprecedented area seeded last year. Meanwhile Carolina cotton mills will start a curtailment of 25% on May 1. It will eventually help to put the cotton goods industry on a stronger basis, as there has been an over-accumulation of supplies at the mills. It is announced, too, that the yarn mills of Lancashire, using American cotton will close for a whole week beginning to-morrow. Sugar has advanced, owing to the passage by the Cuban Legislature of the Act reducing the output in Cuba 10%. Wool has been dull and depressed, although the high grades have advanced, while some others have declined. The woolen goods industry is still dull and there is only an irregular market for broad silks. Raw silk has been dull. The silk goods industry, which at one time was so active, now feels the pinch of a scanty trade. Coffee has advanced here and in Brazil, where the Institute is supposed to be buying. The fact that no Robusta coffee was tendered on contracts this week helped to advance quotations. But going deeper than that was the technical position which showed that the market was short. There is no great demand in the spot coffee

business, however. Consuming houses are buying in a leisurely fashion, imitating in this respect many other branches of business. Copper has declined and the tendency of prices for the minor metals in general has been downward. The tin plate business has been unfavorably affected by the weather. As to the crops, the seeding of spring wheat in the Northwest is said to be nearly finished and all that is needed is rains over much of Minnesota, the Dakotas and Montana, as well as Canada. The winter wheat on the whole looks well, and it is said that parts of Texas will raise the largest crop on record for that State. Planting of corn is being pushed west of the Mississippi, where the weather is better and is also making progress in the more easterly belt, although the season there is later than usual in that part of the country. Weather has been dull. Jewelry trade is larger than last year in some sections. Merchants note with gratification that the gross railroad earnings during March were over 9% larger than in the same month last year, while the net operating income was over 28% greater than in March 1925. And it was a kind of silver lining to the cloud in the stock market that United States Steel common stock was put on a 7% basis. Also, money has been easier.

A great event of the week, of course, apart from all this, was the settling of the arrangements to pay the French debt to the United States, to the amount of \$6,847,674,104. This country has now made war debt arrangements with Great Britain, Italy, Belgium and France. The French terms provide for reduced early payments, with no interest for five years. Of course the so-called safety clause could not be and was not granted to France. No man or nation wants to be told that the debtor will pay provided somebody else pays. These arrangements are a long step ahead and away from the war period. Despite the French settlement, francs, it was noticed, dropped to a new low in Paris to-day, though they did not touch the lowest point on record here. In fact, they rallied in the afternoon. It is believed that the French settlement will sooner or later be recognized in France as the signal for a gradual return to better times there. French bonds were active and higher here to-day. Great Britain has been overshadowed by a fear of a big coal strike, which might sooner or later extend to the engineering trades. To-day London was very dull, awaiting developments on this question. And the stock market here was less active, though still active enough, and prices were irregular, as money advanced to $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ on call. French bonds have, significantly enough, advanced, owing to the signing of the debt agreement. Other bonds have been firm. New high quotations have been made on Dutch, Swiss and Japanese exchanges.

At Fall River, Mass., the Border City Manufacturing Co. resumed operations in its No. 3 mill April 23, following a shutdown lasting two weeks. The liquidation of New England cotton mill shares, which has been going on for several months, has continued the last two weeks and many new low records have been made for these shares. At Greenville, S. C., fine goods mills thus far have taken no steps looking toward curtailment of operations. At Chester, S. C., the curtailment program of the three large plants of the Aragon Baldwin Cotton Mills, Inc., with plants located at Chester, Rock Hill and Whitmire, will be as follows: Whitmire plant, 25% curtailment; Aragon plant of Rock Hill, 25%, and the Baldwin plant, 25% of the machinery will stop all of the time. The Arcade mill at Rock Hill, while having no connection with the foregoing plants, will also curtail 25%. This program starts April 30. At Columbia, S. C., the leading cotton mills will adopt curtailed schedules of operations beginning next week. One company believes a reduction may be necessary shortly. The Palmetto has no plan or intention for any curtailment and does not expect to make any. The Palmetto mills have made no curtailment for ten years past, except from lack of power during drought, or similar circumstances. Practically all of its looms are sold ahead. The Pacific mills started curtailment last Monday, running part of the machinery only four nights instead of five and part four days instead of six, as previously, thus reducing the week to four working days and nights. The Columbia may possibly make a slight curtailment. The Glencoe will run only on orders as received. This is expected to keep the mill going about three days a week. Additional South Carolina cloth mills have posted curtailment notices in preparation for a reduction of 25% in production, beginning May 1. The Norris

Cotton Mills Co. at Catechee, S. C., will close on the 7th and 8th of May and on each succeeding Friday and Saturday, until further notice. At Gaffney, S. C., a dispatch stated that all the mills of the Hamrick chain will place in effect a 25% curtailment program, operative within two weeks' time. Charlotte, N. C., wired that curtailment is gradually increasing and is expected to be much greater within the next ten days. At Durham, N. C., the hosiery mills, the big chain of mills in that city, will make a further reduction in production. The silk mill of the chain, however, is operating full time and at night. At Huntsville, Ala., all textile mills are reported operating full time with full complement of operatives.

Manchester, N. H., wired that night work in the Amoskeag Manufacturing Co.'s rayon weaving departments was resumed on the 29th inst. At Gonic, N. H., the mills of the Gonic Woolen Manufacturing Co., which have been running on a greatly curtailed schedule for some time, are to increase operations to capacity, it is said. At Manchester, Eng., 90% of the yarn mills using American cotton, will close down for a week beginning May 1.

Gasoline will be advanced 1 cent on May 1 by the Standard Oil Co. of New York, the Gulf Oil Co. and other leading refiners and marketers. In Calcutta, there is a reign of terror caused by religious disorders. More than 1,000 Moslems and Hindus have been killed.

There was rain here on the 24th and 25th insts., and it became cooler. At 4 p. m. on the 26th inst. it was 50 degrees, as against 79 late last week. At Chicago on the 25th inst. it was 34 to 42; at Cincinnati, 32 to 58; at Cleveland, 32 to 38; at Kansas City, 46 to 58; at St. Paul, 30 to 48. In other words, it had grown cold again at the West. In parts of the South minimum temperatures were 35 to 40 degrees. It was clear but too cold. In northern and eastern New York rivers and streams were at flood stage on the 26th inst. The Hudson River was rising at Glens Falls on the 25th inst., but was falling the next day. The Adirondack streams were in full flood. The Black River rose to a point that forced industrial plants and the street car service at Watertown to suspend operation. The Connecticut River on the 26th was four feet above the flood stage. The opening of lake navigation is expected to be the latest for some years past. Reports from Lake Superior on the 26th inst. were that there is no probability of a general opening before May 1 as the ice was still thick. It became somewhat warmer on the 29th inst., when the temperature at 3 p. m. was 54 degrees. On the previous day Chicago was 40 to 50; Cincinnati, 40 to 48; Cleveland, 38 to 44; Kansas City, 50 to 64; Milwaukee, 40 to 52, and St. Paul, 48 to 60. On the 29th inst. there was a hot wave in Oregon, with temperatures as high as 98 degrees. It was above 90 in many other parts of Oregon and also in Washington, the greatest heat on record for this time of the year. It was warmer here to-day, with the thermometer up to 64 degrees. It is warmer in the Central West and even up to 78 in St. Paul, 80 in Kansas City, 70 in Chicago, but 42 in Buffalo, 56 in Cleveland and 58 in Boston. Temperatures are gradually rising at the South.

Business Going Through a Period of Readjustment, According to Guaranty Trust Company.

It appears that business has entered a period of readjustment similar in many respects to the downward movements which occurred in the spring months of 1924 and 1925, states the current issue of the "Guaranty Survey," published on Monday of this week. "So far the declines in stock and commodity prices have been somewhat more pronounced than those of a year and two years ago, while the recession of general business activity has apparently been less so," the "Survey" explains. "In recent weeks the movement of stock prices, while irregular, has given no sign of renewal of last month's marked weakness. Commodity prices, on the other hand, have continued to decline rather sharply—an interesting development in view of the opinion expressed by some observers of the economic situation that the decline is due to international influences, and that it will probably continue until the price level of the United States is in closer adjustment with those of other countries than it has been in recent years. The plausibility of this view is certainly enhanced by the unmistakable tendency toward import balances in our foreign trade—not only in the past few months, but increasingly with the gradual dis-

appearance of the abnormal situation occasioned by the war. The "Survey" then goes on to say:

Outlook for Moderate Business Recession.

Present conditions warrant the belief that the business recession will be moderate and that it will not extend over a long period. Despite the high level of industrial activity that has obtained since last summer, the situation in most of the commodity markets is essentially sound. While the readjustment in some industries may be rather sharp, there is little ground for anticipating the advent of general depression. The probability is rather that the trend will be similar to those of the last two years, with a short down-swing followed by quick recovery.

It does not seem likely, however, that most branches of business will experience so sharp a curtailment as took place in the spring and summer of 1924. Published statements for the first quarter of the year show that inventories are normal or below normal, that business has been free from excesses or inflation and that a strong foundation for substantial recoveries will underlie the situation.

Ease in Money Rates Important Factor.

One of the most important factors bearing on the near-term outlook is the distinct ease in money rates—a condition that rarely accompanies a major downward movement in business activity. The release of a large volume of bank credit from the speculative markets in the course of the last two months has contributed to the present comfortable money situation. Loans by New York banks to members of the New York Stock Exchange declined during March from \$3,535,590,321 to \$3,000,096,167. Between Feb. 17 and April 7 loans secured by stocks and bonds made to brokers and dealers by 61 banks in New York City reporting weekly to the Federal Reserve Board declined from \$3,138,724,000 to \$2,487,352,000. This additional supply of funds available for commercial uses may be expected to exert an influence on interest rates for some time to come.

The general volume of distribution continues to compare favorably with that of a year ago. Sales by leading mail order and chain stores last month were 15% larger than a year earlier, and the total for the first quarter of 1926 shows a gain of nearly 12½%. This comparison, however, must be discounted by the very large factor of normal growth which chain store sales have displayed in recent years. Payments by check, which reflect the activity of business in general perhaps as clearly as any single factor, have run consistently ahead of last year's figures.

Two Outstanding Industrial Records.

Two outstanding industrial records were established last month—one in steel output and the other in cotton textile manufacture. While neither output nor sales were maintained at last month's high level during the early part of April, the curtailment was not severe. Steel prices have held firm, despite some rather marked declines in prices of pig iron.

Cotton consumed by domestic mills in March was larger by 9% than that for March 1925, and exceeded by nearly 2% the previous high record of the industry, established in the corresponding month of 1923. Last month's consumption brings the total to date for the current season to 7½% more than was consumed in the same interval last season. In recent weeks there have been reports from numerous localities indicating that production is being curtailed, and that some mills have suspended operations entirely. A number of important Southern mills are planning to reduce their output at the beginning of next month. On the other hand, New England manufacturers report that the general position of the industry is more favorable than it has been for the last three years. Silk goods manufacturers are enjoying a remarkable period of prosperity.

The building and automobile industries established new seasonal records during the first quarter of the year, with no tangible evidence of impending sharp curtailment. Automobile manufacturers report that the seasonal growth of demand has been highly satisfactory, indicating a sufficiently active selling season to warrant the high rate of output so far maintained. Since the beginning of this month some manufacturers have reported moderate declines in operating schedules.

Wheat Outlook Encouraging.

In view of the fact that business conditions in coming months will be profoundly affected by the purchasing power represented by the great cash crops, the exceptionally good condition of winter wheat is most encouraging. Planted acreage is somewhat smaller than last year, but it appears that much less will be abandoned and that the area harvested may be larger by several millions of acres.

A number of elements in the international situation are favorable to American wheat producers. European demand is active, and world stocks appear to be small. The supply remaining in Canada, which is now the principal factor in international markets, will probably be nearly exhausted by the time the first American wheat reaches the market. Although the size of the Canadian crop cannot be even estimated for some time, the general outlook, as far as can now be seen, is very satisfactory.

Federal Reserve Board's Summary of Business Conditions in United States—Increase in Industrial Output.

Industrial output increased in March and the distribution of commodities continued in large volume owing to seasonal influences, says the summary of general business conditions in the United States issued by the Federal Reserve Board on April 27. The Board notes that the level of wholesale prices declined for the fourth consecutive month, and adds:

Production.

The Federal Reserve Board's index of production in basic industries increased in March to the highest level for more than a year. Larger output was shown for steel ingots, pig iron, anthracite, copper, lumber, and newsprint, and there were also increases in the activity of textile mills. The output of automobiles increased further and was larger than in any previous month, with the exception of last October. Building contracts awarded also increased in March, as is usual at this season, and the total was near the high figure of last summer. Particularly large increases in building activity as compared with a year ago occurred in the New York, Atlanta, and Dallas Federal reserve districts. Contracts awarded continued larger during the first half of April than in the same period of last year. Condition of the winter wheat crop has improved since the turn of the year and on April 1 was estimated by the Department of Agriculture to be 84% of normal, compared with 68.7% last year and an average of 79.2 for the same date in the past ten years.

Trade.

Wholesale trade showed a seasonal increase in March and the volume of sales was larger than a year ago in all leading lines except dry goods and

hardware. Sales of department stores and mail-order houses increased less than is usual in March. Compared with March a year ago sales of department stores were 7% and sales of mail-order houses 9% larger. Stocks of principal lines of merchandise carried by wholesale dealers, except groceries and shoes were larger at the end of March than a month earlier but for most lines they were smaller than a year ago. Stocks at department stores showed slightly more than the usual increase in March and were about 3% larger than last year. Freight car loadings during March continued at higher levels than in the corresponding period of previous years. Shipments of miscellaneous commodities and merchandise in less-than-carload lots were especially large. Loadings of coal, owing to the large production of anthracite, were also large, while shipments of coke decreased considerably from the high levels of preceding months.

Prices.

Wholesale prices, according to the bureau of Labor Statistics index, declined by more than 2% in March to the lowest level since September, 1924. The decline was general for nearly all groups of commodities and the largest decreases were noted in grains, cotton wool, silk, coke and rubber. In the first two weeks of April prices of basic commodities were steadier than in March. Prices of grains, flour, and potatoes increased, while prices of cotton goods, wool, silk bituminous coal, pig iron, and rubber declined.

Bank Credit.

Commercial loans of member banks in leading cities were relatively constant between the middle of March and the middle of April at a level about \$200,000,000 higher than at the end of January and approximately equal to the high point reached last autumn. Continued liquidation of loans to brokers and dealers was reflected in a further decline in the total of loans on securities, which on April 14 were more than \$500,000,000 below the high point reached at the end of last year.

At the reserve banks an increase in the volume of member bank borrowing during the last two weeks of March was followed by a marked decline in the first three weeks of April, which brought the total near the lowest levels of the year. Holdings of U. S. securities increased continuously during the month, while acceptances declined seasonally. Total bills and securities were in smaller volume at the end of the period than at any other time during the year and only slightly larger than a year ago.

Open market rates on commercial paper declined in April from 4¼-4½% to 4-4¼% and rates on acceptances and on security loans were also lower in April than in March. On April 23 the discount rate at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York was reduced from 4 to 3½%.

Department of Commerce Summary of Domestic Business Conditions—Activity Continues in Manufacturing and Trade.

Continued gains in March over a year ago in most branches of wholesale and retail trade were reported to the Department of Commerce, according to the department's weekly statement released for publication today (May 1). Manufacturing activity after allowance for differences in working time was also larger than in March a year ago. The production of fine cotton goods in the New Bedford district, the activity of cotton finishers, the sales of washing machines, the output of malleable castings, the sales of tubular plumbing goods, and the production of California white pine lumber were each larger than in March, 1925. Factory employment in March was 2% greater than a year earlier, with a similar comparison for factory payrolls.

As compared with the previous month, both wholesale and retail trade were larger in March, while manufacturing activity, after adjustment for working time differences, showed no change. Increases over February were noted, however, in the production of fine cotton goods, cotton finishers' activity, washing machine sales, production of malleable castings and in the production of California white pine lumber, with a decline from February noted in the sales of tubular plumbing.

Declines from both a year ago and from February were noted in new orders and shipments of brass faucets, while the output of Southern pine lumber, though smaller than in March, 1925, was larger than in the previous month.

Index of Real Estate Market Activity Declines Seven Points from February Record—Ten Points Higher Than March of Last Year.

Real estate market activity for March showed a decline from the record height reached in February, according to the index of market activity compiled by the National Association of Real Estate Boards from official totals of transfers and conveyances recorded in 41 typical cities. Under date of April 24 the Association says:

The index figure for March was 178. This is seven points under the index figure for February, which was the highest recorded for any month in the ten years covered by the association's statistical study. The March figure, however, is ten points higher than the corresponding figure for March 1925. The high measure of market activity shown by the index is also indicated in building statistics.

March had the largest volume of construction contracts of any March on record, the F. W. Dodge Company's statistical records show. The total number was, in fact, greater than that of any other single month on record except that of August 1925. The increase over February was 53%, the increase over March of last year 22%. Building permits for March in 440 cities as reported to S. W. Straus & Co. showed a gain of 2% over March 1925. They show an increase over February of 58%, which represents slightly more than the normal seasonal recovery over February. For the first quarter of the year 1926 the totals showed a gain of 2% over the first quarter of the preceding year.

Construction contracts awarded in the entire United States during the first quarter of the year have been estimated by the statistical division of the F. W. Dodge Company at \$1,576,000,000. The figure indicates about 23% increase over the first quarter of 1925. It is, however, a drop of approximately 7% from the figures for the last quarter of the year 1925, whereas it should normally have been about a 1% increase. It will be remembered that the last six months of 1925, instead of showing the usual seasonal drop of about 12% from the first half of that year, showed instead an increase of 15%.

In spite of the increase in dollar volume of contracts of the quarter just completed over the corresponding quarter of 1925 there was a smaller increase in new floor space involved and practically no increase in total number of projects. The residential index for March is the lowest of any individual group. The index for commercial building is the highest, and large commercial projects are a considerable factor in accounting for the month's totals. "Although the building situation is favorable in its immediate bearing on the business situation," the Harvard Economic Service states, "the evidence continues to support the view that the peak of the building boom has been passed."

Life Insurance Sales Increase 7% in First Quarter 1926 Over Same Period 1925.

The amount of ordinary life insurance purchased in the United States in March is well ahead of the corresponding month last year, according to figures just issued by the Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau of Hartford, Conn. The Bureau's statement says:

During the month \$790,669,000 of new business was paid for by companies having in force 80% of the total life insurance in all the United States legal reserve companies, which is an increase of \$87,675,000, or 12%, over the sales of March 1925. This figure includes the sales of ordinary life insurance and not the sales of group or industrial insurance. This is the highest record made in any month with the exception of December 1925, which month is generally the highest in the year in the United States for life insurance sales, according to the Bureau's records. March sales are only 2% below the December figure.

Every section except the East South Central shows a gain of 9% or more in sales over the record of a year ago. The highest gain made in any of the nine geographical sections is 24% in the South Atlantic States. This section comprises the following States: Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

State Increases.

An excellent record was made in Florida this month. Sales totaled \$12,373,000, the highest month on record with the exception of December 1925, when sales totaled \$14,980,000. March sales are 102% ahead of sales in March 1925.

The following five States show gains of 30% or more in sales for March: Florida, 102%; Maryland, 61%; New Hampshire, 41%; District of Columbia, 37%; North Dakota, 30%, and Oregon, 30%.

Quarterly Increases.

In the three months of this year sales averaged 7% higher than the sales in the same period of last year. Sales amounted to \$2,004,083,000, an increase of \$129,693,000 over the sales in the corresponding period of last year. All sections share in the general gain. The increases range from 1% in the East South Central section to 17% in the South Atlantic section. Sales in Florida, with an increase of 94%, show the greatest of the State gains for the first quarter.

March Life Insurance Sales in Canada 16% Over Last Year.

Sixteen per cent more ordinary life insurance was purchased in Canada during the month of March than in March 1925, according to figures just issued by the Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau of Hartford, Conn. During the month \$40,483,000 of new business was paid for by the reporting companies, which have in force 84% of the outstanding business in Canada, says the Bureau, which adds:

This is the highest record ever made in any month with the exception of June and December 1925, and March sales are only 4% and 3%, respectively, below these months. The Bureau's records show that December is generally the highest month in the year in Canada, with June following closely.

Every province shares in the general gain. British Columbia and Saskatchewan lead, each showing a 22% gain. Ontario and Quebec, the two most important provinces, have increases of 18% and 14%.

The records of the various cities vary rather widely. Improvement is most noticeable for March in Hamilton, which shows a 51% gain; and in Toronto, which shows a 35% increase. Ottawa is the only city which does not share in the general gain for March.

In the first three months of the year sales are \$14,597,000 ahead of the sales in the corresponding period of last year, or a 15% increase. Saskatchewan leads in the year-to-date gain with a 29% increase.

The gain in the twelve months ended March 31 1925 over the preceding twelve months is 13%. Every province with the exception of New Brunswick shares in the gain.

Increase in Department Store Sales in Federal Reserve District in New York in March as Compared With Year Ago.

According to the May 1 Monthly Review of Credit and Business Conditions by the Federal Reserve Agent at New York. Sales of department stores in this district during March were 7% larger than last year, due partly to the fact that Easter came a week earlier this year and partly to the additional selling day this March. The Review continues:

An index of department store sales computed by this bank which makes allowance for these factors and for seasonal and price changes, was 95% of

normal in March compared with 100 in February and 97 in March a year ago. Unseasonably cold weather in March, and in April as well, has retarded buying of spring merchandise.

Changes in the different localities compared with last year varied widely, ranging from an increase of 24% reported in Bridgeport for the second consecutive month to a decrease of 6% in Buffalo. Sales of apparel stores also 7% larger, and mail order houses reported a gain of 10%.

Stocks of merchandise in department stores showed a 4% increase over last year. In apparel stores the increase in stock was 12%, almost double the increase in sales.

A substantial increase over last year was again indicated in charge account collections, but accounts receivable at the end of the month also continued to be much larger. Outstanding installment accounts reported by department stores remained smaller than a year ago in New York and Buffalo, but were larger in most other localities. The average for all reports received was a reduction of 3%.

Locality	Percentage Change Mar. 1926 from Mar. 1925.			
	Net Sales.	Stock on Hand End of Month.	Collections*	Accounts Receivable*
New York	+7.4	+4.3	+9.0	+19.4
Buffalo	-6.3	+6.8	+8.3	+7.4
Rochester	+12.6	+3.4	+22.1	+22.0
Syracuse	-4.4	+2.1	-13.2	-5.9
Newark	+9.9	+8.3	-0.1	-1.3
Bridgeport	+23.9	+8.3	---	---
Elsewhere	+6.7	-6.0	+3.3	+7.1
Northern New York State	+11.7	---	---	---
Central New York State	+4.8	---	---	---
Southern New York State	+4.8	---	---	---
Hudson River Valley District	+11.7	---	---	---
Capital District	+0.7	---	---	---
Westchester	+14.8	---	---	---
All department stores	+6.9	+4.3	+6.7	+11.7
Apparel stores	+6.7	+12.1	+25.6	+38.9
Mail order houses	+9.9	---	---	---

* Exclusive of installment accounts.

The following table shows sales and stock by departments compared with March of 1925.

Commodity.	Net Sales Percentage Change March 1926 from March 1925.		Stocks on Hand Percentage Change March 31 1926 from March 31 1925.	
	Net Sales.	Stock on Hand.	Net Sales.	Stock on Hand.
Toys and sporting goods	+31.3	+13.0	---	---
Books and stationery	+25.5	+12.1	---	---
Linens and handkerchiefs	+21.8	-0.4	---	---
Furniture	+20.4	+7.7	---	---
Toilet articles and drugs	+17.3	+4.4	---	---
Men's furnishings	+15.3	0	---	---
Shoes	+13.1	+6.2	---	---
Luggage and other leather goods	+13.1	+15.0	---	---
Cotton goods	+10.1	-2.1	---	---
Men's and Boys' wear	+9.4	+6.6	---	---
Silverware and jewelry	+9.1	+9.4	---	---
Hosiery	+8.9	+9.5	---	---
Women's ready-to-wear accessories	+8.8	-7.0	---	---
Home furnishings	+7.5	+2.2	---	---
Silks and velvets	+1.5	-2.1	---	---
Musical instruments and radio	+0.2	+4.3	---	---
Women's and Misses' ready-to-wear	-2.6	-4.1	---	---
Woolen goods	-30.1	-18.5	---	---
Miscellaneous	-0.3	-8.9	---	---

The average sales check in March was \$2.83 compared with \$2.85 a year ago.

Decline in Wholesale Trade in New York Federal Reserve District in March Compared with Year Ago.

"Although nine out of fifteen lines reported larger March sales than last year, wholesale trade in this district, measured by a weighted average of reports from nearly 200 concerns, showed a decrease of about 3% compared with last March, despite the extra selling day this year," says the May 1 Monthly Review of Credit and Business Conditions by the Federal Reserve Agent at New York. It adds:

This decline was due chiefly to substantially smaller sales of women's clothing and textiles. Silk sales dropped below the level of a year previous for the first time since September 1924, and sales of cotton jobbers showed the largest decrease in over a year.

The largest increases occurred in sales of diamonds and machine tools. Stationery continued its steady gain and unusually large increases were reported by drug and grocery firms.

Shoe stocks dropped below the level of a year previous for the first time since last March, and stocks of groceries, cotton goods, jewelry and diamonds remained smaller. Silk stocks, however, continued to be much heavier than a year ago, men's clothing showed a substantial increase, and hardware remained practically unchanged.

Collections averaged about 3% larger than last year, all lines with the exception of cotton jobbing and coats and suits reporting increases over last March. About the same average increase was reported in accounts receivable, although decreases were reported in four lines.

Commodity.	Percentage Change March 1926 from February 1926.		Percentage Change March 1926 from March 1925.			
	Net Sales.	Stock End of Month.	Net Sales.	Stock End of Month.	Collections.	Accounts Receivable.
Groceries	+17.7	-3.5	+8.8	-1.4	+9.7	+10.0
Men's clothing	+4.9	-4.8	+0.6	+14.2	+8.2	+15.3
Women's dresses	+4.1	---	-33.4	---	---	---
Women's coats and suits	+43.9	---	-19.7	---	-24.2	-20.7
Cotton goods—Jobbers	+1.8	-11.7	-17.8	-10.1	-8.7	-7.3
Cotton goods—Comm'n.	+18.0	---	-10.6	---	---	---
Silk goods	+6.7	-0.3*	-4.7	+48.8*	+2.5	+5.3
Shoes	+63.4	-8.7	+7.3	-4.5	+9.1	-0.3
Drugs	+18.1	---	+10.3	---	---	---
Hardware	+25.1	+1.5	-7.5	+1.2	+3.2	-1.7
Machine tools	+22.0	---	+19.7	---	---	---
Stationery	+1.1	---	+10.8	---	+0.4	+4.5
Paper	+16.2	---	+4.1	---	+23.3	+11.1
Diamonds	+21.8	+2.9	+21.6	-9.2	---	---
Jewelry	+4.4	---	+2.3	---	---	---
Weighted average	+18.9	---	-2.8	---	+2.6	+3.4

* Stock first of month; quantity, not value

Gain in Chain Store Sales in New York Federal Reserve District in March.

The New York Federal Reserve Bank, in its May 1 monthly "Review of Credit and Business Conditions," states that "Chain store business during March showed about the same increase over the previous year as in February, but as the increase in the number of stores operated was not so large, sales per store compared more favorably with those of a year ago than in the previous months of this year." It also has the following to say:

Gains in volume of business were reported in all lines, but as in the past three months were particularly large in variety, drug, and grocery stores. More substantial increases than in any month since last October occurred in total sales of shoe and candy chains, and sales per store were closer to those of a year previous than in any recent month. Increases in total sales of both tobacco and 5-and-10-cent stores were the largest for any month so far this year, and there was also a considerable improvement in their sales per store.

PERCENTAGE CHANGE, MARCH 1926 FROM MARCH 1925.

Type of Store.	Number of Stores.	Total Sales.	Sales per Store.
Variety-----	+17.1	+27.4	+8.8
Drug-----	+20.1	+25.4	+4.4
Grocery-----	+18.3	+19.6	+1.1
Shoe-----	+15.6	+13.0	-2.2
Ten-cent-----	+5.8	+12.4	+6.3
Tobacco-----	+13.4	+8.4	-4.4
Candy-----	+22.7	+8.4	-11.7
Total-----	+16.8	+17.6	+0.6

Business Conditions in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District—Seasonal Increases in March.

Most lines of trade in the Philadelphia Federal Reserve District experienced large seasonal increases usual in March, and productive activity in that month continued to be well maintained, says the May 1 Business Review of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, which goes on to say:

Although factory employment in the states of the district declined slightly in March—and our preliminary reports indicate a somewhat larger decline in April—wage payments, which furnish a good measure of industrial operations, were larger in March than at any time in more than two years. Despite the high rate of business activity prevailing currently, there have been some recent reports of curtailed buying, while widespread declines in commodity prices have continued and, in March, the general average reached the lowest point since October, 1924.

The current rate of business activity, however, in addition to showing recent improvement of a seasonal nature, continues to be well above last spring's level. The volume of check payments in leading cities of the district gained 22% in March and was 10% above the total for the same month of 1925, despite the fact that wholesale prices have been substantially lower this year. Retail trade, of course, has been seasonally larger, and the sales of all reporting stores were 9% above those of last year. Apparel and shoe stores showed gains of 12 and 42%, respectively. Wholesale trade in all lines was also seasonally larger than in February and in most cases, as well, compared favorably with last year. Transportation of goods, as measured by freight car loadings in the Allegheny District, was 3.5% larger in March, 1926, than in March, 1925.

Productive activity in the iron and steel industry has reached high levels both in this district and in the country as a whole, but recent reports indicate some slackening in demand and widespread price declines. It is significant that, while production of steel ingots reached record levels in March, the unfilled orders of the Steel Corporation were reduced sharply during that month. The coal markets are quiet and in the case of bituminous, buying has been curtailed and prices have fallen, of late.

Although construction this spring in the country as a whole is in larger volume than in 1925, some slackening has occurred in the Philadelphia district. March contract awards were 7% less than last year while the value of permits issued in sixteen cities of the district for the first quarter of 1926 was only 45 million dollars as compared with 55 million in 1925. Most building materials are in less active demand than they were last year.

Conditions in the majority of the textile industries are reported as being far from satisfactory. Employment in the textile mills of the district fell off more than 4% from February to March and our preliminary reports indicate a further large decline in April. Business in raw cotton, wool and silk and in the finished goods has been curtailed considerably of late, and prices are reported to be notably weak. Prices of carpets and rugs have also declined recently. Rayon continues in good demand at steady prices, however. Conditions in the hosiery and underwear trade are somewhat mixed; clothing manufacturers report fairly active trade at steady prices.

Business in hides and in leather and shoes is also somewhat unsatisfactory. Demand for shoes is only fair and manufacturers are not well supplied with orders.

The late spring has retarded agricultural activity in the district, and spring plowing has been only about half completed. The outlook otherwise fairly satisfactory, although the condition of pasturage and of winter wheat is poorer than last year. About the same acreage will be planted to crops as in 1925 and larger amounts of fertilizer have been purchased by farmers.

City Conditions.

In most of the cities of the district conditions have improved seasonally as compared with February and in most cases, also, activity in March was ahead of that of a year ago. More active business in Philadelphia is indicated by large increases over 1925 in factory wage payments, debits and retail sales, although building in March was smaller than it was a year previous. The Allentown, Williamsport and Wilmington areas also report increases in all three of these items. In

Reading, as well, although there was a slight decline in wage payments, trade was considerably more active. Most of the other cities of the district experienced decreases in either factory operations, debits or retail trade.

Activity of Hosiery Industry in Federal Reserve District of Philadelphia in March.

A preliminary report of the hosiery industry compiled by the Bureau of the Census is made public as follows by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. The following table shows the activities of the hosiery mills in the Third Federal Reserve District in March and a comparison with those of February:

In Dozen Pairs.	Men's Full-Fashioned Seamless.				Women's Full-Fashioned Seamless.			
	March 1926.	% Ch'ge fr. Feb. 1926.	March 1926.	% Ch'ge fr. Feb. 1926.	March 1926.	% Ch'ge fr. Feb. 1926.	March 1926.	% Ch'ge fr. Feb. 1926.
Production-----	39,735	+23.2	257,954	+9.2	535,193	+20.5	167,828	+12.7
Shipments-----	26,057	+15.7	245,844	+3.3	507,555	+23.9	176,294	+22.4
Finished stock end of month	33,522	+36.9	361,786	-1.6	404,236	+6.4	311,067	-1.5
Orders booked.	15,681	+16.0	217,524	-2.7	950,117	+192.5	172,916	+7.1
Cancellat'ns rec.	1,841	+237.2	8,924	-33.6	19,311	+11.7	3,110	+52.8
Unfilled orders end of month	22,638	-38.1	366,971	-10.0	1,878,714	+27.9	152,571	-4.3
Boys' and Misses', Children's & Infants', Athletic and Sport, Total.								
March 1926.	% Ch'ge fr. Feb. 1926.	March 1926.	% Ch'ge fr. Feb. 1926.	March 1926.	% Ch'ge fr. Feb. 1926.	March 1926.	% Ch'ge fr. Feb. 1926.	
Production-----	20,352	-17.0	99,040	+7.9	61,004	+29.5	1,181,106	+15.2
Shipments-----	33,639	+44.5	143,460	+9.3	63,654	+20.8	1,196,503	+17.1
Finished stock end of month	47,347	-9.4	222,218	-17.3	69,591	-8.0	1,449,767	-2.3
Orders booked.	44,118	+78.9	104,814	+35.8	57,306	+103.7	1,562,476	+83.1
Cancellat'ns rec.	452	+0.2	5,578	+95.9	1,737	+16.9	40,953	+7.5
Unfilled orders end of month	43,581	+22.3	211,552	-18.0	66,580	-10.2	742,607	+12.3

Course of Wholesale and Retail Trade in Federal Reserve District of Chicago.

With regard to merchandising conditions in the Federal Reserve District of Chicago, the Monthly Business Conditions Report of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago dated May 1 says:

Wholesale Trade.

First quarter sales for two-thirds of the wholesalers reporting to this bank were below the corresponding three months of 1925. By commodity groups, drug firms averaged the one increase—2.9%—with decreases for the others amounting to 2.0% for shoe dealers, 6.0% for groceries, and over 8% for dry goods and hardware. In groceries and dry goods these declines are due principally to unfavorable comparisons with last year during January and February, as the March differences are slight.

With three exceptions sales were heavier than during February, reflecting the longer month and the usual seasonal expansion. The increase over February in collections likewise is customary for the season, 56 out of 65 firms making gains. For three-fourths of the stores accounts on the books March 31 were larger than at the close of February, group increases ranging from about 5% for groceries and dry goods to 23.7% for shoes.

The majority of hardware, dry goods and drug firms made net additions to their stocks during the month; three shoe dealers and most of the grocers reported reductions; group changes ranged from a 4.2% decrease for shoes to a 2.5% increase for hardware. Over half the firms were carrying lower inventories on March 31 than a year ago, with all groups except drugs averaging declines.

Department Store Trade.

The upward trend in department store sales customary during March was accentuated this year, despite the unseasonable weather, by the extra trading day and by the early Easter. With four exceptions the group of 86 firms reporting to this bank registered increases over February, averaging 23.8%. Nearly half the number exceeded likewise their March 1925 business, the 13.5% gain for the district being the most pronounced year-to-year change since October, and raising the average increase for the first quarter of 1926 to 10.2%.

Inventory figures for March 31 indicate the usual seasonal stocking-up during the month; the group gain of 5.7% reflects individual advances at all but seven stores. Comparisons with a year ago continue to vary for the separate firms; stocks for half were heavier and for the other slower, and averaged for 49 a 2.6% increase. Fifty firms sold 30.7% of the goods held during the month, as compared with 27.8% in 1925; corresponding percentages for the first three months of each year are 84.4 and 79.4, respectively. Aggregate outstanding orders as reported by 32 stores declined from 8.2% of 1925 total purchases on Feb. 28 to 7.0% at the close of March.

The increase in accounts outstanding shown by three-fourths of the firms is seasonal. For 64 stores the ratio of March collections to accounts on the books at the end of February amounted to 41.7%, or the same as last year.

Retail Shoe Trade.

With three exceptions reports from retail shoe dealers in this district reflected seasonal expansion in sales during March. For the group of 45 firms, the increase over February in dollar amounts averaged 40.5%. Twenty-seven stores made net additions to their inventories during the month and nine indicated reductions, the 36 averaging an increase of 11.9%. Accounts receivable on the books of 21 firms on March 31 totaled 14.6% in excess of outstandings at the close of February; their ratio to sales averaged 73.3% as compared with 79.0% the month before. Collections were lower for nine out of 18 firms.

Lumber Trade Shows Increase over One Year Ago.

The National Lumber Manufacturers Association received telegraphic reports of the status of the lumber industry for the week ended April 24 from 408 of the larger softwood, and 151 of the chief hardwood, mills of the country. The 394 comparably reporting softwood mills showed increases in

production, shipments and new business, when compared with reports from 390 mills the week earlier. In comparison with reports from 388 mills for the same period last year, gratifying increases in all three items were noted, particularly in shipments. The hardwood operations showed little change in comparison with reports from 145 mills the previous week, the most notable being a considerable increase in production.

The unfilled orders of 240 Southern pine and West Coast mills at the end of last week amounted to 748,604,363 ft., as against 759,599,975 ft. for 239 mills the previous week. The 132 identical Southern pine mills in the group showed unfilled orders of 292,615,584 ft. last week, as against 294,342,482 ft. for the week before. For the 108 West Coast mills the unfilled orders were 455,988,779 ft., as against 465,257,493 ft. for 107 mills a week earlier.

Altogether the 394 comparably reporting softwood mills had shipments 104% and orders 94% of actual production. For the Southern pine mills these percentages were respectively 112 and 109; and for the West Coast mills 111 and 95.

Of the reporting mills, the 351 with an established normal production for the week of 217,784,130 ft., gave actual production 110%, shipments 119% and orders 106% 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:

	Past Week.	Corresponding Week 1925.	Preceding Week 1926 (Revised).
Mills	394	388	390
Production	282,564,796	253,554,930	276,278,571
Shipments	294,454,648	246,997,475	266,239,783
Orders (new business)	265,846,774	254,174,735	253,271,483

The following revised figures compare the softwood lumber movement of the same eight regional associations for the first 16 weeks of 1926 with the same period of 1925:

	Production.	Shipments.	Orders.
1926	4,035,217,614	4,231,137,286	4,260,697,595
1925	3,774,235,034	3,875,414,898	3,769,360,176

The Southern Cypress Manufacturers Association of New Orleans (omitted from the above tables because only recently reporting) for the week ended April 21 reported from 14 mills a production of 4,337,148 ft., shipments 4,520,000 and orders 4,000,000. In comparison with reports for the previous week when one more mill reported, this association showed nominal decreases in production and shipments, and a heavy decrease in new business.

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wired from Seattle that new business for the 108 mills reporting for the week ended April 24 was 5% below production, and shipments were 11% above production. Of all new business taken during the week 46% was for future water delivery, amounting to 58,575,028 ft., of which 31,338,028 ft. was for domestic cargo delivery, and 17,237,000 ft. export. New business by rail amounted to 1,716 cars (approximately 51,480,000 ft.) of 49% of the week's new business. Forty-eight per cent of the week's shipments moved by water, amounting to 58,984,697 ft., of which 42,380,096 ft. moved coastwise and intercoastal, and 16,604,601 ft. export. Rail shipments totaled 1,963 cars (approximately 58,890,000 ft.) or 48% of the week's shipments, and local deliveries 5,591,806 ft. Unshipped domestic cargo orders totaled 145,832,484 ft., foreign 142,546,295 ft. and rail trade 167,610,000 ft.

Labor.

A majority of logging camps and sawmills in the fir districts are now operating at close to average schedules as compared with the past three years, according to the Four L Employment Service. Several logging concerns in at least three districts recently laid off fallers and buckers, but actual logging is continuing at practically all major operations. Fallers and buckers have also been laid off at a few camps in the Grays Harbor country. Extremely dry weather for this time of year points to an early fire hazard. Labor turnover is about normal, if anything slightly heavier than it has been this spring. All sawmills are cutting. Although woods work and lumber manufacturing in the pine districts are nearing the normal spring cutting schedules, the total number of men employed is less than it was in April of last year.

Southern Pine Reports.

The Southern Pine Association reports from New Orleans that for 132 mills reporting, shipments were 11.69% above production and orders 9.30% above production and 2.14% below shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 79,104,412 ft., shipments \$0,831,310 ft. and production 72,372,661 ft. The normal production of these mills is 81,978,102 ft. Of the 121 mills reporting running time, 83 operated full time, 18 of the latter overtime. Three mills were shut down, and the rest operated from two to 5½ days.

The Western Pine Manufacturers Association of Portland, Ore., reported a slight increase in production, a negligible decrease in shipments, and new business well in advance of that reported the previous week.

The California White & Sugar Pine Manufacturers Association of San Francisco, Calif. (three mills closed down) with two more mills reporting, showed a big increase in production, considerable increase in shipments, and a marked increase in new business.

The California Redwood Association of San Francisco, Calif., reported a nominal decrease in production, a heavy increase in shipments, and new business slightly above that reported for the week earlier.

The North Carolina Pine Association of Norfolk, Va., with ten more mills reporting, showed a small increase in production, and a 150% increase in shipments, and almost a 100% increase in new business.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers Association of Minneapolis, Minn., reported some decrease in production and shipments, and a good gain in new business.

The Northern Hemlock & Hardwood Manufacturers Association of Oshkosh, Wis. (in its softwood production) with four more mills reporting,

showed some decrease in production, a notable increase in shipments, and a marked increase in new business.

The hardwood mills of the Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association reported from 21 mills, production as 5,958,000 ft., shipments 4,079,000 and orders 3,225,000.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute of Memphis, Tenn., reported from 130 units, production as 18,964,620 ft., shipments 19,525,816 and orders 18,364,770. The normal production of these units is 22,443,000 ft.

For the past 16 weeks all hardwood mills reporting to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association gave production 417,611,618 ft., shipments 403,946,990 and orders 408,177,018.

West Coast Lumbermen's Association Weekly Review.

One hundred and seven mills reporting to West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ending April 17 manufactured 111,684,059 feet of lumber, sold 114,039,294 feet and shipped 108,845,256 feet. New business was about 2% over production. Shipments were around 2½% under production.

COMPARATIVE TABLE SHOWING PRODUCTION, NEW BUSINESS, SHIPMENTS AND UNFILLED ORDERS.				
Week Ending—	April 17.	April 10.	April 3.	Mar. 27.
No. of mills reporting	107	111	107	106
Production (feet)	111,684,059	114,403,592	110,044,308	113,170,740
New business (feet)	114,039,294	113,914,880	112,087,342	111,025,567
Shipments (feet)	108,845,256	120,408,621	106,809,082	112,215,537
Unshipped Balances—				
Rail (feet)	173,460,000	180,060,000	181,500,000	176,760,000
Domestic cargo (feet)	151,122,895	157,987,839	151,788,527	150,964,688
Export (feet)	140,674,598	145,077,866	135,169,181	126,188,072
Total (feet)	465,257,493	483,125,705	468,457,708	453,912,760
First 16 Weeks of—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Production (feet)	1,536,526,027	1,572,313,123	1,592,758,335	1,526,160,426
New Business (feet)	1,655,738,499	1,576,290,852	1,533,685,840	1,745,069,480
Shipments (feet)	1,579,958,478	1,596,016,233	1,618,777,920	1,759,759,683

Silk Mills Curtail Due to Large Stocks—Record Production Has Piled Up Inventories and Cold Spring Has Cut Down Sales by Department Stores.

The following is from the "Wall Street Journal" of April 27:

After a year of record breaking activity silk mills are now curtailing operations. Stocks of broad silks in the hands of mills are reported to be from 25% to 50% ahead of stocks on hand last year at this time, and the outlook is far from cheerful. Raw silk has been declining steadily for some months and is now quoted around \$5.75 a pound for standard grades.

Senator Pepper pointed out that there is not at the present time any clean-cut provision in the National Bank Act authorizing a national bank to have branches even in those States in which State banks are permitted to establish branches and maintain them under the law. The pending measure undertakes to set up a formula for the determination of the right of a national bank to establish and maintain branches under certain restrictions, which he explained in great detail.

Stating that Senator Pepper's explanation of the bill was concluded on April 28, the "Journal of Commerce" account of that date said:

He completed his discussion of the branch bank features, and then touched upon the other provisions. During the presentation of his explanation, Deputy Comptroller of the Currency Charles W. Collins sat in the Senate Chamber, near at hand to assist the Senator if necessary.

Senator King of Utah proposed that the McFadden National Bank bill offered an excellent vehicle for the enactment of legislation requiring national banks to have greater capitalization.

Informative Testimony

He called attention to a resolution that he had presented to the Senate in respect to his proposal, and he was reminded by Senator Pepper that Dr. H. Parker Willis, editor of The Journal of Commerce of New York and Columbia University professor, had furnished a great deal of information dealing with the financial condition of the national banking institutions.

The Utah Senator declared that his resolution "challenged attention to many evils in our present banking system and asks for a comprehensive investigation with a view to reporting legislation that will meet the situation."

There has been a great deal of criticism of the large number of bank failures in the agricultural districts because the capital of many such banks is so small that it is impossible for them successfully to function, particularly where there are any frozen assets, he explained. It seemed to me that this would be a proper time to increase the minimum amount which should be the capital of any national bank.

Size of Capital.

The last report of the Federal Reserve Board shows that the percentage of failures in the case of State banks is very much larger than in the case of National banks, interposed Senator McLean of Connecticut. State banks can organize with very small capital. You will see the dilemma that we are in if we do not give National banks an opportunity to organize upon about an equal footing with the State banks. It seemed to the committee that it were better to have a small National bank carefully regulated by the Comptroller of the Currency and examined two or three times a year than to leave the whole field to the State banks.

We have a rather delicate duty to dispatch here supplemented Senator Pepper, following the suggestion of Senator King that he had hoped, if the Federal Government fixed a higher limit, the wisdom of that having been demonstrated, that it might be an example which the States would be inclined to follow.

We are trying to give equality of opportunity to the national banks as between ourselves and the State banks, continued Senator Pepper. We have not undertaken to make far-reaching suggestions of the kind that Senator King proposes, because we were afraid that we would embarrass our main proposition if we did so. The thought which the Senator has expressed could very well be made the subject of independent legislative action.

Reference to Testimony.

I am familiar with the (King) resolution, and I will say that the testimony taken before the subcommittee, especially that part of the testimony which was given by Dr. H. Parker Willis, in very large measure is in compliance with the suggestions in the Senator's resolution, and a reference to that testimony will furnish much of the information for which the resolution calls.

I hope in view of the very able presentation made by Dr. Willis that the committee may be induced to report another bill at an early date, which will measure up to the requirements of the banking interests of the country, concluded Senator King.

If we are encouraged by the reception given to this measure by the Senate, said Senator Pepper, we may venture upon a still further emprise, but at present we have troubles enough of our own.

Automobile Prices and New Models.

A reduction in prices varying from \$55 to \$315 on different models has been announced by the H. H. Franklin Mfg. Co. to take effect May 2. The largest reduction is on the sport sedan, listed at \$2910, against \$3225 previously, and the smallest on the three-passenger coupe, which is \$2645, against \$2700. The touring car and cabriolet remain unchanged in price.

The Peerless Motor Car Co. has introduced a new deluxe sedan to sell for \$1795 in its 6-80 line. As in all Peerless closed models, an extension of the top serves as a sun visor.

Further Advances in Price Announced in Crude Oil and Gasoline Markets.

Numerous upward revisions in the price lists of crude oil and gasoline took place during the week just brought to a close. Gasoline consumption is running higher than the estimates made earlier in the year by about 4,000,000 barrels and present refining capacity is scarcely able to keep up with the anticipated demand at present prices, according to current comment. In crude oil circles, one of the earliest price advances announced during the week was that made by the Joseph Seep Purchasing Agency which on April 27 stated that the Gaines (Pa.) grade of crude oil had been advanced 15 cents a barrel to \$3.10. Another advance of great interest in marketing circles was that made on April 28 by the Humble Oil & Refining Co., which posted an increase ranging from 10 cents to 40 cents a barrel on Grade B Gulf Coast crude oil and established a new gravity scale up to 35 degrees gravity and above. New prices begin at \$1.40 a barrel for below 25 degrees gravity and increase to \$1.95 for 35 gravity and above. Heretofore the company's grading stopped at 30 degrees and above, which was quoted at \$1.55 a barrel. The advance ranges from 15 cents a barrel on the lower grades to 40 cents on the highest grades. The new prices were posted for Goose Creek, Hull, South Liberty, West Columbia, Orange, Pierce Junction and Boling fields. Grade prices are unchanged. These upward revisions were followed by other leading producers and distributors on the following day.

Kerosene as well as gasoline prices were advanced by the larger distributors, the Standard Oil of Indiana on April 24 increasing the price of kerosene another ½¢ throughout its territory. The tank wagon price in Chicago is now 13.5¢ per gallon. The Sinclair Consolidated Oil on the same date advanced kerosene in tank car lots one-half cent a gallon to 9½¢ at Atlantic Coast terminals. Refinery gasoline and kerosene advanced by about a quarter cent a gallon each on April 27, declare reports from Chicago. Some large refineries were asking as high as 11 cents for motor gasoline in Oklahoma. Kerosene prices were stronger than at any time in years, 8¼¢ to 8½¢ being the ruling price for 41-43 water white. U. S. Motor gasoline was quoted in wholesale market at 10½¢ to 5¢ cents, up ½¢ cent a gallon on top price. Refinery kerosene 41-43 water white advanced ½¢ to ¼-cent a gallon, to 8 and 8¼ cents. Naphtha was marked up ¼-cent a gallon to 9¼ and 10 cents. The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey advanced export kerosene ¼-cent a gallon, making the price in cased lots 18.4 cents a gallon. Reports from Houston, Texas, on the 28th stated that marketing companies in Texas had advanced kerosene one cent a gallon. The new price is 13 cents for common point territory and 14 cents at differential points.

On April 29th the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana advanced tank wagon prices of gasoline 1 cent a gallon and kerosene ½ cent a gallon throughout its territory. Service station prices of gasoline also were advanced one cent. This made Chicago service station price 20 cents a gallon for gasoline. Tank wagon prices in Chicago are 18 cents for gasoline and 14 cents for kerosene, the latter being the highest in several years. The Texas Co. followed the advance. The Sinclair Refining Co. on the 29th advanced U. S. motor grade gasoline in the refinery market to 11¼ cents a gallon. The prevailing market was then 10½ to 11 cents. The wholesale market for naphtha was up ¼ cent a gallon at 10¼ to 10½ cents, and kerosene a like amount at 8½ to 8¾ cents.

The Standard Oil Co. of Nebraska and other companies on April 29 advanced gasoline in Omaha two cents a gallon, making the tank wagon price 18¼ cents and filling station price 20¼ cents, plus two-cent state tax. Elsewhere in Nebraska gasoline was advanced one cent a gallon.

Further increases in the price of kerosene and gasoline were announced April 30 by the Sinclair Refining Co. when it advanced the price of kerosene in railroad tank cars at New York, Philadelphia and Atlantic and Gulf terminals ½¢ per gallon to 10¢ and has also advanced the price of gasoline ½¢ per gallon to 12¢ in New Orleans. The company has also established a flat rate of 13¢ per gallon for gasoline in tank car lots at New York, Philadelphia and Atlantic and Gulf points. Pennsylvania refiners at Oil City, Pa., on the 30th advanced the price of kerosene ¼¢ a gallon.

The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey also on the 30th advanced the export price of gasoline ½¢ a gallon and the export price of kerosene ¼¢ a gallon. In addition, the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey advanced the price of gasoline 1¢ a gallon throughout its territory with the exception of North and South Carolina, where the price was advanced 1½¢. Kerosene also was advanced ½¢ a gallon. From Shreveport, La., reports dated April 30th announced that the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana had advanced the price of gasoline 1½¢ a gallon at its filling stations in Louisiana, Arkansas and Tennessee, making the new retail price 20¢ and tank wagon 17¢, effective at once.

Reports late on the 30th declared that the Standard Oil Co. of New York had advanced tank wagon gasoline and kerosene one cent a gallon throughout its territory, effective Saturday, May 1. The Gulf Refining Co., the Texas Co., Pan-American Petroleum & Transport Co. and Sinclair Refining Co. also followed advance in tank wagon gasoline by Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey and New York.

The Tide Water Oil Co. followed the export advance. Pan-American Petroleum & Transport Co. also advanced the wholesale price of gasoline at Atlantic Coast terminals 1 cent to 13½ cents a gallon, and at Gulf terminals ½ cent to 12 cents a gallon.

U. S. motor grade gasoline at Chicago was advanced ¾ cent a gallon in the wholesale market to 11¼ and 11½ cents. Advances in other grades of gasoline ranged from ½ to ½ cent. Naphtha was advanced ¼ cent to 10½ and 10¾ cents a gallon and minimum price of kerosene, 41-43 water white, was established at 8¾ cents, up ¼ cent a gallon.

Production of Crude Oil Increases Somewhat.

An increase in the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended April 24 amounted to 15,950 barrels, the output being 1,955,950 barrels, compared with 1,940,000 barrels for the preceding week, according to estimates furnished by the American Petroleum Institute. The daily average production east of California was 1,351,450 barrels, as compared with 1,344,000 barrels, an increase of 7,450 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production by districts for the weeks ended as indicated:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION.				
(In Barrels)—	Apr. 24 '26.	Apr. 17 '26.	Apr. 10 '26.	Apr. 25 '25.
Oklahoma.....	462,150	458,650	469,200	457,700
Kansas.....	102,800	102,150	101,300	87,800
North Texas.....	88,700	87,600	86,200	90,000
East Central Texas.....	55,750	56,100	56,750	137,700
West Central Texas.....	79,550	81,450	82,150	66,250
Southwest Texas.....	39,750	39,150	39,700	47,250
North Louisiana.....	51,500	50,450	51,150	50,800
Arkansas.....	170,700	171,350	169,450	328,150
Gulf Coast.....	93,500	88,500	86,550	101,150
Eastern.....	102,500	101,500	100,500	102,000
Wyoming.....	72,600	75,250	73,150	80,100
Montana.....	21,450	21,450	22,750	8,150
Colorado.....	6,600	6,450	6,350	1,900
New Mexico.....	3,900	3,950	4,000	500
California.....	604,500	596,000	597,000	597,000
Total.....	1,955,950	1,940,000	1,946,200	2,156,450

The estimated daily average gross production of the Mid-Continent field including Oklahoma, Kansas, North, East Central, West Central and Southwest Texas, North Louisiana and Arkansas for the week ended April 24 was 1,050,900 bbls., as compared with 1,046,900 bbls. for the preceding week, an increase of 4,000 bbls. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover, Arkansas, heavy oil, was 917,500 bbls., as compared with 911,700 bbls., an increase of 5,800 bbls.

In Oklahoma production of South Brame is reported at 10,350 bbls., against 9,500 bbls.; Thomas 5,300 bbls., against 5,200 bbls.; Tonkawa 37,200 bbls., against 37,800 bbls.; Garber 34,600 bbls., against 33,150 bbls.; Burbank 41,200 bbls., against 41,750 bbls.; Davenport 15,600 bbls., against 17,050 bbls.; Bristow-Slick 29,950 bbls., against 30,200 bbls.; Cromwell 18,200 bbls., against 18,500 bbls., and Papoose 12,350 bbls., against 12,300 bbls.

The Mexia pool, East Central Texas, is reported at 13,300 bbls., against 13,400 bbls.; Corsicana-Powell 30,300 bbls., against 30,550 bbls.; Wortham 9,350 bbls., against 9,400 bbls.; Reagan County, West Central Texas 33,800 bbls., against 34,800 bbls.; Haynesville, North Louisiana 10,250 bbls., no change; Cotton Valley 8,550 bbls., against 8,350 bbls.; Urania 8,850 bbls., against 8,150 bbls.; Smackover, Arkansas, light, 17,550 bbls., against 17,950 bbls., heavy, 133,400 bbls., against 135,200 bbls., and Lisbon 7,800 bbls., against 6,250 bbls. In the Gulf Coast field Hull is reported at 18,050 bbls., against 18,300 bbls.; West Columbia 8,700 bbls., against 9,400 bbls.; Orange County 11,400 bbls., against 11,650 bbls.; South Liberty 5,900 bbls., against 6,000 bbls.; Boling 8,800 bbls., against 3,850 bbls., and in the Southwest Texas field, Luling is reported at 22,950 bbls., against 22,650 bbls., Lytton Springs 7,200 bbls., against 6,850 bbls.

In Wyoming, Salt Creek, is reported at 52,550 bbls., against 55,200 bbls.

In California, Santa Fe Springs is reported at 49,000 bbls., no change; Long Beach 105,000 bbls., against 103,000 bbls.; Huntington Beach 45,500 bbls., no change; Torrance 27,500 bbls., against 28,000 bbls.; Dominguez 21,000 bbls., against 21,500 bbls.; Rosecrans 18,500 bbls., against 18,000 bbls.; Inglewood 53,000 bbls., against 51,000 bbls., and Midway-Sunset 93,000 bbls., no change.

Decline in Steel Consumption Very Gradual—No Changes in Prices Recorded.

April is ending with the rate of steel mill operations and of incoming new business measurably below those of a month ago, but with no marked change from the conditions of last week. As a whole the industry is probably running at 80 to 85% of capacity, showing that in consumption there has been no abrupt falling off from what it was in March, observes the "Iron Age" in its weekly summary of conditions affecting the market. Apart from the seasonal inroad being made on rail and tin-plate bookings, the gap between incoming business and shipments is less marked than in late April last year, when mill operations were between 70 and 75%, adds the "Age" in its issue of April 29, from which we quote further as follows:

The Bethlehem Steel Co.'s showing of new orders at 77% of capacity in the first 21 days of April gave rather a better picture of the situation than was presented at the Steel Corporation's annual meeting.

The Steel Corporation's statement for the first quarter, showing earnings of \$45,061,000, is in line with the unusual showing made last week by four leading independents. The increase of \$2,500,000 over the fourth quarter total was due to larger shipments and higher prices. October and November both having the benefit of Lake Superior ore road earnings.

Prices for bars, plates and shapes have been steady in the main, in the face of declining backlogs for the last two. In sheets the weakness of the past month persists and the number of mills making the concessions has increased.

Car builders express disappointment over the small volume of railroad equipment buying. The week's orders include 1,000 steel gondolas for the Atlantic Coast Line and 500 steel underframes for the Southern. At Chicago an unexpected inquiry for 30,000 tons of rails has come from a railroad which bought a like amount in the first quarter. At St. Louis the Chicago Peoria & St. Louis has asked for 5,000 to 6,000 tons of 90-lb. rails and nearly 1,000 tons of accessories.

An unusually large amount of structural business is pending, particularly in the Central West. The week's total of awards was less than 13,000 tons. A new Boston theatre will take 2,500 tons.

Fabricated steel sales in March, the highest for the year, bring the first quarter total to 573,400 tons, against 561,200 tons for the first quarter of 1925. Shipments in March were 81% of capacity and the largest since October.

Lake shipbuilding shows new life. A large shipping interest is inquiring for two ore boats that represent 9,000 tons of steel, and two freight boats pending for some time are expected to be placed shortly.

Oil country pipe business still shows betterment, and standard pipe has been moving quite freely. Latest line pipe orders are 100 miles of 12½-in. for the Lone Star Gas Co. and 25 miles of 12½-in. and 16-in. for the Colum-

bia Gas & Electric Co., Cincinnati. That pipe mills are busier appears from an average operation of 80%.

A Pittsburgh mill will furnish 2,500 to 3,000 tons of concrete reinforcing bars for an Akron, O., sewage disposal plant. At Philadelphia 1,000 tons of foreign bars were sold for an apartment building, the delivered price being 1.85c. South Atlantic States have been larger buyers of bars abroad, rail freights bringing the delivered price of domestic bars well up in these districts.

In pig iron sales the week was probably the smallest of the year. Foundry consumption was well maintained in the first quarter, but April has brought some uncertainty which does not clear up as spring holds back.

In all markets the decline of heavy melting steel scrap has gone 50c. farther, the Pittsburgh price at \$16 being now \$3 below the high point for the year.

Canadian steel mills are operating at the highest rate for four years, having good orders for rolling stock, rails and track supplies.

Japan has put out rail inquiries for about 10,000 tons, one calling for 2,000 tons of 60-lb. and the other for 7,660 tons of 65-lb. rails.

The Nippon Oil Co. is placing 57,000 boxes of tin plate and indications are that it will be divided between Welsh and American mills.

Iron and steel exports in March were 169,438 tons, compared with 157,187 tons in the short month preceding. In the first quarter of 1926 exports were 501,210 tons, against 399,461 tons last year, a gain of 25%. In the nine months ended March 31 the gain was 217,000 tons, almost balanced by an increase of 212,000 tons in imports.

Of rolled and finished products, 145,527 tons were exported in March and 25,519 tons imported; the nine months' totals were 1,190,762 tons and 181,932 tons.

Both composite prices of the "Iron Age" remain unchanged, pig iron being \$20.46 for the third week, against \$20.71 one year ago, and finished steel 2.439c. per lb. for the fifth week, against 2.474c. one year ago. Thus each is 1 to 1½% lower than at the end of April 1925. The usual composite price table stands as follows:

Finished Steel—April 27 1926, 2.439c. per Pound.			
Based on prices of steel bars, beams, tank	One week ago	2.439c.	
plates, plain wire, open-hearth rails,	One month ago	2.439c.	
black pipe and black sheets, constituting	One year ago	2.474c.	
88% of the United States output.	10-year pre-war average	1.689c.	
Pig Iron—April 27 1926, \$20.46 per Gross Ton.			
Based on average of basic and foundry	One week ago	\$20.46	
irons, the basic being Valley quotation,	One month ago	21.38	
the foundry an average of Chicago,	One year ago	20.71	
Philadelphia and Birmingham.	10-year pre-war average	15.72	
—Finished Steel—			
High. Low.		Pig Iron	
		High.	Low.
1926--2.453c.	Jan. 5	\$21.54	Jan. 5
1925--2.560c.	Jan. 6	\$20.46	Jan. 13
1924--2.789c.	Jan. 15	18.96	July 7
1923--2.824c.	Apr. 24	20.77	Nov. 20

As the end of the month approaches, it is becoming more evident that the slowing down in bookings and shipments from the high peak in March has been so gradual that figures for April will not show as marked a decline as in many previous years, declares the "Iron Trade Review" this week. Statements made by heads of several largest producers within the past 10 days indicate that there is an approximate drop in April from March of 10% in rate of operations, 20% in bookings and less than 10% in shipments, continues this trade journal in its April 29 review of events in the market, from which we quote further as follows:

In spite of the seasonal factor in the situation, which is more pronounced now than last year, April business is far ahead of what it was in 1925. A fitting climax to the many favorable earnings statements of steel companies which emphasize the record-breaking character of operations in the first quarter is found in the current report of the Steel Corporation. Net earnings for the three months ending March 31 were the highest since the first quarter of 1924.

An important factor in the present market situation is absence of stocks in hands of buyers, which contributes to a shifting of activity in various lines of finished steel, yet assures a constant flow of moderate purchasing. This is characteristic of buying in the plate market which swings from apparent increasing activity to sluggishness and back again every few weeks.

At present the market is buoyed up by numerous oil tanks, ship and barge prospects. The largest award of the week involves 3,800 tons for a Morgan Line vessel.

While local conditions are interfering with building projects in several centres, the shape market as a whole is strong. Inquiries continue to appear in good volume, but awards this week total only 19,865 tons compared with 24,455 tons last week.

A contract involving 8,000 tons for the Pennsylvania Hotel, Pittsburgh, has been awarded. The concrete bar market is active, 12,385 tons being placed, compared with 6,870 reported last week. Figures on iron and steel in foreign trade in March indicate a decline in imports and a gain in exports compared with those of February. Of interest to exporters is a statement made by James A. Farrell at Charleston, S. C., to the effect that the world's export trade now is only 2% under pre-war volume.

The "Iron Trade Review's" composite price this week is \$38.39. This compares with \$38.47 last week and \$38.53 the week previous.

Bituminous Coal Trade Dull—Anthracite Sales Fall Off Due to Warmer Weather.

After going through an extremely dull period, the New England tidewater bituminous market took on a firmer tone last week, due to the situation in Great Britain and not to any increased local demand, declares the April 28 market review issued by the "Coal Trade Journal." Prices on pool 1 coals were up a dime. Sales of all-rail bituminous were small and that situation was unchanged. Warmer weather caused a sharp cessation in anthracite buying, both at retail and wholesale. There was consequently no market for independent tonnage, observes the "Journal," adding:

The New York market for domestic sizes of anthracite showed a steady undertone last week, the unseasonable coal snap being responsible for many supplemental orders. Pea coal was still scarce and led in popularity, independent prices showing an increase. The demand for stove was steady. There was a considerable movement of so-called "oversized" buckwheat for domestic use and some wholesalers were doing a good business in this size. Otherwise, the steam market was very dull. There was practically no business done in domestic or run-of-oven coke, in spite of the fact that prices at present are probably as low as they will be this year.

The absence of the customary spring reduction in the price of anthracite caused Philadelphia consumers to hold off in their ordering but retailers did a good business in small lots up to the middle of last week when the weather turned warm. Dealers were making concessions in prices for cash when large lots were ordered. The bituminous situation was very dull, with no hope for betterment until production is curtailed. Very few contracts have been closed during the past month and renewals were few and far between. All the domestic sizes of anthracite moved well but steam sizes were slow, especially barley. There was a little shading reported in bituminous prices, but on the whole quotations showed no change.

The better coals were well cleaned up at the southern loading piers and prices on these grades were firmer. Some lower grades of coal were an offer at fairly low prices.

Production during April in the central Pennsylvania bituminous district was low, the cold weather not even helping the situation to any extent. Comparatively little contracting has been done and prices were still at low level.

Short term orders and spot transactions marked the Pittsburgh market last week and prices held fairly steady, with production unchanged. Open market steam trade was dull but gas coals were moving fairly well. There was considerable contract negotiation for lake movement. Industrial demand was poor as was the call for prepared grades. Due to scarcity, slack coal stiffened in price. The output of the Connellsville coke field was further reduced due to the increased production of by-product and the quiet condition of the foundry trade.

No new contracts were reported in northern West Virginia region last week but, in spite of this, production continued on the upward trend, particularly on the B. & O. This holding off from contracting is due, operators said, to the fact that consumers bought up a great deal of distress coal that was on the market at the closing of the anthracite strike. Little spot coal was being received, most of the production coming from the larger operators. Most of the smaller mines are working only part time. Cement mills were taking a little more slack, but industrials and railroad fuels were still slow. Local operators expressed the opinion that they would get a fair share of the lake trade this year. Prices in that region showed no change over those of the previous week.

Slack, both high and low volatile, held the center of the stage in southern West Virginia last week, showing more strength than any of the other grades, due to the more limited production of the prepared grades. There was a marked increase in production, especially in the high volatile fields. Some of the prepared smokeless prices showed increased strength. There were quite a few small orders on hand for the high volatile prepared and, although contracting was still far behind normal, the situation in general was improved over that of the previous week.

Little contracting was reported from the Upper Potomac and western Maryland fields and, even though production was materially curtailed, the very keen competition kept prices at former low levels. In Virginia territory the decrease in the tonnage of prepared stiffened the price of slack. An increased number of contracts signed was reported and prices, other than that of slack, were unchanged.

Unevenness continues to characterize developments in the bituminous coal trade, with depressing influences overshadowing those of an encouraging nature. Backwardness of spring temperatures in the Middle West has served to provide a number of small orders for domestic sizes for current needs, but little stocking for winter requirements is being done. Dejection has overspread the mining districts of Illinois and Indiana because of the numerous shutdowns and the knowledge that western Kentucky will take over much of the business, observes the "Coal Age's" weekly market summary, which on April 29 made the following comments:

Inability of the Lake season to get under way, as well as warm weather has caused an easing up in the movement of Kentucky coal, so that dependence must be placed in day-to-day business. As a result, operation in western Kentucky is only about one-third of capacity and in eastern Kentucky even less, but comparison with previous years is encouraging. Movement at the head of the Lakes also is ahead of last year. Typical spring quiet marks the trade in the West and Southwest.

A firmer tendency pervades the Cincinnati market, due to dealer inquiry and signs of interest in the West and Northwest. While the embargoes on Lake coal to Toledo and Sandusky have not been lifted, the permit system being used to control such traffic, these influences have had a steadying effect. The central and eastern Ohio situation, however, is dull and featureless. The trade in western and central Pennsylvania continues to sink into the depths, and in Buffalo, too, no ray of hope pierces the gloom.

Quiet industrial conditions in New England hold out little encouragement against the keen competition for what little business is in sight. Spot trade at New York has improved slightly; distress tonnage has been cut down considerably but prices are still low. At Philadelphia and Baltimore the recent dullness is unrelieved though export possibilities are seen in the event of a British strike.

Contracting is slow, the railroads in most instances piecing out remaining stocks with open-market purchases at low prices. Most of the large industrial consumers also are following this practice.

A slight further advance in prices has taken place since last week, the "Coal Age" index on April 26 standing at 159 and the corresponding price at \$1 93, compared with 158 and \$1 92, respectively, on April 19.

Hard coal demand at both New York and Philadelphia is quiet. Warnings and recommendations that consumers lay in winter supplies early lack the pulling power of spring discount inducements in past years. Company producers are getting most of the business, independents being unable to obtain more than 25c. above company circulars, and not much of their product is moving at that. Pea is an exception, however, this size in some instances bringing as much as \$1 25 over company quotation. At Baltimore, on the other hand, domestic consumption has been heavy and many fill-up orders have been forthcoming. Trade in steam sizes is dull. Company output is not moving easily at circular prices and the independents are glad to get business at prices well below bottom company quotations.

The Connellsville coke market shows few signs of life and output continues to decline.

Bituminous Coal Output Declines as That of Anthracite Increases—Coke Production Unchanged.

While the production of bituminous coal fell off by about 125,000 net tons during the week ended April 17 from that of the previous week, the output of anthracite, on the other hand, increased around 293,000 net tons. Coke production remained virtually unchanged, reports the U. S. Bureau of Mines in its weekly statistics, from which we take the following extracts:

Production of soft coal during the week ended April 17, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 9,295,000 net tons, a decrease of 125,000 tons, or 1.3%, from that in the preceding week. The present rate of daily production, while lower than at the corresponding time in 1923, is 24% higher than in 1925.

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

	1926		1925	
	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.	Week.	Cal. Year to Date. b
April 3	9,040,000	150,318,000	7,547,000	131,001,000
Daily average	1,594,000	1,906,000	1,438,000	1,662,000
April 10 c	9,420,000	159,738,000	7,843,000	138,844,000
Daily average	1,570,000	1,882,000	1,307,000	1,637,000
April 17 d	9,295,000	169,003,000	7,515,000	146,359,000
Daily average	1,549,000	1,860,000	1,253,000	1,612,000

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

Total production of bituminous coal during the calendar year 1926 to April 17 amounts to 169,003,000 net tons. Figures for similar periods in other recent years are given below:

1920	158,674,000 net tons	1923	166,613,000 net tons
1921	115,242,000 net tons	1924	154,927,000 net tons
1922	138,960,000 net tons	1925	146,359,000 net tons

ANTHRACITE.

Production of anthracite during the week ended April 17 passed the two-million-ton mark for the first time since August, when the market received sudden impetus. Total output is estimated at 2,086,000 net tons. This represents a gain of 293,000 tons over that in the preceding week, and is greater by 37% than in the corresponding period in 1925.

Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons).

	1926		1925	
Week Ended—	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.	Week.	Cal. Year to Date. a
April 3	1,549,000	11,510,000	1,438,000	22,387,000
April 10	1,793,000	13,303,000	1,672,000	24,059,000
April 17	2,086,000	15,389,000	1,522,000	25,581,000

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

Total production of anthracite during the calendar year 1926 to April 17 amounts to 15,389,000 net tons. Figures for similar periods in other recent years are given below:

1922	22,186,000 net tons	1924	26,846,000 net tons
1923	29,418,000 net tons	1925	25,581,000 net tons

BEEHIVE COKE.

For the third successive week beehive coke production has remained practically at a standstill. Total output during the week ended April 17 is estimated at 233,000 net tons, but 5,000 tons greater than that in the week preceding. The current rate, however, continues greater than at this time in 1925.

Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

	1926		1925	
	Week Ended—	Week Ended—	Week Ended—	Week Ended—
	Apr. 17	Apr. 10	Apr. 18	Apr. 11
	1926. b	1926. c	1925.	1925.
Pennsylvania and Ohio	188,000	181,000	150,000	3,673,000
West Virginia	13,000	14,000	13,000	250,000
Ala., Ky., Tenn. & Ga.	16,000	17,000	22,000	302,000
Virginia	6,000	7,000	7,000	148,000
Colorado & New Mexico	6,000	6,000	4,000	88,000
Washington and Utah	4,000	3,000	5,000	57,000
United States total	233,000	228,000	201,000	4,518,000
Daily average	39,000	38,000	34,000	49,000

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

Country's Foreign Trade in March—Balance Again on the Side of the Imports.

The Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce at Washington on April 14 issued a statement of the foreign trade of the United States for March and the nine months ending with March. The value of merchandise exported in March 1926 was \$375,000,000, as compared with \$453,652,842 in March 1925. The imports of merchandise are provisionally computed at \$445,000,000 in March 1926, as against \$385,378,617 in March the previous year, leaving an unfavorable trade balance against the United States on the merchandise movement for the month of March 1926 of \$70,000,000. Last year in March there was a favorable trade balance on the merchandise movement of \$68,274,225. Imports for the nine months of 1925-26 have been \$3,413,089,200, as against \$2,825,302,963 for the corresponding nine months of 1924-25. The merchandise exports for the nine months of 1925-26 have been \$3,671,640,242, against \$3,772,033,611, giving a favorable trade balance of \$258,551,042 in 1925-26, against \$946,730,648 in 1924-25. Gold imports totaled \$43,412,576 in March 1926, against \$7,337,322 in the corresponding month the previous year, and for the nine months they were \$175,786,101, as against \$109,-

456,281. Gold exports in March 1926 were \$4,224,564, against \$25,104,416 in March 1925. For the nine months of 1925-26 the exports of the metal foot up \$82,866,139, against \$207,023,306 in the nine months of 1924-25. Silver imports for the nine months of 1925-26 have been \$52,578,563, as against \$58,354,310 in 1924-25, and silver exports \$74,460,951, as against \$84,447,856. Following is the complete official report:

TOTAL VALUES OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF THE UNITED STATES.
(Preliminary figures for 1926, corrected to April 13 1926.)
MERCHANDISE.

	March.		9 Months Ending March.		Increase (+) Decrease (-)
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	
Exports.....	\$ 375,000,000	\$ 453,652,842	\$ 3,671,640,242	\$ 3,772,033,611	-100,393,369
Imports.....	445,000,000	385,378,617	3,413,089,200	2,825,302,963	+587,786,237
Excess of expts	-----	68,274,225	258,551,042	946,730,648	-----
Excess of impts	70,000,000	-----	-----	-----	-----

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE, BY MONTHS.

	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.	1921-22.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Exports.....	339,660,368	276,649,055	302,186,027	301,157,335	325,181,138
July.....	379,822,746	330,659,566	310,965,891	301,774,517	366,887,538
August.....	420,368,140	427,459,531	381,433,570	313,196,557	324,863,123
September.....	490,566,814	527,171,781	399,199,014	370,718,595	433,330,815
October.....	447,803,577	493,572,921	401,483,872	379,999,622	294,092,219
November.....	468,305,949	445,748,393	426,665,519	344,327,560	296,198,373
December.....	397,195,833	446,443,088	395,172,187	335,416,506	278,848,469
January.....	352,916,815	370,676,434	365,781,772	306,957,419	250,619,841
February.....	375,000,000	453,652,842	339,755,230	341,376,064	329,979,817
March.....	-----	398,254,668	346,935,702	325,492,175	318,469,578
April.....	-----	370,945,110	335,088,701	316,359,470	307,568,828
May.....	-----	323,347,775	306,989,006	319,956,953	335,116,750
June.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
9 mos. end. March.....	3,671,640,242	3,772,033,611	3,322,643,082	2,994,924,775	2,810,001,333
12 mos. end. June.....	-----	4,864,581,164	4,311,656,491	3,956,733,373	3,771,156,489
Imports.....	325,648,257	278,593,546	287,433,769	251,771,881	178,159,154
July.....	340,085,626	254,542,143	275,437,993	281,376,403	194,768,751
August.....	449,953,680	287,144,334	253,645,380	298,493,403	179,292,165
September.....	374,073,914	310,751,608	308,290,809	276,103,979	188,007,629
October.....	420,368,140	296,147,998	291,333,346	291,804,826	210,948,036
November.....	396,639,809	333,192,059	288,304,766	293,788,573	237,495,505
December.....	416,753,304	346,165,289	295,506,212	329,253,664	217,185,396
January.....	388,503,320	333,387,369	332,323,121	303,406,933	215,743,282
February.....	445,000,000	385,378,617	320,482,113	397,923,382	256,177,796
March.....	-----	346,090,956	324,290,966	364,252,544	217,023,142
April.....	-----	327,518,721	302,987,791	372,544,578	252,817,254
May.....	-----	325,215,735	274,000,688	320,233,799	260,460,898
June.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
9 mos. end. March.....	3,413,089,200	2,825,302,963	2,652,757,509	2,723,928,044	1,877,777,714
12 mos. end. June.....	-----	3,824,128,375	3,554,036,954	3,780,958,965	2,608,079,008

GOLD AND SILVER.

	March.		9 Months Ending March.		Increase (+) Decrease (-)
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	
Gold.....	\$ 4,224,564	\$ 25,104,416	\$ 82,866,139	\$ 207,023,306	-124,157,167
Exports.....	43,412,576	7,337,322	175,786,101	109,456,281	+66,329,820
Imports.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Excess of exports	-----	17,767,094	-----	97,567,025	-----
Excess of impts.	39,188,012	-----	92,919,962	-----	-----
Silver.....	8,333,081	7,916,717	74,460,951	84,447,856	-9,986,905
Exports.....	5,539,071	6,660,750	52,578,563	58,354,310	-5,775,747
Imports.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Excess of exports	2,794,010	1,255,967	21,882,388	26,093,546	-----
Excess of impts.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF GOLD AND SILVER, BY MONTHS.

	Gold.			Silver.		
	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.
Exports.....	\$ 4,416,452	\$ 327,178	\$ 522,826	\$ 8,349,304	\$ 9,190,362	\$ 6,233,163
July.....	2,135,690	2,397,457	2,200,961	8,284,991	8,632,067	7,032,221
August.....	6,784,201	4,579,501	862,697	7,487,317	10,345,205	8,123,460
September.....	28,039,190	4,125,268	1,307,060	8,783,376	9,465,023	7,522,845
October.....	24,300,071	6,689,182	746,794	8,118,093	9,401,406	8,775,474
November.....	5,967,727	39,074,653	711,529	7,589,470	11,279,630	9,521,083
December.....	3,086,870	73,525,943	280,723	9,762,969	11,384,799	8,208,644
January.....	3,850,350	50,599,708	505,135	7,747,324	6,832,647	8,876,713
February.....	4,224,564	25,104,416	817,374	8,333,081	7,916,717	8,355,278
March.....	-----	21,603,945	1,390,537	-----	9,322,618	7,801,689
April.....	-----	13,389,967	593,290	-----	6,535,761	9,686,517
May.....	-----	6,712,480	268,015	-----	8,522,492	8,648,499
June.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
9 months end. Mar.	82,866,139	207,023,306	7,955,099	74,460,951	84,447,856	72,648,881
12 mos. end. 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
July.....	4,861,736	18,149,981	32,856,097	7,273,298	7,041,630	6,465,949
August.....	4,128,052	6,656,155	27,803,961	4,504,024	7,082,962	8,517,971
September.....	50,740,649	19,701,640	29,795,185	5,601,851	5,828,572	6,929,311
October.....	10,456,115	19,862,384	39,757,436	4,049,035	6,481,416	5,269,173
November.....	7,216,004	10,274,049	32,641,226	5,746,956	5,863,892	8,172,301
December.....	19,351,202	5,037,800	45,135,760	5,762,760	7,338,559	5,979,758
January.....	25,415,655	3,602,627	35,111,269	8,861,871	4,928,916	7,900,409
February.....	43,412,576	7,337,322	34,322,375	5,539,071	6,660,750	6,220,934
March.....	-----	5,869,883	45,418,115	-----	4,944,807	3,907,745
April.....	-----	11,392,837	41,073,650	-----	3,300,180	5,639,582
May.....	-----	4,426,135	25,181,117	-----	4,918,605	4,870,389
June.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
9 months end. Mar.	175,786,101	109,456,281	305,352,756	52,578,563	58,354,310	65,522,269
12 mos. end. June.....	-----	134,145,136	417,025,638	-----	71,607,902	79,939,985

Analysis of Imports and Exports of the United States for March.

The Department of Commerce at Washington on April 27 issued its analysis of the foreign trade of the United States for the month of March and the nine months ending with March. This statement enables one to see how much of the merchandise imports and exports for 1926 and 1925 consisted of crude materials, and how much of manufactures, and in what state, and how much of foodstuffs and whether crude or partly or wholly manufactured. The following is the report in full:

ANALYSIS OF EXPORTS FROM AND IMPORTS INTO THE UNITED STATES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1926.
(Values in 1,000 Dollars.)

Groups.	Month of March.		Nine Months Ending March.			
	1925.		1926.		1925.	
	Value.	P. C.	Value.	P. C.	Value.	P. C.
Domestic Exports—						
Crude materials.....	122,845	27.6	83,031	22.7	1,198,739	32.3
Foodstuffs, crude & food animals.....	31,101	6.9	15,596	4.3	391,444	10.6
Manufactured foodstuffs.....	55,585	12.4	40,526	11.1	453,876	12.2
Semi-manufactures.....	64,666	14.7	53,520	14.7	472,200	12.7
Finished manufactures.....	171,637	38.4	172,267	47.2	1,192,879	32.2
Total domestic exports.....	445,834	100.0	364,940	100.0	3,709,238	100.0
Foreign exports.....	7,818	-----	9,480	-----	62,796	-----
Total.....	453,652	-----	374,420	-----	3,772,034	-----
Imports—						
Crude materials.....	144,597	37.4	198,351	44.7	1,046,621	37.1
Foodstuffs, crude & food animals.....	50,184	13.1	51,102	11.5	345,368	12.3
Manufactured foodstuffs.....	46,840	12.2	40,153	9.1	325,324	11.5
Semi-manufactures.....	75,890	19.6	74,697	16.9	526,076	18.6
Finished manufactures.....	67,868	17.7	78,795	17.8	581,914	20.5
Total.....	385,379	100.0	443,098	100.0	2,825,303	100.0
Total.....	839,031	-----	817,518	-----	6,597,337	-----

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on April 28, made public by the Federal Reserve Board and which deals with the results for the twelve Federal Reserve banks combined, shows an increase during the week of \$64,000,000 in holdings of discounted bills and a decline of \$30,500,000 in open-market acceptance holdings. Relatively small changes were reported in Government security holdings, Federal Reserve note circulation, and cash reserves. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Discount holdings of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York increased \$79,400,000 as compared with the decline of \$127,700,000 reported the week before. The Richmond bank reports a decline in discounts of \$5,400,000, Atlanta of \$5,200,000, San Francisco of \$5,100,000, and St. Louis of \$3,200,000. Open-market acceptance holdings were \$30,500,000 below the previous week's total, the Boston bank reporting a decline of \$13,400,000, the New York bank of \$6,600,000 and Chicago of \$4,300,000. Holdings of United States bonds declined \$700,000, while Treasury notes on hand increased by the same amount and Treasury certificates of indebtedness by \$200,000.

The principal changes in Federal Reserve note circulation during the week comprise increases of \$7,200,000 and \$4,000,000 reported by the Cleveland and Philadelphia banks, respectively, and a decrease of \$3,300,000 reported by Atlanta.

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 2462 and 2463. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending April 28 1926 is as follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) During	
	Week.	Year.
Total reserves.....	+\$3,600,000	—\$39,000,000
Gold reserves.....	+1,900,000	—54,000,000
Total bills and securities.....	+33,200,000	+86,500,000
Bills discounted, total.....	+64,000,000	+113,700,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	+66,400,000	+59,400,000
Other bills discounted.....	—2,400,000	+54,300,000
Bills bought in open market.....	—30,500,000	—67,800,000
U. S. Government securities, total.....	+200,000	+39,800,000
Bonds.....	—700,000	+12,900,000
Treasury notes.....	+700,000	—91,300,000
Certificates of indebtedness.....	+200,000	+118,200,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	—300,000	—21,900,000
Total deposits.....	+22,400,000	+54,700,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	+31,700,000	+68,300,000
Government deposits.....	—7,400,000	—10,600,000

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

The Federal Reserve Board's weekly condition statement of 707 reporting member banks in leading cities as of April 21 shows declines of \$26,000,000 in loans and discounts, \$21,-

000,000 in investments, \$84,000,000 in net demand deposits, \$53,000,000 in Government deposits and \$140,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks and an increase of \$41,000,000 in time deposits. Member banks in New York City reported reductions of \$12,000,000 in loans and discounts and of \$128,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve Bank, and increases of \$5,000,000 in investments, \$10,000,000 in net demand deposits and \$14,000,000 in time deposits. It should be noted that the figures for these *member banks* are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves.

Loans on stocks and bonds were \$6,000,000 more than for the previous week, the principal changes including increases of \$8,000,000 and \$6,000,000 in the Cleveland and San Francisco districts, respectively, and a reduction of \$9,000,000 in the Chicago district. "All other" loans and discounts declined \$33,000,000, reductions of \$11,000,000 in the Boston district and of \$9,000,000 and \$7,000,000 in the San Francisco and Chicago districts, respectively, being offset in part by an increase of \$7,000,000 in the Cleveland district. Total loans to brokers and dealers, secured by stocks and bonds, made by reporting member banks in New York City increased \$13,000,000, loans for the account of out-of-town banks decreasing \$8,000,000, while loans for their own account and for the account of others increased \$9,000,000 and \$12,000,000, respectively. Further comment regarding the changes shown by these *member banks* is as follows:

Holdings of U. S. securities and of other bonds, stocks and securities declined \$11,000,000 and \$10,000,000, respectively, only relatively small changes being reported for any of the districts.

Net demand deposits were \$84,000,000 less than a week ago, reductions being reported for all districts except New York and Cleveland, where increases of \$20,000,000 and \$7,000,000, respectively, occurred. The principal reductions by districts were as follows: Chicago, \$32,000,000; San Francisco, \$23,000,000; Boston, \$12,000,000, and Atlanta, \$10,000,000.

Time deposits of all reporting members were \$41,000,000 above the previous week's total, the principal changes including increases of \$19,000,000 and \$15,000,000 in the Cleveland and New York districts, respectively.

Borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks declined \$129,000,000 in the New York district, \$13,000,000 in the Cleveland district, and \$9,000,000 in the Chicago district, and \$140,000,000 for all reporting banks.

On a subsequent page—that is, on page 2463—we give the figures in full contained in this latest weekly return of the *member banks* of the Reserve System. In the following is furnished a summary of the changes in the principal items as compared with a week ago and with last year:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) During	
	Week.	Year.
Loans and discounts, total.....	—\$26,000,000	+\$740,000,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	+1,000,000	—36,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	+6,000,000	+455,000,000
All other.....	—33,000,000	+321,000,000
Investments, total.....	—21,000,000	+74,000,000
U. S. securities.....	—11,000,000	—72,000,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	—10,000,000	+146,000,000
Reserve balances with F. R. banks.....	—113,000,000	—34,000,000
Cash in vault.....	—10,000,000	—7,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	—84,000,000	+49,000,000
Time deposits.....	+41,000,000	+483,000,000
Government deposits.....	—53,000,000	+34,000,000
Total accommodation at F. R. banks.....	—140,000,000

Summary of Conditions in World's Markets Based upon Cablegrams and Other Reports Received in the Department of Commerce.

The Department of Commerce at Washington releases for publication to-day (May 1) the following summary of conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and other means of communication:

ARGENTINA.

There is some improvement noticeable in the general commercial aspect of the Argentine market. Transactions in all lines of manufactured articles, however, are distinctly subnormal. Exchange value of the peso rose during the month, with an increasing export movement. The Federal Government floated a loan of \$20,000,000 in New York to consolidate various short-term issues. Good progress was made in April in reducing the floating debt. In the import markets, dealers are heavily stocked in most lines, and new orders are restricted. Collections from provincial districts are still poor, although there is a slight improvement noticeable. Heavy commercial failures continue and credits are being closely scrutinized. Heavy rains during the early part of the month delayed the corn harvest, but operations resumed with the advent of dry, cool weather in the latter half of the month. Crops are reported to be large and in good condition. Shipments of wheat are growing.

BRAZIL.

The general commercial situation in Brazil has been characterized by small exports and heavy imports. Money is comparatively easy. Collection is slow. The coffee markets are dull. The cotton market weakened further during the month, quotations being 5 milreis lower than at the beginning of the month. Trading is small. Exports of hides increased somewhat, and manganese held up well during the month. Sales of textiles are slow, with difficulty in collecting especially affecting this line. Yarns are slow due partially to heavy stocks.

CHILE.

A slight improvement over the previous month was noticeable in the general commercial situation in April. Wholesale lines and industries were generally more active, but retail lines were slightly depressed. Note cir-

ulation on April 16 was 130,700,000 pesos in Central Bank notes and 291,900,000 pesos of outstanding Government monetary issues. There was an improvement in the movement of securities on the Stock Exchange over March; the prices of shares were lower but bonds were firm. Copper production is reported to have improved. The coal industry has received a stimulus through the placing of Government orders.

PERU.

Trade conditions in general in Peru continued poor during April, the expected improvement not having materialized. There has been practically no dealing in cotton futures this season. Exchange ranged from \$3 80 to \$3 65 to the Peruvian pound, closing April 23 at \$3 65, which was the lowest level reached in several years. Collections have been moderately slow. A third extraordinary session of Congress will be called to approve the \$30,000,000 loan bill. The Lima Stock Exchange reports trading dull with prices weak.

URUGUAY.

There is a more generally optimistic feeling in the Uruguayan market as a consequence of the recent flotation of the \$30,000,000 loan. Prospects have also improved in the livestock industry. Slaughtering of sheep is in an unprecedented volume this year. Trading in wool continues fairly active, the best demand being for fine crossbreds. Construction work continues active. The money market is quiet.

MEXICO.

The general business turnover in April was reported as slightly larger than in March but the outlook at the close of the month is not considered quite as good as it was at the beginning. The founding of agricultural development banks for the benefit of small farmers and communal lands was a feature of the month.

GUATEMALA.

Business is rather dull in staples but is very good in luxuries, particularly in silks and jewelry, and in hardware and grains. Almost the entire coffee crop had been sold before the decline in prices.

SALVADOR.

In spite of the fact that there is plenty of money in the country, business conditions continued exceedingly dull throughout April and very few orders were placed abroad. Coffee prices continued to decline and still show a downward tendency, consequently sales have been very limited. Approximately half of the coffee crop is still unshipped.

PANAMA.

Retail trade is normal for this season of the year. Bank collections continue good in Panama City. Building is active.

CUBA.

Business in general has continued to be dull, with sugar still selling at low and unsatisfactory prices. The demand for most current import merchandise has not slackened so noticeably, but a gradual tightening of the credit situation has made purchasing more difficult. Inquiries for future machinery business are also scarce. Building is quite active in Havana, with reported prospects for a busy summer.

PORTO RICO.

Business is generally dull in most lines of trade with buying of a hand to mouth nature, although the outlook is somewhat improved by favorable tobacco prices, a firmer sugar market, and recent rains.

JAMAICA.

The general economic situation is improved due to the continued increase in the volume and value of banana exports, which are now bringing 64 to 72 cents a bunch.

CHINA.

Stocks of tea in Hankow are small. Wood oil prices are weak reflecting slack American demand.

INDIA.

Local disturbances in Calcutta have upset the normal trend of business in that city, particularly in the bazaar districts where business has not been brisk for some time. New jute crop prospects are good. Sowing is active. Raw jute is quiet, at lower prices. Burlap is steady, with little business. Several tea districts where picking has begun report generally favorable weather.

AUSTRALIA.

The Australian outlook shows much improvement as the month closes. Bush fires that have been raging over certain sections are now under control and new outbreaks not expected, and general rains have been very beneficial to agriculturists. Wool sales at Sydney have continued satisfactory, with the best grade of greasy merino offered during the week bringing 30d. per lb.

NEW ZEALAND.

Business in New Zealand showed a general tendency toward improvement during April. Wholesale prices were firm, retail trade was fair, and industrial activity normal along all lines.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Excessively dry weather is affecting the growing crops of the Philippine Islands. Leading export markets show little improvement from the recent slackness. Copra prices have declined somewhat from the high level which has prevailed for some weeks. The abaca market has recovered slightly, reflecting London and New York market conditions. Production is somewhat better and prices have shown a small increase.

DUTCH EAST INDIES.

Seasonal quiet continues in the Dutch East Indies. Import trade is dull, especially in cotton piece goods. Rubber and pepper export markets are weaker, but sugar is holding firm. The estimate of 1926 production of the Java Sugar Association is placed at 1,818,475 metric tons.

CANADA.

Sales of motor cars and trucks have been greatly stimulated and dealers are active. The lower income and corporation taxes are expected in Canada to have a beneficial effect upon business because of the additional funds available for the purchase of many commodities. During the week large shipments of gold were received from New York as a result of the Canadian dollar reaching a premium. The movement up to the latter part of last week had reached about \$8,500,000. Exports of wheat for the eight months ending March 1926 were 296,669,712 bushels, or 98% more than in the same period the previous year. Commercial failures during the first quarter of 1926 were not as numerous as in the same period of 1925.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The coal situation continued to occupy the forefront of British affairs during the past week. The outlook has resulted in a rush at ports and very high spot prices, but little future contracting. Production for the week ended April 10 was 3,696,300 tons. The Board of Trade Committee has announced its decision, in the negative, on the application of the worsted manufacturers for protection under the safeguarding procedure.

The Committee's report, however, recommends the adoption of a 12½% ad valorem duty if serious unemployment in the future arises from increased imports.

GERMANY.

Agriculture and building trades will soon require additional labor it is reported in Germany. During the first two weeks of April 310 bankruptcies were recorded, showing a further decline in percentage as compared with March when the total number for the month was 1,710. The 1925-26 fiscal year closed on March 31 with tax receipts amounting to 6,856,000,000 marks, or an excess of 86,000,000 over the estimates. The last few weeks have witnessed a reduction in the volume of foreign loans and credits coming into Germany and the money and investment markets continue easy. The private discount rate was reduced from 5% to 4½% on April 15. Foreign trade figures for March show a favorable balance for the fourth consecutive month. Among imports decreases were noted in finished goods, foodstuffs and raw materials. Exports of foodstuffs decreased also, while half-finished goods and finished goods both showed advances. The export figure surpasses the average pre-war figure for the first time.

FRANCE.

The French Senate passed on April 20 the expenditures budget showing a surplus of 400,000,000 francs. This budget is now under consideration by the Chamber of Deputies which is expected in France to increase expenditures by 1,000,000,000 francs, thus reintroducing a deficit. The amount of voluntary contributions for supporting the franc is now proceeding more slowly.

BELGIUM.

The non-political commission which was recently appointed in Belgium to study the best method for consolidation of the floating debt has recommended an interior loan, with an exchange guarantee for interest and repayment. This consolidation loan would be exempt from all taxation, according to the recommendation of the Commission. The commercial fair at Brussels, which has just closed, was reported as being not especially successful. Tax collections in the first quarter of the year amounted to 1,202,000,000 francs and this showing is regarded in Belgium as favorable.

NETHERLANDS.

Practically all indexes in the Netherlands show a steady improvement in the economic situation.

ITALY.

The Italian shipbuilding industry has been receiving Government support since Feb. 1923. The decree granting such assistance expires in a short time and new provisions continuing this assistance have already been drafted. The subvention gives exemption from duties on materials and machinery used in vessel construction and repair, and also grants special tax exemptions to the Italian iron and steel industry on products used in ship construction. The subsidy has stimulated Italian shipbuilding to marked activity. The latest available statistics of industrial production, railroad and internal waterway transportation, labor and unemployment, indicate a continued maintenance of active business conditions.

AUSTRIA

Unemployment is being reduced, especially by the seasonal improvement in the building industry and in the manufacture of cement and other building materials, and other trades. Export industries are suffering from bad conditions in some of their markets, and as a result cotton spinning and iron production are slackening.

HUNGARY.

The Hungarian National Bank in its report as of March 15 shows sound money reserves of 245,400,000 pengoes, covering to the extent of 42% a circulation of 356,500,000 pengoes and deposits of 221,400,000 pengoes. On the same date the bank held discounted bills to the amount of 133,000,000 pengoes. The official index of wholesale prices for February was 125, as against 127 in January, showing a continuance of the decline of prices.

DENMARK.

The Danish exchange market has for some time been quiet and stable, the crown rate against the dollar having varied less than ¼ cent during the past month. The March statement of the National Bank shows that the bank's foreign holdings were reduced from 73,900,000 crowns to 55,800,000 crowns during the month. The ordinary and the supplementary budgets, as finally passed, indicate that the year's fiscal activities will show a deficit of approximately 8,900,000 crowns. Danish agriculture is also depressed.

NORWAY.

Norwegian exchange has remained very firm, but during the last few weeks the note circulation has increased 26,000,000 crowns. This was due in a large measure to the increased demand for Government funds at the end of the present quarter. The Norwegian discount rate has been reduced from 6% to 5½%.

POLAND.

In his last pre-holiday statement before the Budgetary Committee of the Diet, the Minister of Finance gave the figure of 314,000,000 zlotys as the actual budgetary deficit for 1925. This figure exceeds by over 20,000,000 zlotys the visible deficit, as published recently in the organ of the Ministry of Finance, which shows an excess of expenditures over revenues of 135,000,000, plus about 160,000,000 of emergency paper money issued in 1925 (besides 123,000,000 zlotys of silver and base metal coin, also issued in 1925). A deficit of 300,000,000 zlotys is forecasted for the 1926 budget (after the budgetary expenditures were reduced by over 240,000,000 zlotys, as compared with the actual expenditures of 1925), unless the cuts in Government expenditures proposed by the Minister of Finance materialize.

ESTHONIA.

The Finance Ministry has drafted two laws, one compelling firms in Estonia to register in a detailed and thorough manner, and the other stipulating that all sacks and other packings containing wheat flour or semolina mixed with corn, pea or other flour, must be marked to show the true contents. A committee appointed last year by the Government to investigate the activities of the Bank of Estonia has submitted a report to Parliament, suggesting that the bank be reorganized. Changes in policy and practice were recommended.

LATVIA.

The very heavy ice in the Gulf of Riga has prevented the exportation of flax and the Latvian Government has found it necessary to discontinue temporarily the acceptance of this commodity from growers, who, fearing a drop in prices had previously delivered about 23,000 tons to the Government Flax Department.

GREECE.

A decree effective April 19, the consumption tax on cigars and cigarettes, and the forced loan tax, were both increased. The new budget estimates were approved by the Cabinet, showing a theoretical surplus of about 300,000,000 drachmas, derived chiefly from increased taxation.

YUGOSLAVIA.

An adverse balance of trade for Yugoslavia during 1925 is indicated, which amounts to about \$2,500,000. Quantities of wheat are reported lying unsold at the mouth of the Danube, with only one-quarter of the wheat export surplus disposed of so far. Much corn was spoiled as the result of the bad weather; corn exports in January and February were poor. Actual budget receipts for the first seven months of the current fiscal year exceeded expenditures by 577,754,000 dinars, or by about 9.7%.

EGYPT.

The flour and sugar markets remain firm, and the cotton market is more animated. The cotton piece goods situation continues to show very marked improvement and the entire trade is more optimistic than for many months. Export and import trade during the first two months of 1926 showed a considerable decrease, as compared with the first two months of 1925, particularly in exports.

PALESTINE.

An agreement has been reached between the Palestine Government and a British firm to develop and carry out a scheme for the provisional supply of water to Jerusalem from Ein Farah Springs. The total cost is estimated at £51,770, and the municipality is to be supplied with 1,000 cubic meters of water daily (200,000 gallons), beginning Aug. 1 1926.

Dwight W. Morrow of J. P. Morgan & Co. Says Loans to Foreign Governments Do Not Involve Use of Armed Forces.

Answering those who contend that loans to foreign governments throw upon our government "the responsibility of acting as a collection agent," and for purposes of collection may involve the use of armed forces of our government, Dwight W. Morrow, of J. P. Morgan & Co. declared that the establishment of that principal "would be not only contrary to all international morals and most hurtful to the nation at large, but in the long run would prove highly injurious to the property interests of the bankers who sell and the investors who buy foreign government loans." Mr. Morrow's remarks were contained in an address on the subject of "The Investor in Foreign Bonds" before the Monthly Meeting of the Commercial Club of Chicago, on April 23. His address in full follows:

It is sometimes stated that loans to foreign governments made by our citizens throw upon our own Government the responsibility of acting as a collection agent. It is even asserted that these loans may, for purposes of collection, involve the use of the armed forces of our Government. I think it will become quite clear to anyone who will study the historical precedents that there is no warrant for such a belief. Moreover, the establishment of the principle that nations are justified in going to war for the collection of debts would be not only contrary to all international morals and most hurtful to the nation at large but, in the long run, would prove highly injurious to the property interests of the bankers who sell and the investors who buy foreign government loans.

The two great lending countries of the world to-day are England and the United States. From the leading officials of both of these countries we have had quite clear pronouncements against going to war where the only injury is a pecuniary one. In a debate in the British Parliament in Dec., 1902, during the controversy with Venezuela, Mr. Balfour, the then Prime Minister, said:

"I do not deny, in fact I freely admit, that bondholders may occupy an international position which may require international action; but I look upon such action with the gravest doubt and suspicion, and I doubt whether we have in the past ever gone to war for the bondholders, for those of our countrymen who have lent money to a foreign Government; and I confess that I should be very sorry to see that made a practice in this country."

Secretary Root in his instructions to the American Delegation to the Third Pan-American Conference in 1906 said:

"It has long been the established policy of the United States not to use its armed forces for the collection of ordinary contract debts due to its citizens by other governments. We have not considered the use of force for such a purpose consistent with that respect for the independent sovereignty of other members of the family of nations which is the most important principle of international law and the chief protection of weak nations against the oppress on of the strong."

Later in the same year Mr. Root, speaking in the City of Buenos Aires, made the following statement:

"The United States of America has never deemed it to be suitable that she should use her army and navy for the collection of ordinary contract debts of foreign governments to her citizens. For more than a century the State Department, the Department of Foreign Relations of the United States of America, has refused to take such action, and that has become the settled policy of our country. We deem it to be inconsistent with that respect for the sovereignty of weaker powers which is essential to the protection against the aggression of the strong. We deem the use of force for the collection of ordinary contract debts to be an invitation to abuses in their necessary results far worse, far more baneful to humanity than that the debts contracted by any nation should go unpaid."

I am conscious that any adequate discussion of this subject before a group of lawyers or historians would of necessity include an examination of the difference in treatment of claims growing out of crimes and claims growing out of contracts. In the case of the wrongful act of a foreign government inflicting physical injury upon the subject of any State, that State may very properly insist upon some reparation being made, exactly as it would admit the correlative obligation to make reparation for a similar dereliction on the part of its own administrative agents toward foreigners. I am conscious also that between claims growing out of crimes and claims growing out of contracts there is the more uncertain middle ground of the claims growing out of tortious acts and the difficulty in some cases of determining when a claim does arise out of contract and when out of a tort. An adequate discussion of this subject would also involve a frank recognition of the fact that contract claims against a foreign government have very often been joined with claims for other injuries or with larger questions of political policy. I have in mind the conduct of the European powers in Mexico in 1861, in Egypt in 1880, and in Venezuela in 1902.

A careful legal and historical analysis of this subject would also involve some consideration of the result of the adoption at the Second Hague Peace Conference in 1907 of the convention respecting the limitation of the employment of force in the recovery of contract debts, a convention which it has been alleged is impliedly a recognition of the past practice of collecting contract debts by force, and possibly a contemplation of a future practice of following the same course provided arbitration has first been proposed and denied.

I am speaking, however, to business men, and to as representative a group of business men as can be gathered together in the United States. I have no hesitation in saying that business men as much as any group of people in the community, are interested in seeing the policy so clearly announced by Secretary Root in 1906 scrupulously carried out. Bankers who sell and investors who buy foreign loans are in a position to appreciate what an ineffective and a fruitless remedy war is. Entirely apart from the immorality of putting human lives to the hazard of modern war where the sole issue is a pecuniary claim, there is a conclusive practical reason against such a course in that war in the great majority of cases does not, and cannot, accomplish the desired result.

You may ask me what then is the security for a foreign government loan. The answer is clear. Loans are made to foreign governments in reliance primarily upon the good faith of those governments. The intelligent investor recognizes that in the long run a government that defaults upon its obligations hurts itself even more than it hurts its creditors. Even where specific taxes or customs are allocated for the service of a loan the main reliance of the creditor must be upon the desire of the debtor government to see the particular revenues maintained and made available. Even where a foreign expert is placed in charge of revenues the arrangement is helpful only when made with the hearty concurrence of the debtor government, and with the belief and expectation on the part of the debtor government that the fiscal arrangement will redound to its own advantage.

Yes, it is upon good faith that lenders to foreign governments rely. And I need not say to a group of business men that it is upon good faith also that you rely in almost all of your domestic dealings. It is true that there is a sanction ultimately applicable to domestic contracts. The proper legal steps may be taken, the breach of the contract may be proved, and execution may be issued through the sheriff against property of the domestic debtor who fails to pay. But you do not in practice put much reliance upon the help of a sheriff in enforcing your contracts. You do not willingly deal with one upon whose property you expect to have to levy execution. In the overwhelming majority of your business transactions you must rely upon the ability and the willingness of your debtor to pay. On no other principle could modern business be conducted.

In international loans there is no ultimate effective sanction analogous to the domestic sheriff. But there still remains our reliance upon good faith, our reliance upon that law which is older than statute law—the acknowledged customs of mankind. The credit of governments is not easily built up. It may easily be shattered. And it must never be forgotten that there are rules of conduct accepted by the silent approval of civilized men, the breach of which hurts the one committing the breach much more than the one against whom it is committed. We rely in short upon good faith. If good faith cannot be relied upon it is better that the loan be not made.

The industry of men has rebuilt and restored much that was destroyed by war in Europe. The peoples of Europe are winning their way back to pre-war standards; some of them are already exceeding pre-war production. The processes of restoration, which can have true basis only in the toil of men, go steadily onward. The accomplishment in the scant eight years elapsed since the Armistice was signed has been truly remarkable. No quick peace was possible after four years of devastating war. Great losses had to be absorbed. There were deep wounds to be bound, property, machinery and tools to be replaced, industry to be reorganized, communication to be re-established, new capital to be created, hatred and fear to be allayed and faith and credit renewed. By no magic could these tasks be aided or accomplished. They could be achieved only by time and toil. But step by step they are being accomplished and we are helping in their accomplishment by lending our capital and credit. One of the great shocks of the war was to the faith of men, to their belief in the intent and purpose of their neighbors. The restoration of that faith may be last to yield to the curative processes. We cannot however doubt the results. All of the processes of civilization emphasize the faith and credit of men. Without the growth of faith and credit in our private and our public business we will slip backward. The words with which Hugo Grotius closed his great book more than three hundred years ago are true: "Not only is each commonwealth kept together by good faith, but also that greater society of which nations are the members. If faith be taken away the intercourse of men is abolished."

Agreement Reached For Settlement of French War Indebtedness to the United States.

The reaching of an agreement for the settlement of the war indebtedness of France to the United States was made known by the Treasury Department at Washington on April 29. According to the statement announcing the settlement arrived at, "the total to be funded after the cash payment to adjust the amount to round figures is \$4,025,000,000. Of this \$4,025,000,000, \$3,340,000,099 represents principal, and \$685,000,000 the accrued interest to the date of the agreement. Total payments to be received under the settlement are \$6,847,000,000, as against \$6,220,000,000 offered by M. Caillaux, an increase of \$627,000,000," says the statement, which adds:

The present value of the settlement on a 4¼% basis is \$2,008,000,000, as against \$1,755,000,000 present value of the Caillaux offer, an increase of \$253,000,000.

The so-called "safeguard" clause, the effect of which was to relieve France if Germany did not pay reparations, is eliminated in the agreement. This week's settlement, which was concluded by the World War Foreign Debt Commission, and the French Ambassador, H. Berenger, followed conversations between Secretary of the Treasury Mellon and M. Berenger, at which, it was stated on April 21, a tentative agreement was considered with a view to serving as the basis for formal negotiations. The proposals of Ambassador Berenger were submitted to the Foreign Debt Commission on April 23. This meeting was referred to by Senator Smoot in the Senate on April 23 as follows:

The Debt Commission met for a short time this morning. There was a Cabinet meeting also this morning and the Secretary of the Treasury had to leave the Debt Commission to attend that. We were in session only about twenty minutes. The French Ambassador pre-

sented a proposition on behalf of France, but I have not read it; I do not know what it contains. The Debt Commission will meet again tomorrow for the purpose of taking under consideration the proposition made by the French Ambassador.

The Foreign Debt Commission on April 24 was in session only about an hour and a half, adjourning until Monday, April 26. In referring to the Commission's brief session on April 24, the Washington advices to the New York "Times" stated:

The recent cable dispatches from Paris indicating that the Briand Government, or at any rate Premier Briand, is inclined to come more around to the American point of view in dealing with the safeguard clause has given added optimism to the situation as it develops here.

If, as it is now indicated, Mr. Berenger is prepared to drop the demand that the contract shall be so written as to call for a decrease or stoppage of payments on the debt if German reparations decrease or are stopped, and to base a request for a possible readjustment on all factors involved in the French economic position in another five years, there would seem to be no serious obstacle in the way of a compromise to which even the opponents of leniency in the Senate—Borah, Reed of Missouri and their followers—could make effective arguments.

An effort to secure from France better terms than proposed in the offer was made by the Commission on April 26; the offer had called for the payment of \$25,000,000 annually during the first five years, and this sum, it is understood, the Commission endeavored to have increased to not less than \$40,000,000. In recording the developments on April 29, the New York "Journal of Commerce" stated:

The end of the long discussions between the two countries came quickly and quietly in marked contrast to the excitement which marked the visit of the Caillaux Mission. France authorized her Ambassador to accede to the commission's demand that the first payments be increased beyond \$25,000,000 annually, and thus removed the main stumbling block.

M. Berenger gave Secretary Mellon, chairman of the commission, a new offer, providing for payments of \$30,000,000 the first two years and making other readjustments, and, although Secretaries Kellogg and Hoover were absent, the commission quickly gave its approval. Ambassador Berenger went to the Treasury later and he and Secretary Mellon signed the agreement.

According to the New York "Times," there was little of the spectacular to the closing sessions of the negotiations. That paper says:

The cable message accepting the American offer was received by Ambassador Berenger just before noon today, and he immediately communicated with Secretary Mellon, who called a meeting of the American commission for 2:30 o'clock. The commission was in session for about forty-five minutes and then went to the Executive Offices of the White House, where the President, after forty minutes of discussion, gave his approval to the compact.

While the American Commissioners were at the White House Ambassador Berenger arrived at the Treasury Department, and Secretary Mellon, Chairman of the commission, hurried there to join him. Those at the signing were the Ambassador, Secretary Mellon, Under Secretary Winston, R. Lacour-Gayet, Financial Attache of the French Embassy; E. Haguenin, French financial expert, and Mr. Blair of the Treasury.

It was announced yesterday (April 30) that President Coolidge had signed the agreement, and that it had been approved by the French Cabinet. Announcement of the reaching of the agreement was made as follows on April 29 by the World War Foreign Debt Commission:

The American Commission has reached an agreement with Ambassador Berenger for a settlement of the indebtedness of France to the United States. The amount to be funded has been calculated on the same basis as in other debt settlements at 4¼% interest to December 15, 1922, and at 3% interest thereafter to June 15, 1925, the date of the agreement. The total to be funded after the cash payment to adjust the amount to round figures is \$4,025,000,000. Of this \$4,025,000,000, \$3,340,000,000 represents principal and \$685,000,000 the accrued interest to the date of the agreement. A schedule of annuities is attached.

The agreement provides for annuities commencing with \$30,000,000 in the first year and reaching \$125,000,000 in the seventeenth year and thereafter continuing at this figure, except for the sixty-second year, which is slightly less. Under the agreement the total of the principal funded will be paid in full.

On this principal interest will be paid as follows: After the first five years and for the next ten years 1% per annum; for the succeeding ten years 2% per annum; for the succeeding eight years 2½% per annum; for the succeeding seven years 3% per annum, and for the remainder 22 years of the period 3½% per annum.

The total payments to be received are \$6,847,674,104.17, and the present value of these payments, on a 4¼% basis, is \$2,008,122,624, or practically 50% of the debt funded, as compared with the Italian settlement of 26%.

The best offer heretofore received from France was made by M. Caillaux in October last of \$40,000,000 a year for five years, \$60,000,000 a year for the next seven years and \$100,000,000 for the succeeding fifty-six years. M. Caillaux included as the essential element of his proposed settlement a revision clause, called by him a "safeguard" clause, the effect of which was to relieve France if Germany did not pay reparations.

A comparison of the Caillaux offer and the present settlement shows the following:

1. In the settlement the "safeguard" clause has been eliminated.
2. Total payments to be received under the settlement are \$6,847,000,000, as against \$6,220,000,000 offered by M. Caillaux, an increase of \$627,000,000. The present value of the settlement on a 4¼% basis is \$2,008,000,000 as against \$1,755,000,000 present value of the Caillaux offer, an increase of \$253,000,000.

3. In the first five years M. Caillaux offered \$200,000,000; under the settlement we are to receive \$160,000,000; the slightly easier terms for the first five years were necessary because the present fiscal con-

dition of the French Government is less strong than it was at the time of the negotiations last September. Upon the present exchange rates payment of the first annuity of \$30,000,000 requires that France shall find 898,200,000 francs. In October last a payment of \$40,000,000 would have required that France find only 845,700,000 francs. The lower annuity in dollars represents today a higher annuity in francs than the Caillaux offer.

4. In the sixth to the tenth year M. Caillaux offered \$300,000,000; the settlement provides for the payment of \$305,000,000.

5. In the eleventh to the fifteenth year M. Caillaux offered \$420,000,000; the settlement requires the payment of \$520,000,000.

6. The Caillaux maximum annuity was \$100,000,000, reached after the twelfth year; the maximum annuity in the settlement is \$125,000,000 reached after the sixteenth year.

In view of the enormous burden of the domestic debt of France, the difficulty of raising by taxation a sufficient revenue to meet the charges of this debt, to carry on the ordinary Government operations, and to find the exchange necessary to pay her foreign debt to the United States and to England, the commission believes that this settlement represents substantially France's capacity to pay.

Unless France is enabled promptly to fix the amount of its obligations abroad so that it may know definitely its commitments and may provide for them in its budget, there might be grave danger of a complete breakdown of French finances.

This would be a serious blow to the re-establishment of Europe and would inevitably affect not only the payments now being made to the United States by France, but would seriously curtail the sale by our farmers of our surplus export abroad. It is felt that the settlement meets the requirements of the statute from which the commission's authority is derived, that it be just both to our own citizens and to our ally in the war.

This settlement substantially completes the work of the commission, there remaining but \$295,000,000 unfunded out of a total of \$10,102,000,000 war debt. Of these, \$193,000,000 is Russian and \$24,000,000 Austrian, which has already been extended by Congress for twenty years; \$51,000,000 is Yugoslavian, \$15,000,000 is Greek and \$12,000,000 Armenian.

Schedule of Annuities.

Year.	Amount.
1	\$30,000,000.00
2	30,000,000.00
3	32,500,000.00
4	32,500,000.00
5	35,000,000.00
6	40,000,000.00
7	50,000,000.00
8	60,000,000.00
9	75,000,000.00
10	80,000,000.00
11	90,000,000.00
12	100,000,000.00
13	105,000,000.00
14	110,000,000.00
15	115,000,000.00
16	120,000,000.00
17 to 61, inclusive.	125,000,000.00
62	117,674,104.17
Total.	\$6,847,674,104.17

Ambassador Berenger's Statement.

Ambassador Berenger, in a statement issued at Washington April 29, said:

I wish not to sign the present agreement without saying how much I appreciate the perfect courtesy and spirit of understanding of the American Debt Funding Commission and its Chairman, Mr. Mellon, shown constantly during this long and delicate negotiation. You do not expect me to contend there is no greater satisfaction to a debtor than to repay its creditor, even if this creditor is the United States of America.

But France has for too many years proved that any obligation bearing its signature was sacred not to remain faithful to such a principle, notwithstanding the crushing burden which the war placed upon her and which she is to bear for many years.

The settlement which we have reached takes into account our debt to the United States and the financial situation in France such as it results from the treaties and the conventions, which will be faithfully carried out.

The settlement is not only necessary for the restoration of France and the re-establishment of the economic equilibrium of the world, but it suppresses a source of friction and misunderstandings between our two countries. France will not regret these new sacrifices if the present settlement is going to strengthen the friendship between France and America and contribute to reinforce peace throughout the world, which more than anything she wishes to maintain, as the French Republic has given the proof and especially the Government of M. Aristide Briand at Locarno.

The New York "Times" Washington dispatch April 29 said:

Under-Secretary Winston, who made public the text of the statement by the American Debt Commission, left tonight for New York and will sail tomorrow on the Homeric for London on a vacation.

The proposals submitted last October by the French Debt Commission headed by Finance Minister Caillaux, were referred to in these columns October 3, 1925, page 1630.

French Cabinet Approves Agreement For Settlement of United States Debt.

The French Cabinet yesterday (April 30) approved the debt funding agreement signed in Washington on April 29 by the American Debt Commissioners on behalf of the United States and the French Ambassador, Henri Berenger. Paris advices to the "Wall Street Journal" added:

With the cabinet's action, the agreement to fund the debt which has been a major international problem for seven years soon will become a subject of debate in the Chamber of Deputies. Examination of its provisions by the chamber finance committee will be the first step. Premier Briand already has stated his intention of making approval of the agreement a question of confidence.

France did not make all the concessions in reaching agreement, Finance Minister Peret stated following the cabinet meeting.

"The government tonight," he said, "will issue a full statement in order to indicate the terms of the accord in the most definite manner so that there no longer will be doubts in the minds of the public. Certain reports have given the impression that only France made sacrifices, but the truth is that there also are advantages to France in the agreement which the cabinet has just approved."

A member of the cabinet said that negotiations for private investments in France probably would be begun immediately with American financiers. But it was explained that economic cooperation would have nothing to do with loans for the French government, as for the moment the government is not contemplating any borrowing.

Secretary Mellon On French Debt Agreement—Feared Breakdown of French Finances and Loss to Exporters.

Secretary Mellon, on April 29, issued a statement explaining the French debt terms and expressing the commission's belief that "this settlement represents substantially France's capacity to pay," says Associated Press advices to the New York "Journal of Commerce," which also quotes him as saying:

Unless France is enabled promptly to fix the amount of its obligations abroad so that it may know definitely its commitments and may provide for them in its budget, there might be grave danger of a complete breakdown of French finances. This would be a serious blow to the re-establishment of Europe and would inevitably affect not only the payments now being made to the United States by France, but would seriously curtail the sale by our farmers of our export surplus abroad.

Report That France Will Seek \$500,000,000 Loan When Debt Agreement Is Approved By Congress.

The following Washington advices (copyright) appeared in the New York "Evening Post" of last night (April 30):

France will seek a loan of \$500,000,000 in this country on the strength of having reached a settlement of her war debt to the United States, according to the understanding here.

Weakness in raw material naturally deadens demand for finished goods since retailers and cutters will not buy any more than is required by current demands. On top of this condition, department stores and retailers generally have had a poor spring to date on account of unseasonable weather. Sales at nearly all the principal department stores are stated to be running somewhat behind a year ago. This in itself would tend to pile up stocks in the hands of mills, and it has aggravated a situation that already was uncomfortable on account of high rate of operations that prevailed during all of 1925 and the first quarter of this year.

Report of the Silk Association of America shows deliveries to American mills during 1925 totaled 501,343 bales of silk, an average of 41,779 bales a month against a consumption of 367,101 bales in 1924, an average of 30,592 bales a month.

Imports of silk in 1925 totaled 489,634 bales against 387,675 bales in 1924. Deliveries to mills in the first quarter of this year totaled 128,024 bales, an average of 42,674 bales monthly.

Plan Proposed for Settlement of Debts of All Nations Through Sale of Dawes Plan Bonds.

A proposal which has attracted more or less attention, calling for the discharge of all the debts of the nations of the world and the payment of reparations, through the sale of Dawes plan bonds, was outlined in special copyright advices to the New York "Times" from its correspondent, Edwin L. James, at London, under date of April 27.

Below is the "Times" account of the plan cabled by its London correspondent:

There is now under consideration by the leading world bankers a colossal plan for the liquidation in one great ensemble of the problems of German reparations and the war debts—in other words, the whole question of the inter-Governmental indebtedness left to the world as one of the aftermaths of the World War.

The best financial experts available are studying carefully and cautiously the details of a scheme for which the world is not yet ready, but which in the opinion of the foremost financial brains will be in season in two, three or four years from now.

At bottom this ambitious plan is the idea of transforming from governmental into private commitments all the international debts which now stand out as threatening to poison world relations for generations to come.

Studied as a Possibility.

It is apparent to all competent observers that not only has politics rendered difficult an arrangement of the debts between nations for the liquidation of the World War, but that there is grave risk that politics will continue to be intimately involved with the settlements of these obligations, and that they will remain a cause of constant friction among nations, and therefore a cause of international unrest and misunderstanding, with all the accompanying disagreeable possibilities.

Therefore the financial leaders, who had no little to do with the arrangement of the reparations payments by means of the Dawes plan, have been studying the situation to see if it offers any probability, or at least possibility, of putting the whole business on a basis which will less threaten world relations and at the same time give the creditors an equal chance to recover what is due them.

An All-Around Adjustment.

During the past months there has gradually been taking shape a plan which its sponsors think will offer the answer to this grave problem. The men at work on the task have seen clearly that the payment of German reparations will inevitably remain a source of friction between Germany and her friends on the one hand and the former Allies on the other for a period approaching half a century if the payments are left in the hands of the Governments. They have seen also that the payment of America by her war allies will have a bad effect on international relations if the payments remain government business.

It is inevitable that America will be blamed for all the varieties of financial difficulties into which the paying nations may get. They have also foreseen that the Governments of the debtor nations will always be under domestic political pressure not to appear to damage their moneys in making payments to Washington.

It has also been seen that so long as it is a question of payments by Governments to Governments the payment of public obligations will come after the payment of industrial and private foreign commitments, which means in effect a great reduction in the changes of the Allies being paid German reparations, and a reduction of the chances of America being paid the war debts due her.

Details of Tentative Plan.

Therefore in seeking a way out of the muddle, leading financial minds, working together in not a few countries, have turned their efforts toward a plan which, eschewing fiscal details remaining to be dealt with, comes down to the following broad lines:

The Dawes plan provides for the issuance by the German railroads, which are otherwise free of debt, bonds to the amount of 11,000,000,000 gold marks and establishes mortgages on German industrial plants, which are pledged for payment of reparations. In all it may be estimated that these securities amount to some \$3,750,000,000 in securities, which by all rules of banking science are gilt-edge.

It is calculated, tentatively, that if the various countries able to subscribe would consent to make these bonds free of taxes, especially inheritance imposts, they could through skillful management be marketed for a current value in excess of \$3,000,000,000.

On the other hand, figuring the present value of all European debts to the United States on the basis of the settlements made with Britain, Italy and Belgium, and with due regard to the probable terms of the settlement with France, there would be reached a value far below \$11,000,000,000, representing the theoretical amount of the European debt to America. It is calculated that if one figured the present value according to these settlements one would arrive at a figure not far distant from the value of the German railroad and industrial securities provided for in the Dawes plan.

Debt Compacts Could be Torn Up.

This plan would avoid making America the collector of German reparations. The German securities would be sold for cash and the yield turned over to the Allies entitled to reparations. These Allies would pay over to America the current value, or any other amount to be reached, out off their receipts, and thus in the minds of those working on the plan the whole matter of inter-governmental indebtedness, with its attendant curses, would be abolished, and there would be simply the proposition of the investors all over the world holding the securities of the German railroads and German industries, which would be bound to pay in order to sustain their credits.

All reparations arrangements would be wiped out and all plans for payments to America over sixty-two years by Britain, France, Italy and other Continental nations could be torn up, since they would all be settled.

Opposition Foreseen.

Of course, at a first glance this seems an enormous and complicated transaction, but its authors at once point to the fact that America has invested nearly \$9,000,000,000 in Europe since the war, and they argue that in the face of that problem the placing of some \$3,000,000,000 in securities in all the financial markets of the world does not represent an insoluble problem. It remains true that there are many details to be worked out, and, therefore, many objections which can at this stage be offered to this plan. It is realized by those interested in it that it could not be put into effect now. In the first place it calls for the co-operation of the German Government and German industry and those who have been charged with the mission have found the Germans not yet ready to embrace this.

It is unquestionable that it would now meet with opposition in America. But it is calculated that when the Germans begin to feel the full weight of the Dawes plan in its fourth year, and that when Americans begin to see that the mere signature and ratification of debt settlements do not solve the debt problem, the ground will be more fertile and so will this idea. It is estimated that it will be three years before it can have any chance of being generally favorably received.

It will be remarked, of course, that such a plan does not remove the great problem of the transfer of German marks into foreign currencies, which is naturally a large task in the execution of the Dawes plan. It can be seen that the amount needed for interest charges and sinking fund on the German railroad and industrial securities would come close to the amount which should be transferred out of Germany under the Dawes plan.

Therefore, it may be said that the transfer problem remains the same, and that if, as many fear, it does not prove feasible to transfer \$300,000,000 annually out of the Reich, this plan would fail. But experts who have been studying the plan are working on this problem.

Germans Might Buy the Bonds.

Among other things it has been suggested that the German railroads can easily be run on the receipts from the interior traffic, and that the charges for transfer of freight passing through Germany may well form a surplus which can be paid and kept outside Germany, thus solving to that extent the problem of transfers from Germany.

It is also believed that, if such a plan is put through, the Germans themselves would purchase a large part of the securities as well as the investing public in the Allied countries.

There are thousands of details which are being considered and which as yet have not had definite answers. But the bankers who believe in the plan think it will work, and that the United States Government, by the receipt of cash with which it can retire its Liberty bonds at once, will be just as well off as by receiving payments over sixty-two years.

And it can be calculated readily that the sum of \$1,000,000,000 paid over sixty-two years shrinks in startling fashion when its present value is figured.

Would Have Better Status.

The experts point out that, as long as debt payments remain a matter of payment by Governments they will come after all industrial and business payments abroad, while under the proposed plan the debt payments would rank on a par with other investments, which is to say they would be in a better position than under the existing plans.

It is admitted that the proposed plan calls for full co-operation by all Governments, not only in respect to agreeing to give up certain rights they hold but in making the securities tax proof. There is no expectation that overnight it will be seized on as a panacea, but those who intend eventually to put it forward believe that the time will come when it will be welcomed as the best way out of what promises to become an increasingly difficult entanglement.

It will be one day offered as a business solution of the great problem of inter-governmental indebtedness. It is held to offer a chance of taking reparations and war debts out of politics and placing them on an economical and financial basis.

It may be of interest to note that Arthur D. Langwell of this city contends that this plan is not something new, but

presents proposals embodied in a Bok Peace Plan prepared by him four years ago.

President Coolidge Signs Bill Making Effective Agreement for Refunding of Italy's War Debt to the United States.

The bill authorizing the settlement agreed upon for the funding of Italy's war debt to the United States was signed by President Coolidge on April 28. The adoption of the bill by the Senate on April 21 was referred to in these columns last Saturday, page 2284. Reaffirming its action of April 21, the Senate on April 23, by a vote of 43 to 24 refused to reconsider the vote whereby the bill was passed on the 21st. Referring to the Senate vote on April 23 the New York "Times" Washington advices stated:

To-day's vote was reached after the Senate heard Senator Reed charge President Coolidge, Secretary Mellon and the Republican Administration generally with turning over the Government to "the financial interests," and declare the Democratic Party had capitulated to Secretary Mellon, formed a coalition with the Republican Party and lost all semblance of unity and strength. The Senator asserted the Democrats would not even hold the solid South any more if it were not for the race question, and he declared he wondered why the party existed.

Laughter on the floor and in the galleries greeted Senator Reed's speech, which took up the greater part of two hours. He prophesied a reckoning soon for those whom he assailed, and declared the need of the country to-day was for a political revolution, "a storm of ballots," and a "red-blooded President" in the White House, which, he predicted, would be one of the results of the "coming upheaval."

Mr. Reed threw out a challenge to any candidate to go before the people and brag about voting to settle the Italian debt at "25 cents on the dollar."

"Do it in Maine, California, Oklahoma, in any State in the Union," he exclaimed, "and I can take a yellow dog with an honest record and beat any man who dares announce that to his people."

The following is the text of the bill passed by Congress and signed by President Coolidge:

AN ACT to authorize the settlement of the indebtedness of the Kingdom of Italy to the United States of America.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the settlement of the indebtedness of the Kingdom of Italy to the United States of America made by the World War Foreign Debt Commission and approved by the President upon the terms and conditions as set forth in Senate Document numbered 3, Sixty-ninth Congress, first session, is hereby approved in general terms as follows:

The amount of the indebtedness to be funded, after allowing for certain cash payments made by Italy, is \$2,042,000,000, which has been computed as follows:

Obligations taken for cash advanced by Treasury.....	\$1,648,034,050 90
Accrued and unpaid interest at 4½% per annum to Dec. 15 1922.....	251,846,654 79
	\$1,899,880,705 69
Accrued interest at 3% per annum from Dec. 15 1922 to June 15 1925.....	142,491,052 93
	\$2,042,371,758 62
Deduct payments made on account of principal since Dec. 15 1922.....	\$164,852 94
Interest on principal payments at 3% per annum to June 15 1922.....	7,439 34
	172,292 28

Total net indebtedness as of June 15 1925.....\$2,042,199,466 34
To be paid in cash upon execution of agreement.....199,466 34

Total indebtedness to be funded into bonds.....\$2,042,000,000 00

The principal of the bonds shall be paid in annual installments on June 15 of each year up to and including June 15 1937 on a fixed schedule, subject to the right of the Kingdom of Italy to postpone such payments falling due after June 15 1930, for two years, such postponed payment to bear interest at the rate of 4½% per annum. The amount of the annual principal installment during the first five years shall be \$5,000,000.

The amount of the principal installment due the sixth year shall be \$12,100,000, the subsequent annual principal installments increasing until in the sixty-second year of the debt-funding period the final principal installment shall be \$79,400,000, the aggregate principal installments being equal to the total principal of the indebtedness to be funded into bonds.

The Kingdom of Italy shall have the right to pay off additional amounts of principal of the bonds on June 15 and Dec. 15 of any year, upon ninety days' advance notice.

The bonds to be issued shall bear no interest until June 15 1930, and thereafter shall bear interest at the rate of ½ of 1% per annum from June 15 1930 to June 15 1940; at the rate of ¾ of 1% per annum from June 15 1940 to June 15 1950; at the rate of ½ of 1% per annum from June 15 1950 to June 15 1960; at the rate of ¾ of 1% per annum from June 15 1960 to June 15 1970; at the rate of 1% per annum from June 15 1970 to June 15 1980, and at the rate of 2% per annum after June 15 1980, all payable semi-annually on June 15 and Dec. 15 of each year.

Any payment of interest or principal may be made at the option of the Kingdom of Italy in any United States Government obligations issued after April 6 1927, such obligations to be taken at par and accrued interest.

United States Ratifies Agreement for Funding of Belgium's War Debt to United States—President Wilson's Agreement with Clemenceau and Lloyd George.

On April 26 the United States Senate, by a vote of 55 to 20, approved the bill authorizing the arrangements agreed to for the funding of the Belgian war debt to the United States. The agreement was signed at Washington last August, and its details were given in our issue of Aug. 22 1925, page 926. As indicated therein, a differentiation is made in the agreement between the pre-armistice and post-

armistice debt to the extent of waiving the interest on the former. Regarding the Senate's approval this week, the Associated Press advices from Washington on April 26 said:

Senate action on the Belgian agreement came after a brief but brisk debate, during which Senators Reed, Democrat, Missouri; Howell, Republican, Nebraska, and others insisted that the Debt Commission was "saddling" billions of dollars in interest charges on the American people through the settlements with foreign nations.

The vote for approval was 55 to 20, an even larger margin than the Italian agreement received last week, and came after the Senate had rejected, 52 to 21, an amendment by Senator Howell which would have required Belgium to issue interest-bearing bonds in the amount of the annual payments it has agreed to make on account of principal and interest.

The vote of the Senate completed legislative action in both countries and the agreement will come into full force as soon as President Coolidge has signed the bill of ratification.

Of the 55 Senators voting for the bill, 39 were Republicans and 16 Democrats. The 20 Senators voting in the negative included 12 Democrats, 7 Republicans and 1 Farmer-Labor member.

The Belgian debt agreement was ratified by the House on Jan. 16 by a vote of 314 to 24. The approval by the Belgian Senate and Chamber of Deputies was noted in these columns Feb. 27 1926, page 1108. During the debate on the bill in the Senate on April 24, Senator Smoot, a member of the World War Debt Funding Commission, said:

In arriving at the settlement the Belgian indebtedness was divided into two parts—the pre-armistice indebtedness, consisting of \$171,780,000, and the post-armistice indebtedness, consisting of \$175,430,808 68 principal amount of obligations held for cash advanced, and \$29,818,933 39 principal amount of obligations received for war materials sold on credit. No interest is to be paid on the pre-armistice debt. Interest on the post-armistice debt was calculated at $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ to Dec. 15 1922, the effective date of the British settlement, and at 3% from then until June 15 1925.

Under the terms of the settlement Belgium is to repay the pre-armistice debt, without interest, over a period of 62 years, annual payments commencing June 15 1926; payments for the first two years to be \$1,000,000; the third year, \$1,250,000; the fourth year, \$1,750,000; the fifth year, \$2,250,000; the sixth year, \$2,750,000; the seventh through to the sixty-first, \$2,900,000; the sixty-second, \$2,280,000.

The post-armistice indebtedness is to be repaid over a period of 62 years on substantially the same terms as the British settlement, except that during the first 10 years there are fixed certain amounts of interest payable semi-annually, which are less than the interest at the rate of 3% called for under the British settlement.

Senator Smoot also stated that "if the interest had been insisted upon, the total payments would have been somewhat larger, but not very much larger." He added that "the present value of the settlement is 47% , and that is not the original amount owing. That is with the interest added up to the date of settlement." In its account of the debate on the bill in the Senate on April 24, the New York "Times" said in part:

President Wilson's agreement with Georges Clemenceau and Lloyd George in 1919 whereby each was to recommend to their prospective countries certain conditions which would make the pre-armistice debts of Belgium a direct charge against Germany, was the central theme around which revolved the debate in the Senate to-day on the Belgian debt settlement.

This grew out of the assertion by Senator Smoot of Utah, Chairman of the Finance Committee, who opened the discussion, that a letter embodying the agreement and signed by the three statesmen constituted a moral obligation on the part of the United States, notwithstanding this country's refusal to ratify the Treaty of Versailles, Article 232 of which contained the terms of the understanding.

Senator Smoot's position was attacked by several Senators, including Pat Harrison of Mississippi, Reed of Missouri, Democrats, and Borah, Republican, of Idaho, and finally he admitted in response to a direct question by the latter that the settlement reached with Belgium by the Debt Commission was not affected in dollars and cents by the moral obligation, except as to interest on the pre-armistice debt, but was determined almost entirely upon Belgium's capacity to pay.

Several speakers pressed Senator Smoot to explain why the Wilson agreement and the references to moral obligations were mentioned at all in the appeals that were being made for acceptance of the settlement.

League Fight Brought Up Again.

The debate harked back to the circumstances surrounding the fight over the League of Nations, reference being made by Senator Harrison to Wilson's first conference with members of the Foreign Relations Committee over the terms he was making in France, and to the Lodge reservations.

Senator Reed of Missouri ridiculed Senator Smoot, declaring he had witnessed many strange things, but that "the strangest thing is Smoot wrapping the shroud of Woodrow Wilson around him." It was the first time the Republican Party had given respect to the dead by appealing to Woodrow Wilson as an authority, he said.

Senator Harrison announced that when the French settlement was sent to the Foreign Relations Committee he was going to adopt a policy of keeping it there until the committee received more information about the details of the operations of the Debt Commission than had been obtained regarding the Italian and other debt settlements. He expressed his regret that he had not voted for the Lodge reservations when the League of Nations fight was under way, declaring that this country, but for their defeat, would now be a member.

Discussion of the Wilson agreement occurred when Senator Smoot explained the terms of the pre-armistice indebtedness, amounting to \$171,780,000, or about one-half of the total settlement, and stated that no interest was being charged on this. He recalled that at the Peace Conference Belgium claimed war damages of \$1,000,000,000 in gold, but that at the instance of President Wilson she reduced her claim to \$500,000,000, and agreed to put aside her claim for redemption of 6,200,000,000 paper marks on condition that France, Great Britain and the United States would forgive her pre-armistice debts and would look to Germany for repayment of the amount due.

"On June 16 1919," said Mr. Smoot, "Clemenceau, President Wilson and Lloyd George signed a letter addressed to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belgium to the effect that each would recommend to the appropriate

agency of his Government that upon delivery to the Reparation Commission of bonds of Germany to be used to reimburse the respective Governments for the money borrowed by Belgium prior to the armistice, each Government would accept a proportionate share of bonds and would thereupon cancel Belgium's obligation to repay the amounts due."

Viewed It as Moral Obligation.

Senator Harrison asked if the members of the Debt Commission felt this to be a moral obligation and for that reason excused part of the payment of the pre-armistice indebtedness.

"That was my position," replied Senator Smoot. "I thought it was a moral obligation, at least on the part of the Government."

Later Senator Harrison inquired again:

"As I understand the Senator, if the commissioners had not interpreted this as a moral obligation they would have insisted upon interest on the pre-armistice debt from Belgium."

"If the interest had been insisted on the total payments would have been somewhat larger, but not very much larger, because Belgium could not pay more," Senator Smoot replied.

Senator Harrison pressed his question again:

"The Senator and his comrades," he said, "would have insisted upon a little better settlement with Belgium had it not been for the moral obligation."

"I say perhaps it could possibly have been a little more," Mr. Smoot replied; "but I doubt it. I think we got nearly everything we could out of Belgium."

Senator Borah took up the questioning.

"Did the Commission," he asked, "allow anything to Belgium by reason of this moral obligation or this agreement, or did it finally settle on the capacity of Belgium to pay?"

"It was settled on her capacity to pay," Senator Smoot said. "We did, however, as to the pre-armistice debt, take into consideration that there was a moral obligation and that amount should be paid without interest and should be distributed over the sixty-two years."

Senator Borah declared he never had understood why this letter was brought in at all.

Senator Harrison vigorously criticized the present attitude of Senator Smoot, which he characterized as far different from that he exhibited a few years ago.

"Having voted for ratification of the Treaty of Versailles, I have a right to say that we are under moral obligation to Belgium. But for the Senator from Utah and for some of his colleagues on the American Debt Commission and for some others in this chamber to now employ the argument that we are under moral obligation to release Belgium from all interest charges on her pre-armistice debt because our representatives made that representation to Belgium during the consideration of the Treaty of Versailles, comes, it seems to me, with poor grace. If they feel now that we are under moral obligations, why did they not feel, when the Treaty of Versailles was before the Senate, and all of its provisions, including this provision, were being considered, that we were under some moral obligation to stand by America's representation at Versailles."

"It was a tragic experience the Senate passed through, and there were incidents connected with our dealings with foreign affairs, and there were speeches and actions of certain Senators here, and their votes, which reflected no particular credit upon them and won no glory for America."

Senator Smoot asked:

"The Senator voted against the reservations offered to the League of Nations covenant, did he not?"

"I voted in every possible way on the Treaty of Versailles," said Senator Harrison. "I first voted to have it without any reservations, and I voted to accept some reservations. I am only sorry now that I did not even vote for the so-called Lodge reservations. I would have voted for the reservations if I had thought that was the only way we could have entered the League of Nations. I thought the better plan—and some of my colleagues felt that way about it—was to vote to stand pat on the Treaty in its original form. Consequently, we voted against the reservations. If I understood correctly, the Senator from Utah voted for the so-called Lodge reservations."

"I did," Mr. Smoot said.

Doesn't Regret Way He Voted.

"I am wondering whether the Senator is sorry he voted for the Lodge reservations," continued Mr. Harrison.

"Not at all," replied Mr. Smoot.

"Is the Senator sorry," continued Senator Harrison, "that we are not in the League of Nations, even with the Lodge reservations?"

"No, I am not even sorry for that," Mr. Smoot said.

"So the Senator," said Mr. Harrison, "was practicing a piece of political hypocrisy when he voted for the Lodge reservations and pretended that he was for the League of Nations, even in that form?"

"The Senator is absolutely wrong," Senator Smoot said. "Things have developed since then that no one anticipated would develop which have convinced me that even with the Lodge reservations we would have gained nothing by going into the League of Nations."

In reference to the Belgian proposition, the country was led to believe that the same measure of interest, that the same number of years in which to collect the debt, that practically the same terms were to be imposed on Belgium as were imposed on Great Britain, Senator Harrison observed.

"That was all right," he went on, "but here, following that settlement, within the last few weeks the Senate has been discussing the Italian agreement, which shows that America's commissioners evidently forgot the representation made by Clemenceau, Lloyd George and Wilson to Belgium, forgot the part that Belgium played from the beginning of the war until its close, forgot the fine co-operation that was evidenced upon the part of Belgium following the war and up until this good time, forgot the peaceful manner in which that Government has pursued its way, and the fine spirit of her people, and, they say, notwithstanding the fact that we are collecting or intending to collect only about 55% from Belgium, we are releasing Italy from 73 cents on the dollar."

"I serve notice on the Senator from Utah now that when the French debt settlement comes before the Senate, I do not care what the terms are, as one member of the Finance Committee I shall try to hold it before that committee until we get all the facts relating to the ability of France to pay, and at the same time try to elicit from the commissioners the basis for charging these very little countries 82 cents on the dollar and Italy only 27 cents on the dollar and Belgium 55 cents on the dollar. I shall try to get at some information that will bear on the ability of those countries to pay."

United States Senate Ratifies Agreement for Settlement of Rumanias Indebtedness to the United States.

The bill under which approval is given of the agreement for the settlement of the indebtedness of the Kingdom of

Rumania to the United States was passed by the United States Senate on April 27 by a vote of 51 to 16. The House passed the bill on January 16 by a vote of 285 to 38. Reference to the agreement reached in December was made in these columns Dec. 5, page 2698. The total Rumanian indebtedness to be funded into bonds is \$44,590,000. The following is the text of the bill passed by Congress.

Be it enacted, &c.: That the settlement of the indebtedness of the Kingdom of Rumania to the United States of America made by the World War Foreign Debt Commission and approved by the President upon the terms and conditions as set forth in Senate Document No. 5, 69th Congress, first session, is hereby approved in general terms as follows:

The amount of the indebtedness to be funded, after allowing for the cash payments made by the Kingdom of Rumania and the credits set out below, is \$44,590,000, which has been computed as follows:

Principal amount of indebtedness to be funded.....\$36,128,494 94
Interest accrued and unpaid thereon to Dec. 15 1922 at the rate of 4¼% a year..... 5,365,806 08

Total indebtedness as of Dec. 15 1922.....\$41,494,301 02
Interest accrued and unpaid thereon to June 15 1925 at the rate of 3% a year..... 3,112,072 59

.....\$44,606,373 61
Credits allowed by War Department on material, together with interest thereon..... 11,922 70

Total net indebtedness as of June 15 1925.....\$44,594,451 54
To be paid in cash upon execution of agreement..... 4,451 54

Total indebtedness to be funded into bonds.....\$44,590,000 00

The principal amount of the bonds to be delivered to the United States is \$66,560,560 43, the increase over the funded indebtedness as of June 15 1925 being due to the smaller payments during the first 14 years than would have been payable upon the basis of the British-American settlement, this difference being funded over the remaining 48 years, compounded annually, at the rate of 3% per annum up to and including the tenth year and 3½% per annum from the eleventh to the fourteenth year, both inclusive. The principal of the bonds shall be paid in annual installments on June 15 of each year up to and including June 15 1987, subject to the right of the Kingdom of Rumania, after June 15 1939, to make such payments in three-year periods. The first 14 annual installments are to be paid without interest on the dates specified and in the following amounts: June 15 1926, \$200,000; June 15 1927, \$300,000; June 15 1928, \$400,000; June 15 1929, \$500,000; June 15 1930, \$600,000; June 15 1931, \$700,000; June 15 1932, \$800,000; June 15 1933, \$1,000,000; June 15 1934, \$1,200,000; June 15 1935, \$1,400,000; June 15 1936, \$1,600,000; June 15 1937, \$1,800,000; June 15 1938, \$2,000,000; June 15 1939, \$2,200,000. The remaining 48 installments are to be paid annually on June 15 of each year, with interest at the rate of 3½% per annum from June 15 1939 payable semi-annually on June 15 and Dec. 15 of each year. The amount of the installment due in the fifteenth year is \$430,560 43, the annual installments to increase thereafter until in the sixty-second year the amount of the final installment will be \$2,172,000, the aggregate installments being equal to the total face amount of bonds to be delivered, namely \$66,560,560 43.

The Kingdom of Rumania shall have the right to pay off additional amounts of the principal of the bonds on June 15 or Dec. 15 of any year upon not less than 90 days' advance notice.

Any payment of interest or of principal may be made at the option of the Kingdom of Rumania in any obligations of the United States issued after April 6 1917, such obligations to be taken at par and accrued interest.

United States Senate Ratifies Agreement for Funding of Indebtedness of Latvia to United States.

The United States Senate on April 27, signified, by a vote of 50 to 18, its approval of the bill providing for the settlement of Latvia's war debt to the United States. Approval by the House of Representatives was recorded January 16, the vote being 240 to 6. The agreement, entered into in September last, was referred to in our issue of September 26, page 1524, and October 31 1926, page 2105. The amount of the indebtedness to be refunded, including interest to December 15 1922, is \$5,779,562 76; of this \$4,562 76 is to be paid in cash, leaving \$5,775,000 to be funded into bonds. The bill as passed by Congress, reads as follows:

Be it enacted, &c.: That the settlement of the indebtedness of the Government of the Republic of Latvia to the Government of the United States of America made by the World War Foreign Debt Commission and approved by the President upon the terms and conditions as set forth in Senate Document No. 8, Sixty-ninth Congress, first session, is hereby approved in general terms as follows:

The amount of the indebtedness to be funded, after allowing for cash payments made by Latvia, is \$5,775,000, which has been computed as follows:

Principal amount of obligations to be funded.....\$5,132,287 14
Interest accrued and unpaid thereon to Dec. 15 1922, at the rate of 4¼% per annum..... 647,275 62

Total principal and interest accrued and unpaid as of Dec. 15 1922.....\$5,779,562 76
To be paid in cash by Latvia upon execution of agreement..... 4,562 76

Total indebtedness to be funded into bonds.....\$5,775,000 00

The principal of the bonds shall be paid in annual installments on Dec. 15 of each year up to and including Dec. 15 1984, on a fixed schedule, subject to right of the Government of the Republic of Latvia to make such payments in three-year periods. The amount of the first year's installment shall be \$28,000, the annual installments to increase until the sixty-second year, the amount of the final installment will be \$228,000, the aggregate installments being equal to the total principal of the indebtedness to be funded into bonds.

The Government of the Republic of Latvia shall have the right to pay off additional amounts of the principal of the bonds on any interest date upon 90 days' advance notice.

Interest on the bonds shall be payable semi-annually on June 15 and Dec. 15 of each year at the rate of 3% per annum from Dec. 15 1922, to Dec. 15 1932, thereafter at the rate of 3½% per annum until final payment.

The Government of the Republic of Latvia shall have the option with reference to payments on accounts of principal and (or) interest falling due on or before Dec. 15 1930, under the terms of the agreement, to make the following payments on the dates specified: June 15 1926, \$30,000; Dec. 15 1926, \$30,000; June 15 1927, \$35,000; Dec. 15 1927, \$35,000; June 15 1928, \$40,000; Dec. 15 1928, \$40,000; June 15 1929, \$45,000; Dec. 15 1929, \$45,000; June 15 1930, \$50,000; Dec. 15 1930, \$50,000; total \$400,000, and to pay the balance, including interest on all overdue payments at the rate of 3% per annum in bonds of Latvia, dated Dec. 15 1930, bearing interest at the rate of 3% per annum from Dec. 15 1930, to Dec. 15 1932, and thereafter at the rate of 3½% per annum, such bonds to mature serially on Dec. 15 of each year up to and including Dec. 15 1984, substantially in the same manner and to be substantially the same in other respects as the bonds of Latvia received at the time of the funding of the indebtedness.

Any payments of interest or of principal may be made at the option of the Republic of Latvia, in any United States Government obligations issued after April 6 1917, such obligations to be taken at par and accrued interest.

Bill Passed By U. S. Senate Authorizing Settlement of Indebtedness of Republic of Esthonia to the United States.

By a vote of 51 to 16, the United States Senate on April 27 passed the bill authorizing the settlement of the indebtedness of the Republic of Esthonia to the United States. The agreement for the funding of the debt was signed at Washington, October 28, as was noted in our issue of October 31, 1925, page 2105. The bill ratifying the agreement was passed by the House on January 16. The following is the text of the bill passed by Congress:

Read by Congressional Record of April 27, 1926. Page 8165:

Be it enacted, &c.: That the settlement of the indebtedness of the Republic of Esthonia to the United States of America, made by the World War Foreign Debt Commission and approved by the President upon the terms and conditions as set forth in Senate Document No. 7, Sixty-ninth Congress, first session, is hereby approved in general terms as follows:

The amount of the indebtedness to be funded after allowing for the cash payment made by Esthonia and the credit set out below is \$13,830,000, which has been computed as follows:

Principal amount of obligations to be funded.....\$13,999,145 60
Credit allowed for total loss of cargo on sinking of steamship John Russ, sunk by a mine in Baltic Sea..... 1,932,923 45

.....\$12,066,222 15
Interest accrued and unpaid thereon to Dec. 15, 1922, at the rate of 4¼% a year..... 1,765,219 73

Total principal and interest accrued and unpaid as of Dec. 15, 1922 13,831,441 88
To be paid in cash by Esthonia upon execution of agreement 1,441 88

Total indebtedness to be funded into bonds.....\$13,830,000 00

The principal of the bonds shall be paid in annual installments on December 15 of each year up to and including December 15, 1984, on a fixed schedule, subject to the right of the Republic of Esthonia to make such payments in three-year periods. The amount of the first year's installment shall be \$69,000, the annual installments to increase until the sixty-second year. The amount of the final installment will be \$530,000 the aggregate installments being equal to the total principal of the indebtedness to be funded into bonds.

The Republic of Esthonia shall have the right to pay off additional amounts of the principal of the bonds on any interest date upon 90 days' advance notice.

Interest on the bonds shall be payable semi-annually on June 15 and December 15 of each year at the rate of 3 per cent per annum from December 15, 1922, to December 15, 1932, and thereafter at the rate of 3½% per annum until final payment.

The Republic of Esthonia shall have the option with reference to payments on account of principal and/or interest falling due on or before December 15, 1930, under the terms of the agreement, to make the following payments on the dates specified: June 15, 1926, \$50,000; December 15, 1926, \$50,000; June 15, 1927, \$75,000; December 15, 1927, \$75,000; June 15, 1928, \$100,000; December 15, 1928, \$100,000; June 15, 1929, \$125,000; December 15, 1929, \$125,000; June 15, 1930, \$150,000; December 15, 1930, \$150,000; total \$1,000,000; and to pay the balance, including interest on all overdue payments, at the rate of 3% per annum, in bonds of Esthonia, dated December 15, 1930, bearing interest at the rate of 3% per annum from December 15, 1930 to December 15, 1932, and thereafter at the rate of 3½% per annum, such bonds to mature serially on December 15 of each year up to and including December 15, 1984, substantially in the same manner and to be substantially the same in other respects as the bonds of Esthonia received at the time of the funding of the indebtedness.

Any payment of interest or of principal may be made, at the option of the Republic of Esthonia, in any United States Government obligations issued after April 6, 1917, such obligations to be taken at par and accrued interest.

U. S. Senate Ratifies Agreement For Refunding of Indebtedness of Czechoslovak Republic to United States.

By a vote of 53 to 17 the United States Senate on April 28 passed the bill authorizing the settlement of the indebtedness of Czechoslovakia to the United States. The arrangements for the funding of this debt were concluded in Washington on October 9 last, an item in the matter having appeared in these columns October 17, page 1861. The House ratified the agreement on January 16, by a

vote of 287 to 32. With reference to this agreement, Senator Smoot had the following to say during the discussion of the bill in the Senate on April 28:

Read by Congressional Record of April 28, 1926, page 8258:

The Czechoslovak debt was funded as of June 15, 1925, the amount of the indebtedness as of that date being fixed by the commission at \$115,000,000. The Treasury held obligations of Czechoslovakia amounting to \$91,879,761.03. There was, in addition, outstanding against Czechoslovakia on the books of the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation and the War Department certain open accounts aggregating \$4,991,482.48, this latter amount representing charges in connection with the repatriation of Czechoslovak troops from Siberia. It appeared that there were certain differences between the representatives of the Czechoslovak Government and the Treasury as to the exact amount of the debt owed. The Czechoslovak commission admitted a debt of approximately \$80,000,000, which has been verified by their Government, but disputed all indebtedness in excess of that amount. They referred to the open accounts, stating that they had been able to reduce similar charges of the Shipping Board by more than 40%, and that they anticipated that a similar reduction could be readily made in the amounts now stated to be due. They suggested that an audit be made of all sums spent and of all vouchers scattered throughout the United States and the Far East and Europe be examined. In order to avoid a delay involved in such an audit and to bring about a prompt settlement of the debt, the two commissions agreed to fix \$115,000,000 as the principal amount as of June 15, 1925, this to be taken in settlement of all outstanding claims between the two Governments and/or their agencies. The new principal of the debt is to be paid over a period of 62 years, as in the agreement with Great Britain, Czechoslovakia paying interest at the rate of 3% per annum for the first 10 years and 3½% per annum thereafter. During the first 18 years of the funding period Czechoslovakia is to pay \$3,000,000 annually, funding the balance of each annuity at the rates of interest stated, compounded annually, and adding the amount funded to the principal of the debt as at the end of the eighteenth year.

Senator Smoot also said:

The modification in the payments during the early years were made to meet the estimated requirements of the Czechoslovakia Government in connection with payments on account of its indebtedness. In other words, the principal amount of the obligation was \$91,887,668.65, the amount of indebtedness on June 15, 1925, was \$115,000,000, the total amount of bonds issued was \$185,071,023.07 and the total to be paid at the end of 62 years would be \$312,811,433.38.

Seek to Protect Peruvian Pound—Government Officials Confer With Bankers at Lima.

From the New York "Sun" of last night (April 30) we quote the following:

Dispatches from Lima today stated that conferences were continuing in an effort to protect the Peruvian pound, which recently has been selling around \$3.67 to \$3.70. The Government is having conferences with bankers and industrialists, and some months ago invited David H. G. Penny, who until January 1 was vice-president of the National Bank of Commerce, to come to Lima to give his views to President Leguia.

In banking circles identified with Peruvian financing little interest apparently is being taken in the situation. The bankers say that Mr. Penny is in Lima solely at the instance of the Peruvian Government. The bankers here feel that the exchange slump is the result of natural influences and may get worse before it gets better, which should be in June and July, when the big Peruvian cotton and sugar export season begins.

The facts of the matter are that Peru was visited last year by a series of catastrophic storms, which swept the Pacific slopes of the Andes, bringing widespread ruin to crops and interruption to industry and mining. The result was a sharp decline in exports from Peru, so that instead of having the normally large favorable balance of trade Peru had an export surplus of only \$20,000,000. Because of the magnitude of foreign investments in Peru, there is always a considerable invisible balance of payments against the country, which, normally, the visible export surplus is sufficient to offset.

It is possible that the Peruvian Government may soon have a large supply of dollars to turn into Peruvian pounds. A \$15,000,000 loan is said to be ready for issue as soon as it is approved by the Peruvian Congress, which meets within a few days.

The Tacna Arica dispute between Chile and Peru is said to have no special influence upon exchange.

Associated Press cablegrams from Peru on April 28 stated:

The sagging of the Peruvian pound in the foreign exchange market, coupled with a rise in prices of commodities, is occupying the attention of the Government. An American financial expert conferred recently with the Minister of Finance, while the latter and the President of the Chamber of Commerce had a conference with President Leguia on the matter. Merchants are much worried over the advance in prices, particularly on imported articles.

Italy's Economic and Financial Situation.

A brief study of Italy's economic and financial situation, by Romolo Angelone, Commercial Attache of the Royal Italian Embassy at Washington, is contained in the April 3 issue of "La Rivista Commerciale, Italo-Americana," the weekly bulletin of the Italian Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Angelone, whose letter to the President of the Chamber is dated March 26, refers to the Italian budget which during the past two years has shown a surplus as compared with a deficit in the years from 1919 to 1923-24; to the increase in the yield from taxation, etc. In part we quote what he has to say herewith.

Italy was the first of all the Continental Powers to settle her entire war indebtedness both to this country and to England; the fair and business-

like settlement of these war obligations has fully removed from the Italian situation one of the major stumbling blocks retarding the complete financial recovery from war-time and post-war difficulties. But more than that, these settlements offer another proof of Italy's loyal and sincere determination to fulfill all her obligations, and a practical confirmation of the substantial and effective economic progress made by the country during the past few years. In the meantime intense and increasing activity is being displayed on the farms, and in the factories of Italy. In the following table I have grouped the data relating to Italy's agricultural production during the past two years:

In Quintals—	Year 1925.	Year 1924.
Wheat.....	65,548,000	46,306,000
Corn.....	27,000,000	24,000,000
Oats.....	6,891,000	4,833,000
Barley.....	2,800,000	1,891,000
Rye.....	1,703,000	1,553,000
Rice.....	6,300,000	5,920,000
Potatoes.....	5,025,000	3,224,000
Olive oil.....	9,000,000	12,800,000
Hemp.....	1,239,000	740,000
Grapes.....	69,904,000	68,913,000

Industry and commerce have fully shared in the increased economic activity of the country; unemployment is practically nil; the following table recording the movement in the Italian employment situation, during the past five years is, no doubt, interesting:

Unemployed in Italy on Dec. 31 of Following Years.		
1921.....	541,775	1923.....258,580
1922.....	381,968	1924.....150,449
		1925.....122,200

During 1925 new investments in Italian joint stocks companies amounted at 8,062 million lire, against 4,906 millions in 1924; the total capital invested on December 31, 1926 reached lire 36,277,808,303.

Passing now to consider the governmental financial situation, it is worth while to remember that the following two aspects of the Italian financial problem were of primary importance when the present government arrived in power.

(a) Necessity of balancing the budget.

(b) Reduction of paper circulation within normal bounds.

After a little more than two years of actual management of the affairs of the State by the Fascist Government, the first condition has been fully realized. The gradual but continual improvement is shown in the following table:

The Italian Budget Situation.		
Fiscal Years—	Deficit.	Surplus.
1919-20.....	Lire 10,396,000,000	-----
1920-21.....	14,235,000,000	-----
1921-22.....	7,299,000,000	-----
1922-23.....	3,029,000,000	-----
1923-24.....	418,000,000	-----
1924-25.....	-----	417,000,000
1925-26 (up to Dec. 31 1925).....	-----	228,000,000

Such satisfactory results were made possible by a substantial increase in the rate of taxation and in the number of taxpayers. The yield of taxation in 1924-25 reached 16,652 million lire, as compared to 15,701 millions in 1923-24 and 2,023 millions in 1913-14. These figures show an increase greater than the depreciation of the lira not only in relation to gold, but also to its general purchasing power. As a matter of fact, while the yield of taxation has increased at the rate of 823% as compared to receipts in 1913-14, the exchange rate on gold stood last June at an average of 503%, while the average index number for wholesale prices (Chamber of Commerce of Milan), reckoned on the basis of 100 for 1913, stood at 634%. To this we should add also the burden of local taxation (4,650 million lire as compared to 510 millions in 1912) if we are to have the real picture of the burden of taxation (about 22% of the national income) necessarily imposed upon the Italian people so as to balance the budget and attain financial stability.

The following table, which gives a detailed statement of the revenue during the past two years clearly shows that the increase during 1924-25 was chiefly obtained from indirect taxation, levied on commodities.

Source—	Yield—		Difference.
	1924-25. Lire.	1923-24. Lire.	
Direct taxes.....	5,649,013,000	5,557,544,000	+91,469,000
Taxes on transfer.....	3,042,163,000	2,686,921,000	+355,242,000
Indirect taxes on—			
Commodities.....	3,032,131,000	2,806,639,000	+225,492,000
Monopolies.....	3,183,629,000	3,118,113,000	+65,516,000
Lottery (net yield).....	243,312,000	231,503,000	+11,809,000
Total.....	15,150,249,000	14,400,721,000	+749,528,000
School fees.....	51,769,000	71,247,000	—19,478,000
Patent fees.....	1,834,000	1,287,000	+547,000
Contribution to charity.....	-----	21,211,000	—21,211,000
Proceeds of exchange on custom duties.....	1,448,178,000	1,206,758,000	+241,420,000

Grand total.....16,652,030,000 15,701,224,000 +950,806,000

From September 30, 1923, up to June 30, 1925, the Italian public debt has been reduced by 5,679 millions; the slight increase which took place during the last few months of last year was mainly due to the desirability of temporarily enlarging the Treasury cash account which on December 31 1925 stood at 3,262 millions, as against 1,277 millions on June 30 1925. Paper circulation is being gradually decreased; at the end of December 1920 the per-capita circulation was 566 lire; at the end of January 1925 this has been curtailed to 512 lire. All these co-ordinated improvements offer the most satisfactory explanation for the relative stabilization attained by the lira during the past months in the international money market. It is true that the Italian trade balance of 1925 has closed with a considerable deficit; but in this connection, it is necessary to remember that such a deficit was mainly due to abnormally heavy imports of cereals, on account of the poor harvest of 1924. Several students on the subject are of the opinion that the international balance of payments of 1925 has closed with nothing more than slightly unfavorable margin.

Any sincere student of the Italian situation will admit that the economic results obtained by the Fascist Government are satisfactory and highly encouraging. As a matter of fact a huge budget deficit has been converted into a surplus, currency inflation has been arrested, the internal debt reduced, the foreign war debts funded and the fiscal system has been placed on a sound basis. There has been no "inversion in figures," as reported by the "special correspondent" but a great deal of hard work, thorough-going economy, impartial and expeditious fiscal practice, an unflinching determination to restore the nation's finances to an orderly basis, and its economic system to a sound and wholesome condition. Incidentally, so far as the rapid change in Ministers of Finance, to which the correspondent alludes, I might call attention to the fact that not one of the belligerent countries, except the United States, can approach the record of Italy in having had the same Minister of Finance for thirty consecutive months.

The economic policy of the present administration in Italy takes fully into consideration the peculiar situation of the country. While Italy has a restricted national territory, consisting largely of mountainous and rocky areas and poor of natural resources, her population shows an increase of 440,000 people each year on the average. The most careful and intensive utilization of the nation's resources is therefore necessary. The country cannot indulge in the dangerous and wasteful games of party politics, strikes

and lock-outs. This justifies the policy in favor of savings and the accumulation of capital and explains also the necessity of a strong national government which can co-ordinate all the energies and efforts—those of capital and those of labor—toward national effectiveness.

Supplementing the above, Mr. Angelone on April 27 advised us of the receipt of a cablegram from Count Volpi, the Italian Minister of Finance, dealing with the Italian Treasury situation on March 31 1926. His advices of this week state:

During the month of March, the Italian Public Debt was reduced by 22 million lire changing from 92,695 million lire on Feb. 28 1926 to 92,673 millions on March 31 1926. The Italian budget showed on March 31 1926 an effective surplus of 582 million lire, against a deficit of 193 millions for the corresponding period of last year.

The total State and banking paper circulation had reached on March 31 a level of 20,393 million lire, showing a reduction of 357 millions from the figures of Jan. 31 last. New net investments in Italian joint stock companies reached during the month of March, 1926, the figure of 441 million lire, as against 901 million lire during the month of March, 1925.

Belgium Blames United States For Failure of Stabilization Plan — Anglo-American Banking Group Made Further Demands After Conditions Fulfilled.

The following special correspondence from Brussels April 10 appeared in the New York "Journal of Commerce" of April 28:

Although couched in courteous terms appreciative of America's numerous favors since August, 1924, Belgium blames the United States for the sensational failure on March 15 of her franc stabilization scheme. Black Monday, they call that day on the Antwerp Stock Exchange. While the Belgian Finance Minister's currency reform project still forms the basis of Government policies, much of the exchange reserves have been wasted and many millions of francs lost, so that its realization will now be doubly difficult.

The Belgian position is not hard to understand. Last November an international banking group centering about the Bank of England and J. P. Morgan & Co. promised in principle a stabilization loan of \$150,000,000 if Belgium fulfilled certain conditions relative to budget equilibrium. In anticipation of the loan, exchange credits amounting to \$55,000,000 were opened for a period expiring March 31, 1926. Belgium then proceeds to meet the required conditions: Parliament voted laws necessary for technical realization of a currency reform; and the Washington debt agreement of August 10, 1925, was accepted by large majorities in both houses.

New Demands of Foreign Bankers.

When the moment came to conclude negotiations for the stabilization loan, however, the Anglo-American banking group demanded further financial reforms and suggested a three-year credit operation for \$100,000,000, instead of the originally projected stabilization loan. The supplementary reforms, such as an interior banking agreement for consolidation of the 1,800,000,000-franc maturity falling due December 1, 1926, and the reorganization of the railways to form the basis for consolidation of the floating debt, Belgium was prepared to effect within limits of political possibilities. M. Janssen, Minister of Finance, might likewise have accepted the three-year loan had not public opinion and Belgian economists refused to follow him. On all sides the impossibility of basing a long term currency reform project on a short term credit operation was emphasized.

From these few facts Belgium draws the following conclusion. Due to unfavorable conditions in the foreign bond market in New York, Anglo-American bankers did not wish to offer a Belgian issue to the public, fearing that, as in the case of the Italian loan, a large amount might be left in the hands of the syndicate. They imposed additional conditions and when they found M. Janssen willing to meet them they demanded the impossible; that he and the nation accept a three-year credit of \$100,000,000. International exchange markets got wind of the unfavorable trend of negotiations; Belgian importers and those having commitments in foreign currencies covered in precipitation and during the week preceding Monday, March 15, it cost the Belgian Treasury £2,300,000 to hold the franc at 107 to the pound.

Role Played by Floating Debt.

Belgium's floating debt has played an important role in the failure of M. Janssen's currency reform project. On June 30, 1925, this floating debt amounted to 5,850,000,000 francs, representing an increase of about 1,000,000,000 francs during the previous six months. At the present moment the outstanding amount is approximately the same as in June of last year, but the composition of the debt has changed.

With the serious money stringency provoked by the credit rationing policy of the National Bank of Belgium and by the normal effects of stabilization, private Belgian banks have, during the last few months, refused to renew Treasury bills which they held in portfolio and have demanded reimbursement from the Treasury in order to meet credit requirements of their clients. As the Treasury was unable to redeem these bills out of normal resources and could not, moreover, replace them in the local market, it was compelled to seek funds in foreign money centers. Consequently, the Treasury sold its bills abroad, inserting in the contracts exchange guarantee clauses. The exchange proceeds of the sales were then offered on the market, and the franc equivalents used to reimburse the private banks.

As a result of this operation, which seemed inevitable from the Treasury standpoint, the National Bank of Belgium has not been able to control efficaciously the credit policies of Belgian private banks. Sales of the nation's exchange reserves have not involved withdrawal of bank notes nor reduction of deposits at the National Bank. The brake operating upon the demand for foreign exchange, which resides in reduction of currency and credit, has thus not come into play. The extent of the damage created by increasing Belgium's foreign indebtedness, while no material advancement in currency reform resulted is seen in the decline of private bank holdings of Treasury bills from 2,200,000,000 francs to 700,000,000.

Future Dismal.

Outside of the difficulty of explaining away misunderstandings which unquestionably exist between the Belgian Finance Minister and the foreign banking group, other factors make the outlook for Belgian stabilization dismal. Foreign exchange proceeds of the 1924 and 1925 American loans are gone; about one-quarter of the November exchange credits

must be recovered, and the new external debt has been contracted by issue of Treasury bills abroad.

Moreover, some of the conditions made by foreign bankers no longer are fulfilled. At present exchange rates, there is a deficit in the Belgian budget of approximately 400,000,000 francs. While interior prices and earnings are not adjusted to the new exchange level there will be no excess tax receipts to balance this deficit. The sole remedy is in new taxation, which will encounter strong political opposition.

Meanwhile the industrial and commercial situation, both internal and of the world, upon which Belgium, as an exporting nation, must so strongly rely, has become less favorable. Sales of goods abroad are increasingly difficult, especially for a nation which is not prepared to grant interesting credit terms. The Belgian import balance for the first two months of 1926 is 826,000,000 francs, compared with 611,000,000 during the corresponding period of 1925.

It is not surprising to find in Brussels a stock market depression which permits purchase of the Cockerill Metallurgical Plant, one of Belgium's most important, for \$3,000,000.

Paris Bourse to Close Saturdays.

A special Paris cablegram to New York News Bureau from the Central News under date of April 26 stated:

The Paris Bourse, following its summer schedule, will close on Saturday hereafter, beginning next Saturday.

British Spinners of U. S. Cotton to Be Idle One Week.

An Inter-Ocean Press Cablegram from Manchester, England, April 28, was published as follows in the New York "Journal of Commerce" of April 29:

At a meeting today of the newly organized Lancashire Cotton Mill Owners' Association the agreement proposed by the Master Cotton Spinners' Federation to close all mills in the district for a week was given final approval. The action was taken because of heavy losses suffered recently by the mills. All the mills are in the North American yarn section.

The organization approving the closing order has a membership owning 20,000,000 spindles, with a capital investment of over £50,000,000 sterling (\$225,000,000).

Old French Bank Suspends—Petyt Institution, Established in 1860 at Dunkirk, Quits.

From Dunkirk, France, the New York "Evening Post" yesterday reported the following copyright advices:

The Bank of Petyt, established in 1860, has suspended payment. Its liabilities total about 40,000,000 francs.

Proposed New Greek Loan.

The New York "Times" prints the following Associated Press advices from Athens, Greece, April 28:

Former Finance Minister Tsouderos, Vice-Governor of the National Bank, will leave soon for Paris and London in connection with a new loan. Finance Minister Tantalides has rejected a suggestion by M. Charilaos, President of the Greek Chamber of Commerce, to raise a foreign loan of £20,000,000 for refugee settlement and other purposes by a mortgage on all real estate to one-fifth of its value.

\$60,000,000 Brazilian Loan in Negotiation—It is Expected to Be Marketed This Summer, Half Here and Half in London.

The following is from the New York "Times" of yesterday (April 30):

Negotiations are in progress for an international loan of \$60,000,000 to the Government of Brazil, of which it is planned to issue \$30,000,000 in the American market through Dillon, Read & Co. and an equal amount, in sterling bonds, through the London house of Rothschild & Co. The loan is not expected to be concluded immediately, but probably will reach the market some time during the Summer.

Discussion of a Brazilian loan has been going on for several months, but many details remain to be cleared up. The present President of Brazil is opposed to foreign loans, and it is understood that if the present project is carried through before his term expires next November, it will be mainly for the consolidation of various outstanding issues. It is possible that the present strength in the bond market and the scarcity of desirable new offerings will result in pushing the loan ahead faster than had been originally intended.

Brazil has not floated a loan in this country for several years, although various of its States and cities have been borrowers here.

New Czechoslovak Loan—Oversubscription to Internal Offering 700,000,000 Crowns.

The following is from the New York "Times" of April 25:

According to The Central European Observer, the subscription for the Czechoslovak internal "Consolidation Loan," which closed March 20, considerably exceeded expectations. Official circles had looked forward to some 1,000 million crowns being subscribed. The actual total, however, proved to be close upon 1,700 millions.

The Consolidation Loan, which bears interest at the rate of 6%, and is redeemable by two annual drawings commencing next Autumn, is to be applied to converting short-term into consolidated debt, and also to consolidating that portion of the old Austro-Hungarian pre-war debt allocated to Czechoslovakia under the terms of the peace treaties.

Irish Factions Agree to Pay Bonds Held Here—President Cosgrave Says Redemption Date Depends on Suit Pending in United States.

Advices, as follows (copyright) from Dublin, April 26, are taken from the New York "Herald-Tribune":

The Free Staters and the Republicans in the Dail are equally committed to the redemption of the Irish Republican bonds held by Americans.

President Cosgrave said to-day the date of the redemption was dependant on the decision in the American court action respecting the unexpended proceeds of the bonds, roughly, one-third of the total subscription.

Eamonn de Valera said the Republicans regarded the bonds as a national obligation to be met immediately after a Republican government comes into power.

Between these two viewpoints the bondholders appear to have a choice of asserting their claims in court for some of the money now and waiting for the remainder until the Republicans are in power or letting the American court decide the ownership as between the Free Staters and the Republicans. In either case the obligation would be honored.

Commenting on the above the paper quoted, said:

A petition was presented to Secretary of State Kellogg on behalf of 500,000 American bondholders on March 30, in which he was requested to intercede with the Free State government for a settlement. The claims are based on the action of the Free State in suing to obtain \$2,500,000 of Irish Republic money deposited in New York and more than \$1,500,000 deposited in banks in Ireland. The total amount of the bonds was said to be \$6,300,000.

The Irish Superior Court has ruled that the Free State is the legal successor of the Republic and therefore succeeds to both the assets and the debts.

Offering of \$5,000,000 Hamburg (Germany) Treasury Note Issue in Form of Certificates of Participation.

Formal offering was made April 27 by the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., of the \$5,000,000 one-year Treasury note issue of the State of Hamburg (Germany) in the form of certificates of participation to be issued by the International Acceptance Securities and Trust Company, bearing $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ interest coupons and priced to yield $5\frac{3}{4}\%$. The certificates, to which reference was made in our issue of Saturday last (page 2284) had previously been sold privately. The prospectus states:

The revenues of the State of Hamburg are derived from local dues and taxes, the income from port works and utilities, and allotment of certain taxes collected by the German Reich.

Exclusive of the Treasury Note represented by these Certificates of Participation, the total funded debt of the State, none of which is specifically secured, consists of a balance of £850,000 on the Sterling Loan of 1923, and the liability of the State on its old Mark debt as revalued under the revaluation system put into effect in 1925, for the service of which revalued debt Rm. 6,700,000 have been provided in the budget for the current fiscal year ending March 31, 1927. The projected budget estimates for said current fiscal year indicate total revenues of Rm. 288,240,104, and we are advised that revenues and reserves will be sufficient to meet the ordinary expenses for this period.

Security.

The Treasury Note represented by these Certificates of Participation will constitute the direct and unconditioned obligation of the State of Hamburg, and the issuance of this Note by the Treasury Department of the State, under authority of the State Assembly (Buerger-schaft), has been approved by the Federal Advisory Council of the German Republic (Beratungsstelle). The Note will be issued to the order of International Acceptance Securities & Trust Company and will be deposited with and held by the said Trust Company in New York for the benefit of the holders of these Certificates of Participation.

Prior to the issuance of these Certificates of Participation, there will have been deposited with International Acceptance Securities & Trust Company funds sufficient for the payment of the interest thereon, and the Certificates of Participation will accordingly carry the undertaking of said Trust Company to pay such interest upon presentation of the coupons as they mature.

Offering of \$500,000 5% Farm Loan Bonds of Oregon-Washington Joint Stock Land Bank.

Brooke, Stokes & Co., of Philadelphia, Washington and Baltimore, are offering at $102\frac{1}{4}$ and interest, to yield 4.71% to the optional date, and 5% thereafter, a \$500,000 issue of 5% farm loan bonds of the Oregon-Washington Joint Stock Land Bank. The bonds will be dated January 1, 1926, will become due January 1, 1936, and will not be callable before January 1, 1936. The March 31 statement of the bank shows farm loan bonds outstanding of \$3,211,000.

Conviction of William S. Silkworth, Ex-President of Consolidated Stock Exchange, Upheld by United States Supreme Court—Conviction of Five Other Defendants Also Affirmed.

The United States Supreme Court on Monday, April 19, refused to review the conviction of William S. Silkworth, former President of the Consolidated Stock Exchange of New York, for using the mails in a scheme to defraud customers in connection with the bankrupt brokerage house of Raynor, Nicholas & Truesdale. The conviction of Blaine J. Nicholas, Earl H. Truesdale, Louis Gilbaugh, Edward A. McQuade and Frances X. Quillan for participating in the same scheme to defraud was also upheld by the Supreme Court. On Dec. 3 1924 Judge A. N. Hand in the Federal District Court in this city sentenced the former President of the Consolidated Stock Exchange to serve ninety days in the Essex County (N. J.) penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$1,000. At the same time Judge Hand sentenced Blaine J. Nicholas and Earl H. Truesdale, former members of the defunct brokerage firm of Raynor, Nicholas & Truesdale, to serve two years in the Federal Penitentiary

at Atlanta; Louis Gilbaugh, who was floor manager of the above-mentioned firm, to ninety days in the Essex County penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$1,000, and Edward A. McQuade and Francis X. Quillan, who were members of the failed brokerage concern of McQuade Brothers, each to ninety days in the Essex County penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$500 each. An appeal by the six defendants to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals resulted in the sentences being upheld by that Court in a decision handed down on Feb. 1 last, as noted in our issue of Feb. 6, page 692.

C. P. Dow, Former Head of Defunct Brokerage Firm of C. P. Dow & Co., Boston, Indicted—New Composition Offer Accepted by Majority of Creditors.

Charles P. Dow, former head of the bankrupt brokerage firm of C. P. Dow & Co., of Boston, on April 13 pleaded "not guilty" when arraigned in the Federal District Court in Boston before Judge Brewster on a secret indictment, charging him with using of the mails in a scheme to defraud in connection with his stock brokerage business, according to the Boston "Transcript" of that date. Subsequently, Mr. Dow was released in \$5,000 bail. According to the Boston "Herald" of April 10, a majority of the creditors of the failed firm on April 9 approved a new composition offer submitted by the bankrupt, calling for a payment of 10% cash on accounts as of July 27 1925. In this regard the "Herald" went on to say:

Under the plan about \$600,000 would be distributed to unsecured creditors. A balance of about \$500,000, not connected with the composition offer, is held in reserve for preferred creditors.

The original plan submitted to unsecured creditors was a cash payment of 16% on investments, with profits, if there were any, left out of the calculation. Later the offer was reduced to 14%.

Yesterday (April 9) counsel for the bankrupt withdrew that offer, substituting the new plan—payment of 10% on both investment and profits. The plan met with the favor of most of those assembled before Referee Arthur Black.

Attorneys Edward Ginsberg, Martin Witte and Lowell Mayberry, for the bankrupt, stated that approximately 2,000 creditors, a majority, had been circularized and favored the new plan. The plan was not opposed by Receiver Bartholomew A. Brickley.

Referee Black gave notice the plan would be accepted since it was favored by a majority of the creditors, but he provided for another meeting to be held in a few weeks when creditors not yet heard from will have an opportunity to object.

Our last reference to the affairs of C. P. Dow & Co., (which was petitioned into bankruptcy on July 27 1925, following the expulsion of Mr. Dow from the Consolidated Stock Exchange of New York) appeared in the "Chronicle" of Sept. 19 1925, page 1418.

Chicago Board of Trade and Other Bodies Opposed to Corn Belt Committee's Price Fixing Proposal for Agricultural Products.

A protest against features of the plan proposed by the Corn Belt Committee of Twenty-two has been sent to the Senate and House Agricultural Committees by the grain exchanges. It is declared that the bill establishing a maximum price for basic agricultural commodities would cause the Government to enter "upon the most dangerous of experiments—that of price-fixing." A condition far more intolerable than the present one would result from the establishment of that principle, the exchanges declare, adding that price-fixing is unsound and not only would destroy the business of those who assist the producer in the marketing of his product, "but the independence of the farmer as well." The protest is signed by the exchanges at Chicago, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Duluth, Omaha, St. Louis, Milwaukee and Toledo. The statement says in part:

Word reaches us that in connection with consideration by your committee of H. R. 7893, you are also considering the advisability of amending such bill by the addition of a draft of a bill submitted by the so-called "Corn Belt Committee of Twenty-two" or possibly of substituting such draft for H. R. 7893.

If our information is substantially correct then the grain exchanges listed at the close of this letter wish to be on record as opposed to the amendment of substitution as above outlined.

While there seems to be no new principle involved in this bill "to aid in the orderly marketing and in the control and disposition of the surpluses of agricultural commodities, and for other purposes," as compared with legislation proposed two years ago, on which proposed legislation numerous members of the grain trade expressed themselves quite at length during hearings before committees in both houses of Congress, it seems wise, in order to avoid any possible misunderstandings of our attitude, to restate briefly a few objections to the plan proposed by the Corn Belt Committee of Twenty-Two.

1. The bill clearly provides for the establishment of a maximum price for basic agricultural commodities. Any maximum price so established, to meet the demands of the advocates of the proposed legislation, would become the minimum price and the Government would thereby enter upon the most dangerous of experiments—that of price-fixing. To provide for the establishment of that principle by Congressional action would, in our opinion, create a condition much more intolerable than the condition which it is proposed to improve. Price-fixing is economically unsound

and would destroy not only the business of those who assist the producer in marketing his products but the independence of the farmer as well.

2. The proposed legislation provides that, when the board (which is created by the bill) finds that there is or may be during the ensuing year a surplus above domestic requirements of wheat or corn, the board shall determine upon and may declare an operation period and prepare for its operation in respect of such basic agricultural commodities.

What board or committee that may be so constituted can look into the future and determine what the yield or surplus will be for any year? The fluctuations in the yield of wheat are sufficiently wide to make the proposed legislation unworkable. The United States production of wheat for several years was as follows: 1915, 1,025,801,000 bushels; 1916, 636,318,000; 1917, 636,655,000; 1918, 921,438,000. What will be the production and the surplus of wheat during the present ensuing year? If Congress, assisted by all of its agencies, cannot answer this question, how can it expect any board to answer it? This proposal is too speculative and uncertain to require serious consideration, and yet the legislation is bottomed upon this very uncertainty.

3. The avowed purpose of the proposed legislation is to create an artificially high level of domestic prices as compared with the world's level of prices. To substantially increase by artificial means the domestic prices will increase the cost of living very substantially. Every member of Congress who votes for this proposal must realize that he is voting for a proposition to substantially increase the cost of living to every American, for the avowed purpose of the bill is to increase the domestic price of "basic agricultural commodities." If such prices are not increased the very objects of the bill must fail. There should be no misunderstanding the issue or of the consequences that will certainly follow the enactment of this class of legislation.

4. This export bounty on wheat would not only increase the cost of living, but would stimulate increased production of wheat. Increased production brought about by artificial stimulus in spite of any good advice given by the proposed Federal Farm Board would eventually increase rather than diminish, the hardships of the farmer.

5. The proposed legislation would confer upon the co-operatives with whom the Federal Farm Board made export contracts, a complete monopoly; as no private exporter could compete with an agency whose losses were guaranteed by Government agency, and paid from funds appropriated in part by Congress.

6. While it is admitted by the proponents of this measure that its enactment into law would destroy future trading in agricultural commodities, it is maintained by them that those engaged in the merchandising of agricultural commodities would not be hampered in the transaction of their regular business. Such would be the case only if it is the intention of the Federal Farm Board to fix prices (which we understand is denied by proponents of the measure) and to fix and guarantee the compensation of all those who assist in the marketing of these agricultural products. Otherwise ordinary supply and demand factors being artificially eliminated and in the absence of future trading there is no basis of values, and tolls which would necessarily be exacted by dealers or millers to insure them against wide fluctuations in price, would interfere with the purpose to be accomplished.

7. The bill by its terms gives the regular grain dealers two years in which to adjust themselves to entire elimination since, after two years, the Federal Farm Board could make contracts for handling basic agricultural commodities only with co-operative associations. As a result there would be practical confiscation of property since co-operative associations would be in position to buy on their own terms the extensive facilities for handling and processing which have been built up by private enterprise under the present grain marketing system.

Such purchases, running into hundreds of millions of dollars, could be made only through the use of funds from the national Treasury. There is no escape from the conclusion that by the adoption of the proposed measure Congress would not only be putting the national Government into business but would be duplicating on a large scale the North Dakota experiment in State Socialism.

8. The proposed measure makes no adequate provision for representation on the Federal Farm Board of the more than 70% of the population of the United States not engaged in agriculture. Nor is there any other safeguard provided for the protection of the interests of the general public, especially in view of the exemptions already provided by Federal legislation for organizations of agricultural producers.

9. Legislation enacted by Congress during the past few years, dealing with grain marketing, has had as one of its main objects the prevention of manipulation of prices. This proposed legislation is designed to legalize such manipulation by a Federal board nominally controlled by a very small proportion of an important industrial class.

10. The opportunities given, by the terms of this proposed measure, for political control of the Federal Farm Board and for abuse of the powers of the Board for political purposes, are too patent to need more than mention.

As stated in the early portion of this communication, the grain trade is already on record, in the hearings on the McNary-Haugen bill, with respect to the principles here involved and we submit this statement on behalf of those we represent to save further time of your committee. If, however, it is your desire that representatives personally appear to further discuss the measure recently submitted, we shall be glad to meet your wishes in this respect.

Submitted in behalf of: Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, Kansas City Board of Trade, Chicago Board of Trade, Duluth Board of Trade, Omaha Grain Exchange, St. Louis Merchants Exchange, Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce, Toledo Produce Exchange.

New York Produce Exchange To Broaden Market— Buffalo to be the Delivery Point for New York Grain Contracts.

The following is from the New York "Journal of Commerce" of yesterday (April 30):

The New York Produce Exchange plans to resume trading as a designated contract market in grain some time in July. The work of the committee having in charge the preparation and execution of plans, the formulation of trading rules and the providing of the necessary facilities, has reached definite conclusions on the main features of trading in New York grain contracts, and is now ironing out legal and other details.

Deliveries under New York contracts are to be made at Buffalo. There is to be one series of options for United States grain, and a corresponding series for bonded wheat and other grain. Buffalo has been chosen as the delivery point because of its commanding position as a central storage station for the American West and Northwest and for a large share of Canadian grain. The New York Produce Exchange discontinued about fifteen years ago trading in its own contracts for future delivery because of the limited local storage and loading facilities, which have not since been enlarged.

The grain storage capacity of Buffalo is placed at 35,000,000 bushels; it is undergoing constant enlargement. Its milling industry is expected in the trade soon to take first place. Members of the Produce Exchange see no reason why the New York contract market should not eventually absorb most of the grain trading business of the territory between Buffalo and the Atlantic seaboard, especially inasmuch as much export grain is contracted for here.

Elevator interests at Buffalo have already indicated willingness to co-operate in the arrangement of storage facilities to meet the new trade. Opinions widely differ as to the relative position in point of attractiveness New York contracts will occupy as compared with Chicago. Many members of the Produce Exchange share the view of some of the members of the committee that there is no financial reason why the speculative strength of the Chicago grain market cannot be matched by New York.

The Chairman of the committee is Axel Hansen, owner of the Hansen Produce Company. Its other members include Messrs. Schwartz, Story and Russell.

Oscar Wells, President of American Bankers Association, Before Florida Bankers Association Discusses "The Sanguine South."

Taking as his topic "The Sanguine South," Oscar Wells, President of the American Bankers Association, in an address before the Florida Bankers Association at Jacksonville on April 24 said in part:

A challenge has been given to us. It has come from many sources. The contemporary literature of other sections as represented by newspaper correspondents, magazine writers, publicists of all kinds, economists and financial experts are dinning into our ears the future possibilities of the South. It is pleasing music, much sweeter and more convincing than the strains that the Southerners have always sung about their own country. Is it any wonder that we catch some of the words of the new songs and try to set them to our accustomed tunes? This is the explanation of my theme of this morning. I want to go over the ground with you of a new set of facts concerning the industrial, economical and social development of the South.

As bankers seeking to render a banking service for the advantage of our own clients and to discharge our own responsibilities toward the complex needs of our own period with its interdependent relations, we are concerned about this awakening as to the potential growth of our own country. Let us see what they are saying about us.

In the first place, we are being reminded of our great diversity. As a matter of sentiment we have frequently acclaimed the fertility of our soil, the salubriousness of our climate and the hospitality of our people; but somehow these were regarded away from home as liabilities. They are becoming assets now as we apply the new standard of appraisal. To these are being added a more potent set of reasons. They are called natural resources. They range from agriculture to manufacturing. We have always grown cotton and it is still our money crop, but we are learning the science of diversifying. The growing of food and feed has become a good slogan with us. Vegetables and grain and fruits for the family, and grain and hay for the beasts of the plow. Live stock, another product of agriculture, is being raised more extensively. Under proper handling the conditions are favorable to growing both cattle and hogs less expensively in the balmy winters where the cost of shelter is negligible and where open weather admits of fattening the cattle upon the legumes over a longer period than in the ice and snow of the North and West. We have increased other crops, too, and have added new ones. Peanuts, sweet potatoes, pecans, the produce from the truck gardens tributary to the larger cities, tobacco, oranges, figs, grapefruit and melons are finding their way to the Northern market from south of the Mason and Dixon Line as well as supplanting at home the exported canned goods of other days.

These are a part of the natural resources, but not all by any means. We have coal, iron, limestone, for steel making. Diversification plays a part here, too. Where we once made only steel rails from our pig iron we now have more steel rails, cast-iron pipe, heavy machinery such as sugar mills and cotton presses and gins, structural steel for bridges and buildings, cars, bars and plates. Fertilizer, tar products, coke gas, motor oil and cement are some of the by-products. We have slag for ballast and road building. Sheet mills are just beginning and we may expect utensils, smoke stacks, tanks, culverts and the like to follow. Cotton, ties and hoops for barrels and kegs should not be overlooked, or steel wire and nails for home consumption and to send abroad. These are the main things from the steel and iron industry in Alabama. Birmingham has become also a centre for Portland cement, and all of the large American companies in this industry are located there. Hydro-electric power, another natural resource, is coming to the front in the South. Many large corporations are building dams and impounding waters. Muscle Shoals, a Government project begun during the war, is an institution because it has been the subject of Congressional consideration. It is yet to be finished and its destiny, like that of most government undertakings, is yet to be determined. From the viewpoint of good politics we are tempted to make fertilizer for the advantage of the farmer, even though a government subsidy is needed. If we lease this mammoth enterprise or sell it as a power project to a distributing company, we may get more out of it for the coffers of our treasury, but that would be to the advantage of the leasing or purchasing company composed of a few stockholders, and Congress would miss the political effect of having legislated for the people. Sound economics is not necessarily the best politics. With the growth of hydro-electric energy, industry grows. Our cotton mills, coal mines, electric furnaces and other forms of mechanical organizations are using electricity in the process of mining and manufacturing. We are just beginning to grow industrially, it would seem, and as we have vast deposits of hidden resources, revealed as yet only to the geologist, we may well have confidence in the future of our section.

Florida is the modern lodestone toward which the whole country has been drawn. It has lain undeveloped so long, or in proportion to its opportunities has come forward so slowly, that there is little wonder that it has represented the greatest boom in land values that the present generation has ever known. Of course it has gone beyond all conservatism, and while some damage has been done to the individual speculator who made a marginal investment and then browsed about for another speculator, there is no reason to believe that whatever adjustment the conditions of the future may require will do any great injury to the structure of Florida's future progress. All of the subdivisions now under contemplation may not team with bungalows as they are now covered with second mortgages, but the leading cities of your State are going to continue to grow with the influx of a new population bent upon living in leisure in the midst of a great playground or to produce for those who come to play. The crops of Florida, even the crop of tourists are going to become more valuable and will contribute their part to the drama of the South's development. There may be some romance in the making, but it will represent a part of the total.

During the last few years we have acquired a sort of financial independence of which we had never dreamed before, for sometimes we form and carry through some large transactions in which the capital has been furnished largely or altogether from Southern sources. In the old days all such financing was done away from home, and of course much of it is yet, but we are gradually expanding the volume of Northern securities among Southern holders, which in a way helps to square the account and aids in supporting our claim of being less dependent. For a long time after the close of the Civil War we not infrequently received and perhaps deserved the sobriquet, the "poor old South." That is true no longer, and if our present prospect for an uninterrupted development of our natural resources continues to materialize, we will take our place along with the Middle West with its greater fertility, the Far West with its boundless enthusiasm, as an important part of a great nation. The writer to whom I referred a moment ago quoted Bion Butler, who had summed up the South's advantage as amounting to a "conspiracy of nature." This means that it is not altogether a matter of natural resources. These, together with the true character of the population of any territory, constitute its real wealth. We have here the essential qualities for the adequate compound. We are proud of the unmixed qualities of a true citizenship handed down from the pioneer stock of early American history, and with such a background of purity of breeding and the culture from our improved schools growing in power and influence as we spend more for the education of our youth, we will learn how to contribute toward the graces of life for the benefit of all of America. The bankers must look to the soundness of the economics of this new Eldorado, and, if successful, it means a due regard for the rights of others, a proper respect for the use of money, but a true appreciation as well for the fundamental qualities which make up the world's store of human happiness and especially the sum of human contentment.

President McQuaid of Florida Bankers' Association Urges Bankers to Avoid Making Loans of Non-Liquid Nature—Developments of Past Year.

Referring to the "unusual and prosperous year" through which Florida has just passed, W. R. McQuaid, President of the Barnett National Bank of Jacksonville, Fla., and President of the Florida Bankers Association, told the members of the latter that "the peaks of that year were too high"; the bankers of the State, he said, "have generally realized the increase in their deposits was too rapid to be a permanent growth, and that we would see a more than usual seasonal decline during the summer and fall." Pointing out that the State Comptroller last year sounded a note of caution, Mr. McQuaid urged that the bankers "continue to examine just as closely the purpose for which loans are asked, and avoid making loans of a non-liquid nature." Mr. McQuaid spoke thus in addressing the 33d annual convention of the association at Jacksonville on April 23. We quote the following from his address:

Since the last bankers' convention Florida has had a most unusual and prosperous year. It may not be amiss to pause for a moment and appraise some of the accomplishments and avoid unfavorable conclusions as to the future.

The nation awoke a little over a year ago to some appreciation of the attractions and opportunities Florida had to offer. Enormous amounts of money were poured into the State for investment, building, new business enterprises, development and for speculation, which invariably accompanies prosperous times.

The total resources of 330 national, State banks and trust companies were 943 millions on Dec. 31 1925, as compared with 427 millions of 306 banks and trust companies on Dec. 31 1924. Florida building contracts awarded during 1925 were 330 millions, according to F. W. Dodge Corporation figures, just double those for 1924. Contracts awarded in the first quarter of 1926 were 86 millions, as compared with 36 millions in the same period of 1925.

The unusual year of 1925 should not be used to measure our future progress by. The peaks of that year were too high. The bankers of the State have generally realized the increase in their deposits was too rapid to be a permanent growth and that we would see a more than the usual seasonal decline during the summer and fall.

This winter and spring a number of Northern bankers have made trips of investigation through Florida. They have invariably expressed a favorable impression of Florida and its future outlook, as well as of the manner in which the bankers were handling the situation in keeping their loans liquid. The State Comptroller at the Palm Beach convention last year sounded a note of caution and we should continue to examine just as closely the purpose for which loans are asked, and avoid making loans of a non-liquid nature.

Economy and a wise use of credit are essential to the success of any business. The banker often restrains an unwise use of commercial credit. He can sometimes guide and influence a proper use of municipal credit.

Florida cities, counties and districts issued bonds in 1925 to the amount of \$108,000,000 to provide facilities for growing population, schools, roads and for other purposes. The State Government pays as it goes, and has no bonded debt outstanding. These issues were more than the combined issues of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama. Most of the bonds were issued to take care of immediate needs. Some were issued to put on unnecessary metropolitan airs and could have been deferred. A few were extravagances, increasing taxes, and for purposes which should have been supplied by private capital. The only curb to continuous thoughtless and reckless municipal expenditures is the aroused protest of the taxpayer after his taxes become too burdensome or the increasing cost of such financing as expressed by the increased interest rate or discount on the bonds. Here the banker should use his influence as a leader in his community to prevent too great a mortgaging of the future.

With our diversified sources of income none is more important than agriculture, though the money value of vegetables and field crops, live stock, dairy and poultry products are but half the estimated money spent by tourists. On the agricultural development of the State largely depends the growth of our cities and towns, the stability of our business and the population of thousands of acres of good land. It has not progressed this season. Construction and developments bid up the price of common labor to where it has been unprofitable to employ it on the farm. Weather conditions also have been unfavorable and the crop is late. As a result, there is less acreage in production.

We need a constructive program. Even the experienced farmer from other States with limited resources cannot be expected to take Florida raw land with different soil and climatic conditions, and often poor marketing conditions, and achieve the best results. If there are not enough vegetables of the same kind produced in his neighborhood to make carload shipments, sometimes to be iced, to distant markets he is often limited to the demand and price of the local market of a nearby town or city.

Your agricultural committee would have attempted to formulate and inaugurate a program, but felt that the bankers of the State were overloaded with the enormously increased volume of their business and that it would have to be deferred. The time seems opportune now. Newspapers are stressing it, Chambers of Commerce talking it. The banker, particularly in the smaller towns and cities, where he is closer to the farmer and his needs, will be an influential factor in the success of any plan to assist in sound agricultural development.

Extensions and expenditures of railroads and public utility corporations are not made unless, after a careful estimate, they are justified by the expected growth of the territory they serve. Their plans for expenditures in 1926 will involve many millions of dollars. Three of the big railroad systems will make very large expenditures for new railroad lines or for completion of old programs in Florida. One public utility company's appropriations for extensions in 1926 is twenty millions. The estimated expenditure of the State Road Department for new roads and maintenance this year is \$12,000,000, and counties more for the same purpose. A large portion of the proceeds of bonds issued in 1925 is yet to be spent for municipal and county purposes. Such expenditures with the completion of building already started and planned assures steady employment of labor for some months to come.

The largest number of visitors entered our State the past season. We have had fine prices for lumber and naval stores, good returns for our citrus fruits; merchandise sales have shown large gains from month to month over the same months of the previous year, and on a whole commercial businesses of the State have had a very prosperous year and are in a strong financial condition, with good prospects of reasonable profits for the balance of the year.

Every banker of this association, I am sure, welcomes the more sane and orderly period we are entering and, with other builders of Florida, has a steadfast faith in the continued growth and the rounded development of his State during the coming years, far exceeding the dreams of Plant, Flagler and Broward.

Secretary of Treasury Mellon Says Credit Condition Is Sound.

Coincident with the issuance on April 27 of the Federal Reserve Board's summary of business conditions in the United States (given elsewhere in the Chronicle today), Secretary of the Treasury Mellon took occasion to re-state his views on credit conditions. His comments, as published in the New York "Times" follow:

Discussing general credit conditions, Secretary Mellon said today that even during the period of speculation on the Stock Exchange, when the brokers' loans and securities were very large, there had been no lack of credit in the farm regions and no complaint. He believed the credit situation was sound.

The Secretary said that during the peak of the bull market the huge daily sales of securities, which ran up frequently to 1,500,000 or more shares, was definite evidence that speculation was being carried on.

He felt that the bull market had broken because it became top-heavy, rather than because of any action by the Federal Reserve System in raising discount rates and warning member banks against loaning for speculative purposes.

Service Charge Imposed by Memphis Clearing House Association.

The results of the first month's operation of the new ruling of the Memphis Clearing House Association under which the banks of the city are required to impose charges for service on accounts below \$100, are reported as follows in the Memphis "Commercial-Appeal" of April 17:

Memphis banks under the first month's operation of the service charge rule of the Clearing House Association made upwards of a total of \$5,000. it was found yesterday when, at a meeting of members of the Clearing House, a sort of unofficial census was taken of the situation.

"Not much profit," said John D. McDowell, Manager of the Clearing House, last night.

More than 8,000 accounts were withdrawn from the banks against which service charges would operate, it was estimated. It was further calculated that many of these had gone to banks who had made provisions to reduce by a roundabout method the \$1 charge.

The spanking freely talked of and predicted for the banks who have been "getting around" the service charge, complying with it in letter but violating it in spirit, was not administered yesterday as the prediction said it would be. These banks have been lending the necessary \$100 to customers to keep the balance above the dead line at a low rate of interest. One charged 6%, making the service charge 50 cents a month instead of \$1, and two banks have been lending the \$100 for 3%, or 25 cents a month. Still another bank has not been charging any interest at all, therefore getting completely around the charge. This bank did not make the practice general, however, and did not advertise their scheme.

The first month of the service charge was up Thursday. Many a man, woman and child in Memphis received a debit slip for \$1 for having the checking account slip below the \$100 level. All accounts with an average monthly balance of more than \$100 were exempt.

"But individual deposits have increased in size, a notable increase has been made in savings accounts, and after all we have not made any extra profit to speak of," Mr. McDowell stated last night.

Chicago and Cook County Bankers Association Views McFadden Banking Bill as Amended by Senate Committee as Fraught with Grave Danger.

The Chicago and Cook County Bankers Association has taken occasion to voice its views relative to the changes in the McFadden branch banking bill made by the Senate Banking and Currency Committee. The association charac-

terizes the measure as "both unfair and fraught with grave danger" and says "the enactment of the bill as amended by the Senate Committee would unquestionably jeopardize the continued existence of our independent banking system." The association urges the retention of the Hull amendments which the Senate Committee has eliminated, the digest of the association's views being presented as follows:

On Feb. 4 1926 the House passed the McFadden Banking Bill (H. R. 2) in the form which had been approved by many bankers' organizations throughout the country, among them the American Bankers Association. A subcommittee of the Banking and Currency Committee of the Senate made numerous changes in the bill as it came from the House. The most important of these changes are as follows:

- A. Elimination of the Hull Amendments.
 - B. Legalizing of national bank branches now operating without approval or consent of the Comptroller, located in States whose laws prohibit branch banking.
 - C. Permitting national banks to open additional branches in States whose laws prohibit branch banks.
- For the consideration of all members of the Sixty-ninth Congress, and especially those members who would lend their assistance to efforts being made to preserve our independent banking system, the following facts relating to the Senate changes are respectfully submitted:

1—The Hull Amendments.

These amendments were included in the McFadden bill at the last session prior to its passage in the House. At this session the Banking and Currency Committee of the House included the amendments before the bill was reported out. The purpose of the Hull Amendments is to confine branch banking to the cities and States in which it is to-day practiced. The Hull Amendments will accomplish this by removing the motive which would prompt influential State and national banks to combine for the purpose of changing State laws now prohibiting branch banking. No State right is interfered with. The States have still the right to legislate as they please. All that the amendments do is remove the motive for such legislation upon the part of a few large banks which would profit by such changes. By limiting the right of national banks and State bank members of the Federal Reserve System to have branches in only those cities and States where the practice is to-day legalized, we virtually guarantee the continued existence of our independent American banking system and our Federal Reserve System as well.

Opposition to Original Bill.

The original McFadden bill without the Hull Amendments had met with an enormous amount of opposition from bankers in every State. The American Bankers Association in its 1922 convention, held in the City of New York, adopted a resolution protesting against branch banking in any form, designating the practice as "detrimental to the best interest of the people of the United States. Branch banking is contrary to public policy, violates the basic principles of our Government and concentrates the credits of the nation and the power of money in the hands of a few."

Action of 1924 Convention.

Despite the opposition of an overwhelming majority of the bankers of the country to branch banking in any form, it was realized that as a matter of fairness legislation should be enacted granting to national banks located in cities where branch banking was extensively practiced by State institutions, the right to operate home city branches. This well-defined opposition to branch banking and the equally important desire to stem the large number of withdrawals from the national system, prompted the American Bankers Association in its 1924 convention to unanimously approve the Hull Amendments, and the McFadden bill, provided these amendments were included.

Unanimous Vote.

A statement is being made in Washington that this action of the national bankers association does not mean a great deal, for it is claimed that the resolution was put through by a small, selfish group without the knowledge of the membership as a whole. This is not correct. Since 1906 the branch bank question has been the most extensively discussed subject in the meetings of the national association, and the action of the 1924 convention in approving the Hull Amendments was taken only after full and complete discussion following an advance notice to the membership that the branch bank question would come before the convention. The 1924 convention was one of the largest conventions in point of attendance of the association.

What the Senate Committee Says.

In the report of the Banking and Currency Committee of the Senate submitted by Senator Pepper, the statement is made in reference to the Hull Amendments that their purpose "constitutes an unwarranted interference with the rights of citizens of these States in their relationship to the State Legislatures." Another member of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, says in voicing his objections to the Hull Amendments that they "constitute an unprecedented attempt to induce Congress to coerce Legislatures of 26 States into an anti-branch banking policy. Proponents of this section would have the national Congress by Federal statute dictate State banking policy . . . and State banks which are members of the Federal Reserve System in those 26 States would also be prohibited forever thereafter from establishing branches unless they relinquish their membership in the System."

Inconsistent Position.

We wish to call attention to what in our opinion is an extreme case of inconsistency in the report of the committee. Excerpts from this report quoted above and also the statements of individual members of the committee in opposition to the Hull Amendments contend that these amendments enacted into law "would deny to national banks and to State member banks of the Federal Reserve System the right to have branches inside of the city limits (as well as outside) in any State which now prohibits branch banking, but which in the future may permit branch banking."

Section Nine.

Without a great deal of comment, we respectfully direct the attention of all Senators and Congressmen to page 4 of the committee's report. On that page appears Section 9, the third paragraph of which would deny to any State bank located in any one of the 27 States in which branch banking is not to-day practiced, the right to engage in State-wide branch banking in the event that the laws under which that bank was chartered were changed, permitting this practice. The penalty would be either expulsion from or denial of membership in the Federal Reserve System. In one instance, the Senate committee in accepting the report of its subcommittee, protests against what is termed an attempt to influence the banking policies of the States, but in another instance the committee gives its approval to this very same principle.

City-Wide Versus State-Wide Branch Banking.

In other words, the committee's report argues that it would be quite correct to deny certain branch banking privileges to State member banks of the Federal Reserve System (see Section 9, lines 23, 24, 25, page 20; Lines 1, 2, 3, page 21), but "unwarranted," "unprecedented" and "unfair coercion" when that denial includes all forms of branch banking. No doubt an effort will be made to explain this paradoxical situation with the claim that city-wide branch banking is not an evil, should not be checked, but that State-wide branch banking is undesirable and unquestionably should be curbed. Such an explanation is, however, inadequate, for the objective sought in both cases is identical—the preservation of our independent banking system.

Why the Hull Amendments Are Opposed.

The Hull Amendments have met with opposition because of a growing realization upon the part of those who would extend branch banking into new fields, that these amendments enacted into law would prove an insurmountable barrier to their ambitions. These bankers, who it is rather interesting to note, have already boasted that the McFadden bill without the Hull amendments would enable them to change the banking laws of their States, explain their boast by pointing out that they would no longer have the opposition of influential national bankers. Instead they would have their support, for without the protective features of the Hull Amendments any liberalizing changes in State laws relating to branch banking would automatically give branch bank privileges to the large national banks.

2—Legalizing All Existing National Bank Branches and Authorizing Many Additional New Branches in Non-Branch Bank Territory.

Section 5155 of the National Bank Act, as revised by the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, would legalize all national bank branches existing at the date of the approval of the pending legislation (Sub-section "A"). This particular paragraph apparently has been added by the Senate committee for the purpose of declaring legal those many branches or so-called "teller's windows" of national banks which have been opened during the past two years—some of them without the consent or approval of the Comptroller of the Currency.

"Equality of Opportunity."

Senator Pepper has stated "this measure has been drafted to bring about equality of opportunity between national and State banks." As proof of how completely the measure fails to do this, we call attention to the Minneapolis situation.

In that city during 1924 two national banks opened several camouflaged branches which, in an endeavor to ignore the ruling of Attorney-General Wickersham, were designated "teller's windows." Not a single State bank branch was in existence in the city of Minneapolis. The Comptroller of the Currency has stated that these branches were not authorized by the Department and Federal efforts have been made to close them. They continue to operate, however, despite the fact that the Minnesota law specifically prohibits State bank branches. Sub-section "A," as drawn by the Senate committee would result in the exact opposite of "equality of opportunity."

State Laws Disregarded.

Much ado has been made by the opponents of the Hull Amendments with the claim that they would be "an attempt to coerce the States into an anti-branch bank policy." Grant for a moment that that is their purpose, then the question follows, which is the most objectionable, "an attempt to coerce," or saying to the people of a sovereign State: "You have decided that branch banking is objectionable and shall not be engaged in. Congress however, in its greater wisdom, sees fit to ignore your decision, and in so doing establishes in your midst a species of banking which you attempted to exclude."

An Especially Objectionable Section.

Sub-section "A" destroys any possibility of "equality of opportunity," but it is mild in its provisions when Sub-section "D," also drawn by the Senate committee, is studied. It apparently is not enough to legalize existing illegal branches located where State laws prohibit their operation, for Sub-section "D" would take up the work where "A" left off, and permit the establishment of countless new branches in anti-branch bank territory. Under its provisions, fifteen additional national bank branches would be authorized in Minneapolis—please keep in mind the fact that there is not a single State branch bank in that city; sixteen in Milwaukee, the Wisconsin law prohibits the establishment of branches; eighteen in Seattle, another city where State banks cannot operate a single branch.

A Request For Your Support.

Further comment surely is unnecessary. The McFadden bill as it came from the House granted our national banks the relief to which they are so obviously entitled, but it did not jeopardize our independent banking system to create a number of unfair situations. Your support of the Hull Amendments and efforts to eliminate Sub-sections "A" and "D" are earnestly requested.

Split Widening Over McFadden Branch Bank Bill—Federal Reserve Board Gives Endorsement.

Regarding the McFadden branch banking bill, which was brought before the Senate for discussion on April 27, the New York "Journal of Commerce" in its special advice from Washington April 28, said:

Word of a possible split in the membership of the American Bankers' Association over the McFadden National Bank bill has reached Washington. It is felt that there is some dissatisfaction among a certain group with the legislative representation of the organization, and in addition, there is the difference of view with respect to the Hull amendments. These amendments were designed to preclude national banks in non-branch banking States from taking advantage of any change in State laws which would give to State banking institutions the right in the future to establish branch banks.

At Odds on Amendments.

The Hull amendments were adopted by the House and were contained in the bill sent to the Senate. The Senate Committee on Banking and Currency rejected them and unless some action is taken in the Senate before it acts on the McFadden bill, the matter will go to conference. The Senate bill further differs from the House draft of the measure in that it contains a provision of the extension of the present Federal Reserve Bank charters indefinitely.

It was commented here today that if a split occurs as now seems possible, it will indicate that no man can serve two masters. In this case it is the rendition of service by the officers of the association to two groups differing in their views. Interested persons in Washington

are without definite information in the matter, the discussion centering around the possibility of trouble as indicated.

Formal indorsement of the McFadden bill has been given by the Federal Reserve Board. In a resolution passed by the board, it is set forth that the board unanimously approves the measure "as a step in the right direction." The resolution was discussed by the board at the request of Senator McLean and forwarded to him.

Regarding the discussion of the bill in the Senate on April 27, the same paper stated:

The measure was slipped into the proceedings by Senator Pepper of Pennsylvania, who was chairman of the sub-committee of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, which considered it, when it was found that there was no one ready to proceed with the Public Buildings and Grounds bill and Senator Reed of Missouri called a halt to the adoption of debt settlement bills after three such measures had been passed.

For an hour this afternoon Senator Pepper had the floor, discussing almost entirely the question of branch banking. He went into the matter in great detail, replying to inquiries propounded by other Senators. It is expected that a flood of amendments will make their appearance before the bill gets very far in the Senate, and its consideration now depends on the views of the other Senators, being before the Senate on suffrance in a way, subject always to other matters that have the call over the bank bill.

In the course of his explanation of the measure, Senator Pepper pointed out that the Banking Committee had gathered together in one section the various branch provisions which in the House bill were scattered throughout its many pages. He explained also the Hull amendments and the reasons for dealing with branch banking in the manner followed by the Senate committee. At the outset he declared that there were many provisions with respect to which little difference of opinion will arise, such as, for example, those which simplify the processes of consolidation and provisions respecting some of the internal mechanism for the running of a bank.

The doors have been closed to her borrowing from American bankers for the last couple of years, since a small loan was made to her in Wall Street for the purpose of stabilizing the franc. The effect of that loan was temporary. The franc having fallen from about 5 cents in value at that time to a little more than 3 cents recently. Presumably a considerable part of what she may be able to borrow will be kept in this country for the purpose of bolstering the franc.

The application to Wall Street hardly will come before the settlement, announced yesterday, has been ratified by both the French Parliament and American Congress. Prompt ratification in both countries is expected. The terms are regarded here favorably and opposition in the Senate has been pretty well worn down. Opposition Senators have nothing left to say that has not been said already.

Oscar Wells, President of American Bankers Association, Says Association Approves Indeterminate Charters for Federal Reserve Banks and Hull Branch Bank Amendments—Would Have Separate Action on Both.

Emphasis on the desirability of the indeterminate charter of the Federal Reserve banks by the most practicable Congressional procedure is expressed by Oscar Wells, President of the American Bankers Association, in a statement issued in New York on April 25. He pointed out that the association is on record through general convention resolutions as believing that the recharter matter could best be handled distinct from all other legislation, but added that bankers would nevertheless be satisfied if a practical way were found to combine it with the more general McFadden banking bill with the Hull branch banking amendments now before Congress without jeopardizing either measure. Mr. Wells said:

The American Bankers Association has spoken in convention on the two leading subjects under consideration in the important bank legislation now before Congress. These subjects are the branch bank provisions of the McFadden bill and the matter of rechartering the Federal Reserve banks. At the convention in Chicago in 1924 the convention without a dissenting vote went on record in favor of the McFadden bill with the Hull amendments, which is substantially the bill as it passed the House recently. The officers of the association have consistently adhered to the directions of the association to support this bill as embodied in that resolution.

At the Atlantic City convention in 1925 the association gave consideration to the matter of renewing the charters of the twelve Federal Reserve banks and adopted a strong resolution favoring early consideration of the subject by Congress. It was the judgment of the association as expressed in that resolution that the subject could best be considered separately from other legislation relating to the Federal Reserve System. The association keenly approves both of the extension of the Federal Reserve charters and of the branch bank legislation as embodied in the McFadden bill with the Hull amendments. It has opposed coupling the two measures together only for fear that obstruction of one might impede the progress of the other.

However, in my opinion, it would be anomalous for the association to be considered in the position of opposing the extension of the charters of the Federal Reserve banks which it approves merely because it had been coupled with the other measure. If the two can be successfully handled through Congress together, it is my feeling that nothing would please the banking public more. All that the association would wish is that in case it should be found impracticable to pass the two together that then they should be dealt with separately. On the whole the officers of the association recognize that the manner of handling the rechartering of the Federal Reserve banks, whether as a rider on the McFadden bill or as a separate proposition is a question of Congressional procedure which it is not their part to decide. That question is and should be in the hands of the leaders in the Senate and the House.

Gates W. McGarrah Returns From Abroad.

Gates W. McGarrah, chairman of the executive committee of the Chase National Bank, has returned on the Aquitania from a trip abroad.

European Trip of Governor Strong of Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Benjamin Strong, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, sailed last Saturday (April 24) on the Majestic for his annual trip to the European correspondents of the bank. The New York "Journal of Commerce" states:

After conferring with Governor Montagu Norman, of the Bank of England, Mr. Strong will visit several Continental countries, probably including Belgium and Poland, which have been aided by Federal Reserve credits. While most of the important international financial problems affecting the United States have been cleared up, it is expected that Governor Strong will make a careful study of the French situation and of Belgian plans for monetary stabilization, says the Associated Press.

Diamond Combine to Stabilize Prices—Americans Represented on International Board.

In its issue of April 27 the "Wall Street Journal" publishes the following special advices from London:

Much interest was attracted in London, during the week, by the news of the discovery of a new diamond field in South Africa.

At the moment, South Africa is diamond mad. There was a rush of 2,000 prospectors on April 9, to a place that is known as Swartplaats, near Wenterdorp, in the Transvaal. Pioneer prospectors had found \$50,000 worth of diamonds, and the news of the discovery soon spread to all parts of South Africa.

If this new diamond field had been discovered a year ago, or even six months ago, it might have had an effect upon the price of diamonds; but it is not expected in England to have any depressing effect upon prices. Jan. 1, all diamond producers of the world came together and formed a new "diamond combine," to stabilize and control the price of diamonds.

Americans Prominent in New Combine.

At the head of this combine are the Barnato group of London, and the Dunksbuhlers of Germany. American interests are represented in the new combine by Charles Sabin and W. B. Thompson.

There has never before been such complete unity and co-operation among the diamond producers of the world, as there is at present. And the general belief in England is that the House of Morgan has now as much to say as anyone, in the councils of the combine.

The combine takes the place of the old Diamond Syndicate, which was organized in 1888. This syndicate developed the policy of limiting supplies to the capacity of the world to absorb them. It prevented gluts and shortages. It held prices steady, with a gradual rise for 37 years.

It showed what systematic and scientific marketing can do.

It controlled the diamond market until last year, when the Anglo-American Corp. broke away and sold its diamonds independently in the United States. The Anglo-American Corp. was dissatisfied with the quota allotted to it by the London combine.

Also, it was influenced by the waning power of the London combine. A large number of outside producers had sprung up, who received the full benefit of the high prices without paying their share of the expenses.

Outsiders Now All Inside.

There outside producers are now all inside the new combine. In fact, none are now left outside, except those in the new field at Swartplaats that has just been discovered. And an agreement has been made to market all diamonds through one sales organization for five years.

There is now one sales manager, who disposes of practically all the diamonds in the world.

Last year, sales ran ahead of production. Sales amounted to \$43,000,000—the highest since 1920. And production amounted to \$41,000,000.

As for prices, they have doubled since 1912 and will probably be higher. The principal buyer of diamonds is the United States. Three diamonds out of every five go to America. All the other nations combined buy fewer diamonds—50% fewer, than America alone.

In spite of the highest import duties in the world, an inexhaustible market for diamonds has sprung up in America. Without this market, diamonds would be comparatively cheap.

The total value of all the diamonds in the world, at present, is over \$5,000,000,000—nearly as much as the cost of all the railroads in Great Britain.

Originally, all diamonds came from India. The first that were brought to Europe were carried by the Greeks in 327 B. C., after an invasion of India.

In 1730, diamonds were found in Brazil. Then, over a century later, came the discovery of the great diamond fields of South Africa.

Until 1902, 85% of all the new diamonds in the world were found in two mines in South Africa—the De Beers and the Jagersfontein. But today only 35% of the output comes from these two mines.

British Guiana A Promising Field.

A new region that promises much to diamond producers, is British Guiana. There is a vast tract here of 4,000 square miles, in which diamonds are known to exist.

This region, as yet, has hardly been scratched. Last year, it yielded \$4,000,000 worth of diamonds; and some experts believe that it may eventually equal South Africa.

The diamond trade has had two alarms in recent years—the dumping of the Russian diamonds and the making of artificial diamonds in Paris.

Neither of these events, however, have done any harm to the diamond trade. The Russian diamonds were quietly absorbed and the artificial diamonds are now discredited.

In the first place, the synthetic diamonds were so small as to require a microscope to see them; and in the second place, they are now thought not to be diamonds at all.

So, the outlook is very favorable for the new diamond combine. It controls very nearly the whole output and it will now take steps, no doubt, to greatly increase the demand, both in America and elsewhere.

Defalcation of \$7,200 in Baltimore Branch of Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond Reported.

A defalcation of \$7,200 in the Baltimore Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond—the first shortage of the kind since the establishment of the bank, it is stated—resulted in the arrest on April 17 of Walter M. Snyder, formerly teller of the bank. The suspension of the accused

from the bank was made known on April 16. The Baltimore "Sun" of April 18 had the following to say regarding the charges:

Admits False Entries.

When arraigned, Snyder pleaded guilty to making false entries to cover up the \$7,200 shortage, but declared he was not guilty of embezzlement. He said he did not know where the money went, but having discovered the shortage, he tried to cover it up by false entries.

Federal officials, however, contend that they have discovered evidence that certain bonds held by the bank were abstracted and disposed of, and that on Jan. 28, the date the shortage was discovered, Snyder bought \$6,000 worth of bonds from a Baltimore brokerage concern. He is said to have explained this by saying that a man came to him and wanted to buy bonds and that he merely acted as agent for him. He was unable, however, according to the officials, to give the name of this man.

Explains Government's Case.

"We shall endeavor to prove," said Amos W. W. Woodcock, United States District Attorney, "that bonds were abstracted as part of the embezzlement, and that when the time came for cutting dividend coupons it was necessary to replace them."

"With money taken on Jan. 28, bonds were bought and placed back in the safe with intent to remove them again, sell them, and with this cash cover up the shortage. This sort of juggling might have been going on for some time."

Records Given.

The records, according to the warrant, show that on Jan. 28 the cash receipts under Snyder should have totaled \$11,734 67. Only \$4,534 67 was turned in, however, the balance being made up by a personal check for \$7,200 issued on the Calvert Bank. When this check was returned because of lack of funds, the discrepancy was discovered.

Snyder's explanation was that he discovered the shortage and gave his personal check to cover it in the hope that he would learn where the error lay before the check was returned.

According to the Baltimore "Sun" of April 17, Albert H. Dudley, Manager of the Baltimore Branch, stated that auditors had traced the shortage to Mr. Snyder's accounts. From the same paper we take the following:

Mr. Snyder admitted he made false entries in his books to cover up the shortage and that he placed a check for \$7,200 with his cash to account for the amount missing, according to Mr. Dudley.

The check said to have been inserted in the bank's funds by Mr. Snyder was made out originally for \$200 on the Calvert Bank, but returned because of a protest, the bank manager explained. This check was Mr. Snyder's personal property.

Says Check was Raised.

Mr. Snyder admitted raising the amount of this check from \$200 to \$7,200, Mr. Dudley asserted. The only explanation he gave for his actions was that he wished to cover up the shortage temporarily until he could make attempts to learn how it occurred, it was said.

The raised check was sent to another department of the Reserve Bank, charged against the Calvert Bank and then canceled. An investigation was started when the Calvert Bank questioned the charge.

The audit of the bank's accounts was not completed until several days ago. All facts in the case have been sent to Mr. Woodcock.

Praises Accounting System.

"I feel that our accounting system is working splendidly," Mr. Dudley said. "Several days after the false entries were made on our books, they were discovered. The only reason for the thorough audit was to make sure that there were not other shortages."

"The missing money apparently was taken at one time and the raised check inserted to take its place. Snyder denies taking the money, but his explanations of why he attempted to conceal the shortage are unsatisfactory and unconvincing."

Covered by Insurance.

"The bank will not suffer any losses, as we are covered fully by insurance. Frequently our receipts and disbursements amount to more than \$2,000,000 in a day. The shortage is only 'a drop in the bucket' comparatively speaking."

According to the records of the bank, Mr. Snyder was employed in 1918 shortly after the institution opened. He was promoted from a junior clerk from position to position until he became a teller.

A. C. Miller of Federal Reserve Board on Effect and Causes of Lowering of Discount Rate of Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The effect and causes of the lowering last week of the rediscount rate by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York were discussed before the House Committee on Banking and Currency on April 27 during the testimony of A. C. Miller, member of the Federal Reserve Board, incident to the hearing on the Strong price stabilization bill. The New York "Commercial" from which this is learned, indicates as follows what Mr. Miller had to say:

Mr. Miller said he was out of the city last Thursday when the Board approved the reduction in the New York bank rate.

"Frankly, my opinion was that the lowering of the rate was a bit premature," said Mr. Miller. "I would have preferred to wait a little longer."

Paper Eases Off.

Mr. Miller agreed with an analysis of the situation offered by Representative Wingo of Arkansas that the New York bank was merely recognizing the fact that business is easing off somewhat and that the rate should conform to the new conditions.

"Commercial paper has eased off," said Mr. Miller. "I think the large banks in New York are loaning money over the counter at close to 4%. The lowering of the rate was to a certain extent a validation of the fact that when credit is in abundance the price of credit goes down."

"There is some evidence that owing to unseasonable weather this spring and the exuberance with which merchants entered the year, 1926, there is some accumulation of stocks. These were accumulated in anticipation of trade which has perhaps not fully materialized."

Effects Discussed.

"The lowering of the rate by the New York bank may have one effect on one man and another on another," said Mr. Miller. "Where the effect

is purely psychological that is bound to be so. I have no doubt that to merchants who had stocked up pretty heavily in anticipation of a brisk trade in 1926 it was welcomed as indicating that they would probably be able to carry their credit at a low rate."

"There is good warrant for believing that the Federal Reserve system by lowering rediscount rates can accelerate business. In a period of depression a change in rediscount rate has no effect. It can alter the rate of speed, but there must be some motion before a change in rate can be effective."

A. C. Miller of Federal Reserve Board and Representative McFadden Discuss Foreign Loans at Hearings on Strong Bill.

Placing Europe in a position to buy our surplus farm and mill products would do more good than passing any of the legislation, either of the character represented by the Strong stabilization bill before the House Banking and Currency Committee, or subsidizing the farmers as contemplated in the Haugen bill, according to Representative Louis T. McFadden, Chairman of the Committee, in engaging Dr. Adolph C. Miller, of the Federal Reserve Board, in a discussion on April 27 as to the effect of improved buying power of Europe upon our own situation. The foregoing is quoted from the Washington advices to the New York "Journal of Commerce"; the same account states that members of the Committee were told by Dr. Miller during the hearing on the Strong bill that in counting on the failure of Europe to pay its private debts to the United States they were too pessimistic. We also quote from the account the following:

Artificial Stimulant.

"Any legislation that we might pass in the form of a revolving fund for the farmers is going to be an artificial stimulant, when the real situation to be dealt with is the one we are now discussing—how we can use our financial system and our contact with the world in the adjustment of foreign debts and permit the world to buy our surpluses," Mr. McFadden suggested, adding:

"If this is a problem where our financial system can be used to good and proper advantage, and is not being so used, ways and means should be provided if such use can be accomplished on a safe and sane basis."

Representative Goldsborough of Maryland suggested that the aggregate of private loans abroad now exceeds \$9,000,000,000, and that these loans are accumulating at the rate of \$1,000,000,000 a year. He asserted that he did not believe they ever would be paid. To this the witness opposed his belief that the Congressman was very pessimistic.

"You are the first one who has hazarded the opinion that private loans ever would be paid," responded Mr. Goldsborough.

For Productive Uses.

"Why," declared the witness, "a great bulk of these loans have been made for productive uses, in supplying working capital or fixed capital for European industries. Europe is not economically bankrupt. It still constitutes, outside of the United States, the most important single economic geographic unit in the world, where there is the highest skill, the greatest degree of discipline and where scientific discoveries chiefly have been made throughout the whole course of civilization. Europe will function very much as she has in the recent past."

Dr. Miller referred to similarly pessimistic statements that have been made from time to time during the last century and a half, and stated that history demonstrates that loans, for the most part, are amortized, not by being paid off, but by being absorbed into the growth of the body economic. He added that the United States represents one of the few countries that believes in amortizing debts in form as well as in act. We do not leave it to the growth of the country, as has been the disposition in Continental Europe.

Views Too Pessimistic.

"I am inclined to think that if we can look back twenty-five years from now and view these thoughts, we will be amazed at our having been so pessimistic," he concluded.

It is difficult, according to Mr. Goldsborough, to see how a foreign loan of \$100,000,000 at 7% ever can be repaid. Mr. McFadden was of the opinion that it is not so much that it be repaid as that the interest be met.

Dr. Miller also pointed out how it would be absorbed in the general operations of the country. Representative William Williamson of South Dakota expressed the belief that payments could not be made unless the balance of trade turned against the United States.

Representative Otis B. Wingo of Arkansas suggested that the fact be not overlooked that the wealth of France, Italy, Great Britain and probably Belgium is greater to-day even than before the World War. Other members of the committee were disinclined to agree with this assertion, pointing out that the purchasing value of the dollar is less than it was before the war.

"Every dollar we can loan abroad stimulates our ability to ship abroad either from our mills or our farms, and so far as these loans can be made abroad, safely or otherwise, it does assist us in selling our surpluses," declared Mr. McFadden, looking to Mr. Miller for his opinion, the latter replying, "Certainly."

A. C. Miller of Federal Reserve Board Says We are Developing a "Central Reserve Technique."

The statement that "we are developing a central reserve technique which promises to equal that of any central bank in the world" is attributed to A. C. Miller, of the Federal Reserve Board in the Stable Money Association's report of the hearing on April 21 on the Strong stabilization bill before the House Banking and Currency Committee. Some of the other accounts of the testimony of Dr. Miller on that day were referred to in our issue of Saturday last (page 2287). The Stable Money Association in its review of the hearing on April 21 stated that Dr. Miller advocated not only control of the volume of credit in circulation and use in order to "stabilize agriculture, commerce and business," but also increased control over the use made of such credit, and rec-

ommended that public reasons should be given for every change in the rediscount rate, and for decisions concerning the buying and selling of securities in the open market. This account went on to say:

"Speaking for myself," he said, "I am not concerned in speculation, but in the use being made of the credit provided by the Federal Reserve System. As the law now stands, there is no obligation to see that Federal Reserve credit is not used for speculative loans. The most simple formula which I can suggest in this connection is to stop the deflection of credit into speculative channels. There is a feeling in the Board that the extension of Federal Reserve credit for speculative purposes is improper."

Asked by Congressman Wingo if the Federal Reserve System now has power to control the use of credit by member banks, the witness replied in the negative, "except as it has power to control the volume of credit by adjustments in the rediscount rate, and by its open market operations."

"If you had the power to control the uses made of the credit provided, would you not have on your back alternately producers and consumers, the former wanting high prices and the latter wanting lower prices?" Mr. Wingo asked. The witness admitted that this would be a possibility if his suggestion were adopted.

Chairman McFadden called Dr. Miller's attention to the fact that many of the activities of the Federal Reserve authorities are shrouded in secrecy, expressing the opinion that much good might come from letting in the sunlight.

Dr. Miller replied: "I am a great believer in the saving force of publicity in our form of government. On the whole a public body with discretionary power should give its reasons when it takes any action. This is the rule in our courts, our Inter-State Commerce Commission, and other public bodies, and might be considered as a policy, in the Federal Reserve Board, which President Wilson called 'the Supreme Court of Finance.' On the other hand, no profession is introductory to Federal Reserve banking as is the legal profession to judicial office. Central Reserve banking partakes of economic statesmanship. A man may be a good banker or merchant, but still a poor central reserve banker. Men now come to the Federal Reserve Board and to responsible positions in the Federal Reserve banks, when they have reached the age of about fifty years, and it is hard, at that age, to change their ideas, and to take on the new functions, which central reserve banking demands. The problems are larger and the control of the credit volume requires a high order of knowledge and training."

"The Federal Reserve Board has very extensive powers and much discretion," he said, "and the mere appointment of an ordinary mortal to the Federal Reserve Board does not constitute him a super-man. Nevertheless, we are developing a central reserve technique, which promises to equal that of any central bank in the world."

Dr. Miller enlarged at length upon the influence of the volume of gold upon the volume of credit and currency in circulation, and hence upon the general price level. He referred to "the race for gold" which occurred when Germany, Austria and Italy began to develop central banking systems based upon the gold standard, at about the time when this country was resuming specie payments, following the Civil War.

"Under conditions, as they now exist," he said, "the gold standard gets to be something of a state of mind. World prices are headed to a new readjustment, and one country alone cannot maintain the gold standard, as a regulator of prices. When gold flowed into this country in such large volumes, during the years from 1915 to 1919, the Reserve System was new and had nothing in the way of reliable banking tradition to guide it. It was like a ship without a compass. Considering all the difficulties encountered, the results are a wonderful testimonial to the fundamental soundness of the System."

Dr. Miller also outlined the economic bases upon which Federal Reserve policies are coming to shape themselves. Diagrams showing the holdings of United States securities, loans on securities, acceptances, and reserve ratios of the Federal Reserve banks, and the relation of these factors to the indexes of employment, payrolls, industrial production and department store sales, were set forth. These showed that the average level of prices of wholesale commodities cannot be the sole guide as to what actual steps should be taken from day to day by the Federal Reserve authorities to stabilize conditions, however much the general level of prices of commodities at wholesale may be considered as the final indicator as to whether the policies and judgment of the Reserve authorities have been soundly applied.

"There should be more faith placed in these economic indexes," he said, "and less dependence placed by the financial world on impressions and verbal reports of what some man in Iowa or in Wall Street may think of the situation. We should look to them just as a physician looks to laboratory reports, rather than listening to the fears of the family as to the patient's condition. This matter of prophesying business conditions from economic indexes is coming to be more or less of an exact science, as witness the bulletin of the National Bureau of Economic Research prior to a recent boom, in which that boom was prophesied 'with all its standard trimmings and the standard ending.'"

Stabilization a Big Problem, According to W. W. Stewart, Former Federal Reserve Economist.

That stabilization is a complicated problem was the testimony of Walter W. Stewart, former economist of the Federal Reserve Board, before the House Banking and Currency Committee on April 22 in the hearing on the Strong Stabilization Bill. "There is an intimate casual relation between the volume of credit and the general level of commodity prices," he said. "The proposed bill gives the Federal Reserve System no new powers, but amounts to a ratification of the practice of the last few years and gives legislative sanction thereto. It amounts to a statement that the comparative stability of the last four years in the general level of commodity prices has been wholesome in its effects. The recent stability, however, has been more obvious than real. It has been comparative stability relative to the period of war fluctuation, but, relative to the pre-war conditions, the fluctuations in the general price level during any calendar year have been greater than during any similar period of the last quarter century. This has been a period of abrupt and wide fluctuations, but of no sustained change in the

general price level. In view of the disturbed world conditions, however, such stability as we have had has been remarkable."

Asked by Chairman McFadden to comment on the report of the testimony of Dr. A. C. Miller, a member of the Federal Reserve Board, who preceded him on the witness stand, that the Federal Reserve Board had no stated policy in fixing its rediscount rates and conducting its open market operations with respect to the stabilization of the general price level, Mr. Stewart explained some of the factors entering into the problem. Thus he explained that the sale of five hundred million dollars' worth of Government securities in 1923 did not have an immediate effect upon the general price level because the banks made up for the restriction of credit, which would have been produced thereby, by increasing their rediscounts almost in the identical amount, but the effect was to cause the member banks to show in their statements that they were borrowing from the Federal Reserve, and this tended to create a tighter credit position.

Similarly, he explained that the tremendous influx of gold in 1921 did not result in an increase in the general price level, because the gold was used by the member banks to pay off their rediscounts. "In determining whether there should be an increase or a decrease in the rediscount rate, and whether the System should buy or sell securities," Mr. Stewart said, "it is necessary that the Board take into consideration many complicated factors, such as the extent of bank borrowings, the volume of production, and other factors including even the mood and temper of the people. If the System puts out fifty million dollars' worth of credit, or of Federal Reserve notes, which the business community is not ready to use, it comes back almost immediately."

That New York is the inevitable money center of the country because it is the point of contact with Europe and the largest money market in the United States was the opinion of the witness, who also stated that frank recognition of that fact was desirable. Asked by the Chairman to explain the delay in passing upon the application of the Boston bank for an increase in its rediscount rate in September, 1925, and whether this was an indication of a lack of policy on the part of the Federal Reserve Board, he stated that lack of action was frequently as expressive of policy as some definite action, and that a majority of the members of the Board did not think that an increase in the rate of rediscount at that time was desirable. He preferred that the members of the Federal Reserve Board should give their own explanations as to why they thought as they did, and the Chairman stated that it was his intention to go into the matter thorough and to question not only Dr. Miller, when he returns to the stand, but all of the other members of the Federal Reserve Board, as well.

F. I. Kent of Bankers' Trust Company on Value of Imports.

"The Import Element of Our Foreign Trade" was the theme of an address delivered by Fred I. Kent, Vice-President of the Bankers' Trust Co. of New York, before the National Foreign Trade Convention at Charleston, S. C., on April 29. Mr. Kent pointed out that, regardless "of any question as to the value to the United States of the actual articles that we import, it is to importations in large part that our exporters must look for payment for their exports. And this is as it should be." His remarks on the subject following in part:

In 1925 in figures we find our exports amounted to \$4,909,000,000. Allowing \$750,000,000 as net against us of invisible items, that is tourist expenditures, immigrant remittances, etc., it required, other considerations aside for the moment, current imports of \$4,259,000,000 for their prompt payment.

Actually our imports were \$4,228,000,000.

The Value of Imports.

Now suppose, using round figures, that we should export in 1926 and annually thereafter five billion dollars' worth of goods, that we imported nothing, but that our exporters were able to obtain payment because American tourists spent that much abroad without purchasing articles for import. How long could the United States, rich in resources as it is, stand such a drain? Of course that is presupposing we supplied all our own raw material, which is obviously impossible, but it clearly measures the disaster that in the long run would overtake us if we should be successful in continually increasing our exports while at the same time curtailing and decreasing our imports.

It is not to our interest and it will avail nothing to our people to deplete our national resources by constantly great excess exportations over importations.

We wish to increase our exports—yes—that we may benefit ourselves and all the world may benefit as well, but not at the expense of our imports.

which should increase with them. Now comes the question of what sort of an exchange of exports for imports is economically sound.

Suppose, for instance, that we export annually, say, two billion dollars' worth of goods, all of which are manufactured products and from raw materials taken from our own resources, not grown, and that we import two billion dollars' worth of consumable goods, such as sugar, tea, coffee, cocoa, rubber, wool, silk, jute, tobacco, etc., strictly for our own use. We would be growing poorer to the rest of the world annually by the total amount of the irrecoverable raw materials that are contained in our exports. Again, suppose that this country's imports consisted entirely of raw materials and that our exports were only manufactured goods made from raw materials. Further, that we were able to retain enough of the imported raw materials to satisfy our own requirements. We would be paying for such imports entirely with labor. Our natural resources would remain intact and would have added to them such of the important raw materials as were not consumed.

In 1925 our total exports of semi-finished and finished manufactured goods was 2½ billion dollars and our imports of such goods was only 1½ billion dollars, which is worthy of consideration, although careful analysis would probably show that it was not harmful.

But from 1910 to 1914 the annual excess of manufactured exports averaged \$265,000,000. In 1913 it was \$706,000,000. In 1914 it was \$839,000,000 and in 1925 over one billion dollars. How long can this continue without injury?

Our resources are so tremendous it seems absurd to measure these things. But consider the barren lands in America where once huge forests grew that were seemingly inexhaustible. With all of our labor employed will we not be better off if we import more the industrial production of other nations, as well as their raw materials? It need not be production that displaces our own but production that adds to it. Another view of this situation can be had by considering a single country. Take copper, for instance. In 1925 we imported 653,135,000 pounds and we exported 1,084,209,000 pounds. That is, we lost to the rest of the world 431,974,000 pounds of copper.

Nothing to worry about. Why? First, because it represented such a small percentage of our copper reserves, and second, because we have sufficient other resources that are exportable to enable us to import more copper or export less, or both in case of necessity—that is, as determined by demand and supply. A wonderful governor, by the way. A strictly agricultural country grows anew every year the exports with which it buys those imports that enable its upbuilding and the accumulation of a national wealth. This would be true even though it was obliged to import fertilizer. A strictly mining country of limited resources would, on the other hand, be importing food against exports that would result in a constant depletion of its mineral wealth. Such a country could afford to export its minerals after the application of labor that would enable a greater import than merely meet the food requirements of its people if it would continue as a country. Again, importations that might represent tribute from the rest of the world stopping domestic production and still enabling a people to live in luxury would be certain to be followed by national decadence.

When Governments do not raise trade barriers demand and supply serve to intelligently regulate trade. This is evidenced by the domestic trade between our States and also by the trade that formerly existed between the various divisions of the old Austria-Hungarian monarchy, a trade that has been nearly ruined to the detriment of all peoples involved through the raising of trade barriers between countries that formerly constituted an economic unit.

Thinking about these things should help to dispel some of the mysteries that seem to hang over the relative values of exports and imports. We are too apt to overrate the value of exports and underrate the value of imports.

Post-War Importations.

It may be interesting to go back to the armistice and see what has happened since then to European foreign trade. The excess of imports in most countries has been tremendous. Why? For three principal reasons: First, temporary necessity due to destruction and depletion, an effect of the war; second, because peoples and their Governments did not understand how to restore production quickly; and third, the desire to replace destroyed wealth.

The first reason was due to the waste of war that could not be helped. The second reason caused waste that might have been prevented. The third was to restore former savings by borrowing wealth that was to be paid for out of new savings still to be earned.

The resultant excess of importation was so great that it destroyed the economic balance in most countries as well as the mental balance of many economists in all countries. A great cry went up all over Europe for the creation of an export balance, not a temporary export balance to meet an emergency but an annual export balance.

It does not seem likely that every country on earth will have an annual export balance until there is an annual deficit of green cheese in the moon or some such phenomenon. Be this as it may, a concerted and great effort was at once started in most countries of Europe to obtain an export balance. Two methods were principally employed, one the raising of embargoes against imports and the other the establishment of uneconomic industries with the idea of making countries self-sufficient when no country can be self-sufficient as the desires of people exist to-day. Naturally, instead of correcting the situation a tremendous disruption of industry and trade ensued.

When workmen are diverted from the production of the things that they do well to the production of the things for which they are not fitted, it means economic waste, and when in addition it results in the establishment of many small plants trying to do the work of a few large ones, it increases costs and so adds still further to the burden of living.

The fear of possible national insufficiency in case of war added to the uneconomic efforts and no one stopped to analyze the situation deeply enough to see that certain reasonable requirements to meet emergencies could be better and more quickly provided if every country produced that which it was best fitted to produce and then traded its surplus for the things that others could better create.

Germany during and since the depreciation of the German mark furnishes another valuable lesson and shows the importance and need of imports as well as exports. While the mark was falling exports were somewhat stimulated for a time while imports were curtailed. Then in 1923, when the depreciation of the mark was too rapid and too great to even stimulate exports and imports were almost impossible, Germany was forced to live upon itself. The result was that immediately following the stabilization of the mark under the Dawes plan the monthly excess of imports averaged 350,000,000 gold marks for a long period. Fifty per cent of these huge imports were raw materials and 34% foodstuffs. They were needed to restock bare shelves due to the previous shortage of imports which had resulted in German exports and German internal consumption having to depend upon German national resources until there was a high degree of exhaustion.

During this period of tremendous imports the world stood aghast and wondered how Germany was ever going to pay any reparations whatsoever under such conditions. The true economic value of such imports was not recognized, and it was not realized that they were actually necessary to restore German industry and enable Germany to re-establish her export trade. The results began to be felt in November 1925, since which time German exports have been exceeding German imports in an entirely healthy manner in view of her external obligations.

Another example of the value of imports is found in the trade of Japan following the great earthquake. The destroyed wealth of Tokio and Yokohama was almost immediately replaced through imports in sufficient proportion to allow the prompt re-establishment of industry. Upon a base partly of borrowed imports Japan was enabled to recreate her lost wealth with greater rapidity and less human suffering than would have been possible otherwise.

Recognition of the tremendous economic value of the right kind of imports does not carry with it any excuse for import extravagance. Imports must be paid for and except to meet an emergency or a temporary desirable upbuilding of a country they should be limited in a large general way to current capacity to pay in exports and services.

A steady flow of exports and imports which vary as to relative total values to meet the currents of demand and supply of all the natural forces visible and invisible that go to make up international balances gives great stability to industry and trade.

Upsetting emergencies cannot be avoided, but they should be met on a basis intended to restore equilibrium and not with the expectation that abnormal conditions can be made permanent. It is, of course, the seller who must advertise and find a market for his goods, and so it must be expected that the principal trade efforts of Governments will be to aid their exporters. This does not excuse Governments, however, for obstructing the importer. He must find domestic markets for foreign goods or the exporters will not be able to sell. Anything approaching a boycott of foreign-made goods that is at all successful is the most effective way to back up exportable goods onto a domestic market.

Recovery of Europe.

The recovery of Europe is giving great concern to many American manufacturers, even though they know that it must carry with it increased foreign buying power. That they should take heed and study this phenomenon is essential if they would avoid disaster. This does not imply that they should look for ways to reduce imports, but that they should develop the means to increased exports. Their action to be effective must not be negative. It must be positive.

Every American manufacturer has to be constantly on the alert to meet American competition. Bettering methods of production, changing customs, new inventions and greater efficiency in distribution confront him from all sides. He varies his production or his methods of competition consistently and effectively. To be sure, compared with the rest of the world, his labor receives high wages. But we would not have it otherwise. It is the glory of the American manufacturer that through methods of efficiency in the use of men and machinery he can pay high wages and still compete with the world for foreign trade. Why, therefore, should he fear that in a vastly growing world trade he cannot hold his own? Why should he not be glad to see Europe to take its part again with renewed vigor in supply to humanity those things that Europe can best produce, even though some of them must and should come to America?

American foresight and ingenuity is going to win in the great world trade movement that is now opening up as a possibility and not at the expense of other countries but in conjunction with them. All will naturally fight to hold their own, but if they choose it can be in honorable competition, each seeking to find and deliver that which the world needs that he can best supply.

And imports—yes, we want imports—imports that will enable us to retain our relative position of wealth with the rest of the world—imports that will give us the comforts, conveniences and luxuries that the people of other nations can best furnish—imports that will so increase foreign buying power that our exports will find ready markets, and imports that will give work and increased wealth to the peoples of all nations.

James A. Farrell of the National Foreign Trade Council on "The Foreign Trade Outlook."

Discussing "The Foreign Trade Outlook at the opening of the 13th National Foreign Trade Convention at Charleston, So. Caro., on April 28, James A. Farrell, Chairman of the National Foreign Trade Council, stated that "Production is on the upgrade in all the industrial nations, and most of them have brought their international commerce nearly up to its pre-war level." He added in part:

The figures of 33 exporting nations, not including the United States, for the last fiscal year, showed them to be within 7% of their pre-war volume of trade. The United States and Canada alone of all the trading nations have made a substantial increase over their pre-war status. If our figures are included in this calculation, the world as a whole is shown to be only 2% under its pre-war volume at the close of the last fiscal year. There are some indications that this deficiency will be more than recovered in the current year. One such indication, of special significance, is the increased volume of raw material imports, both by the United States and by several of the industrial nations of Europe. That, of course, evidences an impending increase of production, and consequently of consuming power.

Consideration of our trade for 1925 discloses some striking facts. It was larger both in value and in volume than in any previous normal year. There were a few years influenced by exceptional war or post-war conditions, when it represented a larger number of dollars, but those dollars represented so much less purchasing power that its physical volume was actually less than now. Reasonable prices tend to extend commerce, maintain production, lessen costs and increase consumption at home and abroad. Department of Commerce figures show a net gain of more than a million and a half tons in volume last year, imports having increased by 2,361,000 tons, while exports fell off 823,000 tons. The tonnage figures, when issued, are likely to show a total for the year well in excess of 93,000,000 tons.

Turning from volume and value of this trade to examination of its character, we find that of exports aggregating \$4,818,271,000, the products of manufacture constituted almost 64% and raw materials less than 30%. These products of our industry comprise finished manufactures, which, by themselves, furnished a little over 38% of the total, semi-finished manufactures, and manufactured foodstuffs.

It is significant that finished manufactures continue to stand at the head of the list of five great groups into which the official classification

of the Department of Commerce divides our exports. Raw materials are second, and foodstuffs, which for so many years held the right of the line, now bringing up the rear.

There is an illuminating fact that in the figures of raw material exports. It is that unmanufactured cotton constituted more than three-fourths of that group. It furnished 22% of our total exports, and stands first in the list of commodities exported, all other raw materials combined furnished only 7% of our total exports.

Contrasting with this export showing is our import of materials for industry, crude and semi-finished. They were 58½% of our total imports. To such an extent has our industrial establishment as a whole developed, that it is dependent, for the fulfillment of the fundamental condition of prosperity—occupation—upon a steady inflow of raw materials from foreign sources, aggregating at least two billion dollars a year in value, and constituting three-fifths of our total imports. Curtailment of such supplies, or abnormal prices for them, inevitably affect industrial activity in all countries and, in this connection, it is realized that national trade is the basis of national livelihood.

The first 19 items on our export list last year account for 60% of our total exports. They included all the factors which contributed 1% or more to our total. Of these 19 items, only five were crude materials, including raw cotton, tobacco, wheat, coal and crude oil. The remaining 14 were either finished manufactures, such as automobiles, cotton cloth, wheat flour and agricultural machinery, or articles partly processed, such as refined oils sawed lumber, leather and steel products.

The next 83 items on the list furnished in the aggregate only 24% of our total exports, their totals ranging in value from \$25,000,000 down to \$6,369,000, which was the figure for rubber foot wear.

Then follows an unnumbered and almost innumerable group classified as "all other exports," constituting 15% of our total. Not an item in this list was nearer the top than 100, or contributed as much as one-tenth of 1% of the total. Yet their aggregate value was \$719,970,000.

In these figures we have a glimpse of what has been going on in the way of development of our foreign trade in the last 10 or 15 years, and of what is before us in the next decade. Here stands clearly revealed the great change that has taken place since the placid days before the war. Then foreign trade was incidental and occasional with all but a relatively small number of our manufacturing concerns. Then it was only here and there that a manufacturer gave steady thought to the advantages of sharing in foreign market, and our overseas commerce was spoken of slightly as representing "only 4% of the total." Now far and wide throughout this country manufacturers, agriculturists, bankers and railroad and steamship men are awake to the importance of this development, eager to take their share and all building up the steadily increasing total.

We must not fall into the error of thinking that because we have reached a creditable position by hard work and intensive application we can remain there without further effort. The policy of inertia is the practice of disaster. Work solved the problem of success. It must be kept up to maintain the result.

Of the four great factors which contribute essentially to the maintenance of our foreign trade; production, communication, finance and transportation, we are equipped best in the first. Improvement has been made in the other three, and you will hear something of that improvement, especially as to communication and finance, in some of the other sessions of this convention. As to transportation, our railway systems have attained a high efficiency. Attention is now being given to the development of our inland waterways which will supplement our rail transportation in keeping pace with the economic growth of the country and in assisting to solve the problem of economic distribution.

Our maritime situation, in certain important respects, is not much different from that of other countries. There is world-wide depression in the shipping business. It is not confined to the United States. Generally speaking, the fleets of the world are carrying cargoes at less than the cost of operation. The tonnage that was inadequate for war service, or for the period immediately after the armistice, was much too large for the restricted trade which followed.

Despite all the handicaps, economic and otherwise, under which shipping is conducted, more ships are now operating under the American flag and a larger proportion of American cargo is carried in American bottoms than was the case before the war. More trade routes are served by privately owned as well as Government vessels, but until there is an improvement in the world freights, the business as a whole is unlikely to reach the substantial measure of financial success which is necessary if new tonnage is to be built to replace obsolete craft. Meantime the great surplus tonnage of all nations is wearing out faster than replacement is being made and the industry is gradually reaching a point where the supply of tonnage will more nearly approximate cargo opportunities. Ever since the beginning of the war the world has been living on a lower plane than had been its custom. It is gradually getting back to a pre-war status of production and consumption and in that lies the hope of betterment. The Foreign Trade Outlook cannot be accurately forecast, but there are signs of recuperation and strengthening in the whole industrial fabric.

Railway Executives Advise President Coolidge that Interests of Public Call for Passage of Watson-Parker Railway Bill—Proposed Bill Will Provide Machinery for Dealing With Wage Demands.

Following a call on President Coolidge a committee of railroad executives issued a statement on April 24, in which it is asserted that the Watson-Parker Railway Labor Bill now pending in the Senate safeguards the interests of the public to a greater extent than ever before in any similar legislation affecting the settlement of wage disputes between the carriers and employees. The members of the committee were:

P. E. Crowley, President New York Central Lines.
Daniel Willard, President Baltimore & Ohio RR.
C. H. Markham, President Illinois Central RR.
W. R. Cole, President Louisville & Nashville RR.
A. C. Needles, President Norfolk & Western RR.
Alfred P. Thom, General Counsel Association of Railway Executives.

The statement also declares that "demands for very large increases in wages are now pending, and the carriers are looking to the proposed bill as the method of dealing with the situation now presented. Unless this machinery is afforded there will be no effective governmental machinery to deal

with the situation, and there can be no assurance against serious public inconvenience that may result." The statement follows:

The interests of the public are more fully safeguarded by the provisions of the pending bill than they have ever been before. This safeguard consists not only in the spirit of agreement and conciliation out of which the bill developed, not only in the moral obligation which both parties assume in advocating the plan agreed upon, and not only in the ample machinery for handling disputes and controversies that may arise, but also in the provision for public representation on the board of mediation (which is to be composed solely of persons not interested with either party financially or otherwise) for public representation on the boards of arbitration (when the parties fail to agree on the neutral arbitrators, as is almost universally the case), and for public representation on the emergency board, composed entirely of disinterested representatives of the public, which latter the President is authorized to appoint when the management and the men have failed otherwise to reach an agreement.

The emergency board, appointed only for each controversy which threatens the interruption of transportation service, stands as the last, but as an impregnable, bulwark in the protection of the interests of the shippers and the public. In agreeing to this emergency board, the employees have made a great concession over what they have heretofore been willing to accept, and for this public protection the railway executives have stood firmly. Pending the inquiry of the emergency board and for sixty days after it is begun, the bill provides that there is to be no change in the status quo.

Both the executives and the employees have given public assurance to committees of Congress that, in their belief, the machinery provided for in this bill will prevent any interruption of commerce. They have further said that if this expectation is not realized, Congress will then be unembarrassed in using the full power of the Government to deal with the situation.

In respect to the public interest in the matter of reasonable rates, it is unthinkable that the parties would enter into a conspiracy to increase wages for the purpose of having this increase reflected in increased rates. The bill provides, nevertheless, that no arrangement as to wages and no award in respect thereto shall have any effect in limiting or diminishing the power of the Inter-State Commerce Commission under the Inter-State Commerce Act.

As far back as 1911 the Commission held that an increase in rates cannot be approved to provide for extravagant wages. That was prior to the Transportation Act and before any express statutory provision on the subject existed. Now, by express provision of the Transportation Act, it is made the duty of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, in considering rates, to see that the expenses, including the wage expense, are economical and proper. The Commission thus has the power, under existing law without setting aside wage agreements or awards, to refuse to increase rates in order to meet extravagant wages, and this power is expressly reserved to it under the terms of the pending bill.

Demands for very large increases in wages are now pending and the carriers are looking to the proposed bill as the method of dealing with the situation now presented. Unless this machinery is afforded, there will be no effective governmental machinery to deal with the situation and there can be no assurance against serious public inconvenience that may result. The carriers have the assurance of their employees that the machinery of this bill will be availed of for the purpose of adjusting these demands.

There seems to be no serious question from any source that the Railroad Labor Board has outlived its usefulness. The refusal of certain groups of employees to appear before it, the opposition of certain railway management to it, the lack of power to enforce its decisions, the refusal of one or other of the parties, in certain instances, to abide by its decisions, the demand of public opinion and of party platforms that it be abolished and a substitute for it found—all point to the inescapable conclusion that however useful the Board may have been in the past, it has now outlived its usefulness.

The interests of the public, in the opinion of the carriers represented by this committee, imperatively demand the passage of the pending bill.

The previous day (April 23) the Committee on Labor Legislation of Railway Executives met in Washington and called on Chairman Watson of the Senate Inter-State Commerce Committee for the purpose of urging on the Senate, through him, the early consideration and passage of the bill. A statement issued on April 23 by the Association says:

It is well known that, pursuant to recommendations of the President made in messages to Congress, representatives of railroad executives and of their employees engaged in a long series of conferences and finally agreed upon a method of amicable adjustment of labor disputes.

This agreement was embodied in a bill to be presented to Congress, and is the bill now known as the Watson-Parker bill, which recently passed the House by a vote of 381 to 13 in substantially the form presented and which is now pending in the Senate, in the form in which it passed the House, on a favorable report from the Senate Committee on Inter-State Commerce.

At a meeting of the member roads of the Association of Railway Executives, held in Chicago Dec. 21 1925, the committee of railway executives, which had been in conference with representatives of the employees, together with the General Counsel of the Association, were directed to present the bill to Congress and advocate its adoption. This committee of railway executives is composed of the following members:

W. W. Atterbury, President Pennsylvania RR.
J. H. Hustis, President Boston & Maine RR. (now retired).
A. C. Needles, President Norfolk & Western Ry.
W. R. Cole, President Louisville & Nashville RR.
L. W. Baldwin, President Missouri Pacific RR.
Hale Holden, President Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR.
Carl R. Gray, President Union Pacific System.
Charles Donnelly, President Northern Pacific System.
E. E. Loomis, President Lehigh Valley RR.
W. R. Scott, President Southern Pacific Lines in Texas and Louisiana.
C. H. Markham, President Illinois Central RR.

With this committee Daniel Willard, President of the Baltimore & Ohio RR. Co., and P. E. Crowley, President of the New York Central Lines, have co-operated.

The action authorizing the presentation of this bill to Congress and the advocacy of its adoption, while not unanimous, was supported, at the time the bill was presented to Congress, by 52 roads, casting 199 votes and representing 167,915 miles, and was opposed by 20 roads, casting 48 votes and representing 36,564 miles.

The views of the Association of Railway Executives on the Watson-Parker bill for the adjustment of railroad labor disputes were indicated in our issues of March 6, page 1257, and March 20, page 1559.

**W. G. Bierd, Receiver for Chicago & Alton RR., Says
Watson-Parker Bill Will Lead to Higher Wages
and Increased Freight Rates.**

Higher railroad wages and increased freight rates are looked for by William G. Bierd, receiver for the Chicago & Alton RR., in the event of the passage of the Watson-Parker bill for the adjustment of railroad labor disputes. The "Wall Street Journal" of April 20, in stating that the ability of the railroads to give proper service to the public and to shippers, particularly the farmers, without increased rates, if the bill becomes law, is questioned by Mr. Bierd, quoted him to the following effect:

He has vigorously opposed the bill and spoke at length before the Association of Railway Executives at its special meeting for consideration of the bill.

Mr. Bierd defends the Railroad Labor Board and says that "On the side of the employees, the great majority has confidence in and is satisfied with the Labor Board." He anticipates that the Watson-Parker bill will lead to higher railroad wages and necessitate higher freight rates, which he contends the farmers cannot stand.

He holds that the Watson-Parker bill was hurriedly prepared and presented to Congress by a few and that when the opposing railroads asked for a hearing they were advised that the House Committee had closed its hearings and the Senate Committee was nearing the close of its hearings.

"The public knew nothing of the proposed measure," he says. "Many of the greatest interests had not heard of it, but as soon as the measure became known, the opposition began to grow, and to-day there is very great opposition to it. The reasons for this are: First, the proposed law entirely removes the public from consideration when rates of pay and working conditions are being negotiated. The proposed bill makes this a private matter between the employer and the employee, whereas the Transportation Act gives the public—the public that pays all railroad costs—an equal right with the other two interested parties, and the public representatives on the present Board must approve any increases, which result in increases in the cost of operation."

"Surely, the public, which supports the railroads, should not surrender the right it now possesses, because it is just as certain as it is that the subject is now under consideration, that every increase in rates of pay or modified working conditions that increase the cost of operation to the railroads must and will be followed by increased freight and passenger rates. This is positively certain, and it is principally for this reason that I oppose the present measure and declare that it is unsound and unfair."

"Second, this proposed measure sets up another governmental bureau, and a very expensive one. The public must pay this bill, as there is no other means of providing the funds. There will be boards of adjustment, a board of mediation, and if disputed questions are not settled there, a board of arbitration is provided, adding still further to this political machinery—and have we not already enough bureaus? Has not the cost of supervising railroad operation already cost far more than it should?"

"These three proposed boards have no real authority. The members of the adjustment boards are equal in number—therefore, there is no hope that adjustment of serious or important matters can be obtained through them. The board of mediation can only try to persuade the disputing parties to come to an agreement, and failing, hope to bring them before an arbitrator."

Mr. Bierd points out that simultaneously with presentation of the bill, wage increases were asked by rail employees and that if all employees were granted proportional increases the cost to the railroads would be \$500,000,000 a year, an increase which "could not be borne by the carriers without an increase in freight rates."

**Brief Filed By Western Roads In Support of Application
For Increased Rates.**

Supplementing the briefs previously filed in behalf of their petition for a 5% increase in freight rates, the Western railways filed a further brief with the Inter-State Commerce Commission on April 24 in which it is recited that "a 5% increase in freight revenues spread over the entire Western district will be so thin as to be scarcely noticed, yet this slight measure of relief may mean the salvation of many Western railroads." This brief, filed in answer to arguments opposing the increase sought, says, according to Associated Press dispatches:

To contend that the present volume of traffic cannot stand this meager increase is to challenge the very foundation of this immense Western empire. An industrial structure such as the West reveals will scarcely feel so light a load. It can well afford to support the transportation systems upon which its achievements have been based.

We direct the attention of the commission to the fact that all of our opponents admit that during the past five years the Western railways have not earned a fair return. Further, it has been conceded that the Western railways have failed to secure the same rate of return which the railways in the other two rate districts in the United States have been permitted to earn. Still further, no one has urged that the Western lines have been operated any less efficiently or less economically than have carriers in the other sections of the United States.

These facts stand out in bold relief. No one denies them. The inadequacy of the present earnings of the Western carriers is admitted even by our opponents.

Upon what, then, do they base their opposition? Every objection which has heretofore been raised to any proposed general increase in freight rates has been repeated in this case. In addition to these old standbys, further objections have been put forward based on imaginative interpretations of the Hoch-Smith bill and upon the statement that there are "controlling political influences, using the term 'political' in its highest sense" for disregarding the doctrines laid down by the courts in respect to the valuation upon which railway returns are to be computed.

These old objections are answered in detail herein, and our original testimony that Western railway earnings are inadequate and that the only solution is a modest advance in general freight rate levels remains unshaken by these attacks. As regards the Hoch-Smith resolution, this law, on its face, is clearly designed to protect the railways in the

Western district, as well as in other rate groups, in receiving the fair return which is contemplated by the Transportation Act and required in the public interest so that adequate transportation may be maintained. The maintenance of an adequate system of transportation was the keynote of the Transportation Act, 1920. It is twice repeated in the Hoch-Smith resolution. Under this resolution, the Interstate Commerce Commission is instructed to adjust railway rates so as to insure the maintenance of an adequate system of transportation. To insure such transportation in the West, there must be an increase in the general freight rate level.

As to the proposition that there are "controlling political influences" for disregarding the decisions of the courts in arriving at the valuation of railway property, we answer that the problem before the commission is one of applying the law and safe-guarding the rights of the railways and the public as they have been declared in the Federal Constitution. We do not concede that there is any higher law determining our rights in the case than the acts of Congress and the Constitution of the United States.

That our request for such a modest increase in our general freight rate level should have brought forth this argument is surprising in the extreme. It may be that political considerations have a proper place in the halls where our laws are made. It may be that political considerations played a part in the adoption of the Constitution of the United States. But when an administrative body comes to pass upon the rights of a citizen under the law as it exists, we claim that "controlling political reasons" are the last thing which should be given consideration.

If the law and the evidence here entitles us to an advance in the general freight rate level, such an advance should be authorized. If the law and the evidence here shows that we are not entitled to such an advance, it should be denied. But the decision must be based upon the law and not upon "controlling political reasons." Otherwise the continued maintenance of adequate transportation systems in the interest of the people of the United States as a whole, for which the transportation Act declares, and which is twice repeated in the Hoch-Smith resolution, is reduced to a mere figment of the imagination.

Briefs in opposition to the increase were filed on April 5 by the Illinois Commerce Commission, the Chicago Association of Commerce, the Pacific Coast Vegetable Growers, Bi-product Coke Co., the gypsum industries, Lehigh Portland Cement Co., the Upson Co., etc.

Regarding opposing arguments, the "Wall Street Journal" of April 5 stated:

John E. Benton, general solicitor for the National Association of Railroads & Utilities Commissioners, and counsel for a number of individual shipping organizations have filed briefs with the Interstate Commerce Commission opposing the application of roads in the western district for an increase in freight rates. Brief for the Western State Railroad Commissions, in addition to opposing any increase in freight rates, declared that the "fair return" should be reduced below the 5 3/4% provided by law. "The commission could well at this time," it states "reduce the rate of return by as much as 1%. An aggregate return of 4 3/4% would constitute a fair rate upon a fair property value."

Railroads in the western territory, the brief contends, have failed to adapt their passenger train operations and expenses to diminished passenger traffic, and it claims this proceeding is an attempt to recoup the losses resulting from their passenger business by increased charges on the freight business, "which is already paying more than a fair return."

Minnesota By-Products Coke Co. submits that the evidence does not support the western roads' application for increased rates on coal and coke from St. Paul and Lake Superior ports to destinations in the northwestern territory.

The Pacific Coast Vegetable Growers' & Shippers' Transportation Committee stated that with the possible exception of the northwestern carriers no advance whatever is necessary in freight rates. The request that if the commission allows any advance in the western district, the Southern Pacific and Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroads be excepted from the benefit of such orders.

From the *United States Daily* of April 7 we take the following relative to brief in opposition:

The Farmers' National Grain Dealers' Association says: "If, as we believe is conclusively shown on the record in this case, grain is already bearing more than its fair share of the reasonable aggregate transportation cost, then in justice to that great proportion of those engaged in agriculture who produce grain, the rates on grain should in this proceeding be reduced. Certainly there is present on the record no legitimate warrant for their increase."

The Illinois Manufacturers' Association says it is "asking neither for an advance nor a reduction in freight rates at this time," and it hopes that the commission will decide that the instructions contained in the Hoch-Smith resolution "cannot be carried out without making certain rates unduly preferential and unjustly discriminatory, and that if a fair return to the railroads demands an increase in rates, such increase shall be made a horizontal one." "If the commission cannot find that reduced rates will increase the volume of movement of agriculture and the products thereof so as to relieve agriculture's conditions," the brief says in conclusion, "it cannot hope to put the burden on industry without courting national disaster in which not only manufacturing but agriculture and transportation will all suffer."

Reference to the petition of the roads for a 5% increase in freight rates was made in these columns March 27, page 1715.

**Committees of Security Holders of Northwestern Roads
File Brief With I. S. C. C. Seeking a 15%
Increase.**

Copies of the rebuttal brief filed on behalf of the Committees of Security Holders of the Northwestern Railroads, relating to a mandatory order providing for a revision of the Western trunk line rate upward by 15%, were given out in New York on April 26, according to the New York "Times," which reports further as follows:

The brief was filed by William Church Osborn and Root, Clark, Howland & Ballantine, in reply to a brief by counsel for the shippers, opposing a rise. Last Summer all of the roads west of the Mississippi filed an application for an increase in rates of 5% on the ground that the statistics and facts warranted separate treatment for the Northwestern roads. Roosevelt & Son organized committees to apply for special treatment in the territory. All arguments on the application are scheduled to begin before the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington on May 19.

The essential points in the demand for a 15% increase in rates are as follows:

1. That for a period of years the rate of return on the railway property investment of the Northwestern group has been less than that of any other railroad group in the United States.
2. That for a period of years the rate of return on railway property investment of the Northwestern group, computed on the lowest possible basis of valuation, has been little more than one-half of the 54% fixed by the commission as a fair return under the provisions of the Transportation act, 1920.
3. That notwithstanding the investment for capital purposes by the six major Northwestern lines in the period 1911-1924 of \$952,000,000, their net revenue increase was so slight that in 1924 the return on this vast investment was only sixteen one-hundredths of 1%.
4. That this condition of inadequacy of return has not been temporary, but has been persistent.
5. That (including the Chicago & Alton) three railroads in the Northwest having a total main trackage of 13,700 miles, have become insolvent and have gone into receivers' hands since the reduction of rates in 1922, causing a default on \$310,133,070 in bonds.
6. That 84.6/10% of all the railroad bonds in default in the United States in 1925 were (including Chicago & Alton) bonds of Northwestern roads.
7. That in consequence of these conditions there has been a shrinkage in the market value of the securities of seven major Northwestern roads of approximately \$1,000,000,000 since 1915.
8. That as a result, the confidence of investors in securities of Northwestern lines has been seriously impaired.
9. That no Northwestern railroad can sell any stock.
10. That from the position of enjoying high investment credit prior to the World War, the Northwestern group has sunk to the bottom of all railroad groups in respect of credit.
11. That as a net result of the foregoing, the maintenance and development of adequate railroad transportation in the great Northwest is seriously threatened.

In this connection the brief said: "It is possible to ignore these facts, but it is not possible to dispute them. They stand on the records substantially uncontradicted. The question is what the commission is going to do about these conditions pursuant to its statutory duty to insure adequate transportation service." In discussing the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound extension of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road, the brief declares that "the effort to find an alibi for the Northwestern situation by exaggerating the importance of the Puget Sound extension is without sound basis."

As this is the first time that security holders have appeared before the Interstate Commerce Commission in an important rate case, the successive steps of the argument are being watched by bankers and railroad men generally with keen interest.

Roosevelt & Son, of this city, who, it is indicated in the above, organized committees to apply for special treatment in the territory of the Northwestern roads, in a letter under date of March 16, to a selected list of large investors to whom the brief was forwarded, drew attention to the brief prepared by the carriers in support of their application for a 5% increase in the entire Western District, and added:

The application of the carriers was made by all Class I railroads in the Western District (all of the United States west of the Mississippi). In this vast territory, local conditions vary greatly, and, naturally, various groups of roads have divergent interests. By reason of this fact, the carriers were led to reduce their original application to an application for only a 5% increase, thus ignoring the Northwest situation where admittedly a 5% increase is not adequate. That a 5% increase would not be nearly enough to meet the difficulties of the Northwestern lines or give them a fair return on their investment, was definitely brought out by testimony at the hearings by several executives of the Northwestern railroads.

Since, therefore, the Northwestern Carriers failed to seek adequate relief to meet their special needs, the Security Holders assumed the burden of pleading for special relief to which the Northwestern region is entitled. We believe the Security Holders Committee have:

First—Pleaded strongly the special rate condition in Western Trunk Line Territory—the territory north and east of the Missouri River, and presented convincing proof that the rate structure here is depressed about 15% below the rest of the Western District.

Second—Demonstrated the seriousness of this depressed rate situation as is evidenced by the fact that 84.6% of all railroad bonds in default in the United States are of carriers the bulk of whose revenue is derived from this area of rate depression.

Third—Proved the practicability of a rate order substantially increasing rates in this territory independently of any correction of rates in the rest of the Western District.

We wish to emphasize that until the rates in Western Trunk Line Territory are equalized with rates in the Western District the necessity is compelling that the special needs of this district be clearly asserted. The burden of this effort to plead the special situation of the northwestern carriers as compared with the rest of the Western District rests practically exclusively upon these Committees.

New York Committee Urges Independent Action By Security Holders of Northwestern Roads In Petition for Increased Rates.

A letter was released for publication on April 29 by a Committee composed of Lewis B. Gawtry, W. Emlen Roosevelt, Van Santvoord Merle-Smith and T. H. Barber, Secretary, 30 Pine Street, New York City, addressing the holders

of securities of all the Northwestern roads, representing \$240,159,720 of bonds and stocks, emphasizing the need for the security holders to organize independently of the railroads' managements in seeking a fair return upon their securities. It is pointed out that diversity of interests and other causes seem to make it impossible for the Northwestern lines to work together, and that independent action is essential if the necessary rate relief is to be secured. The lines involved include the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, Chicago & North Western Railway, Northern Pacific Railway, Great Northern Railroad, Chicago St. Paul Minneapolis & Omaha Railroad and Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie.

In part the letter reads as follows:

Co-operative and direct action by security holders is forced by the facts. In the pending Western District Rate Case it has been proved that the shrinkage in value of the securities of six large Northwestern carriers in the last ten years is approximately \$1,000,000,000 based on market values. It was further proved that from 1911 to 1924 the seven major Northwestern carriers put into their property \$952,000,000, an increase of 56% in their investment account. It was proved that the rate of return in 1924 on this new investment of nearly \$1,000,000,000 was sixteen hundredths of one per cent (0.16%). It was proved that 84.6% of all railroad bonds in default in the United States in 1925 were bonds of carriers dependent on the Northwestern territory.

The main cause of these ruinous conditions is the low rate structure in Western Trunk Line Territory north and east of the Missouri River. It was proved that in that region the rate structure is 15% below that of the rest of the Western District. If that low spot in rates had been filled to the average level of the Western District, there need have been no bankruptcies of Northwestern roads and the solvent carriers would show a satisfactory earning power on the investment.

It is unfortunately the case that the executive managements of the Northwestern roads cannot be relied upon to co-operate for the necessary rate relief. As a practical matter all the roads in a region must unite on an application for rate revision. Supposed diversity of interests and other causes seem to make it impossible for the Northwestern lines to work together.

A case in point was the acquiescence of the Northwestern roads in the sudden reduction of the application for relief in the pending case from the equivalent of an 11% increase to about 5%. This change of front was made on the eve of the hearing, months after the original application for relief, although it was later conceded by every executive of a Northwestern road who testified in the case that a 5% increase would not be adequate for the Northwestern lines. This failure of the executives to apply for adequate relief was apparently due to the threats of shippers, the domination of powerful roads in other sections of the West and to the inability of the Northwestern executives to unite and stand together to protect the common interests of their roads.

The above referred to factors seem to have prevailed over the obvious needs of the properties and the legitimate interests of the stockholders and bondholders. The result was to throw the burden of pleading the special requirements of the Northwestern region on the security holders. We were obliged to prove the above described discriminatory rate conditions in Western Trunk Line territory by expert testimony, practically unaided by the railroad managements. There is no reason to suppose that the railroad executives, except under active and persistent pressure from the security holders, will take the necessary action in the future any more than in the past. The only definite action, known to us, which has so far been taken by the carriers as a result of the demonstrated 'low spot' in Western Trunk Line territory, is an application for an increase of class rates in that territory. Such application if granted, however, is calculated by the carriers to produce only \$11,528,924 extra revenue—a small part of the additional revenue required.

It is therefore necessary that the security holders shall continue to be effectively organized, so as to bring continuing pressure on the managements to assert your rights and in default of such action to make direct and independent representations, as we are now doing in the pending case.

We cite these facts to show you the necessity for your co-operation, independent of the managements of your roads, if you are to escape from the disastrous conditions now prevailing.

Much remains to be done. The scope of the pending case is indicated by the fact that over 350 large shippers and shippers' organizations have appeared through counsel, and by the fact that the record in the case consists of 12,815 pages and 495 exhibits, some of these consisting of 100 pages or more. Apart from the vitally important case now pending, the security holders should remain organized against the assaults of the shippers and the efforts of the State Commissions to secure rates which lead to bankruptcy.

This Committee feels that in common with the other Committees through the country, it has demonstrated its value to you—the security holders. We feel that we are fully justified in asking you to give us proper financial support, both for the settlement of the expenses already incurred for experts, counsel fees, &c., and for the very heavy burdens yet to come. We do not believe that you are willing to lie by and let someone else pay the cost of work of which you will obtain the benefit.

Southwest Opposes Rates—Creation of Special Rate Groups For Section Asked In Brief Before I. C. C.

From its Washington Bureau, the "Wall Street News" on April 8 reported the following:

Creation of a separate rate group in the Southwest and dismissal of the petition of carriers in the western district for an increase in freight rates insofar as it applies to the Southwest, is urged in a brief submitted to Interstate Commerce Commission by counsel for Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, the Southwestern Industrial Traffic League and other shipping organizations in that territory. The creation of such a group is justified, the brief states, because the Southwest forms a homogenous rate territory from the standpoints of states in that territory and traffic handled; the southwestern railroads are now earning in excess of the standard rate of return and are making a far better financial showing than northwestern roads; and finally that the higher freight rates in the Southwest than in the Northwest make impracticable and impossible the just application of any general or horizontal increase in freight rates, such as that sought by the western roads.

"The Southwest is suffering from unreasonable and discriminatory freight rates," the brief says. Concluding, it declares that industries

are throttled or prevented, and the development of the Southwest is retarded because it is not placed on a rate parity with the other sections of the country, and because the Southwest freight rate situation has not been adjusted.

Exemption of Americans Abroad from Income Tax.

The National Foreign Trade Council announces that so many inquiries have been made to the Council in regard to the application of the provision of the Revenue Act of 1926. Section 213-b-14, exempting Americans abroad from the payment of income tax, that it secured from the office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue of the Treasury Department an authoritative interpretation. The text of the section, and the Treasury Department's interpretation follows:

EXEMPTION OF AMERICANS ABROAD FROM INCOME TAX. Enacting Provision from the Revenue Act of 1926. (Signed February 26 1926).

Gross Income Defined.

Sec. 213. For the purposes of this title, except as otherwise provided in Section 233—

(b) The term "gross income" does not include the following items, which shall be exempt from taxation under this title:

(14) In the case of an individual citizen of the United States, a bona fide non-resident of the United States for more than six months during the taxable year, amounts received from sources without the United States if such amounts constitute earned income as defined in section 209; but such individual shall not be allowed as a deduction from his gross income any deductions properly allocable to or chargeable against amounts excluded from gross income under this paragraph.

Earned Income Defined.

Sec. 209. (a) For the purposes of this section—

(1) The term "earned income" means wages, salaries, professional fees, and other amounts received as compensation for personal services actually rendered, but does not include that part of the compensation derived by the taxpayer for personal services rendered by him to a corporation which represents a distribution of earnings or profits rather than a reasonable allowance as compensation for the personal services actually rendered. In the case of a taxpayer engaged in a trade or business in which both personal services and capital are material income producing factors, a reasonable allowance as compensation for the personal services actually rendered by the taxpayer, not in excess of 20 per centum of his share of the net profits of such trade or business, shall be considered as earned income.

In construing Sec. 213-b-14, the Bureau of Internal Revenue has said: The place where services are performed and not the place where payment for those services is made determines whether the compensation is from a source within or without the United States.

COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE.
Treasury Department.

Washington, D. C.
March 29 1926.

National Foreign Trade Council,
India House,
Hanover Square, N. Y. City.
Sirs:

Reference is made to your letter of March 20 1926, relative to Section 13 (b) (13) of the Revenue Act of 1926 providing for exemption of Americans abroad from Income Tax.

You have been informed that the Bureau has made a ruling in regard to this provision to the American Chamber of Commerce of Havana in which which ruling it was stated that the place where the services of a taxpayer are performed and not where the payment is made determines whether the compensation is from a source within or without the United States. You also refer to an article by Mr. Mitchell B. Carroll of the Division of Commercial Laws, Department of Commerce, published in the United States Daily March 16, 1926, where, in giving an interpretation of Section (213) (b) (14) it is stated that if the monthly pay check of a foreign representative is deposited in an American bank to his account, the total thus deposited will be exempt even though he draws only a part thereof from the bank. You inquire whether these rulings are correct in order that you may give authoritative information to the many inquiries which you receive relative to this section of the law.

You have been correctly informed that the place where services are rendered and not where the compensation is paid is the controlling factor in determining whether compensation represents income from sources within or without the United States within the meaning of Section 213 (b) (14). With reference to the article in the United States Daily, you are advised that if the foreign representative referred to is a United States citizen who has been outside the United States for more than six months during the taxable year, he is exempt from income tax on such portion of his income from sources without the United States as represents earned income under the definition of Section 209, and the fact that his salary or commissions were paid to him by a monthly pay check deposited to his credit in a bank in the United States will not operate to deprive him of any of the benefits of Section (B) (14) to which he would otherwise be entitled.

Respectfully,

C. R. NASH, Asst. to the Commissioner.
by H. C. Armstrong, Chief of Section.

In making public the above information, the Council says:

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue's office has also informed us that no return need be made on earned income covered by Section 213-b-14. If other income is received from sources within the United States, income must be shown if it is of taxable amount.

Bankers to Raise Prison Budget of Salvation Army.

Enthusied by Captain J. Stanley ("Red") Sheppard's account of his work as head of the Prison Department of the Salvation Army, given at a luncheon at the Bankers' Club last week, members of the Investment Houses and Private Bankers Group in the coming Salvation Army drive for \$517,000 voluntarily raised their quota from \$15,000 to \$17,500, which is the total budget of the Prison Department in this city. "Two hundred and forty-seven prisoners were released on parole to the Salvation Army in this State last

year," said Captain Sheppard, "and were given food, clothes and money for a new start in life. Forty per cent of all the men in State prisons are married, and in many cases jobs were secured for the probationed prisoners and furniture provided for their homes." The members of the banking committee who pledged their support of Captain Sheppard's work are: J. K. Cooney, Bankers Trust Co., Chairman; J. C. Andersen, Chase Securities Corporation; H. W. Beebe, the National City Co.; George W. Bovenizer, Kuhn, Loeb & Co.; Hamilton Candee, Guaranty Co. of New York; H. H. Egly, Dillon, Read & Co.; Albert C. Lord, Lee, Higginson & Co.; Walter Shepperd, Redmond & Co.; Frank M. Stanton, Harris, Forbes & Co.; John Miles Thompson, Anglo-London-Paris Co.; John E. Berdich, Bankers Trust Co.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, & C.

Elmore F. Higgins has been elected by The Bank of America, New York, as Vice-President in charge of Southern territory. Mr. Higgins, who is well-known in Southern as well as local banking circles, resigns his position as Vice-President of the National Bank of Commerce in New York to assume his new duties to-day, May 1. Mr. Higgins spent his early years in Montgomery, Ala., and entered the employ of the Merchants and Planters National Bank of Montgomery in August, 1897. Through a series of mergers this institution was absorbed by the First National Bank of Montgomery in 1906, with which he remained until May, 1912, when he resigned to go with the Fourth National Bank of Montgomery. The following December he became assistant examiner in the New Orleans Clearing House Association and was appointed national bank examiner in February, 1914, working in Georgia and subsequently in western Pennsylvania. In March, 1915, he was transferred to Chicago as assistant chief national bank examiner for the Chicago Federal Reserve District. During 1917 he was temporarily assigned as acting chief national bank examiner for the Richmond Federal Reserve District with headquarters in Richmond, Va., and was transferred in October, 1917, to Atlanta as chief national bank examiner for the Sixth Federal Reserve District, resigning April 1 1919 to become Assistant Cashier of the National Bank of Commerce in New York. He was appointed a Second Vice-President January 1 1922, and Vice-President on March 1 1924.

The opening of the new Fifth Avenue office of the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. on Monday next, May 3, was preceded by a reception on Thursday, April 29, from 3:30 p. m. to 5:00 p. m. in the afternoon. Mayor Walker, State banking officials, uptown business men and the directors of the company were accorded an opportunity to see the new quarters in the 23-story building erected on the site where, twenty years ago, the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. established the first uptown office of a downtown trust company. The company's new offices occupy the street and second floor with vaults extending two stories below the street surface. The appointments of the banking establishment, including separate accommodations for ladies, represent the latest development in banking arrangements. These are in sharp contrast to the offices opened in 1906 in the two old brownstone houses that were then typical of the neighborhood.

The National Bank of Commerce in New York announces that John J. Keenan, heretofore Assistant Cashier, and Harry A. Reed have been appointed Second Vice-Presidents.

Several changes in the Fidelity Trust Company of this city were announced by the directors on April 23, as follows: Harold C. Knapp, former Trust Officer, was promoted to Vice-President and Trust Officer; Stephen L. Viele, to Vice-President; H. G. Stenersen, to Vice-President; Stewart A. Smith to an Assistant Secretary; and James J. Gallagher and Alfred C. Loede were made Assistant Trust Officers.

P. M. Sayford, formerly Cashier and Vice-President of the Gansevoort Bank (later known as the Fourteenth Street Bank) and now associated with the Chase National Bank, has been elected Vice-President of the County Trust Co. of New York. Mr. Sayford's years of experience and his familiarity with the market and business conditions of the Chelsea neighborhood well qualify him for his new position.

P. D. Saylor has been appointed to the Advisory Board of the Madison Avenue office of the Bank of the Manhattan Co. Mr. Saylor is President of Canada Dry Ginger Ale, Inc.

The directors of the New York Title & Mortgage Co. have adopted resolutions expressing their sense of the loss suffered in the sudden death on April 23 of Cornelius P. Young, President of the company's affiliated institution, the County Trust Co. of White Plains.

Plans to increase the capital from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 of the First National Bank of Brooklyn, were ratified at a special meeting held April 20. The increased capital will become effective May 5. The stockholders have also ratified plans to increase the Board of Directors from 15 to 18 members. The three new directors chosen are: Howard S. Jones, a proprietor of the Thomas Jones Decorative Glass Company; James J. Crawford, Secretary of the Williams S. Gray & Company and George L. Holahan, Jr., an attorney of 44 Court St. Reference to a proposed submission of these plans to the stockholders was made in our issue of March 27, page 1716.

Announcement is made by the newly organized Guardian Trust Co. of New Jersey (to which we referred March 20, page 1565, and April 3, page 1872) that its investment subsidiary, the Guardian Securities Co., will commence business at 900 Broad St., Newark, on Monday next, May 3. The Securities Company has an authorized capital of \$2,500,000, all of which is owned by the Trust company. It will engage in a general investment business, including underwriting new investment issues, offering high-grade bonds and preferred stocks, and executing market orders for investment securities. James Rattray, who is also a Vice-President and a director of the Guardian Trust Co. of New Jersey, is President of the new Securities company, while the other officers are G. C. Turnbull and Oscar L. Weingarten, Vice-Presidents; Clarence O'Crowley, Secretary; Philip Lindeman, Treasurer; Harvey J. Campbell, Assistant Secretary, and Ira C. Ayers, Assistant Treasurer. Mr. Rattray, Assistant Vice-President of the Guaranty Company, New York, since 1920, and for several years prior to that time associated with the Guaranty Trust Co., resigned his position in March last to become Vice-President and a director of the Guardian Trust Co. of New Jersey, which had just been organized with a capital of \$5,000,000 and paid in surplus of \$2,500,000. Mr. Rattray has served the Guaranty Trust Co. and Guaranty Company 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 Company was organized in 1920, he was made an Assistant Vice-President. Mr. Rattray was born and educated in Aberdeen, Scotland, and gained his early business experience in Scotland and London. He came to the United States twenty years ago and commenced his banking career with the Bank of Buffalo, N. Y., where he remained until he entered the Guaranty Trust Co. in 1917. The Guardian Trust Co. of New Jersey is scheduled to open for business on or before Aug. 2, it is understood.

Effective Monday, April 26, the National Exchange Bank of Providence was taken over by the Industrial Trust Co. of that city and hereafter will be known as the Exchange branch of the latter, according to the Providence "Journal" of April 24. Formal agreement to the consolidation was effected on April 23, when representatives of both banks signed the necessary papers. A meeting of the stockholders of the absorbed institution, it is understood, will be held in the near future to vote on the recommendation of the directors that the bank go into voluntary liquidation. Charles H. W. Mandeville, the former President of the National Exchange Bank, has become Manager of the Exchange branch of the Industrial Trust Co., while Michael F. Dooley, heretofore Chairman of the Board, and Frederick S. Peck, formerly a Vice-President of the National Exchange Bank, have been elected Vice-Presidents and directors of the enlarged trust company. The other officials of the acquired bank, it is stated, have been given the same relative positions with the Industrial Trust Co. that they held in the bank. The Exchange National Bank was organized in 1801 and in 1901 celebrated its centennial. It was capitalized at \$1,250,000, with surplus and undivided profits of \$1,370,851. Its deposits approximated \$18,000,000. The Industrial Trust Co. is capitalized at \$4,000,000, with surplus and undivided profits of \$9,309,705. Prior to the taking over of the National Exchange Bank its deposits amounted to more than \$119,200,000. Samuel M. Nicholson is Chairman of the board of directors and Florrymon M. Howe, President.

Application has been made to the Comptroller of Currency through Edwin J. Goodhart, for permission to form a new bank in Yonkers, N. Y., under the name of the Palsade National Bank of Yonkers. It is proposed to form the bank with a capital of \$300,000 and surplus of \$90,000. The selling price of the stock is fixed at \$130 per share.

Special meetings of the respective stockholders of the Fidelity Trust Co. of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Trust Co. will be held on June 30 to vote on the proposed consolidation of the institutions under the title of the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co., to which reference was made in these columns in our issue of April 17.

As of April 1 1926 the Girard Trust Co. of Philadelphia has increased its capital to \$3,000,000 by the issue of \$500,000 in capital stock and has increased its surplus to \$9,000,000 by the addition of \$1,500,000 from undivided profits. During the past year the individual trust funds in care of the company have increased by more than \$51,000,000. Effingham B. Morris heads the institution.

Permission has just been granted by the Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, D. C., to organize the Granite National Bank of Brooklyn, in New York. The new banking institution will be located at 294-96 Livingston Street, facing Hanover Place. The organization work has been largely in the hands of Colonel A. W. J. Pohl, 200 Montague Street, Brooklyn, appraiser of real estate and mortgage investments. It is planned to start the new institution with a capital of \$300,000 and a surplus of \$150,000. The organizers will probably offer the stock in the proposed institution at \$160 a share, \$100 going to capital, \$50 to surplus and \$10 to cover organization expenses. The organizers and proposed directors are as follows:

A. W. J. Pohl, Chairman of Organization Committee.
Harry L. Jones, 70 Jay Street, Brooklyn, Chairman of the Board of Jones Brothers Tea Co., Inc.
Thomas V. Gould, 485 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, Vice-President and General Manager of Oppenheim-Collins & Co.
Otis S. Carroll, 40 Wall Street, Manhattan, attorney, President of Brooklyn Heights Property Owners' Association.
F. J. H. Kracke, 641 Washington Street, Manhattan, United States Appraiser of the Port of New York.
Edward J. Kenny, 44 East 23d Street, Manhattan, head of Special Department of New York Edison Co.; Vice-President of William F. Kenny Co., and Vice-President of Hickey Contracting Co.
William J. Gregory, 277 North Henry Street, Treasurer of Thomas Gregory Galvanizing Works.
Edward C. Cerny, 5410 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn, realtor.
Dr. Lawrence J. Dunn, 480 East 19th Street, Brooklyn.
George W. Baker Jr., 343 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, Vice-President of George W. Baker Shoe Co.

There will be an advisory committee, Matthew J. Carroll, 307 Washington Street, Superintendent of Bradstreet Mercantile Agency, agreeing to serve. Others will be selected later. No one has yet been selected who will have charge of the practical banking department. Plans for a new bank building have already been completed by W. T. McCarthy and Frank E. Kelly, associated. In addition to a large and spacious banking floor there will be safe deposit vaults in the basement, and the second floor will contain executive offices with possibly an apartment for Resident Superintendent. This new institution is primarily for the benefit and convenience of the Fulton Street and Livingston Street merchants. It is to be a real Brooklyn institution affiliated with no other bank or trust company. It is stated that most of the stock has already been subscribed for, and what stock may be available will be issued preferably to such people doing business in the vicinity of the new institution.

Stockholders of the Security Savings & Commercial Bank of Washington, D. C., on April 21 unanimously approved a recommendation of the directors that the capital stock of the institution be increased from \$200,000 to \$300,000. In this regard the Washington "Post" of April 22 said in part:

Under the plans approved, \$50,000 will be a stock dividend of one share for each four shares held, and the right to subscribe to the other \$50,000 will be available in the same proportion at \$300 a share. Arrangements will be made to adjust the fractional rights.

It is understood that the issue of stock has already been oversubscribed and that the completion of the plan involving the increase is awaiting the approval of the Secretary of State of West Virginia, from which State the bank has a charter.

Upon completion of the increase of capital that item will total \$300,000, the surplus will be \$250,000 and the undivided profits in excess of \$55,000.

The officials of the bank are as follows: Julius I. Peyser, President; Fred McKee and Francis C. Addison Jr., Vice-Presidents; Samuel R. Baulsir, Cashier, and L. Owen and J. L. Shipley, Assistant Cashiers.

The formal merging of the State Banking & Trust Co. and the Union Trust Co., Cleveland, was completed recently when stockholders of both institutions approved the merger, effective April 17. D. R. James, George Walters and Jas. L. Paton, of the State Bank, became Vice-Presidents of the Union Trust Co., and D. Y. LeFever, J. L. Wadsworth and Chas. J. Hodous, Assistant Vice-Presidents. The offices of the State Bank will be continued in operation with the same personnel, including the main office of the State Bank at 322 Euclid Ave., which will hereafter be known as the State office of Union Trust Co. E. S. Barkwill and D. R. James will become directors of the Union Trust Co., and C. G. Barkwill, John A. Jackson, F. E. Prasse, F. H. Rose, Jos. J. Sacha, N. R. Snell and H. H. Hackman, members of the Advisory Board. The proposed consolidation of these institutions was reported in the "Chronicle" of Mar. 27, page 1717.

O. J. Jorgenson has been appointed Sales Manager of the Bond Department of the Central Trust Co. of Illinois. Mr. Jorgenson has been connected with the Central Trust Co. Bond Department for the past five years.

The following showing the increase in bank deposits in Detroit during the past five years, is taken from an article entitled "Banks Reveal City's Growth," which appeared in the Detroit "Free Press" of April 18:

Impressive proof of the prosperous growth of Detroit is seen in the fact that total deposits of the downtown banks have increased \$359,897,000 in the last five years. This increase amounting to \$87.87%, is equivalent to approximately seven-eighths of the total deposits of \$409,574,000 accumulated by downtown banks in all their years in business preceding 1921.

Total deposits of the four national banks and 12 State and savings banks operating in Detroit's central financial district, are revealed in their latest statements in response to the call for a report at the close of business April 12 1926, as \$769,471,000. Statements of the downtown banks at the close of business April 28 1921 disclosed total deposits of \$409,574,000.

The comparison with the period of approximately five years ago is believed to have special interest from the fact that at the date of the call in 1921 the post-war inflation had largely been eliminated and the readjustment period was practically closing, the bank statements in consequence revealing the total deposits at just about the time when the upward movement in deposits was initiated.

The expansion in business and growth of employment in Detroit in the intervening years is reflected in the fact that for the five-year period the annual increase in deposits averaged \$71,979,400. In this connection it is interesting also to note that total deposits of the downtown Detroit banks amounted to \$688,829,000 in the reports published in response to the call for a statement of condition at the close of business April 6 1925. In approximately one year, preceding the date of the latest call, total deposits have increased \$80,642,000, which is \$8,662,600 more than the annual average for the five-year period.

The growth of deposits in Detroit banks and continuing prosperity of the business interests of the city are further indicated in comparison with the figures presented in response to the call of December 31 1925, which was the most recent one preceding the statements of April 12 1926. The total deposits on Dec. 31 last amounted to \$759,897,000, the increase from that date to the totals shown in the latest call being \$9,574,000.

Despite enormous expenditures for real estate, for automobiles, for radio outfits and for other items of necessity or luxury in Detroit during the last year, savings deposits on April 12 1926 constituted \$375,492,000 of the banks' total deposits of \$766,471,000. Compared with \$333,243,000 in savings deposits on April 28 1925, this is an increase of \$42,249,000. In comparison with savings deposits of \$369,698,000 on Dec. 31 1925, the increase to April 12 this year was \$5,794,000.

Estimating the total population of Detroit at 1,500,000, the \$359,897,000 increase in total bank deposits in the last five years shows a per capita increase of \$239.91. With the same estimate of population, the total of savings deposits on April 12 this year is equivalent to \$250.32 per capita.

The deposits reported in statements of the downtown banks on April 12 1926, with the increase for each from April 28 1921, are as follows:

Banks—	Deposits April 12 1926.	Increase over April 28 1921.
Peoples State Bank	\$150,177,000	\$63,260,000
Wayne County & Home	111,035,000	42,206,000
First National Bank	98,625,000	37,837,000
Dime Savings Bank	58,875,000	27,221,000
National Bank of Commerce	56,342,000	32,105,000
Peninsular State	49,111,000	20,735,000
Bank of Detroit	44,395,000	26,635,000
Detroit Savings	38,826,000	16,256,000
Central Savings	37,548,000	21,567,000
American State	31,579,000	17,088,000
Merchants National	26,103,000	15,765,000
First State of Detroit	21,128,000	9,360,000
Com.-Fed. Savings	14,297,000	5,462,000
United Savings	13,896,000	6,907,000
Griswold National	9,471,000	9,471,000
Com. State Savings	8,063,000	8,063,000
Totals	\$769,471,000	\$359,897,000

The St. Paul "Pioneer-Press" of April 26 stated that the National Exchange Bank of that city had been purchased by a group of business men long identified with St. Paul's most substantial business and financial interests. Announcement of the purchase was made on Sunday, April 25, following a meeting of the directors of the bank and its new owners the previous evening. The new organization, which assumes and guarantees payment, it is understood, of the deposit

liabilities of the old bank, will be operated under a new national charter and will be known as the National Exchange Bank in St. Paul. It will have a combined capital and surplus of \$350,000. David C. Shepard, Vice-President of Finch, Van Slyck & McConville, and a director of the First National Bank of St. Paul, will head the new institution, with C. E. Johnson, former Vice-President and liquidating agent of the old National Capitol Bank of St. Paul, as Vice-President. Clarence T. Dedon, heretofore Cashier of the National Exchange Bank, will continue with the new organization in the same capacity. Business will continue at the same location without interruption, it is stated.

Proposed consolidation of the Union State Bank of Minneapolis with the Midland National Bank & Trust Co. of that city was announced on Apr. 24 by Chas. B. Mills, the President of the latter, according to the St. Paul "Pioneer Press" of April 26. Mr. Mills stated that all the officials and employees of the Union State Bank would continue with the enlarged institution.

The Farmers' & Mechanics' Bank and the American Exchange Bank, both of Sedalia, Mo., which closed their doors on March 24 last, were reopened for business on April 21, according to a dispatch from that place to the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" on April 20. Continuing, the dispatch said:

The State Finance Department has passed its approval on the reopening plans, every requirement having been fully met. Examiners L. J. Mulligan and Joseph Zick will be with the banks the first day or two after reopening, after which they will depart.

The closing of the institutions was noted in these columns in the "Chronicle" of March 27 last.

A dispatch from Nicholasville, Ky., on April 13 to the Louisville "Courier-Journal" reported the voluntary closing on that day by its directors of the Wilmore Deposit Bank of Wilmore, Ky., and the turning over of its assets for liquidation to the State Banking Commissioner. The dispatch said in part:

The action of the board of directors followed the regular examination by S. A. Phillips, Deputy Banking Commissioner, and Examiners W. L. Coons and H. H. Shanks, who advised them of their inability to continue operation on the bank's present assets. The closing of the bank was caused by frozen and uncollectible loans, accumulated over a period of years.

The bank was organized in 1900 and at the time of closing had a capital stock of \$75,000; surplus, \$5,000; deposits, \$315,000; loans and discounts, \$386,000, and bills payable, \$57,500. James M. Lowry was President and J. L. Gaugh, Cashier.

On Saturday evening, April 10, the Atlantic National Bank of Jacksonville, Fla., formally opened the ten-story annex to its bank building, fronting on West Adams Street, which it had had under construction for some time. More than 12,000 persons visited the institution and inspected the handsome new quarters. Throughout the evening favors and souvenirs, the latter in the form of a booklet containing a brief history of the institution, were distributed. Quantities of flowers, the gifts of clients and friends of the bank, were sent to mark the occasion. The Atlantic National Bank, which is said to be the largest bank in Florida and listed among the hundred largest banking institutions in the United States, has a combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of nearly \$3,000,000 and deposits in excess of \$50,000,000 (not including, it is understood, its subsidiaries, the Springfield, Riverside and Fairfield Atlantic banks, which are owned pro rata by the shareholders of the Atlantic National Bank). The bank was founded in 1903 with a capital of \$350,000. Edward E. Lane is President.

THE CURB MARKET.

Trading in the Curb Market this week was very quiet with price movements irregular and confined to narrow fluctuations. Oil shares showed some strength, Humble Oil & Refining after early decline from 66½ to 62½ sold up to 68½ and at 67¼ finally. Illinois Pipe Line gained a point to 144½. Ohio Oil after loss of about a point to 60 jumped to 62 and sold to-day at 61¾. Prairie Oil & Gas rose from 54½ to 56¾ and finished to-day at 56¾. Standard Oil (Nebraska) improved some 7 points to 264. Cumberland Pipe Line sold down from 120 to 110 and at 111½ finally. In the industrial section a feature was the beginning of trading in the new no par value stock of the General Electric Co. "when issued." It opened at \$1, ranged between 80¼ and 83¼ and closed to-day at 81¾. Auburn Automobile com. advanced from 49½ to 55¾ and ends the week at 55.

Continental Baking, class A, sold down from 85 $\frac{7}{8}$ to 82 but recovered finally to 84. Class B stock was off 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ points to 12 $\frac{5}{8}$, the close to-day being at 12 $\frac{3}{4}$. Electric Refrigeration improved from 62 to 65 and sold finally at 64 $\frac{1}{8}$. Ford Motor of Canada fell from 523 to 445 but recovered to 475. Glen Alden Coal fluctuated between 157 $\frac{3}{4}$ and 159 during the week and to-day jumped to 162, with the close at 161. Public utilities were quiet. American Light & Traction com. lost about 5 points to 206. American Power & Light com. advanced from 53 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 55 $\frac{7}{8}$ and closed to-day at 55.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 2479.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET

Week Ended April 30	STOCKS (No. Shares)			BONDS (Par Value)	
	Ind. & Mts.	Oil	Mining.	Domestic.	For'n Govt.
Saturday	93,870	104,210	33,420	\$868,000	\$168,000
Monday	139,220	139,250	53,530	1,551,000	374,000
Tuesday	172,660	199,440	46,600	1,310,000	324,000
Wednesday	135,130	189,040	42,090	1,604,000	326,000
Thursday	175,320	141,800	50,900	2,065,000	136,000
Friday	152,000	180,800	25,400	1,904,000	197,000
Total	868,200	954,540	251,940	\$9,302,000	\$1,485,000

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The stock market this week has displayed considerable irregularity. Speculative activity has centered largely around motor stocks and high-priced specialties, though there was moderate improvement manifested in a number of industrials, and toward the end of the week renewed activity in the oil stocks was apparent. The outstanding feature of the trading on Saturday was the strength of General Motors, which moved briskly forward 5 points to a new high for recent trading. General Electric was also in strong demand and closed at 325, scoring a net gain of 19 points, this substantial gain being in a large measure the direct result of the plan announced for dividing the present stock issue on the basis of one to four in new shares. Railroad stocks moved into the foreground on Monday, Nickel Plate, Chesapeake & Ohio and Pere Marquette leading the forward movement, followed by Norfolk & Western, Baltimore & Ohio and New York Central. Industrial stocks did not do so well, the heavy realizing sales in this section forcing many of the more active issues to lower levels. Some of the stocks that made the largest gains in recent trading declined from one to five points. Automobile stocks were prominent in the recessions, General Motors slipping back 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ points to 126 $\frac{7}{8}$, Hudson Motors yielding 4 $\frac{1}{8}$ points and Jordan dropping back 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ points. Many specialties declined from one to five points and United States Steel common receded below 122. Price movements were somewhat irregular on Tuesday, gains in some parts of the list being offset by losses in other parts. The feature of the day was the strength in Interborough Rapid Transit, which had a brisk advance of 3 points to above 46. Motor stocks also were in strong demand at generally advancing prices, General Motors making a gain of 3 points at its high for the day, though part of the advance was lost in the closing hour. Under the leadership of the motor stocks the market again moved forward on Wednesday, General Motors leading the upswing with an advance of 4 points to a new high for the year, and prices in some of the leading stocks advanced as high as 7 points. The announcement after the close on Tuesday that United States Steel common had been established on a 7% dividend basis had a stimulating effect on many of the issues in the industrial list, a number of the more active stocks moving forward to higher levels. Oil shares displayed considerable improvement, Atlantic Refining moving up 7 points to above 116 and establishing a new high for recent years. General Electric was prominent in the last hour and moved briskly forward 5 points to 323 $\frac{3}{4}$. The market again moved forward in the forenoon on Thursday, General Motors and United States Steel common leading the upswing with substantial gains. In the final hour, however, selling activities predominated and prices reacted downward, the advances of the morning being greatly reduced or entirely lost. General Electric continued to move forward and several of the railroad issues improved in the final hour. Oil stocks moved forward, interest in these stocks being stimulated by Skelly Oil, which established a new high at 36 $\frac{1}{2}$, though it lost part of its gain later on. Price movements were mixed on Friday, both advances and declines occurring simultaneously in the general list. Oil shares were particularly prominent in the early trading, Panhandle Producing & Refining standing out conspicuously because of its gain of

nearly 10 points in the preferred stock, and more than 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ points in the common. Copper stocks also were in strong demand at improving prices, Anaconda reaching a new high at 46 $\frac{5}{8}$. Industrial stocks were weak and railroad shares were heavy. The final tone was weak.

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

Week Ended April 30	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
Saturday	922,007	\$6,367,000	\$1,463,500	\$465,300
Monday	1,487,680	8,035,000	2,790,000	921,500
Tuesday	1,040,118	10,162,000	2,684,000	1,351,250
Wednesday	1,139,365	8,656,000	1,985,500	1,145,500
Thursday	1,470,745	8,578,000	2,636,000	1,042,650
Friday	1,213,000	10,388,000	2,566,000	930,000
Total	7,272,915	\$52,186,000	\$14,115,000	\$5,856,200

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended April 30		Jan. 1 to April 30,	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Stocks—No. shares	7,272,915	5,521,906	157,756,546	138,773,799
Bonds.				
Government bonds	\$5,856,200	\$6,273,850	\$106,508,900	\$142,903,860
State & foreign bonds	14,115,000	15,151,200	211,076,350	219,826,300
Railroad & misc. bonds	52,186,000	47,208,000	792,300,200	944,797,500
Total bonds	\$72,157,200	\$68,633,050	\$1,109,885,450	\$1,037,527,660

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES

Week Ended April 30.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	48,919	\$8,000	11,520	\$29,000	1,511	\$2,000
Monday	34,522	31,000	19,191	16,000	1,314	16,100
Tuesday	20,680	23,100	16,975	22,400	1,677	17,300
Wednesday	23,960	39,950	12,531	21,500	1,851	42,900
Thursday	32,357	45,000	35,723	49,100	1,443	21,000
Friday	16,790	8,000	32,400	32,000	1,424	4,000
Total	177,228	\$154,950	128,340	\$170,000	9,220	\$103,300
Prev. week revised	88,100	\$105,750	157,184	\$137,300	12,130	\$128,000

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings the present week will show a decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year but this follows entirely from the fact that the May 1 payments, which last year counted in the present week, will this year not be cleared until next Monday. Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ending to-day (Saturday, May 1) bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will fall 3.4% below those for the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$10,109,680,049, against \$10,459,274,532 for the same week in 1925. At this centre there is a decrease for the five days of 4.0%. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended May 1.	1926.	1925.	Per Cent.
New York	\$4,798,000,000	\$4,995,379,951	—4.0
Chicago	553,004,698	636,274,721	—13.1
Philadelphia	446,000,000	432,000,000	+3.2
Boston	394,000,000	348,000,000	+13.2
Kansas City	106,412,223	100,645,619	+5.7
St. Louis	115,000,000	111,700,000	+2.9
San Francisco	147,734,000	145,444,000	+1.6
Los Angeles	130,029,000	120,475,000	+7.9
Pittsburgh	135,957,118	140,898,116	—3.5
Detroit	133,539,271	129,341,682	+3.2
Cleveland	99,945,744	86,726,945	+15.2
Baltimore	96,466,440	87,489,764	+10.3
New Orleans	51,573,969	46,880,896	+10.0
Thirteen cities, five days	\$7,207,662,463	\$7,381,256,694	—2.4
Other cities, five days	1,050,404,245	954,807,045	+10.0
Total all cities, five days	\$8,258,066,708	\$8,336,063,739	—0.9
All cities, one day	1,851,613,341	2,123,210,793	—12.8
Total all cities for week	\$10,109,680,049	\$10,459,274,532	—3.4

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 April 24. For that week there is an increase of 12.1%, the 1926 aggregate of the clearings being \$10,098,434,880 and the 1925 aggregate \$9,005,253,249. Outside of New York City there is an increase of 6.6%, the bank exchanges at this centre recording a gain of 16.4%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the Boston Reserve District there is a gain of 25.6% and in the New York Reserve District (including this city) of 16.2%, while in the Philadelphia Reserve District there is a decrease of 1.7%. The Cleveland Reserve District has a gain of 1.9%, the Richmond Reserve District

of 12.3% and the Atlanta Reserve District of 10.2%. In the Chicago Reserve District the totals are larger by only 0.6%, but in the St. Louis Reserve District by 10.3% and in the Minneapolis Reserve District by 0.8%. The Kansas City Reserve District has a trifling loss, namely 0.3%. The Dallas Reserve District shows 4.7% improvement and the San Francisco Reserve District 14.9%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week Ended April 24.	1926.	1925.	Inc. or Dec.	1924.	1923.
Federal Reserve Districts.					
1st Boston.....12 cities	513,421,373	408,715,676	+25.6	442,727,956	439,261,257
2nd New York.....11 "	6,046,005,946	5,200,447,915	+16.2	4,684,737,431	4,304,089,817
3rd Philadelphia.....11 "	585,181,066	595,459,119	-1.7	552,739,832	486,620,288
4th Cleveland.....11 "	390,435,130	383,301,171	+1.9	372,852,380	379,049,615
5th Richmond.....8 "	14,968,737	191,446,772	+12.3	181,866,770	161,191,677
6th Atlanta.....13 "	221,565,083	227,329,096	+2.6	178,649,367	159,136,119
7th Chicago.....13 "	921,605,437	913,915,234	+0.8	877,482,026	887,975,492
8th St. Louis.....8 "	224,917,172	203,915,234	+10.3	189,876,874	162,809,065
9th Minneapolis.....7 "	115,884,382	114,983,214	+0.8	105,319,513	105,214,792
10th Kansas City.....12 "	233,528,174	234,272,135	-0.3	209,215,349	235,477,783
11th Dallas.....5 "	65,303,287	62,382,711	+4.7	53,439,560	49,057,844
12th San Francisco.....17 "	533,599,093	464,342,396	+14.9	441,457,158	443,988,894
Grand total.....129 cities	10,098,434,880	9,005,253,249	+12.1	8,296,364,316	7,714,872,643
Outside New York City.....	4,178,759,802	3,918,531,910	+6.6	3,712,574,733	3,522,125,997
Canada.....29 cities	352,663,738	308,946,113	+14.1	241,888,014	299,611,481

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

Clearings at—	1926.	1925.	Inc. or Dec.	1924.	1923.
First Federal Reserve District—Boston					
Maine—Bangor.....	644,670	647,208	-0.4	764,279	622,373
Portland.....	2,810,452	2,791,497	+0.7	2,689,169	2,811,864
Mass.—Boston.....	461,000,000	362,000,000	+27.3	395,000,000	393,000,000
Fall River.....	1,863,827	1,957,297	-4.8	2,100,194	2,075,522
Holyoke.....	a	a	a	a	a
Lowell.....	4,761,000	953,709	+399.2	1,188,123	1,218,727
Lynn.....	a	a	a	a	a
New Bedford.....	1,184,716	1,273,550	-7.0	1,201,131	1,349,575
Springfield.....	4,790,633	5,166,338	-7.3	5,340,476	4,905,170
Worcester.....	3,056,923	3,094,573	-1.2	3,824,860	3,816,000
Conn.—Hartford.....	14,572,752	11,892,137	+22.6	13,336,966	11,245,769
New Haven.....	6,628,394	6,215,462	+6.6	6,524,736	6,005,058
R. I.—Providence.....	11,611,200	12,214,400	-4.9	10,200,700	10,562,200
N. H.—Manchester.....	496,806	512,505	-3.1	557,322	648,999
Total (12 cities)	513,421,373	408,715,676	+25.6	442,727,956	439,261,257
Second Federal Reserve District—New York					
N. Y.—Albany.....	6,545,223	10,516,084	-37.8	5,007,476	5,091,311
Binghamton.....	1,015,700	994,500	+2.1	754,500	950,500
Buffalo.....	d55,774,021	51,235,488	+8.8	44,518,716	46,359,612
Elmira.....	1,043,815	892,009	+17.0	657,536	705,907
Jamestown.....	a	1,426,962	+2.1	1,083,267	1,100,255
New York.....	5,919,675,078	5,086,721,339	+16.4	4,583,789,583	4,192,746,646
Rochester.....	11,377,140	10,252,487	+11.0	9,611,766	10,106,001
Syracuse.....	5,179,919	4,345,991	+19.1	4,255,273	4,405,455
Conn.—Stamford.....	c3,740,785	3,532,619	+5.9	2,762,785	2,847,678
N. J.—Montclair.....	1,974,613	453,387	+335.5	462,263	453,615
Southern N. J.....	38,223,207	30,075,154	+27.1	31,834,266	38,422,837
Total (11 cities)	6,046,005,946	5,200,447,915	+16.2	4,684,737,431	4,304,089,817
Third Federal Reserve District—Philadelphia					
Pa.—Allentown.....	1,650,752	1,366,741	+20.8	1,442,932	1,451,596
Bethlehem.....	5,160,963	4,164,842	+23.9	4,066,512	4,877,645
Chester.....	1,462,328	1,289,598	+13.4	1,137,581	1,130,577
Lancaster.....	2,018,064	2,963,856	-31.9	2,872,636	2,761,202
Philadelphia.....	553,000,000	565,000,000	-2.1	523,000,000	459,000,000
Reading.....	3,945,851	3,522,403	+12.0	4,590,628	3,465,890
Scranton.....	6,510,397	5,696,291	+14.3	5,447,803	4,873,380
Wilkes-Barre.....	d4,049,087	4,278,007	-5.4	3,293,664	3,085,992
York.....	1,894,007	1,685,415	+12.4	1,702,264	1,498,260
N. J.—Trenton.....	5,491,617	5,491,966	-0.007	5,185,812	4,475,746
Del.—Wilmington.....	a	a	a	a	a
Total (10 cities)	585,181,066	595,459,119	-1.7	552,739,832	486,620,288
Fourth Federal Reserve District—Cleveland					
Ohio—Akron.....	d6,548,000	5,171,000	+26.6	7,666,000	6,278,000
Canton.....	3,545,228	3,831,449	-7.5	4,486,310	4,709,384
Cincinnati.....	70,832,916	68,438,866	+3.5	63,825,958	65,998,799
Cleveland.....	110,821,112	109,962,789	+0.8	103,526,444	106,044,331
Columbus.....	15,710,600	13,043,400	+20.4	11,227,700	15,916,400
Dayton.....	a	a	a	a	a
Li.aa.....	a	a	a	a	a
Mansfield.....	d2,455,468	1,926,256	+27.5	1,716,382	1,657,860
Springfield.....	a	a	a	a	a
Toledo.....	a	a	a	a	a
Youngstown.....	4,054,875	3,978,744	+1.9	3,829,946	3,292,432
Pa.—Erie.....	a	a	a	a	a
Pittsburgh.....	176,466,931	176,948,667	-0.3	176,575,640	175,152,409
Total (8 cities)	390,435,130	383,301,171	+1.9	372,852,380	379,049,615
Fifth Federal Reserve District—Richmond					
W. Va.—Hunt'g'n.....	1,414,446	1,352,073	+4.6	1,831,776	1,954,386
Va.—Norfolk.....	d8,108,181	8,405,063	-3.5	6,536,863	6,274,480
Richmond.....	47,193,000	50,142,000	-5.9	52,495,000	42,925,000
S. C.—Charleston.....	d2,159,332	2,584,016	-16.4	2,113,816	2,184,530
Md.—Baltimore.....	129,901,588	103,993,027	+24.9	97,932,315	88,174,194
D. C.—Washington.....	26,192,190	24,969,593	+4.9	20,937,000	19,679,087
Total (6 cities)	214,968,737	191,445,772	+12.3	181,866,770	161,191,677
Sixth Federal Reserve District—Atlanta					
Tenn.—Chatt'ga.....	d10,619,423	7,498,007	+41.6	6,505,792	6,415,340
Knoxville.....	3,015,315	3,685,180	-19.2	2,874,556	2,975,661
Nashville.....	21,027,495	21,205,572	-0.9	20,899,055	20,645,643
Georgia—Atlanta.....	72,857,319	64,858,248	+12.4	46,288,304	41,695,069
Augusta.....	1,930,950	1,803,912	+7.0	*1,500,000	2,012,692
Macon.....	1,915,973	1,434,285	+33.6	1,181,814	1,048,836
Savannah.....	a	a	a	a	a
Fla.—Jacksonville.....	34,919,174	26,026,675	+34.2	14,528,324	12,230,155
Miami.....	16,514,319	17,584,532	-6.4	3,798,732	a
Ala.—Birmingham.....	29,718,729	27,289,846	+8.9	24,955,059	22,852,356
Mobile.....	1,712,925	1,723,945	-0.7	1,661,681	1,753,240
Miss.—Jackson.....	1,509,000	1,129,000	+33.6	863,829	799,583
Vicksburg.....	321,292	299,022	+7.4	221,860	214,706
La.—New Orleans.....	54,493,139	52,790,872	+3.2	53,070,361	46,622,838
Total (13 cities)	250,585,083	227,329,096	+10.2	178,649,367	159,136,119

Clearings at—

Week Ending April 24.

	1926.	1925.	Inc. or Dec.	1924.	1923.
Seventh Federal Reserve District—Chicago					
Mich.—Adrian.....	263,374	262,878	+0.2	248,505	178,516
Ann Arbor.....	880,307	670,818	+31.2	550,086	592,267
Detroit.....	182,241,916	172,364,337	+5.7	159,780,622	144,799,880
Grand Rapids.....	8,193,996	6,700,322	+22.3	6,391,590	6,037,021
Lansing.....	2,200,000	2,193,552	+0.3	2,160,124	2,095,827
Ind.—Ft. Wayne.....	2,511,195	2,459,332	+2.1	2,404,475	2,174,895
Indianapolis.....	22,350,000	14,783,000	+51.2	16,776,000	18,147,000
South Bend.....	2,706,000	2,585,000	+4.7	2,270,000	2,411,800
Terre Haute.....	4,616,634	5,056,572	-8.7	5,154,930	6,016,930
Wis.—Milwaukee.....	39,422,085	34,690,100	+13.6	32,289,248	33,458,230
Iowa.—Ced. Rap.....	2,336,087	2,471,357	-5.5	2,252,330	2,357,630
Des Moines.....	10,491,130	11,210,656	-6.4	10,069,104	10,628,760
Sioux City.....	6,852,037	7,091,689	-3.4	5,899,848	5,607,264
Waterloo.....	1,285,167	1,325,858	-3.1	1,330,135	1,300,372
Ill.—Bloomington.....	1,763,253	1,415,332	+24.6	1,386,831	1,245,667
Chicago.....	624,659,104	643,183,981	-2.9	618,004,336	640,784,787
Danville.....	a	a	a	a	a
Decatur.....	1,261,740	1,401,463	-10.0	1,455,512	1,177,284
Peoria.....	4,797,128	4,155,078	+15.4	4,108,462	4,240,136
Rockford.....	3,295,150	2,359,627	+39.6	2,435,276	2,194,484
Springfield.....	2,479,134	2,277,858	+8.8	2,515,612	2,526,742
Total (20 cities)	924,605,437	918,658,810	+0.6	877,482,026	887,975,492
Eighth Federal Reserve District—St. Louis					
Ind.—Evansville.....	5,610,259	5,926,188	-5.3	4,678,555	4,771,475
Mo.—St. Louis.....	149,500,000	134,200,000	+11.4	125,300,000	127,938,911
Ky.—Louisville.....	32,024,588	30,931,429	+3.5	28,610,803	27,938,911
Ownesboro.....	299,095	278,616	+7.3	281,575	408,894
Tenn.—Memphis.....	20,862,165	18,753,598	+11.2	18,565,487	17,392,169
Ark.—Little Rock.....	14,513,542	11,955,358	+21.4	10,667,905	10,697,568
Ill.—Jacksonville.....	378,592	351,065	+7.8	335,577	351,003
Quincy.....	1,728,931	1,518,980	+13.8	1,371,833	1,267,245
Total (8 cities)	224,917,172	203,915,234	+10.3	189,876,874	62,809,065
Ninth Federal Reserve District—Minneapolis					
Minn.—Duluth.....	d6,402,455	8,118,689	-21.1	5,132,638	6,354,824
Minneapolis.....	73,625,502	71,998,134	+2.3	64,303,670	61,470,837
St. Paul.....	29,381,548	28,771,822	+2.1	31,587,051	32,020,253
No. Dak.—Fargo.....	1,922,707	1,762,424	+9.1	1,625,660	1,745,454
S. D.—Aberdeen.....	1,307,322	1,231,901	+6.1	1,198,894	1,182,755
Mont.—Billings.....	484,946	508,260	-4.6	387,711	490,387
Helena.....	2,759,902	2,591,984	+6.5	2,183,889	2,950,282
Total (7 cities)	115,884,382	114,983,214	+0.8	106,319,513	106,214,792
Tenth Federal Reserve District—Kansas City					
Neb.—Fremont.....	c321,544	326,313	-1.5	409,604	384,577
Hastings.....	550,711	482,512	+14.1	405,186	413,749
Lincoln.....	3,852,703	4,372,028	-11.9	3,436,799	3,758,991
Omaha.....	38,305,119	37,880,516	+1.1	35,039,435	39,450,887
Kan.—Topeka.....	d2,727,458	3,275,158	-16.8	2,533,250	2,815,573
Wichita.....	d7,773,685	7,194,398	+8.0	6,823,000	9,813,892
Mo.—Kan. City.....	125,818,917	125,793,719	+0.01	114,434,004	137,333,462
St. Joseph.....	d6,923,225	6,586,663	+4.0	5,991,206	a
Okla.—Okla. City.....	d27,453,056	25,938,269	+5.9	20,122,879	20,863,300
Colo.—Colo. Spgs.....	1,065,132	1,187,140	-10.3	1,000,593	1,049,414
Denver.....	17,519,633	20,127,045	-13.0	18,285,869	18,801,524
Pueblo.....	1,186,997	1,036,374	+14.5	860,614	792,414
Total (12 cities)	233,528,174	234,272,135	-0.3	209,215,349	235,477,783
Eleventh Federal Reserve District—Dallas					
Texas—Austin.....	1,246,285	1,510,734	-17.1	1,332,028	2,039,412
Dallas.....	40,743,962	40,050,057	+1.7	33,518,101	27,100,000
Fort Worth.....	d10,949,576	9,711,631	+12.7	8,708,608	8,677,552
Galveston.....	7,737,847	6,559,431	+15.0	5,201,496	6,740,635
Houston.....	a	a	a	a	a
La.—Shreveport.....	4,625,617	4,549,928	+1.7	4,679,427	4,500,245
Total (5 cities)	65,303,287	62,382,711	+4.7	53,439,660	49,057,844
Twelfth Federal Reserve District—San Francisco					
Wash.—Seattle.....	50,573,425	39,041,932	+29.5	35,292,078	38,008,573
Spokane.....	11,490,000	10,710,000	+7.3	10,276,000	10,056,000
Tacoma.....	a	a	a	a	a
Yakima.....	1,266,929	1,303,755	-2.8	1,004,747	1,274,163
Ore.—Portland.....	39,552,556	39,073,000	+1.2	40,940,232	38,340,834
Utah—Salt L. Cy.....	18,128,085	17,275,497	+4.9	14,092,222	14,082,408
Nevada—Reno.....	a	a	a	a	a
Arizona—Phoenix.....	a	a	a	a	a
Calif.—Fresno.....	4,424,155	2,751,268	+60.8	3,315,268	3,552,322
Long Beach.....	7,772,838	7,095,633	+9.5	7,316,788	8,249,255
Los Angeles.....	170,361,000	141,934,000	+20.0	139,498,000	136,051,000
Oakland.....	21,457,449	19,198,982	+7.7	15,490,166	15,323,432
Pasadena.....	6,248,618	5,835,564	+7.1	5,273,009	4,862,160
Sacramento.....	d7,486,053	7,337,654	+2.0	7,146,421	5,890,616
San Diego.....	5,898,329	4,596,120	+28.3	3,773,441	3,325,483
San Francisco.....	180,011,000	159,261,000	+13.0	150,600,000	158,200,000
San Jose.....	2,402,301	2,456,092	-2.2	2,139,038	2,330,395
Santa Barbara.....	1,595,538	1,250,296	+27.6	998,878	970,753
Santa Monica.....	2,182,517	2,007,603	+8.7	2,014,470	a
Stockton.....	2,748,300	2,493,500	+10.2	2,285,800	3,471,500
Total (17 cities)	533,599,093	464,342,396	+14.9	441,457,158	443,988,894
Grand total (129 cities)	10,098,434,880	9,005,253,249	+12.1	8,296,364,316	7,714,872,643
Outside N. Y.....	4,178,759,802	3,918,531,910	+6.6	3,712,574,733	3,522,125,997
Week Ended April 22.					
Clearings at—	1926.	1925.	Inc. or Dec.	1924.	1923.
Canada—					
Montreal.....	\$ 113,070,815	\$ 88,479,494	+27.9	\$ 68,465,403	\$ 99,267,558
Toronto.....	113,413,250	88,298,100	+28.4	66,628,527	98,320,692
Winnipeg.....	43,574,559	61,169,382	-28.8	47,818,708	55,734,001
Vancouver.....	17,255,795	15,187,083	+16.0	12,718,118	14,339,804
Ottawa.....	7,602,990	6,792,743	+11.9	5,073,162	5,537,803
Quebec.....	5,474,376	5,033,567	-5.0	5,544,946	5,083,468
Halifax.....	2,528,815	2,040,239	+16.8	2,211,901	2,916,721
Hamilton.....	4,985,319	4,944,405	+0.9	4,095,724	5,502,683
Calgary.....	7,523,551	5,957,357	+26.3	5,477,362	4,251,884
St. John.....	2,820,589	2,652,189	+6.3	2,133,021	2,725,163
Victoria.....	2,249,713	2,004,170	+12.2	2,054,887	1,927,367
London.....	2,843,828	2,564,509	+10.9	1,957,450	2,637,502
Edmonton.....	5,248,989	4,420,508	+18.7	3,250,254	3,897,566
Regina.....	8,026,885	3,310,618	+142.4	2,330,689	3,138,452
Brandon.....	652,220	602,972	+8.2	425,145	487,130
Lethbridge.....	563,059	477,066	+18.0	425,355	482,991
Saskatoon.....	2,056,048	1,687,296	+21.8	1,251,257	1,460,506
Moose Jaw.....	1,071,139	1,212,358	-4.2	904,544	1,022,623
Brantford.....	655,061	926,266	+15.7	747,065	999,017
Fort William.....	908,385	598,616	-26.9	651,296	642,491
New Westminster.....	291,066	574,372	+58.9	504,388	650,122
Medicine Hat.....	738,716	275,799	+5.1	289,285	248,576
Peterborough.....	800,023	833,952	-11.4	730,956	726,248
Sherbrooke.....	932,674	767,048	+4.3	874,927	816,357
Kitchener.....	3,941,198	3,350,875	+17.6	3,226,983	3,842,227
Windsor.....	465,604	309,318	+50.5	247,507	1,018,057
Prince Albert.....	782,090	898,702	-13.0	732,706	1,724,541
Moncton.....	723,107	616,407	+17.3	492,576	518,492
Kingston.....					
Total (29 cities)	352,663,738	308,946,113	+14.1	241,888,014	299,611,481

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of April 7 1926:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes on the 31st ult. amounted to £145,333,615 as compared with £145,366,305 on the previous Wednesday. About £50,000 Bar Gold was available in the open market this week and was divided between India, the Straits Settlements and the Trade. Since our last letter the following movements of gold to and from the Bank of England have been announced:

	April 1.	April 3.	April 6.	April 7.
Received	£20,000	£17,000	£23,000	£17,000
Withdrawn				

The destinations of the £37,000 sovereigns withdrawn were as follows: £20,000 to Argentina, £17,000 to India. On the above four days there was a withdrawal from the Bank of £77,000, making the net influx since the 1st January 1926 £2,117,000, and the net efflux since the resumption of an effective gold standard £9,478,000.

United Kingdom imports and exports of gold during the week ending the 31st ult. were:

Imports—	Exports—
British South Africa.....\$154,529	Germany.....£39,175
Other countries.....15,069	Netherlands.....82,300
	France.....76,993
	British India.....33,000
	Straits Settlements.....102,670
	Other countries.....21,714

Total.....£169,598 Total.....£355,852

It is reported in the Press that a discovery of gold deposits has been made in Panama that promises to be of considerable importance.

SILVER.

The course of events in China has induced fresh weakness, and some considerable selling. Support, however, has been forth-coming from the Indian Bazaars at the lower prices that have now been touched. America and the Continent have not been factors of any importance.

After remaining since February 3rd between 30d. and 31d. the price has now gone below that level. The prices reached yesterday, 29½d., for cash and 29 15-16d. for two months' delivery, were the lowest for a period verging upon ten years namely, in the case of the former since July 20th 1916, and in the case of the latter since July 25 1916.

If, as is possible, the Director of the United States Mint is empowered to buy the fourteen million ounces of silver under the Pittman Act, the retention for the purpose of this quantity of the United States production is hardly likely to check the heaviness of the market in face of continued Chinese selling such as of late.

United Kingdom imports and exports of silver during the week ending the 31st ultimo were:

Imports—	Exports—
Germany.....£76,229	France.....£13,703
United States of America.....19,341	British India.....115,000
Mexico.....106,415	Other countries.....16,869
Other countries.....13,907	

Total.....£215,892 Total.....£145,572

No fresh Indian Currency Return has come to hand.

The stock in Shanghai on the 6th inst. consisted of about 58,800,000 ounces in sycee, 70,000,000 dollars, and 8,730 silver bars, as compared with about 56,600,000 ounces in sycee, 71,900,000 dollars, and 8,730 silver bars on the 27th ult.

Quotations—	Bar Silver, Per Oz. Std.—	Bar Gold, Per Oz. Fine.
April 1.....30d.	2 Mos. 30 1-16d.	84s. 10d.
6.....29½d.	29 15-16d.	84s. 11½d.
7.....29 15-16	30d.	84s. 11½d.
Average of above 3 days.....29.937d.	30.000d.	84s. 11.0d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and two months delivery are each 3-16d. below those fixed a week ago.

We have also received this week the circular written under date of April 14 1925:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes on the 7th inst. amounted to £145,250,840, as compared with £145,333,615 on the previous Wednesday. The trifling amount of gold available in the open market this week was absorbed by India, the Continent and the trade. The demand for gold shipments from Durban is not so active as it has been.

Since our last letter the following movements of gold to and from the Bank of England have been announced:

	Received.	Withdrawn.
April 8.....	nil	nil
April 9.....	nil	£20,000
April 10.....	nil	nil
April 12.....	nil	£85,000
April 13.....	nil	£7,000
April 14.....	nil	nil

The destinations of the £20,000 sovereigns withdrawn were as follows: £10,000 to India and £10,000 to Holland. During the week under review £112,000 has been withdrawn from the Bank, reducing the net influx since Jan. 1 1926 to £2,005,000 and increasing the net efflux since the resumption of an effective gold standard to £9,590,000.

United Kingdom imports and exports of gold during the week ending the 7th inst. were:

Imports.	Exports.
Netherlands.....£28,900	Germany.....£2,600
British West Africa.....40,792	France.....11,750
British South Africa.....51,170	British India.....66,284
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.....2,066	Straits Settlements.....31,600
	Ceylon.....30,000

Total.....£122,928

The Transvaal gold output for March this year amounted to 834,340 fine ounces, as compared with 753,924 fine ounces for February 1926 and 825,479 fine ounces for March 1925.

SILVER.

Notwithstanding that this week's steamer is expected to be in time for the Bombay "settlement," the market shows little animation. A few purchases have been made for immediate shipment, but the Indian Bazaars are still disposed to budia—selling silver for forward delivery against part of their prompt requirements. China exchange does not encourage fresh silver operations at the moment, and the Continent is inactive. America is inclined to keep in touch with our market and to be a moderate seller. The undertone is not robust.

The following extract is from the "Capital and Trade": "The making of solid silverware is a Chinese industry, probably of centuries standing. Solid silver goods are made of an alloy that contains from 5 to 70% of white metal. The usual qualities of Chinese silver goods assay from 400 to perhaps 700 fine. Inroads are being made in it by imported plate, however, and the Chinese themselves are beginning to use electro-plating processes in covering brass foundations. This is especially true in making flower vases, which are a Chinese tradition."

United Kingdom imports and exports of silver during the week ending 7th inst. were:

Imports.	Exports.
Germany.....£14,500	China.....£68,300
Netherlands.....10,100	Other countries.....1,342
U. S. A.....130,538	
Mexico.....19,692	
Other countries.....3,994	

£178,824

£69,642

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

(In Lacs of Rupees.)	Mar. 22.	Mar. 31.	Apr. 7.
Notes in circulation.....	19212	19334	18996
Silver coin and bullion in India.....	8370	8491	8454
Silver coin and bullion out of India.....	2232	2232	2232
Gold coin and bullion in India.....	5711	5711	5711
Gold coin and bullion out of India.....	2899	2900	2599
Securities (Indian Government).....			
Securities (British Government).....			

No silver coinage was reported during the week ending 7th inst. The stock in Shanghai on the 10th inst. consisted of about 59,400,000 ounces in sycee, 69,000,000 dollars and 7,950 silver bars, as compared with about 58,800,000 ounces in sycee, 70,000,000 dollars and 8,730 silver bars on the 6th inst.

Quotations during the week:

Quotations—	Bar Silver per Oz. Std.—	Bar Gold per Oz. Fine.
Cash.....	2 Mos. 30 1-16d.	84s. 11½d.
April 8.....30d.	30 1-16d.	84s. 11½d.
April 9.....30d.	30d.	84s. 11½d.
April 10.....29 15-16d.	29½d.	84s. 11½d.
April 12.....29 13-16d.	29½d.	84s. 11½d.
April 13.....29½d.	29½d.	84s. 11½d.
April 14.....29½d.	29.968d.	84s. 11.5d.
Average.....29.927d.		

The silver quotations to-day for cash and two months delivery are respectively 1-16d. and ½d. below those fixed a week ago.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

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

London.	Apr. 24.	Apr. 26.	Apr. 27.	Apr. 28.	Apr. 29.	Apr. 30.
Week Ending April 30.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Silver, per oz.....	29½d.	29½d.	29½d.	29 9-26	29½d.	29 15-16
Gold, per fine ounce.....	84.11½	84.11½	84.11	84.11½	84.11½	84.11½
Consols, 2½ per cents.....	54½	55	55	55	54½	54½
British, 5 per cents.....	102½	x99½	100	99½	99½	99½
British, 4½ per cents.....	95½	x94½	94	94	94	94
French Rentes (in Paris), fr.....	48.15	47.65	47.75	47.75	47.25	47.15
French War Loan (in Paris), fr.....	57.75	57.55	57.70	57.85	57.80	57.80

The price of silver in New York on the same day has been:

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.):	64	64¼	63¾	64	64¾	64¾
Foreign.....						

x Ex-interest.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange Apr. 24 to Apr. 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices. Low. High.	Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1. Low. High.
Bank Stocks—					
Bank of America.....	100	233	233	13	28 Jan
Bank of Commerce.....	100	168	168	58	155 Jan
Bank of Montreal.....	100	157	157	50	155 Mar
Street Railway Stocks					
United Railways, pref. 100	7	7	7	558	5¼ Apr
Preferred, C-D.....	100	7	5¾ 7¼	6,853	5 Apr
Common.....	100	10c.	10c. 10c.	35	5 Apr
Miscellaneous Stocks—					
Best Clymer Co.....	60¼	60	62	235	60 Mar
Boyd-Welsh Shoe.....	39¼	40¼	40¼	270	35¼ Mar
Brown Shoe, com.....	100	35	35½	325	32 Mar
Preferred.....	100	100	100	50	107¼ Jan
Certain-teed Prod 1st pf 100	100	100½	100½	4	98¼ Apr
Century Electric Co.....	100	114	115	3	110 Apr
E. L. Bruce, com.....	100	42½	42½	70	41½ Apr
Ely & Walker D. G. com. 25	29½	28¾	31	2,016	28¼ Apr
2nd preferred.....	100	87	87	8	87 Apr
Fred Medart Mfg. com.....	100	30	30	110	30 Apr
Preferred.....	100	101	101	3	101 Apr
Fulton Iron Works, com.....	100	21	22	245	21 Apr
Hamilton-Brown Shoe.....	25	45½	45½	90	34 Mar
Hussman Refr. com.....	100	35	35	51	33¼ Apr
Huttig S & D, com.....	100	34	34	224	34 Apr
Hydr Press Brick, com. 100	3¾	3¾	3¾	352	85 Apr
Preferred.....	100	89½	85¾ 87	5	107 Apr
Indep Packing, pref. 100	150	107	107	556	149 Apr
International Shoe, com.....	100	109½	110½	85	109 Apr
Preferred.....	100	6	6½	260	6 Apr
Ind Brew, 1st pref. 100	100	32	32	80	36 Apr
Johansen Shoe.....	100	60	60	15	60 Apr
Johnson-S & S Shoe.....	100	87	87	74	84¼ Mar
Laclede Gas Light pref. 100	52½	52½	52½	250	48¼ Mar
Mo Portland Cement.....	25	73½	74	13	70 Apr
Nat Candy com.....	100	33	33	90	29¼ Mar
Pedigo-Weber Shoe.....	100	33	33	250	32 Mar
Polar Wave I & F A.....	100	22	21¾ 22	380	21¼ Mar
Rice-Stix Dry Goods com.....	100	108½	108½	5	108 Mar
1st preferred.....	100	90	90	28	90 Apr
Servage-V B D G 1st pf. 100	100	25	27	580	25 Apr
Sheffield Steel com.....	100	49½	49½	10	46 Mar
Skouras Bros A.....	100	45½	47½	130	45¼ Apr
Southern Acid & Sulph com.....	100	113	113	80	112¼ Apr
Southwestern Bell Tel pf 100	100	50	50	173	46 Apr
St Louis Amusement A.....	100	29½	30	40	29 Mar
Stix-Baer & Fuller com.....	100	22½	22½	151	20 Mar
Wagner Electric com.....	100	74	74	20	70 Mar
Preferred.....	100	42½	42	400	40 Apr
Walke & Co com.....	100	104	104	30	104 Apr
Preferred.....	100	25c	25c	557	25c Apr
Mining Stocks—					
Granite Bl-Metallie.....	10	25	25 26½	778	24 Mar
Consol Lead & Zinc Co.....	20	25	25 26½	778	24 Mar
Street Ry. Bonds—					
E St Louis & Sub Co 5½ '32	100	84¼	84¼	\$2,000	83¼ Jan
St Louis Ry Gen Mort 5½ '23	100	79¾	79¾	2,000	79¾ Jan
5s C-D.....	100	79¾	80¼	11,000	79¾ Apr
United Railways 4s.....	100	78	78	28,000	75 Jan
4s C-D.....	100	77½	77½	12,000	74 Jan
Miscellaneous Bonds—					
Indep Breweries 6s.....	100	37	37	1,000	36 Mar
Kinloch Telephone 6s.....	100	102	102	5,000	102 Apr
Wagner Electric Mfg 7s ser	100	100¼	100¼	35,000	101¼ Jan

* No par value.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.	Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Concluded).				Public Utilities (Concluded).			
Pure Oil, com. (quar.)	37½c	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a	Gen. Pub. Serv. Corp., \$6 pref. (No. 1)	\$1.50	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 9a
Extra	12½c	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a	Convertible pref. (quar.) (No. 1)	\$1.75	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 9a
Russell Motor Car, preferred (quar.)	1¼	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 28a	Havana Elec. Ry., L. & P., com. & pref.	3	May 15	Apr. 22 to May 20
Sagamore Manufacturing (quar.)	2	May 6	Holders of rec. Apr. 27	Havana Electric & Utilities, 1st pref.	3	May 17	Holders of rec. Apr. 21a
St. Louis Cotton Compress (quar.)	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 27	Idaho Power, preferred (quar.)	1¼	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
St. Louis Screw, preferred (quar.)	1¼	May 1	Apr. 27 to May 1	Illinois Nor. Utilities, pref. (quar.)	1¼	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
Savage Arms, common (quar.)	*\$1	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 15	Internat. Pub. Serv. Corp., com. (mthly)	5-6	May 10	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
First preferred (quar.)	*1¼	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 15	Preferred (monthly)	7-12	May 10	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Second preferred (quar.)	*1¼	Aug. 16	*Holders of rec. Aug. 2	International Utilities, pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 19a
Shawmut Manufacturing, com. (quar.)	*1¼	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 21	Interstate Railways, common	30c	May 1	Apr. 16 to May 2
Preferred (quar.)	*1¼	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 21	Jamaica Water Supply, pref.	3¼	May 1	Apr. 11 to May 2
Sherwin-Williams Co., com. (quar.)	1	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a	Keystone Telep. of Phila., pref. (quar.)	\$1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17
Common (extra)	1¼	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a	Knoxville Pow. & Light, pref. (quar.)	1¼	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Preferred (quar.)	1¼	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a	Lawrence Gas & Elec. (quar.)	2½	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 22
Standard Sanitary Mfg., com. (quar.)	\$1.25	May 20	Holders of rec. May 6	Long Island Lighting, common (quar.)	50c	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 21
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.25	May 20	Holders of rec. May 6	Lowell Electric Light (quar.)	62½c	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 12a
Stover Engine & Mfg., pref. (quar.)	1¼	May 1	Apr. 21 to Apr. 30	Massachusetts Gas Cos., common (qu.)	1¼	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
Studebaker Corp., com. (quar.)	*\$1.25	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 10	Preferred	2	June 1	May 16 to May 31
Preferred (quar.)	50c	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15	Middle West Utilities, common (quar.)	\$1.50	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a
Superior Steel Corporation, com.	3¼	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 30	Minnesota Elec. Distrib., com. (mthly)	1	May 10	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Supertest Ohio, pref. A	*1¼	May 1	*Holders of rec. Apr. 23	Preferred A (monthly)	2-3	May 10	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Union Cotton Mfg. (quar.)	1¼	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10	Preferred B (monthly)	7-12	May 10	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Union Tank Car, common (quar.)	1¼	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10	Preferred C (monthly)	7-12	May 10	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Preferred (quar.)	50c	May 10	Holders of rec. Apr. 17	Preferred D (monthly)	7-12	May 10	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a
Union Oil Associates (quar.)	50c	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a	Montreal L. H. & P. Consol (quar.)	2	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a
U. S. Hoffman Mach'y, com. (quar.)	75c	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a	Montreal Water & Power, com. (quar.)	50c	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a
Common (extra)	25c	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a	Preferred (quar.)	1¼	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a
U. S. Steel Corporation, com. (quar.)	1¼	May 29	June 2 to June 3	Nat. Electric Power, Class A (quar.)	10c	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 10
Preferred (quar.)	1¼	May 29	May 4	National Power & Light, com. (quar.)	10c	June 1	Holders of rec. May 12
White (J. G.) & Co., pref. (quar.)	1¼	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15	Nevada-California Elec. Co., pref. (qu.)	1¼	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
White (J. G.) Engineer, pref. (quar.)	1¼	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15	Northern N. Y. Utilities, pref. (quar.)	1¼	May 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 31a
White (J. G.) Mgt. Corp., pref. (quar.)	1¼	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15	Northern States Pow., cl. A (qu.)	20c	May 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 31a
Will & Baumer Lumber, com. (quar.)	25c	May 15	Holders of rec. May 3a	Common, class B (quar.)	\$1.75	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a
Wright Aeronautical Corp.	25c	May 29	Holders of rec. May 14a	Northwest Utilities, preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.				Ohio Edison, 6% pref. (quar.)	\$1.65	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
				6.6% preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
				6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c	June 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
				6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
				Pacific Gas & Electric, preferred (quar.)	1¼	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a
				Pacific Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	1¼	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 17
				Pennsylvania-Ohio P. & L., 8% pf. (qu.)	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
				Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1¼	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
				7.2% preferred (quar.)	60c	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
				Peoples Light & Power, com. (monthly)	1-13	May 10	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
				Preferred (monthly)	7-12	May 10	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
				Philadelphia Rapid Transit, pref.	\$1.50	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 1a
				Pittsburgh Utilities, com.	\$1	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 10a
				Common (extra)	(0)	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 10a
				Preferred	35c	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 10a
				Preferred (extra)	25c	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 10a
				Portland Gas & Coke, pref. (quar.)	1¼	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 21
				Portsmouth Power, pref. (quar.)	1¼	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
				Public Service Elec. Pow., pref. (quar.)	1¼	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
				Public Service of Nor. Ills., com. (quar.)	\$2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
				Six per cent pref. (quar.)	1¼	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
				Seven per cent pref. (quar.)	1¼	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 21a
				Securities Corp., General com. (No. 1)	\$1	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 21a
				Preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
				Sierra Pacific Electric Co., com. (No. 1)	50c	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
				Preferred (quar.)	1¼	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
				Southern Canada Power com. (quar.)	1	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a
				Southern Colorado Power, class A (quar.)	50c	May 25	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a
				Standard Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
				Tampa Electric Co., no par com. (qu.)	50c	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
				Tennessee Elec. Power, 6% 1st pref. (qu.)	1¼	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
				Seven per cent first preferred (quar.)	1¼	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
				7.2% first preferred (quar.)	1.80	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
				Six per cent first preferred (monthly)	50c	June 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
				Six per cent first preferred (monthly)	50c	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
				7.2% first preferred (monthly)	60c	June 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
				7.2% first preferred (monthly)	60c	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
				7.2% first preferred (monthly)	60c	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
				Texas Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	1¼	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 17
				Tri-State Utilities, com. (monthly)	½	May 10	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
				Preferred (monthly)	7-12	May 10	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
				United Lt. & Pow., old com. A & B (qu.)	60c	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
				New class A and B, common	12c	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
				Old A & B com. (pay. in new cl. A com.)	(0)	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
				United Ry. & Elec., Balt., com. (qu.)	50c	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 24a
				Wash. Valley Elec., pref. (quar.)	*1¼	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
				West Chester Street Ry., pref. (quar.)	1¼	June 1	Holders of rec. May 22
				Preferred (quar.)	1¼	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 22
				Preferred (quar.)	1¼	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 21
				West Penn Electric Co., pref. (quar.)	1¼	May 15	Holders of rec. May 15a
				West Penn Power Co., 7% pref. (quar.)	1¼	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
				Six per cent preferred (quar.)	1½	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
				Banks.			
				Amer. Colonial Bank of Porto Rico (qu.)	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 16
				Extra	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 16
				Chemical National (bi-monthly)	4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 23a
				Corn Exchange (quar.)	5	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
				Trust Companies.			
				Farmers Loan & Trust (quar.)	4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 19a
				Kings County, Brooklyn (quar.)	12½	May 1	Apr. 25 to Apr. 30
				Miscellaneous.			
				Abraham & Straus, Inc., pref. (quar.)	1¼	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
				Acme Wire, pref. (quar.)	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 17a
				Allied Chemical & Dye, common (quar.)	\$1	May 1	Apr. 15 to Apr. 26
				Albion-Chalmers Mfg., com. (quar.)	\$1.50	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 24a
				Amalgamated Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 16a
				American Brick, com. (quar.)	25c	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 23a
				Preferred (quar.)	50c	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 23a
				American Can, new \$25 common (quar.)	50c	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
				American Chain, class A (quar.)	50c	June 30	June 20 to June 30
				American Cigar, common (quar.)	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
				American Coal (quar.)	\$1	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
				Amer. & European Secur., pref. (No. 1)	\$2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 17
				American Glue, pref. (quar.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 19
				American Felt, preferred (quar.)	20c	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
				Amer. Home Products (No. 1) (monthly)	25c	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1a
				Amer. La France Fire Eng., com. (qu.)	75c	June 1	May 23 to June 1
				Amer. Laundry Machinery, com. (qu.)	1¼	July 1	Holders of rec. June 18
				American Linseed, preferred (quar.)	1¼	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17
				Preferred (quar.)	1¼	Jan 3/27	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
				Preferred (quar.)	1¼	Apr 27	Holders of rec. Mar. 18/27
				American Manufacturing, com. (quar.)	1¼	July 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17
				Common (quar.)	1¼	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
				Common (quar.)	1¼	July 1	Holders of rec. June 17
				Preferred (quar.)	1¼	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17
				Preferred (quar.)	1¼	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
				Preferred (quar.)	1¼	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a
				Amer. Radiator, com. (quar.)	\$1	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1a
				Preferred (quar.)	1¼	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
				Amer. Sales Book, preferred (quar.)	1¼	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
				Amer. Shipbuilding, common (quar.)	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
				Preferred (quar.)	1¼	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
				Amer. Smelting & Refin., com. (quar.)	1¼	June 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 16a
				Preferred (quar.)	1¼	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a
				Amer. Soda Fountain (quar.)	1¼	July 1	June 1 to July 1
				American Stores Corporation (quar.)	50c	Oct. 1	Sept. 16 to Oct. 1
				Quarterly	50c	Oct. 1	Sept. 16 to Oct. 1
				Amer. Vitrified Products, pref. (quar.)	1¼	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.	Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Continued).				Miscellaneous (Continued).			
Anaconda Copper Mining (quar.)	75c.	May 24	Apr. 18 to May 19	C. G. Spring & Bumper (quar.)	10c.	May 15	May 9 to May 16
Archer-Daniels-Midland Co., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a	Extra	5c.	May 15	May 9 to May 16
Arnold Bros., Ltd. (Toronto), 1st pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15	Globe Automatic Sprinkler, cl. A (qu.)	62 1/2c.	May 1	Apr. 21 to Apr. 30
Second preferred (quar.)	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15	Preferred	3 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a
Associated Dry Goods Corp., com. (qu.)	62c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 10a	Globe Democrat Publishing, pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 1a	Goodrich (B. F.) Co., com. (quar.)	\$1	June 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 1a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Atlantic Refining, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15	Gossard (H. W.) Co., com. (monthly)	33 1/3c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Atlas Powder, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a	Common (monthly)	33 1/3c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 21
Austin, Nichols & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Babcock & Wilcox (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20a	Gotham Silk Hosiery—			
Quarterly	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	First & second preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
Quarterly	1 1/4	Jan 27	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a	Grand (F. & W.) 5-10-25-cts. St., pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 17
Quarterly	1 1/4	Apr 27	Holders of rec. Mar. 20 27a	Grant Tire Co., com. & founders shares	*50c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Balaban & Katz, common (monthly)	25c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a	Great Lakes Dredge & Dock (quar.)	2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 7
Common (monthly)	25c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a	Great National Smelting Co.	*250	May 10	Holders of rec. June 1
Common (monthly)	25c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 19a	Group No. 1 Oil Corp. (monthly)	\$250	May 10	Holders of rec. June 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 19a	Monthly	\$250	June 10	Holders of rec. July 1
Bang Service Stations, Inc., pref. (qu.)	2	May 1	Apr. 21 to Apr. 30	Monthly	\$250	July 10	Holders of rec. July 1
Barnhart Brothers & Spindler—				Guenter Publisher, pref. (quar.)	2 1/2	May 16	Holders of rec. Apr. 16
First and second preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 24a	Preferred (acct. accumulated divs.)	*2 1/2	May 16	Holders of rec. Apr. 16
Beech-Nut Packing, common (quar.)	60c.	July 10	Holders of rec. June 25a	Preferred (quar.)	2 1/2	Aug. 16	Holders of rec. July 16
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	July 15	Holders of rec. July 1a	Preferred (acct. accumulated divs.)	*2 1/2	Aug. 16	Holders of rec. July 16
Bethlehem Steel, 7% pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 1	Preferred (quar.)	2 1/2	Nov. 16	Holders of rec. Oct. 16
Eight per cent pref. (quar.)	*2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 1	Preferred (acct. accumulated divs.)	*2 1/2	Nov. 16	Holders of rec. Oct. 16
Bigelow-Hartford Carpet, com. (quar.)	\$1.50	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 14	Gulf States Steel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 16
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 14	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan 27	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Blaw-Knox Co., common (quar.)	50c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20	Hamilton-Brown Shoe (monthly)	1	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20	Harblson-Walker Refract., com. (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 21a
Bloomington Bros., Inc., pf. (qu.) (No. 1)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	July 20	Holders of rec. July 10a
Bond & Mortgage Guarantee (quar.)	4	May 15	Holders of rec. May 8a	Hecla Mining (quar.)	50c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 15a
Borden Co., common (quar.)	\$1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a	Heilman (Richard), Inc., partic. pf. (qu.)	62 1/2c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a
Common (extra)	25c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a	Participating preferred (quar.)	12.85c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a
Bourne Mills (quar.)	1	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 21a	Hercules Powder, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	May 15	Holders of rec. May 5
Brill (J. G.) Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 25a	Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett Co. (mthly.)	35c.	May 25	Holders of rec. May 21
British Columbia Fish & Packing (quar.)	1 1/4	June 10	Holders of rec. May 31	Monthly	35c.	June 25	Holders of rec. June 18
Quarterly	1 1/4	Sept. 10	Holders of rec. Aug. 31	Hollander & Sons (inc.), common (qu.)	62 1/2c.	June 25	Holders of rec. June 18
Quarterly	1 1/4	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Holly Sugar Corp., preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. May 1
Brown Shoe, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a	Hood Rubber, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Buckeye Pipe Line (quar.)	\$1	June 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 24	New 7 1/2% pref. (quar.) (No. 1)	\$1.88	May 1	Apr. 21 to May 2
Bunte Bros., preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Apr. 25 to Apr. 30	Horn & Hardart of N. Y., common (qu.)	25c.	May 1	Apr. 10 to Apr. 30
Burns Bros., com., class A (quar.)	\$2.50	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a	Common (extra)	12 1/2c.	May 1	Apr. 10 to Apr. 30
Common, Class B (quar.)	50c.	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a	Hupp Motor Car, com. (quar.)	25c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
Prior pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a	Illinois Brick (quar.)	2.4	July 15	Holders of rec. July 3
Butler Brothers (quar.)	62 1/2c.	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a	Quarterly	2.4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 4
Byers (A. M.) Co., preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a	Independent Packing, common (quar.)	32 1/2c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 22
California Packing Corp.—				Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 22
Stock dividend	*100%	Subject to stockholders meet. May 18		Indiana Pipe Line (quar.)	\$1	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 16
Quarterly	\$2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31a	Extra	\$1	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 16
Canada Cement, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30	Intercontinental Rubber (No. 1)	\$1	June 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a
Canada Dry Ginger Ale—				Internat.-Agricultural Corp., pf. pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Stock dividend (quar.)	1 1/4	July 15	Holders of rec. July 1	Internat. Harvester, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Stock dividend (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1	International Nickel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
Stock dividend (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan 15	Holders of rec. Jan 1 27	International Shoe, com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Canadian Converters, Ltd. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a	Common (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Casey & Hedges Co., common (quar.)	2 1/2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1a	Preferred (monthly)	1 1/2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 25a	Intertype Corp., common (quar.)	25c.	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1a
Century Ribbon Mills, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a	Ipswich Mills, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
Cerro de Pasco Copper Co. (quar.)	\$1	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a	Jager Machine (quar.)	62 1/2c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 21a
Chase (A. W.) Co., Toronto, pf. (qu.)	2	May 10	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a	Jewel Tea, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 17a
Chic. Milw. & Franklin Coal, pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a	Prof. (acct. accumulated dividends)	*2 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 17a
Chicago Yellow Cab (monthly)	33 1/3c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a	Kaufman Dept. Stores, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 21a
Monthly	33 1/3c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Christie, Brown & Co., Ltd., com. (No. 1)	30c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan 27	Holders of rec. May 17a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a	Kayser (Julius) & Co., com. (quar.)	75c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 19a
Chrysler Corp., pref. (quar.)	\$2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15	Kelsey Wheel, Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	\$2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Kidder, Peabody Acceptance Corp.	\$2.50	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Preferred (quar.)	\$2	Jan 37	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Kirby Lumber (quar.)	1 1/4	June 10	June 1 to June 10
Cincinnati Tobacco Warehouse (quar.)	\$1	May 15	Holders of rec. May 8a	Quarterly	1 1/4	Sept. 10	Sept. 1 to Sept. 10
Cities Service Co.—				Quarterly	1 1/4	Dec. 10	Dec. 1 to Dec. 10
Common (monthly)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15	Knox Hat, Inc., class A participating stk	\$1	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Common (payable in com. stock)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15	Second preferred	3 1/2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Preferred and preferred B (monthly)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15	Krepps (S. H.) Co., common (quar.)	1	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a
Common (monthly)	*1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15	Laclede-Cheney Clay Prod., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 21
Common (payable in common stock)	*1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15	Landry Bros., Inc., Class A (quar.)	75c.	June 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
Preferred and preferred B (monthly)	*1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15	Liggett & Myers Tob., com. & com. B (qu.)	75c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 1a
City Mfg. Co. (New Bedford) (quar.)	*1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 22	Lindsay Light, pref. (quar.)	17 1/2c.	May 12	Holders of rec. May 1a
Clinchfield Coal, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 24a	Loew's Boston Theatres, common (qu.)	31 1/2c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a
Cluett, Peabody & Co., com. (quar.)	\$1.25	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a	Loew's Ohio Theatres, 1st pref. (quar.)	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 24
Cohn-Hall-Marx Co., com. (quar.)	70c.	July 5	Holders of rec. July 5	Loose-Wiles Biscuit, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 17a
Collins & Alkum, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a	Lord & Taylor, 2d pref. (quar.)	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 17a
Columbian Carbon (quar.)	\$1	May 1	Apr. 20 to Apr. 30	Louisiana Oil Refining, 6 1/2% pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1
Commercial Solvents, class A (quar.)	\$1	July 1	Holders of rec. July 1a	Luther Mfg. (quar.)	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a
Consolidated Cigar Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a	Macy (R. H.) & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 17a
Continental Can, Inc., common (quar.)	\$1.25	May 15	Holders of rec. May 5a	Martin-Perry Corp. (quar.)	50c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Copper Range Co.	\$1	May 3	Holders of rec. Apr. 3	Martins Co. (quar.)	50c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Cudahy Packing, 7% preferred	3 1/2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 21	Quarterly	50c.	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15a
Six per cent preferred	3	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 21	Quarterly	50c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Cuneo Press (quar.)	\$1	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1a	McCall Corporation (quar.)	50c.	May 1	Holders of rec. May 10a
Cuyamel Fruit Co.	\$1	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 15	McCrory Stores, common (quar.)	1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a
Diamond Match (quar.)	2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 29a	Common (payable in common stock)	1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a
Dominion Bridge, Ltd. (quar.)	1	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30	Class B (payable in class B stock)	1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a
Dow Chemical, common (quar.)	\$1	May 15	Holders of rec. May 5a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 15	Holders of rec. May 5a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20a
du Pont (E. I.) de Nem. Powd., com. (qu.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Eagle-Picher Lead, common (quar.)	40c.	May 1	Holders of rec. May 15a	McIntyre Porcupine Mines, Ltd. (qu.)	25c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 1a
Common (quar.)	40c.	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15	Melville Shoe Corp., common (quar.)	50c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 26a
Common (quar.)	40c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15	Common (extra)	50c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 26a
Eastern Dairies, common (quar.)	50c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20	Preferred (quar.)	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 26a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20	Mercantile Stores, Inc., common	\$1	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Eaton Axle & Spring (quar.)	50c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Elsmann Magneto, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a	Merchants Mfg. (quar.)	1	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 23
Electric Refrigeration (quar.) (No. 1)	50c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 19a	Metrop. Chain Stores, 1st & 2d pf. (qu.)	\$1.75	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a
Stock dividend	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 19	Miami Copper Co. (quar.)	25c.	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1a
Elgin National Watch (quar.)	62 1/2c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 23a	Mid-Continent Petrol., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Esmond Mills, common (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 23a	Mirror (The), pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 23a	Missouri-Illinois Stores, pref. (quar.)	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Eureka Pipe Line (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a	Mohawk Mining (quar.)	\$1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 1
Eureka Vacuum Cleaner (quar.)	\$1	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a	Moon Motor Car, common (quar.)	75c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 19a
Fair (The), com. (monthly)	20c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a	Moore Drop Forging, Class A (quar.)	\$1.50	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
Common (monthly)	*20c.	June 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a	Morris Plan Bank (Cleveland) (quar.)	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 24
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. May 20	Motor Prod. Corp., com. (qu.) (No. 1)	*50c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Fairbanks-Morse & Co., com. (quar.)	75c.	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a	Motor Wheel Corp., pref. (quar.)	*\$1.25	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Common (quar.)	75c.	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Mullins Body Corp., pref. (quar.)	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 17a
Common (quar.)	75c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Munsingwear, Inc. (quar.)	75c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Fajardo Sugar Co. (quar.)	2 1/2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a	National Biscuit, common (quar.)	\$1	July 15	Holders of rec. June 30a
Falls Rubber, pref. (quar.)	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 26	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 29	Holders of rec. May 14a
Famous Players-Carlson, 1st pf. (qu.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 30	National Brick, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a
Famous Players-Lasky Corp., pref. (qu.)	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 30	National Carbon, pref. (quar.)	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 21a
Fisher Body Corp., com. (quar.)	\$1.25	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a	National Casket, common	\$1.50	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 26a
Fisk Rubber, 1st pf. (acct. accum. divs.)	*1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a	Nat. Cloak & Suit, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 25a
Convertible preferred (No. 1)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a	Nat. Dept. Stores, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
Foot Bros. Gear & Mach., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20	2d preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Nat. Food Products, class A (quar.)	62 1/2c.	May 15	Holders of rec. May 3
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan 27	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	North Central Texas Oil, Inc. (quar.)	10c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a
Franklin (H. H.) Mfg., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20	Oil Well Supply, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
General Cigar, common (quar.)	\$1	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a				
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Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Concluded)			
Ontario Steel Products, com. (quar.)	1	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Oppenheim, Collins & Co., common (qu.)	75c.	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Orpheum Circuit, common (monthly)	162-3	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20
Common (monthly)	162-3	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20
Preferred (quar.)	162-3	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Otis Elevator, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	July 15	Holders of rec. June 30
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan 15 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Outlet Company, com. (qu.) (No. 1)	75c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Common (extra)	50c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
1st preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
2d preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Overman Cushion Tire, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Owens Bottle, com. (quar.)	75c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Pacific Coast, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 24
Second preferred (quar.)	1	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 24
Pathe Exchange, Inc., com. A & B (quar.)	75c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Com. A & B (pay. in new cl. A stock)	65	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Peabody Coal, pref. (monthly)	59c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Preferred (monthly)	58c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20
Preferred (monthly)	58c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Pennmans, Ltd., com. (quar.)	2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 5
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Phillips-Jones Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Pick (Albert), Barth & Co., pref. A (qu.)	43 1/4	May 15	Apr. 24 to May 14
Postum Cereal, common (quar.)	81 1/2	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 21
Procter & Gamble, com. (quar.)	\$1.25	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 21
Prophy-lac-tic Brush, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1
Pullman Company (quar.)	2	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Pyrene Manufacturing, common (quar.)	2 1/4	May 1	Apr. 21 to Apr. 30
Quaker Oats, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 29	Holders of rec. June 1
Reed (C. A.) Co., Class A (quar.)	50c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 21
Rice-Stix Dry Goods, com. (quar.)	37 1/2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Rome Wire, class A (quar.)	75c.	May 1	Apr. 27d to May 1
Class B (quar.)	25c.	May 1	Apr. 27d to May 1
St. Joseph Lead (quar.)	50c.	June 21	June 10 to June 21
Extra	25c.	June 21	June 10 to June 21
Quarterly	50c.	Sept. 20	Sept. 10 to Sept. 20
Extra	25c.	Sept. 20	Sept. 10 to Sept. 20
Quarterly	50c.	Dec. 20	Dec. 10 to Dec. 20
Extra	25c.	Dec. 20	Dec. 10 to Dec. 20
St. Lawrence Flour Mills, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
St. Louis Car Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 25
St. Mary's Mineral Land	\$2	May 18	Holders of rec. Apr. 17
Salt Creek Producers Assoc. (quar.)	20c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Extra	42 1/2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Savage Arms Corp., preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1
Savannah Sugar Refg. Corp., com. (qu.)	\$1.50	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Schulte Retail Stores, common (quar.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Preferred (quar.)	2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Scotten, Dillon Co. (quar.)	3	May 15	May 8 to May 16
Scott Paper, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 24
Seruggs-Vandervoort-Barney Dry Goods (quar.)	2	May 1	Apr. 21 to Apr. 30
Sears, Roebuck & Co., new com. (qu.) (No. 1)	62 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Shaffer Oil & Refining, pref.	1 1/4	July 25	Holders of rec. June 30
Shell Union Oil, pref. ser. "A" (quar.)	1 1/4	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Silver (Isaac) & Bros. Co., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Simmons, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Sinclair Consol. Oil, preferred (quar.)	2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1
Skelly Oil (quar.)	50c.	June 15	Holders of rec. June 14
Skouras Bros., Class A (quar.)	75c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 24
Smith (A. O.) Corp., common (quar.)	25c.	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1
Common (extra)	25c.	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1
Spalding (A. G.) & Bros., 1st pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Second preferred (quar.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Standard Oil (Neb.) stock dividend	650	May 6	Apr. 7 to May 6
Standard Oil (Ohio), preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Steel Company of Canada, ord. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 8
Preference (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 8
Sterling Products (quar.)	\$1.25	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 23
Stewart-Warner Speedometer (quar.)	\$1.50	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Sullivan Packing, pref. (quar.)	2	May 1	Apr. 20d to Apr. 30
Swan-Finch Oil Corp., pref.	\$1.75	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Telutograph Co., common	30c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Thompson (J. R.) Co., com. (monthly)	30c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 23
Common (monthly)	30c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 23
Tide-Water Oil, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Tobacco Products Corp., Class A (quar.)	1 1/4	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 27
Troxel Mfg., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Union Buffalo Mills, 1st pref.	3 1/2	May 15	May 9 to May 16
Second preferred	50c.	May 10	Holders of rec. Apr. 17
Union Oil of California (quar.)	62 1/2	May 10	May 2
United Biscuit, class A (quar.)	\$1	June 1	May 11
United Drug, com (quar.)	\$2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
United Verde Extension Mining (quar.)	75c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 6
U. S. Cast Iron Pipe & Fdy., com. (qu.)	2 1/4	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1
Common (quar.)	2 1/4	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Common (quar.)	2 1/4	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
U. S. Rubber, pref. (quar.)	2	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Universal Pipe & Radiator, pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Vanadium Corp. (quar.)	75c.	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1
Van Ransite Co., 1st preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Vick Chemical (quar.)	87 1/2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Vivaudou (V.) Inc., pref. (quar.)	\$1.95	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Aug. 2	Holders of rec. July 15
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Waltham Watch, prior pref. (No. 1)	\$1.75	May 1	Apr. 18 to May 3
Walke (William) & Co., com. (quar.)	60c.	May 1	Apr. 20d to May 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 24
Washburn-Crosby Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 18
Waverly Oil Works, Class A (No. 1)	50c.	May 1	Holders of rec. June 16
Weber & Hellbrocker, common (quar.)	\$1	June 30	Holders of rec. June 16
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 14
White Sewing Mach. (quar.) (No. 1)	\$1	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 19
Wilcox (H. F.) Oil & Gas (quar.)	50c.	May 5	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Williams Oil-Matte Heating (qu.)	37 1/2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1
Woolworth (F. W.) Co., common (quar.)	\$1	June 1	May 2 to May 19
Wrigley (Wm.) Jr. & Co. (monthly)	25c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Monthly	25c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20
Monthly	25c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15

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a Transfer books not closed for this dividend. d Correction. e Payable in stock / Payable in common stock. g Payable in scrip. h On account of accumulated dividends. m Payable in preferred stock. n Payable in Canadian funds

At option of holder dividend payable either in cash or stock at rate of one fortieth of a share of Class A stock.

f Payable in common and common B stock, respectively. No fractional shares to be issued, each being paid instead, such cash being at the rate of the bid price at close of business May 10, if of such bid price be fractional then at the even price below.

u Dividends are five-fortieths of a share of new class A common for old class A & B common and one-fortieth of a share for new class A & B common.

v Company has been enjoined from paying more than 4% on pref. stock, and no dividends on common stock until pref. stock has been retired.

w Dividend is 45c. in cash or in Class A stock at rate of one-fiftieth of a share.

z Payable either in cash or stock at rate of 5.75-100 of a share of class A stock for each share of \$6 dividend stock and 6.25-100 of a share of class A stock for each share of \$6.50 dividend stock.

Weekly Returns of New York City Clearing House Banks and Trust Companies.

The following shows the condition of the New York City Clearing House members for the week ending Apr. 24. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily results. In the case of the grand totals, we also show the actual figures of condition at the end of the week.

NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS (Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three (000) ciphers omitted)

Week Ending April 24 1926.	New Capital		Profits	Loans Outstand-	Cash in Vault	Reserve with Legal Deposit- ories	Net Demand Deposits	Time Depos- its	Bank Circu- lation.								
(000 omitted.)	Natl. State, Tr.Cos.	Apr. 12, Mar. 25	Apr. 12, Mar. 25	Inter- ments &c													
Members of Fed. Bank of N. Y. & Trust Co.	d. Res.	\$.	\$.	Average.	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average								
Bk of Manhat'n	4,000	12,905	76,471	499	7,730	57,418	8,027	---	---								
Bk of America	10,000	14,965	161,252	2,887	18,219	132,531	25,472	---	---								
National City	50,000	65,624	555,277	5,347	59,752	*589,703	78,119	80	---								
Chemical Nat.	4,500	18,310	131,911	1,239	15,519	116,925	3,413	348	---								
Am Ex-Pac Nat.	7,500	12,963	147,001	1,933	17,414	132,285	10,262	4,965	---								
Nat Bk of Com.	25,000	41,523	339,357	731	38,825	295,747	11,407	---	---								
Chat Ph NB&T	13,500	12,834	215,820	2,430	24,519	168,409	40,487	5,951	---								
Hanover Nat.	5,000	25,677	122,627	518	13,806	105,788	---	---	---								
Corn Exchange	10,000	14,799	211,620	6,594	25,642	185,924	32,008	---	---								
National Park	10,000	24,114	158,850	831	16,643	126,895	8,143	3,520	---								
Bow'ry & East Riv	3,000	3,151	52,452	1,319	5,348	36,784	15,856	993	---								
First National	10,000	72,737	308,929	657	26,137	198,315	11,812	4,853	---								
Irving Bk-Coll Tr	17,500	14,017	288,408	2,546	35,819	268,992	27,958	---	---								
Continental	1,000	1,198	7,852	128	1,108	6,736	430	---	---								
Chase National	40,000	39,152	549,591	6,987	66,114	*514,675	32,924	1,539	---								
Fifth Avenue	500	3,031	25,439	737	3,379	25,771	---	---	---								
Commonwealth	800	1,320	14,630	481	1,533	10,466	5,320	---	---								
Garfield Nat'l.	1,000	1,788	17,130	429	3,300	17,909	225	---	---								
Seaboard Nat'l.	6,000	10,104	117,168	1,064	14,780	112,845	2,353	48	---								
Bankers Trust	20,000	31,707	337,824	787	36,654	*297,086	49,969	---	---								
U S Mtge & Tr.	3,000	4,915	65,369	719	7,693	58,977	5,570	---	---								
Guaranty Trust	25,000	22,588	399,120	1,370	45,331	*383,325	55,276	---	---								
Fidelity-Inter Tr	4,000	3,174	41,929	817	5,080	37,572	3,044	---	---								
New York Trust	10,000	20,312	181,296	536	20,961	153,051	20,198	---	---								
Farmers L & Tr	10,000	18,963	144,309	406	14,126	*108,656	22,240	---	---								
Equitable Trust	23,000	14,439	277,695	1,509	30,599	*291,641	34,262	---	---								
Total of averages	320,800	511,583	5,026,645	45,279	567,558	c4,195,372	510,609	22,297	---								
Totals, actual condition	Apr. 24	5,097,561	45,902,555,699	c4,218,096	515,099	22,261	Totals, actual condition	Apr. 17	5,003,274	44,861,574,601	c4,194,430	502,159	22,230				
Totals, actual condition	Apr. 10	5,071,318	46,894,576,425	c4,170,520	512,947	22,183	State Banks	Not Members of Fed'l Reserve Bank.									
Greenwich Bank	1,000	2,600	24,106	2,028	2,333	23,343	2,028	---									
State Bank	5,000	5,324	107,733	4,848	2,401	39,233	64,649	---									
Total of averages	6,000	7,925	131,839	6,876	4,734	62,576	66,677	---									
Totals, actual condition	Apr. 24	132,446	6,873	4,952	63,335	66,686	Totals, actual condition	Apr. 17	132,295	6,605	4,690	62,835	66,658				
Totals, actual condition	Apr. 10	130,747	7,014	4,415	61,373	66,738	Trust Companies	Not Members of Fed'l Reserve Bank.									
Title Guar & Tr	10,000	18,105	64,372	1,590	4,468	40,303	2,236	---									
Lawyers Trust	3,000	3,231	24,891	878	2,224	20,651	980	---									
Total of averages	13,000	21,336	89,263	2,468	6,692	60,954	3,216	---									
Totals, actual condition	Apr. 24	89,215	2,429	6,875	61,034	3,058	Totals, actual condition	Apr. 17	88,596	2,567	6,460	60,049	3,361				
Totals, actual condition	Apr. 10	87,176	2,593	6,704	59,041	3,424	Gr'd aggr. w/ser.	339,800	540,845	5,247,747	54,623	578,984	4,318,902	580,502	22,297		
Comparison with prev. week		-12,771	-1,618	+3,434	+22,574	+6,225	+64	Gr'd aggr. w/ser.	cond'n	Apr. 24	5,319,222	55,204	567,526	4,342,465	584,843	22,261	
Comparison with prev. week		+95,057	+1,171	-18,225	+25,151	+12,665	+31	Gr'd aggr. w/ser.	cond'n	Apr. 17	5,224,165	54,033	585,751	4,317,314	572,178	22,230	
Gr'd aggr. w/ser.	cond'n	Apr. 10	5,289,241	56,501	587,544	4,290,934	583,109	22,183	Gr'd aggr. w/ser.	cond'n	Apr. 3	5,409,017	53,916	557,763	4,471,909	585,402	22,116
Gr'd aggr. w/ser.	cond'n	Apr. 27	5,317,240	55,355	589,559	4,334,419	581,951	22,296	Gr'd aggr. w/ser.	cond'n	Mar. 20	5,314,812	56,800	588,312	4,363,020	566,361	22,267
Gr'd aggr. w/ser.	cond'n	Mar. 13	5,328,039	57,421	607,326	4,383,441	573,112	22,296	Gr'd aggr. w/ser.	cond'n							

	Actual Figures.				
	Cash Reserve in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories	Total Reserve.	a Reserve Required.	Surplus Reserve.
Members Federal Reserve Bank	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
State banks*	6,873,000	555,699,000	555,699,000	563,805,450	-8,106,450
Trust companies*	2,429,000	4,952,000	11,825,000	11,400,300	424,700
		6,875,000	9,304,000	9,155,100	148,900
Total Apr. 24	9,302,000	567,526,000	576,828,000	584,360,850	-7,532,850
Total Apr. 17	9,172,000	585,751,000	594,923,000	580,658,320	14,264,680
Total Apr. 10	9,607,000	587,544,000	597,151,000	577,459,300	19,691,700
Total Apr. 3	9,107,000	557,763,000	566,870,000	601,029,500	-34,159,500

* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank.

a This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve Bank includes also amount of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: Apr. 24, \$15,452,970; Apr. 17, \$15,064,770; Apr. 10, \$15,388,410; Apr. 3, \$15,454,830; Mar. 27, \$15,360,000.

State Banks and Trust Companies Not in Clearing House.—The State Banking Department reports weekly figures showing the condition of State banks and trust companies in New York City not in the Clearing House as follows:

SUMMARY OF STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK; NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.
(Figures Furnished by State Banking Department.)

	April 24.	Differences from Previous Week.
Loans and Investments	\$1,213,332,100	Dec. \$3,376,000
Gold	4,677,700	Inc. 38,000
Currency notes	24,065,900	Dec. 683,400
Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York	102,714,600	Dec. 236,800
Time deposits	1,267,751,100	Dec. 13,713,300
Deposits eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories and from other banks and trust companies in N. Y. City, exchange & U. S. deposits	1,194,843,200	Dec. 3,377,400
Reserve on deposits	172,546,200	Dec. 4,975,200
Percentage of reserve, 20.1%		

RESERVE.

	State Banks	Trust Companies
Cash in vault	\$39,190,700 16.81%	\$92,267,500 14.82%
Deposits in banks and trust cos.	12,186,000 05.22%	28,902,000 04.64%
Total	\$51,376,700 22.03%	\$121,169,500 19.46%

* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on April 24 was \$102,714,600.

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

COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK.

Week Ended—	Loans and Investments.	Demand Deposits.	*Total Cash in Vaults.	Reserve in Depositories.
Dec. 28	\$6,584,447,000	\$5,619,923,800	\$105,692,300	\$734,118,200
Jan. 2	6,688,745,000	5,740,772,300	99,811,300	764,938,500
Jan. 9	6,713,047,300	5,770,909,300	95,988,600	784,899,000
Jan. 16	6,814,199,500	5,711,092,600	90,893,800	762,604,500
Jan. 23	6,557,007,300	5,657,830,000	87,033,900	746,110,700
Jan. 30	6,538,928,200	5,628,105,200	87,174,800	732,989,600
Feb. 6	6,583,367,000	5,669,834,300	84,220,500	740,775,600
Feb. 13	6,551,072,500	5,617,024,100	89,198,200	732,243,100
Feb. 20	6,539,198,100	5,572,396,500	85,608,600	732,631,000
Feb. 27	6,538,928,200	5,628,105,200	87,174,800	732,989,600
Mar. 6	6,574,532,600	5,621,468,900	84,322,400	744,749,500
Mar. 13	6,501,882,000	5,562,180,300	85,376,300	725,793,200
Mar. 20	6,559,283,300	5,624,406,300	83,752,000	737,864,500
Mar. 27	6,528,460,200	5,539,714,200	82,310,600	726,143,200
Apr. 3	6,582,817,200	5,616,040,800	79,710,300	735,192,600
Apr. 10	6,551,614,500	5,532,964,000	87,360,600	725,290,000
Apr. 17	6,477,226,100	5,494,548,600	85,630,000	723,682,400
Apr. 24	6,461,079,100	5,513,745,200	83,266,600	722,786,600

New York City Non-Member Banks and Trust Companies.—The following are the returns to the Clearing House by clearing non-member institutions and which are not included in the "Clearing House Returns" in the foregoing:

RETURN OF NON-MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE.

(Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three cyphers [000] omitted.)

Week Ending April 24 1926.	Capital	Net Profits	Loans Discounts, Investments, &c.	Cash in Vault	Reserve with Legal Depositories.	Net Demand Deposits	Net Time Deposits
Members of Fed'l Res'v Bank.	\$	\$	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average
Grace Nat Bank	1,000	1,867	13,121	63	1,182	7,108	3,874
Total.	1,000	1,867	13,121	63	1,182	7,108	3,874
State Banks.							
Not Members of the Federal Reserve Bank							
Bank of Wash. Hts.	200	616	9,260	772	386	6,420	2,752
Colonial Bank	1,200	2,967	32,300	3,259	1,563	27,093	5,072
Total.	1,400	3,583	41,560	4,031	1,949	33,513	7,824
Trust Company							
Not Member of the Federal Reserve Bank							
Mech Tr. Bayonne	500	589	9,554	333	152	3,049	6,030
Total.	500	589	9,554	333	152	3,049	6,030
Grand aggregate.	2,900	6,040	64,235	4,427	3,283	44,670	17,728
Comparison with prev. week			+514	-104	+91	-549	+78
Gr'd aggr., Apr. 17	2,900	6,029	63,721	4,531	3,192	44,219	17,650
Gr'd aggr., Apr. 10	2,900	6,029	62,297	4,306	3,666	42,054	17,611
Gr'd aggr., Apr. 3	2,900	5,838	62,534	4,231	3,026	42,395	17,664
Gr'd aggr., Mar. 27	2,900	5,838	64,581	4,388	3,090	42,861	17,713

a United States deposits deducted, \$136,000.

Bills payable, rediscounts acceptances, and other liabilities, \$2,091,000.

Excess reserve \$66,290 increase.

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

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

	April 28 1926.	Changes from previous week.	April 21 1926.	April 14 1926.
Capital	\$69,500,000	Unchanged	\$69,500,000	\$68,500,000
Surplus and profits	93,752,000	Inc. 55,000	93,697,000	90,551,000
Loans, disc'ts & invest.	1,031,054,000	Inc. 122,000	1,030,932,000	1,033,796,000
Individual deposits	679,624,000	Dec. 7,362,000	686,986,000	675,278,000
Due to banks	144,893,000	Dec. 3,856,000	148,749,000	142,657,000
Time deposits	224,816,000	Dec. 1,743,000	219,955,000	218,916,000
United States deposits	38,609,000	Dec. 4,472,000	40,352,000	46,895,000
Exch' for Cl'g House	36,096,000	Dec. 4,472,000	40,352,000	32,161,000
Due from other banks	85,448,000	Dec. 7,828,000	93,276,000	83,467,000
Res'v in legal depos.	80,079,000	Dec. 292,000	80,371,000	79,284,000
Cash in bank	10,336,000	Inc. 501,000	9,835,000	10,167,000
Res'v excess in F.R. Bk	653,000	Dec. 310,000	963,000	435,000

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Apr. 24, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve System the reserve required is 10% on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with legal depositories" and "Cash in vaults."

Two Cyphers (00) omitted.	Week Ended April 24 1926.			April 17 1926.	Apr. 10 1926.
	Members of F.R. System	Trust Companies	1926 Total.		
Capital	\$44,775.0	\$5,000.0	\$49,775.0	\$49,775.0	\$49,275.0
Surplus and profits	131,612.0	17,405.0	149,017.0	148,864.0	149,283.0
Loans, disc'ts & invest'm'ts	869,630.0	50,593.0	920,223.0	916,127.0	904,206.0
Exchanges for Clear. House	34,332.0	433.0	34,765.0	46,740.0	39,383.0
Due from banks	115,134.0	16.0	115,150.0	125,754.0	115,196.0
Bank deposits	141,745.0	789.0	142,534.0	145,614.0	141,756.0
Individual deposits	607,636.0	32,531.0	640,167.0	653,342.0	620,459.0
Time deposits	130,635.0	2,116.0	132,751.0	129,640.0	130,720.0
Total deposits	880,016.0	35,436.0	915,452.0	928,596.0	892,935.0
Res'v with legal depos.	65,873.0	5,233.0	71,106.0	5,690.0	4,863.0
Reserve with F. R. Bank	10,145.0	1,453.0	11,598.0	65,736.0	64,045.0
Cash in vault *	76,018.0	6,686.0	82,704.0	11,533.0	11,692.0
Total reserve & cash held	66,093.0	5,035.0	71,128.0	82,959.0	80,600.0
Reserve required	9,225.0	1,651.0	10,876.0	72,105.0	69,079.0
Excess res. & cash in vault	9,225.0	1,651.0	10,876.0	10,854.0	11,521.0

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

Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

—The following shows the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at the close of business Apr. 28 1926 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

	April 28 1926.	April 21 1926.	April 29 1925.
Resources—			
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent	\$383,700,000	\$453,808,000	\$356,495,000
Gold redemp. fund with U. S. Treasury	11,572,000	12,784,000	9,940,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	395,272,000	466,592,000	366,435,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	255,789,000	206,755,000	252,341,000
Gold and gold certificates held by bank	349,053,000	351,910,000	335,647,000
Total gold reserves	1,000,114,000	1,025,257,000	954,423,000
Reserves other than gold	43,870,000	42,351,000	35,123,000
Total reserves	1,043,984,000	1,067,608,000	989,546,000
Non-reserve cash	17,030,000	19,596,000	14,252,000
Bills discounted			
Secured by U. S. Gov't. obligations	112,319,000	37,475,000	65,893,000
Other bills discounted	28,317,000	23,753,000	21,805,000
Total bills discounted	140,636,000	61,228,000	87,698,000
Bills bought in open market	19,504,000	26,086,000	57,590,000
U. S. Government securities—			
Bonds	11,762,000	11,762,000	12,461,000
Treasury notes	36,275,000	36,275,000	79,197,000
Certificates of indebtedness	25,831,000	25,831,000	1,963,000
Total U. S. Government securities	73,868,000	73,868,000	93,621,000
Foreign loans on gold	2,219,000	2,844,000	2,835,000
Total bills and securities (See Note)	236,227,000	163,566,000	241,744,000
Due from foreign banks (See Note)	660,000	644,000	640,000
Uncollected items	153,863,000	170,255,000	140,265,000
Bank premises	16,715,000	16,715,000	16,579,000
All other resources	4,816,000	4,481,000	5,768,000
Total resources	1,473,295,000	1,442,866,000	1,408,734,000
Liabilities—			
Fed'l Reserve notes in actual circulation	361,438,000	363,393,000	340,293,000
Deposits—Member bank, reserve acct.	874,771,000	825,555,000	840,804,000
Government	3,108,000	9,341,000	5,422,000
Foreign bank (See Note)	2,080,000	5,565,000	5,472,000
Other deposits	8,745,000	9,317,000	9,525,000
Total deposits	888,704,000	845,781,000	861,223,000
Deferred availability items	124,860,000	136,080,000	113,537,000
Capital paid in	35,184,000	34,629,000	31,492,000
Surplus	59,964,000	59,964,000	58,749,000
All other liabilities	3,145,000	3,019,000	3,440,000
Total liabilities	1,473,295,000	1,442,866,000	1,408,734,000

Ratio of total reserves to deposit and Fed'l Res'v note liabilities combined 83.5% 88.3% 82.4%

Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents 17,063,000 18,191,000 12,743,000

NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption, "All other earning assets," now made up of Federal intermediate credit bank debentures, has been changed to "Other securities," and the caption, "Total earning assets" to "Total bills and securities." The latter term has been adopted as a more accurate description of the total of the discounts, acceptances and securities acquired under the provisions of Sections 13 and 14 of the Federal Reserve Act, which are the only items included herein.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, April 29, 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 2430, 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 APRIL 28, 1926.

	April 28 1926.	April 21 1926.	April 14 1926.	April 7 1926.	Mar. 31 1926.	Mar. 24 1926.	Mar. 17 1926.	Mar. 10 1926.	April 29 1925.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
RESOURCES.									
Gold with Federal Reserve Agents.....	1,437,742,000	1,498,448,000	1,385,430,000	1,384,531,000	1,361,723,000	1,404,307,000	1,432,402,000	1,408,708,000	1,547,198,000
Gold redemption fund with U. S. Treas.	52,247,000	53,429,000	52,815,000	47,741,000	48,754,000	58,086,000	58,431,000	50,406,000	51,345,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	1,489,989,000	1,551,877,000	1,438,245,000	1,432,272,000	1,410,477,000	1,462,393,000	1,490,833,000	1,459,114,000	1,598,543,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board.	691,418,000	617,880,000	715,880,000	730,247,000	751,935,000	713,203,000	688,599,000	692,997,000	636,928,000
Gold and gold certificates held by banks.	615,686,000	625,469,000	627,663,000	620,827,000	604,461,000	618,885,000	631,833,000	647,047,000	615,631,000
Total gold reserves.....	2,797,093,000	2,795,227,000	2,781,788,000	2,783,346,000	2,766,873,000	2,794,481,000	2,811,265,000	2,799,158,000	2,851,102,000
Reserves other than gold.....	156,983,000	155,243,000	157,017,000	150,305,000	152,973,000	155,295,000	153,392,000	151,682,000	142,009,000
Total reserves.....	2,954,076,000	2,950,470,000	2,938,805,000	2,933,651,000	2,919,846,000	2,949,776,000	2,964,657,000	2,950,840,000	2,993,111,000
Non-reserve cash.....	57,937,000	60,768,000	62,838,000	61,484,000	62,078,000	66,102,000	66,786,000	68,998,000	54,536,000
Bills discounted:									
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	275,223,000	208,834,000	334,735,000	290,169,000	311,487,000	340,564,000	260,479,000	263,904,000	215,871,000
Other bills discounted.....	238,445,000	240,836,000	242,549,000	288,383,000	320,904,000	276,983,000	220,136,000	238,521,000	184,114,000
Total bills discounted.....	513,668,000	449,670,000	577,284,000	578,552,000	632,391,000	617,547,000	480,615,000	502,425,000	399,985,000
Bills bought in open market.....	199,017,000	229,474,000	274,058,000	229,773,000	249,633,000	252,228,000	257,138,000	284,520,000	266,828,000
U. S. Government securities:									
Bonds.....	98,008,000	98,681,000	94,136,000	74,997,000	70,054,000	63,877,000	63,831,000	60,437,000	85,138,000
Treasury notes.....	150,684,000	149,999,000	143,465,000	134,897,000	131,644,000	121,308,000	75,418,000	187,335,000	241,980,000
Certificates of indebtedness.....	140,121,000	139,903,000	139,415,000	132,135,000	128,139,000	123,016,000	213,328,000	111,894,000	21,921,000
Total U. S. Government securities.....	388,813,000	388,583,000	377,016,000	342,029,000	329,837,000	308,201,000	352,577,000	359,666,000	349,039,000
Other securities (see note).....	4,635,000	4,635,000	5,185,000	5,185,000	5,185,000	3,810,000	3,610,000	2,150,000	1,400,000
Foreign loans on gold.....	8,100,000	8,700,000	8,700,000	8,800,000	8,491,000	8,010,000	7,700,000	8,798,000	10,500,000
Total bills and securities (see note).....	1,114,233,000	1,081,062,000	1,242,243,000	1,164,339,000	1,225,537,000	1,189,796,000	1,101,640,000	1,158,559,000	1,027,752,000
Due from foreign banks (see note).....	660,000	644,000	643,000	643,000	643,000	643,000	712,000	737,000	640,000
Uncollected items.....	638,910,000	711,616,000	768,248,000	635,145,000	620,294,000	635,857,000	831,669,000	628,454,000	592,804,000
Bank premises.....	59,537,000	59,519,000	59,481,000	59,480,000	59,441,000	59,406,000	59,406,000	59,406,000	59,266,000
All other resources.....	16,231,000	15,780,000	16,201,000	15,040,000	14,759,000	14,732,000	14,134,000	17,775,000	21,646,000
Total resources.....	4,841,584,000	4,879,859,000	5,088,459,000	4,869,782,000	4,902,598,000	4,916,312,000	5,039,004,000	4,884,769,000	4,749,755,000
LIABILITIES.									
F. R. notes in actual circulation.....	1,661,982,000	1,662,284,000	1,681,096,000	1,652,878,000	1,656,482,000	1,658,996,000	1,659,210,000	1,671,754,000	1,683,880,000
Deposits:									
Member banks—reserve account.....	2,202,831,000	2,171,145,000	2,283,222,000	2,191,635,000	2,215,243,000	2,218,007,000	2,230,282,000	2,209,698,000	2,134,562,000
Government.....	16,412,000	23,828,000	43,280,000	60,580,000	85,813,000	68,892,000	7,089,000	48,554,000	27,959,000
Foreign bank (see note).....	5,009,000	4,494,000	4,576,000	7,954,000	5,399,000	8,420,000	5,971,000	4,784,000	7,652,000
Other deposits.....	17,874,000	20,283,000	16,074,000	18,298,000	16,897,000	18,313,000	21,305,000	18,253,000	18,112,000
Total deposits.....	2,242,128,000	2,219,750,000	2,347,152,000	2,278,467,000	2,323,352,000	2,313,632,000	2,264,647,000	2,281,289,000	2,187,385,000
Deferred availability items.....	579,167,000	640,652,000	703,600,000	582,779,000	567,879,000	588,910,000	761,108,000	577,943,000	532,714,000
Capital paid in.....	122,129,000	121,452,000	120,898,000	120,455,000	120,427,000	120,404,000	120,394,000	119,993,000	115,207,000
Surplus.....	220,310,000	220,310,000	220,310,000	220,310,000	220,310,000	220,310,000	220,310,000	220,310,000	217,837,000
Other liabilities.....	15,870,000	15,411,000	15,403,000	14,893,000	14,148,000	14,060,000	13,355,000	13,480,000	12,732,000
Total liabilities.....	4,841,584,000	4,879,859,000	5,088,459,000	4,869,782,000	4,902,598,000	4,916,312,000	5,039,004,000	4,884,769,000	4,749,755,000
Ratio of gold reserves to deposits and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	71.6%	72.0%	68.9%	70.8%	69.5%	70.3%	71.6%	70.8%	73.6%
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	75.7%	76.0%	73.0%	74.6%	73.4%	74.3%	75.6%	74.6%	77.3%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.....	68,568,000	67,696,000	68,202,000	68,172,000	69,161,000	71,016,000	78,975,000	83,009,000	47,656,000
Distribution by Maturity—									
1-15 days bills bought in open market.....	86,409,000	97,220,000	132,780,000	97,117,000	117,659,000	110,540,000	96,085,000	111,474,000	92,293,000
1-15 days bills discounted.....	381,970,000	312,567,000	436,193,000	430,712,000	473,606,000	488,050,000	364,185,000	390,088,000	294,009,000
1-15 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness.....	-----	-----	13,000	36,000	10,000	2,884,000	99,013,000	48,000	61,000
1-15 days municipal warrants.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	70,533,000	66,139,000	61,997,000
16-30 days bills bought in open market.....	56,093,000	60,606,000	57,559,000	52,815,000	52,635,000	61,546,000	30,967,000	29,551,000	23,587,000
16-30 days bills discounted.....	30,154,000	32,320,000	33,897,000	34,987,000	37,181,000	31,336,000	-----	-----	-----
16-30 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness.....	-----	4,689,000	200,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
16-30 days municipal warrants.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
31-60 days bills bought in open market.....	38,275,000	42,702,000	54,633,000	51,824,000	52,287,000	52,619,000	57,847,000	72,552,000	74,789,000
31-60 days bills discounted.....	51,743,000	54,093,000	56,491,000	59,119,000	65,230,000	51,259,000	43,340,000	43,601,000	38,079,000
31-60 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness.....	68,036,000	60,703,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
31-60 days municipal warrants.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
61-90 days bills bought in open market.....	14,192,000	24,230,000	24,268,000	24,807,000	23,327,000	22,744,000	28,574,000	29,571,000	32,681,000
61-90 days bills discounted.....	28,445,000	31,560,000	33,156,000	37,770,000	41,319,000	35,345,000	29,589,000	27,087,000	24,087,000
61-90 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness.....	-----	2,251,000	66,863,000	62,991,000	59,418,000	25,203,000	24,988,000	-----	-----
61-90 days municipal warrants.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Over 90 days bills bought in open market.....	4,048,000	4,716,000	4,868,000	3,410,000	3,725,000	4,779,000	4,099,000	4,784,000	5,068,000
Over 90 days bills discounted.....	21,356,000	19,130,000	17,547,000	15,964,000	15,055,000	13,507,000	12,544,000	11,098,000	20,223,000
Over 90 days certif. of indebtedness.....	72,085,000	72,260,000	72,339,000	69,108,000	68,711,000	94,929,000	89,327,000	111,846,000	21,360,000
Over 90 days municipal warrants.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
F. R. notes received from Comptroller.....	2,856,089,000	2,859,710,000	2,832,211,000	2,802,474,000	2,809,809,000	2,807,701,000	2,819,409,000	2,826,107,000	2,999,734,000
F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent.....	855,082,000	853,871,000	830,057,000	843,261,000	843,106,000	827,637,000	829,901,000	825,142,000	999,049,000
Issued to Federal Reserve Banks.....	2,001,007,000	2,005,839,000	2,002,154,000	1,959,213,000	1,966,703,000	1,980,064,000	1,989,508,000	2,000,965,000	2,000,685,000
How Secured—									
By gold and gold certificates.....	318,953,000	309,253,000	309,653,000	309,393,000	311,743,000	310,493,000	310,748,000	310,846,000	275,816,000
Gold redemption fund.....	99,441,000	100,600,000	110,457,000	99,651,000	104,805,000	105,606,000	102,162,000	107,962,000	115,266,000
Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board.....	1,019,348,000	1,088,595,000	965,320,000	976,087,000	945,175,000	988,203,000	1,019,492,000	989,900,000	1,156,116,000
By eligible paper.....	688,773,000	648,512,000	822,806,000	777,026,000	838,769,000	827,811,000	704,667,000	754,218,000	639,244,000
Total.....	2,126,515,000	2,146,960,000	2,208,236,000	2,161,557,000	2,200,492,000	2,232,118,000	2,137,069,000	2,162,926,000	2,186,442,000

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 to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption, "All other earning assets," now made up of Federal Intermediate Credit Bank debentures, has been changed to "Other securities," and the caption, "Total earning assets," to "Total bills and securities." The latter term has been adopted as a more accurate description of the total of the discounts, acceptances and securities acquired under the provisions of Sections 13 and 14 of the Federal Reserve Act, which are the only items included therein.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS APR. 28, 1926

Two ciphers (00) omitted. Federal Reserve Bank of—	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
RESOURCES.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Gold with Federal Reserve Agents	120,678.0	383,700.0	121,808.0	170,526.0	46,427.0	158,785.0	129,297.0	14,068.0	45,684.0	44,134.0	23,452.0	179,203.0	1,437,742.0
Gold red'n fund with U. S. Treas.	5,169.0	11,572.0	12,837.0	2,831.0	1,750.0	3,261.0	3,467.0	859.0	2,155.0	2,479.0	1,375.0	2,492.0	52,247.0
Gold held excl. agst. F. R. notes	125,847.0	395,272.0	134,645.0	173,357.0	48,177.0	162,026.0	134,764.0	14,927.0	47,839.0	46,613.0	24,827.0	181,695.0	1,489,989.0
Gold settle't fund with F. R. Board	57,065.0	255,789.0	46,510.0	64,183.0	23,781.0	24,482.0	134,818.0	14,793.0	11,012.0	23,724.0	8,492.0	26,769.0	691,418.0
Gold and gold certificates.....	36,096.0	349,053.0	22,460.0	48,406.0	7,244.0	4,090.0	75,074.0	19,417.0	7,101.0	6,439.0	10,968.0	29,338.0	615,686.0
Total gold reserves.....	219,008.0	1,000,114.0	203,615.0	285,946.0	79,202.0	190,598.0	344,656.0	49,137.0	65,952.0	76,776.0	44,287.0	237,802.0	2,797,093.0
Reserves other than gold.....	20,949.0	43,870.0	6,300.0	6,024.0	8,171.0	10,049.0	19,690.0	20,035.0	3,262.0	4,842.0	5,759.0	8,032.0	156,983.0
Total reserves.....	239,957.0	1,043,984.0	209,915.0	291,970.0	87,373.0	200,647.0	364,346.0	69,172.0	69,214.0	81,618.0	50,046.0	245,834.0	2,954,076.0
Non-reserve cash.....	4,582.0	17,030.0	1,699.0	2,960.0	4,698.0	4,601.0	9,093.0	7,322.0	1,147.0	2,294.0	2,653.0	3,458.0	57,937.0
Bills discounted:													
Sec. by U. S. Govt. obligations	9,343.0	112,319.0	29,895.0	34,259.0	14,779.0	3,659.0	30,320.0	10,530.0	1,586.0	5,734.0	1,507.0	21,292.0	275,223.0
Other bills discounted.....	15,764.0	28,317.0	19,397.0	16,677.0	28,338.0	32,536.0	30,943.0	13,192.0	5,360.0	14,884.0	8,077.0	25,060.0	238,445.0
Total bills discounted.....	25,107.0	140,636.0	49,292.0	50,836.0	43,117.0	36,195.0	61,263.0	23,722.0	6,946.0	20,618.0	9,584.0	46,352.0	553,668.0
Bills bought in open market.....	18,880.0	19,504.0	13,187.0	18,026.0	8,878.0	25,474.0	23,591.0	8,219.0	19,170.0	10,751.0	9,781.0	22,880.0	199,017.0
U. S. Government securities:													
Bonds.....	3,582.0	11,762.0	3,088.0	11,541.0	3,201.0	263.0	25,914.0	3,199.0	9,486.0	11,207.0	10,407.0	4,358.0	98,008.0
Treasury notes.....	5,400.0	36,275.0	2,644.0	17,325.0	3,737.0	249.0	19,480.0	10,335.0	6,057.0	13,663.0	13,244.0	22,285.0	150,684.0
Certificates of indebtedness.....	8,307.0	25,831.0	17,991.0	8,244.0	2,405.0	2,950.0	13,542.0	12,208.0	4,285.0	11,574.0	9,627.0	23,157.0	104,121.0
Total U. S. Govt. securities.....	17,289.0	73,868.0	23,723.0	37,110.0	9,343.0	3,462.0	58,936.0	25,742.0	19,828.0	36,434.0	33,278.0	49,800.0	388,813.0

RESOURCES (Concluded)— Two Ciphers (00) omitted.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneap.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
Other securities.....	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Foreign loans on gold.....	616.0	2,219.0	3,575.0	867.0	429.0	560.0	1,110.0	348.0	500.0	316.0	284.0	559.0	4,635.0
Total bills and securities.....	61,892.0	236,227.0	90,546.0	107,515.0	61,767.0	66,015.0	144,900.0	58,031.0	46,703.0	68,119.0	52,927.0	119,591.0	1,114,233.0
Due from foreign banks.....	680.0	680.0	680.0	680.0	680.0	680.0	680.0	680.0	680.0	680.0	680.0	680.0	680.0
Uncollected items.....	57,738.0	153,863.0	57,767.0	60,520.0	52,745.0	35,938.0	76,937.0	32,073.0	11,644.0	38,779.0	23,751.0	37,155.0	638,910.0
Bank premises.....	4,065.0	16,715.0	1,532.0	7,409.0	2,364.0	2,775.0	7,933.0	4,111.0	2,943.0	4,653.0	1,793.0	3,241.0	59,537.0
All other resources.....	95.0	4,816.0	418.0	923.0	324.0	1,078.0	1,406.0	498.0	2,300.0	649.0	405.0	3,319.0	16,231.0
Total resources.....	368,332.0	1,473,295.0	361,877.0	471,297.0	209,271.0	311,054.0	604,615.0	167,607.0	133,951.0	196,112.0	131,575.0	412,598.0	4,841,584.0
LIABILITIES.													
F. R. notes in actual circulation.....	144,882.0	361,438.0	142,689.0	201,413.0	72,448.0	187,925.0	171,852.0	36,885.0	62,526.0	61,739.0	35,721.0	182,464.0	1,661,982.0
Deposits:													
Member bank—reserve acc't.....	140,353.0	874,771.0	132,827.0	174,345.0	65,850.0	73,920.0	312,539.0	83,250.0	46,805.0	83,028.0	56,303.0	158,840.0	2,202,831.0
Government.....	914.0	3,108.0	503.0	418.0	2,461.0	1,357.0	1,080.0	983.0	1,115.0	997.0	1,837.0	1,642.0	16,412.0
Foreign bank.....	307.0	2,080.0	383.0	432.0	214.0	161.0	553.0	174.0	129.0	157.0	141.0	278.0	5,009.0
Other deposits.....	94.0	8,745.0	97.0	944.0	61.0	90.0	928.0	261.0	165.0	182.0	31.0	6,276.0	17,874.0
Total deposits.....	141,668.0	888,704.0	133,810.0	176,139.0	68,586.0	75,528.0	315,100.0	84,668.0	48,738.0	84,482.0	57,472.0	167,231.0	2,242,126.0
Deferred availability items.....	55,208.0	12,860.0	52,309.0	55,907.0	49,245.0	33,078.0	68,325.0	30,319.0	10,951.0	35,838.0	25,778.0	37,349.0	579,167.0
Capital paid in.....	8,772.0	35,184.0	11,953.0	13,472.0	6,046.0	4,945.0	16,413.0	5,244.0	4,308.0	4,308.0	8,400.0	122,129.0	122,129.0
Surplus.....	17,020.0	59,964.0	20,464.0	22,894.0	11,919.0	8,700.0	30,613.0	9,570.0	7,501.0	8,979.0	7,615.0	15,071.0	220,310.0
All other liabilities.....	782.0	3,145.0	652.0	1,472.0	1,027.0	878.0	2,312.0	921.0	1,094.0	818.0	686.0	2,083.0	15,870.0
Total liabilities.....	368,332.0	1,473,295.0	361,877.0	471,297.0	209,271.0	311,054.0	604,615.0	167,607.0	133,951.0	196,112.0	131,575.0	412,598.0	4,841,584.0
Memoranda.													
Reserve ratio (per cent).....	83.7	83.5	75.9	77.3	62.0	76.2	74.8	56.9	62.2	55.8	53.7	70.3	75.7
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.....	5,182.0	17,063.0	6,478.0	7,296.0	3,714.0	2,728.0	9,342.0	2,932.0	2,182.0	2,659.0	2,387.0	4,705.0	66,568.0
F. R. notes on hand (notes received from F. R. Agent less notes in circulation).....	14,783.0	155,247.0	29,519.0	16,275.0	17,402.0	29,527.0	17,906.0	4,943.0	4,966.0	6,422.0	5,192.0	36,843.0	339,025.0

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE ACCOUNTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS APRIL 28 1926

Federal Reserve Agent at—	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneap.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
(Two Ciphers (00) Omitted.)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
F. R. notes rec'd from Comptroller.....	210,365.0	758,165.0	210,328.0	271,338.0	122,390.0	270,187.0	409,995.0	65,048.0	85,425.0	115,711.0	55,650.0	281,487.0	2,856,089.0
F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent.....	50,700.0	241,480.0	38,120.0	53,650.0	32,540.0	52,735.0	220,237.0	23,220.0	17,933.0	47,550.0	14,737.0	62,180.0	855,082.0
F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bank.....	159,665.0	516,685.0	172,208.0	217,688.0	89,850.0	217,452.0	189,758.0	41,828.0	67,492.0	68,161.0	40,913.0	219,307.0	2,001,007.0
Collateral held as security for F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bk.:													
Gold and gold certificates.....	35,300.0	186,698.0	400.0	8,780.0	25,655.0	13,237.0	8,445.0	13,212.0	1,623.0	1,472.0	17,226.0	10,000.0	318,953.0
Gold redemption fund.....	11,378.0	26,002.0	11,911.0	11,746.0	4,272.0	4,028.0	3,653.0	1,623.0	1,472.0	4,274.0	2,726.0	16,356.0	99,441.0
Gold fund—F. R. Board.....	74,000.0	171,000.0	109,497.0	150,000.0	16,500.0	141,500.0	125,644.0	4,000.0	31,000.0	39,860.0	3,500.0	152,847.0	1,019,348.0
Eligible paper.....	43,987.0	150,551.0	55,152.0	68,699.0	50,560.0	60,533.0	84,679.0	30,857.0	25,919.0	31,119.0	19,148.0	67,569.0	688,773.0
Total collateral.....	164,665.0	534,251.0	176,960.0	239,225.0	96,987.0	219,298.0	213,976.0	44,925.0	71,603.0	75,253.0	42,600.0	246,772.0	2,126,515.0

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

Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board, giving the principal items of the resources and liabilities of the 707 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 2430

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business April 21 1926. (Three ciphers (000) omitted.)

Federal Reserve District.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneap.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
Number of reporting banks.....	40	97	52	75	68	36	99	33	24	68	49	66	707
Loans and discounts, gross:													
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations.....	10,239	52,742	11,588	19,939	5,020	7,719	23,634	11,663	2,525	3,784	3,100	10,318	162,271
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	320,597	2,218,071	407,761	539,279	137,890	103,562	807,612	201,102	61,840	102,646	77,520	284,627	5,262,507
All other loans and discounts.....	652,292	2,675,100	376,838	780,503	375,966	407,952	1,241,967	312,692	169,953	320,538	233,100	899,105	8,446,006
Total loans and discounts.....	983,128	4,945,913	796,187	1,339,721	518,876	519,233	2,073,213	525,457	234,318	426,968	313,720	1,194,050	13,870,784
Investments:													
U. S. Government securities.....	156,116	1,014,781	106,157	287,806	68,762	44,845	308,690	63,375	71,567	111,056	52,426	258,615	2,544,196
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	229,918	1,191,795	252,931	344,190	61,104	55,104	440,133	106,044	42,091	77,022	23,815	210,774	3,034,921
Total investments.....	386,034	2,206,576	359,088	631,996	129,866	99,949	748,823	169,419	113,658	188,078	76,241	469,389	5,579,117
Total loans and investments.....	1,369,162	7,152,489	1,155,275	1,971,717	648,742	619,182	2,822,036	694,876	347,976	615,046	389,961	1,663,439	19,449,901
Reserve balances with F. R. Bank.....	93,500	728,327	82,757	119,461	39,069	43,597	225,805	46,848	24,925	53,766	30,130	109,793	1,597,978
Cash in vault.....	20,919	77,329	16,527	30,283	13,632	11,393	49,134	7,609	6,377	12,295	9,373	20,166	275,037
Net demand deposits.....	884,819	5,592,538	776,649	1,010,169	361,794	350,511	1,724,057	402,675	214,933	474,828	269,356	751,241	12,813,570
Time deposits.....	403,148	1,245,387	227,964	804,934	207,026	219,900	1,038,288	216,916	109,836	146,167	100,902	826,284	5,546,752
Government deposits.....	38,030	47,958	29,379	29,539	9,321	11,901	21,713	8,159	4,219	8,305	7,259	24,951	240,734
Bills payable and rediscounted with F. R. Bk.:													
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations.....	2,050	19,587	7,238	18,773	5,737	4,433	19,530	5,987	2,630	7,450	715	28,045	122,175
All other.....	7,579	12,883	7,406	12,124	15,328	21,506	14,762	10,530	1,107	7,006	1,897	13,627	125,755
Total borrowings from F. R. Bank.....	9,629	32,470	14,644	30,897	21,065	25,939	34,292	16,517	3,737	14,456	2,612	41,672	247,930
Bankers' balances of reporting member banks in F. R. Bank cities:													
Due to banks.....	139,306	1,079,477	180,597	46,109	30,793	19,188	364,449	83,908	47,667	89,889	25,414	88,578	2,195,375
Due from banks.....	45,809	106,592	70,310	26,256	15,890	11,020	150,848	27,392	19,791	38,990	21,761	62,820	587,479

2. Data of reporting member banks in New York City, Chicago, and for the whole country.

	All Reporting Member Banks.			Reporting Member Banks in N. Y. City.			Reporting Member Banks in Chicago.		
	Apr. 21 1926.	Apr. 14 1926.	Apr. 22 1925.	Apr. 21 1926.	Apr. 14 1926.	Apr. 22 1925.	Apr. 21 1926.	Apr. 14 1926.	Apr. 22 1925.
Number of reporting banks.....	\$ 707	\$ 708	\$ 736	\$ 59	\$ 59	\$ 65	\$ 46	\$ 46	\$ 46
Loans and discounts, gross:									
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations.....	162,271,000	161,354,000	198,188,000	47,803,000	49,325,000	71,152,000	17,509,000	14,190,000	24,862,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	5,262,507,000	5,256,418,000	4,807,328,000	1,933,007,000	1,938,780,000	1,952,700,000	600,493,000	607,537,000	519,887,000
All other loans and discounts.....	8,446,006,000	8,479,341,000	8,124,624,000	2,348,291,000	2,352,634,000	2,231,626,000	680,872,000	686,742,000	683,155,000
Total loans and discounts.....	13,870,784,000	13,897,113,000	13,130,140,000	4,329,101,000	4,340,739,000	4,255,478,000	1,298,874,000	1,308,469,000	1,227,904,000
Investments:									
U. S. Gov't securities.....	2,544,196,000	2,554,944,000	2,616,077,000	895,058,000	894,025,000	958,373,000	157,980,000	166,385,000	182,699,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	3,034,921,000	3,044,699,000	2,889,431,000	893,042,000	889,503,000	848,193,000	205,763,000	214,515,000	200,042,000
Total Investments.....	5,579,117,000	5,599,643,000	5,505,508,000	1,788,100,000	1,783,528,000	1,806,566,000	363,743,000	380,900,000	382,741,000
Total loans and investments.....	19,449,901,000	19,496,756,000	18,635,648,000	6,117,201,000	6,124,267,000	6,062,044,000	1,662,617,000	1,689,369,000	1,610,645,000
Reserve balances with F. R. Banks.....	1,597,978,000	1,710,999,000	1,632,467,000	667,760,000	763,152,000	713,077,000	154,503,000	157,145,000	163,467,000
Cash in vault.....	275,037,000	285,488,000	282,318,000	62,241,000	64,854,000	63,132,000	21,241,000	22,497,000	27,686,000
Net demand deposits.....	12,813,570,000	12,897,703,000	12,764,742,000	5,011,375,000	5,001,492,000	5,106,539,000	1,127,654,000	1,151,851,000	1,114,886,000
Time deposits.....	5,546,752,000	5,505,127,000	5,064,103,000	828,166,000	814,093,000	824,971,000	505,451,000	503,096,000	463,352,000
Government deposits.....	240,734,000	293,878,000	206,954,000	42,828,000	52,067,000	36,000,000	9,345,000	11,352,000	15,988,000
Bills payable and rediscounts with Federal Reserve Banks:									
Secured by U. S. Gov't. obligations.....	122,175,000	255,328,000	149,333,000	7,512,000	131,447,000	47,690,000	6,080,000	6,220,000	11,158,000
All other.....	125,755,000	132,179,000	98,613,000	8,176,000	12,600,000	25,947,000	3,194,000	10,039,000	619,000
Total borrowings from F. R. bks.....	247,930,000	387,507,000	247,946,000	15,688,000	144,047,000	73,637,000	9,274,000	16,059,000	11,777,000
Loans to brokers and dealers (secured by stocks and bonds) made by 61 reporting member banks in New York City:									
For own account.....				885,590,000	876,765,000				
For account of out-of-town banks.....				1,044,378,000	1,051,878,000				
For account of others.....				534,711,000	522,696,000				
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Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 2454.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

STOCKS. Week Ended April 30.	Sales for Week.	Range for Week.		Range Since Jan. 1.	
		Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.
Railroads.					
C & C & St. Louis Pr. 100	100	125	Apr 27 125	Apr 27 118	Apr 125
Hocking Valley Ry. 100	100	164	Apr 27 164	Apr 27 147	Apr 164
Nichigan Central. 100	13	1050	Apr 24 1050	Apr 24 703	Apr 1050
Nat Rys Mex 1st pf. 100	200	5 3/4	Apr 24 6	Apr 24 4 3/4	Apr 8 3/4
N Y Chi & St L pf. 100	100	98	Apr 26 98	Apr 26 93 1/2	Jan 98
N Y & Harlem. 50	345	185	Apr 27 190	Apr 27 175	Apr 205
N Y Lack & Western. 100	50	104 1/2	Apr 27 104 1/2	Apr 27 102 1/2	Feb 104 1/2
N Y Rys cfs. 100	148	267	Apr 24 280	Apr 29 255	Apr 280
Northern Central. 50	103	80 1/4	Apr 26 81 1/4	Apr 30 79	Mar 81 1/4
Readings Ry. 100	2,800	18 1/2	Apr 27 19	Apr 24 16 1/2	Mar 22 1/2
Virginia Ry. & Pr. 100	10	165	Apr 27 165	Apr 28 150	Mar 165
Industrial & Misc.					
Abraham & Straus pf. 100	100	107 1/2	Apr 29 107 1/2	Apr 29 104 1/2	Mar 108
Amerada Corp. 100	16,400	25 1/2	Apr 26 26 1/4	Apr 24 24 1/2	Mar 26 1/4
Am Chicle prior pref. 100	300	90	Apr 30 95	Apr 30 89 1/2	Mar 95
Certificates.	200	87	Apr 30 88 1/2	Apr 30 87	Apr 88 1/2
Am Home Products. 100	3,300	26 1/4	Apr 29 26 3/4	Apr 29 26 1/4	Apr 26 3/4
Am Piano pref. 100	100	95	Apr 30 95	Apr 30 93 1/2	Mar 98
Am Su Tob op A cfs. 100	100	14 1/2	Apr 28 14 1/2	Apr 28 14 1/2	Apr 14 1/2
Barnes Leather. 100	300	45	Apr 28 45 1/4	Apr 27 45	Apr 57 1/4
Colo Fuel & Iron. pf. 100	100	110	Apr 28 110	Apr 28 110	Apr 110
Com Cred 1st pf (6 1/2) 100	800	92	Apr 28 93 1/2	Apr 26 92	Apr 99 1/2
Com Inv Tr. pf (6 1/2) 100	200	90	Apr 29 90	Apr 29 90	Apr 100
Congress Cigars. 100	2,000	42	Apr 26 43 1/2	Apr 24 42	Apr 43 1/2
Continental Can. pref 100	900	122	Apr 24 126	Apr 28 117	Mar 126
Deere & Co. pref. 100	100	107	Apr 27 107	Apr 27 104 1/2	Mar 109
Eastman Kodak, pf. 100	200	115	Apr 27 115	Apr 27 115	Apr 116
Eisenlohr & Bros. 21	1,100	13 1/2	Apr 26 13 3/4	Apr 26 12	Mar 20 1/2
Electric Auto Lite. 100	800	65 1/2	Apr 24 66 1/4	Apr 27 61 1/4	Mar 82 1/4
Electric Boat. 100	3,200	5	Apr 30 5 1/2	Apr 28 4	Mar 8 1/2
Electric Refrigeration. 100	13,000	65 1/2	Apr 29 67 1/2	Apr 30 65 1/2	Apr 67 1/2
Elk Horn Coal Corp. 100	100	9	Apr 26 9	Apr 26 9	Feb 12 1/2
Equit Office Bldg. pf. 100	300	100	Apr 27 101	Apr 30 100	Apr 101
First Nat Pic. 1st pf. 100	100	99 1/2	Apr 28 99 1/2	Apr 28 97 1/2	Apr 107
Fisk Rub. 1st pf. 100	2,100	79	Apr 24 82 1/4	Apr 26 76 1/2	Apr 84 1/4
First pref conv. 100	200	95 1/2	Apr 24 95 1/2	Apr 24 95	Apr 107
Internat Paper, 2d paid. 100	500	46 1/2	Apr 30 46 1/2	Apr 30 46 1/2	Apr 46 1/2
Intercontinental Rubb. 100	9,000	15	Apr 27 17	Apr 24 14 1/2	Mar 21 1/2
Lambert Co. certif. 100	8,000	41 1/2	Apr 30 42 1/2	Apr 29 41 1/2	Apr 42 1/2
Life Savers. 100	1,500	17 1/2	Apr 29 17 1/2	Apr 24 17 1/2	Apr 21 1/2
Muller Rubber. 100	1,100	35	Apr 27 36	Apr 24 34	Mar 44 1/2
Montana Power. pref. 100	100	117	Apr 30 117	Apr 30 112 1/2	Jan 119 1/2
N Y Cannery. pref. 100	600	84	Apr 30 85	Apr 29 84	Apr 85
Oil Well Supply. pref. 100	100	104 1/4	Apr 28 104 1/4	Apr 28 104 1/4	Apr 107
Omnibus Corp. 100	17,200	14 1/2	Apr 30 16 1/2	Apr 24 14 1/2	Mar 22 1/2
Owens Bottle. pref. 100	200	115	Apr 27 115	Apr 27 112	Mar 115 1/2
Panhandle P & R. pf. 100	1,500	70	Apr 29 85 1/2	Apr 30 51	Jan 85 1/2
Porto Rican Am Tob. 100	300	69 1/2	Apr 28 71	Apr 27 60	Jan 81 1/2
Reid Ice Cream. pref. 100	200	98 1/2	Apr 29 98 1/2	Apr 26 95 1/2	Mar 100
Rem Typew 1st pf. 100	100	108	Apr 26 108	Apr 26 105 1/2	Mar 108
Sherwin-Wms. 1st pf. 100	100	107	Apr 27 107	Apr 27 107	Mar 108
Shoss-Sheff S. & I. pf. 100	100	104	Apr 28 104	Apr 28 100 1/2	Jan 104
Sou. Dairies, class A. 100	2,100	47	Apr 30 49 1/2	Apr 27 43	Mar 52
Class B. 100	22	100	Apr 27 31	Apr 30 22	Mar 31
United Carb & Carb. 100	10,200	81 1/2	Apr 30 83	Apr 24 77 1/2	Mar 86 1/2
United Fruit. new. 100	3,400	107	Apr 26 111 1/2	Apr 24 98	Apr 114 1/2
Vicksburg Chemical. 100	400	46	Apr 27 46 1/2	Apr 28 44 1/2	Apr 51 1/2
Vivaudou. pref. 100	400	99	Apr 29 100	Apr 29 94 1/2	Jan 103 1/2
West's Elec. 1st pref. 50	100	82	Apr 26 82	Apr 26 80	Jan 87 1/2
Wilson & Co. new. 100	100	9	Apr 29 9	Apr 29 9	Apr 9
A. new. 100	300	15 1/2	Apr 29 16 1/2	Apr 29 15 1/2	Apr 16 1/2
Preferred, new. 100	400	45 1/4	Apr 30 45 1/4	Apr 30 45 1/4	Apr 45 1/4

* No par value.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Banks—N.Y.	Bids	Asks	Banks.	Bids	Asks	Trust Cos.	Bids	Asks
America. 320	320	330	Hamilton. 180	190	190	New York		
Amer Ex Pac 435	440	440	Hanover. 1040	1060	1060	American.		
Amer Union. 208	218	218	Harriman. 550	575	575	Bank of N Y		
Bowery East R. 360	370	370	Mutual. 220	225	225	& Trust Co.	600	610
Broadway Cen. 335	375	375	Manhattan. 500	500	500	Bankers Trust	610	615
Bronx Boro. 1300	1400	1400	Nat American. 180	200	200	Bronx Co Tr.	300	
Bronx Nat. 400	450	450	National City. 602	608	608	Central Union	840	850
Bryant Park. 210	230	230	New Neth. 270	280	280	County.	225	250
Butch & Drov. 170	180	180	Park. 137	505	505	Empire.	345	352
Capitol Nat. 215	230	230	Port Morris. 215	215	215	Equitable Tr.	268	273
Cent Mercan. 275	285	285	Public. 540	540	540	Farm L & Tr.	502	508
Chase. 424	429	429	Seaboard. 600	610	610	Fidelity Trust	280	290
Chasb Phenix 330	340	340	Seventh. 175	185	185	Fulton.	355	410
Nat Bk & Tr. 227	232	232	Standard. 600	650	650	Guaranty Tr.	357	362
Chelsea Exch. 755	765	765	State. 585	600	600	Irving Bank.		
Colonial. 550			Trade. 157	162	162	Columbia Tr.	313	316
Commerce. 365	370	370	United. 215	230	230	Lawyers Tr.		
Com'wealth. 300	310	310	United States. 295	300	300	Manufacturer	495	500
Continental. 270	290	290	Wash'n Hts. 650	800	800	Mutual (West		
Corn Exch. 555	560	560	Brooklyn			chester).	175	200
Cosmop'tan. 210	240	240	Coney Island. 250	300	300	N Y Trust.	505	610
Fifth Avenue. 2100	2400	2400	First. 250	375	375	U S Mfg & Tr.	380	395
First. 2575	2625	2625	Mechanics. 275	285	285	United States	1675	1725
Franklin. 175	185	185	Montauk. 305	305	305	Westches Tr.		
Garfield. 350	375	375	Municipal. 290	300	300	Brooklyn.		
Globe Exch. 200	240	240	Nassau. 350	360	360	Brooklyn.	700	710
Grace. 325	325	325	People's. 580	580	580	Kings County	1900	
Greenwich. 525	560	560	Queensboro. 200	200	200	Midwood	4260	275

* Banks marked (*) are State banks (i) New stock. (2) Ex-dividend
y Ex-rights

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Alliance R'ty	Bids	Asks	Mtge Bond.	Bids	Asks	Realty Assoc.	Bids	Asks
Amer Surety. 45 1/4	51 1/4	51 1/4	Nat Surety. 210	215	215	(Bklyn) com	199	202
Bond & M G. 315	325	325	N Y Title. 460	470	470	1st pref.	87	92
Lawyers Mtge. 265	270	270	Mortgage. 325	375	375	2d pref.	85	90
Lawyers Title & Guarantee. 280	290	290	U S Casualty. 305	320	320	Westchester		
			U S Title Guar. 305	320	320	Title & Tr.	495	---

(i) New Stock.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Maturity.	Int. Rate.	Bids.	Asks.	Maturity.	Int. Rate.	Bids.	Asks.
Sept. 15 1926. 4 1/2%	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	June 15 1926. 3 1/2%	100	100 1/2	100 1/2
June 15 1926. 3%	99 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	Dec. 15 1927. 4 1/2%	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Dec. 15 1926. 3 1/2%	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	Mar. 15 1927. 4 1/2%	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2

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

Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices.	Apr. 24	Apr. 26	Apr. 27	Apr. 28	Apr. 29	Apr. 30
First Liberty Loan (High)	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
3 1/2% bonds of 1932-47. (Low)	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
(First 3 1/2%) (Close)	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
Total sales in \$1,000 units. 11 72 227 23 39 16						
Converted 4% bonds of 1932-47 (First 4%) (Low)	---	---	---	---	---	---
(Close)	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total sales in \$1,000 units. 12 9 6 18 3 21						
Converted 4 1/2% bonds of 1932-47 (First 4 1/2%) (Low)	---	---	---	---	---	---
(Close)	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total sales in \$1,000 units. 12 9 6 18 3 21						
Second Liberty Loan (High)	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
4% bonds of 1927-42. (Low)	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
(Second 4%) (Close)	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
Total sales in \$1,000 units. 1 50 28 20 1						
Converted 4 1/2% bonds of 1927-42 (Second 4 1/2%) (Low)	---	---	---	---	---	---
(Close)	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total sales in \$1,000 units. 37 169 6 137 87 155						
Third Liberty Loan (High)	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
4 1/2% bonds of 1928. (Low)	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
(Third 4 1/2%) (Close)	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Total sales in \$1,000 units. 88 38 112 172 61 280						
Fourth Liberty Loan (High)	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2
4 1/2% bonds of 1933-38. (Low)	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2
(Fourth 4 1/2%) (Close)	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2
Total sales in \$1,000 units. 224 128 237 323 394 208						
Treasury (High)	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2
4 1/2%, 1947-52. (Low)	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2
(Close)	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2
Total sales in \$1,000 units. 71 9 570 56 35 7						
4s, 1944-1954. (High)	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2
(Low)	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2
(Close)	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2
Total sales in \$1,000 units. 10 155 39 8 23 11						
3 1/2%, 1946-1956. (High)	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
(Low)	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
(Close)	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Total sales in \$1,000 units. 2 256 1 72 179 16						

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

1st 4 1/2% 102 1/2 to 102

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales for the Week.	PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1926. On basis of 100-share lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925.	
Saturday, April 24.	Monday, April 26.	Tuesday, April 27.	Wednesday, April 28.	Thursday, April 29.	Friday, April 30.		Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares.	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share
*43 1/2 45	*43 1/2 45	*43 1/2 45	*43 1/2 45	*44 1/2 45	*44 1/2 45	100	Ann Arbor.....	44 Jan 19	45 Jan 6	22 Feb 48
*68 1/2 70	*68 1/2 70	*68 1/2 70	*68 1/2 70	*69 1/2 70	*69 1/2 70	100	Do pref.....	64 1/2 Jan 21	69 1/2 Jan 27	40 Mar 67
131 1/2 132 1/2	132 1/2 133 1/2	132 1/2 133 1/2	132 1/2 133 1/2	132 1/2 133 1/2	132 1/2 133 1/2	32,600	Ach Tepeka & Santa Fe.....	122 Mar 30	139 Jan 5	110 1/4 Jan 140 1/2
98 1/2 99 1/2	98 1/2 99 1/2	98 1/2 99 1/2	98 1/2 99 1/2	98 1/2 99 1/2	98 1/2 99 1/2	3,000	Do pref.....	94 1/2 Mar 5	99 1/2 Apr 28	92 1/2 Feb 98
1 1/2 1 1/2	1 1/2 1 1/2	1 1/2 1 1/2	1 1/2 1 1/2	1 1/2 1 1/2	1 1/2 1 1/2	3,500	Atlanta Birm & Atlantic.....	1 Apr 7	10 Jan 2	3 Jan 11 1/2
204 204 1/2	200 203	202 203	202 203	202 203	202 203	9,300	Atlantic Coast Line RR.....	181 1/2 Mar 30	262 1/2 Jan 2	147 1/4 Jan 268
89 1/2 89 1/2	88 1/2 89 1/2	88 1/2 89 1/2	88 1/2 89 1/2	88 1/2 89 1/2	88 1/2 89 1/2	33,900	Baltimore & Ohio.....	83 1/2 Mar 3	95 1/2 Jan 11	71 Mar 94 1/2
*68 1/2 69	*68 1/2 69	*68 1/2 69	*68 1/2 69	*69 1/2 69	*69 1/2 69	800	Do pref.....	67 1/2 Jan 6	69 1/2 Feb 1	62 1/2 Apr 67 1/2
*39 39 1/2	*39 39 1/2	*39 39 1/2	*39 39 1/2	*40 1/2 41	*40 1/2 41	3,500	Bangor & Aroostook.....	33 Mar 2	46 Feb 1	35 1/4 Mar 56 1/2
100 100	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 100 1/2	22,700	Bkln Manh Tr v t c.....	97 1/2 Feb 8	100 1/2 Apr 29	89 June 100
64 64 1/2	64 64 1/2	64 64 1/2	64 64 1/2	64 64 1/2	64 64 1/2	800	Do pref v t c.....	54 1/2 Mar 31	69 1/2 Feb 5	35 1/4 Jan 64
*83 1/2 84	*84 84 1/2	*84 84 1/2	*84 84 1/2	*84 84 1/2	*84 84 1/2	3,000	Brunswick Term & Ry Sec.....	78 Mar 31	89 1/2 Jan 29	72 1/2 Jan 83 1/2
11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	100	Buffalo Rochester & Platts.....	8 1/2 Mar 4	14 1/2 Mar 18	3 Feb 17 1/2
70 70	*65 1/2 71	*65 1/2 71	*65 1/2 71	*65 1/2 71	*65 1/2 71	100	Canada Southern.....	69 1/2 Mar 26	84 Jan 4	48 Apr 92 1/2
*59 62 1/2	*59 62 1/2	*59 62 1/2	*59 62 1/2	*59 62 1/2	*59 62 1/2	6,500	Canadian Pacific.....	58 Jan 15	60 Apr 9	56 Jan 59 May
156 1/2 156 1/2	155 1/2 157 1/2	156 1/2 157 1/2	156 1/2 157 1/2	156 1/2 157 1/2	156 1/2 157 1/2	300	Central RR of New Jersey.....	240 Mar 30	262 Feb 3	136 1/2 Mar 152 1/2
*25 270	*25 270	*25 270	*25 270	*25 270	*25 270	27,300	Cesapeake & Ohio.....	112 Mar 2	136 1/2 Mar 12	89 1/4 Mar 130 1/2
124 1/2 125 1/2	124 1/2 125 1/2	124 1/2 125 1/2	124 1/2 125 1/2	124 1/2 125 1/2	124 1/2 125 1/2	2,400	Do pref.....	119 Jan 20	136 Mar 12	105 1/4 Apr 130
*122 128	*122 128	*122 128	*122 128	*122 128	*122 128	2,600	Chicago & Alton.....	6 Feb 24	11 1/2 Feb 20	3 1/2 Apr 10 1/2
*11 11 1/2	*11 11 1/2	*11 11 1/2	*11 11 1/2	*11 11 1/2	*11 11 1/2	1,680	Do pref.....	9 1/2 Feb 25	18 1/2 Feb 13	5 1/2 Apr 19 1/2
*185 200	195 195	200 1/2 205	201 1/2 205	218 227	225 225	600	C C C & St Louis.....	173 1/4 Mar 29	226 Apr 29	140 May 200
*31 32 1/2	*31 32 1/2	*31 32 1/2	*31 32 1/2	*31 32 1/2	*31 32 1/2	200	Chic & East Illinois RR.....	30 1/2 Apr 27	37 Feb 10	29 1/2 Mar 38 1/4
*41 1/2 42	*41 1/2 42	*40 42	*40 42	*40 42	*40 42	2,900	Do pref.....	36 1/2 Mar 31	51 1/2 Feb 10	40 Mar 57 1/4
9 1/2 9 1/2	9 1/2 9 1/2	9 1/2 9 1/2	9 1/2 9 1/2	9 1/2 9 1/2	9 1/2 9 1/2	100	Chicago Great Western.....	7 1/4 Mar 31	12 Feb 20	9 Jan 15
20 1/2 21	20 1/2 21	20 1/2 21	20 1/2 21	20 1/2 21	20 1/2 21	6,000	Chicago Mill & St Paul.....	14 Mar 29	14 1/2 Jan 6	3 1/4 Apr 16 1/2
10 1/2 10 1/2	10 1/2 10 1/2	10 1/2 10 1/2	10 1/2 10 1/2	10 1/2 10 1/2	10 1/2 10 1/2	12,000	Certificates.....	8 1/2 Mar 31	22 1/2 Jan 8	7 Sept 11 Nov
*98 10	10 10 1/2	10 10 1/2	10 10 1/2	10 10 1/2	10 10 1/2	7,500	Do pref.....	14 Apr 20	21 1/2 Jan 5	12 1/2 Apr 12 1/2
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*15 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 17 1/2	16 1/2 17 1/2	16 1/2 17 1/2	16 1/2 17 1/2	16 1/2 17 1/2	500	Do pref.....	11 1/2 Jan 4	12 1/2 Apr 30	10 1/4 Apr 120
70 1/2 70 1/2	70 1/2 71 1/2	71 1/2 71 1/2	71 1/2 71 1/2	71 1/2 71 1/2	71 1/2 71 1/2	21,500	Chicago Rock Isl & Pacific.....	40 1/2 Mar 3	60 1/2 Jan 15	40 1/2 Mar 58 1/2
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87 87	86 1/2 87	86 1/2 87	86 1/2 87	87 87	87 87	100	Do pref.....	100 Mar 16	114 Jan 9	74 1/4 Apr 120 1/2
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*58 1/2 59	*58 1/2 59	*58 1/2 59	*58 1/2 59	*58 1/2 59	*58 1/2 59	100	Do 1st pref.....	62 Mar 2	68 Apr 27	60 Mar 66 1/2
*57 60	*57 60	*57 60	*57 60	*57 60	*57 60	4,200	Do 2d pref.....	59 Jan 11	59 Jan 11	54 Jan 62 1/2
161 162	161 1/2 163 1/2	161 1/2 163 1/2	161 1/2 163 1/2	161 1/2 163 1/2	161 1/2 163 1/2	3,100	Delaware & Hudson.....	150 1/4 Mar 30	174 1/2 Mar 12	133 1/2 Mar 155
138 1/2 139 1/2	138 1/2 139 1/2	138 1/2 139 1/2	138 1/2 139 1/2	138 1/2 139 1/2	138 1/2 139 1/2	100	Delaware Lack & Western.....	129 Mar 30	153 1/2 Jan 12	125 Mar 147 1/2
*40 42	*40 42	*40 42	*40 42	*40 42	*40 42	200	Denv Rio Gr & West pref.....	38 Mar 31	47 Jan 2	34 1/2 Oct 60
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32 1/2 33	31 1/2 32 1/2	31 1/2 32 1/2	31 1/2 32 1/2	31 1/2 32 1/2	31 1/2 32 1/2	14,800	Do pref.....	5 1/2 Apr 22	8 1/2 Jan 18	3 1/4 Apr 8 1/2
41 41 1/2	40 1/2 41 1/2	40 1/2 41 1/2	40 1/2 41 1/2	40 1/2 41 1/2	40 1/2 41 1/2	3,300	Erie.....	22 1/2 Mar 29	40 Jan 2	26 1/4 May 39 1/2
*36 1/2 37	*36 1/2 37	*36 1/2 37	*36 1/2 37	*36 1/2 37	*36 1/2 37	8,100	Do 2d pref.....	33 1/4 Mar 30	45 1/2 Jan 4	35 June 46 1/2
73 1/2 74	73 1/2 74 1/2	73 1/2 74 1/2	73 1/2 74 1/2	73 1/2 74 1/2	73 1/2 74 1/2	4,500	Great Northern pref.....	61 1/2 Mar 30	43 Jan 2	34 June 43 1/2
22 1/2 22 1/2	22 1/2 22 1/2	22 1/2 22 1/2	22 1/2 22 1/2	22 1/2 22 1/2	22 1/2 22 1/2	1,100	Iron Ore Properties.....	21 Apr 1	27 1/2 Feb 15	60 Apr 82 1/2
29 1/2 29 1/2	28 29	29 29	29 29	29 29	29 29	1,700	Gulf Mobile & Northern.....	25 1/2 Apr 20	35 1/2 Jan 7	23 Mar 36 1/2
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120 1/2 120 1/2	120 1/2 120 1/2	120 1/2 120 1/2	120 1/2 120 1/2	120 1/2 120 1/2	120 1/2 120 1/2	2,300	Do pref.....	67 1/2 Mar 31	75 1/2 Feb 20	64 1/2 Feb 72 1/2
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*72 1/2 73	*72 1/2 73	*72 1/2 73	*72 1/2 73	*72 1/2 73	*72 1/2 73	200	Do pref.....	115 1/2 Mar 30	123 1/2 Jan 2	112 1/2 Apr 125 1/2
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*63 1/2 64 1/2	*63 1/2 64 1/2	*63 1/2 64 1/2	*63 1/2 64 1/2	*63 1/2 64 1/2	*63 1/2 64 1/2	46,200	Do pref.....	25 1/4 Mar 30	31 Feb 13	18 Jan 33 1/2
42 1/2 42 1/2	42 1/2 42 1/2	42 1/2 42 1/2	42 1/2 42 1/2	42 1/2 42 1/2	42 1/2 42 1/2	10,100	Interboro Rap Tran v t c.....	62 Mar 30	65 Apr 9	59 1/2 Jan 60 1/2
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42 1/2 43 1/2	42 1/2 43 1/2	42 1/2 43 1/2	42 1/2 43 1/2	42 1/2 43 1/2	42 1/2 43 1/2	1,200	Kansas City Southern.....	1 1/2 Apr 20	3 1/2 Jan 15	1 1/2 Jan 3 1/2
62 1/2 62 1/2	62 1/2 62 1/2	62 1/2 62 1/2	62 1/2 62 1/2	62 1/2 62 1/2	62 1/2 62 1/2	800	Do pref.....	34 1/4 Mar 3	49 1/2 Jan 13	28 1/2 Mar 51
*83 83 1/2	*83 83 1/2	*83 83 1/2	*83 83 1/2	*83 83 1/2	*83 83 1/2	4,500	Lehigh Valley.....	80 1/2 Mar 31	64 Mar 11	57 Jan 63 1/2
125 1/2 126	125 1/2 127 1/2	127 127	125 1/2 126 1/2	125 1/2 126 1/2	125 1/2 126 1/2	18,400	Lehigh Valley.....	75 1/2 Mar 3	87 Feb 13	69 Mar 88 1/2
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55 1/2 56 1/2	53 1/2 55 1/2	54 1/2 55 1/2	54 1/2 55 1/2	54 1/2 55 1/2	54 1/2 55 1/2	200	Manhattan Elevated guar.....	84 Mar 11	92 1/2 Apr 20	81 Jan 119 1/2
*74 8	*74 8	*74 8	*74 8	*74 8	*74 8	200	Do modified guar.....	38 1/2 Jan 26	56 1/2 Apr 24	32 1/2 Mar 51 1/2
*26 31	*26 31	*26 31	*26 31	*26 31	*26 31	200	Market Street Ry.....	7 Feb 1	10 Feb 9	6 Nov 12
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*16 18	*16 18	*16 18	*16 18	*16 18	*16 18	300	Do prior pref.....	40 1/2 Mar 50	51 1/2 Feb 10	42 1/2 Nov 65 1/2
*21 21 1/2	*21 21 1/2	*21 21 1/2	*21 21 1/2	*21 21 1/2	*21 21 1/2	200	Do 2d pref.....	13 1/2 Jan 18	22 1/2 Feb 10	15 Dec 35 1/2
*36 1/2 36 1/2	*36 1/2 36 1/2	*36 1/2 36 1/2	*36 1/2 36 1/2	*36 1/2 36 1/2	*36 1/2 36 1/2	200	Minneapolis & St Louis.....	2 Mar 3	3 1/2 Jan 11	2 1/4 Oct 4
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*64 65 1/2	*64 65 1/2	*64 65 1/2	*64 65 1/2	*64 65 1/2	*64 65 1/2	12,300	Do pref.....	55 Mar 20	79 Feb 4	40 Mar 86 1/2
38 1/2 38 1/2	38 1/2 38 1/2	38 1/2 38 1/2	38 1/2 38 1/2	38 1/2 38 1/2	38 1/2 38 1/2	2,100	Leased lines.....	62 1/2 Jan 4	66 1/2 Feb 24	57 1/2 June 63
*90 1/2 91 1/2	*90 1/2 91 1/2	*90 1/2 91 1/2	*90 1/2 91 1/2	*90 1/2 91 1/2	*90 1/2 91 1/2	11,000	Mo-Kan-Texas RR.....	32 Mar 3	47 1/2 Feb 9	28 1/4 Jan 45 1/2
32 1/2 32 1/2	32 1/2 32 1/2	32 1/2 32 1/2	32 1/2 32 1/2	32 1/2 32 1/2	32 1/2 32 1/2	11,000	Do pref.....	82 Mar 2	95 Jan 4	74 1/4 Jan 92 1/2
*81 1/2 82 1/2	*81 1/2 82 1/2	*81 1/2 82 1/2	*81 1/2 82 1/2	*81 1/2 82 1/2	*81 1/2 82 1/2	11,000	Missouri Pacific.....	27 Mar 3	40 1/2 Jan 14	30 1/2 Jan 41 1/2</

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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales for the Week.	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1926. On basis of 100-share lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925.	
Saturday, April 24.	Monday, April 26.	Tuesday, April 27.	Wednesday, April 28.	Thursday, April 29.	Friday, April 30.				Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares.			\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share
*35 35 1/2	34 1/2 34 1/2	35 35	34 1/2 35	35 35	35 35	900	Western Pacific new.....	100	33 1/2 Mar 30	39 1/2 Jan 2	19 1/2 July	39 1/2 Dec
*79 80	80 80	*79 80	*79 80	*79 80	*79 80	500	Do prof new.....	100	77 1/2 Jan 15	81 Mar 12	72 July	81 Dec
23 23	22 1/2 23	22 1/2 23	22 1/2 23	22 1/2 23	20 1/2 22 1/2	6,100	Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry.....	100	18 Mar 30	32 Jan 2	10 1/2 Mar	32 Dec
43 1/2 43 1/2	43 43	43 1/2 43 1/2	*43 43 1/2	*42 1/2 44	41 1/2 41 1/2	700	Do prof.....	100	37 Mar 30	50 1/2 Jan 4	22 Apr	53 1/2 Dec
*74 1/2 75 1/2	75 75 1/2	*73 75	*73 75	74 74	*73 1/2 74 1/2	600	Industrial & Miscellaneous					
*136 1/2 140	*136 1/2 140	136 1/2 136 1/2	136 1/2 136 1/2	137 1/2 141	*136 1/2 141	200	Albitri Power & Paper.....No par		71 1/2 Jan 12	84 1/2 Feb 1	62 Jan	76 1/2 Dec
114 115	115 116	113 113	*114 115	112 114	111 1/2 112	2,400	All American Cables.....	100	131 Jan 6	142 Apr 20	119 Jan	133 1/2 Oct
114 12 1/2	12 1/2 12 1/2	*12 12 1/2	12 12	12 12	*10 1/2 12	1,200	Adams Express.....	100	99 1/2 Mar 18	116 Apr 26	13 Apr	20 Oct
51 1/2 52 1/2	51 1/2 51 1/2	*51 1/2 52 1/2	*51 52 1/2	*51 52 1/2	*51 53	1,100	Advance Rumely.....	100	10 Mar 19	18 1/2 Jan 28	13 Apr	20 Oct
87 87 1/2	87 87 1/2	88 88	88 88	88 88	88 88	5,100	Do prof.....	100	49 1/2 Apr 1	63 1/2 Jan 28	47 Feb	62 1/2 Oct
114 114 1/2	112 1/2 113 1/2	113 113 1/2	113 1/2 113 1/2	114 114 1/2	113 1/2 114 1/2	1,100	Ahumada Lead.....No par		7 1/2 Jan 23	9 1/2 Jan 4	7 1/2 Oct	12 1/2 May
101 101 1/2	104 101 1/2	10 10 1/2	10 10 1/2	9 1/2 10	9 1/2 10	2,400	Air Reduction, Inc.....No par		107 1/2 Jan 16	119 1/2 Mar 1	86 1/2 Jan	117 1/2 Dec
*112 12 1/2	11 1/2 12 1/2	11 1/2 12 1/2	11 1/2 12 1/2	11 1/2 12 1/2	11 1/2 12 1/2	1,800	Ajax Rubber, Inc.....No par		9 1/2 Mar 30	16 Feb	9 1/2 Dec	15 1/2 Jan
118 118 1/2	117 1/2 118 1/2	115 1/2 117 1/2	117 1/2 118 1/2	118 121	117 1/2 118 1/2	103,800	Alaska Juneau Gold Min.....	10	1 1/2 Feb 1	2 Jan 4	1 Jan	2 1/2 Oct
*120 120 1/2	120 1/2 120 1/2	120 1/2 120 1/2	121 1/2 121 1/2	121 1/2 121 1/2	120 1/2 121 1/2	1,500	Allied Chemical & Dye.....No par		109 Mar 30	142 Feb 13	80 Mar	116 1/2 Dec
82 1/2 83 1/2	83 1/2 83 1/2	82 1/2 83	82 1/2 83	83 1/2 83 1/2	82 82	1,500	Do prof.....	100	118 1/2 Mar 20	121 1/2 Feb 15	117 Jan	121 1/2 Nov
109 109	109 109	109 109	*108 1/2 109	*108 1/2 109	*108 1/2 109	500	Allis-Chalmers Mfg.....	100	78 1/2 Mar 26	94 1/2 Jan 14	71 1/2 Jan	97 1/2 Dec
21 1/2 21 1/2	20 1/2 21 1/2	20 20 1/2	18 1/2 19 1/2	18 1/2 18 1/2	16 1/2 18 1/2	10,100	Amer Agricultural Chem.....	100	16 1/2 Apr 30	34 1/2 Jan 14	13 1/2 Mar	29 1/2 Oct
66 1/2 66 1/2	64 1/2 66 1/2	64 1/2 65	61 1/2 65	58 1/2 62	58 1/2 61 1/2	15,900	Do prof.....	100	96 1/2 Apr 29	131 Jan 14	36 1/2 Mar	82 1/2 Dec
*35 35	*37 38	38 38	37 38	37 38	38 38	3,000	Amer Bank Note, new.....	10	34 1/2 Mar 31	43 1/2 Jan 8	39 1/2 Dec	44 1/2 Dec
57 57	*53 1/2 57	*53 1/2 57	*53 1/2 57	*50 57	*53 1/2 57	100	Preferred.....	50	55 Jan 15	57 Jan 9	53 1/2 Jan	58 1/2 Sept
25 1/2 25 1/2	24 1/2 25 1/2	*25 27	*25 27	25 26 1/2	*25 27	500	American Beet Sugar.....	100	23 1/2 Apr 8	33 1/2 Feb 5	29 1/2 Oct	37 1/2 Dec
*76 79 1/2	*76 79 1/2	*76 79 1/2	*76 79 1/2	*76 79 1/2	*76 79 1/2	100	Do prof.....	100	75 Apr 16	83 Feb 24	78 Dec	87 1/2 Jan
21 1/2 22 1/2	21 1/2 22	*20 1/2 21 1/2	20 1/2 20 1/2	20 1/2 21 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2	3,300	Amer Bosch Magneto.....No par		19 1/2 Mar 30	180 Feb 2	90 1/2 Mar	156 Dec
121 1/2 121 1/2	121 1/2 122	121 1/2 123	*121 1/2 122 1/2	120 121 1/2	118 1/2 120 1/2	2,700	Am Brake Shoe & F.....No par		113 1/2 Mar 30	128 1/2 Feb 18	107 1/2 Jan	114 1/2 Dec
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35 1/2 36	34 1/2 36 1/2	34 1/2 35 1/2	35 35 1/2	35 1/2 37 1/2	36 37 1/2	1,900	Amer Brown Boveri El.....No par		83 1/2 Mar 31	97 1/2 Jan 16	90 1/2 Nov	98 Dec
94 95	94 95	94 94 1/2	94 1/2 94 1/2	94 1/2 95	*94 1/2 95	194,900	American Can w.....	25	3 1/2 Mar 30	58 Feb 20	47 1/2 Dec	49 1/2 Dec
44 1/2 45 1/2	44 1/2 46 1/2	45 1/2 46 1/2	46 1/2 47 1/2	47 1/2 47 1/2	*45 1/2 47 1/2	2,300	Do prof.....	100	121 Jan 4	125 1/2 Feb 26	115 Jan	121 1/2 Sept
123 1/2 123 1/2	124 125	125 125 1/2	125 1/2 125 1/2	125 1/2 125 1/2	*125 125 1/2	3,000	American Car & Fdy.....No par		91 1/2 Mar 31	114 1/2 Jan 12	97 1/2 Apr	115 1/2 Sept
97 1/2 98	97 97 1/2	97 1/2 97 1/2	97 1/2 97 1/2	97 1/2 97 1/2	95 97	500	Do prof.....	100	123 1/2 Apr 7	129 Apr 24	120 1/2 Apr	128 July
128 1/2 129	*129 129 1/2	129 129	129 129	*128 128 1/2	123 128	700	American Chain, class A.....	25	23 1/2 Mar 30	25 Jan 2	22 1/2 Oct	27 Feb
*24 1/2 24 1/2	24 1/2 24 1/2	*24 1/2 24 1/2	*24 1/2 24 1/2	24 1/2 24 1/2	24 1/2 24 1/2	1,200	American Chicle.....No par		37 Apr 16	51 Jan 4	37 Jan	58 1/2 Apr
*39 1/2 40	39 39	39 1/2 39 1/2	39 1/2 39 1/2	39 1/2 39 1/2	39 1/2 39 1/2	800	Do certificates.....	10	34 1/2 Mar 31	47 1/2 Mar 12	7 1/2 Dec	6 1/2 Jan
*35 37	36 1/2 37	*35 37	36 1/2 36 1/2	37 37	37 37	2,200	Amer Drugists Syndicate.....	10	4 1/2 Jan 5	140 Jan 6	125 Apr	166 Jan
*51 52	51 52	51 52	51 52	51 52	51 52	600	American Express.....	100	105 1/2 Mar 31	142 Jan 2	27 1/2 Apr	51 1/2 Sept
118 1/2 119 1/2	*117 120	*116 1/2 119	*115 118	116 116 1/2	117 1/2 117 1/2	16,300	Amer & For Pow new.....No par		17 Apr 14	42 1/2 Jan 2	87 Jan	94 Feb
20 1/2 20 1/2	19 20 1/2	18 1/2 20 1/2	19 1/2 19 1/2	19 1/2 19 1/2	19 1/2 19 1/2	1,000	Do prof.....No par		89 Mar 27	98 Feb 13	87 Jan	94 Feb
90 1/2 90 1/2	89 1/2 90 1/2	*89 1/2 90 1/2	90 1/2 90 1/2	*89 1/2 90 1/2	90 1/2 90 1/2	700	Do 25% paid.....	100	108 Mar 30	131 Jan 2	114 1/2 Apr	142 Sept
*94 103 1/2	*94 103 1/2	*94 103 1/2	94 103 1/2	94 94	94 94	2,500	American Hide & Leather.....	100	9 Mar 30	17 1/2 Feb 9	8 1/2 Mar	14 1/2 Dec
45 1/2 45 1/2	*44 44	44 1/2 44 1/2	44 1/2 44 1/2	44 1/2 44	42 42	4,600	Do prof.....	100	109 Mar 31	135 1/2 Jan 7	83 Mar	139 Dec
123 123 1/2	122 123 1/2	121 121 1/2	121 1/2 122	122 122 1/2	122 125 1/2	14,800	American Ice.....	100	82 1/2 Jan 13	86 1/2 Apr 27	74 1/2 Mar	86 July
*84 85 1/2	85 85 1/2	86 86 1/2	84 1/2 85	*83 85	85 85 1/2	1,800	Amer International Corp.....	100	34 1/2 Mar 30	46 1/2 Feb 16	32 1/2 Mar	46 1/2 Nov
38 38 1/2	38 1/2 39 1/2	38 1/2 38 1/2	37 1/2 38 1/2	37 1/2 38	38 38	1,800	Amer Locomotive & Eng.....	100	12 1/2 Mar 31	15 1/2 Jan 4	11 1/2 Jan	20 Nov
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31 1/2 31 1/2	31 1/2 31 1/2	*31 1/2 31 1/2	*31 1/2 31 1/2	31 1/2 31 1/2	31 1/2 31 1/2	1,900	Do prof.....	100	75 Mar 31	87 Jan 4	53 Jan	89 Oct
78 81	78 80	*78 80	*78 81	78 81	78 82	8,900	American Locomotive new.....No par		90 1/2 Mar 31	119 1/2 Jan 4	104 1/2 Jan	144 1/2 Mar
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*113 1/2 115 1/2	*113 1/2 116 1/2	*113 1/2 116 1/2	*113 1/2 116 1/2	111 112	*111 112	2,100	American Radiator.....	25	113 1/2 Apr 15	120 Feb 11	119 Nov	119 Nov
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*77 1/2 78	77 1/2 78	*77 1/2 78	78 78	77 1/2 78	*77 1/2 78	6,600	American Republics.....	100	63 Mar 13	74 Jan 5	48 Jan	79 1/2 Dec
67 1/2 67 1/2	67 1/2 67 1/2	66 1/2 66 1/2	64 1/2 64 1/2	66 1/2 67	*66 1/2 67	4,500	American Safety Razor.....	100	42 Apr 14	63 Jan 8	36 1/2 Jan	76 1/2 Nov
49 1/2 50 1/2	47 49 1/2	*46 1/2 48	47 1/2 47 1/2	48 1/2 49	49 1/2 49	4,500	Amer Ship & Comm.....No par		5 1/2 Jan 2	11 1/2 Mar 12	5 1/2 Dec	14 1/2 Feb
94 101 1/2	98 98 1/2	10 10	10 10	9 1/2 9 1/2	9 1/2 9 1/2	48,100	Amer Smelting & Refining.....	100	109 1/2 Apr 21	144 1/2 Jan 7	90 1/2 Mar	144 1/2 Dec
116 117 1/2	116 1/2 117 1/2	115 1/2 116 1/2	116 1/2 117 1/2	116 1/2 117 1/2	116 1/2 117 1/2	500	Do prof.....	100	112 1/2 Mar 31	117 1/2 Feb 30	105 1/2 Jan	115 1/2 Oct
*115 115 1/2	*115 115 1/2	115 115 1/2	*115 115 1/2	116 116 1/2	116 1/2 116 1/2	200	American Snuff.....	100	137 1/2 Mar 30	165 Feb 9	138 1/2 Apr	154 Nov
*139 142	*138 141	*139 141	*138 140	139 140	140 140 1/2	3,200	Amer Steel Foundries.....No par		40 1/2 Mar 30	46 1/2 Feb 1	37 1/2 June	47 1/2 Dec
41 1/2 41 1/2	41 1/2 41 1/2	41 1/2 41 1/2	41 1/2 41 1/2	41 1/2 41 1/2	41 1/2 41 1/2	500	Do prof.....	100	111 Apr 9	115 Feb 23	108 Jan	113 1/2 Oct
68 1/2 68 1/2	68 69	69 69 1/2	69 1/2 69 1/2	69 1/2 70	69 70 1/2	9,200	American Sugar Refining.....	100	65 1/2 Apr 14	82 1/2 Feb 5	47 1/2 Jan	77 1/2 Dec
102 1/2 102 1/2	*102 1/2 103	*102 1/2 103	*102 102 1/2	102 102	102 102	1,200	Do prof.....	100	100 1/2 Mar 30	105 1/2 Feb 26	91 1/2 Jan	104 1/2 Nov
10 10 1/2	*8 1/2 9 1/2	*8 1/2 9	*8 1/2 9	8 1/2 9	8 1/2 8 1/2	4,900	Amer Sumatra Tobacco.....	100	81 1/2 Apr 30	14 1/2 Jan 11	6 May	24 1/2 Feb
*130 130	*130 130	*130 130	*130 130	*130 130	*130 130	7,900	Do prof.....	100	39 Apr 23	41 1/2 Feb 10	37 1/2 Jan	45 Dec
*38 1/2 39 1/2	*38 1/2 39 1/2	*38 1/2 39 1/2	*38 1/2 39 1/2	*38 1/2 39 1/2	*38 1/2 39 1/2	3,200	Amer Telegraph & Cable.....	100	141 Mar 29	150 1/2 Feb 15	130 1/2 Jan	145 Dec
145 1/2 146 1/2	146 1/2 146 1/2	146 1/2 146 1/2	146 1/2 146 1/2	146 1/2 146 1/2	145 1/2 146 1/2	2,000	American Tobacco.....	50	11 1/2 Mar 31	12 1/2 Feb 6	85 Feb	121 1/2 Oct
115 115 1/2	114 1/2 115 1/2	115 115 1/2	115 115 1/2	115 115 1/2	115 115 1/2	8,000	Do prof.....	100	106 1/2 Jan 4	111 1/2 Apr 26	104 1/2 Jan	110 Nov
*110 110 1/2	110 1/2 111 1/2	111 111 1/2	111 111 1/2	110 1/2 111	110 112	500	Do prof.....	100	108 1/2 Mar 31	120 1/2 Feb 13	84 1/2 Feb	119 1/2 Oct
114 114 1/2	114 114 1/2	114 114 1/2	114 114 1/2	114 114 1/2	115 115	1,100	American Type Foundry.....	100	114 Jan 22	135 Feb 13	103 Apr	135 1/2 Nov
*122 124 1/2	*117 125	*118 124 1/2	*117 1/2 124 1/2	*117 1/2 123	*117 1							

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Saturday, April 24.	Monday, April 26.	Tuesday, April 27.	Wednesday, April 28.	Thursday, April 29.	Friday, April 30.			Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares.	Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share
28 28 1/2	28 28 1/2	28 28 1/2	28 28 1/2	28 28 1/2	28 28 1/2	4,200	Bush Terminal new.....No par	16 1/2 Mar 18	29 1/2 Apr 23	14 1/2 Dec 26	28 Dec
*89 89 7/8	89 89	*88 1/2 90	*89 90	*89 90	*89 90	100	Do debenture.....100	85 Apr 6	90 Feb 10	80 May 89 1/2	June
*99 102	*99 102	*99 102	*100 102	*100 102	*100 102	100	Bush Term Bldgs, pref.....100	99 1/2 Jan 20	101 1/2 Jan 30	96 1/2 Jan 103	Dec
5 5	5 5	5 5	5 5	5 5	5 5	1,400	Butte Copper & Zinc.....5	4 1/2 Apr 16	6 1/2 Feb 10	4 1/2 Mar 8 1/2	Jan
24 24 1/2	25 25	25 25	24 24 1/2	24 24 1/2	24 24 1/2	10,200	Butterick Co.....100	17 1/2 Mar 3	26 Apr 26	17 May 28 1/2	Jan
12 12 1/2	12 12 1/2	12 12 1/2	12 12 1/2	12 12 1/2	12 12 1/2	2,400	Butte & Superior Mining.....10	11 Mar 30	16 1/2 Jan 11	6 1/2 May 24 1/2	Jan
*30 32	30 30	*29 1/2 31	*29 31	*29 31	*29 31	100	Byers & Co.....No par	28 Mar 29	38 1/2 Feb 2	23 Oct 44 1/2	Oct
						100	Preferred.....100	98 1/2 Mar 20	99 1/2 Feb 18	95 1/2 Oct 100	Oct
129 129 1/2	129 129 1/2	128 128	129 129 1/2	130 130 1/2	129 129	2,800	Caddo Cent Oil & Ref.....No par	1 Jan 2	7 1/2 Jan 8	14 Dec 28 1/2	Jan
33 33 1/2	33 33 1/2	33 33 1/2	33 33 1/2	33 33 1/2	33 33 1/2	19,100	California Packing.....25	12 1/4 Mar 30	17 1/2 Feb 4	100 1/2 Jan 36 1/2	Jan
14 14	14 14	14 14	14 14	14 14	14 14	800	California Petroleum.....25	30 1/2 Jan 20	38 1/2 Feb 10	23 Jan 34 1/2	Jan
*58 1/2 58 1/2	58 58	57 57 1/2	*57 57 1/2	58 58 1/2	59 59	3,800	Calumet Arizona Mining.....10	1 1/2 Mar 28	2 1/2 Jan 15	11 Oct 44 1/2	Feb
*148 148	148 148	142 142	*143 143	143 143	143 143	1,700	Calumet & Hecla.....25	55 1/2 Mar 29	64 1/2 Jan 8	45 Apr 61 1/2	Dec
84 85	82 82 1/2	82 82 1/2	*82 83	83 83 1/2	*82 83	1,800	Calumet & Hecla.....25	13 1/2 Mar 31	15 1/2 Jan 6	12 1/2 May 18 1/2	Jan
104 104 1/2	104 104	104 104 1/2	103 103 1/2	*104 104 1/2	*103 104	900	Case Thresh Machine.....100	62 1/2 Jan 4	90 1/2 Feb 13	24 Mar 68 1/2	Dec
10 10 1/2	10 10 1/2	10 10 1/2	10 10 1/2	10 10 1/2	10 10 1/2	9,900	Do pref.....100	96 Jan 5	105 1/2 Feb 23	60 Mar 107 1/2	Dec
*48 1/2 48 1/2	48 1/2 48 1/2	47 47	43 1/2 46 1/2	45 1/2 47 1/2	45 1/2 47 1/2	18,100	Central Leather.....100	8 1/2 Apr 28	20 1/2 Jan 5	14 1/2 Mar 23 1/2	Oct
13 13 1/2	*14 15	*14 15	*13 1/2 15	*13 1/2 15	*13 1/2 15	3,000	Century Ribbon Mills.....No par	43 1/2 Apr 28	68 1/2 Jan 5	49 1/2 Mar 71	Oct
							Do pref.....100	13 Apr 8	32 1/2 Jan 8	30 1/2 Sept 47 1/2	Mar
*85 86	*85 86	*85 86	*85 86	*85 86	*85 86	15,900	Cerro de Pasco Copper.....No par	85 1/4 Mar 2	90 Jan 21	94 Dec 98 1/2	Jan
63 63 1/2	63 63 1/2	62 62 1/2	63 63 1/2	63 63 1/2	63 63 1/2	2,200	Certs-In-Ted Products.....No par	57 1/2 Jan 22	69 1/2 Feb 11	43 1/2 Mar 64 1/2	Nov
42 42	41 41	41 41	41 41	41 41	41 41	2,200	Chandler Cleveland Mot.....No par	37 1/2 Mar 30	49 1/2 Jan 5	40 1/2 Mar 58 1/2	Sept
*98 103 1/2	*98 103 1/2	*97 103 1/2	*98 103 1/2	*98 103 1/2	*98 103 1/2	1,200	Preferred.....100	102 1/2 Jan 2	105 1/2 Jan 2	89 1/2 Jan 110	Sept
15 15 1/2	15 15 1/2	15 15 1/2	15 15 1/2	15 15 1/2	15 15 1/2	2,400	Chicago Pneumatic Tool.....100	15 Apr 12	26 Feb 11		
33 33 1/2	33 33 1/2	33 33 1/2	33 33 1/2	33 33 1/2	33 33 1/2	2,200	Preferred.....100	15 Apr 12	26 Feb 11		
116 116 1/2	110 116 1/2	110 110 1/2	110 110 1/2	110 110 1/2	111 111	2,400	Chicago Pneumatic Tool.....100	94 1/2 Apr 15	120 Jan 2		
52 52 1/2	51 52 1/2	50 50 1/2	48 50 1/2	49 49 1/2	49 49 1/2	2,400	Chiles Co.....No par	43 Apr 1	66 1/2 Jan 4	49 1/2 Mar 74 1/2	Oct
32 32 1/2	32 32 1/2	32 32 1/2	32 32 1/2	32 32 1/2	33 33 1/2	16,400	Chile Copper.....25	30 Mar 3	36 1/2 Jan 6	30 1/2 Mar 37 1/2	Jan
*20 21	*20 21	*20 21	*20 21	*20 21	*20 21	300	Chino Copper.....5	16 Mar 3	21 1/2 Feb 17	19 Apr 28 1/2	Feb
*43 1/2 44	43 1/2 44	42 1/2 43 1/2	41 1/2 43 1/2	42 1/2 43 1/2	42 1/2 43 1/2	1,700	Christie-Brown certifs.....No par	40 Mar 30	63 1/2 Jan 4	62 1/2 Dec 64 1/2	Dec
33 33 1/2	33 33 1/2	32 33 1/2	32 33 1/2	32 33 1/2	32 33 1/2	69,000	Chrysler Corp new.....No par	28 1/2 Mar 30	54 1/2 Jan 9		
*100 100	*100 100	*99 100	*99 100	*100 100	*100 100	3,900	Do pref.....No par	93 Mar 30	108 Jan 2	100 1/2 July 111 1/2	Nov
*108 120	*104 115	*108 115	*110 120	*108 115	*108 115	1,000	Ciuet, Peabody & Co.....100	60 1/4 Mar 31	68 1/2 Jan 7	58 1/2 Mar 71 1/2	Jan
146 148	144 147 1/2	144 146 1/2	146 147 1/2	146 147 1/2	146 147 1/2	1,000	Preferred.....100	103 1/4 Jan 11	110 Feb 25	103 1/2 Jan 109	Sept
*100 100	*100 100	*100 100	*100 100	*100 100	*100 100	16,400	Colo Cola Co.....No par	128 Mar 24	16 1/2 Feb 4	80 Jan 177 1/2	Nov
33 36 1/2	34 36 1/2	35 1/2 37 1/2	36 1/2 37 1/2	36 1/2 37 1/2	36 1/2 37 1/2	52,100	Goodyear Fuel & Oil.....100	99 Jan 14	101 1/4 Mar 24	99 Jan 101 1/4	Mar
*64 65	64 64 1/2	64 64 1/2	64 64 1/2	64 64 1/2	64 64 1/2	5,800	Columbian Carbon v t c.....No par	27 1/2 Mar 3	38 1/2 Feb 11	32 1/2 Apr 48 1/2	Jan
78 78 1/2	78 78 1/2	78 78 1/2	78 78 1/2	78 78 1/2	78 78 1/2	25,900	Col Gas & Elec.....No par	55 1/2 Jan 26	69 1/2 Feb 23	45 Mar 62 1/2	Dec
114 114	113 114	114 114	113 114	114 114	112 112 1/2	1,300	Preferred.....100	63 1/2 Mar 29	90 Jan 9	45 1/2 Jan 86	Oct
*30 31	*30 31	*30 31	*29 30 1/2	*29 30 1/2	*29 30 1/2	1,500	Commercial Credit.....No par	112 Mar 30	115 Jan 12	104 1/2 Jan 114 1/2	Dec
23 24	24 24	*23 24	*23 24	*23 24	*23 24	100	Preferred.....25	29 1/4 Mar 3	47 1/2 Jan 14	38 1/2 Sept 55 1/2	Dec
							Do pref.....25	23 Apr 20	26 1/2 Jan 13	25 1/2 Sept 27 1/2	Oct
*25 28	*25 29	*24 28	*25 28	*25 28	*25 28	100	Comm Invest Trust.....No par	25 Apr 19	27 1/2 Jan 11	26 1/2 Sept 27 1/2	Dec
*56 1/2 58	*57 58	*57 58	*56 58	*56 58	*56 58	1,100	7% preferred.....100	55 Apr 12	72 Jan 11	50 Jan 84 1/2	Nov
94 99	*94 97 1/2	*94 99	*94 99	*94 99	*94 99	1,600	Commercial Solvents A No par	98 Mar 31	104 Jan 28	100 Nov 107 1/2	Nov
130 130	130 132	129 131	129 130	130 130 1/2	126 128	1,600	Do B.....No par	120 1/2 Jan 4	152 1/2 Feb 10	80 May 109	Jan
132 132 1/2	132 132 1/2	130 131 1/2	128 130	130 131 1/2	128 128 1/2	8,600	Congoleum Co new.....No par	118 1/4 Jan 4	146 Feb 13	76 May 189	Jan
55 55 1/2	54 1/2 55 1/2	54 1/2 55 1/2	54 55 1/2	55 55 1/2	54 55 1/2	8,500	Consolidated Cigar.....No par	15 1/2 Apr 30	21 1/2 Feb 4	15 1/2 May 43 1/2	Jan
*99 100 1/2	98 1/2 99 1/2	*95 100 1/2	98 1/2 99 1/2	98 1/2 99 1/2	98 1/2 99 1/2	100	Do pref.....100	45 1/4 Apr 15	67 Feb 10	26 1/2 Jan 63 1/2	Dec
93 93 1/2	92 1/2 93 1/2	92 92 1/2	92 92 1/2	93 93 1/2	93 93 1/2	10,000	Consolidated Distrib's No par	91 Mar 31	102 1/2 Feb 11	79 1/2 Jan 96	Dec
74 74 1/2	76 77 1/2	76 77 1/2	77 77 1/2	75 1/2 76 1/2	75 1/2 76 1/2	24,100	Consolidated Gas (NY) No par	2 1/2 Mar 3	6 1/2 Jan 7	3 1/2 Jan 9 1/2	Feb
*128 132	130 130	*129 130 1/2	*128 129 1/2	*128 130 1/2	128 128	4,700	Consolidated Textile.....No par	87 Mar 30	104 1/2 Feb 23	74 1/2 Mar 97	Dec
104 104 1/2	104 104 1/2	104 104 1/2	104 104 1/2	104 104 1/2	104 104 1/2	11,000	Continental Can, Inc.....No par	1 1/2 Apr 19	3 1/2 Jan 18	2 1/2 June 5 1/2	Jan
39 39 1/2	38 39 1/2	38 39 1/2	38 39 1/2	39 39 1/2	38 39 1/2	300	Continental Insurance.....25	70 Mar 30	92 1/2 Jan 2	60 1/2 Mar 93 1/2	Dec
127 127 1/2	127 127 1/2	128 128	128 128	129 129 1/2	128 128 1/2	6,800	Cont'l Motors met cts.....No par	10 1/2 Mar 3	13 Jan 5	8 1/2 Jan 15 1/2	Oct
50 50 1/2	50 50 1/2	50 50 1/2	50 50 1/2	50 50 1/2	50 50 1/2	13,500	Corn Products Refin w l.....25	35 1/2 Mar 30	43 1/2 Jan 13	32 1/2 May 42 1/2	Dec
*28 40	*28 40	*28 40	*28 40	*28 40	*28 40	800	Do pref.....100	122 1/2 Jan 6	129 1/2 Apr 28	118 1/2 Jan 127	July
*69 70	68 1/2 69 1/2	67 1/2 68 1/2	67 1/2 68 1/2	68 69 1/2	68 69 1/2	2,800	Coty, Inc.....No par	44 1/2 Mar 29	60 1/2 Jan 4	48 Aug 60 1/2	Dec
*96 99	*96 99	*96 99	*96 99	*96 99	*96 99	1,600	Crex Carpet.....100	25 Apr 9	63 Jan 2	36 Mar 64 1/2	Dec
47 48	46 47 1/2	46 47 1/2	46 47 1/2	47 48 1/2	47 48 1/2	200	Cruel Steel of America.....100	64 Apr 15	81 1/2 Jan 4	64 1/2 Mar 84 1/2	Nov
*91 94	91 94	*91 94	91 94	91 94	91 94	6,000	Do pref.....100	96 Mar 30	100 1/2 Feb 20	92 May 102	Dec
42 42 1/2	42 42 1/2	42 42 1/2	41 1/2 41 1/2	41 1/2 41 1/2	41 1/2 41 1/2	1,800	Cuba Cane Sugar.....No par	39 1/2 Apr 15	53 Feb 4	44 1/2 Dec 54 1/2	Oct
24 25	25 25 1/2	25 25 1/2	25 25 1/2	25 25 1/2	25 25 1/2	2,400	Do pref.....100	8 1/2 Mar 11	11 1/2 Jan 29	7 1/2 Oct 14 1/2	Feb
*101 104	*101 104	*101 104	*102 103 1/2	*102 103 1/2	*102 103 1/2	4,100	Cuban-American Sugar.....10	39 1/2 Apr 14	49 1/2 Feb 4	37 1/2 Oct 62 1/2	Mar
1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	200	Do pref.....100	24 Mar 29	30 1/2 Jan 28	20 Oct 33 1/2	Feb
20 20	20 20	20 20	20 20	20 20	20 20	8,200	Cuban Dominican Sug.....No par	97 1/4 Jan 5	104 Feb 8	93 1/2 Nov 101	Mar
83 83 1/2	79 83 1/2	78 80	80 81	79 81	80 80	6,300	Do pref.....100	11 1/2 Apr 29	3 1/2 Feb 8	2 1/2 Oct 6 1/2	Feb
99 100 1/2	95 99 1/2	92 95	95 95	96 97 1/2	95 97	3,400	Cudahy Packing.....100	16 1/2 Mar 8	22 1/2 Feb 6	16 Dec 44 1/2	Jan
45 45 1/2	45 45 1/2	45 45 1/2	44 44 1/2	44 44 1/2	44 45	3,000	Cushman's Sons.....No par	77 1/2 Mar 10	97 Jan 4	93 1/2 Dec 107	Oct
						2,000	Cuyamel Fruit.....No par	42 1/2 Apr 15	61 Jan 14	62 Mar 104	Oct
36 37	35 1/2 37 1/2	36 36 1/2	37 1/2 39 1/2	38 1/2 40	37 39 1/2	200	Daniel Boone Woolen Mills.....25	1 1/2 Apr 29	1 Jan 4	3 1/2 Dec 7 1/2	Jan
*27 28 1/2	27 1/2 28 1/2	*27 28 1/2	*27 28 1/2	*27 28 1/2	*27 28 1/2	95,100	Davison Chemical v t c.....No par	27 1/2 Mar 30	46 1/2 Feb 17	27 1/2 Apr 49 1/2	Jan
131 131	128 130	129 131	129 130 1/2	129 131	130 130	900	De Beers Cons Mines.....No par	27 1/2 Apr 20	29 Jan 8	20 1/2 Mar 29	Dec
39 41 1/2	37 1/2 40 1/2	37 1/2 37 1/2	37 1/2 38 1/2	37 1/2 38 1/2	37 37	4,100	Devoe & Reynolds A.....No par	123 1/2 Mar 30	141 1/2 Feb 1	110 Jan 159 1/2	Sept
30 31 1/2	31 31 1/2	31 31 1/2	31 31 1/2	31 31 1/2	31 31 1/2	87,800	Dodge Bros Class A.....No par	33 1/2 Apr 15	104 1/2 Feb 10	53 Oct 90 1/2	Dec
32 32 1/2	32 32 1/2	32 32 1/2	32 32 1/2	32 32 1/2	32 32 1/2	3,200	Dodge Bros Class A.....No par	26 1/4 Apr 15	47 1/2 Jan 2	21 1/2 June 48 1/2	Nov
14 14 1/2	14 14 1/2	14 14 1/2	14 14 1/2	14 14 1/2	14 14 1/2	6,900	Preferred certifs.....No par	81 Apr 15	88 1/2 Jan 8	73 1/2 May 91 1/2	Oct
*20 21	*										

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\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares.	Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share
124 1/2 129 1/2	126 1/2 129 1/2	125 1/2 129	123 1/2 132 1/2	132 1/2 135 1/2	131 1/2 133 1/2	580,500	General Motors Corp. No par	113 1/2 Mar 29	137 1/2 Apr 9	64 1/2 Jan	149 1/2 Nov
114 1/2 114 1/2	114 1/2 114 1/2	114 1/2 114 1/2	113 1/2 114 1/2	114 1/2 114 1/2	114 1/2 114 1/2	2,800	Do 7% pref. No par	113 1/2 Mar 29	115 1/2 Jan 11	102 Jan	115 Dec
98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2		Do 6% pref. No par	98 1/2 Apr 13	100 Jan 11	88 1/2 Apr	99 1/2 Nov
59 1/2 60	59 1/2 60	59 1/2 60	59 1/2 60	59 1/2 60	59 1/2 60	30,000	General Petroleum No par	49 1/2 Mar 2	65 1/2 Mar 16	42 Jan	59 1/2 Dec
71 1/2 72 1/2	71 1/2 72 1/2	71 1/2 72 1/2	72 1/2 73 1/2	72 1/2 73 1/2	72 1/2 73 1/2	13,900	Genly Signal new No par	60 1/2 Mar 31	84 1/2 Jan 7	68 Nov	80 1/2 Oct
103 103 1/2	103 103 1/2	103 103 1/2	103 103 1/2	103 103 1/2	103 103 1/2	100	Do pref. No par	103 Apr 14	104 Jan 18	90 1/2 July	105 1/2 Nov
42 42	42 42	42 42	42 42	42 42	42 42	100	General Refractories No par	42 Apr 22	49 Jan 4	42 Oct	58 1/2 Jan
51 55	54 1/2 57 1/2	55 1/2 57	55 1/2 57	55 1/2 57	55 1/2 57	11,900	Gimbel Bros. No par	45 1/2 Mar 30	78 1/2 Jan 4	47 Mar	83 Dec
103 106	105 1/2 105 1/2	103 107	103 107	103 107	103 107	100	Do pref. No par	103 1/2 Apr 1	111 1/2 Jan 19	102 1/2 Mar	114 1/2 Nov
20 20 1/2	20 20 1/2	20 20 1/2	20 20 1/2	20 20 1/2	20 20 1/2	1,100	Ginter Co temp cts. No par	40 Jan 2	44 1/2 Jan 4	22 1/2 Feb	53 Dec
46 1/2 47 1/2	46 1/2 47 1/2	45 45 1/2	45 45 1/2	45 45 1/2	44 1/2 44 1/2	6,100	Glidden Co No par	18 Mar 23	25 1/2 Jan 7	12 1/2 Mar	26 1/2 Dec
54 1/2 55	54 1/2 55 1/2	54 1/2 55 1/2	54 1/2 55 1/2	54 1/2 55 1/2	53 1/2 54 1/2	3,600	Gold Dust Corp v t c. No par	41 1/2 Mar 31	56 1/2 Feb 4	37 Mar	51 Oct
99 1/2 99 1/2	98 99 1/2	93 99 1/2	98 99 1/2	98 99 1/2	98 99 1/2	210	Goodrich Co (B F) No par	52 Mar 30	70 1/2 Feb 3	36 1/2 Jan	74 1/2 Nov
101 1/2 101 1/2	101 102 1/2	101 101 1/2	101 102 1/2	101 102 1/2	101 102 1/2	2,900	Do pref. No par	96 1/2 Jan 22	100 Feb 9	92 Jan	102 Nov
108 109	107 108 1/2	107 108 1/2	107 108 1/2	107 108 1/2	107 108 1/2	100	Goodyear T & Rub pl v t c. No par	103 1/2 Mar 30	109 1/2 Feb 9	86 1/2 Jan	114 1/2 Oct
36 1/2 36 1/2	36 36 1/2	35 1/2 35 1/2	35 1/2 35 1/2	35 1/2 35 1/2	35 1/2 35 1/2	700	Do prior pref. No par	105 1/2 Jan 22	108 Mar 9	103 Apr	109 Dec
99 99	98 98	98 1/2 98 1/2	98 1/2 98 1/2	98 1/2 98 1/2	98 1/2 98 1/2	300	Gotham Silk Hosiery No par	33 1/2 Mar 30	47 1/2 Jan 11	39 Dec	42 Dec
18 1/2 19	18 1/2 18 1/2	18 1/2 18 1/2	18 1/2 18 1/2	18 1/2 18 1/2	18 1/2 18 1/2	400	Preferred No par	98 Apr 6	103 1/2 Jan 11	99 1/2 Dec	102 1/2 Dec
18 1/2 18 1/2	18 1/2 18 1/2	18 1/2 18 1/2	18 1/2 18 1/2	18 1/2 18 1/2	18 1/2 18 1/2	500	Gould Coupler A. No par	16 1/2 Apr 15	21 1/2 Jan 23	18 1/2 Dec	23 Sept
95 1/2 96	95 1/2 95 1/2	95 1/2 95 1/2	95 1/2 95 1/2	95 1/2 95 1/2	95 1/2 95 1/2	3,300	Granby Cons M Sm & Pr. No par	16 1/2 Mar 31	23 1/2 Feb 5	13 Mar	27 1/2 Dec
109 1/2 112 1/2	109 111 1/2	111 1/2 111 1/2	111 1/2 112	112 112 1/2	110 113 1/2	300	Great Western Sugar tem cts 25	89 Apr 14	106 1/2 Feb 2	91 Jan	113 1/2 June
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6 1/2 7	6 1/2 7	6 1/2 7	6 1/2 7	6 1/2 7	6 1/2 7	300	Greene Cananea Copper No par	94 Apr 3	14 1/2 Feb 10	11 1/2 Mar	19 1/2 Jan
69 1/2 70 1/2	69 1/2 70 1/2	68 1/2 68 1/2	69 1/2 70 1/2	69 1/2 70 1/2	68 1/2 68 1/2	4,500	Guantanamo Sugar No par	5 1/2 Jan 5	10 1/2 Feb 1	3 1/2 Sept	6 1/2 Jan
42 50	42 50	42 50	42 50	42 50	42 50	1,000	Gulf States Steel No par	66 1/2 Apr 19	93 1/2 Jan 4	67 1/2 Mar	93 1/2 Nov
27 1/2 27 1/2	27 1/2 27 1/2	27 1/2 27 1/2	27 1/2 27 1/2	27 1/2 27 1/2	27 1/2 27 1/2	1,700	Hanna 1st pref class A. No par	50 Apr 8	57 Feb 26	42 1/2 July	89 Feb
36 1/2 36 1/2	36 1/2 36 1/2	34 1/2 34 1/2	34 1/2 34 1/2	34 1/2 34 1/2	34 1/2 34 1/2	3,300	Hartman Corporation No par	26 Mar 31	35 Jan 6	25 1/2 Apr	37 1/2 Jan
21 1/2 21 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2	100	Hayes Wheel No par	34 1/2 Mar 30	46 Jan 14	30 Mar	49 1/2 Nov
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55 55	55 55	54 55	54 55	54 55	54 55	400	Ho (R) & Co tem cts. No par	65 Mar 29	35 Jan 6	27 Dec	48 1/2 Jan
42 1/2 42 1/2	42 1/2 42 1/2	42 1/2 42 1/2	42 1/2 42 1/2	42 1/2 42 1/2	42 1/2 42 1/2	500	Homestake Mining No par	47 1/2 Jan 4	62 Feb 23	43 Jan	50 Jan
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69 1/2 72 1/2	66 1/2 70 1/2	65 1/2 67 1/2	65 1/2 69 1/2	67 1/2 71 1/2	65 1/2 70 1/2	2,000	Howe Sound No par	27 Jan 8	35 1/2 Mar 10	16 1/2 June	31 1/2 Nov
21 1/2 22 1/2	21 1/2 22 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2	33,300	Kansas Motor Car No par	17 1/2 Apr 15	123 1/2 Jan 4	33 1/2 Jan	139 1/2 Jan
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20 1/2 21	20 1/2 20 1/2	20 1/2 20 1/2	20 1/2 20 1/2	20 1/2 20 1/2	20 1/2 20 1/2	30,000	Independent Oil & Gas No par	19 1/2 Mar 30	34 Jan 2	13 1/2 Jan	41 1/2 June
11 1/2 11 1/2	10 1/2 10 1/2	10 1/2 10 1/2	10 1/2 10 1/2	10 1/2 10 1/2	10 1/2 10 1/2	300	Indian Motorcycle No par	18 Jan 6	24 1/2 Feb 4	13 Mar	24 Aug
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17 1/2 18	17 1/2 17 1/2	17 1/2 17 1/2	17 1/2 17 1/2	17 1/2 17 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	20	Inspiration Cons Copper No par	20 1/2 Mar 30	26 1/2 Feb 10	22 1/2 Apr	32 1/2 Jan
86 1/2 91	86 1/2 91	86 1/2 91	86 1/2 91	86 1/2 91	85 1/2 86	1,100	Internat Agricul. No par	15 1/2 Mar 31	26 1/2 Jan 22	7 1/2 Jan	24 1/2 Nov
42 1/2 43	42 1/2 42 1/2	42 1/2 42 1/2	42 1/2 42 1/2	42 1/2 42 1/2	44 44 1/2	300	Preferred No par	83 1/2 Jan 12	95 Jan 27	40 Apr	85 Nov
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103 105	102 102 1/2	102 103 1/2	103 103 1/2	103 103 1/2	103 103 1/2	400	International Cement No par	57 Mar 29	71 1/2 Jan 21	52 Jan	81 1/2 Sept
47 1/2 48 1/2	45 1/2 45 1/2	45 1/2 47 1/2	47 1/2 48 1/2	47 1/2 48 1/2	45 1/2 46 1/2	67,300	Preferred No par	102 Mar 17	106 Jan 26	102 1/2 Nov	107 Aug
110 1/2 120	110 1/2 110 1/2	117 1/2 118 1/2	118 1/2 119 1/2	118 1/2 119 1/2	118 1/2 119 1/2	6,000	Inter Combus Engine No par	33 1/2 Mar 30	64 1/2 Jan 4	31 1/2 Jan	69 1/2 Dec
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9 1/2 9 1/2	8 1/2 8 1/2	9 1/2 9 1/2	9 1/2 9 1/2	9 1/2 9 1/2	7 1/2 9	16,600	Do pref. No par	118 Jan 5	123 1/2 Apr 9	11 1/2 Jan	121 Nov
39 1/2 41 1/2	38 1/2 42 1/2	40 1/2 41 1/2	38 1/2 39 1/2	38 1/2 39 1/2	39 1/2 39 1/2	74,900	Inter Mercantile Marine No par	7 1/2 Apr 30	12 1/2 Feb 17	7 1/2 June	14 1/2 Feb
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49 49	48 49	47 1/2 47 1/2	47 1/2 48 1/2	48 1/2 49 1/2	47 4	6,100	Do pref. No par	101 1/2 Jan 29	104 1/2 Apr 21	94 Jan	102 Nov
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92 92	91 92	92 92	91 92	91 92	91 91	800	Do stamped pref. No par	85 Jan 14	88 Jan 6	71 Mar	88 Dec
150 151	150 151	150 151	150 151	150 151	150 151	500	Do pref (7) No par	90 1/2 Mar 3	98 1/2 Jan 2	86 July	99 1/2 Oct
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23 23 1/2	23 1/2 23 1/2	23 23 1/2	23 23 1/2	23 23 1/2	23 23 1/2	16,300	Karnat Teleg & Teleg No par	111 Mar 3	133 Jan 25	87 1/2 Apr	144 Oct
32 32 1/2	32 1/2 34 1/2	33 1/2 33 1/2	33 1/2 33 1/2	33 1/2 33 1/2	33 33 1/2	300	Intertec Corp. No par	21 1/2 Apr 29	29 Jan 7	13 July	29 1/2 Oct
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38 38 1/2	35 1/2 38	35 1/2 36 1/2	34 1/2 36 1/2	35 1/2 36 1/2	35 36 1/2	14,000	Jordan Motor Car No par	14 1/2 Mar 31	19 1/2 Feb 5	11 1/2 Dec	21 1/2 Feb
10 10 1/2	10 10 1/2	10 10 1/2	10 10 1/2	10 10 1/2	10 10 1/2	300	Kansas City S & F 1st pt. No par	11 1/2 Mar 4	14 1/2 Mar 4	30 Jan	8 1/2 Nov
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For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fifth page preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Saturday, April 24.	Monday, April 26.	Tuesday, April 27.	Wednesday, April 28.	Thursday, April 29.	Friday, April 30.
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share
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STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1926. On basis of 100-share lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925.	
		Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
Week.	Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share
1,400	Motion Picture.....No par	19 Jan 26	23 1/2 Feb 25	19% Dec	20 1/2 Dec
1,700	Motor Meter A.....No par	36 Mar 30	53 1/2 Feb 10	40 Nov	44 1/2 Oct
2,300	Motor Wheel.....No par	24 Mar 30	33 1/2 Feb 15	18 Apr	35 June
300	Mullins Body Corp.....No par	34 Apr 1	38 1/2 Feb 1	13 Aug	21 Feb
100	Munsingwear Co.....No par	14 Apr 6	35 Feb 2	30 1/2 Apr	39 Dec
7,200	Murray Body.....No par	5 1/4 Apr 15	15 1/2 Feb 20	42 1/2 Apr	42 1/2 Mar
25,400	Nash Motors Co.....No par	52 Mar 24	65 Feb 23	193 1/2 Jan	458 Oct
600	Do pref.....100	106 1/2 Jan 4	106 1/2 Jan 4	103 1/2 Jan	107 July
19,300	National Acme stamped.....100	8 3/8 Apr 12	12 1/2 Jan 9	4 1/4 Mar	12 1/2 Dec
200	National Biscuit.....25	74 Jan 18	93 1/4 Jan 29	65 Apr	79 Dec
6,600	Nat Cash Register A w I.....No par	126 Jan 27	131 1/2 Apr 28	123 1/2 Mar	128 1/2 May
300	National Clack & Suit.....100	39 1/2 Apr 15	54 Jan 5	49 1/2 Dec	84 1/2 Oct
300	Nat Dairy Prod tem cts.....No par	23 Apr 9	57 Jan 2	49 1/2 Dec	84 1/2 Oct
26,600	Nat Dairy Prod tem cts.....No par	75 1/4 Apr 26	92 1/2 Jan 8	87 1/2 Dec	104 Jan
1,200	Nat Department Stores No par	53 Apr 14	80 Jan 2	42 Jan	81 1/2 Nov
400	Do pref.....100	25 1/2 Apr 12	42 3/4 Jan 9	38 1/2 Jan	45 May
1,700	Nat Distill Products.....No par	91 Apr 16	97 Jan 19	4 Apr	102 Jan
400	Nat Distill Prod pf tem cts No par	16 1/8 Apr 30	34 Jan 4	29 1/2 Dec	43 1/2 Oct
1,500	Nat Enam & Stamping.....100	44 1/8 Apr 29	73 1/2 Jan 4	52 1/2 Jan	81 Oct
2,600	Do pref.....100	34 Apr 10	40 1/2 Jan 2	25 Apr	41 1/8 Dec
200	National Lead.....100	138 Apr 10	174 1/2 Jan 6	75 June	89 1/4 Nov
24,300	National Pr & Lt cts.....No par	116 Jan 16	118 1/2 Apr 26	138 1/2 Apr	174 1/2 Nov
1,100	National Supply.....50	16 1/2 Mar 2	38 1/2 Jan 21	11 1/2 Sept	119 Sept
600	National Surety.....100	55 1/2 Jan 4	65 1/2 Mar 16	5 1/2 Dec	7 1/2 Jan
1,500	Nat Nevada Consol Copper.....5	104 1/4 Mar 30	110 Jan 26	104 1/2 Jan	110 Apr
2,100	NY Air Brake tem cts No par	208 Mar 31	227 Jan 20	206 Jan	222 Oct
1,600	Do Class A.....No par	120 Apr 17	238 Jan 4	201 Dec	250 Dec
7,300	NY Canners temp cts No par	11 1/2 Mar 30	14 Feb 15	11 1/2 Apr	16 1/2 Jan
900	New York Dock.....100	36 1/2 Jan 2	44 1/4 Mar 11	31 1/2 Oct	56 1/2 Jan
300	Do pref.....100	55 1/2 Jan 6	60 1/2 Apr 26	50 Sept	67 Jan
500	NY Steam 1st pref.....No par	32 Apr 12	84 1/2 Jan 29	31 1/2 Mar	81 1/2 Dec
45,700	Niagara Falls Power pf new.....25	42 1/2 Mar 17	47 1/2 Feb 5	18 Mar	45 1/2 Nov
1,600	North American Co.....10	69 1/2 Mar 31	84 1/2 Jan 29	52 1/2 Jan	76 Dec
300	Do pref.....50	99 1/4 Apr 13	103 Apr 28	97 1/2 Apr	102 June
300	No Amer Edison pref.....No par	27 1/2 Mar 31	28 1/2 Jan 22	27 1/2 Oct	28 Dec
1,900	Norwalk Tire & Rubber.....10	42 Mar 30	67 Jan 14	41 1/2 Jan	75 Oct
2,000	Nunnally Co (The).....No par	49 Jan 2	50 1/2 Jan 11	46 1/2 Jan	50 1/2 Sept
1,000	Oil Well Supply.....25	91 1/8 Mar 31	95 1/2 Jan 2	94 1/2 Dec	96 1/2 Dec
1,000	Ontario Silver Min new No par	91 1/2 Mar 30	15 1/2 Jan 14	12 1/2 Sept	18 1/4 Aug
1,000	Onyx Hosiery.....No par	13 1/2 Mar 31	17 1/2 Jan 7	8 Jan	18 1/2 Nov
1,500	Oppenheim Collins & Co No par	30 1/4 Apr 26	36 Feb 5	33 1/2 Dec	38 Nov
3,000	Orpheum Circuit, Inc.....1	10 Jan 8	10 1/2 Jan 14	5 1/2 Jan	11 Oct
3,000	Do pref.....100	31 1/2 Feb 2	36 Jan 12	18 1/2 Jan	39 Dec
3,000	Otis Elevator (K).....50	95 Apr 17	99 Jan 12	78 1/4 Mar	97 Nov
700	Owens Bottle.....25	47 Jan 12	60 1/2 Mar 11	41 1/2 Sept	53 Dec
1,100	Outlet Co.....No par	27 1/2 Mar 25	30 1/2 Apr 9	25 1/2 Jan	32 1/2 July
500	Pacific Gas & Electric.....100	101 Jan 13	105 Apr 21	98 Jan	107 Sept
13,800	Paige Det Motor Car.....10	110 1/4 Mar 30	129 1/2 Feb 5	87 1/2 Feb	140 1/2 Aug
8,000	Pan-Amer Petr & Trans.....50	102 1/4 Jan 13	107 Feb 8	101 Feb	112 July
41,400	Pan-Am West Petrol B No par	87 1/8 Mar 31	14 1/2 Jan 19	8 Mar	15 1/2 Aug
42,700	Panhandle Prod & Ref. No par	87 1/8 Mar 31	107 Feb 8	50 1/4 Mar	97 1/2 Aug
300	Park & Tilford tem cts No par	43 1/2 Mar 29	68 1/2 Feb 8	42 1/2 Mar	89 1/2 Nov
4,000	Park Utah C M.....1	46 1/2 Apr 21	52 Apr 5	49 1/2 Nov	57 Dec
3,200	Pathe Exchange A.....No par	97 1/2 Apr 1	101 1/4 Jan 16	98 Nov	100 1/2 Dec
5,700	Penick & Ford.....No par	118 Mar 31	132 1/2 Jan 29	102 1/2 Jan	137 1/2 Nov
8,600	Penn Coal & Coke.....50	51 1/4 Mar 31	83 1/2 Feb 13	51 1/2 Aug	78 1/2 Dec
13,700	Penn-Seaboard St L Chtc No par	31 1/4 Mar 31	43 1/2 Jan 4	15 Jan	48 1/2 Oct
200	People's G L & C (Vie).....100	18 1/2 Mar 31	28 1/2 Jan 4	17 1/2 May	32 Oct
17,400	Phila & Read C & I.....No par	56 1/8 Mar 31	76 1/2 Jan 2	59 1/2 Sept	83 1/2 Mar
100	Certificates of Int.....No par	34 Mar 31	78 1/2 Jan 4	60 1/2 Aug	84 1/2 Mar
3,000	Phillips Jones Corp.....No par	46 Jan 21	46 Jan 2	37 1/2 Oct	49 1/2 Dec
81,100	Phillip Morris & Co., Ltd.....10	41 1/2 Jan 21	44 1/2 Apr 30	21 Aug	64 Dec
14,900	Phillips Petroleum.....No par	19 1/4 Apr 13	28 1/2 Feb 5	25 Sept	35 1/2 Jan
2,100	Pierce Arrow Mot Car No par	47 Apr 20	83 Jan 7	70 Nov	90 1/2 Oct
500	Pierced Oil Corporation.....25	167 Jan 28	21 1/2 Apr 29	17 Dec	28 Jan
4,900	Pittsburgh Coal of Pa.....100	102 1/2 Mar 17	17 Feb 8	12 1/2 Apr	26 1/2 Jan
500	Do pref.....100	117 Jan 4	130 Feb 11	111 Mar	122 Oct
100	Do pref.....100	59 1/2 Mar 2	76 1/2 Apr 8	51 1/2 Mar	67 1/2 Oct
200	Do pref.....100	47 1/2 Jan 4	50 1/2 Mar 30	45 1/2 Jan	49 July
500	Do pref.....100	36 1/4 Apr 14	48 1/2 Feb 11	37 1/2 May	52 1/2 Jan
500	Do pref.....100	38 1/2 Mar 8	46 1/2 Jan 13	38 July	50 1/2 Jan
500	Do pref.....100	50 Mar 30	55 1/2 Jan 29	51 Nov	90 1/2 Jan
500	Do pref.....100	16 Apr 3	20 1/2 Feb 23	12 1/2 Mar	25 1/2 Sept
500	Do pref.....100	40 Mar 30	49 1/2 Feb 13	36 1/4 Mar	47 1/2 June
500	Do pref.....100	31 Mar 30	44 1/2 Jan 9	18 Apr	42 1/2 July
500	Do pref.....100	94 Mar 25	98 Feb 1	84 Apr	99 Dec
500	Do pref.....100	28 1/2 Apr 15	43 1/2 Jan 9	10 1/2 Mar	47 1/2 Oct
500	Do pref.....100	76 1/2 Apr 1	108 1/2 Jan 11	43 Mar	100 Nov
500	Do pref.....100	19 Apr 30	27 1/2 Jan 30	14 Nov	31 Feb
500	Do pref.....100	41 1/2 Apr 21	7 Jan 30	4 1/2 Dec	40 Feb
500	Do pref.....100	31 1/4 Mar 24	42 1/2 Jan 5	37 1/4 May	54 1/2 Jan
500	Do pref.....100	71 Mar 25	85 Jan 5	80 May	99 Jan
500	Do pref.....100	94 Mar 29	98 Feb 1	94 Mar	102 1/2 Jan
500	Do pref.....100	40 Mar 29	63 1/2 Jan 9	30 Apr	63 1/2 Jan
500	Do pref.....100	83 Mar 26	92 1/2 Feb 5	79 July	88 1/2 Nov
500	Do pref.....100	14 1/2 Mar 3	19 1/2 Apr 8	12 1/2 Mar	17 1/2 June
500	Do pref.....100	15 Mar 20	19 1/2 Apr 8	12 1/2 Mar	16 June
500	Do pref.....100	15 Jan 22	19 1/2 Apr 28	12 1/2 Nov	15 1/2 Dec
500	Do pref.....100	75 1/2 Mar 30	124 1/2 Feb 3	64 1/2 Nov	121 Dec
500	Do pref.....100	34 1/2 Apr 15	41 1/2 Mar 19	76 1/2 July	92 1/2 Jan
500	Do pref.....100	82 Mar 4	95 1/2 Jan 7	76 1/2 July	92 1/2 Jan
500	Do pref.....100	11 Mar 29	17 1/2 Jan 2	12 1/2 Aug	32 1/2 Feb
500	Do pref.....100	31 Mar 29	35 Feb 11	27 Sept	47 1/2 Feb
500	Do pref.....100	72 Mar 2	92 1/2 Jan 19	62 1/2 Mar	87 1/2 Aug
500	Do pref.....100	103 1/2 Jan 12	108 1/2 Apr 19	99 Jan	106 Nov
500	Do pref.....100	15 Mar 2	120 Apr 30	108 1/2 Apr	119 Oct
500	Do pref.....100	9 Jan 22	10 1/2 Mar 3	69 Jan	106 Nov
500	Do pref.....100	106 Jan 18	110 Mar 29	92 1/2 May	100 1/2 Dec
500	Do pref.....100	145 1/4 Mar 31	174 1/2 Apr 29	125 Mar	173 1/2 Sept
500	Do pref.....100	33 Apr 14	47 Feb 4	33 July	48 Dec
500	Do pref.....100	25 1/2 Apr 13	31 Jan 4	25 1/2 Aug	33 1/2 Feb
500	Do pref.....100	106 Apr 14	111 1/2 Feb 27	102 1/2 Jan	108 1/2 Sept
500	Do pref.....100	32 Mar 30	46 1/2 Jan 12	39 1/2 Nov	77 1/2 Jan
500	Do pref.....100	44 1/2 Mar 31	47 1/2 Feb 1	45 Dec	54 Feb
500	Do pref.....100	53 1/4 Mar 1	68 1/2 Mar 10	114 1/4 Mar	122 Dec
500	Do pref.....100	115 Apr 9	123 Feb 20	33 1/2 Nov	39 1/2 Aug
500	Do pref.....100	102 1/4 Apr 30	34 1/2 Feb 5	11 1/2 Apr	17 1/2 Feb
500	Do pref.....100	46 1/2 Mar 30	56 Jan 4	43 Oct	60 1/2 Dec
500	Do pref.....100	91 Mar 31	18 1/2 Feb 23	10 May	28 1/2 July
500	Do pref.....100	83 1/2 Apr 20	127 Feb 3	46 1/2 Jan	117 1/2 Dec
500	Do pref.....100	106 Apr 21	108 1/2 Mar 10	100 Jan	109 1/2 Oct
500	Do pref.....100	105 Apr 1	111 Jan 5	103 Sept	113 1/2 Apr
500	Do pref.....100	45 1/2 Mar 30	15 1/2 Jan 4	12 1/2 June	23 1/2 Jan
500	Do pref.....100	91 1/4 Mar 30	95 Feb 3	42 1/2 Apr	64 1/2 Jan
500	Do pref.....100	51 Feb 24	10 1/2 Jan 5	8 July	95 Jan
500	Do pref.....100	90 Mar 30	98 1/2 Jan 9	72 1/2 Mar	95 1/2 Nov
500	Do pref.....100	86 Mar 2	100 Jan 20	85 June	97 1/2 Dec
500	Do pref.....100	50 Mar 3	57 1/2 Jan 3	48 1/4 Mar	57 1/2 Jan
500	Do pref.....100	37 1/2 Apr 13	48 1/2 Feb 10	35 1/2 July	62 1/2 May
500	Do pref.....100	42 1/2 Mar 31	54 Jan 14	48 Dec	60 1/2 Dec
500	Do pref.....100	73 Mar 31	102 1/2 Feb 10	48 1/2 July	108 1/2 Dec
500	Do pref.....100	5 Mar 31	10 1/4 Jan 4	9 Nov	11 Nov
500	Do pref.....100	52 Mar 30	138 1/2 Jan 23	61 1/2 Dec	65 1/2 Dec
500	Do pref.....100	112 1/2 Jan 6	118 Jan 12	101 1/4 Sept	134 1/2 Dec
500	Do pref.....100	12 1/2 Mar 3	14 1/2 Mar 12	11 1/2 Jan	118 Aug
500	Do pref.....100	44 1/4 Mar 29	49 1/2 Apr 26	13 1/4 Nov	16 1/2 Jan
500	Do pref.....100	47 Mar 30	69 1/2 Jan	11 1/2 Jan	118 Aug

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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales for the Week.	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		PER SHARE Range Since Jan 1 1926 On basis of 100 share lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925.	
Saturday, April 24.	Monday, April 26.	Tuesday, April 27.	Wednesday, April 28.	Thursday, April 29.	Friday, April 30.		Shares.	Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share				\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share
42½ 42½	42½ 42½	42½ 42½	42½ 42½	42½ 42½	42½ 42½		400	Shell Transport & Trading	42½	42½	42½	42½
25½ 25½	25½ 25½	25½ 25½	25½ 25½	25½ 25½	25½ 25½		8,600	Shell Union Oil	25½	25½	25½	25½
107 107	104½ 106	104½ 105	105 105	105 105	105 105		1,000	Do pref.	107	107	107	107
22½ 23	21½ 22½	21½ 22½	21½ 22½	21½ 22½	21½ 22½		27,600	Simms Petroleum	21½	22½	21½	22½
44½ 45	43½ 44½	42½ 43½	39½ 42½	39½ 42½	39½ 42½		16,300	Simmons Co.	44½	45	44½	45
*108½ 110	*108½ 110	*108½ 110	*108½ 110	*108½ 110	*108½ 110		62,400	Standard Oil of California	108½	110	108½	110
22 22½	21½ 22½	21½ 21½	21½ 21½	21½ 21½	21½ 21½		100	Standard Oil of New Jersey	22	22½	22	22½
*94 94½	*94½ 94½	*94½ 94½	*94½ 94½	*94½ 94½	*94½ 94½		213,600	Standard Oil of Indiana	94	94½	94	94½
33½ 34½	32½ 34	33 35	34½ 35½	34½ 35½	34½ 35½		6,100	Standard Oil of Ohio	33½	34½	33½	34½
114½ 114½	113½ 113½	111½ 112½	112 113	113 115½	114 115½		10,800	Standard Oil of Kentucky	114½	114½	113½	113½
*97 114	*97 114	*97 114	*112 114	*112 114	*112 114		100	Standard Oil of Tennessee	97	114	97	114
*12 13½	*12 13½	*12 13½	*12 13	*12 13	*12 13		100	Standard Oil of West Virginia	12	13½	12	13½
*72 74	*72 74	*72 74	*72 74	*72 74	*72 74		100	Standard Oil of Wisconsin	72	74	72	74
21 21½	21 21½	20 20½	20 20½	20 20½	20 20½		17,300	Standard Oil of North Dakota	21	21½	20	20½
*99½ 102	*99½ 102	*100½ 102	*100½ 102	*100½ 102	*100½ 102		23,900	Standard Gas & El Co.	99½	102	99½	102
53½ 53½	53½ 53½	54½ 54½	53½ 54	53½ 54	53½ 54		2,300	Standard Gas & El Co. No par	53½	53½	54½	54½
55½ 55½	55½ 55½	55½ 55½	55½ 55½	55½ 55½	55½ 55½		300	Standard Gas & El Co. No par	55½	55½	55½	55½
71½ 71½	71½ 71½	72 72	71 72	71 72	71 72		2,300	Standard Gas & El Co. No par	71½	71½	72	72
*83½ 86	*83½ 86	*85 86	*85 86	*85 86	*85 86		17,000	Standard Oil of California	83½	86	85	86
55½ 56½	56½ 56½	55½ 56½	55½ 56½	55½ 56½	55½ 56½		17,000	Standard Oil of California	55½	56½	55½	56½
44½ 44½	43½ 44½	43½ 44½	43½ 44½	44½ 44½	44½ 44½		3,000	Standard Oil of California	44½	44½	43½	44½
*117½ 117½	*117½ 118	*118 118	*118 118	*118 118	*118 118		200	Standard Oil of California	117½	118	117½	118
7 7	7 7	6½ 7	6½ 7	6½ 7	6½ 7		800	Standard Oil of California	7	7	6½	7
80½ 80½	80½ 80½	80½ 80½	80½ 80½	80½ 80½	80½ 80½		24,600	Standard Oil of California	80½	80½	80½	80½
77½ 78½	76½ 77	76½ 77	76½ 77	76½ 77	76½ 77		1,500	Standard Oil of California	77½	78½	76½	77
67½ 67½	67½ 67½	67½ 67½	67½ 67½	67½ 67½	67½ 67½		57,900	Standard Oil of California	67½	67½	67½	67½
53½ 54½	52½ 53½	51½ 52½	51½ 52½	51½ 52½	51½ 52½		110	Standard Oil of California	53½	54½	52½	53½
*117 119	*117 119	*116½ 116½	*119 119	*117 122	*117 122		5,800	Standard Oil of California	117	119	116½	116½
2 2½	2 2½	2 2½	2 2½	2 2½	2 2½		1,900	Standard Oil of California	2	2½	2	2½
33½ 33½	33½ 33½	33½ 33½	33½ 33½	33½ 33½	33½ 33½		2,900	Standard Oil of California	33½	33½	33½	33½
2½ 2½	2½ 2½	2½ 2½	2½ 2½	2½ 2½	2½ 2½		1,200	Standard Oil of California	2½	2½	2½	2½
*20½ 21½	*20½ 21½	*21 21	*22 22	*22 22	*22 22		700	Standard Oil of California	20½	21½	21	21
11½ 11½	12 12	12 12	12 12	12 12	12 12		800	Standard Oil of California	11½	11½	12	12
*9 9½	*9 9½	*9 9½	*9 9½	*9 9½	*9 9½		600	Standard Oil of California	9	9½	9	9½
17½ 17½	17½ 17½	17½ 17½	17½ 17½	17½ 17½	17½ 17½		100	Standard Oil of California	17½	17½	17½	17½
11 11	11 11	11 11	11 11	11 11	11 11		4,100	Standard Oil of California	11	11	11	11
12 12	11½ 12	11½ 12	11½ 12	11½ 12	11½ 12		17,700	Standard Oil of California	12	12	11½	12
51½ 52	51½ 52	51½ 52	51½ 52	51½ 52	51½ 52		21,000	Standard Oil of California	51½	52	51½	52
134½ 135½	134 135½	133½ 134½	134 136½	136½ 137½	135½ 136½		14,100	Standard Oil of California	134½	135½	134	135½
14½ 14½	14 14½	14½ 14½	14½ 14½	14½ 14½	14½ 14½		175	Standard Oil of California	14½	14½	14	14½
*700 750	*700 750	*700 750	*700 750	*700 750	*700 750		600	Standard Oil of California	700	750	700	750
*29 30	*29 30	*29 30	*29 30	*29 30	*29 30		1,000	Standard Oil of California	29	30	29	30
32 32½	31½ 31½	31 31	31½ 32	31½ 32	31½ 32		600	Standard Oil of California	32	32½	31½	31½
*93 94	*93½ 94	*93½ 94	*93½ 94	*93½ 94	*93½ 94		2,400	Standard Oil of California	93	94	93½	94
51 51½	50½ 51	50½ 51	50½ 51	50½ 51	50½ 51		21,200	Standard Oil of California	51	51½	50½	51
100 100½	100 101½	100 101½	100 101½	100 101½	100 101½		1,200	Standard Oil of California	100	100½	100	100½
108½ 108½	108½ 108½	107½ 107½	107½ 107½	107½ 107½	107½ 107½		14,700	Standard Oil of California	108½	108½	107½	107½
3½ 3½	3½ 3½	3½ 3½	3½ 3½	3½ 3½	3½ 3½		1,000	Standard Oil of California	3½	3½	3½	3½
*23½ 25½	*22½ 25½	*22½ 25½	*22½ 25½	*22½ 25½	*22½ 25½		1,500	Standard Oil of California	23½	25½	22½	25½
*54½ 55½	*54½ 55½	*54½ 55½	*54½ 55½	*54½ 55½	*54½ 55½		10,600	Standard Oil of California	54½	55½	54½	55½
39½ 40	39½ 40	39½ 40	39½ 40	39½ 40	39½ 40		1,200	Standard Oil of California	39½	40	39½	40
44 44½	42½ 44	43½ 44	43½ 44	43½ 44	43½ 44		200	Standard Oil of California	44	44½	42½	44
89½ 89½	90 90	90 90	90 90	90 90	90 90		3,000	Standard Oil of California	89½	89½	90	90
*115 116	*115 116	*115 116	*115 116	*115 116	*115 116		6,400	Standard Oil of California	115	116	115	116
30 30	29½ 30	30 30	29½ 30	29½ 30	29½ 30		500	Standard Oil of California	30	30	29½	30
91½ 92	92 93½	91½ 93	91½ 93	91½ 93	91½ 93		9,500	Standard Oil of California	91½	92	91½	92
*120	*120	*120	*120	*120	*120		400	Standard Oil of California	120	120	120	120
142½ 143½	143½ 145	143 144	144 145½	145½ 147½	146 147		900	Standard Oil of California	142½	143½	143½	145
*57 58	*57 58	*57 58	*57 58	*57 58	*57 58		400	Standard Oil of California	57	58	57	58
*12	*12	*12	*12	*12	*12		900	Standard Oil of California	12	12	12	12
280 280	*25 25½	*26 26½	26 26	26 26	26 26		500	Standard Oil of California	280	280	25	25½
*22 26	*25 25½	*26 26½	26 26	26 26	26 26		100	Standard Oil of California	22	26	25	25½
*91 92	*91 92	*91 92	*91 92	*91 92	*91 92		10,900	Standard Oil of California	91	92	91	92
19 19½	18½ 20	18½ 19½	18½ 19½	18½ 19½	18½ 19½		1,700	Standard Oil of California	19	19½	18½	19½
64½ 64½	63 64½	63 63	63½ 63½	63½ 63½	63½ 63½		4,700	Standard Oil of California	64½	64½	63	64½
174 175	170 173½	169 173	173 175	173 175	173 175		400	Standard Oil of California	174	175	170	173½
*101 104	*101 102	*101 102	*101 102	*101 102	*101 102		11,000	Standard Oil of California	101	104	101	102
51½ 52½	52½ 53½	52½ 53½	52½ 53½	52½ 53½	52½ 53½		6,900	Standard Oil of California	51½	52½	52½	53½
*155	*155	*155	*155	*155	*155		5,800	Standard Oil of California	155	155	155	155
53 53½	52½ 53½	52½ 53½	52½ 53½	52½ 53½	52½ 53½		200	Standard Oil of California	53	53½	52½	53½
52½ 53½	51½ 53½	51½ 53½	51½ 53½	51½ 53½	51½ 53½		4,200	Standard Oil of California	52½	53½	51½	53½
*100 101½	*100½ 101½	*100½ 101½	*100½ 101½	*100½ 101½	*100½ 101½		63,500	Standard Oil of California	100	101½	100½	101½
56½ 57	56½ 57	56½ 57	56½ 57	56½ 57	56½ 57		1,500	Standard Oil of California	56½	57	56½	57
63½ 65½	62½ 65	62½ 63½	62½ 63½	62½ 63½	62½ 63½		2,400	Standard Oil of California	63½	65½	62½	65
106½ 106½	105½ 106½	105½ 106½	105½ 106½	105½ 106½	105½ 106½		600	Standard Oil of California	106½	106½	105½	106½
39½ 40½	40 40½	39½ 40½	39½ 40½	39½ 40½	39½ 40½		249,400	Standard Oil of California	39½	40½	39½	40½
48½ 48½	48½ 48½	48½ 48½	48½ 48½	48½ 48½	48½ 48½		4,000	Standard Oil of California	48½	48½	48½	48½
122½ 122½	121½ 122½	120½ 122½	122½ 123½	123½ 128	123½ 128		100	Standard Oil of California	122½	122½	121½	122½
128 128½	127½ 128½	127½ 128½	127½ 128½	127½ 128½	127½ 128½		100	Standard Oil of California	128	128½	127½	128½
*57½ 61	*57½ 61	*57½ 61	*57½ 61	*57½ 61	*57½ 61		200	Standard Oil of California	57½	61	57½	61
*112½	*112½	*112½	*112½	*112½	*112½		4,100	Standard Oil of California	112½	112½	112½	112½
*99 100	*99 100	*99 100	*99 100	*99 100	*99 100		3,500	Standard Oil of California	99	100	99	100
31½ 31½	30 32½	31½ 31½	31 31½	31 31½	31 31½		100	Standard Oil of California	31½	31½	30	32½
36½ 36½	35½ 36	35 35½	35½ 36	35½ 36	35½ 36		100	Standard Oil of California	36½	36½	35½	36
*14 15	*13 16	*14 16	*13½ 16	*13½ 16	*13½ 16		100	Standard Oil of California	14	15	13	16
68½ 68½	*68 70	*68 69	*68 70	*68 70	*68 70		600	Standard Oil of California	68½	68½	68	70
*1 1½	*1 1½	*1 1½	*1 1½	*1 1½	*1 1½		5,600	Standard Oil of California	1	1½	1	1½
17½ 17½	17½ 17½	17½ 17½	17½ 17½	17½ 17½	17½ 17½		300	Standard Oil of California	17½	17½	17½	17½
*1 1½	*1 1½	*1 1½	*1 1½	*1 1½	*1 1½		1,600	Standard Oil of California	1	1½	1	1½
*8 9	*8 9	*8 9	*8 9	*8 9	*8 9		2,400	Standard Oil of California	8	9	8	9
*84 9	*8 9	*8 9	*8 9	*8 9	*8 9		200	Standard Oil of California	84	9	8	9
*1 1½	*1 1½	*1 1½	*1 1½	*1 1½	*1 1½		2,700	Standard Oil of California	1	1½	1	1½
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Interest Period	Price Friday, April 30.	Week's Range or Last Sale	Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1	Low	High	N. Y.	Low	High	Interest Period	Price Friday, April 30.	Week's Range or Last Sale	Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1	Low	High	N. Y.	Low	High
Charleston & Savannah 7s...1936	J	117½	112½	Feb 25	100½	101½	2	100½	101½	Day & Mich 1st cons 4½s...1931	J	98½	98½	Feb 26	97½	98½	97½	98½	
Ches & Ohio fund & imp 5s...1929	J	100½	101½	101½	100½	101½	2	100½	101½	Del & Hudson 1st & ref 4s...1943	M	93½	93½	94½	90½	94½	90½	94½	
1st consol gold 6s...1939	M	105½	105½	105½	102½	105½	5	102½	105½	30-year conv 5s...1935	A	111½	111½	112½	108½	108½	108½	108½	
Registered...1939	M	105½	105½	105½	102½	105½	5	102½	105½	15-year 5½s...1937	M	104½	104½	104½	102½	105½	102½	105½	
General gold 4½s...1922	M	95½	95½	95½	92	95½	16	92	95½	10-year secured 7s...1930	J	107½	107½	107½	107	110	107	110	
Registered...1922	M	95½	95½	95½	92	95½	16	92	95½	O RR & Bidge 1st gu 4s g...1936	F	94	96	95	Apr 26	94½	95	94½	
20-year conv 4½s...1930	F	98½	Sale	98½	97	99	122	97½	99	Den & R G—1st cons g 4s...1936	J	91	91	91	85½	91	85½	91	
30-year conv secured 5s...1946	A	126	126	126½	124	150½	12	124	150½	Consol gold 4½s...1936	J	92½	93½	93½	89	94	89	94	
Registered...1946	A	126	126	126½	124	150½	12	124	150½	Improvement gold 5s...1928	J	99½	99½	100	108	108	95½	100	
Craig Valley 1st g 5s...1940	J	100½	98½	Dec 25	98½	99	122	98½	99	Den & R G West gen 5s Aug 1955	M	95½	95½	66½	121	62	70½	104	
Potts Creek Branch 1st 4s...1946	J	87½	Sale	86	88	88	6	83	88	Des M & Ft D 1st gu 4s...1935	J	44	49	44	Apr 26	44	47½	47	
H & A Div 1st cons g 4s...1939	J	88½	88½	88½	85	88½	6	85	88½	Temporary etfs of deposit...1935	J	44	49	44	Apr 26	44	47½	47	
2d consol gold 4s...1939	J	82½	86¼	Apr 26	82½	84½	19	82½	84½	Des Plaines Val 1st 4½s...1947	M	93½	95½	93½	Feb 25	70	72	72	
W arm Springs V 1st g 5s...1941	M	99½	100	98½	98½	98½	25	98½	98½	Det & Mack—1st lien g 4s...1995	J	71½	72	72	Mar 26	65	65	65	
Chic & Alton RR ref g 3s...1949	A	69	69	69	65	70	18	65	70	Gold 4s...1935	J	70	72	65	Mar 26	65	65	65	
Ctf dep stpd Apr 1926 Int...1950	J	69	69	69	64	69	1	64	69	Detroit River Tunnel 4½s...1961	M	96½	Sale	96½	54	94½	96½	96½	
Railway 1st lien 3½s...1950	J	57½	Sale	57	57½	58½	147	51½	58½	Dul Missabe & Nor gen 5s...1941	J	104	103½	Apr 26	103½	103½	103½	103½	
Ctf dep Jan '23 & sub coup...1949	J	55½	Sale	55½	56	56½	36	51	56½	Dul & Iron Range 1st 5s...1937	A	101½	103	102½	Apr 26	101½	102½	101½	
Chic Burl & Q—III Div 3½s...1949	J	83½	86½	84½	81½	84½	21	81½	84½	Dul Sou Shore & Atl g 5s...1937	J	87	Sale	87	4	85	87½	87½	
Registered...1949	J	83½	86½	84½	81½	84½	21	81½	84½	East Ry Minn Nor Div 1st 4s '48	A	91½	92½	92	Mar 26	91	91	91	
Illinois Division 4s...1949	J	94½	93½	93½	91½	93½	2	91½	93½	East T Va & Ga Div g 5s...1930	J	100½	100½	Apr 26	100½	101	100½	101	
Nebraska Extension 4s...1927	M	99½	99½	100	96½	100½	9	96½	100½	Cons 1st gold 5s...1936	M	105½	105½	Apr 26	102½	104½	102½	104½	
Registered...1927	M	99½	99½	100	96½	100½	9	96½	100½	Elgin Joliet & East 1st g 5s...1941	M	103	105	103	Apr 26	101½	103	101½	
General 4s...1958	M	92½	Sale	92½	90½	93½	12	90½	93½	El Paso & S W 1st 5s...1935	A	104	104	104	2	102½	104	102½	
Registered...1958	M	92½	Sale	92½	90½	93½	12	90½	93½	Gen 1st consol gold 7s ext...1930	M	107½	107½	107½	75	107½	107½	107½	
1st & ref 5s...1971	F	105½	Sale	104½	105½	105½	35	102½	105½	1st cons g 4s prior...1996	J	79½	Sale	78½	79½	74½	79½	79½	
Chic City & Conn Rys 5s...1927	A	49	Sale	49	49½	51	14	47½	51	Registered...1996	J	79½	Sale	78½	79½	74½	79½	79½	
Chicago & East Ill 1s 6s...1934	A	107½	Sale	106½	107½	107½	13	106½	107½	1st consol gen lien g 4s...1996	J	69½	Sale	69½	70½	64	71½	71½	
C & E Ill Ry (new co) gen 5s...1951	M	77½	Sale	77½	78	78	158	73½	78½	Registered...1996	J	69½	Sale	69½	70½	64	71½	71½	
Chic & Erie 1st gold 5s...1932	M	104½	103½	Apr 26	101½	105	105	101½	105	Penn col trust gold 4s...1951	F	97½	Sale	96½	Mar 26	96½	98½	96½	
Chicago Great West 1st 4s...1959	M	69	Sale	68½	69½	69½	591	64½	69½	50 year conv 4s Ser A...1953	A	72½	Sale	71½	72½	83	67½	73½	
Chic Ind & Louisv—Ref 6s...1947	J	110½	111½	Apr 26	110½	112½	107	110½	112½	Gen conv 4s Series D...1953	A	72½	Sale	71½	72½	83	67½	73½	
Refunding gold 5s...1947	J	101½	103	101½	97½	103	80	97½	103	Gen conv 4s Series D...1953	A	72½	Sale	71½	72½	83	67½	73½	
Refunding 4s Series C...1947	J	87½	80	Jan 26	79½	80	79	79½	80	Erie & Jersey 1st s 16s...1956	J	108½	Sale	108	108½	34	104	108½	108½
General 5s A...1966	M	97½	Sale	96½	97½	97½	19	92	97½	Genesee River 1st s f 5s...1957	J	107½	Sale	107½	108½	12	104½	108½	108½
General 5s B...May 1966	J	105½	107½	107½	103½	108½	2	103½	108½	Erie & Pitts gen g 3½s B...1940	J	88½	89½	Mar 26	88	89	89½	89½	
Chic Ind & Sou 50-year 4s...1956	J	90½	92	Apr 26	89½	92	95	89½	92	Series C 3½s...1940	J	88½	89½	Mar 26	88	89	89½	89½	
Chic L & East 1st 4½s...1969	J	94½	96	95	95	95	95	95	95	Fia Cent & Penn 1st ext g 5s...1930	J	100½	99½	99½	34	98	100	100	
C M & Puget 3d 1st gu 4s...1949	J	48½	49	47½	47	52½	21	47	52½	Consol gold 5s...1943	J	100½	102	100½	Apr 26	98½	100½	98½	
Certificates of deposit...1949	J	48½	49	47½	47	52½	21	47	52½	Florida East Coast 1st 4½s...1959	J	97½	Sale	97½	97½	1	95½	97½	
Ch M & S P gen g 4s Ser A...1989	J	84½	Sale	84	84	84½	47	81½	84½	1st & ref 5s Series A...1974	M	99½	Sale	99½	99½	449	97	99½	
General gold 3½s Ser B...1989	J	72½	72	Apr 26	70½	74	27	70½	74	Fonda Johns & Glov 4½s...1952	M	90	Sale	90½	90½	11	89½	90½	
Gen 4½s Series C...May 1989	J	94½	Sale	93½	94½	94½	57	90½	94½	Fort St U D Co 1st g 4½s...1941	J	92½	90½	Dec 25	89	90½	90½	90½	
Registered...1989	J	94½	Sale	93½	94½	94½	57	90½	94½	St W & Den C 1st g 5½s...1961	J	105½	105½	Jan 26	103	105½	103	105½	
Gen & ref Series A 4½s...2014	A	50½	Sale	49	52	48½	82	48	53½	Fort Worth & Rio Gr 1st g 4s...1928	J	97	97½	96	Apr 26	96	98	98	
Certificates of deposit...2014	A	50½	Sale	49	52	48½	82	48	53½	Frek Elm & Mo Val 1st 6s...1933	A	108½	110	105½	Apr 26	107	108½	108½	
Gen ref conv Ser B 5s...2014	F	49½	Sale	49½	51½	47	47½	44	53	G H & S A M & P 1st 5s...1931	M	101	101½	100	100½	6	100	100½	
Certificates of deposit...2014	F	49½	Sale	49½	51½	47	47½	44	53	2d extens 5s guar...1931	J	100½	100½	100½	3	100½	101	101	
1st sec 6s...1935	J	104½	Sale	104½	104½	106	26	102½	106	Galv Hous & Hend 1st 5s...1933	A	96½	Sale	96½	97	25	93½	97½	
Debtenture 4½s...1932	J	50	Sale	49½	51	52	47	53½	52	Ga & Ala Ry 1st cons 5s...1945	J	98½	Sale	98½	98½	25	96	98½	
Certificates of deposit...1932	J	49½	Sale	49½	50	50½	156	46½	53½	Ga Caro & Nor 1st gu 5s...1929	J	100	100½	100½	100½	2	100½	100½	
Debtenture 4s...1925	J	49½	Sale	49½	50	50½	156	46½	53½	Georgia Midland 1st 3s...1946	A	71	72	71½	72	63	72½	72½	
Certificates of deposit...1925	J	49½	Sale	49½	50	50½	156	46½	53½	Gr R & X 1st 1st gu g 4½s...1941	J	95	97	95½	Mar 26	95½	97	97	
15-year debenture 4s...1934	J	49½	50½	49½	46	47½	53	46	47½	Grand Trunk of Can deb 7s...1940	A	115½	114½	115½	24	114½	116	116	
Certificates of deposit...1934	J	49½	50½	49½	46	47½	53	46	47½	15-year 1st 6s...1936	M	107½	107	107½	25	106½	107½	107½	
Chic & Mo Riv Div 5s...1926	J	99½	99½	99½	95	99½	15	95	99½	Great Nor gen 7s Series A...1936	J	114	113½	114	169	109½	114½	114½	
Chic & N West Ext 4s...1886-1926	F	99½	100	99½	99½	99½	15	99½	99½	1st & ref 4½s Series A...1961									

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Kansas City Term 1st 4s.....1960	J	J	87 1/2	Sale	87 1/2	88	85	85	88	N Y Central & Hudson River—									
Kentucky Central gold 4s.....1987	J	J	87 1/2	Sale	87 1/2	88	85	85	88	Mortgage 3 1/2s.....1997	J	J	80 1/2	Sale	80 1/2	80 1/2	18	76 1/2	81 1/2
Kentucky & Ind Term 4 1/2s.....1961	J	J	87 1/2	Sale	87 1/2	88	85	85	88	Registered.....1997	J	J	78 1/2	Sale	78 1/2	78 1/2	48	76 1/2	78 1/2
Stamps.....1961	J	J	85 1/2	89	87 1/2	Mar'26	11	85 1/2	87 1/2	Debenture gold 4s.....1934	M	N	95 1/2	Sale	95 1/2	95 1/2	48	94 1/2	96 1/2
Lake Erie & West 1st g 5s.....1937	J	J	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	2	100 1/2	102	102	Registered.....1997	M	N	95 1/2	Sale	95 1/2	95 1/2	12	94 1/2	95 1/2
2d gold 5s.....1941	J	J	100 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	3	98 1/2	101	101 1/2	30-year debenture 4s.....1942	J	J	95 1/2	Sale	95 1/2	95 1/2	12	94 1/2	95 1/2
Lake Shore gold 3 1/2s.....1997	J	D	81 1/2	Sale	81 1/2	81 1/2	3	78 1/2	81 1/2	Registered.....1997	F	A	78 1/2	Sale	78 1/2	78 1/2	26	75 1/2	79 1/2
Registered.....1997	J	D	79 1/2	Sale	79 1/2	79 1/2	11	77	80	Lake Shore coll gold 3 1/2s.....1998	F	A	78 1/2	Sale	78 1/2	78 1/2	2	77	78
Debenture gold 4s.....1928	M	S	99	Sale	98 1/2	99	40	98 1/2	99	Registered.....1998	F	A	78 1/2	Sale	78 1/2	78 1/2	2	77	78
25-year gold 4s.....1931	M	N	97 1/2	Sale	97 1/2	97 1/2	11	96 1/2	97 1/2	Mieh Cent coll gold 3 1/2s.....1998	F	A	80 1/2	Sale	80 1/2	80 1/2	1	78	80
Registered.....1931	M	N	96	Sale	96	96	10	95	96	Registered.....1998	F	A	80 1/2	Sale	80 1/2	80 1/2	1	78	80
Leh Val Harbor Term 5s.....1954	F	A	104 1/2	105 1/2	104	104 1/2	7	102 1/2	104 1/2	N Y Chic & St L 1st g 4s.....1937	A	O	94 1/2	Sale	94 1/2	95	17	92 1/2	95
Leh Val N Y 1st gu g 4 1/2s.....1940	J	J	98	Sale	98 1/2	Apr'26	26	82 1/2	98	Registered.....1937	A	O	92 1/2	Sale	92 1/2	92 1/2	17	92 1/2	92 1/2
Lehigh Val (Pa) cons g 4s.....2003	M	N	85	Sale	84 1/2	85	26	80	85 1/2	25-year debenture 4s.....1931	M	N	95 1/2	Sale	95 1/2	95 1/2	17	93 1/2	94 1/2
Registered.....2003	M	N	94 1/2	Sale	94 1/2	94 1/2	10	92	95 1/2	2d 6s Series A B C.....1931	M	N	103 1/2	Sale	103 1/2	103 1/2	17	102 1/2	103 1/2
General cons 4 1/2s.....2003	M	N	104 1/2	Sale	104 1/2	104 1/2	9	100 1/2	104 1/2	Refunding 5 1/2s Series A.....1974	A	O	103 1/2	Sale	103 1/2	103 1/2	125	98 1/2	104 1/2
Lehigh Val RR gen 5s Series 2003	M	N	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	Apr'26	10	102 1/2	104	Refunding 5 1/2s Ser B.....1975	J	O	103 1/2	Sale	103 1/2	104	116	98 1/2	104 1/2
Leh V Term Ry 1st g 5s.....1941	A	O	103 1/2	Sale	103 1/2	103 1/2	10	102 1/2	104	N Y Connect 1st g 4 1/2s.....1953	F	A	94 1/2	Sale	94 1/2	94 1/2	5	92 1/2	94 1/2
Leh & N Y 1st guar gold 4s.....1945	M	S	88 1/2	89	88 1/2	Apr'26	10	85	88 1/2	1st guar 5s Series B.....1953	F	A	101 1/2	102	102	102	5	100 1/2	102
Lex & East 1st 50-yr 5s.....1965	A	O	108	110	109	110	4	105 1/2	110	N Y & Erie 1st ext gold 4s.....1947	M	N	90	90	90	90	1	89 1/2	90
Little Miami 4s.....1952	M	N	85	85 1/2	85 1/2	Apr'26	1	84 1/2	87 1/2	3d ext gold 4 1/2s.....1933	M	S	97 1/2	94	Nov'25	94	1	92 1/2	94 1/2
Long Dock consol g 6s.....1935	A	O	110	110	109	109	1	109	109 1/2	4th ext gold 5s.....1930	A	O	100 1/2	100 1/2	Mar'26	100 1/2	1	100 1/2	100 1/2
Long 1st 1st con gold 5s.....1931	J	J	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	Feb'26	1	100 1/2	100 1/2	5th ext gold 4s.....1928	J	D	98 1/2	98 1/2	Mar'26	98 1/2	1	98 1/2	98 1/2
1st consol gold 4s.....1931	J	J	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	Apr'26	5	90 1/2	91 1/2	N Y & Greenw L gu g 5s.....1946	M	N	97 1/2	97 1/2	Mar'26	97 1/2	1	97 1/2	97 1/2
General gold 4s.....1938	J	D	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	5	90 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	N Y & Harlem gold 3 1/2s.....2000	M	N	79 1/2	79 1/2	Apr'26	79 1/2	1	79 1/2	79 1/2
Gold 4s.....1932	J	D	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	1	90 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	N Y Lack & W 1st & ref 5s.....1973	M	N	99	99	80 July'24	99	2	99 1/2	100
Unifed gold 4s.....1949	M	S	86 1/2	Sale	86 1/2	86 1/2	1	84 1/2	87 1/2	1st & ref 4 1/2s.....1973	M	N	99 1/2	102	102	2	99 1/2	102	
Debenture gold 5s.....1934	J	D	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	Apr'26	1	97 1/2	97 1/2	N Y L E & W 1st 7s ext.....1930	M	S	106	107	Dec'25	106	1	106	106
20-year p m deb 5s.....1937	M	N	97 1/2	98	97	98	10	94	98	N Y & Jersey 1st 5s.....1932	F	A	101	102	101 1/2	101 1/2	1	100 1/2	101 1/2
Guar refunding gold 4s.....1949	M	S	88	Sale	88	88	9	85	88	N Y & Long Branch gen g 4s.....1941	M	S	90 1/2	90	Mar'26	90	1	90	90
Nor Sh B 1st con g 5s.....1932	J	J	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	Apr'26	2	99 1/2	100 1/2	N Y N H & Hart n-c deb 4s.....1947	M	S	74 1/2	70 1/2	Jan'26	70 1/2	1	70 1/2	70 1/2
Louisiana & Ark 1st g 5s.....1927	M	S	100	100 1/2	100	100	2	99 1/2	100 1/2	Registered.....1947	M	S	66 1/2	69 1/2	June'25	69 1/2	1	66 1/2	69 1/2
Lou & Jeff Bidge Co g 4s.....1945	M	S	89	89 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	3	86 1/2	89 1/2	Non-conv debenture 3 1/2s.....1947	M	N	66 1/2	69 1/2	Feb'26	69 1/2	24	62 1/2	69 1/2
Louisville & Nashville 5s.....1937	M	N	104	103 1/2	103 1/2	Apr'26	3	102 1/2	104	Non-conv debenture 3 1/2s.....1954	A	O	64	64 1/2	Feb'26	64 1/2	20	61 1/2	64 1/2
Unifed gold 4s.....1940	J	J	95 1/2	96	95	95 1/2	9	93 1/2	95 1/2	Non-conv debenture 4s.....1955	J	O	71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2	20	68 1/2	71 1/2	
Collateral trust gold 5s.....1931	M	N	100 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	23	105 1/2	108	Non-conv debenture 4s.....1956	M	N	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	24	67 1/2	72 1/2	
10-year secured 7s.....1931	M	N	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	23	105 1/2	108	108	Conv debenture 3 1/2s.....1956	J	J	64	65 1/2	63 1/2	30	61 1/2	64	
1st refund 5 1/2s Series A.....2003	A	O	108 1/2	109	108 1/2	109	16	106 1/2	110 1/2	Conv debenture 6s.....1948	J	J	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	128	97 1/2	100 1/2	
1st & ref 5s Series B.....2003	A	O	105 1/2	107	106 1/2	107	6	104 1/2	108 1/2	Registered.....1948	J	J	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	5	96 1/2	97 1/2	
1st & ref 4 1/2s Series C.....2003	A	O	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	83	96	99 1/2	Collateral trust 6s.....1940	A	O	99	99 1/2	99	112	96 1/2	99 1/2	
N O & M 1st gold 6s.....1930	J	J	106 1/2	107	106 1/2	Mar'26	83	104 1/2	107	Debenture 4s.....1957	M	N	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	67	58	62 1/2	
2d gold 6s.....1930	J	J	104	105	103 1/2	Mar'26	10	103 1/2	103 1/2	Harlem R & Pt Ches 1st 4s.....1954	M	N	88 1/2	89	88 1/2	1	84 1/2	88 1/2	
Paducah & Mem Div 4s.....1946	F	A	92	92 1/2	91 1/2	Feb'26	1	91 1/2	91 1/2	N Y & Northern 1st g 5s.....1927	A	O	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	1	100 1/2	100 1/2	
St Louis Div 2d gold 3s.....1940	M	S	66 1/2	68	66 1/2	Apr'26	1	65 1/2	66 1/2	N Y O & W ref 1st g 4s.....1929	M	S	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	86	67 1/2	72 1/2	
Mob & Montg 1st g 4 1/2s.....1945	M	S	99 1/2	101	99 1/2	Apr'26	1	98 1/2	99 1/2	General 4s.....1955	J	D	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	14	62 1/2	64 1/2	
South Ry Joint Monon 4s.....1952	J	J	87 1/2	Sale	87 1/2	88 1/2	11	85 1/2	88 1/2	N Y Providence & Boston 4s.....1942	A	O	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	1	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Atl Knox & Clin Div 4s.....1955	M	N	91 1/2	94	93 1/2	Apr'26	1	90 1/2	94 1/2	N Y & Putnam 1st con g 4s.....1933	A	O	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	1	100 1/2	100 1/2	
Lousv Clin & Lex Div g 4 1/2s.....1932	M	N	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	Apr'26	1	98 1/2	99 1/2	N Y & R B 1st gold 5s.....1927	M	S	84	84	84	5	82 1/2	84	
Mahon Coal RR 1st 5s.....1934	J	J	102	103 1/2	103 1/2	Mar'26	14	101 1/2	101 1/2	2d gold 4 1/2s.....1937	F	A	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	1	64 1/2	65 1/2	
Manila RR (South Lines) 4s.....1939	M	N	63 1/2	64	63	63 1/2	14	62 1/2	64	N Y Susq & West 1st ref 5s.....1937	J	A	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	1	67 1/2	68 1/2	
1st 4s.....1939	M	N	63 1/2	64	63	63 1/2	14	62 1/2	64	General gold 5s.....1940	F	A	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	1	67 1/2	68 1/2	
Manitoba Colonization 5s.....1934	J	D	100	100	100	Mar'26	2	100 1/2	100 1/2	Terminal 1st gold 5s.....1943	M	N	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	1	97 1/2	97 1/2	
Man G B & N W 1st 3 1/2s.....1941	J	J	81 1/2	85	85														

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Interest Period	Price Friday, April 30.	Week's Range or Last Sale			Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1	Low	High	N o.	Interest Period	Price Friday, April 30.	Week's Range or Last Sale			Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1	Low	High	N o.
		Bid	Ask	Low								Bid	Ask	Low					
Pitts Clin Chlo & St L (Continued)																			
Series H 4s.....1960	F A	94 1/8	94 3/4	93 3/4	Sept 25					U N J R R & Can gen 4s.....1944	M S	93 3/8	92 1/2	92 1/2	Dec 25				
Series I cons guar 4 1/2s.....1963	F A	96 1/8	97 1/4	96 1/4	Mar 26	95 1/4	96 1/4			Utah & Nor gold 5s.....1926	J S	99 1/4	100	100	Mar 26				
Series J 4 1/2s.....1964	M N	97 1/2	97 3/4	97 1/8		96	97 1/8	2		1st extended 4s.....1933	J A	94 3/8	95 1/4	95 1/4	Mar 26				
General M 5s Series A.....1970	J D	102 3/4	108	102 1/4	102 3/4	100	102 3/4	23		Vandalla cons & 4s Ser A.....1955	F A	89 3/4	88 1/4	88 1/4	Mar 26				
Gen mtg 5s Series B.....1975	A O	103 1/8	103 1/2	103 1/8	103 1/8	104	103 1/8			Consol 4s Series B.....1957	M N	88 1/8	87 3/8	87 3/8	Dec 25				
Pitts & L Erie 2d g 6s.....1928	A O	101	101	101	Dec 25					Vera Cruz & P 1st gu 4 1/2s.....1934	J J	23	24	20	Sept 25				
Pitts McK & Y 1st gu 6s.....1932	J J	106	106	106	Aug 25					Assenting 1st 4 1/2s.....1934	J J	23 1/2	23	24	25				
Pitts Sh & L E 1st g 5s.....1940	A O	101	102	102	Apr 26	101	103 1/4			Virginia Mid 5s Series F.....1931	J J	100	100	100	Dec 25				
1st consol gold 5s.....1943	J J	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	Oct 25					General 5s.....1936	M N	102	102	102	Apr 26				
Pitts Va & Char 1st 4s.....1943	M N	92	91 1/4	91 1/4	May 25					Tol & Ch Div 4s.....1941	F A	100 1/2	103	103	Mar 26				
Pitts Va & Ash 1st cons 5s.....1927	M N	99 7/8	100	100	Apr 26	99 1/4	100 1/8			1st cons 50-year 5s.....1953	A O	91 3/8	93 1/8	93					
1st gen 4s series A.....1948	J D	91 1/4	91 1/2	91 1/2	Mar 26	91	91 1/2			Virginian 1st 5s Series A.....1962	M N	103	102 1/2	103 1/2	119				
1st gen 5s series B.....1962	F A	100 1/2	102 7/8	102 7/8	Jan 26	102 1/2	102 7/8			Wabash 1st gold 5s.....1939	M N	102 1/4	102 3/4	102 1/2	103	17			
Providence Secur deb 4s.....1957	M N	60 1/8	63	64	Mar 26	64	64			2d gold 5s.....1939	F A	101	101 1/4	101	101 1/4	11			
Providence Term 1st 4s.....1956	M S	84 1/4	83 1/8	83 1/8	Apr 26	83 1/8	83 1/8			Ref s f 5 1/2s ser A.....1975	M S	103 1/2	103	104	98				
Reading Co gen gold 4s.....1997	J J	97 1/8	96	96	Mar 26	95 1/8	97 1/4			Debenture B 6s registered.....1939	M S	84 3/8	84 3/8	84 3/8	Feb 26				
Registered.....1997	J J	97 1/8	96	96	Mar 26	95 1/8	97 1/4			1st lien 50-yr g term 4s.....1954	J J	84 3/8	84 3/8	84 3/8	84 3/8	4			
Jersey Central coll g 4s.....1951	A O	90 3/4	91 1/4	90 3/4	91	89	91 1/4			Det & Ch ext 1st g 5s.....1941	J J	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	Mar 26				
Gen & ref 4 1/2s Ser A.....1997	J J	97 1/4	96 3/4	97 1/2	20	94 1/2	97 1/2			Des Moines Div 1st g 4s.....1939	J J	87	87	87	87	5			
Richm & Danv deb 5s stpd.....1927	A O	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	Apr 26	99 1/2	100 1/2			Om Div 1st g 3 1/2s.....1941	A O	82 1/8	83	82	Apr 26				
Richm & Meek 1st g 4s.....1945	M N	76	80	75	Dec 25					Warren 1st ref gu g 3 1/2s.....2000	F A	90 1/2	90	90	90	1			
Richm Term Ry 1st g 5s.....1952	J J	102 7/8	101 3/4	101 3/4	Apr 26	101 3/4	102 1/2			Wash Cent 1st gold 4s.....1948	Q M	82	88	84	Apr 26				
Rio Grande Jun 1st g 5s.....1939	J J	99 1/4	100	99	99	95 1/2	99 1/2			Wash Term 1st g 3 1/2s.....1945	F A	83 1/2	85	83 1/2	Apr 26				
Rio Grande Sou 1st gold 4s.....1940	J J	7	5 1/2	5 1/2	Dec 25					1st 40-year guar 4s.....1945	F A	91	90 3/8	90 3/8	Apr 26				
Guaranteed (Jan 1922 coup on)	J J	6	5	5	May 25					W Min W & N W 1st gu 5s.....1930	F A	97 1/8	98 3/8	98 3/8	Mar 26				
Rio Grande West 1st gold 4s.....1939	J J	91 1/2	92	91 1/2	91 1/2	86 7/8	91 1/2			West Maryland 1st g 4s.....1952	A O	70 3/8	70 3/8	70 3/8	211				
Mtge & coll trust 4s.....1949	A O	82 3/4	82	83	29	74 1/8	83			West N Y & Pa 1st g 5s.....1937	J J	101	101	101	Apr 26				
R 1 Ark & Loula 1st 4 1/2s.....1934	M S	93 3/4	94	93 3/4	94 1/8	89	94 1/8			Gen gold 4s.....1943	A O	86 1/2	87	86 1/2	Apr 26				
Rut-Canada 1st gu g 4s.....1949	J J	77 3/8	77	77	Feb 26	76 3/8	77			Income g 5s.....Apr 1 1943	Nov	45	45	45	Feb 25				
Rutland 1st con g 4 1/2s.....1941	J J	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	87	88 1/2			Western Pac 1st Ser A 5s.....1946	M S	100 3/8	100 1/2	100 3/8	65				
St. Joe & Grand 1st 1st g 4s.....1947	J J	82 1/8	83 1/2	82 1/8	83	80	83			1st gold 6s Series B.....1946	M S	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	3				
St Lawr & Adir 1st g 5s.....1906	J J	98 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2			West Shore 1st 4s guar.....2361	J J	85 3/8	86 3/8	85 3/8	86 3/8	17			
2d gold 6s.....1906	A O	102	102 1/2	101	Sept 25	95 3/8	101 1/2			Registered.....2361	J J	85 3/8	86	85 3/8	85 3/8	4			
St. L & Catro 4s.....1931	J J	96 1/8	97	96 1/4	96 1/4	95 3/8	96 1/4			Wheeling & L E 1st g 5s.....1926	A O	99 7/8	100 1/2	100	Apr 26				
St. L Ir M & S gen con g 5s.....1931	A O	100 1/2	100 3/4	100 1/2	100 3/4	100 1/4	101			Wheeling Div 1st gold 5s.....1928	J J	100 1/2	101	101	1				
Unifed & ref gold 4s.....1929	J J	97 3/8	96 7/8	97 1/2	91	95 3/4	97 1/2			Ext'n & Impt gold 5s.....1930	F A	99 3/8	99 7/8	99 7/8	1				
Registered.....1929	J J	93	93	93	Sept 25	89	94			Refunding 4 1/2s Series A.....1966	M S	86 1/4	87	86 1/4	86 1/4	1			
Riv & G Div 1st g 4s.....1933	M N	93	94	93	93 3/8	89	94			RR 1st consol 4s.....1949	M S	87 1/8	87	87 1/8	3				
St L M Bridge Ter gu 5s.....1930	A O	99 3/4	101 1/4	100	Apr 26	100	100 1/2			Will & East 1st gu g 5s.....1942	J D	68 3/8	69 1/4	68 3/8	69 1/4	3			
St L & San Fran (reorg co) 4s.....1950	J J	83 1/2	83 1/4	83 1/4	369	77 3/8	84			Will & S F 1st gold 5s.....1938	J D	102 1/2	104 1/2	102 1/2	Apr 26				
Registered.....1950	J J	98 3/8	98 3/8	98 3/8	98 3/8	97	98 3/8			Winetoe-Salem SB 1st 4s.....1960	J J	88	88 1/2	88	88	2			
Prior lien Ser B 5s.....1923	J J	102 1/8	102 1/8	102 1/8	102 1/8	102	103			Wla Coast 50-yr 1st gen 4s.....1949	J J	83 1/4	83 1/4	83 1/4	39				
Prior lien Ser C 5s.....1923	J J	102 1/8	102 1/8	102 1/8	102 1/8	102	103			Sup & Dul div 1st 4 1/2s.....1936	M N	89 1/2	90	89 1/2	90 1/2	24			
Prior lien 5 1/2s Ser D.....1943	J J	102 1/8	102 1/8	102 1/8	102 1/8	102	103			Wor & Con East 1st 4 1/2s.....1943	J J	80	82	76 1/4	Mar 26				
Cum adjust Ser A 6s.....1955	A O	96 1/2	96 1/4	97 1/4	350	92 1/2	97 1/2			INDUSTRIALS									
Income Series A 6s.....1960	Oct.	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 3/8	90 1/2			Adams Express coll tr g 4s.....1948	M S	85 1/4	87	86	87 1/2	13			
St Louis & San Fran Ry gen 6s.....1931	J J	105 3/8	105 3/8	105 3/8	105 3/8	101	105 3/8			Ajax Rubber 1st 15-yr s f 5s.....1936	J D	103 1/2	104 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	14			
General gold 5s.....1931	J J	101	101	101	101 1/2	10	101 1/2			Alaska Gold M deb 6s A.....1925	M S	4 1/8	5	4 1/8	Feb 26				
St. L Peo & N W 1st gu 5s.....1948	J J	103 3/8	103 3/8	103 3/8	103 3/8	94 1/4	103 3/8			Conv deb 6s Series B.....1926	M S	4 1/8	6	4 1/8	Feb 26				
St Louis Sou 1st gu 4s.....1931	M S	95	97 1/2	94 1/8	Apr 26	84 3/8	97 1/2			Alpine-Mountain Steel 7s.....1955	M S	91	91	91 1/8	1				
St L S W 1st g 4s bond cts.....1989	M N	86 3/8	86 3/8	86 3/8	87 3/8	54	87 3/8			Am Agric Chem 1st 5s.....1928	A O	103	103	103	89				
2d g 4s income bond cts.....1989	J J	81 1/4	81 1/4	81 1/4	81 1/4	80	81 1/4			1st ref s f 7 1/2s g 4s.....1941	F A	104 1/4	104 1/4	104 1/4	35				
Consol gold 4s.....1932	J D	94 3/4	94 3/4	94 3/4	94 3/4	93 1/2	94 3/4			Amer Beet Sug conv deb 6s.....1935	F A	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	22				
1st terminal & unifying 5s.....1932	J J	96	96	96	97 3/8	20	97 3/8			American Chain deb s f 6s.....1933	A O	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	4			
St. Paul & K C Sh L 1st 4 1/2s.....1941	F A	90 1/4	90 1/2	89 3/4	90 3/4	42	90 3/4			Am Cot Oil debenture 5s.....1931	M N	96 1/2	96	96 1/2	4				
St. Paul & Duluth 1st 5s.....1931	Q F	101 1/8	101 1/8	101 1/8	101 1/8	87	89			Am Dock & Impt gu 6s.....1936	J J	105 3/8	106 3/						

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N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE						Friday,		Range or			Sold	Since	
Week Ended April 30.						April 30.		Last Sale.				No	Jan. 1
				Bid	Ask	Low	High				Low		High
Pressed Steel Car conv g 5s. 1933	J	J		95 1/2	Sale	95	96	31			94 1/2	98 1/2	
Prod & Ref s 8s (with warrants) 1931	J	D		111	111 1/2	111 1/2	Mar 26	5			110 1/2	112 1/2	
Without warrants attached	J	D		111	111 1/2	111 1/2	112 1/4	94			109 1/4	112 1/2	
Pub Serv Corp of N J sec 6s. 1944	F	A		104 1/4	Sale	103 1/4	104	94			100 1/4	104 1/2	
Pub Serv Elec & Gas 1st 5 1/2s 1959	A	O		105 1/2	Sale	103 3/4	105	25			103 1/2	105 1/2	
1st & ref 5 1/2s. 1964	A	O		105 1/2	105 1/4	104 7/8	109	39			103 1/2	105 1/2	
Pub Serv El Pow & Ltg 6s. 1948	A	O		107 1/4	Sale	107 1/4	107 3/8	28			106 1/8	108	
Punta Alegre Sugar deb 7s. 1937	J	J		107 1/2	Sale	106 1/2	107 1/2	51			104 1/2	111	
Remington Arms 6s. 1937	M	N		80 1/2	Sale	80 1/4	82 1/2	20			80 1/4	88	
Repub I & S 10-30-yr 5s s f. 1940	A	O		99 1/2	Sale	99 1/2	100 1/4	23			97 1/4	100 1/4	
Ref & gen 5 1/2s Ser A. 1953	J	J		94 1/2	Sale	94	94 3/8	38			92 1/4	94 3/8	
Rima Steel 1st 7s. 1955	F	A		88	88 1/2	88	88 1/2	19			88	90 1/2	
Robbins & Myers s 7s. 1952	J	D		58	63	58	58	1			58	63 1/2	
Rochester Gas & El 7s Ser B. 1946	M	S		112	112 1/2	112	113	13			112	114	
Gen Mgtg 5 1/2s Series C. 1948	M	S		104 1/4	105	105 1/4	105 1/4	1			105 1/8	106	
Rogers-Brown Iron Co 7s. 1942	M	N		65 1/2	Sale	67	70	10			67	73 1/2	
St Jos Ry Lt Ht & Pr 5s. 1937	M	N		94 1/4	95 1/2	94 1/4	94 1/2	8			91 1/4	97 1/2	
St Joseph Stk Yds 1st 4 1/2s. 1935	J	J		97 1/2	Sale	96	Jan 26	14			95 1/2	96	
St L Rock Mt & P 5s stmpd. 1955	J	J		80 1/4	Sale	80 1/4	81	14			78	81 1/2	
St Louis Transit gen Imp 5s. 1924	A	O		76 1/2	Sale	76 1/2	Apr 26	3			70 1/2	76 1/2	
St Paul City Cable cons 5s. 1937	J	J		95 1/2	98	95 1/2	95 3/4	3			95 1/4	95 3/4	
Saks Co s 7s. 1942	F	A		110 1/2	Sale	110 1/4	110 1/2	45			107 1/2	110 1/2	
Saxon Pub Wks (Germany) 7s 45	M	S		95 1/4	Sale	95 1/4	96	29			92 1/4	96 1/2	
San Antonio Pub Serv 1st 6s. 1952	J	J		104	Sale	103 1/2	104	5			101 1/2	104 1/2	
Sharon Steel Hoop 1st 8s Ser A 41	M	S		107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	4			107 1/4	107 1/2	
Sheffield Farm 1st & ref 6 1/2s. 42	A	O		107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	2			106 1/2	108 1/2	
Sierra & San Fran Power 5s. 1949	F	A		94 1/2	Sale	94 1/4	94 1/2	19			91 1/2	95	
Stnclair Cons Oil 15-year 7s. 1937	M	S		96 1/4	Sale	95 3/4	96 1/2	79			93 1/4	97 1/4	
1st in col tr 6s C with war 1927	J	D		108 1/2	Sale	107 1/2	108 1/2	423			105 1/2	113 1/4	
1st lien 6 1/2s Ser B. 1935	J	D		91	Sale	90 1/4	91	55			87	91	
Stnclair Crude Oil 3-yr 6s. 1928	F	A		100 1/2	Sale	101 1/4	100 1/2	103			100 1/4	101	
3-yr 6% nota B Feb 15. 1926	F	A		100 1/2	Sale	100 1/4	100 1/2	12			100 1/8	101	
Stnclair Pipe Line s f 5s. 1942	A	O		99 1/2	Sale	99	99 1/2	136			97 1/2	99	
Skelly Oil 6 1/2s notes. 1927	A	O		141	Sale	133	143 1/2	904			111 1/2	143 1/2	
Smith (A O) Corp 1st 6 1/2s. 1933	M	N		100 1/2	101	100 1/2	101	9			100 1/2	102 1/2	
South Porto Rico Sugar 7s. 1941	J	D		107	108 1/2	108	109 1/2	15			107	109 1/2	
South Bell Tel & Tel 1st s f 5 1/4s. 1941	J	J		102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/4	102 1/2	5			101 1/2	103 1/2	
Southern Colo Power 6s. 1947	J	J		98 1/2	Sale	98 1/2	98 1/2	18			97 1/2	99 1/2	
Sweet Bell Tel 1st & ref 5s. 1954	F	A		103	Sale	102 1/4	103	21 1/2			100 1/2	103 1/2	
Spring Val Water g 5s. 1945	M	N		98 1/2	Sale	99 1/4	Apr 26	19			99 1/4	99 1/4	
Standard Milling 1st 5s. 1930	M	N		101 1/2	Sale	100 1/2	101 1/2	1			98 1/2	101 1/2	
1st & ref 5 1/2s. 1945	M	S		100 1/2	Sale	100 1/2	101 1/4	9			97 1/2	100 1/4	
Steel & Tube gen s f 7s Ser C. 1951	J	J		108 1/2	Sale	107 1/2	108	33			107 1/2	109	
Sugar Estates (Oriente) 7s. 1942	J	J		98 1/2	Sale	98 1/2	99 1/2	34			98 1/2	100	
Superior Oil 1st s f 7s. 1929	F	A		95 1/2	9	95 1/4	Apr 26	2			92 1/2	100	
Syracuse Lighting 1st g 5s. 1951	J	D		101 1/4	Sale	101	101 1/4	2			100	101 1/4	
Tenn Coal Iron & RR gen 5s. 1951	J	J		102 1/2	Sale	103 1/2	Apr 26	72			103 1/2	103 1/2	
Tennessee Elec Power 1st 6s. 1947	J	D		105 1/2	Sale	105	105 1/4	72			102 1/2	105 1/4	
Third Ave 1st ref 4s. 1960	J	J		62	Sale	60	62 1/2	187			55 1/2	65 1/2	
Adj Inc 5s tax-ex. N. Y. 1960	A	O		61 1/2	Sale	60 1/2	63	464			41 1/2	65 1/2	
Third Ave Ry 1st g 5s. 1937	J	J		96	96 1/2	96	96 1/2	12			93 1/2	96 1/2	
Toho Elec Pow 1st 7s. 1955	M	S		92 1/2	Sale	92	92 1/2	43			90 1/2	92 1/2	
Tokyo Elec Light 6% notes. 1925	F	A		98	Sale	97 1/2	98 1/4	129			97	98 1/2	
Toledo Edison 1st 7s. 1941	M	S		108 1/2	Sale	108 1/4	108 1/2	48			108	109 1/4	
Toledo Tr L & P 5 1/4s notes. 1930	J	J		98 1/4	98 1/2	98 1/4	Apr 26	1			98 1/2	102 1/2	
Trenton G & El 1st g 5s. 1949	M	S		102 1/2	Sale	102 1/2	Apr 26	50			95 1/4	97	
Trumbull Steel 1st s f 6s. 1940	F	A		95 1/2	Sale	95 1/2	95 1/2	33			91 1/2	97 1/2	
Twenty-third St Ry ref 5s. 1962	J	J		72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2	3			61 1/2	73 1/2	
Tyrol Hydro-El Pow 7 1/2s. 1955	M	N		96	Sale	96	96 1/2	3			95 1/2	97 1/2	
Underg of London 4 1/2s. 1933	J	J		95 1/2	Sale	96	Apr 26	94			94	96	
Income 6s. 1948	J	J		95 1/4	Sale	95	Mar 26	90			90	95	
Union Bag & Paper 1st 6s. 1942	M	N		104 1/2	Sale	104 1/2	104 1/2	1			104 1/2	105 1/2	
Union Elec Lt & Pr 1st g 5s. 1932	M	S		101 1/2	101 1/4	101 1/2	101 1/2	10			100 1/2	102 1/2	
Ref & ext 5s. 1933	M	N		100 1/2	101 1/4	100 1/2	101	10			100 1/2	101 1/4	
1st g 5 1/2s Series A. 1954	J	J		101	Sale	101 1/2	102 1/2	9			100 1/2	102 1/2	
Union Elev Ry (Chic) 5s. 1945	A	O		79	Sale	78 1/4	79 1/4	7			77 1/2	80 1/4	
Union Oil 1st lien s f 5s. 1931	J	J		101	103	100 3/4	Apr 26	10			100 1/2	101 1/2	
30-yr 6s Ser A. May 1942	F	A		105 1/2	Sale	104 1/4	105 1/2	12			103 1/2	105 1/2	
1st lien s f 5s Ser C. 1935	F	A		97 1/4	Sale	96 1/2	97 1/4	30			95 1/2	98	
United Drug 20-yr 6s. Oct 15 1944	A	O		105 1/2	Sale	104 1/2	105 1/2	20			103 1/2	106 1/2	
United Fuel Gas 1st s f 6s. 1936	J	J		101 1/2	Sale	101 1/2	102	7			101 1/2	104	
United Ry Inv 5s Pitts issue 1926	M	N		99 1/4	Sale	99 1/4	99 1/4	1			99 1/4	100 1/4	
Stampd.				99 1/4	100	99 1/4	Mar 26	99 1/4			99 1/4	100	
United Ry Inv 7 1/4s. 1934	J	J		77 1/4	78	78	78 1/2	10			74 1/2	79	
United SS Co 15-yr 6s. 1937	M	N		90	Sale	90	91 1/2	23			90	95	
United Stores Realty 20-yr 6s 42	A	O		104	Sale	103 1/4	104	18			103	105	
U S Rubber 1st & ref 5s Ser A. 1947	J	J		94 1/2	Sale	94 1/4	95	25 1/2			94 1/2	95	
10-yr 7 1/2s sec notes. 1930	F	A		108	Sale	107 1/2	108 1/4	68			106 1/2	108 1/2	
U S Steel Corp coupon. 1963	M	N		107	Sale	106 1/2	107	336			105 1/2	107	
s f 10-60-yr 5s registered. 1963	M	N		106	Apr 26	106	Apr 26	105 1/2			105 1/2	107	
Utah Lt & Trac 1st & ref 5s. 1944	A	O		90 1/2	Sale	89 1/2	90 1/2	136			88 1/2	90 1/2	
Utah Power & Lt 1st 5s. 1944	F	A		97 1/4	Sale	96 1/4	97 1/4	71			95 1/2	97 1/2	
Utica Elec L & P 1st 5s. 1950	J	J		102 1/4	Sale	102 1/2	Apr 26	10			100 1/2	102 1/2	
Utica Gas & Elec ref & ext 5s 1957	J	D		102	Sale	101 1/2	102 1/2	10			100 1/2	102 1/2	
Vertientes Sugar 1st ref 7s. 1942	D	J		97 1/4	Sale	97 1/4	98 1/2	55			96 1/2	99 1/2	
Victor Fuel 1st 1953	J	J		58	64 1/2	58	64 1/2	6			53 1/4	64 1/2	
Va-Caro Chem 1st 7s. 1947	J	D		106 1/2	108	106	Apr 26	1			105 1/2	107 1/2	
Certificates of deposit.													
Stpd as to pay 40% of prin													
1st 7s. 1947				105 1/4	107	107	107	3			105 1/8	108	
Ctf of deposit.				106 1/2	106 1/2	107	107	94			106 1/2	109 1/2	
Ctf of deposit stpd.				106 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2	Jan 26	107			106 1/2	108 1/2	
7 1/2s with & without war.	J	D		93 1/4	96	93	96 1/2	36			90 1/2	111 1/2	
Certifs of dep without war.													
Certifs of dep with warrants.													
Va Iron Coal & Coke 1st g 5s 1949	M	S		91 1/4	94	98	98	1			91 1/4	98	
Va Ry Pow 1st & ref 5s. 1934	J	J		93 1/2	Sale	93 1/2	94 1/4	78			92 1/2	99 1/4	
Walworth deb 6 1/2s (with war) 35	A	O		94	Sale	93	94	4			93 1/2	95	
1st sinking fund 6s Ser A. 1945	A	O		94 1/2	95 1/2	94	95	10			91 1/2	95	
Warner Sugar Refin 1st 7s. 194													

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales for the Week.	STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE		Range Since Jan. 1 1925.		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925.	
Saturday, April 24.	Monday, April 26.	Tuesday, April 27.	Wednesday, April 28.	Thursday, April 29.	Friday, April 30.			Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	
168 168	*168 170	168 1/4 168 1/4	168 1/4 170	*168 170	169 1/2 170	157 Boston & Albany	100	159 Jan 9	175 Feb 13	156 Feb	164 1/2 Jan	
77 78	77 78	77 78	77 78	77 78	77 78	302 Boston Elevated	100	77 1/2 Apr 14	82 1/2 Jan 11	75 1/4 Mar	86 Jan	
*96 1/2	*96 1/2	97 97	97 97	97 97	97 97	102 Do pref.	100	89 Feb 27	102 Mar 20	92 Jan	104 1/2 Dec	
*214 116	116 116	*215 105	116 116	*217 105	104 105	34 Do 1st pref.	100	115 1/2 Jan 16	122 Jan 7	109 Mar	130 Dec	
*102 42	*102 105	105 105	*102 105	104 105	44 45	60 Do 2d preferred	100	98 1/2 Jan 9	112 Jan 2	94 Mar	116 Dec	
35 39	*35 39	38 38	41 42	39 39	44 45	3,012 Boston & Maine	100	35 Mar 30	48 1/2 Jan 7	10 Apr	49 1/2 Dec	
63 64	*63 63 1/2	63 64	63 64	64 64	92 94	107 Do pref.	100	32 Apr 14	47 1/2 Jan 6	11 1/2 Apr	46 Dec	
85 85	*83 85	87 90	88 90	90 92	92 94	936 Do series A 1st pref.	100	59 Apr 15	66 Feb 4	17 Apr	65 Dec	
*72 1/2	*73 74	74 74	78 80	80 80	124 124	523 Do series B 1st pref.	100	84 Apr 15	95 Feb 20	29 Apr	87 1/2 Dec	
*112 97	*112 97	113 113	*114 120	118 120	124 124	265 Do series C 1st pref.	100	74 Apr 15	85 Feb 20	25 Apr	79 1/2 Dec	
97 97	97 97	97 97	97 97	97 97	98 98	120 Do series D 1st pref.	100	105 Jan 29	124 Apr 30	35 1/2 Apr	116 Dec	
*178 97	*178 97	97 97	97 97	97 97	98 98	166 Prior preferred	100	94 Apr 16	98 1/2 Jan 4	96 Dec	99 Nov	
*52 53	*51 53	52 53	53 53	52 53	52 1/2 53	610 Boston & Providence	100	175 1/2 Mar 19	182 Jan 29	167 Feb	180 May	
*62 1/2	*60 62 1/2	*60 62 1/2	*60 62 1/2	*59 60	52 1/2 53	60 East Mass Street Ry Co.	100	51 Apr 22	61 Jan 6	26 Sept	62 1/2 Nov	
*58 58	*58 58	58 58	55 58	55 58	56 56	60 Do 1st pref.	100	59 Apr 29	71 Jan 2	60 July	73 Dec	
*40 42	43 43 1/2	43 43 1/2	43 43 1/2	40 43	40 43	Do pref B	100	57 Apr 14	69 Jan 13	51 Aug	70 Dec	
57 57	55 57 1/2	56 59	56 57	56 56	56 56	440 Do adjustment	100	40 Apr 29	49 1/2 Jan 29	35 Sept	50 Dec	
*37 37 1/2	37 38 1/2	*37 38 1/2	*37 38 1/2	*37 38 1/2	36 3/4 36 3/4	75 Maine Central	100	50 Feb 10	60 Feb 3	23 May	56 Dec	
*82 84	83 1/2 83 1/2	*83 83 1/2	*83 83 1/2	*83 83 1/2	36 3/4 36 3/4	950 N Y N H & Hartford	100	31 1/2 Mar 30	45 1/2 Jan 4	28 Mar	46 1/2 Dec	
120 120	*120 120	*120 120	*120 120	*120 120	113 1/2 114	66 Northern New Hampshire	100	81 Apr 8	88 Jan 6	70 Feb	90 Dec	
114 114	114 114	*114 114	*114 114	*114 114	113 1/2 114	48 Norwich & Worcester pref.	100	120 Apr 22	124 Mar 18	100 Jan	125 Oct	
*100 100	*100 100 1/2	*100 100 1/2	*100 100 1/2	*100 100	113 1/2 114	10 Old Colony	100	111 Jan 6	120 Jan 29	96 Jan	113 Oct	
4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4	23 23 1/2	10 Vermont & Massachusetts	100	99 1/2 Mar 12	103 1/2 Feb 4	87 Feb	101 Dec	
23 1/2 23 1/2	23 1/2 23 1/2	23 1/2 23 1/2	23 1/2 23 1/2	23 1/2 23 1/2	23 23 1/2	1,120 Amer Pneumatic Service	25	3 1/4 Mar 29	5 Jan 7	2 1/2 Mar	5 Dec	
145 1/4 145 1/4	145 1/4 145 1/4	146 146 1/2	146 146 1/2	146 146 1/2	145 1/4 146 1/2	145 Do pref.	50	21 1/2 Mar 3	24 Jan 29	16 1/2 Mar	24 1/2 Dec	
51 51	51 51	51 51	51 51	51 51	53 53 1/2	1,192 Amer Telephone & Teleg.	100	141 Mar 30	150 1/2 Feb 15	130 1/2 Jan	145 Dec	
*75 21	*75 21	75 21	75 21	75 21	53 53 1/2	3,365 Amoskeag Mfg	No par	50 Apr 20	71 Jan 2	61 1/2 May	87 Aug	
*18 21	*18 21	21 21	*18 21	21 21	53 53 1/2	20 Do pref.	No par	73 1/2 Jan 27	75 Feb 23	70 1/2 May	86 1/2 Aug	
*54 1/2 56	*54 1/2 56	54 1/2 56	54 1/2 56	55 1/2 56	56 56	218 Atlas Metal Const. Inc.	10	20 Jan 16	21 1/2 Jan 23	14 Jan	16 Dec	
*10 11	10 11	10 11	10 11	10 11	56 56	70 Atlas Plywood Co.	10	52 1/2 Apr 14	63 1/2 Jan 9	46 1/2 Aug	67 1/2 Dec	
15 15 1/2	15 15 1/2	15 15 1/2	15 15 1/2	15 15 1/2	56 56	40 Atlas Tack Corp.	No par	9 1/2 Apr 27	17 1/2 Jan 2	9 1/2 Aug	21 Dec	
85 85 1/2	85 85 1/2	85 85 1/2	85 85 1/2	85 85 1/2	56 56	100 Becon Oil Co com T C	100	15 1/2 Mar 25	20 1/2 Jan 14	97 1/2 Jan	109 1/2 Oct	
*108 60	*108 60	*108 60	*108 60	*108 60	56 56	388 Bigelow-Hart Carpet	No par	84 1/2 Apr 30	95 1/2 Jan 2	103 Jan	108 1/2 Aug	
60 60	*60 60	60 60	60 60	60 60	60 60	100 Boston Cons Gas pref 6 1/2 % 100	100	105 1/2 Jan 25	109 Apr 28	103 Jan	108 1/2 Aug	
*113 3	*113 3	*113 3	*113 3	*113 3	60 60	90 Dominion Stores, Ltd.	No par	58 Apr 6	68 1/2 Feb 1	28 1/2 Jan	74 Oct	
*312 63 1/2	*312 63 1/2	312 63 1/2	312 63 1/2	312 63 1/2	63 1/2 64	Do pref A	100	104 Jan 5	112 Jan 26	99 June	100 Dec	
41 1/2 42	*40 41 1/2	41 1/2 43	41 1/2 43	40 43	63 1/2 64	50 East Boston Land	10	2 Mar 31	3 1/2 Jan 21	1 1/2 Apr	6 1/2 Sept	
*92 95	*92 95	92 95	92 95	92 95	63 1/2 64	165 Eastern Manufacturing	5	3 1/2 Mar 8	4 1/2 Jan 19	3 July	6 1/2 Jan	
22 23	22 23	22 23	22 23	22 23	42 42	865 Eastern SS Lines, Inc.	25	57 Apr 15	88 1/2 Jan 22	42 Mar	89 1/2 Dec	
214 214	212 212	212 212	213 213	213 213	214 215	105 Do pref	No par	35 1/2 Apr 15	45 Jan 6	35 Jan	46 1/2 Oct	
*112 112	*112 112	112 112	112 112	112 112	214 215	874 Economy Grocery Stores	100	90 Apr 22	99 1/2 Jan 9	89 Jan	100 July	
15 15	15 15	15 15	15 15	15 15	2 2	602 Edison Electric Illum.	100	20 Mar 31	26 Feb 5	18 Aug	23 1/2 Sept	
*11 12	*11 12	11 12	11 12	11 12	2 2	100 Elder Mfg Co (v t c)	10	1 Mar 16	2 1/2 Jan 8	2 Dec	5 1/2 Oct	
35 35	35 35	35 35	35 35	35 35	2 2	100 Galveston-Houston Elec.	100	10 Apr 26	25 1/2 Feb 25	17 Oct	38 Jan	
98 99	96 1/2 98	95 96 1/2	95 96 1/2	95 97	95 95	265 General Pub Ser Corp com.	100	11 1/2 Apr 12	17 Jan 22	11 1/2 Apr	17 Jan	
10 10 1/2	*10 10 1/2	10 10 1/2	*10 10 1/2	*10 10 1/2	95 95	2,018 Christie Co	No par	34 1/2 Apr 20	40 1/2 Jan 12	32 1/2 Aug	43 July	
*60 1/2	60 1/2	60 60	60 60	60 60	95 95	30 Greenfield Tap & Die	25	88 1/2 Mar 30	113 1/2 Feb 6	57 1/2 Jan	115 1/2 Dec	
*10 45	*10 45	10 45	10 45	10 45	95 95	177 Hood Rubber	No par	10 1/2 Jan 12	12 1/2 Feb 11	11 May	15 1/2 June	
*25 1/2	*25 1/2	25 1/2 25	25 1/2 25	25 1/2 25	95 95	177 Internat Cement Corp.	No par	58 Apr 16	68 1/2 Feb 9	52 May	72 Oct	
*93 1/2 84	*93 1/2 84	93 1/2 84	93 1/2 84	93 1/2 84	95 95	15 Internat Products	No par	10 Jan 2	25 Mar 24	05 Dec	2 Jan	
*210 10 1/2	*210 10 1/2	210 10 1/2	210 10 1/2	210 10 1/2	95 95	Do pref.	100	50 Mar 3	55 Jan 5	10 Dec	10 1/2 Jan	
*80 1/2 82	*81 81 1/2	81 81 1/2	81 81 1/2	81 81 1/2	95 95	15 Kidder, Peab & Co pref.	100	293 Apr 15	95 1/2 Jan 9	82 1/2 Jan	95 1/2 Nov	
67 68	67 68	67 68	67 68	67 68	95 95	111 Libby, McNeill & Libby	10	7 Mar 24	9 1/2 Feb 1	6 1/4 Apr	9 1/2 Jan	
105 105	105 105	105 105	105 105	105 105	95 95	100 Loew's Theatres	25	104 Apr 22	12 1/2 Jan 18	11 1/4 Aug	13 1/2 Jan	
*8 8 1/2	*8 8 1/2	8 8 1/2	8 8 1/2	8 8 1/2	95 95	365 Massachusetts Gas Cos.	100	80 Apr 20	86 1/2 Feb 26	68 Feb	85 Dec	
34 34	34 34	34 34	34 34	34 34	95 95	220 Do pref.	100	65 Jan 6	70 1/2 Feb 20	63 1/2 Jan	70 Oct	
23 23 1/2	23 23 1/2	23 23 1/2	23 23 1/2	23 23 1/2	95 95	25 Mergenthaler Linotype	No par	105 Jan 24	106 Jan 28	167 Jan	197 Oct	
*50 50	*50 50	50 50	50 50	50 50	95 95	1,580 Mexican Investment, Inc.	10	73 Apr 22	10 1/2 Jan 7	74 Sept	16 1/2 Jan	
*71 10 1/2	*71 10 1/2	71 10 1/2	71 10 1/2	71 10 1/2	95 95	Miss Riv Pw stpd pref.	100	89 Apr 9	96 Jan 4	87 1/2 Jan	96 1/2 Nov	
99 99	98 99	98 99	98 99	98 99	95 95	353 National Leather	10	3 1/2 Apr 29	4 1/2 Jan 5	3 1/2 Dec	6 1/2 Jan	
*20 20	*20 20	20 20	20 20	20 20	95 95	105 Nelson (Herman) Corp.	5	15 1/2 Jan 9	28 1/2 Feb 19	11 1/2 Dec	17 Dec	
112 112	112 112	112 112	112 112	112 112	95 95	8,685 New Eng Oil Ref Co tr cts.	100	20 Jan 2	25 Apr 29	10 Dec	2 June	
*92 94 1/2	*92 94 1/2	92 94 1/2	92 94 1/2	92 94 1/2	95 95	Do pref (tr cts)	100	8 Feb 25	10 1/2 Jan 6	5 1/4 Apr	12 Sept	
*19 20 1/2	*19 20 1/2	19 20 1/2	19 20 1/2	19 20 1/2	95 95	50 New England Pub Serv prior pf	100	96 Mar 2	100 Jan 6	96 Mar	100 Jan	
36 37	36 37	37 38	37 38	37 38	95 95	New Eng South Mills	No par	4 Mar 15	8 Feb 18	27 Dec	11 Feb	
*16 16 1/2	*16 16 1/2	16 16 1/2	16 16 1/2	16 16 1/2	95 95	Do pref.	100	20 Mar 25	28 Jan 29	20 Dec	55 Jan	
*15 15 1/2	*15 15 1/2	15 15 1/2	15 15 1/2	15 15 1/2	95 95	1,361 New Eng'd Tel & Teleg.	100	110 1/2 Apr 1	118 1/2 Feb 17	99 Apr	122 1/2 Nov	
99 100	99 100	99 99 1/2	99 99 1/2	99 99 1/2	95 95	125 No Amer Util 1st pf full paid.	100	89 Feb 15	96 Feb 25	90 Sept	100 May	
112 112	112 112											

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Apr. 24 to Apr. 30, both inclusive:

Bonds—	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range Since Jan. 1.	
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Amer Tel & Tel 5s...1960	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	1,000	97 1/2	Mar 100 1/4
Assoc Elec Co 5 1/2 s w 1946	95 1/4	95 1/4	95 1/4	2,000	95 1/4	Apr 95 1/4
Atl G & W 1 S S L 5 s...1959	71	70	71	15,000	67	Mar 74
Brown Co Ser A 6 1/2 s w 1946	96 3/4	96 3/4	96 3/4	5,000	96 3/4	Apr 97
Chic Jet Ry & U S Y 5 s...140	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	13,000	99	Jan 101
Duke-Price Pw Co 6 s w 1960	100	100 1/4	100 1/4	15,000	100	Apr 100 1/4
E Mass St RR 4 1/2 s Ser A 48	62 1/4	62 1/4	62 1/4	5,000	62	Mar 65
5 s Ser B...1948	68 1/4	67	68 1/4	12,450	65	Mar 70
Fla Public Service 6 s...1955	98	98	98	5,000	98	Apr 98
Hood Rubber 7 s...1937	105 1/2	105	105 1/2	15,000	104 1/4	Jan 105 1/2
Isleer Hutte 7 s w 1946	94 1/4	94 1/4	94 1/4	8,000	94 1/4	Apr 94 1/4
Int Pow Ser Corp 7 s...1936	99 3/4	99 3/4	99 3/4	5,000	99 3/4	Mar 100
Kendall Mills Inc 6 1/2 s 1944	99	99	99	2,000	99	Mar 99
Mass Gas 4 1/2 s...1929	99	99	99	2,000	98 1/2	Jan 99 1/2
4 1/2 s...1931	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	8,000	98	Jan 98 1/2
5 1/2 s...1946	102	102	102	3,000	99 1/2	Mar 100 1/2
Miss River Power 5 s...1951	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	100	99	Mar 100 1/2
New Engl Tel & Tel 6 s 1932	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4	5,000	100 1/2	Feb 101 1/4
Swift & Co 5 s...1944	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	11,000	99 1/2	Jan 101
Western Tel & Tel 5 s...1932	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	3,000	98 1/2	Mar 101 1/2

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Apr. 24 to Apr. 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range Since Jan. 1.	
			Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Adams Royalty Co. com.*	29	28 1/4	30	4,461	27 1/2	Jan 37 1/2	Feb
All America Radio cl A...5	96	96	96	3,000	9	Apr 19 1/2	Jan
Amer Pub Serv. pref...100	96	96	96	131	94	Mar 98	Mar
American Shipbuilding...100	71	71	71 1/4	85	71	Apr 95 1/2	Jan
Preferred...100	103	103	103	20	103	Apr 103 1/2	Jan
Amer States Secur Corp A*	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	3,150	2 1/4	Mar 8 1/4	Feb
Class B...100	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1,750	1	Mar 5 1/2	Feb
Warrants...100	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	6,200	3 1/4	Mar 3 1/4	Feb
Armour & Co (Del). pf. 100	92	92	93	290	92	Apr 98 1/2	Mar
Armour & Co. pref...100	82	80	88	2,465	80	Apr 92 1/2	Mar
Common cl A v t c...25	15 1/4	15 1/4	19	11,755	15 1/4	Apr 25 1/2	Feb
Common cl B v t c...25	7	7	8 1/4	3,125	7	Apr 17	Feb
Armour Leather...15	3 1/4	3 1/4	4	340	3 1/4	Apr 6 1/2	Feb
Assoc Invest't Co. com.*	35 1/4	35 1/4	35 1/4	100	35 1/4	Mar 37 1/2	Mar
Auburn Auto Co. com.*	54 1/4	49	55 1/2	24,450	40 1/2	Mar 72 1/2	Mar
Balaban & Katz v t c...25	67	66 1/2	70 1/4	4,500	64	Mar 73	Mar
Beaver Board v t c B...100	36	36	36	100	3 1/4	Jan 4 1/4	Apr
Preferred certificates...100	26 1/2	26 1/2	28	3,150	26 1/2	Mar 31 1/4	Jan
Bendix Corp class A...10	30	29	31 1/2	1,900	28	Jan 34 1/2	Jan
Borg & Beck. com...10	30	29	31 1/2	12	14	Apr 16 1/2	Jan
Bunte Bros...10	89	88 1/2	89	160	87 1/2	Jan 91	Jan
Cent Ill Pub Serv. pref...100	89	89	89 1/2	162	88 1/2	Jan 93	Jan
Cent Ind Power. pref...100	12 1/2	12	12 1/2	4,115	12	Apr 12 1/2	Apr
Cent Pub Serv (Del). com.*	93	92 1/2	95	955	89 1/2	Mar 95	Apr
Central S W. 7% pref...100	97	96 1/2	97 1/2	270	95 1/4	Mar 100	Feb
Prior lien preferred...100	16	16	16 1/2	580	10 1/2	Jan 22 1/2	Feb
Warrants...100	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	200	3 1/4	Apr 7	Jan
Chic City & Con Ry. pref.*	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	125	30 1/2	Mar 35	Jan
Chicago Fuse Mfg Co...100	30	30	30	100	30	Apr 101	Mar
Chic N S & Milw. com...100	100	99 1/2	100	72	99 1/2	Apr 101 1/2	Mar
Prior lien preferred...100	139	139	139 1/2	915	137 1/2	Apr 144	Jan
Commonwealth Edison...100	5	6 1/4	7	510	5 1/4	Jan 10 1/2	Feb
Consumers Co new...100	100	77	78 1/2	340	73	Mar 93	Feb
Preferred...100	11	11	11	25	10 1/4	Mar 13 1/4	Jan
Continental Motors...25	55	55	55	510	50 1/2	Apr 60	Jan
Crane Co...100	115 1/2	115 1/2	115 1/2	28	113 1/2	Jan 117 1/2	Jan
Preferred...100	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	50	97 1/2	Mar 100 1/2	Jan
Crown (Wm) Pap Ist pld...100	80	80	83	60	80	Apr 95 1/2	Jan
Cudahy Packing Co...100	47	47	47 1/2	230	47	Jan 50	Feb
Cuneo Press A...100	114	114	114	108	112	Mar 125	Jan
Decker (A) & Cohn, Inc.*	108	108	108	10	100 1/2	Feb 100 1/2	Jan
Deere & Co pref...100	18	17 1/2	18 1/2	440	16 1/2	Mar 25	Jan
El Household Util Corp. 10	11	10 1/2	11	2,180	10 1/2	Apr 32 1/2	Feb
Elec Research Lab...25	29 1/2	29	30	410	25 1/2	Mar 30 1/2	Feb
Evans & Co. Inc. cl A...5	28	28	28	10	26	Jan 30 1/2	Feb
Fair Co (The)...100	80	80	85	100	80	Apr 85	Apr
Fitz Simons & Con D & D	34	34	34	30	31 1/4	Mar 39	Jan
Foot Bros (G&M) pref. 100	135	134 1/2	140	765	122	Mar 171	Jan
Gossard Co (H W)...100	39 1/2	37 1/2	40	450	37 1/2	Apr 40 1/2	Feb
Great Lakes D & D...100	32	32	32	100	32	Jan 32 1/2	Feb
Greif Bros Coop'ge A com.*	114	114	114	85	112	Apr 125	Jan
Hammerhill Paper Co...100	30	30	30	10	28 1/2	Jan 28 1/2	Jan
Hart, Schaffner & Marx 100	111	111	111	700	109	Mar 114 1/2	Apr
Hupp Motor...25	44	44 1/2	45 1/2	1,125	37	Jan 45 1/2	Apr
Illinois Brick...100	91	91	91	20	90 1/2	Feb 92	Mar
Illinois Nor Utilities pf. 100	26 1/2	25 1/2	26 1/2	350	25	Mar 29 1/2	Feb
Jaeger Machine Co. com.*	25	25	25	90	31	Mar 38	Feb
Kellogg Switchboard...100	93 1/4	94	94	22	91 1/4	Apr 95	Jan
Ky Hydro-Elec pld...100	50	50	50	41	49	Mar 51	Mar
Ky Utilities Co pref...50	65 1/2	63	66 1/2	561	60	Apr 90 1/2	Jan
Kraft Cheese Co...25	35	35	35	50	29 1/2	Jan 35	Feb
Kup'heimer & Co (B) Inc. 5	9 1/4	9 1/4	9 1/4	650	9	Mar 14 1/4	Jan
La Salle Ext Univ (Ill)...10	8	8	8 1/2	1,023	7 1/4	Mar 10	Feb
Libby, McN Libby, new 10	2	2	2	100	2	Jan 3 1/4	Feb
Lindsay Light...100	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	280	109	Mar 119 1/2	Feb
McQuay-Norris...100	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	3,820	109	Mar 134 1/2	Jan
Middle West Utilities...100	104 1/4	104	104 1/2	695	97 1/2	Jan 111 1/2	Feb
Prior lien preferred...100	114	114 1/2	114 1/2	400	106 1/2	Jan 123 1/2	Feb
Rights...100	1 1/4	1 1/4	2 1/4	27,000	1 1/4	Apr 2 1/4	Apr
Midland Steel Products...25	44	44 1/2	44 1/2	75	41	Mar 49 1/2	Feb
Midland Util prior lien. 100	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	475	98	Mar 100	Jan
Morgan Lithograph Co.*	55 1/2	53 1/2	56 1/2	1,450	52 1/2	Mar 65	Feb
Nat Carbon pref. new 100	126	126	126	100	125	Feb 128	Apr
Nat Elec Power A w l...100	20 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	375	19 1/2	Mar 26	Jan
National Leather...10	2 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	215	2 1/2	Apr 4 1/2	Jan
National Standard com.*	27 1/2	27	27 1/2	425	26 1/2	Apr 27 1/2	Apr
No Amer Car Corp com.*	27	27	28 1/2	1,055	26	Mar 32	Jan
Nor West Util pr ln pref 100	93	95	95 1/2	20	93	Jan 99	Jan
7% preferred...100	94	95	150	93	93	Apr 96	Mar
Omnibus pref A w l...100	93	93	93	25	91	Apr 98	Feb
Voting trust etfs w l...100	14 1/2	14 1/2	16	530	14 1/2	Mar 21 1/2	Feb
Penn Gas & Elec w l...100	19 1/2	20	20	100	19 1/2	Mar 24	Feb
Pick Barth & Co pref A...100	20	20	20	50	19 1/4	Mar 22 1/2	Feb
Pines Winterfront A...5	42 1/2	44	44	925	33 1/4	Mar 59 1/2	Jan
Pub Serv of Nor Ill...100	129	129	130	60	128 1/2	Apr 137	Jan
Pub Serv of Nor Ill...100	128 1/2	128 1/2	129	185	128 1/2	Apr 131 1/2	Mar
Preferred...100	101	101 1/2	101 1/2	130	100 1/2	Jan 103 1/2	Apr
7% preferred...100	115 1/2	115 1/2	115 1/2	25	112	Jan 116 1/2	Apr
Quaker Oats Co...100	135	138	138	470	128	Jan 138	Apr
Preferred...100	105 1/2	105 1/2	107 1/2	640	105	Feb 107 1/2	Apr
Real Silk Hosiery Mills...10	40 1/2	38 1/2	42 1/2	6,810	36 1/4	Apr 58 1/4	Jan
Reo Motor...10	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	950	19 1/2	Mar 25 1/2	Jan
Ryan Car Co (The)...25	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	120	12 1/2	Mar 16	Jan
So Colo Pr Elec A com. 25	24	24	24	90	22	Apr 25 1/2	Jan
South w Gas & E 17% pf. 100	95	96	96	160	93	Apr 98	Mar
Sprague-Sells Corp cl A 30	30	30	30	40	30	Mar 30 1/2	Mar
Stewart-Warner Speedom...100	75	75	78 1/2	9,850	71 1/2	Mar 93	Jan
Swift & Company...100	112	112	114	1,495	110	Apr 117	Feb
Swift International...15	15 1/4	15 1/4	16 1/4	4,585	14 1/4	Apr 22 1/2	Jan
Tenn Prod Corp com.*	11 1/4	11 1/4	11 1/4	25	11 1/4	Apr 15 1/4	Mar

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		Low.	High.		Low.		High.	
Thompson (J R).....25		43	44 1/2	390	42	Apr	48	Feb
Union Carbide & Carbon.*	82	81 1/2	83	1,240	72 1/2	Jan	86 1/2	Mar
United Biscuit class A...*	45	44 1/2	45 1/2	1,450	38	Mar	58 1/2	Jan
United Iron Works v t c. 50		1	1	400	7	Mar	2	Mar
B w l new...100		14 1/4	14 1/4	100	13 1/4	Apr	26	Feb
Preferred cl A w l a...*		15	24	370	15	Apr	31	Mar
Preferred cl B w l a...*	45 1/2	85	87 1/2	525	81 1/4	Mar	92	Mar
United Paper Board...100		45 1/4	45 1/4	1,825	42 1/2	Apr	51	Feb
U S Gypsum...20	139 1/2	25	26	420	22	Mar	38	Mar
Preferred...100		114	114	36	113 1/4	Apr	117	Mar
Univ Theatres Conc cl A. 5	3	3	3	25	3	Apr	7	Jan
Vesta Battery Corp...10		12 1/2	13	280	11 1/4	Mar	25	Jan
Wahl Co...*	10	9 1/4	10	470	9	Jan	14 1/2	Feb
Ward (Montgomery) & Co 10		62 1/2	63 1/2	75	58 1/4	Mar	81 1/4	Jan
Class A...*	111	108 1/2	111	1,000	108 1/2	Apr	112 1/2	Mar
Williams Oil O. Mat. com.*	19 1/2	19	20	1,200	16 1/4	Jan	23 1/2	Feb
Wolf Mfg Corp...100		8	8 1/4	75	7 1/2	Apr	10 1/2	Feb
Wolverine Portland Cem 10		6 1/2	6 1/2	105 1/2	5 1/2	Feb	9 1/2	Jan
Wrigley Jr...100		51 1/2	51 1/2	180	49	Apr	55 1/2	Jan
Yates Machines part pld.*	27 1/2	27	28 1/2	1,095	26	Mar	32	Feb
Yellow Tr & Coach Mfg B 10		24 1/2	26 1/2	275	23 1/2	Mar	33	Feb
Preferred...100		94	95 1/2	26	91	Apr	96	Jan
Yellow Cab Co Inc (Chic) *	45	45	46	705	42 1/4	Mar	50 1/4	Feb
Bonds—								
Chicago City Ry 5s...1927	71 3/4	71 3/4	72 1/2	21,000	67	Mar	79 1/2	Jan
Chicago Ry & Con Ry 5s 27		72	79	22,000	47 1/4	Mar	56 3/4	Jan
Chicago Railways 5s...1927		72	72	5,000	67	Apr	82	Jan
5s, Series A...1927	49 3/4	49 1/4	49 3/4	10,000	45	Mar	56 3/4	Jan
4s, Series B...1927		33	33	19,000	30	Mar	40	Jan
Commonw Edison 5s.1943		101 1/2	102 3/4	2,000	100 1/4	Mar	102 3/4	Feb
1st 5s...1953	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	5,000	100 1/4	Mar	101 1/2	Apr
First G. W. Co 5s f g 6 1/2 s 1931	97 3/4	97 3/4	98	40,000	95 1/2	Apr	99	Feb
Peoples G. L. & C—								
Chic G L & C 1st 5s.1937		101 1/2	101 1/4	8,000	101 1/4	Apr	101 1/4	Apr

* No par value.

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		Last		of Prices.		Week.				
		Price.		Low.	High.	Week.	Shares.	Low.	High.	
Am Vitrlfrd Prod com.	50	---	---	31	31	150	30¾	Apr	33½	Jan
Preferred	100	---	---	90	90	15	90	Apr	94½	Jan
Am Wind Glass Mach pf	100	---	---	88½	89	70	88½	Apr	91½	Jan
Am Wind Glass Co pf	100	---	---	109	109	100	106¾	Jan	112	Feb
Andes Petroleum	*	6½	6½	6½	6½	1,000	6½	Apr	6½	Apr
Arkansas Nat Gas com.	10	6½	5½	6½	6½	4,350	5½	Feb	7	Jan
Bank of Pittsb N A.	50	---	---	156	156	39	141	Feb	156	Apr
Carnegie Metals	10	---	---	7	18	110	16	Jan	21	Feb
Colonial Trust Co	100	---	---	250	250	220	220	Feb	280	Feb
Devonian Oil	10	12½	12½	13½	13½	560	12½	Apr	17	Jan
Duquesne Light pref.	100	---	---	113½	115	85	112	Mar	115	Apr
First Nat Bank	100	---	---	320	320	1	320	Apr	325	Mar
Houston Gulf Gas	---	---	---	6	6½	2,315	5½	Apr	10	Feb
Jones & Laughlin pref.	100	---	---	115	115	100	114	Jan	116	Feb
Lone Star Gas	25	32	32	32½	32½	1,917	30	Apr	56½	Jan
Monongahela Nat Bk	100	---	---	320	320	8	320	Apr	320	Apr
Nat Fireproofing com.	50	---	---	13½	13½	60	13	Apr	18½	Feb
Preferred	100	---	---	35	35	10	34	Feb	39	Feb
Ohio Fuel Corp.	25	34	33¾	34¾	34¾	2,964	33	Apr	36½	Jan
Oklahoma Natural Gas.	25	29	29	29½	29½	485	28	Mar	34	Jan
Pittsburgh Brew com.	50	---	---	5¼	5¼	230	3	Jan	7	Mar
Pittsburgh Oil & Gas	5	4½	4½	4½	4½	210	4½	Mar	6	Jan
Pittsburgh Plate Glass	100	---	---	280	281	105	273	Mar	310	Jan
Pittsb Steel Fdy com.	*	---	---	30¾	30¾	20	30	Feb	36	Jan
Preferred	100	---	---	75	75	41	74	Apr	76½	Feb
Rich & Boynt pref.	*	---	---	38½	38½	16	38½	Apr	38½	Apr
Salt Creek Oil	10	---	---	8	8	15	8	Apr	10	Feb
San Toy Mining	1	---	---	3c	3c	500	3c	Jan	4c	Jan
Stand Plate Glass pref	100	---	---	78	78	100	78	Apr	85	Jan
Stand Salt Mfg com.	25	103	103	104¾	104¾	274	101¾	Apr	118½	Jan
Tidal Osage Oil	10	9	9	9	9	140	8½	Mar	10	Jan
U S Glass	25	---	---	17	17	65	17	Apr	19½	Jan
West-house Air Brake.	50	---	---	114½	114½	10	106	Mar	127½	Apr
West Penn Rys pref.	100	---	---	92	92	801	90½	Jan	92	Apr

* No par value.

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		Last	of Prices.				Low. High.			
		Sale	Low.	High.	High.	for				
		Price.				Week.				
						Shares.				
Amer Laundry Mach.	25	115	114	116½	115	1,104	108	Mar	140½	Jan
Preferred	100	125	125	125	10	124	Mar	125	Apr	125
Am Products		24½	24½	24½	80	24½	Apr	27½	Mar	27½
Amer Rolling Mill	25	49½	49½	51	1,069	47½	Mar	51	Mar	51
Preferred	100	110	109½	110	139	108½	Jan	111	Mar	111
Amer Seeding Mach.	50	29	29	29	149	29	Apr	29	Apr	29
Preferred	100	69	69	70	45	69	Apr	75	Feb	75
American Thermos.		16	16	16	50	15½	Apr	20	Mar	20
Preferred		42	42	42	25	41½	Mar	44	Mar	44
Buckeye Incubator	100	32	31½	32	43	30	Feb	33½	Jan	33½
Carey (Phillip)	100	180	180	181	55	175	Apr	181	Apr	181
Campbell Mfg.	100	65	65	65	109	55	Feb	65	Apr	65
Champ Fibre pref.	104½	104½	104½	105	35	103	Apr	105½	Jan	105½
Churngold Corporation	*	60	54½	61	462	53	Apr	58	Feb	58
Clyde Ice & Fuel	*	24	24	24½	203	23½	Apr	25½	Jan	25½
Cooper Corp new pref.	100	102½	102½	102½	11	100	Mar	108	Jan	108
Crown Overall pref.	100	102	102	102	5	101	Mar	103	Apr	103
Dalton Adding Machine	100	65	65	65	84	62	Apr	71½	Feb	71½
Eagle-Picher Lead	20	28	28	28½	526	26½	Mar	33½	Feb	33½
Early & Daniel	*	42½	42½	42½	55	37½	Mar	42½	Apr	42½

New York Curb Market.—Below is a record of the transactions in the New York Curb Market from April 24 to April 30, 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 27 1921 transferred its activities from the Broad Street curb to its new building on Trinity Place, and the Association is now issuing an official sheet which forms the basis of the compilations below.

Week Ended April 30.		Friday Last Sale.		Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.		Range Since Jan. 1.			
Stocks—	Par.	Price.	Low.	High.	Shares.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.
Indus. & Miscellaneous.											
Ala Great Southern pref. 50	-----	100	100	140	94½	Mar	110	Jan	110	Jan	110
Aluminum Con. com new * 50	-----	65	65½	100	54½	Jan	76	Feb	76	Feb	76
Amalgam Leather pref. 100	-----	80	80	200	74	Jan	86	Mar	86	Mar	86
American Arch Co. 100	-----	120	120	50	119	Apr	132½	Feb	132½	Feb	132½
Amer Cigar common. 100	-----	116	116	100	110	Feb	117½	Mar	117½	Mar	117½
Amer Cyanamid class A. 20	-----	40	44	200	36½	Jan	46½	Feb	46½	Feb	46½
Class B. 20	-----	39	41½	200	35½	Jan	47	Feb	47	Feb	47
Preferred. 100	-----	88½	88½	10	88	Feb	96	Feb	96	Feb	96
Amer Elec Corp v t c. 25	-----	11	10	1,200	9	Mar	11¼	Feb	11¼	Feb	11¼
Class A. 25	-----	72½	72½	2,000	21½	Mar	24½	Feb	24½	Feb	24½
American Gas & Elec com * 72½	-----	90	92½	2,000	66	Mar	99½	Jan	99½	Jan	99½
Preferred. 92½	-----	25½	26½	1,500	90½	Apr	95½	Feb	95½	Feb	95½
American Home Products 25	-----	208	211	325	195	Mar	284	Jan	284	Jan	284
Amer Lt & Trac com. 100	-----	67	66½	1,300	66	Apr	69½	Apr	69½	Apr	69½
Amer Mach & Fdy, com. * 20	-----	20	20	200	19½	Apr	23½	Feb	23½	Feb	23½
Amer Multigraph com. * 55	-----	53½	55½	8,600	48½	Mar	79½	Apr	79½	Apr	79½
Amer Pow & Lt com. 93½	-----	92½	93½	420	92	Apr	96	Jan	96	Jan	96
Preferred. 93½	-----	30	30	3,100	29½	Feb	35½	Jan	35½	Jan	35½
Amer Rayon Products. * 30	-----	50	50	100	48½	Apr	59½	Feb	59½	Feb	59½
Amer Rolling Mill com. 25	-----	270	270	10	250	Mar	335	Feb	335	Feb	335
Amer Seating Co. 100	-----	270	270	10	250	Mar	335	Feb	335	Feb	335

Am Sumatra Tob (new co)		15	16	300	15	Apr	18%	Apr
Voting tr cts v	23 1/2	23	24	3,000	19 1/2	Mar	37 1/2	Jan
Am Superpow Corp Cl A *	25	24	24 1/2	4,400	23	Mar	39	Jan
Class B *	25	24	25	25	900	23	Mar	38 1/2
Preferred *	25	24	25	25	900	23	Mar	38 1/2
American Thread, pref	3 3/4	3 3/4	3 3/4	100	3 3/4	Mar	75	Feb
Amer Writing Pap, com 100		75c	75c	200	10c	Mar	4 5/8	Jan
Assoc Gas & Elec Class A *	29 1/2	29 1/2	30 1/2	2,850	25 1/2	Mar	35 1/2	Jan
Atlantic Fruit & Sugar *		1	1 1/8	800	89c	Jan	2 1/4	Feb
Suburn Automobile, com 25	55	50	55 1/2	1,600	41 1/2	Mar	73	Mar
Babecock & Wilcox Co., 100		123	123	30	11 1/4	Apr	149	Jan
Balaban & Katz com v t 25		70	70	400	64	Mar	72	Mar
Bigelow-Hartf Carpet com		85 1/2	85 1/2	25	85 1/2	Apr	98 1/2	Jan
Blackstone Val G & E com 50		92	94	200	90 1/2	Apr	118 1/2	Jan
Bllss (E W) new w l *	19 1/2	18 1/2	20	1,000	18 1/2	Apr	20 1/2	Apr
Bloomingsdale, Inc. com *		27	28 1/2	1,400	27	Apr	32 1/2	Mar
Preferred (7%)	100	103 1/2	103 1/2	800	101 1/2	Apr	104 1/2	Apr
Blyn Shoes Inc com, 10		3 1/2	3 1/2	200	3 1/2	Mar	6 1/2	Feb
Borden Co new *	50	93 1/2	95	700	91 1/2	Mar	110	Jan
Burley Consol com *		12	12	11	11	Mar	13	Mar
Bradford Fireproof Prod-1		75c	85c	2,900	63c	Jan	1 1/2	Jan
Bridgeport Mach com *	9	8	9 1/2	500	7 1/2	Mar	16	Jan
Brill Corp (new) Class A *		39 1/2	40 1/2	5,500	37	Apr	57 1/2	Jan
Class B *		19	19	100	18	Apr	33	Jan
Brillo Manufacturing com *		6 1/2	7 1/2	600	6 1/2	Apr	7 1/2	Apr
Class A *		20	20	100	20	Apr	21	Apr
Brit-Amer Tob ord bear, £1	27 1/2	27	28 1/2	800	26 1/2	Feb	27 1/2	Mar
Ordinary registered *	£1	27	27	200	26 1/2	Feb	27 1/2	Apr
Brooklyn City RR, 10		7 1/2	7 1/2	2,800	7 1/2	Apr	9 1/2	Feb
Bueyros Co, com *	100	205	205	200	179	Jan	335	Feb
Buff Nlag & E Pow com *	25 1/2	24 1/2	25 1/2	1,400	23 1/2	Mar	38 1/2	Feb
Preferred *	25	24	25	800	24	Feb	25 1/2	Apr
Burdines Inc com *		16	16 1/2	100	16 1/2	Apr	21 1/2	Jan
Canal Dist Co *	45 1/2	48	49	9,900	40 1/2	Jan	50 1/2	Mar
Car Ltz & Power, com 25	23 1/2	2	2	10,300	1 1/2	Jan	2 1/2	Mar
Celluloid Co, com, 100	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	80	15	Feb	26	Apr
Central Steel com, 100		65 1/2	65 1/2	100	60	Mar	74	Jan
Centrifugal Pipe Corp *		17 1/2	18 1/2	2,300	16 1/2	Apr	27	Jan
Checker Cab Mfg class A *		5	7 1/2	400	5	Apr	7 1/2	Jan

Stocks (Continued)	Par	Friday Last Sale Price		Week's Range of Prices		Sales for Week Shares	Range Since Jan. 1.		Stocks (Concluded)	Par	Friday Last Sale Price		Week's Range of Prices		Sales for Week Shares	Range Since Jan. 1.	
		Low.	High.	Low.	High.		Low.	High.			Low.	High.	Low.	High.			
Chic Nipple Mfg Cl A...	50	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	900	42	Feb 43 1/2	Jan 10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	12 1/2	1,400	9 1/2	Apr 17	Jan	
Class B...	50	26 1/2	25 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	900	25 1/2	Apr 27	Jan 112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	325	110 1/2	Apr 113 1/2	Jan	
Childs Co. pref...	100	114	114	114	114	10	113 1/2	Jan 125	Oct 20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	9,900	17 1/2	Mar 36 1/2	Jan	
Cities Service com...	20	41 1/4	40 3/4	41 1/4	41 1/4	10,600	37 1/2	Feb 42 1/4	Mar 15	14 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	4,900	11	Mar 26 1/2	Jan	
Preferred...	100	84 1/2	83 3/4	84 1/2	84 1/2	5,800	82 1/2	Apr 84 1/2	Apr 75	75	75	75	2,000	45	Mar 74 1/2	Apr	
Preferred B...	10	7 3/4	7 3/4	7 3/4	7 3/4	300	7 1/2	Feb 7 1/2	Jan 102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	70	78	Feb 84 1/2	Jan	
Cohn-Hall-Marx Co...	10	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	200	23 1/4	Jan 33 1/2	Jan 100	102 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/4	1,800	99 1/2	Mar 136 1/2	Jan	
Collins & Alkman Co com...	34 1/2	34	34	35 1/2	35 1/2	2,000	32 1/2	Mar 39 1/2	Mar 100 1/2	100 1/2	101	101	125	99 1/2	Apr 101 1/2	Jan	
Preferred (7%)...	100	98	96 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	1,900	95 1/2	Apr 101 1/2	Mar 11 1/2	11 1/2	13	13	1,700	11	Apr 16 1/2	Feb	
Colombian Syndicate...	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	24,800	2	Mar 3 1/2	Feb 111	111	111	111	20	111	Apr 111	Apr	
Com-wealth-Eddison Co 100	100	137 1/2	141	137 1/2	141	70	137	Mar 143	Feb 42 1/2	42 1/2	43	43	2,100	42 1/2	Apr 50 1/2	Jan	
Com-wealth Power Corp...	100	34	34	35 1/2	35 1/2	6,200	29	Mar 42 1/2	Jan 23 1/2	23 1/2	24	24	3,900	23	Apr 36 1/2	Feb	
Common...	100	84 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	400	82	Mar 88	Jan 145	140	147 1/2	147 1/2	510	130 1/2	Mar 174	Jan	
Preferred...	100	41 1/2	41 1/2	45	45	700	30 1/2	Mar 76	Feb 25	25	25	25	800	20	Mar 34 1/2	Mar	
Warrants...	100	41 1/2	41 1/2	45	45	700	30 1/2	Mar 76	Feb 37	37	37 1/2	37 1/2	200	36	Feb 48	Feb	
Consol Dairy Products...	50	49 1/2	49 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	3,100	44 1/2	Jan 58	Feb 153 1/2	145	153 1/2	153 1/2	880	130	Mar 162 1/2	Jan	
Con Gas, E & L P Balt com...	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	3,100	44 1/2	Jan 58	Feb 53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	100	51	Mar 60 1/2	Feb	
Consol Laundries, w l...	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	9,400	22	Mar 28 1/2	Feb 154	161	161	161	340	142 1/2	Jan 163	Jan	
Continental Baking, com A...	84	82	82	85 1/2	85 1/2	3,300	65	Mar 121 1/2	Feb 50	50	50 1/2	50 1/2	45	Mar 45	Mar 60 1/2	Jan	
Common B...	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	15,900	10 1/2	Mar 30 1/2	Jan 39	39	39 1/2	39 1/2	400	35	Mar 42	Jan	
8% preferred...	100	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	1,900	86 1/2	Mar 101	Feb 30	29 1/2	30	30	900	24	Mar 39 1/2	Jan	
Continental Tobacco...	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	200	11 1/2	Apr 16 1/2	Jan 96 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	260	91	Mar 96 1/2	Apr	
Copeland Products Inc...	18	18	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	200	17	Apr 27 1/2	Jan 11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	100	10 1/2	Mar 11 1/2	Apr	
Class A without warr'ts...	18	18	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	200	17	Apr 27 1/2	Jan 37	37	39 1/2	39 1/2	2,200	34 1/2	Apr 48	Jan	
Courtaulds Ltd...	21	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	500	30 1/2	Mar 34 1/2	Jan 32	32	34 1/2	34 1/2	200	30 1/2	Mar 52 1/2	Jan	
Cuban Tobacco v t c...	54	54	55	55	55	300	54	Apr 64	Jan 20	20	21	21	2,100	19 1/2	Apr 25 1/2	Jan	
Cunco Press com...	30	28	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	2,400	26	Feb 31 1/2	Feb 16 1/2	16 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	400	15	Jan 23	Feb	
Class A...	50	48	48	48	48	200	43	Jan 50 1/2	Feb 4 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5,100	4	Apr 9 1/2	Jan	
Curtiss Aeroplane & M. com...	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	700	15 1/2	Apr 23 1/2	Jan 160	160	160	160	70	141	Apr 213	Jan	
Preferred...	100	77 1/2	77 1/2	79	79	200	77 1/2	Apr 89 1/2	Feb 126 1/2	129	129	129	50	123	Jan 129	Apr	
De Forest Radio Corp...	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	6,300	1 1/2	Apr 10 1/2	Feb 12	12	12 1/2	12 1/2	100	48 1/2	Mar 48 1/2	Apr	
Dinkler Hotel Co...	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	200	20	Mar 25 1/2	Jan 23 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	4,500	16 1/2	Mar 30 1/2	Jan	
Class A with purch warr...	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	200	20	Mar 25 1/2	Jan 23	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	2,700	16 1/2	Mar 23 1/2	Mar	
Doehler Die Casting...	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	100	12 1/2	Apr 18	Jan 25	25	25 1/2	25 1/2	800	23	Mar 28 1/2	Jan	
Dominion Stores Ltd...	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	25	58	Apr 67 1/2	Jan 17 1/2	17 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	600	11 1/2	Mar 22 1/2	Jan	
Dubilier Condenser & Rad...	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	900	4 1/2	Apr 11	Jan 325	320	325	325	30	310	Apr 385	Jan	
Dunhill International...	18 1/2	18 1/2	19	19	19	800	18 1/2	Apr 26 1/2	Jan 10	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	2,100	19 1/2	Apr 25 1/2	Jan	
Durant Motors, Inc...	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6,300	6	Mar 13 1/2	Jan 16 1/2	16 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	400	15	Jan 23	Feb	
Duz Co class A...	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	100	11	Apr 21	Feb 16 1/2	16 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	400	15	Jan 23	Feb	
Eastern Roll Mill, com...	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	200	29	Apr 46 1/2	Feb 18 1/2	18 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	1,700	115 1/2	Mar 142	Feb	
Edison El Hl Boston...	100	212	212	212	212	212	212	Apr 212	Jan 29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	1,600	29	Mar 35	Apr	
Edmunds & Jones Corp 100	34	33 1/2	34	34	34	300	33	Mar 37 1/2	Jan 110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	100	109 1/2	Mar 112	Jan	
Elitington Schld Co, com...	34	33 1/2	34	34	34	300	33	Mar 37 1/2	Jan 98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	100	97	Mar 99 1/2	Feb	
Elce Bond & Share, pt 100...	107	106	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	670	104 1/2	Jan 108 1/2	Jan 125	125	125	125	50	123	Mar 125	Mar	
Elce Bond & Share Sec...	69	67	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	22,600	56 1/2	Jan 88	Jan 35	35	35	35	200	27	Apr 49	Jan	
Elce Investors without war...	38	37 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	7,400	30 1/2	Mar 74 1/2	Jan 27 1/2	27 1/2	28	28	200	25	Mar 33 1/2	Jan	
Electric Railway Securs...	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	200	4 1/2	Jan 10	Jan 23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	400	22	Mar 27 1/2	Feb	
Electric Refrigeration...	62	65	65	65	65	17,500	52 1/2	Mar 90 1/2	Jan 25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	100	24 1/2	Jan 32	Mar	
Empire Power Corp...	22 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	1,200	22 1/2	Apr 32	Feb 27 1/2	27 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	24,300	21 1/2	Mar 46 1/2	Jan	
Emporium Corp w l...	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	200	33	Mar 39 1/2	Jan 30 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	12,600	22 1/2	Mar 41 1/2	Feb	
Engineers Public Serv com...	21 1/2	21 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	1,400	21 1/2	Apr 29 1/2	Jan 64	62 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/2	3,300	59	Mar 66 1/2	Apr	
Preferred full paid...	98	98	98	98	98	100	97	Mar 104	Feb 100	100	100	100	98 1/2	Apr 100	100	Feb	
Preferred 7%...	87	87	87	87	87	300	86	Apr 87 1/2	Jan 83	83	83 1/2	83 1/2	6,900	7	Mar 15 1/2	Mar	
Estey-Weite Co class A...	27	27	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	400	24	Mar 10 1/2	Jan 113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	70	111 1/2	Jan 114	Jan	
Fageol Motors Co, com 10...	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	4,900	4 1/2	Mar 10 1/2	Jan 15	14 1/2	15	15	3,400	14	Jan 15	Feb	
Fajardo Sugar...	138	134	138	138	138	90	124 1/2	Apr 169	Feb 8 1/2	8 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	2,500	6 1/2	Apr 14 1/2	Jan	
Fed'l Finance Corp, cl A...																	

Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries (Concluded)		Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range Since Jan. 1.			Friday Last Sale Price.		Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range Since Jan. 1.			
		Par.	Low.	High.	Shares.	Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Low.	High.		Low.	High.		
Standard Oil (O) com.	100	---	315	315	10	302½	Mar	362	Jan	Cons G. E. L. & P 6s A. 1949	107	107	107	\$8,000	105½	Feb	
Preferred	100	---	118	119	30	116½	Feb	119	Apr	Consolidated Textile 8s '41	83	83	83½	4,000	83	Apr	
Swan & Finch	100	---	17	17½	150	15½	Mar	23	Jan	Cosg-Meeh Coal 6½s. 1954	91½	91½	92½	3,000	90	Apr	
Vacuum Oil	25	100%	99	100½	4,900	94½	Mar	109½	Jan	Crown Will Paper 7½s '51	99	99	99	18,000	99	Feb	
Other Oil Stocks.																	
Amer Conoco Oil Fields	5	---	4½	4½	300	4	Apr	6½	Feb	Cuban Telep 7½s. 1941	111	111	111	9,000	108½	Jan	
Amer Maracaibo Co.	5	---	6½	7½	4,600	5	Mar	14½	Jan	Cudashy Pack deb 5½s. 1937	93	93	93½	39,000	92½	Jan	
Arkansas Natural Gas	10	---	6½	6	6½	700	5½	Mar	6½	Jan	Deoro City Gas 6s. 1947	106½	106½	106½	32,000	94½	Jan
Atlantic Lobos Oil, com.	10	---	1½	1½	1½	400	1½	Apr	3½	Mar	Duke-Price Pow 1st 6s 1966	101½	100½	101½	115,000	100½	Apr
Beacon Oil Co com.	15½	---	15½	15½	1,900	14½	Mar	19½	Jan	Ettinburg-Schld Co 6s. 1935	95½	95½	95½	8,000	95½	Apr	
Cardinal Petroleum Corp	10	---	89c	75c	1	6,200	70c	Apr	3½	Feb	Est Refrigeration 6s. 1936	103½	102	103½	85,000	100½	Mar
Carib Syndicate	12	---	11½	14½	33,900	9½	Mar	22½	Feb	Est RR of France 7s. 1954	82½	83	83	115,000	77½	Mar	
Creole Syndicate	5	---	12	11	4,300	10	Mar	15½	Jan	Europ'n Mtg & Inv 6½s '50	95½	95½	96	10,000	92½	Mar	
Crown Cent Petrol Corp.	10	---	12	11	2½	1,500	1½	Mar	7½	Jan	Federal Sugar 6s. 1933	90½	90½	91½	21,000	90½	Apr
Derby Oil & Refg pref.	13	---	13	14½	200	12½	Mar	14½	Jan	Fisk Rubber 5½s. 1931	97	96½	97½	120,000	95½	Apr	
Eucild Oil	1	---	1½	1½	4,600	88c	Mar	3½	Feb	Florida Pow & Lt 5s. 1954	94½	93½	94½	215,000	91½	Mar	
Gibson Oil Corp	1	---	4½	4½	11,000	95c	Mar	6½	Jan	Galena-Signal Oil 7s. 1930	102	102½	102½	6,000	102	Jan	
Glenrock Oil	10	---	8c	8c	8c	1,000	6c	Apr	15c	Feb	General Petroleum 6s. 1928	101½	101½	101½	63,000	101½	Jan
Granada Oil Corp	10	---	51c	51c	100	48c	Jan	15c	Jan	1st 5s. Aug 15 1940	98½	98½	98	589,000	85	Mar	
Gulf Oil Corp of Pa.	25	---	85½	85	5,300	82	Apr	93½	Jan	German Gen Elec 6½s. 1940	97½	97	98	80,000	93½	Jan	
International Petroleum	33½	---	32	33½	31,500	28½	Mar	37½	Jan	Goodyear T & R 6s. 1928	98½	98½	98½	18,000	97½	Mar	
Kirby Petroleum	2½	---	2½	2½	300	2½	Jan	3½	Feb	Goodyear T & R of Cal 5½s '31	98½	98½	98½	14,000	98½	Apr	
Lago Oil & Tr Corp et al.	19½	---	18	19½	60,900	16½	Apr	25½	Feb	Grand Trunk Ry 6½s. 1936	109	109	109½	7,000	107½	Mar	
Lago Petroleum Corp	9½	---	9½	9½	1,400	8½	Apr	13	Feb	Great Cons Elec 6½s. 1950	85½	85	85½	91,000	85	Apr	
Leonard Oil Develop'm't	25	---	8½	8½	9½	14,500	6½	Apr	12½	Feb	Gulf Oil of Pa 5s. 1937	100½	99½	100½	10,000	98½	Feb
Lion Oil & Refining	22½	---	22	23	2,100	22	Apr	25½	Feb	Serial 5½s. 1928	101	101	101	2,000	100½	Jan	
Livingston Petroleum	74c	---	72c	80c	300	71c	Mar	1½	Jan	Hamburg Elec Co 7s. 1935	97	96½	97	30,000	94	Jan	
Margay Oil Corp	2½	---	2½	2½	2,200	1½	Jan	2½	Jan	Hard Rubber 7s. 1936	104½	105	105	9,000	104½	Jan	
Mexican Panuco Oil Corp.	10	---	4½	4½	6,900	3½	Mar	5½	Feb	Indep Oil & Gas 6½s. 1931	97½	97	99	183,000	95½	Mar	
Mexico Oil Corp	10	---	9c	9c	4,000	8c	Apr	12c	Jan	Ind Gen Serv 5s. 1948	98½	98½	98½	5,000	97	Apr	
Mountain & Gulf Oil	1	---	1½	1½	1,100	1½	Mar	1½	Jan	Keith (B F) 6s. Aug 15 1946	100	100	100	5,000	100	Apr	
Mountain Producers	10	25½	24½	25½	11,900	23	Apr	26	Jan	Keynote Telep 5½s. 1956	86½	89	89	54,000	83	Apr	
National Fuel Gas	100	140	135	140	30	131	Apr	159	Feb	Krupp (Fried), Ltd, 7s. 1929	94½	94½	95½	30,000	90½	Jan	
New Bradford Oil	5	6½	6½	6½	3,000	5½	Mar	6½	Jan	Laclede Gas L 6½s. 1935	99½	100	100	5,000	98	Jan	
New England Fuel Oil	5	---	5½	5½	200	2	Mar	5½	Apr	Lehigh Pow Secur 6s. 2026	95	95	95½	38,000	93	Mar	
New England Oil	---	---	60c	60c	1,000	60c	Apr	60c	Apr	Leonard Tietz Inc 7½s '46	96½	96½	97½	32,000	93½	Mar	
New York Oil	25	---	11½	11½	100	8	Mar	17	Jan	Libby, McN & Lib 7s. 1931	104½	104½	104½	13,000	104½	Jan	
North Cent Tex Oil	---	---	8½	8½	9½	3,200	8½	Apr	12½	Feb	Liggett Winchester 7s. 1942	107½	108½	108½	4,000	107½	Jan
Ohio Fuel Corp	25	---	33	33½	200	33	Mar	36	Jan	Loews Inc 6s with war 1941	99½	99½	99½	12,000	99½	Apr	
Peer Oil Corp	76c	---	75c	84c	3,400	70c	Apr	2½	Feb	Long Island Ltg Co 6s. 1945	101½	101½	101½	39,000	99½	Mar	
Pennock Oil Corp.	---	---	20	21	1,000	18½	Mar	24	Feb	Manitoba Power 5½s. 1951	97½	97	98	395,000	94½	Apr	
Red Bank Oil	25	---	29½	26½	29½	4,100	6½	Feb	29½	Apr	Mass Gas Cos 6½s. 1940	102½	101½	102½	73,000	99½	Jan
Reiter-Foster Oil Corp.	22	---	19	22	8,500	14½	Jan	24½	Feb	Morris & Co 7½s. 1930	105½	105½	105½	11,000	104½	Jan	
Royal-Can Oil Syndicate.	30c	---	22c	30c	12,000	20c	Apr	60c	Jan	Nor States Pow 6½s. 1933	112½	112	113	76,000	108	Mar	
Ryan Consol Petroleum.	5½	---	5½	5½	300	4½	Apr	7½	Jan	6½s gold notes. 1933	103½	103½	103½	59,000	102½	Jan	
Salt Creek Consol Oil.	10	---	8½	8½	800	8	Apr	10	Feb	Ohio Power 5s Ser B. 1952	97½	97½	97½	82,000	94	Jan	
Salt Creek Producers.	10	---	32	30½	32	7,000	28½	Apr	36	Jan	Otis Steel 5s. 1941	98½	98½	98½	41,000	97½	Mar
Tide Water Assoc Oil.	100	---	24½	23½	24½	7,900	21	Apr	27	Mar	Pan Amer Petrol 6s. 1940	101½	101	102	79,000	99½	Apr
Preferred	109	---	97½	97½	97½	2,100	97½	Mar	99½	Mar	Park & Tilford 6s. 1936	96	96	96	1,000	96	Mar
Venezuelan Petroleum	5	---	6½	6½	6½	29,700	4½	Jan	7½	Mar	Penn-Ohio Edison 6s. 1950	101½	99½	101½	95,000	98	Apr
Wileox Oil & Gas new	25½	---	25½	25½	600	22	Mar	27½	Apr	Penn Pow & Light 5s. 1952	99½	99½	99½	19,000	97½	Mar	
Woodley Petroleum Co	5½	---	5½	5½	200	5½	Jan	6½	Mar	6s Series D. 1953	99½	98½	99½	35,000	97½	Mar	
"Y" Oil & Gas.	1	---	23c	10c	24c	427,000	5c	Jan	24c	Apr	Phila Elec 6s. 1941	107½	107½	107½	2,000	106	Jan
Mining Stocks.																	
Arizona Globe Copper	1	---	11c	16c	10,200	11c	Jan	21c	Feb	Phila Elec Power 5½s. 1972	102½	100	102½	274,000	100½	Jan	
Carnegie Metals	10	---	17½	17½	200	17½	Apr	21½	Feb	Phila Rapid Transit 6s 1962	100	100	100	13,000	97½	Jan	
Chino Extension	1	---	4c	4c	1,000	3c	Jan	6c	Feb	Pure Oil Co 6½s. 1933	103	103	103½	29,000	102½	Jan	
Consol Copper Mines	1	2½	2½	3½	27,300	1½	Apr	3½	Apr	Rand-Kardex Bur 6½s '31	105½	105½	106	48,000	101½	Mar	
Cresson Con G M & M.	1	---	2½	2½	600	2½	Mar	2½	Jan	Rhine-Main-Danube Corp	96½	96	97	31,000	94	Jan	
Dolores Esperanza Corp.	2	---	50c	50c	500	50c	Mar	84c	Mar	7s Series "A". 1950	96½	96½	96	96,000	93½	Mar	
Engineer Gold Mines Ltd.	13	---	12½	14½	1,600	11	Mar	18½	Feb	Rhine-Westphal El P 7s '50	96	95½	96	96,000	93½	Mar	
Eureka Croesus	1	---	3c	4c	19,000	3c	Apr	7c	Jan	Sauda Falls Co 5s. 1955	96	95½	96	34,000	94	Mar	
First Thought Gold Min.	1	---	5c	6c	7,000	5c	Apr	10c	Jan	Schulte R E Co 6s. 1935	92	92	93	27,000	92	Apr	
Forty-nine Mining Co	1	13c	10c	14c	26,500	5c	Feb	19c	Apr	6s without com stock 1935	83½	83½	83½	7,000	83	Apr	
Golden Centre Mines	5	1½	1½	2	2,700	1	Mar	2½	Jan	Servel Corp 6s w l. 1931	103½	102½	104½	374,000	99½	Jan	
Goldfield Consol Mines	1	10c	5c	10c	17,000	4c	Feb	10c	Apr	Shawshen Mills 7s. 1931	101	100½	101	16,000	99½	Feb	
Goldfield Florence	1	10c	9c	10c	11,000	8c	Apr	15c	Apr	Slemans & Halske 7s. 1928	99½	99½	99½	37,000	98½	Jan	
Hawthorne Mines, Inc.	1	---	14c	18c	29,000	12c	Apr	32c	Feb	Thysens & Halske 7s. 1935	96½	96½	97½	40,000	94	Jan	
Hecla Mining	25c	---	17	16½	17												

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows, we sum up separately the earnings for the third week of April. The table covers 14 roads and shows 7.18% increase over the same week last year.

Third Week of April.	1926.	1925.	Increase.	Decrease.
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh.	\$24,472	\$29,393	\$5,079	
Canadian National.	4,466,208	3,870,491	595,717	
Canadian Pacific.	3,043,000	2,669,000	374,000	
Duluth South Shore & Atlantic.	98,821	101,000		2,179
Great Northern.	1,697,000	1,686,011	10,989	
Minneapolis & St. Louis.	7,027	11,179		4,152
Mobile & Gulf.	268,091	251,882	16,209	
Nevada California & Oregon.	377,649	366,290	11,359	
St. Louis San Francisco.	1,731,771	1,700,747	31,024	
St. Louis Southwestern.	411,400	453,219		41,819
Southern Railway System.	3,972,671	3,822,134	150,537	
Texas & Pacific.	591,889	610,228		18,339
Western Maryland.	373,181	368,140	5,041	
Total (14 roads)	17,368,707	16,204,533	1,230,663	66,489
Net increase (7.18%)			1,164,174	

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

Week.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Increase or Decrease.	%
1st week Jan. (15 roads)	\$16,483,387	\$15,221,149	+1,262,238	8.29
2d week Jan. (15 roads)	16,801,718	15,778,084	+1,023,634	6.50
3d week Jan. (15 roads)	17,314,742	16,076,124	+1,238,618	7.71
4th week Jan. (15 roads)	23,422,855	23,465,449	-42,594	0.18
1st week Feb. (15 roads)	17,503,007	16,641,421	+861,586	5.17
2d week Feb. (15 roads)	17,767,644	17,263,755	+503,889	2.91
3d week Feb. (15 roads)	17,674,105	16,950,595	+723,510	4.27
4th week Feb. (15 roads)	17,941,175	16,783,658	+1,157,517	6.90
1st week Mar. (14 roads)	17,011,615	16,195,029	+816,586	4.96
2d week Mar. (14 roads)	17,403,986	16,675,446	+728,540	4.35
3d week Mar. (14 roads)	17,723,131	16,555,077	+1,168,054	7.05
4th week Mar. (15 roads)	26,826,156	23,116,172	+3,709,984	16.09
1st week Apr. (14 roads)	17,646,125	16,514,362	+1,131,763	7.02
2d week Apr. (14 roads)	17,013,487	15,921,491	+1,091,996	6.85
3d week Apr. (14 roads)	17,368,707	16,204,533	+1,164,174	7.18

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

Month	Gross Earnings.			Net Earnings.		
	1925.	1924.	Increase or Decrease.	1925.	1924.	Increase or Decrease.
Mar.	\$485,498,143	\$504,362,976	-\$18,864,833	\$109,230,086	\$114,677,751	-\$5,447,665
Apr.	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	506,002,030	464,774,329	+41,227,701	130,837,524	101,487,818	+29,350,006
July	521,535,604	480,943,063	+40,592,541	139,606,732	111,736,887	+27,869,845
Aug.	564,559,318	507,537,554	+57,021,764	166,558,666	134,737,211	+31,821,455
Sept.	584,443,591	540,063,587	+44,380,004	177,242,895	159,216,004	+18,026,891
Oct.	590,161,046	571,576,038	+18,585,008	180,695,428	168,640,671	+12,054,757
Nov.	531,742,071	504,781,775	+26,960,296	148,157,616	131,381,847	+16,775,769
Dec.	523,041,764	504,450,580	+18,591,184	134,445,634	124,090,958	+10,354,676
Jan.	480,062,657	484,022,695	-3,960,038	102,270,877	101,323,883	+946,994
Feb.	459,227,310	454,198,053	+5,029,257	99,480,650	99,518,658	-38,008

Note.—Percentage of increase or decrease in net for above months has been: March, 4.74% dec.; April, 5.53% inc.; May, 17.49% inc.; June, 18.91% inc.; July, 24.88% inc.; Aug., 23.26% inc.; Sept., 11.32% inc.; Oct., 7.14% inc.; Nov. 12.77% inc.; Dec., 3.69% inc.; Jan. 1926, 0.93% inc.; Feb., 0.04% dec. In March the length of road covered was 236,559 miles in 1925, against 236,048 miles in 1924; in April, 236,664 miles against 236,045 miles; in May, 236,663 miles against 236,098 miles; in June, 236,779 miles against 236,357 miles; in July, 236,762 miles, against 236,525 miles; in August, 236,750 miles, against 236,546 miles; in September, 236,752 miles, against 236,587 miles; in October, 236,724 miles, against 236,564 miles; in November, 236,726 miles, against 236,917 miles; in December, 236,959 miles, against 236,057 miles; in January, 1926, 236,944 miles, against 236,599 miles in 1925; in February, 236,839 miles, against 236,529 miles.

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

	Gross from Railway—1926.	Net from Railway—1926.	Net after Taxes—1926.	Gross from Railway—1925.	Net from Railway—1925.	Net after Taxes—1925.
Ann Arbor—						
March.	489,933	462,029	91,401	107,285	68,194	100,042
From Jan 1.	1,413,968	1,358,151	323,104	320,606	253,450	269,278
Atlanta & West Point—						
March.	280,463	274,708	55,320	66,364	38,200	52,196
From Jan 1.	789,406	762,171	165,881	156,635	121,470	115,254
American Ry Express—						
January.	20,859,807	21,102,581			168,245	163,015
Atch Top & Santa Fe—						
March.	15,711,311	14,602,756	4,616,200	3,011,359	3,270,725	1,920,278
From Jan 1.	43,963,752	43,793,160	12,406,550	11,196,104	8,580,792	7,556,526
Gulf Colo & Santa Fe—						
March.	2,223,290	2,406,382	377,953	398,242	285,354	310,038
From Jan 1.	6,382,419	7,231,994	1,027,834	1,659,027	747,934	1,400,318
Atlanta Birm & Atl—						
March.	561,137	460,680	98,032	54,106	83,590	43,278
From Jan 1.	1,508,300	1,362,075	211,832	148,184	169,977	108,629
Atlantic City—						
March.	318,579	285,998	-13,317	-36,751	-38,637	-59,447
From Jan 1.	797,490	779,813	-145,757	-230,040	-221,855	-298,128
Atlantic Coast Line—						
March.	10,624,791	9,455,543	4,214,837	3,919,138	3,564,102	3,367,585
From Jan 1.	28,786,168	25,322,018	10,701,242	9,362,672	8,998,573	7,908,979
Baltimore & Ohio—						
March.	19,596,489	18,793,465	4,167,027	3,898,671	3,282,302	3,050,568
From Jan 1.	56,789,281	53,980,997	11,606,702	9,973,042	8,935,562	7,434,830
Bangor & Aroostook—						
March.	856,053	748,940	366,445	306,497	297,381	242,085
From Jan 1.	2,081,877	2,091,348	707,576	730,294	547,313	549,755
Bessemer & Lake Erie—						
March.	740,852	1,013,196	9,407	246,800	13,075	209,845
From Jan 1.	2,045,185	2,685,002	-30,528	467,006	-120,365	370,130
Bingham & Garfield—						
March.	49,763	55,244	9,439	15,583	-445	4,612
From Jan 1.	139,237	154,398	32,478	39,063	738	7,120
Boston & Maine—						
March.	7,562,712	6,666,116	2,304,055	1,259,675	2,049,340	992,612
From Jan 1.	19,504,452	19,443,707	4,354,409	3,311,593	3,575,805	2,508,136

	Gross from Railway—1926.	Net from Railway—1926.	Net after Taxes—1926.	Gross from Railway—1925.	Net from Railway—1925.	Net after Taxes—1925.
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh—						
March.	1,454,181	1,253,956	273,451	155,881	223,451	120,879
From Jan 1.	4,282,405	3,752,152	831,178	525,279	681,178	430,265
Buffalo & Susquehanna—						
March.	103,872	169,670	-9,776	9,418	-12,926	6,018
From Jan 1.	300,217	534,498	-26,331	40,521	-35,781	28,321
Canadian National Rys—						
March.	21,255,004	18,233,944	4,191,845	1,635,723		
From Jan 1.	57,004,263	51,436,454	7,137,887	2,520,250		
Atl & St Lawrence—						
March.	220,234	225,657	8,084	-5,164	-5,566	-27,813
From Jan 1.	690,800	674,776	76,638	16,866	35,688	-35,045
Canadian Pacific—						
March.	14,261,819	12,931,547	2,824,178	2,117,212		
From Jan 1.	40,344,958	36,614,771	6,531,067	3,855,681		
Central of Georgia—						
March.	2,949,663	2,679,919	816,436	774,334	677,521	642,109
From Jan 1.	8,008,927	7,204,285	1,975,891	1,603,825	1,298,872	
Central RR of N J—						
March.	5,022,787	4,593,635	1,445,399	1,061,557	1,092,108	700,463
From Jan 1.	12,121,532	13,257,548	2,103,838	2,992,793	1,050,473	1,936,111
Central New England—						
March.	770,441	634,250	305,548	213,039	279,191	187,539
From Jan 1.	1,632,285	1,908,066	426,716	505,262	345,769	573,750
Ches & Ohio Lines—						
March.	10,457,349	8,907,717	2,734,761	1,986,142	2,175,475	1,539,665
From Jan 1.	30,226,213	26,823,591	7,921,739	6,122,028	6,243,881	4,782,698
Chicago & Alton—						
March.	2,449,465	2,382,299	499,708	487,913	391,662	389,165
From Jan 1.	7,196,356	7,261,781	1,440,154	1,535,777	1,116,117	1,238,104
Chicago & Burlington—						
March.	13,015,297	12,129,252	3,787,582	2,990,256	2,725,659	2,103,363
From Jan 1.	37,390,813	36,959,664	10,197,967	8,212,767	7,249,996	5,706,645
Chicago & East Illinois—						
March.	2,354,417	2,080,880	408,413	204,074	302,834	103,570
From Jan 1.	6,881,587	6,450,390	1,093,352	765,628	773,556	453,587
Chicago Great Western—						
March.	1,959,876	1,865,808	402,720	304,019	322,950	225,728
From Jan 1.	5,648,532	5,695,250	1,089,966	1,013,256	830,522	767,529
Chicago Ind & Louisville—						
March.	1,545,642	1,464,001	432,307	433,600	340,843	350,861
From Jan 1.	4,381,602	4,132,558	1,143,478	1,053,186	910,535	860,948
Chicago Milwaukee & St Paul—						
March.	12,905,635	12,152,162	2,503,581	1,960,991	1,751,528	1,202,578
From Jan 1.	36,658,099	36,671,695	6,486,232	6,651,766	4,224,127	4,377,888
Chicago & North Western—						
March.	11,956,641	10,871,904	2,158,337	1,602,138	1,354,589	797,089
From Jan 1.	33,767,362	32,633,329	6,413,988	5,085,522	4,001,718	2,675,664
Chicago River & Indiana—						
March.	582,770	579,852	198,310	163,009	155,101	125,663
From Jan 1.	1,673,475	1,737,330	563,749	541,719	437,682	416,080
Chicago R I & Pacific—						
March.	10,259,676	9,728,064	1,912,892	1,674,147	1,317,471	1,150,018
From Jan 1.	29,402,266	29,106,233	5,241,760	5,655,270	3,466,434	4,082,087
Chic R I & Gulf—						
March.	482,351	528,454	95,375	112,574	77,251	99,487
From Jan 1.	1,469,784	1,579,850	312,662	411,552	258,289	372,746
Chicago St Paul Minn & Omaha—						
March.	2,214,867	2,104,656	433,522	374,564	316,089	246,603
From Jan 1.	6,312,793	6,587,001	1,040,545	1,426,264	685,835	1,041,850
Clinchfield—						
March.	729,258	768,044	280,271	294,145	220,273	239,127
From Jan 1.	2,075,166	2,246,920	746,031	838,170	566,035	673,151
Colorado & Southern—						
March.	926,688	829,019			*51,118	*19,443
From Jan 1.	2,895,688	2,900,720			*281,118	*310,066
Ft Worth & Denver City—						
March.	935,414	838,607	285,389	256,555	227,069	1

	—Gross from Railway—		—Net from Railway—		—Net after Taxes—	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Galveston Wharf—						
March.....	104,683	158,899	21,459	53,278	4,459	36,278
From Jan 1	319,472	522,721	80,718	192,942	29,718	141,899
Georgia Railroad—						
March.....	562,766	540,195	142,455	125,655	124,498	112,911
From Jan 1	1,530,068	1,496,526	295,010	238,334	262,035	200,207
Georgia & Florida—						
March.....	196,585	160,174	63,307	44,574	56,282	38,022
From Jan 1	519,414	398,148	148,640	80,483	127,583	60,743
Grand Trunk Western—						
March.....	1,098,892	1,455,285	477,109	289,600	408,971	215,527
From Jan 1	4,616,613	4,019,380	1,159,109	599,267	953,879	376,705
Great Northern System—						
March.....	7,787,607	7,179,078	1,702,462	1,551,223	937,431	825,099
From Jan 1	21,388,941	21,085,902	4,721,861	4,453,610	2,514,274	2,274,557
Gulf Mobile & Northern—						
March.....	540,413	545,508	163,853	165,749	123,089	131,307
From Jan 1	1,544,754	1,547,557	481,983	422,207	357,211	330,797
Gulf & Ship Island—						
March.....	348,403	321,608	—38,863	99,767	—64,512	73,281
From Jan 1	1,052,647	939,145	—22,573	311,137	—100,142	226,280
Hocking Valley—						
March.....	1,544,000	1,242,000	-----	-----	*341,000	*143,000
From Jan 1	4,261,000	3,712,000	-----	-----	*88,000	*602,000
Illinois Central System—						
March.....	14,876,357	14,249,688	3,332,004	3,600,606	2,301,639	2,427,687
From Jan 1	44,638,734	42,750,022	10,743,076	10,667,359	7,590,738	7,306,949
Illinois Central Co—						
March.....	12,906,092	12,332,615	2,922,721	3,062,607	2,030,133	2,018,743
From Jan 1	38,709,493	37,038,317	9,377,275	8,994,929	6,655,395	6,019,599
Yazoo & Miss Valley—						
March.....	1,970,265	1,917,073	409,283	537,999	271,506	408,944
From Jan 1	5,929,241	5,711,705	1,365,801	1,672,430	935,343	287,350
International Great Northern—						
March.....	1,419,009	1,449,798	254,897	286,191	212,030	219,200
From Jan 1	4,118,251	4,264,993	667,345	867,647	541,136	727,121
Kansas City Southern—						
March.....	1,607,735	1,535,852	529,828	466,361	421,952	372,105
From Jan 1	4,565,007	4,263,761	1,503,125	1,163,159	1,179,165	880,953
Texarkana & Ft Smith—						
March.....	257,162	226,390	140,454	108,149	122,940	92,247
From Jan 1	709,548	693,026	344,090	313,175	292,153	265,656
Lake Terminal—						
March.....	88,564	87,803	6,291	—656	325	—6,890
From Jan 1	239,549	266,791	—5,721	11,894	—23,671	—6,808
Lehigh & Hudson River—						
March.....	345,106	255,081	145,577	68,113	123,177	54,705
From Jan 1	734,022	749,349	225,012	191,754	182,212	154,484
Lehigh & New England—						
March.....	459,973	384,414	161,583	83,683	148,988	69,816
From Jan 1	869,168	1,139,425	110,677	200,395	83,179	164,244
Lehigh Valley—						
March.....	7,151,864	6,625,800	1,935,346	1,779,842	1,542,595	1,410,594
From Jan 1	15,969,367	18,198,409	1,919,936	3,726,609	2,138,220	2,814,352
Los Angeles & Salt Lake—						
March.....	2,132,391	1,873,170	375,880	327,547	242,954	189,087
From Jan 1	5,805,365	5,524,611	758,024	922,156	359,163	507,313
Louisville & Nashville—						
March.....	12,802,632	11,243,633	3,147,415	2,390,823	2,510,663	1,867,750
From Jan 1	37,051,599	34,231,002	8,710,176	7,289,870	6,881,887	5,721,951
Louisville Henderson & St L—						
March.....	335,273	321,760	111,015	113,269	87,757	93,897
From Jan 1	1,034,397	993,903	359,387	354,754	286,696	294,460
Maine Central—						
March.....	1,999,468	1,848,891	507,183	493,166	398,818	392,737
From Jan 1	5,179,477	5,125,498	1,040,909	1,105,566	715,767	804,291
Midland Valley—						
March.....	345,906	356,980	144,533	104,837	127,634	87,974
From Jan 1	983,839	1,067,543	421,873	392,423	371,117	342,006
Minneapolis & St Louis—						
March.....	1,224,764	1,197,173	124,345	65,290	62,454	900
From Jan 1	3,490,639	3,813,494	421,013	533,338	227,759	335,130
Minn St Paul & S S M—						
March.....	3,515,085	3,514,535	549,377	671,633	305,301	429,534
From Jan 1	10,051,495	10,346,307	1,541,868	1,812,204	830,794	1,095,133
Mississippi Central—						
March.....	133,572	130,535	36,730	47,847	26,308	32,353
From Jan 1	396,936	386,339	117,922	105,221	87,357	78,590
Mo-Kan-Texas—						
March.....	2,754,990	2,736,164	939,300	965,972	721,821	776,994
From Jan 1	8,057,883	8,265,644	2,699,699	2,906,157	2,074,250	2,302,712
Missouri Pacific—						
March.....	11,037,489	10,712,493	2,464,664	2,140,612	2,024,352	1,716,577
From Jan 1	31,927,512	31,777,896	7,138,622	6,429,913	5,750,500	5,162,023
Mobile & Ohio—						
March.....	1,737,344	1,666,910	518,362	487,333	422,948	401,677
From Jan 1	4,903,397	4,688,161	1,360,374	1,236,536	1,079,188	977,317
Nash Chatt & St Louis—						
March.....	2,219,307	2,089,031	503,360	410,333	428,153	351,126
From Jan 1	6,092,581	5,951,623	1,293,614	1,136,910	1,068,147	956,388
Newburgh & South Shore—						
March.....	178,206	168,237	40,289	40,810	26,495	28,020
From Jan 1	494,369	523,254	99,188	135,008	60,405	96,025
New Orleans Gt Northern—						
March.....	247,848	239,880	71,686	65,592	52,511	46,307
From Jan 1	772,182	719,793	259,150	218,155	200,123	158,750
New Orleans Texas & Mexico—						
March.....	259,463	272,766	48,356	81,351	22,579	59,299
From Jan 1	800,859	819,024	196,274	250,463	120,197	184,007
New York Central—						
March.....	33,395,950	30,292,180	7,645,504	7,275,749	5,468,360	5,062,769
From Jan 1	92,869,688	88,125,596	20,361,373	18,902,252	14,116,441	12,865,946
Indiana Harbor Belt—						
March.....	957,972	951,191	258,054	275,489	197,928	229,388
From Jan 1	2,675,850	2,732,750	639,485	751,721	511,555	646,091
Michigan Central—						
March.....	8,483,516	7,382,858	2,771,782	2,097,590	2,245,510	1,656,487
From Jan 1	22,773,972	21,002,585	7,143,942	5,900,137	5,687,299	4,639,472
C C C & St Louis—						
March.....	7,798,330	7,111,924	1,925,979	1,792,765	1,435,970	1,356,822
From Jan 1	22,143,221	21,787,640	5,143,716	5,704,214	3,803,594	4,375,544
Cincinnati Northern—						
March.....	400,682	336,971	140,042	100,354	112,886	78,113
From Jan 1	1,174,800	1,088,636	413,417	346,911	335,178	277,905
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie—						
March.....	2,873,878	2,867,594	558,540	597,082	360,862	423,091
From Jan 1	8,335,626	8,639,899	1,661,362	1,872,117	1,092,989	1,328,957
New York Chicago & St Louis—						
March.....	4,521,472	4,604,142	1,492,562	1,441,836	1,240,192	1,193,661
From Jan 1	13,418,908	13,336,935	3,738,874	3,594,044	2,983,169	2,848,752
New York Connecting—						
March.....	257,297	230,646	152,703	165,826	114,703	124,576
From Jan 1	681,043	691,573	418,640	484,829	304,640	364,579
N Y N H & Hartford—						
March.....	11,543,152	10,569,799	3,334,465	2,625,081	2,884,500	2,295,106
From Jan 1	31,063,065	30,516,991	7,346,719	7,373,248	5,998,970	6,206,489
N Y Ontario & Western—						
March.....	1,124,475	758,993	238,731	—32,531	188,728	—78,637
From Jan 1	2,136,411	2,581,739	—12,472	29,206	—162,290	—109,012

	—Gross from Railway—		—Net from Railway—		—Net after Taxes—	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
N Y Susq & Western—						
March.....	505,189	381,039	146,185	59,527	116,908	29,876
From Jan 1	1,162,226	1,185,521	127,210	165,214	39,460	80,094
Norfolk Southern—						
March.....	925,517	918,432	320,690	305,878	272,529	257,696
From Jan 1	2,308,523	2,241,116	658,800	600,964	514,849	460,448
Norfolk & Western—						
March.....	9,450,578	7,846,360	3,667,799	2,304,181	2,916,624	1,704,003
From Jan 1	26,752,114	23,908,618	9,740,826	7,460,448	7,455,566	5,659,631
Northern Pacific—						
March.....	7,535,219	7,017,433	1,575,354	1,270,944	911,170	602,919
From Jan 1	20,781,013	20,408,977	4,107,689	3,605,041	2,118,125	1,604,588
Pennsylvania System—						
Pennsylvania Co—						
March.....	58,234,574	52,522,631	11,210,956	8,279,446	8,726,798	6,050,753
From Jan 1	164,203,431	155,648,580	27,470,907	24,010,736	21,497,067	18,617,192
Long Island—						
March.....	2,930,979	2,627,977	406,349	365,921	330,898	295,441
From Jan 1	7,904,422	7,445,487	895,093	856,847	734,331	702,073
Monongahela—						
March.....	517,387	426,140	232,700	170,556	209,466	154,435
From Jan 1	1,789,531	1,374,826	838,933	573,324	569,963	524,982
Toledo Peoria & Western—						
March.....	114,691	123,820	—10,301	—23,370	—17,301	—29,570
From Jan 1	350,951	412,417	—19,513	—28,950	—40,547	—46,963
West Jersey & Seashore—						
March.....	969,590	926,715	110,088	99,566	91,029	82,058
From Jan 1	2,533,262	2,560,790	51,591	114,264	51,112	114,100
Pere Marquette—						
March.....	3,836,664	3,168,055	1,327,603	710,180	1,121,994	590,118
From Jan 1	10,281,493	9,341,032	3,028,206	2,133,344	2,428,065	1,723,112
Perkiomen—						
March.....	91,722	90,754	26,426	27,134	19,574	22,056
From Jan 1	315,314	299,521	137,881	116,490	114,659	101,077
Pittsburgh & Shawmut—						
March.....	141,792	98,108	30,644	12,352	30,435	12,047
From Jan 1	395,281	304,857	84,865	41,135	84,458	40,492
Pitts Shawmut & Northern—						
March.....	161,068	145,920	31,169	23,595	27,964	20,920
From Jan 1	438,661	437,850	72,531	83,344	63,400	75,361
Pittsburgh & West Virginia—						
March.....	453,613	356,556	213,998	112,580	158,394	73,093
From Jan 1	1,266,363	1,097,453	560,645	381,235	405,949	260,676
Port Reading—						
March.....	262,194	181,843	140,055	84,979	123,527	65,392
From Jan 1	711,778	614,503	358,067	315,900	311,165	265,589
Reading Co—						
March.....	9,189,930	7,537,578	2,815,678	1,568,808	2,222,394	1,206,957
From Jan 1	22,569,211	22,718,369	5,129,712	5,389,272	3,799,754	4,280,182
Richmond Fredericksburg & Potomac—						
March.....	1,223,290	1,179,966	477,450	469,466	391,703	399,083
From Jan 1	3,404,578	3,222,112	1,298,190	1,214,044	1,052,683	1,022,885
Rutland—						
March.....	602,800	502,936	127,592	60,468	94,809	38,702
From Jan 1	1,571,705	1,460,799	225,767	87,820	148,232	122,134
St Louis-San Francisco—						
March.....	7,267,526	7,026,060	2,075,797	2,024,978	1,727,330	1,665,842
From Jan 1	21,288,247	20,900,162	6,380,794	6,203,304	5,259,531	5,080,194
St Louis-San Fran of Texas—						
March.....	147,836	161,793	35,428	34,952	31,594	32,614
From Jan 1	462,320	562,407	124,999	181,369	116,116	174,038
Fort Worth & Rio Grande—						
March.....	99,415	112,490	—3,528	4,878	—7,677	786
From Jan 1	320,011	358,011	16,224	38,101	3,756	25,951
St Louis Southwestern—						
March.....	1,543,441	1,558,569	549,290	430,914	475,074	379,020
From Jan 1	4,608,986	4,634,291	1,495,530	1,391,265	1,275,801	1,208,508
St Louis S-W of T—						
March.....	573,263	626,597	—66,218	—28,728	—94,076	—56,286
From Jan 1	1,793,203	1,946,969	—42,982	—1,903	—126,744	—83,411
Seaboard Air Line—						
March.....	6,866,734	5,688,049	2,101,597	1,761,431	1,810,581	1,530,161
From Jan 1	18,844,445	15,441,471	5,090,174	3,780,433	4,217,882	3,106,747
Southern Pacific System—						
Southern Pacific Co—						
March.....	17,574,922	16,818,164	4,936,093	4,255,962	3,449,411	2,843,355
From Jan 1	47,224,776	45,820,749	11,546,860	9,680,779	7,503,050	5,554,342
Atlantic S S Lines—						
March.....	1,129,389	986,855	178,748	—10,781	171,967	—25,291
From Jan 1	3,039,709	2,769,272	387,806	—297,011	354,012	—341,234
Southern Railway System—						
Southern Ry Co—						
March.....	13,737,111	12,604,504	4,198,169	3,863,481	3,392,941	3,108,827
From Jan 1	37,944,854	35,595,766	10,522,261	9,812,600	8,062,330	7,708,467
Alabama Great Southern—						
March.....	943,587	896,074	322,293	287,245	275,769	247,605
From Jan 1	2,598,219	2,468,571	779,828	671,773	605,112	536,494
Cin N O & T P—						
March.....	2,051,542	1,898,058	692,652	639,525	562,814	566,072
From Jan 1	5,856,321	5,601,110	1,963,082	1,922,538	1,616,926	1,681,059
Georgia Southern & Florida—						
March.....	729,679	470,286	229,886	136,535	203,052	112,261
From Jan 1	2,047,508	1,450,208	615,017	479,080	514,824	401,088
New Orleans & Northeastern—						
March.....	569,771	524,723	240,559	200,470	185,257	152,939
From Jan 1	1,587,926	1,456,378	600,228	522,399	445,077	386,646
North Alabama—						
March.....	128,327	139,797	52,224	69,285	45,085	63,160
From Jan 1	373,881	382,728	145,266	170,629	127,654	155,254
Staten Island R T—						
March.....	245,264	224,642	43,212	1,237	27,697	—13,813
From Jan 1	684,692	623,752	106,476	—15,127	59,072	—61,909
Tennessee Central—						
March.....	282,883	252,950	63,806	62,550	58,355	57,463
From Jan 1	809,905	733,491	155,839	123,684	137,680	112,102
Texas & Pacific—						
March.....	2,872,824	2,796,175	584,358	578,797	831,313	438,612
From Jan 1	8,585,559	8,237,580	1,916,336	1,852,895	1,455,308	1,431,844
Ulster & Delaware—						
March.....	82,534	83,344	—4,476	—3,607	—10,226	—9,107
From Jan 1	193,902	229,428	—42,846	—34,739	—60,096	51,239
Union Pacific—						
March.....	8,668,757	7,548,869	2,746,526	2,367,446	2,048,204	1,698,133
From Jan 1	23,486,182	21,905,747	7,047,689	6,358,724	4,968,036	4,316,211
Oregon Short Line—						
March.....	2,969,916	2,459,727	801,083	459,726	542,529	214,409
From Jan 1	8,293,443	7,459,324	2,126,337	1,821,391	1,352,838	1,084,738
Ore-Wash Ry & Nav Co—						
March.....	2,324,695	2,130,636	322,696	288,757	151,411	118,512
From Jan 1	6,322,909	6,116,733	919,731	866,126	405,717	355,867
St Jos & Grand Island—						
March.....	316,429	275,726	99,583	57,563	76,707	40,995
From Jan 1	924,656	825,148	304,699	219,421	234,793	169,715
Union RR (Penn)—						
March.....	908,490	931,281	127,889	145,276	106,600	134,276
From Jan 1	2,525,293	2,687,019	252,410	164,147	198,544	131,147
Utah—						
March.....	108,397	126,667	30,034	36,454	20,550	27,112
From Jan 1	398,347	463,810	129,958	161,569	101,505	138,952

	Gross from Railway—		Net from Railway—		Net after Taxes—	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Virginian—						
March.....	1,710,001	1,433,570	704,092	482,515	568,083	368,192
From Jan 1	5,192,135	4,756,048	2,230,290	1,779,948	1,825,167	1,412,036
Wabash—						
March.....	5,957,205	5,596,112	1,574,961	1,273,134	1,260,107	1,040,329
From Jan 1	16,652,235	16,129,067	4,106,108	3,498,894	3,255,744	2,800,494
Western Maryland—						
March.....	1,815,911	1,625,211	511,837	438,787	431,837	373,787
From Jan 1	5,533,129	4,802,131	1,606,093	1,364,467	1,371,093	1,179,467
Western Pacific—						
March.....	1,047,738	977,000	-----	-----	*203,511	*226,000
From Jan 1	3,122,735	2,909,000	-----	-----	*678,683	*548,000
Western Ry of Alabama—						
March.....	343,042	306,718	122,119	100,162	101,468	82,552
From Jan 1	880,600	832,906	260,764	240,343	215,488	194,523
Wheeling & Lake Erie—						
March.....	1,725,903	1,521,553	504,688	389,331	363,303	265,220
From Jan 1	4,643,487	4,270,677	1,240,026	947,867	849,379	610,082

— Deficit.
* After rents.

	Income.		Charges.		Balance.	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
New York New Haven & Hartford	March '26	*2,919,832	1,813,714	1,105,118		
From Jan 1 to March 31	*6,364,221	5,454,144	910,077			
New York Ontario & Western	March '26	*161,346	119,076	42,270		
From Jan 1 to March 31	*189,855	353,336	540,191			
Western Maryland	March '26	*407,637	247,052	160,585		
From Jan 1 to March 31	*1,294,661	745,331	548,330			
St Louis San Francisco (incl sub lines)—	March.....	7,581,115	7,376,585	1,725,188	1,660,871	439,481
From Jan 1	22,314,101	22,063,706	5,150,704	5,124,967	1,346,350	1,343,465

	Total Net Income.		Fixed Charges.		Balance.	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
St L Southw (incl St L Southw of Tex)	March '26	*385,427	233,373	152,054		
From Jan 1 to March 31	*1,152,497	701,936	450,561			
Missouri-Kansas-Texas Lines—	March.....	4,379,096	4,587,221	963,488	1,043,509	372,688
From Jan 1	12,971,938	13,908,618	2,866,264	3,086,453	1,093,653	1,251,205

	Gross Earnings.		Net After Taxes.		Fixed Charges.		Balance, Surplus.	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Gulf Coast Lines	March '26	1,383,254	*322,562	145,351	177,211			
From Jan 1 to March 31	26 3,653,696	*422,612	111,464	31,148				
Companies.	25 3,594,111	*955,105	345,938	609,167				

* Includes other income.

Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Net Earnings.—The following table gives the returns of ELECTRIC railway and other public utility gross and net earnings with charges and surplus reported this week:

	Gross Earnings—		Net Earnings—	
	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Companies.				
Alabama Power Co.—	Mar 1,018,258	805,717	*510,542	*430,880
12 mos ended Mar 31	12,389,231	*9,244,691	*5,615,490	*4,592,273
cElec Pow & Lt Corp.—	Mar 4,010,671	3,635,809	*1,664,288	*1,526,737
12 mos ended Mar 31	46,643,759	42,769,143	*19,411,862	*17,278,566
Georgia Ry & Pow Co.—	Mar 1,413,953	1,546,527	*469,989	*528,961
3 mos ended Mar 31	4,336,793	4,737,133	*1,515,294	*1,631,792
Phila Co & affil corp.—	Mar 6,268,482	5,667,532	a2,232,584	a1,556,468
3 mos ended Mar 31	18,632,028	18,112,693	a6,820,213	a5,970,028
Sou Can Pow Co & subs.—	Mar 116,968	95,884	76,972	52,669
6 mos ended Mar 31	705,620	585,128	476,839	318,799
cSouthwest Pow & Lt Co.—	Mar 1,167,142	1,040,339	*522,849	*468,975
12 mos ended Mar 31	14,155,893	13,007,693	*6,901,030	*6,193,761
Winnipeg Electric Co.—	Mar 481,795	473,687	*144,061	*125,633
3 mos ended Mar 31	1,453,826	1,438,054	*462,032	*410,905

* After taxes. a After depreciation and taxes. c Earnings of subsidiary companies only. z Includes Gainesville Ry. Co., Atlanta Northern Ry. Co. and Atlanta Coach Co.

	Gross Earnings.		Net after Taxes.		Fixed Charges.		Balance, Surplus.	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Companies.								
Eastern Tex El Co	Feb '26	378,816	*138,967	87,977	50,990			
(Del) & Subs	'25	205,893	*65,785	14,166	51,619			
12 mos ended Feb 28	'26 3,837,047	*1,236,190	563,885	672,305				
El Paso Elec Co	Feb '26	227,749	*92,411	13,337	79,074			
(Del) & Sub Cos	'25	203,849	*77,171	20,090	57,081			
12 mos ended Feb 28	'26 2,594,531	*943,484	184,442	759,042				
Honolulu Rapid	Feb '26	*81,353	*30,778	*11,004	19,774			
Transit Co, Ltd	'25	*85,510	*30,004	*11,054	18,950			
2 mos ended Feb 28	'26 165,979	*60,757	*22,002	38,755				
Mar '26	174,178	*59,052	*22,103	36,949				
Idaho Power Co	Mar '26	*90,425	*30,285	*10,883	20,726			
12 mos ended Mar 31	'25 252,471	*92,487	*33,006	59,481				
Interboro R T Co	Mar '26	262,559	*89,338	*32,985	56,353			
Lake Shore Elec	Feb '26	202,397	*98,280	56,417	41,863			
Ry System	'25	192,927	*93,166	57,716	35,450			
2 mos ended Feb 28	'26 2,858,845	*1,524,734	683,810	840,924				
New Bedford Gas	Mar '26	2,812,194	*1,450,426	749,015	701,411			
Edison Light Co	'25 5,512,614	2,045,504	1,350,011	695,493				
12 mos ended Mar 31	'25 25,553,651	1,663,071	1,288,928	374,143				
Penna Coal & Coke	Mar '26	45,980,808	16,572,922	11,908,619	3,664,303			
Corp & Subs	'25 43,811,226	13,758,606	11,588,873	2,169,733				
3 mos ended Mar 31	'26 252,216	39,557	35,019	4,738				
Ry System	'25 240,291	40,402	37,207	3,195				
2 mos ended Feb 28	'26 508,896	80,362	69,490	10,872				
New Bedford Gas	'25 504,928	88,198	74,424	13,774				
Edison Light Co	Mar '26	360,143	*109,102	g46,254	62,848			
12 mos ended Mar 31	'25 320,961	*113,657	g58,180	55,477				
Penna Coal & Coke	'26 4,030,263	*1,504,679	g596,937	907,742				
Corp & Subs	'25 3,646,667	*1,363,695	g613,649	700,046				
3 mos ended Mar 31	'26 521,160	*—4,592	g41,879	—46,471				
Corp & Subs	'25 475,197	*10,921	g41,831	—30,910				
3 mos ended Mar 31	'26 1,846,258	*107,568	g127,773	—20,205				
	'25 1,552,432	*—25,309	g133,375	—158,684				

	Gross Earnings.		Net after Taxes.		Fixed Charges.		Balance, Surplus.	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Companies.								
Portland Electric	Mar '26	984,612	399,655	210,876	188,779			
Power Co	'25	943,847	385,108	205,526	179,582			
12 mos ended Mar 31	'26 11,168,752	4,518,261	2,490,564	2,027,697				
Public Serv Corp	Mar '26	8,852,272	4,317,962	2,329,498	1,988,464			
of New Jersey	'25	7,690,862	-----	-----	-----			
12 mos ended Mar 31	'26 97,700,718	-----	-----	-----	-----			
Southern Calif	Mar '26	89,171,644	-----	-----	-----			
Edison Co	'25	1,956,392	1,185,093	494,747	688,346			
12 mos ended Mar 31	'26 1,821,961	1,145,125	406,969	739,156				
Tampa Elec Co &	Feb '26	25,431,234	17,069,782	6,076,846	10,932,936			
Sub Cos	'25	21,739,660	9,690,195	4,970,209	4,719,986			
12 mos ended Feb 28	'26 408,752	176,717	5,154	171,563				
Third Ave Ry	Mar '26	3,652,584	1,514,717	62,213	1,452,504			
System	'25	2,458,430	1,069,324	55,062	1,014,262			
9 mos ended Mar 31	'26 1,214,258	*221,144	222,208	—1,064				
	'25 1,224,937	*216,012	225,380	—9,368				
	'26 10,855,001	*2,002,725	2,022,687	—19,962				
	'25 10,783,857	*1,836,304	2,027,341	—191,037				

* Includes other income. g Includes depreciation. j Before taxes.
k Includes taxes.

	Month of March			12 Months End, March 31—		
Year—	Gross. \$	Net. \$	Surplus Aft. Chges. \$	Gross. \$	Net. \$	Surplus Aft. Chges. \$
Baton Rouge Electric Co—						
1926 -----	75,903	28,928	23,271	842,827	292,309	219,761
1925 -----	60,225	20,245	14,722	720,774	259,442	199,794
Blackstone Valley Gas & El Co & Sub Cos—						
1926 -----	472,681	160,309	113,723	5,209,585	1,947,079	1,495,179
1925 -----	403,532	149,624	115,635	4,728,071	1,675,246	1,226,909
Cape Breton El Co Ltd—						
1926 -----	48,007	6,619	797	563,873	90,467	21,556
1925 -----	48,229	5,589	—138	638,246	112,337	43,918
Col El & Pow Co & Sub Cos—						
1926 -----	285,170	162,513	91,011	2,981,814	892,784	527,253
1925 -----	217,798	83,834	61,366	2,384,592	1,031,670	765,201
Ed El III Co of Brockton—						
1926 -----	159,978	54,471	53,717	1,693,513	568,605	572,074
1925 -----	142,735	53,675	54,247	1,607,653	602,108	604,716
The El Lt & Pow Co of Ab & Rockland—						
1926 -----	45,693	2,645	2,485	558,971	106,000	101,674
1925 -----	38,247	4,841	4,451	448,215	66,082	62,799
El Paso El Co (Del) & Sub Cos—						
1926 -----	223,045	82,207	68,343	2,613,245	958,233	778,910
1925 -----	204,331	64,104	48,475	2,441,430	847,154	632,188
Fall River Gas Wks Co—						
1926 -----	82,315	16,439	16,437	997,502	242,216	239,253
1925 -----	79,516	15,969	15,909	1,008,620	261,949	260,671
Haverhill Gas Lt Co—						
1926 -----	56,352	8,921	8,917	653,353	135,021	134,914
1925 -----	45,645	5,868	5,659	624,594	148,865	148,456
Houghton Co El Lt Co—						
1926 -----	43,328	14,141	10,521	508,879	156,751	112,187
1925 -----	41,620	11,879	7,798	507,029	138,491	89,342
The Key West Elec Co—						
1926 -----	24,782	7,968	5,414	282,309	107,683	77,018
1925 -----	21,801	8,485	6,031	244,932	95,883	64,966
The Low El Lt Corp—						
1926 -----	142,880	41,604	40,178	1,651,802	566,270	561,235
1925 -----	136,662	47,431	47,140	1,554,856	530,497	519,000
North Tex El Co & Sub Cos—						
1926 -----	227,844	84,463	54,291	2,447,993	779,147	430,144
1925 -----	224,935	78,818	49,886	2,626,694	889,669	550,844
Puget Sd Pr & Lt Co & Sub Cos—						
1926 -----	1,095,013	415,447	207,301	12,998,718	4,949,736	2,681,031
1925 -----	1,045,562	415,182	235,320	12,564,455	4,643,560	2,614,567
Sav El & Pow Co—						
1926 -----	181,186	61,225	30,499	2,035,781	746,048	378,122
1925 -----	156,198	53,799	22,477	1,895,438	715,157	339,692
Sierra Pac Elec Co & Sub Cos—						
1926 -----	98,717	51,794	48,312	1,146,472	501,156	453,917
1925 -----	89,018	40,408	34,586	1,117,369	426,778	352,874
	Month of February			—12 Months Ending Feb. 28—		
Al Val G & E Co & Sub Cos—						
1926 -----	462,340	177,479	130,478	5,140,436	1,936,394	1,497,090
1925 -----	421,096	172,811	138,210	4,689,380	1,612,622	1,166,840

time that the dividend declared on the pref. stock is the 100th dividend on that stock, which is worthy of notice. While some of you will not be here, perhaps, I am hoping that the time may come when the 100th dividend regularly will be paid on the common stock. This is not a promise or a prediction, but it is a hope, and with some people expression of hope is almost equivalent to the expression of expectation.

Commenting upon general conditions as affecting the Steel Corporation, Judge Gary said:

Our business conditions are about the same as have been reported. We think, for the season of the year, especially in view of spring being so backward, that our business is very good. There is a little effort on the part of some one, representing perhaps some circles or some interests, to discourage business by suggestions that there is a substantial decrease. I do not think there is any real justification for that.

Of course, no one can predict with a feeling of certainty what is going to happen, but it does seem to me that the general business of this country is in very good shape, and that there is cause for congratulation, that there is so much business being transacted in this country, that the demand for everything of necessity and comfort is so great, and that there is plenty of money to pay for purchases. The present outlook for crops is good. That may change, and probably will as to some locations, but there is no reason to expect poor crops now, so far as our information goes.

Labor conditions are good. The feeling between employee and employer is as good, I think, as it has ever been in this country. Certainly much better than it has been at times. Employers and employees both are disposed to co-operate and do what they can for the benefit of the whole population.

It seems to me that the attitude of our Congress, taken as a whole, at the present time is very satisfactory. Of course, many things are said in Congress that ought not to be said, and frequently positions are taken that are not justified. But in general I think the majority of the members are striving to ascertain what is the real desire of the country at large and to act accordingly. Certainly the leaders of national affairs are doing everything that is practicable and proper to advance the best interests of the country. When we compare ourselves with other nations we ought not to be proud nor boastful, but very grateful.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31.

Net after Taxes, &c.—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
January*	\$13,810,149	\$13,027,058	\$14,771,103	\$10,561,241
February*	14,385,381	12,357,801	16,238,867	9,527,181
March*	16,865,755	14,498,133	19,065,475	14,691,647

Total (see x below)	\$45,061,285	\$39,882,992	\$50,075,445	\$34,780,069
Deduct—				
For sinking fund, deprec. and reserve funds—	14,317,715	13,848,770	13,274,972	12,252,744
Interest—	4,374,863	4,505,931	4,631,637	4,751,774
Prem. on bonds redeem.	293,750	323,000	250,000	257,500

Total deductions	\$18,986,328	\$18,677,701	\$18,156,609	\$17,262,018
Balance	\$26,074,957	\$21,205,291	\$31,918,836	\$17,518,050
Div. on pref. (1 3/4 %)	6,304,919	6,304,919	6,304,919	6,304,919
Div. on common (1 1/4 %)	8,895,293	8,895,293	8,895,293	8,895,293
do extra (1/2 %)	2,541,512	2,541,512	2,541,512	2,541,512

Balance, surplus.....	\$10,874,745	\$6,005,079	\$16,718,624	\$4,859,351
*After deducting interest on subsidiary co.'s bonds outstanding, viz.:				
	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.

January	\$699,059	\$655,853	\$685,765	\$698,547
February	698,314	655,698	684,507	698,070
March	696,803	655,221	684,022	697,989

*After deducting all expenses incident to operations, comprising those for ordinary repairs and maintenance of plants, estimated taxes (incl. estimate for Federal income taxes) and interest on bonds of subsidiary co.'s.

Unfilled Orders as Previously Reported (V. 122, p. 2126).

Mar. 31 1926. Dec. 31 1925.	Sept. 30 1925.	June 30 1925.	Mar. 31 1925.
4,379,935	5,033,364	3,717,297	3,710,458
—V. 122, p. 2343, 2206.			4,863,564

Kansas City Southern Railway.

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A complete annual report will be ready for distribution about May 15, which will be furnished stockholders and others upon application.

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Mileage operated—	865	854	842	842
Statistics—				
Passengers carried—	724,364	1,041,183	1,323,840	1,248,468
Pass. carried 1 mile—	51,675,305	59,875,457	70,450,352	63,233,107
Rev. per pass. per mile—	3.385 cts.	3.432 cts.	3.439 cts.	3.482 cts.
Rev. freight carr'd (tons)	7,303,324	6,958,838	7,046,132	5,465,179
Rev. fr't carr'd 1 mile—	1,592,310,943	1,542,245,437	1,684,014,389	1,507,755,528
Rev. per ton per mile—	1.095 cts.	1.098 cts.	1.074 cts.	1.084 cts.
Rev. per mile of road—	\$24,466	\$24,616	\$26,719	\$24,195

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPER. FOR YRS. ENDED DEC. 31.

[Kansas City Southern Ry., Texarkana & Fort Smith Ry.]

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Operating Revenues—				
Freight	\$17,439,572	\$16,927,685	\$18,086,262	\$16,336,125
Passenger	1,749,399	2,054,819	2,422,776	2,201,624
Mail, express, &c.	1,684,725	1,602,246	1,632,050	1,447,440
Incidental & joint facility	291,459	439,262	344,011	375,991

Gross revenues	\$21,165,155	\$21,024,012	\$22,485,099	\$20,361,180
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Operating Expenses—				
Maint. of way & struc.	\$2,843,100	\$2,972,755	\$3,547,641	\$2,562,346
Maint. of equipment	3,473,567	3,858,494	4,274,864	4,100,872
Traffic	634,671	577,128	533,644	502,350
Transportation	6,607,757	6,794,325	7,401,645	7,023,099
Miscellaneous operations	18,067	34,113	17,655	5,121
General	1,040,990	1,037,122	954,668	902,220
Transporta. for invest.	Cr. 32,267	Cr. 17,410	Cr. 21,306	Cr. 12,548

Total operating exps.	\$14,585,804	\$15,256,529	\$16,708,811	\$15,083,460
Net revenue	\$6,579,352	\$5,767,484	\$5,776,287	\$5,277,720
Taxes	1,350,568	1,280,811	1,435,907	1,315,676
Uncollectible revenues	9,713	5,292	10,310	5,524

Operating income	\$5,219,070	\$4,481,381	\$4,330,070	\$3,956,520
Rent from equipment	89,259	99,913	99,150	97,529
Joint facility rent income	172,996	165,754	171,018	145,171
Inc. from lease of road	935	880	891,302	1,252
Miscell. rent income	9,785	9,383	10,144	8,429
Misc. non-op. phys. prop	22,688	28,190	28,985	42,377
Dividend income	168,750	—	2,113	—
Inc. from funded secur.	11,388	960	Dr. 1,543	—
Inc. from unfund. secur. and accounts	77,535	157,335	110,388	94,900
Miscellaneous income	347	293	427	1,672

Total non-op. income.	\$553,683	\$462,710	\$1,312,174	\$391,714
Gross income	\$5,772,753	\$4,944,091	\$5,642,244	\$4,348,234

Deductions—				
Hire of fr't cars, deb. bal.	\$568,712	\$547,180	\$673,293	\$465,274
Rent for equipment	107,863	107,941	112,152	80,797
Joint facility rents	311,324	227,550	277,692	254,294
Rent for leased roads	161,578	125,414	30,637	—
Miscellaneous rents	611	654	983	—
Misc. tax accruals	2,832	106	119	Cr. 2,592
Int. on funded debt	2,062,832	1,899,587	1,856,527	1,864,308
Int. on unfunded debt	421,368	31,130	Cr. 103,652	79,027
Misc. income charges	22,333	22,724	21,059	20,596

Total deductions	\$3,659,454	\$2,962,287	\$2,868,810	\$2,761,703
Net income	\$2,113,299	\$1,981,803	\$2,773,434	\$2,586,531
Preferred divs. (4 %)	840,000	840,000	840,000	840,000

Income balance transferred to prof. & loss	\$1,273,299	\$1,141,803	\$1,933,434	\$746,531
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BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

[Kansas City Southern Ry., Texarkana & Fort Smith Ry.]

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities	1925.	1924.
Invest. in road & equipment	\$110,225,431	\$108,814,009	Common stock	\$29,959,900	\$29,959,900
Depos. in lieu of mtgd. prop. sold	4,247	1,026,731	Preferred stock	21,000,000	21,000,000
Misc. phys. prop	973,647	849,464	Grants in aid of construction	7,483	7,483
Inv. in affil. cos.:			1st M. 3 % g. bds	30,000,000	30,000,000
Stocks	2,030,208	2,016,208	Ref. & Imp. M. 5 %	21,000,000	18,000,000
Bonds	804,915	804,915	Equip. Trust No.	346,000	669,600
Notes	173,825	29	34 6 % notes	1,404,000	1,512,000
Advances	1,352,612	1,607,788	Equip. Tr. 5 1/2 %	15,236	18,283
Other investm'ts	10,328	1,010,328	Misc. fund. debt	—	—
Securs. in course of acquisition	25,092,863	—	Liab. & commit' ments in connection with secur. being acquired	19,337,510	—
Cash	1,685,537	1,775,150	U. S. Govt. bonds	—	1,014,119
Special deposits	1,113,556	2,279,815	Traf. & car-serv. bals. payable	736,526	638,209
Loans & bills rec.	2,253	191,129	Audited accts. & wages payable	1,957,054	2,082,081
Traf. & car serv. bals. rec'ble	718,419	490,735	Misc. accts. pay.	60,068	60,952
Net bal. rec. from agts. & cond'rs	250,274	102,052	Int. & divs. mat'd unpaid	570,518	499,338
Misc. accts. rec.	767,727	749,082	Unmatured divs.	—	—
Material & supp.	1,873,738	2,061,806	Int. & rents	562,134	542,449
Int. & divs. rec.	5,176	838	Other curr. liabil	122,020	110,077
Oth. cur. assets	13,490	8,757	Other def'd liab.	504,778	333,268
Work. fund advs.	15,671	13,571	Tax liability	1,407,612	1,324,035
Other def. assets	35,311	35,439	Acc'd depr. eq.	1,956,562	1,636,016
Rentals inv. prem paid in adv.	71,905	62,071	Other unad. cred	647,644	589,217
Disc. on fd. debt	—	2,550	Add'ns to prop. through incl. & surplus	418,416	400,609
Prop. aban. ch'd to oper. exps.	—	89,993	Appr. surpl. not spec. invested	771,245	721,276
U. S. Govt. income guar'ty	277,099	613,105	Prof. & loss cred. balance	15,064,688	14,305,984
Other accounts	641,212	848,532			
Total	\$148,139,443	\$125,454,898	Total	\$148,139,444	\$125,454,898

—V. 122, p. 1915, 1452.

The Studebaker Corporation, South Bend, Ind.

(Report for Quarter Ended March 31 1926.)

Pres. A. R. Erskine, April 24, says in brief:

The total net sales of the corporation and subsidiary companies for the quarter ending March 31 amounted to \$37,397,451, an increase of 6% over the same quarter last year. Net profits derived from sales, with other net income, after all charges, increased depreciation, and reserve for taxes, amounted to \$4,028,921, an increase of 12% over last year. These profits were at the rate of \$2.08 per share on the outstanding common stock, as compared with \$1.84 last year. Regular dividends of 1 1/4 % on the preferred and \$1.25 on the common stock were paid during the quarter, and remaining earnings of \$1,548,146 were carried to surplus. Preferred stock to the amount of \$155,000 was retired during the quarter, thereby reducing the amount outstanding to \$7,830,000.

Business in the second quarter is in good volume, and we expect it to exceed that of the first quarter.

RESULTS FOR THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31.

	1926.	1925.	1924.
Number of automobiles sold	30,573	29,937	29,435
Net sales	\$37,397,451	\$35,205,221	\$35,603,490
Net profit before taxes	4,605,727	4,113,817	4,036,620
Less reserve for income taxes	576,806	508,036	494,361

Net profits, all sources	\$4,028,921	\$3,605,781	\$3,542,259
Preferred dividends (1 1/4 %)	137,025	147,000	150,500
Common dividends	(\$1.25) 2,343,750	(\$1.1875) 1,875,000	(\$1.1875) 1,875,000

Balance to surplus	\$1,548,146	\$1,583,781	\$1,516,759
Previous surplus	33,409,038	30,212,603	24,533,734

x Profit and loss surplus	\$34,957,184	\$31,796,384	\$26,050,493
x Includes special surplus of \$5,670,000 as of March 31 1926. \$5,265,000 as of March 31 1925 and \$4,860,000 as of March 31 1924.			

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Assets—	Mar. 31 '26	Dec. 31 '25.	Mar. 31 '26	Dec. 31 '25.
Real est., build- ings, &c.	\$59,626,566	\$58,766,314	Preferred stock	\$7,830,000
Investments	763,656	331,775	Common stock	\$25,000,000
Sight drafts	5,943,925	1,979,628	Deposits on sales contracts	497,840
Inventories	29,412,902	29,182,376	Accounts pay'le	6,311,041
Acc'ts and notes rec'le, less res.	7,326,581	8,463,963	Reserve for Fed'l & Can. taxes	2,472,594
Deferred charges, insurance, &c.	455,529	558,694	Sundry creditors and reserves	4,168,320
Cash	9,441,046	11,635,695	Res. for conting.	3,000,000
Housing devel't	1,459,497	1,488,175	Special surplus account	5,670,000
Goodwill, patent rights, &c.	19,807,277	19,807,277	Surplus	29,287,154
Total	\$134,236,979	\$132,213,897	Total	\$134,236,979

a Plant and property at South Bend, Ind., Detroit, Mich., Walkerville, Ont., and at branches, Jan. 1 1926, \$67,477,592; plus additions during the year, less realizations, \$1,295,664; less total reserve for depreciation, \$9,146,690. b Preferred stock, 7 % cumulative, authorized, 150,000 shares of \$100 each, \$15,000,000, whereof issued \$13,500,000; less retired under provision of charter, \$5,670,000. c Represented by 1,875,000 shares of no par value.—V. 122, p. 1779, 1303.

Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry.

(75th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

President J. B. Hill reports in substance:

Results.—Revenue from the transportation of freight represented 72.16 % of the total operating revenue. Approximately 60 % of the freight tonnage, or 4,077,619 tons, originated on line. Revenue received from the transportation of passengers represented 20.1 % of the total revenues, which is only 0.3 % less than in each of the two preceding years.

Automobile Competition.—As highways improve, local travel is leaving the railway more and more for the private automobile and commercial bus line. While the number of passengers carried decreased 359,205 under the number carried in 1924, yet the average haul per passenger increased 10.5 miles and the average revenue per passenger increased 32 cents. The increase in through travel was no doubt due to the heavier movement to and from Florida.

Valuation of Property.—The final hearing before the I. S. C. Commission of protests to our tentative valuation was concluded March 5 1926. It is not known when the Commission will announce the final value of the property as determined by them.

Capital Stock.—No change has been made in the outstanding capital stock. Funded Debt.—The funded debt was decreased by payment of one note under Equipment Trust No. 42 for \$86,500, leaving 10 annual payments under this agreement to be made. Payment under equipment trust, series "B," in the amount of \$120,000, was also made, leaving 12 notes of this issue due annually. The annual installment of \$12,500 was paid May 1 1925 to the U. S. Government on the purchase of 5 decapod locomotives, with 4 annual payments yet to be made.

Additions and Betterments.—Expenditures for improvements were made during the year as follows: Roadway, \$1,354,753; equipment, \$246,792.

OPERATING STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Average miles operated.	1,259	1,259	1,259	1,258
Revenue tons carried.	6,820,302	6,935,048	7,336,264	5,994,427
Tons rev. fgt. carr. 1 m.	130,616,837	131,145,197	137,714,903	119,743,204
Tons carried one mile per mile of road (density).	1,131,743	1,124,793	1,190,752	1,029,238
Avg. rev. per rev. ton.	\$2.54	\$2.46	\$2.46	\$2.68
Avg. rev. per mile road.	\$13.755	\$13.539	\$14.326	\$12.757
No. of rev. pass. carried.	2,212,234	2,571,439	2,916,708	2,859,270
No. of rev. passengers carried one mile.	141,015,793	136,849,020	145,094,797	134,651,804
No. of rev. pass. carried 1 mile per mile of road.	112,003	108,701	115,293	106,990
Avg. amount received from each passenger.	\$2.19	\$1.87	\$1.74	\$1.64
Avg. rev. per pass. mile.	3.34 cts.	3.52 cts.	3.49 cts.	3.47 cts.
Av. rev. per mile of road.	\$3.840	\$3.825	\$4.021	\$3.717

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Operating Revenues—				
Freight	\$17,317,770	\$17,044,426	\$18,027,477	\$16,055,719
Passenger	4,834,798	4,815,185	5,060,565	4,678,037
Mail	630,327	624,489	592,827	580,876
Express	618,332	600,348	620,381	564,525
Miscellaneous	598,823	517,198	500,537	474,006
Railway oper. revenues	\$24,000,050	\$23,601,646	\$24,801,787	\$22,353,763
Operating Expenses—				
Maint. of way & struc.	\$3,486,474	\$3,573,811	\$4,405,882	\$3,339,580
Maint. of equipment	5,215,623	5,325,381	5,919,108	5,464,098
Traffic	946,124	914,280	883,475	818,197
Transportation	8,567,232	8,806,185	9,466,281	8,820,897
Miscellaneous	146,104	74,815	73,233	65,556
General	851,251	811,831	742,181	708,899
Transport'n for inv.—Cr.	27,712	25,334	37,113	9,339
Operating expenses	\$19,185,096	\$19,480,969	\$21,453,047	\$19,207,688
Net rev. from ry. oper.	\$4,814,954	\$4,120,676	\$3,348,740	\$3,146,075
Tax accruals	759,516	651,900	701,900	420,000
Uncollectibles	4,596	3,673	4,671	16,991
Operating income	\$4,050,842	\$3,465,103	\$2,642,169	\$2,709,083
Non-Oper. Income—				
Hire of equipment	Dr. 259,148	Dr. \$149,752	Cr. \$305,292	Cr. \$295,710
Joint facility rents, &c.	249,511	207,291	228,706	241,858
Inc. from lease of road.	801	801	801	801
Misc. physical property	51,810	48,630	40,113	124,219
Inc. from funded secur.	58,906	63,879	66,913	72,980
Inc. from unfund. secur.	130,116	77,411	108,514	107,103
Dividend income	11,670	10,610	6,944	4,130
Miscellaneous income	49,903			441
Gross income	\$4,344,412	\$3,723,975	\$3,399,454	\$3,556,326
Deductions—				
Joint facility rents				\$149,747
Rent for leased roads	\$806,506	\$806,506	\$806,506	\$806,506
Miscellaneous rents	1,817	1,580	1,067	734
Miscell. tax accruals	60,484	18,100	18,100	17,884
Interest on funded debt	929,216	940,556	943,699	900,219
Int. on unfund. debt	17,346	7,223	2,776	713
Dividends (7%)	1,120,000	1,120,000	1,120,000	1,120,000
Total deductions	\$2,935,370	\$2,888,466	\$2,890,648	\$2,995,804
Net income	\$1,409,042	\$835,509	\$508,806	\$560,522

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—				
Road & equipm't.	48,924,989	48,041,814		
Impts. on leased railway property	3,166,008	2,447,636		
Sinking funds		9,000		
Deposits in lieu of mtgd. prop. sold		2,486		
Misc. phys. prop.	710,859	603,463		
Inv. in affil. cos.	1,017,946	1,035,068		
Other investments	1,093,402	1,257,061		
Cash	1,808,954	1,737,475		
Demand loans and deposits	10,000	10,000		
Time drafts & dep.	716,000	760,000		
Loans & bills rec.	12,548	8,465		
Traf., &c., bal. rec.	315,818	274,073		
Balance from agts.	215,849	193,210		
Misc. accts. rec'le	1,016,883	950,012		
Materials & supp.	2,639,159	2,597,932		
Other curr. assets	33,661	29,966		
Working fund adv.	18,620	31,095		
Other def'd assets.	63,102	59,898		
Other unadj. debits	495,901	725,737		
Total	62,253,176	60,774,394		
Liabilities—				
Capital stock		16,000,000		16,000,000
Prem. on cap. stk.		10,480		10,480
Fund. debt unmat.		18,455,000		18,674,000
Traffic, &c., bals.		375,648		312,249
Vouchers & wages		1,896,717		2,073,089
Misc. accts. pay'le		58,503		44,969
Interest matured		3,800		12,360
Divs. matured		3,392		2,504
Funded debt matured, unpaid				9,000
Unmat. int. acer'd		243,237		247,466
Other curr. liabil.		72,795		44,889
Deferred liabilities		15,255		8,315
Tax liability		188,056		203,651
Prem. on fund. debt		101,395		101,395
Acrr. depr'n. equip.		7,141,974		6,749,162
Acrr. depr'n. misc.				
Physical prop'y		42,481		38,663
Other unadj. cred.		943,583		899,643
Add'n to property thru inc. & surp.		363,095		362,987
Profit and loss		16,367,665		14,979,571
Total		62,253,176		60,774,394

Note.—Contingent liabilities: (a) L. & N. Terminal Co. 50-year 4% gold bonds outstanding endorsed by N. C. & St. L. Ry. and L. & N. RR. Co., \$2,601,000. (b) Memphis Union Station Co. 1st M. 5% gold bonds guar. by N. C. & St. L. Ry. and other interested railroad companies, \$2,500,000. (c) Paducah & Illinois RR. Co. 1st M. 4½% gold bonds endorsed by N. C. & St. L. Ry. and O. & C. R. RR. Co., \$4,285,000. (d) Fruit Growers' Express Co.'s obligations for purchase of facilities and lease of cars, 4 annual installments of \$19,509 with interest at 6% guaranteed by N. C. & St. L. (Maximum principal liability), \$78,034; grand total, \$9,464,034.—V. 122, p. 2036, 1759.

Pittsburgh & West Virginia Ry. Co.

(9th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

Chairman F. E. Taplin, Pittsburgh, March 31, reports in brief:

The operating revenue shows an increase of \$700,000, or 16% over the preceding year, while the operating expenses, notwithstanding, remained about the same. The result of this saving is that the operating ratio was reduced to 61% for the year 1925, against 70% for the year 1924, and 79% for the year 1923. This was not accomplished at the expense of good maintenance, but by greater efficiency. As a matter of fact, more money was spent on maintenance of way than during the preceding year. \$542,000 was spent on car repairs in 1925, against \$415,000 in 1924, due to rebuilding a large number of coal hopper cars; there remains yet to be done in 1926 the rebuilding of several hundred more cars before the equipment is in the proper condition.

1,400 new cars have been purchased since Dec. 1 1925 at a cost of approximately \$2,500,000, against which has been sold \$2,000,000 4½% 15-year equipment notes (V. 122, p. 1023).

We aim to keep the road and equipment in the best possible condition, to take care of a large volume of coal traffic when this develops, which we trust will not be delayed a great while longer, although the Jacksonville agreement with the United Mine Workers of America runs until April 1 1927. In the meantime we are devoting our efforts to securing merchandise shipments with the following results:

	Coal.	Merchandise.	Total.
1923	72%	28%	100%
1924	62%	38%	100%
1925	50%	50%	100%

Great credit is due the traffic department in this matter. The cash position of the company is strong again, after retiring \$9,100,000 pref. stock one year ago and the prospects for earnings during 1926 are good, notwithstanding the exceedingly poor outlook in the coal end of the traffic.

A plan was evolved for a change of capital structure by the issuance of pref. stock, but, in view of the qualified approval of the I.-S. C. Commission, it was deemed advisable to abandon the plan, and in lieu thereof to place the stock on a 6% dividend basis. (V. 120, p. 1870, 1916.)

During the year the net increase of investment in road and equipment was \$13,235.

COMBINED INCOME ACCOUNTS OF PITTSBURGH & WEST VA. AND WEST SIDE BELT RR. FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Railway oper. revenue	\$4,856,384	\$4,164,733	\$3,844,587	\$2,835,601
Railway oper. expenses	2,967,268	2,901,327	3,020,328	2,236,824
Net revenue	\$1,889,116	\$1,263,406	\$824,259	\$598,777
Railway tax accruals	561,327	498,228	481,112	365,285
Uncoll. ry. revenues	647	300	46	17
Ry. oper. income	\$1,327,142	\$764,877	\$343,101	\$233,474
Dividend income		220,000	720,000	560,000
Hire & rent of equip. (net)	782,291	812,073	979,483	564,229
Inc. from sec. & accts.	299,519	437,746	44,597	50,556
Miscellaneous income	40,114	215,070	42,237	30,327
Gross income	\$2,449,067	\$2,449,767	\$2,129,418	\$1,438,587
Deduct—Interest, &c.	132,839	22,727	120	69
Dividends (6%)		542,260	544,242	544,242
Rent for leased road	397,491	302,617	253,275	161,136
Miscellaneous charges	20,258	4,401	150	134
Balance, surplus	\$1,898,478	\$1,577,762	\$1,331,632	\$733,005

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—				
Inv. in road & eq.	32,893,637	32,880,400		
Misc. phys. prop.	281,669	344,642		
Inv. in affil. cos.				
Stks.—Pitts. Ter.				
Coal Corp.	149,062	4,048,159		
Stk.—W.S.B.R.R.	68,333	68,333		
Adv.—W.S.B.R.R.	5,255,415	5,255,415		
Notes—W. S. B.				
RR.	1,064,585	1,064,585		
Stocks—P. & C. C.				
RR.	1	1		
Other investments	100,076			
Mat'l & supplies	192,913	235,315		
Bal. from agts. &c.	7,310	6,925		
Loans & bills rec.	2,507,907	479,846		
Special deposits	5,360	2,500		
Traffic, &c., bals.	329,311	146,521		
Misc. accts. rec.	181,655	96,868		
Int. & disc. rec.	417			
Adv. in transit	5,228	2,776		
Deferred assets	1,460	1,178		
Unadjusted debits	582,612	594,814		
Total	43,626,952	47,962,288		
Liabilities—				
Common stock		30,235,100		30,235,100
Equip. trust cts.		2,700,000		3,000,000
Traf., &c., bals. pay.		136,024		235,215
Accts. & wages pay.		314,985		380,888
Misc. accts. pay.		13,826		9,826
Divs. mat'd unpd		417		37,938
Int. mat'd unpd		427		
Unmat'd int. acer.		20,250		22,500
Negot. rec. for coal company stock		149,062		3,920,700
Unred. pref. stock par & prem.)		4,515		2,602,740
Deferred liabilities		1,435		
Other liabilities		25,853		44,823
Tax liabilities		505,328		357,859
Operating reserves				1,163
Accrued depreciation equipment		686,771		635,117
Unadjusted credits		4,233,599		4,199,976
Additions to property through income & surplus		131,936		131,162
Profit and loss balance		4,467,429		2,147,292
Total		43,626,952		47,962,288

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a Includes \$4,579 for pref. stock redemption.—V. 122, p. 2036, 1916.

Long Island Railroad Co.

(44th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

President W. W. Atterbury, New York, April 7, wrote in substance:

Income.—Total operating revenue increased \$1,791,407, or 5.1% over the preceding year.

Passenger.—The number of rail passengers carried was 100,922,813, an increase of 8.5%. The total number of passengers carried in and out of Pennsylvania Station in 1925 was 39,038,975, an increase of 18.7% over 1924, and the traffic to and from that station continues to show a larger increase in growth compared with Flatbush and other points.

The number of passengers carried on commutation, family and school tickets increased 11.5% over the preceding year, representing 64% of the total passengers carried but only 42% of the passenger revenue.

The growth of commutation business within the City of Greater New York continues to emphasize the urgent need of rapid transit lines in the Boroughs of Queens and Brooklyn to relieve the congested terminals of this company. This company's application for increase in commutation rates is still pending before the Transit and Public Service Commissions.

Freight.—Freight tonnage was 8,016,763, an increase of 5%. Notwithstanding the strike in the anthracite region, fuel tonnage decrease only 1.1%. Tonnage of products of the soil and sea moved from Long Island points was slightly in excess of the preceding year, while building material tonnage increased 15%. The number of buildings of all kinds erected in Queens, Nassau and Suffolk Counties was slightly less than the preceding year.

165 new industries located along the line of your road as compared with 140 the preceding year.

Operating Expenses, Taxes, Joint Facility Rents.—Operating expenses increased 1.1%. The large increase in maintenance of way and structures expenses was more than offset by the decrease in transportation expenses, due chiefly to the adjustment of Pennsylvania Station joint transportation operating expenses under the Transit Commission order.

Taxes amounted to \$2,185,104, an increase of \$615,370, or 39%, \$415,000 of which increase was Federal income tax. Taxes represent 6% of railway operating revenue and 22% of net revenue from operation.

The decrease in joint facility rents was due chiefly to the adjustment of the rental of facilities in Pennsylvania Station as a result of the Transit Commission's decision.

Fixed Charges.—Deductions from gross income increased \$161,008. The major portion of this increase was in the interest paid on unfunded debt, \$142,428, attributable to real estate mortgages payable (matured), and interest on advances. Rent for leased roads decreased \$74,716, due to the merger of New York Brooklyn & Manhattan Beach Ry. with this company on June 1 1925.

Net Results.—The net income for the year shows a substantial improvement over the preceding year, but it will be noted that the major portion of the improvement resulted from the adjustments above referred to for the use of Pennsylvania tunnels and station heretofore charged under the agreement in effect between both companies, but which charges were not approved by the Transit Commission. The remainder of the increase was due to increased business and operating efficiency.

The net result for the year was credited to profit and loss and against that account were charged the heavy losses incurred by the company in connection with its ownership of the traction lines. Nevertheless, it is a great satisfaction to record that for the first time in 26 years the profit and loss account has changed from the debit to the credit side, the amount to the credit of that account at the close of the year being over \$810,000.

Road and Equipment Improvements.—The net increase in investment in road and equipment was \$14,338,701, of which \$9,658,621 represents the acquisition of the New York Brooklyn & Manhattan Beach Ry., and the balance represents the net amount expended to give better service to the public in the way of new facilities, equipment and electrification.

Subsidiary Trolley Lines.—The Glen Cove RR. proceedings in voluntary dissolution have been concluded and the receiver discharged.

The Nassau County Ry. discontinued operations on Dec. 31 1924. The proceedings in voluntary dissolution are under way.

The Long Island Electric Ry. and the New York & Long Island Traction Co. were sold under foreclosure early in 1926. Company was interested in these trolley lines through holdings of securities of its Long Island Consolidated Electrical Companies, and advances made directly to these lines to keep them in operation. These lines were purchased, or built, to give more service to the public and increase the earnings and protect your property. The use of motors and trucks on improved highways made them very unprofitable. They are the chief reason for the heavy charge to profit and loss of \$2,000,000, as the investment has been entirely wiped out through dissolution or foreclosure, and, together with the New York Brooklyn & Manhattan Beach Ry. Co. merger, are largely responsible for the decreases in "Investments in affiliated companies." The communities have had the benefit of these lines, but the burden of the losses is thrown on the Long Island RR., and there is no source to which it can look for recoupment or to bear at least a part of the large outlays.

Kaufman Act Electrification.—In 1923 the so-called "Kaufman Act" became a law. It prohibited the use of any motive power, except electricity, in the operation of railroads within New York City after Jan. 1 1926. The Legislature, in 1925, passed an Act extending the time referred to for a period of 3 years. The Governor vetoed this bill.

Company, in conjunction with other railroad companies affected, procured from the U. S. District Court in the latter part of Dec. 1925 an order temporarily restraining interference with the operation and management of your railroad and with the conduct of its business by reason of its failure to comply with this electrification law. Argument in the matter has not yet been had, and the proceedings are still pending in the Federal Court.

Grade Crossings.—In Nov. 1925 an amendment to the New York State Constitution was adopted by the people providing that the Legislature may authorize the creation of a State debt not exceeding in the aggregate \$300,000,000, to provide moneys for elimination under State supervision of railroad crossings at grade within the State, at the expense of the State, railroad companies, cities, towns and villages. Of the expense of a grade crossing elimination to which any of the proceeds of such a debt are applied 25% shall be borne by the State, 25% by the city, town or village and 50% by the railroad company.

Legislation to make effective the amendment to the Constitution referred to was passed by the Legislature before adjournment April 23. Such legislation prescribes the method of eliminating existing grade crossings under the new conditions established by the adoption of the grade crossing amendment referred to. This legislation would affect approximately 600 grade crossings on this railroad, the total cost of eliminating which would approximate \$95,000,000.

Funds for Improvements.—Company again found it necessary to rely on the Pennsylvania RR. for loans to carry on the capital expenditures to improve the property and equipment and eliminate grade crossings. In the important program for additional work in 1926 it must look to the same source to provide the funds. Company has been unable to pay the Pennsylvania RR. any dividend on its holdings of almost all of the outstanding capital stock, and, in addition, is prevented from paying a full rental for the use of the Pennsylvania Station and Tunnels. The Long Island RR. is not receiving a proper return on the fair value of the road and equipment investment it has provided for public use. It cannot, therefore, provide the facilities or service it desires to furnish, and, consequently the public is compelled to submit to overcrowding and other inconveniences which the company would gladly attempt to overcome if its net results were adequate. No greater aid to the development and prosperity of Long Island exists than the Long Island RR., and yet it does not sufficiently share in the prosperity it creates through its passenger and freight service, tax payments, supply purchases, and the work it gives to thousands of citizens. Indeed, in its efforts to add to Long Island's prosperity it is often arrested by those who do not realize that ample freight and passenger transportation facilities are the sure road to increasing the wealth of the island and of Greater New York City. Company serves such a rich territory that its net returns should be ample in every year to attract the necessary capital on Long Island to finance the improvement and expansion of its railroad, stations and equipment.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Mileage operated.....	397	397	397	397
No. of pass. carried.....	100,922,813	92,991,010	86,166,896	79,656,891
No. pass. carr'd 1 mile.....	157,336,916	143,596,563	134,075,395	123,916,160
Avg. rev. fr. each pass.....	23.9 cts.	23.8 cts.	24.0 cts.	24.1 cts.
Av. rev. p. pass. p. mile.....	1.536 cts.	1.536 cts.	1.554 cts.	1.551 cts.
Revenue tons carried.....	8,016,763	7,637,851	7,917,977	6,027,860
Rev. tons carr'd 1 mile.....	163,293,728	160,730,558	171,100,792	134,569,409
Average revenue per ton.....	\$1.32	\$1.33	\$1.32	\$1.48
Av. rev. p. ton p. mile.....	6.493 cts.	6.326 cts.	6.128 cts.	6.626 cts.

OPERATING RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Revenues—				
Freight.....	\$10,603,283	\$10,205,163	\$10,511,943	\$8,937,569
Passenger.....	24,162,883	22,143,572	20,732,638	19,250,024
Mail, express, &c.....	2,103,126	2,729,150	2,840,838	2,763,948
Total oper. revenues.....	\$36,869,292	\$35,077,885	\$34,085,419	\$30,951,540
Operating Expenses—				
Maint. of way & struc.....	\$5,446,210	\$4,418,567	\$4,189,220	\$3,317,775
Maint. of equipment.....	6,166,480	5,733,044	5,745,004	5,118,248
Traffic expenses.....	294,110	261,244	267,709	241,778
Transportation.....	14,099,458	15,337,177	14,567,095	13,591,051
Miscellaneous operations.....	130,148	140,501	189,594	246,783
General.....	853,143	797,078	785,677	690,297
Transp. for inv.—Cr.....	17,517	7,757	7,211	5,115
Operating expenses.....	\$26,972,032	\$26,680,854	\$25,737,089	\$23,173,819
Net earnings.....	\$9,897,260	\$8,397,031	\$8,348,332	\$7,777,721
Uncollectible revenues.....	25,226	23,702	11,417	30,570
Taxes.....	2,185,104	1,569,734	1,788,318	1,795,861
Operating income.....	\$7,686,930	\$6,803,595	\$6,548,596	\$5,951,290
Hire of equipment.....	749,022	651,718	955,068	555,100
Joint facilities rents (net).....	361,037	1,612,883	1,591,562	428,737
Net ry. oper. income.....	\$6,576,870	\$4,538,994	\$4,001,966	\$4,967,454
Non-operating income.....	629,518	642,844	1,075,128	585,313
Gross income.....	\$7,206,388	\$5,181,837	\$5,077,094	\$5,552,767
Deduct—				
Rents for leased roads.....	\$104,084	\$178,801	\$178,801	\$204,547
Miscellaneous rents.....	168,496	140,025	167,449	283,851
Miscell. tax accruals.....	22,553	16,302	19,170	14,238
Int. on funded debt.....	2,624,828	2,564,722	2,465,924	2,457,083
Int. on unfunded debt.....	415,436	273,008	556,441	376,302
Miscellaneous charges.....	31,345	32,866	33,179	51,717
Net income.....	\$3,839,646	\$1,976,114	\$1,656,559	\$2,165,028
Profit and loss debit.....	\$1,006,826	\$2,969,208	\$4,580,762	\$6,323,138
Add—Net deb. during yr.....	2,022,668	13,731	64,575	402,652
Additions to property through inc. & surp.....	—	Cr. 544,340	Cr. 481,064	Cr. 438,468
Amount to credit of profit and loss.....	\$810,153	def\$462,486	def\$2,488,144	def\$4,122,294

Chiefly writing off losses incurred in connection with the Long Island consolidated Electrical Companies, New York & Long Island Traction, &c.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Road & equip.....	\$11,266,088	\$9,927,387	Capital stock.....	\$4,110,250
mpts. on leased rail property.....	—	6,622,500	Funded debt (see "Ry. & Ind." Section).....	49,747,433
Equip. in lieu of mtg. prop. sold.....	776,835	304,497	Penn. RR. Co. advances.....	6,243,417
Misc. phys. prop. in affil. cos.....	489,538	386,689	Equip. tr. oblig. Real est. mtgs.....	9,243,475
Stocks.....	765,968	2,017,006	Real est. mtgs.....	282,500
Bonds.....	243,089	287,000	Accts. & wages.....	1,579,521
Notes.....	1,050,884	1,358,878	Traf. &c. bails.....	2,454,693
Advances.....	76,630	2,346,462	Matured int.....	3,387,117
Other investm'ts.....	476,838	510,048	Fund. debt mat. tured, unpaid.....	1,631,082
Cash.....	854,351	744,895	Accrued interest and rents.....	688,408
Special deposits.....	164,474	165,297	Miscellaneous.....	337,023
Ref. &c., bal.....	76,829	62,728	Taxes.....	657,485
Agents & cond's.....	1,016,565	937,807	Insur. &c., res.....	339,736
Mat'l's & supp.....	2,107,418	2,631,329	Other'd deprec'n.....	8,234,996
Receivable.....	25,751	44,988	Other fund/just. accounts.....	1,187,161
Loans & bills rec.....	—	1,010	Def. liabilities.....	154,458
Miscellaneous.....	965,857	1,593,042	Add'ns to prop. thr. inc. & sur.....	611,003
Oth. unadj. accts.....	803,611	439,908	P. & L. balance.....	101,153
Deferred assets.....	559,186	204,189		
Deficit.....	—	462,486		
Total.....	\$121,719,912	\$118,049,051	Total.....	\$121,719,912

—V. 122, p. 2036, 1452.

Fonda, Johnstown & Gloversville RR. (55th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Operating Revenue—				
Freight revenue.....	\$453,288	\$454,615	\$569,014	\$487,220
Passenger, steam divis.....	36,978	39,038	51,811	42,105
Passenger, elec. divis.....	689,449	722,405	778,124	816,465
Mail, express, &c.....	66,129	63,807	72,269	63,858
Total oper. revenue.....	\$1,245,843	\$1,279,865	\$1,471,210	\$1,409,648
Operating Expenses—				
Maint. of way & struc.....	\$165,077	\$164,159	\$165,596	\$166,202
Maint. of equipment.....	149,363	147,509	167,015	129,941
Traffic expenses.....	7,936	7,518	7,581	9,187
Power.....	68,948	70,880	88,571	74,570
Transportation.....	351,051	361,643	394,409	368,181
General expenses.....	78,782	84,172	85,523	82,100
Total oper. expenses.....	\$821,157	\$835,882	\$898,695	\$830,481
Net rev. from ry. oper.....	\$424,687	\$443,983	\$572,524	\$579,167
Railway tax accruals.....	86,200	92,235	94,713	76,265
Railway oper. income.....	\$338,487	\$351,748	\$477,811	\$502,903
Miscellaneous income.....	20,414	18,791	21,439	18,440
Non-operating income.....	65,121	62,347	62,479	50,315
Gross income.....	\$424,021	\$432,886	\$561,728	\$571,657
Deductions.....	381,068	377,588	392,259	382,642
Divs. on preferred stock.....	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Bal. to profit & loss.....	\$12,954	\$25,298	\$139,469	\$159,014

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Invest. in rd. and equip.....	\$10,210,791	\$10,201,907	Common stock.....	\$2,500,000
Imprvts. on leased railway prop.....	23,270	24,379	Preferred stock.....	500,000
Miscel. phys. prop.....	441,267	439,686	Funded debt.....	7,900,000
Invest. in affil. co.....	227,044	227,044	Loans & bills pay.....	155,000
Other invest.....	8,600	8,600	Accts. payable.....	141,902
Cash.....	57,943	49,796	Acct. liabilities.....	72,774
Loans & bills rec.....	14,245	12,237	Unadj. credits.....	Dr. 11,354
Accts. receivable.....	60,781	56,913	Acc. deprec.....	\$66,950
Materials & suppl.....	124,583	112,961	Surplus.....	434,015
Deferred assets.....	30,591	14,225		
Disc. on fund. debt.....	158,687	164,601		
Unadj. debits.....	131,520	70,804		
Total.....	\$11,479,323	\$11,383,545	Total.....	\$11,479,323

—V. 120, p. 2543, 2263.

Florida East Coast Railway Co. (Flagler System). (Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Average miles operated.....	776	763	764	764
Tons freight carried.....	4,230,580	3,300,453	2,504,779	1,878,372
Tons carried one mile.....	978,744,175	728,361,701	556,630,650	422,728,890
Avg. rev. per ton per m.....	1.641 cts.	1.641 cts.	1.691 cts.	1.802 cts.
Passengers carried.....	1,394,559	1,044,508	964,624	851,996
Pass. carried one mile.....	260,801,308	154,561,740	122,431,351	100,366,132
Av. rev. per pass. per m.....	3.751 cts.	3.701 cts.	3.753 cts.	3.758 cts.

Our usual comparative income account was published in V. 122, p. 2323.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Inv. in road and equip.....	\$9,980,589	\$8,975,047	Common stock.....	\$7,500,000
Dep. in lieu of prop.....	25,121	8,694	Equip. obligations.....	6,800,000
Miscel. phys. prop.....	256,100	178,428	1st mtg. bonds.....	12,000,000
Impts. on leased railway property.....	4,075	5,042	1st & ref. m. bonds.....	30,000,000
Inv. in affil. cos.....	—	—	Traffic & car serv. balances payable.....	1,204,575
Stocks.....	224,699	224,699	Audited accts. and wages payable.....	3,949,031
Advances.....	303,672	301,534	Int. mat'd unpaid.....	16,040
Other investments.....	2,157,997	2,159,247	Miscell. accts. pay.....	30,502
Cash.....	4,003,420	9,417,953	Unmat'd int. acce.....	599,187
Special deposits.....	7,484,331	45,532	Unmat. rents acce.....	10,988
Time drafts & dep.....	700,000	1,000,000	Other curr. liabils.....	58,227
Loans & bills rec.....	1,224,904	1,654,681	U. S. Govt. def. liabilities.....	—
Agts. & conductors.....	806,487	278,018	Other def. liabils.....	1,044
Miscell. accts. rec.....	906,816	682,928	Other def. liabils.....	411,531
Mat'l & supplies.....	4,267,002	2,888,821	Acce. deprec. on eq.....	665,073
Int. & divs. receiv.....	3,036	3,036	Acce. deprec. on eq.....	2,578,173
Rents receivable.....	8,750	8,750	Tax liability.....	533,352
Working fund adv.....	4,125	3,853	Oth. unadj. credits.....	130,222
Other curr. assets.....	41,738	—	Additions to property through income & surplus.....	342,591
Unadjusted debits.....	2,826,845	1,401,242	Profit and loss.....	18,400,113
Total.....	\$115,229,706	\$9,237,509	Total.....	\$115,229,706

—V. 122, p. 2323, 1758.

Ford Motor Co. of Canada, Ltd.

(Report for Five Months Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

PRODUCTION FOR STATED PERIODS.

	5 Mos. End. Dec. 31 '25.	Years Ended July 31—	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.
Cars.....	26,885	70,816	79,807	70,328	70,328
Tractors.....	2,298	4,543	3,785	3,395	3,395

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR STATED PERIODS.

	5 Mos. End. Dec. 31 '25.	Years Ended July 31— 1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.
Total sales & other inc.....	\$16,194,142	\$40,488,812	\$43,459,138	\$38,556,183
Expenses, incl. maint., operation and taxes.....	15,219,825	34,356,485	39,739,951	33,449,986
Net profits.....	\$974,317	\$6,132,327	\$3,719,188	\$5,106,198
Previous surplus.....	24,001,213	19,609,861	16,594,170	12,537,973
Total surplus.....	\$24,975,530	\$25,742,189	\$20,313,358	\$17,644,170
Dividends paid.....	(10%) 700,000	(20) 140,000	(10) 700,000	(15) 150,000
Adj. of prev. yrs. inc. tax.....	-----	975	3,497	-----
Reserve for contingencies.....	-----	340,000	-----	-----
Profit & loss, surplus.....	\$24,275,530	\$24,001,213	\$19,609,861	\$16,594,170

Alabama Great Southern RR. Co.

(49th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

CORPORATE INCOME STATEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Operating Revenues—				
Freight.....	\$7,799,556	\$7,401,183	\$8,051,920	\$6,171,637
Passenger.....	2,000,339	2,065,295	2,159,451	1,845,890
Mail, express, &c.....	636,663	603,139	614,241	493,948
Incidental & jt. facility.....	Dr 3,287	23,832	27,607	13,329
Total oper. revenues.....	\$10,433,271	\$10,093,450	\$10,853,219	\$8,524,804
Operating Expenses—				
Maint. of way & struc.....	\$1,345,526	\$1,439,706	\$1,267,688	\$994,417
Maint. of equipment.....	1,883,124	2,084,705	2,301,856	1,737,193
Traffic.....	255,060	248,618	261,346	217,624
Transportation.....	3,100,422	3,178,754	3,519,753	3,266,259
Miscell. operations.....	81,242	82,440	76,431	65,888
General.....	285,785	301,070	289,347	285,239
Transport. for inv.—Cr.....	9	21	44	859
Total oper. expenses.....	\$6,951,150	\$7,335,272	\$7,716,378	\$6,565,760
Net rev. from operations.....	\$3,482,122	\$2,758,178	\$3,136,841	\$1,959,044
Taxes.....	717,973	554,690	641,842	490,600
Uncollectible revenues.....	3,274	3,521	4,909	3,848
Hire of equipment.....	Cr 413,061	Cr 429,078	Cr 124,203	Cr 178,335
Joint facility rents.....	174,655	141,967	144,750	159,021
Operating income.....	\$2,999,281	\$2,487,078	\$2,469,543	\$1,483,909
Non-Operating Income—				
Miscell. rent income.....	\$10,872	\$9,990	\$8,552	\$7,024
Income from rail leased.....	9,999	4,326	6,424	5,658
Dividend income.....	407,604	137,388	134,974	137,526
Inc. from funded & unfunded securities.....	210,684	164,895	162,891	142,611
Miscellaneous income.....	2,142	15,002	10,625	22,651
Gross income.....	\$3,640,581	\$2,818,680	\$2,793,010	\$1,799,379
Deductions—				
Rent for leased road.....	\$19,451	\$19,451	\$19,451	\$19,450
Miscellaneous rents.....	155	192	190	147
Separately oper. prop.....	—	—	209,162	189,740
Int. on unfunded debt.....	1,538	2,675	2,267	1,094
Miscell. income charges.....	6,867	3,774	5,809	1,341
Interest on funded debt.....	475,944	475,944	475,944	475,944
Int. on equip. obligations.....	138,287	153,387	49,747	29,232
7% preferred dividends.....	236,625	253,526	236,625	236,625
7% ordinary dividends.....	548,100	587,250	548,100	548,100
Bal. car. to cr. of p. & l. Dec. 31 1925, shows: Credit balance Dec. 31 1924, \$9,236,448; add credit balance of income for the year 1925, \$2,213,623; net miscellaneous debits, \$56,282; credit balance Dec. 31 1925, \$11,393,788.—V. 121, p. 2999.				

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS.

STEAM RAILROADS.

Railroad Executives Call Upon President Coolidge to Urge Passage of Watson-Parker Railway Labor Bill.—Say workers support it and that no other machinery now exists for handling disputes over wages.—New York "Times" April 25, Sec. 1, p. 7.

Car Surplus.—Class I railroads on April 15 had 284,396 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service, according to reports filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. This was an increase of 10,177 cars over the number reported on April 8. Surplus coal cars in good repair on April 15 totaled 130,152, an increase of 3,068 within approximately a week while surplus box cars in good repair totaled 107,127, an increase of 7,448 during the same period. Reports also showed 25,186 surplus stock cars, a decrease of 1,133 under the number reported on April 8. Whole surplus refrigerator cars totaled 13,345, an increase of 725 cars compared with the same previous period.

Car Shortage.—Practically no car shortage is being reported.

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—Fresno Interurban Control.

The I.-S. C. Commission on April 19 approved the acquisition by the Atchison of control of the Fresno Interurban Ry. by purchase of its capital stock, and control of its railroad by lease.

The report of the Commission says in part:

"The Fresno was incorporated in 1914 in California. It owns and operates a single-track standard-gauge railroad approximately 17½ miles in length extending from a connection with the applicant's line at Fresno in a general easterly direction to a point about 2 miles northwest of Minkler, all in Fresno County, Calif. Its line has been heretofore operated as an electric interurban railway. Steam motive power is used during periods of heavy traffic. Operation of a portion of the line was commenced in 1916. It has been extended from time to time in accordance with the original construction plans, and it is represented that the remainder of the line into Minkler will be completed within a reasonable time, the right of way having been acquired for that purpose.

"The Fresno has been controlled since 1921 by the Santa Fe Land Improvement Co. The outstanding capital stock of the Fresno consists of 350 shares of common, par \$100. The applicant proposes to acquire this stock, except directors' qualifying shares, from the Land company at par for cash. The Land company owns the entire outstanding bonded indebtedness of the Fresno, consisting of \$149,300 of matured first mortgage bonds. Up to Nov. 30 1925 the Land company had also advanced to the Fresno \$145,000, which has been used for additions and betterments. The applicant will purchase the investment of the Land company in the aforesaid mortgage bonds and cash advances for approximately \$315,000, which amount represents such investment with interest at the rate of 6%. No securities are to be issued at this time in connection with the proposed acquisition. The Fresno's investment in road and equipment, less depreciation, as of June 30 1925, was \$461,767. It is represented that this amount is substantially the actual value of the properties.

"The applicant proposes to operate the Fresno line under a lease to be executed after the approval of this application. By the terms of the proposed lease the Fresno leases its line of railroad and appurtenances to the applicant, its successors, and assigns, for the term of 10 years, and thereafter from year to year, subject to the right of either party to terminate the lease upon 90 days' notice. The applicant agrees to pay all interest which during the term of the lease shall accrue upon any indebtedness, except to the applicant, incurred by the Fresno with the applicant's consent; all taxes, assessments and governmental charges which shall accrue during the term upon the demised properties; all rentals and other sums which the Fresno shall become liable to pay during the term under any lease or agreement existing on the date the Fresno shall turn its railroad over to the applicant relating to the use of any facilities or appurtenances of the demised railroad, or under any lease or agreement which during the term may be made by the Fresno with the consent of the applicant; and all expenses necessarily incurred by the Fresno in maintaining and perpetuating its organization. The applicant further agrees to waive all interest which shall accrue during the term upon evidences of indebtedness of the Fresno owned by the applicant, except interest properly chargeable to capital account on the books of the Fresno for funds advanced by the applicant."—V. 122, p. 2324, 2178.

Atlanta & West Point RR.—New Director.

W. R. Cole, President of the Louisville & Nashville RR., has been elected a director, to succeed the late W. L. Mapother.—V. 122, p. 345.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Control of Cincinnati Indianapolis & Western Approved.

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to acquire control of the Cincinnati Indianapolis & Western RR. by purchase of its capital stock. The B. & O., which had applied for authority to obtain control of not less than 80% of the shares, will pay \$24.50 a share for the pref. and \$14.50 for the common stock, or a total of \$2,086,500.—V. 122, p. 1605, 1451.

Boston & Maine RR.—Chairman of Board, &c.—

Homer Loring has been elected Chairman of the Board. He is also Chairman of the executive committee. The other members of this committee are W. Rodman Peabody, Thomas Nelson Perkins, Reginald Foster, T. Jefferson Coolidge and George von L. Meyer.—V. 122, p. 2186.

Boston & Revere Beach & Lynn RR.—Earnings.—

Cal. Yrs.	Gross.	Net.	Int. & Tar.	Dies. Paid.	Balance.
1925.....	\$1,468,468	\$158,408	\$106,181	\$51,000	\$1,227
1924.....	1,518,271	158,186	104,283	51,000	2,903
1923.....	1,583,930	163,265	101,240	51,000	13,346
1922.....	1,519,762	143,422	93,951	34,000	17,379

—V. 120, p. 2142.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.—Control of Pond Fork & Bald Knob RR.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on April 7 approved the acquisition by the company of control of the Pond Fork & Bald Knob RR. by purchase of its capital stock and control of its railroad by lease.

The report of the Commission says in part:

"The Pond Fork was incorporated in West Virginia on June 5 1919. It is controlled by C. Crane & Co., through ownership of its outstanding capital stock. The railroad of the Pond Fork is single track and standard gauge. It extends from a connection with the applicant's Pond Fork branch at or near West Junction in a southeasterly direction to a point at or near Rock Lick, a distance of approximately 13.1 miles, all in Boone County, W. Va. The Pond Fork line is an independently operated feeder line and connects with no railroad other than that of applicant. Construction of the line was begun in 1917 and completed in 1921.

"Cost of reproduction based on current prices is represented to be approximately \$570,000. Our valuation of these properties under Section 19a of the Act has not been completed. The Pond Fork's equipment, consisting of a locomotive, a small gasoline passenger coach, and a few light-weight flat cars, will not be leased by the applicant but will be conveyed to the lumber company.

"The applicant has arranged to purchase the entire outstanding capital stock of the Pond Fork, consisting of 500 shares (par \$100), paying therefor \$250,000 in cash. The necessary funds are available in the applicant's treasury and no securities are to be issued at this time in connection with the proposed acquisition. The applicant represents that there is no available market value of the Pond Fork's stock, but that its value is not less than the price to be paid. The Pond Fork has no bonds or short term notes outstanding. The current assets and current liabilities of the Pond Fork will be taken over by the Lumber company as of the date the applicant acquires the Pond Fork's stock."

Directorship Order Vacated.

The I.-S. C. Commission on April 30 formally vacated and set aside its order of Jan. 27 1923 authorizing O. P. Van Sweringen, M. J. Van Sweringen, Otto Miller, J. J. Berner, J. R. Nutt, C. L. Bradley and W. A. Colston to hold positions of directors of the Chesapeake & Ohio Ry., and certain of its subsidiaries.—V. 122, p. 2324.

Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.—Court Orders Sale of Road.—Date and Upset Price to Be Fixed Later.—

Judge Wilkerson in the U. S. District Court at Chicago, Feb. 27, entered a decree ordering the foreclosure and sale of the properties of the road. Herbert A. Lundahl, Chicago, was appointed Special Master. The date of sale and the upset price will be fixed at a later date.

Judge Wilkerson handed down the decree after overruling the five amendments which were suggested as to the form of the decree in the foreclosure sale by Nathan L. Miller, former Governor of New York, and counsel for the minority bondholders, who have filed a petition to intervene in the receivership proceedings.

The sale directed by this decree shall be made at public auction to the highest bidder under the direction of the Special Master. The decree further provides that the sale shall be made at the main entrance of the passenger station of the railway company in the city of Butte, Mont., being on the premises subject to the mortgages foreclosed by this decree, and directed to be sold on a day and at an hour to be fixed by the court.

On the 21st day following the conclusion of the bidding, the Special Master shall report the result of the sale at the Federal Court Building at Chicago for such orders, judgments or decrees as may be deemed proper or advisable. The Special Master shall offer the property in five parcels and then in its entirety. The date of the sale will be fixed by the Court upon the application of the complainant trustees under the mortgage.

In his argument Mr. Miller told the Court that his clients, the holders of \$16,000,000 worth of junior bonds, did not demand the postponement of a foreclosure; and that he agreed the only way out of the financial and legal tangle was for the sale to be ordered. He contended, however, that the upset price, the date of the sale and the conditions of reorganization should not be fixed by the Court without further deliberation. The Court, he added, should take official cognizance of a fact, now generally known, that there would be no other bidders for the assets of the system than the corporation's own bankers in New York, Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and the National City Co.

Judge Wilkerson's comment on the argument of Attorney Miller was as follows:

"One suggestion made here is one which in substance would require all prospective bidders who have a plan of reorganization to submit the proposed plan to the Court in advance of the sale.

"Under the provision as suggested the respective bidders who desire to submit a plan of reorganization would be excluded from offering their bids at the sale, unless they accompanied the bid by a certified copy of an order of the Court determining that such plan is just and equitable, and contains a fair and timely offer of participation upon just and equitable terms in the reorganization thereby proposed to all persons entitled thereto.

"This suggestion, in my opinion, presents serious practical difficulties which might lead to confusion in the procedure. The Court is required to pass upon the fairness of a plan which is not offered in such a way as to be binding upon the one who offers it, even if it is found satisfactory to the Court.

"There is also uncertainty as to the standing of a bidder whose plan had been given preliminary approval by the Court, if the Court, upon further consideration, should decide that the offer should not be accepted when reported by the Master. To cut off all bidders in this case whose bids have not been submitted to the Court in advance goes further than has been attempted in any case which has been brought to my attention."

In regard to the argument of the junior bondholders' counsel that there should be a reservation of the right to modify the plan of organization, the Judge stated this point might be dealt with in connection with the confirmation of sale.

Judge Wilkerson defined the status of the I.-S. C. Commission in the action as well as in cases of a similar character. For many months the Commission had conducted a probe into the road's financial condition and methods, factors which made the receivership unavoidable.

"A suggestion had been made to me," he continued, "that there should be some provision touching the approval of issued stocks and bonds by the I.-S. C. Commission. In this respect it is my view that this Court has no right to hamper a judicial department of the Government.

"The Supreme Court very recently has dealt with the rights of parties in cases of the wilful and arbitrary refusal of the administrative boards to act when, under the law, it is their duty to act.

"It must be borne in mind that the I.-S. C. Commission has not been clothed, and under our plan of government cannot be clothed, with power that is essentially judicial in its character.

"Confusion will be avoided if, while courts remember that they cannot legislate, at the same time administrative boards exercising delegated legislative power, bear in mind that they have not been clothed with responsibility for the exercise of judicial power."

Fraud Charges Against Bankers and Directors Withdrawn.—

Nathan L. Miller, counsel for the Jameson committee, in the hearing before Judge Wilkerson in Federal Court at Chicago, April 26, withdrew that portion of his petition of intervention in which it was charged that there had been a breach of trust by members of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and certain directors of the St. Paul, in the acquisition of the properties of the Chicago Terre Haute & Southeastern. Mr. Miller said: "Since that charge was made, information has come to me, and this is my first opportunity to make public retraction of these charges."

Junior Bondholders Get a Month to Summon Witnesses.

Attorneys for the junior bondholders obtained a second adjournment April 28 of the hearing in Federal Court at Chicago of the receivers' application for permission to pay approximately \$400,000 in interest on bonds of the systems Terre Haute and Gary subsidiaries. The hearing, which re-convened April 26, after several weeks' recess, was continued until late in May, so that the junior bondholders, representing about \$16,000,000 in securities, may summon out-of-town witnesses to show that purchase of the two subsidiaries was unwise and that payment of interest on their securities ought to be halted.—V. 122, p. 2035, 1758.

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.—Notes Sold.—Speyer & Co. and Dillon, Read & Co. have sold at 99.32 and int., to yield 4.86% \$6,000,000 2-year 4½% secured gold notes.

Dated June 1 1926, due June 1 1928. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable in New York in U. S. gold coin, without deduction for any tax, assessment or governmental charge (other than Federal income taxes exceeding in the aggregate 2% per annum) which company or the trustee may be required to pay, or to retain therefrom, under any present or future law of the U. S. of America, or of any State, county, municipality, or other taxing authority therein. Denom. \$1,000. Entire issue (but not a part thereof) red. at par and int., on any int. date upon 30 days' notice.

Security.—The notes are to be secured by deposit with the Central Union Trust Co. of New York as trustee under a trust agreement of \$8,700,000 face amount, Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry. 1st & ref. mtge. 4% gold bonds due April 1 1934, which bonds are to remain deposited during the life of the notes. The bonds are thus pledged at about 69 as against the present market price of approximately 90, the value of the collateral being about 30% in excess of the face amount of the notes. The trust agreement will provide that the collateral security shall at all times be equal at market price to not less than 120% of the face amount of the notes outstanding; any additional collateral deposited to consist of 1st & ref. mtge. 4% bonds.

Purpose.—Proceeds of this issue, together with other funds on hand, will be used to retire the \$7,000,000 3-year 5½% secured gold notes, maturing June 1 1926.—V. 122, p. 2325.

Cincinnati Indianapolis & Western RR.—Control.—See Baltimore & Ohio RR. above.—V. 122, p. 477.

Colfax Northern Railway.—Abandonment of Operation. The I.-S. C. Commission on April 12 issued a certificate authorizing the company to abandon operation, as to inter-state and foreign commerce, of a line of railroad extending from Colfax in a general southeasterly direction to Mine No. 9, owned by the Colfax Consolidated Coal Co., a distance of 5.93 miles, all in Jasper County, Ia.

Delaware & Hudson Co.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$2,196,000 additional 1st & ref. mtge. 4% gold bonds, due May 1 1943, making the total amount applied for \$39,000,000.—V. 122, p. 2036.

Erie Railroad.—Obituary.—William J. Moody, Treasurer of the company, died in Brooklyn, N. Y. on April 26.—V. 122, p. 2321.

Est RR. (Compagnie des Chemins de fer de l'Est, France.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$19,793,000 7% external sinking fund gold bonds, due Nov. 1 1954.

Results of Operations Years Ended December 31.

	1925.	1924.
Gross receipts, all sources	Frs. 1,443,173,189	1,273,219,845
Operating expenses	1,158,189,800	1,002,907,287
Interest and sinking funds	235,363,615	194,939,903
Various disbursements, participations, &c.	821,922	Cr. 471,534
Dividends	9,052,000	9,052,000
Premiums	25,108,362	25,305,905
Total	Frs. 1,428,535,699	1,231,733,561
Profit to be contributed to railroad com. fund.	14,637,491	41,486,284
Comparative Balance Sheets as of Dec. 31.		
	1925.	1924.
Credit—		
Capital expenditures from formation to close of fiscal years	Frs. 3,985,949,057	3,726,202,410
Inventories and supplies	248,910,885	265,115,265
Guaranty of State (1871-2) now changed to annuity payment	12,024,272	12,024,272
Withdrawals under law of Dec. 28 1911	18,461,953	15,194,514
Advances to common fund (law of June 28 '21)	188,333,490	188,333,491
Credits to statutory reserve	4,964,573	4,985,083
Special reserve	144,529,646	144,516,678
Annuity account	33,514,824	33,431,384
Private domain—Various land and buildings	15,031,263	10,142,680
Sundry property	4,503,359	4,405,458
Credits to withdrawal account	684,670,691	587,378,150
Pensions and special allocations	20,709,132	18,211,406
Cash & securities, including receivables	398,131,930	300,488,648
Repayment of debt of guaranty (contract of Sept. 6 1911)	76,495,000	83,521,000
Deficit in return from lines in operation	406,195,273	406,195,273
Int. on sums adv. by Govt. on above acct.	7,259,303	7,259,303
American materials charged on Armistice acct.	95,302,344	122,810,349
Various accounts receivable	138,230,272	82,650,217
Total	Frs. 6,483,217,268	6,012,865,581
Debit—		
Shares and debentures issued	Frs. 4,635,615,732	4,205,084,150
Capital subventions received	26,410,817	25,779,017
Short-term bonds	1,014,075	1,014,075
Govt. loan to Comp. de Bale—amortized	5,000,000	5,000,000
Statutory reserve	144,576,865	144,576,865
Special reserve	33,521,232	33,449,232
Annuity account	19,759,215	15,244,264
Private domain—Various land and buildings	711,685,218	606,977,101
Withdrawal account, pensions, &c.	23,042,559	21,734,179
Accrued int., divs., principal not claimed	76,495,000	83,521,000
Loan to repay Govt. guaranty debt	412,826,303	412,826,303
Govt. guaranty of interest—advances under contract of 1883	95,302,344	122,810,349
Amounts due Govt. for American material	249,170,057	217,294,857
Accounts payable	9,052,000	9,052,000
Dividends reserved for stockholders	20,840,344	20,903,080
Premiums	4,268,017	4,402,826
Excess of premiums to common fund	14,637,491	41,486,284
Surplus for fiscal years 1924-25		
Total	Frs. 6,483,217,268	6,012,865,581

—V. 121, p. 2035.

Illinois Central RR.—Equipment Trusts.—The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$5,018,000 4½% equipment trust certificates, to be sold to Kuhn, Loeb & Co., at 97, and the proceeds used in the acquisition of 2,000 gondola cars, 1,000 automobile cars, 50 caboose cars, 5 baggage cars and 3 dining cars, having a total value of \$7,172,100.—V. 122, p. 2321.

Minneapolis & St. Louis RR.—Receiver's Certificates.—The I.-S. C. Commission on April 17 authorized the issuance of \$1,750,000 of receiver's certificates in renewal or retirement of obligations for a like amount maturing on various dates in April and May 1926.—V. 122, p. 2187.

Minn. St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry.—Equipments.—The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$1,020,000 equipment trust certificates to be sold at no less than 97.7946% and dividends in connection with the acquisition of 500 box cars, 100 gondolas and 2 cafe parlor cars, costing \$1,372,518.—V. 122, p. 2187, 880.

Natchez Columbia & Mobile RR.—Operation of Line.—The I.-S. C. Commission on April 15 issued a certificate authorizing the company to operate in inter-state commerce, under trackage rights, over a line of railroad owned by the Denkmann Lumber Co., extending from the

present eastern terminus of the company's line at Tilton, Miss., where it forms a connection with the New Orleans Great Northern R.R. in an easterly direction to a connection with the Gulf & Ship Island R.R., at Oakvale, Miss., a distance of 7 miles.

The company was incorp. on June 24 1892 in Mississippi. Its railroad extends from a connection with the Illinois Central R.R. at Norfield, Miss., in an easterly direction to Tilton, Miss., a distance of about 30 miles.

The company proposes to enter into a contract with the lumber company for the use of the latter company's tracks between Tilton and Oakvale, Miss., for an indefinite period terminable by written notice given by either party 6 months prior to the effective date of the cessation of the contract. The applicant is to pay for such service the sum of \$9,000 per year, representing 6% of the amount invested by the lumber company in the line in question. It is agreed, however, that there shall be a reduction from this amount of rental computed at the regular log contract rate for all logging that may be done over the line by the lumber company on its own account. V. 121, p. 3000.

New York Central Lines.—Venner Loses Suit.—

Clarence H. Venner, a minority stockholder of the Michigan Central R.R., lost in the U. S. Supreme Court April 26 in his fight to enjoin an issue of new trust certificates by the New York Central Lines. He contended that the purchase of equipment contemplated by the issue had not been authorized by the P. S. commissions of New York, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio, and that the transaction was an unlawful loan of credit by the Michigan Central, resulting from what he charged was a monopolistic domination over that road through stock control and interlocking directories by persons connected with the New York Central and the Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Ry.

The road replied that the trust certificates in question had been authorized by the I.-S. C. Commission. The Federal District Court for Northern Ohio had dismissed the suit for want of jurisdiction. The Court held that the suit was essentially an attack on the validity of the order of the I.-S. C. Commission authorizing the issue, and that a suit for that purpose had to be brought against it and with the consent of the United States.—V. 122, p. 2325.

New York Central RR.—Pays \$1,000 a Share for Michigan Central Stock.

The company announced April 23 that it had purchased a substantial block (said to be about 5,000 shares) of the small amount of Michigan Central R.R. stock outstanding for \$1,000 a share, and would buy more still in the hands of the public at the same price. This is one of the largest sums ever paid for a share of railroad stock and is prompted by the New York Central's desire to acquire entire control of the property and effect consolidation. The offer is good until May 25.

As of Dec. 31 1925, New York Central owned 179,077 of the 187,364 shares of Michigan Central stock issued, leaving a minority interest of 8,287 shares, or 4.42% of the total issue. The controlling company acquired 1,410 shares during 1925.—V. 122, p. 2325.

Pennsylvania Co.—Dividends Changed From a Semi-Annual to a Quarterly Basis.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the outstanding \$80,000,000 capital stock, payable April 30 to holders of record April 28. Previously the company paid dividends semi-annually. The rate is unchanged at 6% per annum. All of the stock of the company is owned by the Pennsylvania RR.

Jay Cooke, of Philadelphia, has been elected a director of the Pennsylvania Co. and of the Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis RR. to succeed the late George Wood.—V. 121, p. 2035.

Pennsylvania Ohio & Detroit RR.—Lease.—See Pennsylvania RR. below.—V. 121, p. 3128.

Pennsylvania RR.—Lease of Pennsylvania Ohio & Detroit RR. Approved.—

At the annual meeting of the stockholders on April 27 the proposed lease of the property and franchises of the Pennsylvania Ohio & Detroit RR. was approved. The latter is a subsidiary of the Pennsylvania RR., consisting of a consolidation of 5 lines, including the direct line from Columbus, Ohio, to Sandusky on Lake Erie, and the recently projected and completed Detroit extension (Pennsylvania-Detroit RR. Co.), by which the Pennsylvania RR. gained entrance to Detroit.—V. 122, p. 2188.

Phila. Baltimore & Washington RR.—Directors.—

Henry F. Scott and Joseph Bancroft have been elected directors to fill vacancies created by the death of George Gray and the resignation of George S. Capelle. Mr. Scott is President of the Wilmington (Del.) Trust Co., and Mr. Bancroft is President of the Huntingdon & Broad Top Mountain RR. Co.—V. 122, p. 477.

Pitts. Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis RR.—Director. See Philadelphia Baltimore & Washington RR. above.—V. 121, p. 1225.

Richmond Fredericksburg & Potomac RR.—Report.—

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Railway oper. revenues	\$12,891,176	\$11,836,355	\$12,077,813	\$10,975,811
Railway oper. expenses	8,155,041	7,895,344	7,936,776	7,234,904
Railway tax accruals	787,962	667,206	674,717	732,490
Uncollectible ry. revs.	180	1,261	227	785
Equip. & joint facility rts	670,308	644,670	654,758	-----
Net ry. oper. income	\$3,277,685	\$2,627,874	\$2,811,335	\$3,107,632
Non-operating income	201,846	160,429	172,646	568,552
Gross income	\$3,479,530	\$2,788,303	\$2,983,982	\$3,676,184
Int. on funded debt	367,589	373,211	378,833	384,455
Other deductions	212,119	9,272	308,114	1,196,818
Net income	\$2,899,821	\$2,405,819	\$2,297,035	\$2,094,911
Income applied to sink. and other res'v funds	200,000	-----	300,000	300,000
Cash dividends	1,505,341	936,601	x968,604	692,731

Balance, surplus—\$1,194,480 \$1,142,218 \$1,028,431 \$1,102,180
xln May 1923 a 100% stock dividend was also paid, amounting to \$5,417,400.—V. 121, p. 3001.

Roanoke River RR.—Final Valuation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$160,000 on the wholly owned and used properties of the company as of June 30 1918.—V. 121, p. 1457.

St. Louis Southwestern Ry.—Minority Organize.—

Walter E. Meyer, an attorney, of 50 Pine St., N. Y., who recently addressed a letter to the stockholders asking them to join a movement to gain representation for the minority holdings on the board of directors, reported April 27 that in all more than 40,000 shares of preferred and common are now represented by him. In a letter to stockholders he says: "The situation which confronts you as a minority stockholder is one for serious concern. The majority interest in our company has changed hands twice during the past year. The Kansas City Southern Ry. and its associates at present own the majority stock of the company. The board of directors of the company, as constituted at present, appears to be composed, in addition to the officers of the company, almost exclusively of individuals identified directly or indirectly with the Kansas City Southern and with its predecessors in interest.

"A plan is being formulated, we are told, by which the St. Louis Southwestern Ry., the Kansas City Southern Ry., and the Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR. are to be formed into a 'family group' looking to the eventual merger of the three roads. The preliminary steps to such a momentous change are of the utmost importance to the St. Louis Southwestern Ry., as once taken they may be most difficult to retrace.

"When the plan of merger comes up for discussion there may very well be divergent views as to what are fair and reasonable terms for our company. Because of all this it is self-evident that the minority stockholders, who may be said to include practically all of the stockholders with the exception of a few identified with the majority interest, should have representation on the board of directors of the company."—V. 122, p. 2325, 1916.

Tampa & Jacksonville Ry.—Final Valuation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$500,000 on the owned and used property of the company as of June 30 1915.—V. 121, p. 1906.

Tennessee Kentucky & Northern RR.—Final Valuation
The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$835 on the owned and used property of the company and \$195,000 on the used but not owned property as of June 30 1918.—V. 99, p. 1367.

Texas & Pacific Ry.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Inv. in road and equipment—	145,086,216	136,684,234	Common stock—	38,755,110	38,755,100
Dep. in lieu of mtgd. prop.—	47,000	79,910	Preferred stock—	23,703,000	23,703,000
Mis. phys. prop.—	279,487	270,419	Fd. debt unmat.—	48,186,083	46,504,913
Inv. in affil. cos.—	1,593,705	1,490,702	Traf. & car serv. bals. payable—	988,040	778,798
Other investm'ts—	106,021	58,081	Aud. acc'ts. and wages payable—	2,689,808	2,421,854
Cash—	3,738,639	4,509,716	Miscel. accounts payable—	86,103	109,915
Time drafts and deposits—	1,000,000	2,500,000	Int. mat'd unpd fund. debt mat. unpaid—	161,659	168,499
Special deposits—	1,421,746	2,878,422	Unmat. int. acc'r—	3,870	3,870
Traffic and car serv. bals. rec.—	737,272	384,879	Unmatured rents—	352,956	326,775
Agts. & con. bal.—	333,993	269,827	accrued—	55,657	39,077
Misc. assets, rec.—	1,291,380	1,137,123	Other curr. liab.—	117,294	113,068
Mat't & supp.—	3,952,931	4,072,950	Other def. liab.—	149,863	69,857
Int. & divs. rec.—	292	1,093	Tax liability—	962,390	657,065
Oth. curr. assets—	60,757	58,843	Accrued deprec., equipment—	6,350,806	6,306,865
Work. fd. adv.—	15,248	11,784	Oth. unadj. cred. Add'ns to prop. thr. inc. & sur—	1,493,086	1,469,133
Oth. def. assets—	183,772	225,020	P. & L.—cr. bal.—	30,305,848	30,275,125
Rents and insur. prems. prep'd—	34,762	17,225		6,480,881	3,809,915
Disc't on funded debt—	165,223	94,722			
Oth. unadj. debt—	794,009	757,893			

Total—160,842,453 155,502,845 Total—160,842,453 155,502,845

Note.—(a) The following securities are not included in assets shown: Securities issued or assumed, pledged \$5,500,000; securities issued or assumed, unpledged, \$2,510,200; securities issued, in sinking funds \$27,000—total, \$8,037,200. (b) The following capital liabilities, held by or for the company, are not included in liabilities shown: capital stock \$8,700; funded debt—unpledged \$8,028,500; total \$8,037,200.—V. 120, p. 2263, 1455. A comparative income account was published in V. 122, p. 2183.—V. 122, p. 2188, 2183.

Texas-Pacific-Missouri Pacific Term. RR. of New Orli.

The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue and sell \$1,040,000 5½% first mortgage bonds. The company proposes to sell the bonds to Kuhh, Loeb & Co. at 99% and use the proceeds for capital purposes.—V. 121, p. 1098.

Tuckerton RR.—Final Valuation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$503,946 on the property of the company as of June 30 1916.—V. 113, p. 2186.

Venice Englewood & Southern Ry.—Construc. of Line.

The I.-S. C. Commission on April 19 issued a certificate authorizing the company to construct a line of railroad from Venice southeasterly to Englewood, a distance of approximately 13 miles, all in Sarasota County, Fla.

The company is a Florida corporation and was organized at the instance of the Seaboard Air Line Ry. The proposed line will connect at Venice with a line of the Seaboard terminating there and will form an extension of that line. The Seaboard proposes later to acquire control of the applicant by purchase of the latter's capital stock or by lease.

The estimated cost of the proposed line is \$547,426. Track will be laid with 75-pound rail on a 0.5% grade. Construction of the proposed line is to be commenced within 6 months and completed within 18 months after the certificate authorizing such construction is issued. Funds for constructing the line are to be furnished by the Seaboard. It is represented that no definite conclusions as to the plan of funding the indebtedness to the Seaboard for such advances have yet been reached.

Virginia Southern RR.—Final Valuation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$127,551 on the property of the company as of June 30 1916.—V. 112, p. 654.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Alabama Power Co.—Muscle Shoals Commission Recommends Power Bids.—

The Congressional Muscle Shoals Commission in a report submitted to Congress April 26 recommends, in a majority report, the acceptance of the bid from the associated Southern power companies for the operation of Muscle Shoals. The bid of this group, which is headed by the Alabama Power Co. and which includes 11 other operating companies in that section, provides for a 50-year lease and calls for the payment of \$1,000,000 for each of the first two years, \$1,250,000 for the third year, \$1,500,000 for the fourth year and \$2,000,000 annually for the remainder of the term. It also provides for the manufacture of fertilizer which is to be sold at cost plus 8% profit and releases the Government from any further expenditures on the project.

It is claimed that the bid of these power companies is the only one of the nine submitted that has facilities for distribution of the power as provided in the Caraway amendment adopted by the Senate, but there will be a minority report for leasing the property to the American Cyanamid Co. The other seven bidders have been entirely eliminated, and these include Frederick T. Hepburn, New York; Union Carbide Co.; F. E. Castleberry, Shreveport, La.; Elton H. Hooker and Associates of New York; and Lloyd H. Smith, Battle Creek, Mich.

In case the bid of the associated power companies is approved by Congress there will be formed the Muscle Shoals Power Distributing Co. and the Muscle Shoals Fertilizer Co. The stock in these companies will be held by the different companies comprising the group. Most of the companies involved are subsidiaries of or associated with Southeastern Power Co., Electric Bond & Share Co. and Commonwealth Pow. Corp.—V. 122, p. 2326.

American Power & Light Co. & Subs.—Prelim. Report.

12 Months Ended—	Feb. 28 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Gross earnings of subsidiaries—	\$51,990,973	\$50,519,120	\$42,078,837
Net earnings of subsidiaries—	23,337,474	22,813,173	17,562,926
Gross earnings of Am. Pow. & Lt. Co. and undis. inc. of sub. cos. applic. to Am. Pow. & Lt. Co. after renewal & replacement (dprec'n) approp'n—	\$11,363,294	\$10,766,692	\$7,688,275
Exps. of Am. Power & Light Co.—	428,665	443,481	489,129
Int. and disc'ts. of Am. Pow. & Lt. Co.—	2,063,828	1,912,451	334,477
Preferred dividends—	1,355,110	1,356,820	1,060,109
Common dividends—	2,241,253	2,223,296	2,027,196

Combined undistributed income—\$5,274,438 \$4,830,644 \$3,277,364

Balance Sheet of American Power & Light Co.

Assets—	Feb. 28 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '24.
Investments—	64,309,335	62,532,100	
Cash—	2,093,668	2,231,735	
Loans & acc'ts rec'd (subsidiaries)—	11,389,635	3,646,800	
Loans & acc'ts rec'd (others)—	1,831,687	11,144,364	
Unamort. discount and expense—	3,586,005	3,592,738	
Deferred debits—	163,072	163,904	

Total (each side) 83,373,403 83,316,650
x Shares of stock (no par value) outstanding, Feb. 28 1926: Preferred, 238,078; common, 1,647,758; common stock scrip equivalent to shares, 822 86-100.—V. 122, p. 2326.

American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.—Debs., etc.

The Chase National Bank is now prepared to deliver definitive 6% gold debentures, Series A, in exchange for outstanding temporary debentures. (For offering see V. 121, p. 2519.)

President H. Hobart Porter, in announcing the company's net power output, pointed out that both the March and first quarter of 1926 output figures were new high records in its history. "This is partially due to new consumers, both power and domestic as well as to the increased use of electricity by existing consumers and further indicates the continued expansion of the territory served by the West Penn Electric System," Mr. Porter said. The net power output for the month of March was 127,699,238 k.w.h., against 111,221,227 k.w.h. for the corresponding month of 1925, a gain of 16,478,011 k.w.h., or 14.8%. For the first quarter of 1926 power output totaled 374,259,447 k.w.h., comparing with 328,390,128 k.w.h. for the corresponding period 1925, a gain of 45,869,319 k.w.h., or 14%.—V. 122, p. 1916.

Appalachian Electric Power Co.—Bonds Offered.—The second largest public utility bond offering of the year to date made its appearance in the investment market April 28 in the public offering of \$35,000,000 1st & ref. mtge. gold bonds 5% series of 1956. The bonds are due May 1 1956, and are priced at 97 to yield about 5.20%. The underwriting group consists of Bonbright & Co., Inc., Harris, Forbes & Co., Tucker, Anthony & Co., Coffin & Burr, A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., W. C. Langley & Co., the Old Colony Corp. and Jackson & Curtis.

Dated as of May 1 1926; due May 1 1956. Interest payable M. & N. at the office or agency of the company in New York City. Red. any time, all or part, on at least 30 days' notice up to and incl. May 1 1931 at 105; thereafter up to and incl. May 1 1935 at 104½; thereafter up to and incl. May 1 1940 at 104; thereafter at ¼% less each succeeding year up to and incl. May 1 1954, and, thereafter prior to maturity at 100½, plus int. in each case Denom. of \$1,000 and \$500 and \$1,000 and \$5,000. The company will agree to pay interest without deduction for the Federal income tax up to but not exceeding 2% per annum. Penn. 4 mills tax refundable. Bankers Trust Co., New York and B. W. Jones, New York, trustee.

Data from Letter of Chairman R. E. Breed, dated New York, April 27.

Company.—Organized in Virginia, March 4 1926. Has acquired or is about to acquire, through merger or conveyance, and will presently own and operate, the electric properties in western Virginia and western West Virginia now or formerly owned by:

Appalachian Power Co.	Kanawha Valley Power Co.
Appalachian Power & Light Co.	Kentucky & W. Va. Pow. Co., Inc.
properties formerly owned by Virginian Power Co.)	Lynchburg Traction & Light Co.
Central Virginia Power Co.	New River Develop. Co.
Consolidated Power & Light Co.	Roanoke Ry. & Elec. Co.
Dunbar Light & Power Co.	Roanoke Traction & Light Co.
Interstate Power Co.	St. Albans El. Pow. & Light Co.
	West Virginia Water & Electric Co.

Will supply, directly or indirectly, electric power and light service to 208 communities in an extensive territory unusually wealthy in natural resources. Kentucky & West Virginia Power Co., Inc., whose name is being changed to Kentucky Electric Power Corp. and all of whose securities presently to be outstanding will be owned by Appalachian Electric Power Co., has acquired or is about to acquire, in addition to its present Kentucky properties, the electric properties in Kentucky now or formerly owned by Boyd County Electric Co. and Interstate Power Co. Kentucky Electric Power Corp. will thus supply electric power and light, directly or indirectly to 44 communities in eastern Kentucky.

The principal cities to be served directly include Huntington, Charleston, Logan and Bluefield, West Virginia, and Roanoke, Lynchburg and Pulaski, Va., and those to be served by Kentucky Electric Power Corp. include Ashland, Hazard and Pikeville, Ky. Total communities to be served aggregated 252 and total population is estimated to exceed 650,000.

Company will also acquire, own and operate the gas property in Lynchburg, Va., and will control, directly or indirectly, the companies owning and operating street railway properties serving Roanoke and Lynchburg, Va., and their suburbs, and the companies owning and operating the properties supplying street railway service in Huntington, W. Va., and Ashland, Ky., and interurban railway service connecting these two communities and extending to Ironton, Coal Grove and Hanging Rock, Ohio.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Underlying divisional bonds—	a	\$23,991,000
1st & ref. mtge. gold bonds 5% series of 1956 (this issue)	b	35,000,000
Appalachian Power Co. 6% debs., 1924—	c	4,000,000
6% Note, due on or before April 1 1929		45,000,000
Preferred stock \$7 cum. (no par value)	400,000 shs.	225,000 shs.
Pref. stock \$6 cum. (no par value)	100,000 shs.	None
2nd pref. stock \$7 cum. (no par value)	100,000 shs.	100,000 shs.
Common stock (no par value)	6,000,000 shs.	5,000,000 shs.

*Underlying bonds outstanding are as follows: \$5,768,000 Virginian Power Co. 1st & coll. 5s, 1942; \$11,887,000 Appalachian Power Co. 1st 5s, 1941; \$2,500,000 Appalachian Power Co. second 7s, 1936; \$2,101,000 Roanoke Traction & Light 1st coll. 5s, 1958; \$578,000 Roanoke Railway & Electric 1st consol. 5s, 1953; \$657,000 Lynchburg Traction & Light 1st 5s, 1931; \$389,000 Lynchburg Water Power 1st 5s, 1932 and \$111,000 Lynchburg Gas 1st 5s, 1930.

a Issued under indentures to be closed by provisions of the new mtge. as to issuance of additional bonds to the public. b Limited by the restriction of the mtge. c Limited by restriction of the debenture agreement. d The 6% note due on or before April 1 1929, and all common stock, except directors' shares, are to be owned by American Gas & Electric Co.

Securities which Have Been Called.

\$4,069,000 Kentucky & West Virginia Power 1st 7s, 1950 at 103 Feb. 1.
625,000 Logan Co. 1st 6s, 1934 at 105 May 1.
3,373,300 West Virginia Water & Electric 1st 6½s, 1942 at 105 May 1.
5,000,000 Virginian Power 1st & ref. 6½s, 1954 at 105 April 1.
8,039,500 Consol. Power & Light 1st & ref. 6½s, 1943 at 105 March 1.
308,000 Boyd County Electric 1st 5s, 1947 at 102½ April 1.

\$21,414,800 \$2,000,000 Kentucky & West Virginia Power pref. at 105 March 1.

Exchange of Stock.

Appalachian Power Co. has outstanding with the public 2,334 shares 1st pref., 1,491 shares pref. and 855 shares common stock. All the balance of its capital stock is owned by American Gas & Electric Co. Holders of the above stocks will receive under consolidation agreement 7% pref. stock of Appalachian Electric Power Co. on a share for share basis with a premium of \$5 in cash in the case of 1st pref.

Consolidated Power & Light has outstanding \$3,091,000 pref. stock, of which \$2,000,000 has been acquired by American Gas & Electric Co. This will be cancelled and the balance will either be redeemed or exchanged through American Gas & Electric Co.

Purpose.—These bonds, together with 7% preferred, second preferred and common stocks, are being issued in connection with the acquisition of the constituent properties, and this financing will result in the retirement of \$21,414,800 bonds of the predecessor companies, as well as the liquidation of indebtedness incurred for additions and improvements and heretofore unfunded. This financing will also provide the company with funds for further additions to property and other corporate purposes.

Security.—The bonds will be secured by direct first mortgage on the properties formerly owned by: West Virginia Water & Electric Co. (electric properties), Kentucky & West Virginia Power Co. (West Virginia properties), Dunbar Light & Power Co., St. Albans Electric Power & Light Co., Kanawha Valley Power Co., Interstate Power Co., New River Develop. Co., Consolidated Power & Light Co. and Central Virginian Power Co.

They will be further secured by a first lien through pledge of all bonds and stock of Kentucky Electric Power Corp. on properties formerly owned by: Kentucky & West Virginia Power Co. (Kentucky properties) and Boyd County Electric Co. They will also be secured by direct mortgage, subject to underlying liens, on the properties formerly owned by: Appalachian Power Co., Appalachian Power & Light Co. (formerly Virginian Power Co.), Lynchburg Traction & Light Co. (electric and gas properties), Roanoke Railway & Electric Co. (electric properties).

The company will also control through stock ownership (which will not be pledged) the companies doing the railway business in Roanoke, Lynchburg and Huntington.

Certain Mortgage Provisions.—Mortgage will provide for the issuance of bonds thereunder in series bearing the same or different rates of interest, dates, maturities, redemption provisions and such other distinguishing

features and provisions as may be determined by the directors, subject, however, to the restrictive provisions of the mortgage.

Mortgage will also provide that additional bonds of the 5% series of 1956, or other series, may be issued thereunder (a) for refunding an equal principal amount of bonds of any series, or underlying or prior lien bonds; (b) for cash; (c) to not exceeding 75% of the cost, or fair value, whichever is less, of property additions to the properties of the company and its subsidiaries; and (d) against the properties as existing on May 10, 1926, to a total of not exceeding \$7,500,000. Under the terms of mortgage "subsidiary company" shall include Kentucky Electric Power Corp. and any other company all of whose bonds, except as defined in the mortgage, and all of whose stock, except directors' shares, shall be owned by the company and pledged under the mortgage. No bonds may be issued against property of a subsidiary company unless not less than an equal principal amount of mortgage bonds of said subsidiary company are simultaneously pledged with the corporate trustee.

Additional bonds may not be issued, except for refunding purposes, unless consolidated net earnings for 12 consecutive months within the 15 calendar months immediately preceding the date of the application for issue, shall have been at least equal to twice the annual interest requirements on (or 12% of the principal amount of) all bonds issued and outstanding under the mortgage, including those proposed to be issued, and on all underlying and prior lien bonds.

Bonds of the 5% series of 1956 will contain the following clause: "With the consent of the company and to the extent permitted by and as provided in the mortgage, the terms and provisions of the mortgage or of any instruments supplemental thereto may be modified or altered by the affirmative vote of at least 85% in amount of the bonds then outstanding, provided however that no modification or alteration shall be made in any of the provisions of this bond or in the unconditional promise of the company to pay principal and interest hereof in the amounts and at the fixed or determinable times and in the manner as set forth herein."

Earnings for the 12 Months Ended Feb. 28 1926.

[Derived from properties owned or to be owned by company and Kentucky Electric Power Corp.]

Gross earnings	\$15,380,631
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	7,474,502
Net earnings	\$7,906,129
Annual interest requirements on underlying divisional bonds held by the public	1,249,550
Annual interest requirements on \$35,000,000 1st & ref. mtge. gold bonds (this issue)	1,750,000

Balance avail. for other charges, ren. & replac. res., divs., &c. \$4,906,579
Franchises.—The franchises are generally satisfactory from a legal and operating point of view. The transmission lines are for the most part on rights-of-way either owned or controlled through 99-year leases, or over which perpetual easements have been acquired.

Plants and Properties.—Total installed electric generating capacity to be owned by the company aggregates 237,836 kilowatts. Its subsidiary, the Kentucky Electric Power Corp., will own 16,000 kilowatts installed generating capacity, making a total of 253,836 kilowatts owned by the two companies. Of this total capacity, 222,200 kilowatts in steam and 31,636 kilowatts is hydro-electric generating capacity. Company will also own an aggregate of 1,644 miles of high voltage transmission lines and 938 miles of distribution system. Kentucky Electric Power Corp. will own a total of 194 miles of high voltage transmission lines and 121 miles of electric distributing system. All transmission lines owned or to be owned are interconnected. In addition there are now under construction 339 miles of 132,000-volt steel-tower transmission lines.
 Company will also own in Lynchburg, Va., gas works capacity of 1,000,000 cu. ft. per day, gas holder capacity of 750,000 cu. ft. and 48 miles of gas mains.

In addition to present installed electric generating capacity of properties acquired or to be acquired, there is now under construction a total of 86,250 kilowatts steam electric generating capacity, consisting of a 25,000 kilowatt unit at the Glenlyn station in Virginia, a 35,000-kilowatt unit at the Cabin Creek station in West Virginia, a 20,000 kilowatt unit at the Kenova station in West Virginia and 6,250 kilowatts of additional capacity at Hazard, Ky. It is expected that all of these units will be placed in operation in 1926 and upon completion, the installed generating capacity of the Glenlyn station will be increased to 80,000 kilowatts, that of the Cabin Creek station to 88,200 kilowatts, that of the Kenova station to 51,750 kilowatts and that of the Hazard station to 22,250 kilowatts. With these new units in operation the total installed generating capacity will be increased to 340,086 kilowatts of which the company will own directly 317,836 kilowatts and Kentucky Electric Power Corp. will own 22,250 kilowatts.

Interconnection.—All the electric power and light properties owned or to be owned by the company and its said subsidiary are entirely interconnected by 1,838 miles of high voltage transmission lines and this system in the three states of Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky is interconnected with the high voltage lines of other subsidiaries of American Gas & Electric Co. in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan. These interconnected high voltage lines in the six states mentioned constitute one of the largest superpower systems in the world.

Operating Statistics of Properties to be Owned by Company and Subsidiary Co. [Physical and Service Data for Calendar Years 1923, 1924 and 1925.]

	1925.	1924.	1923.
Consumers served with elec. pow. & lt.	79,482	68,865	60,786
do with gas	4,500	4,345	4,180
K. w. generating sta. capacity, hy.-el.	31,636	29,636	29,636
do Steam electric	222,200	221,850	180,600
Kilowatts capacity under construction	86,250	2,500	55,000
Kilowatt-hrs. generating station output (incl. purchased pow.) for 12 mos.	856,126,800	729,278,900	676,677,000
Miles of transmission lines (11,000 volts and over) in operation, irrespective of no. of circuits carried.	1,838	1,375	1,229
Miles of transmission lines, under construction	339	185	180
Miles of distribution system (less than 11,000 volts), in service	1,059	928	797
Gas works capacity (cu. ft. per day)	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Gas holder capacity (cu. ft.)	750,000	250,000	250,000
Gas sendout (cu. ft.) for 12 months	154,822,000	151,086,000	142,464,000
Miles of gas mains	48	46	43

Control, &c.—Company will be controlled through ownership of all its common stock, except directors' shares, by the American Gas & Electric Co., and will constitute the largest operating subsidiary of that company. The finances of the American Gas & Electric Co. and of its subsidiaries have always been handled through the Electric Bond & Share Co.

Balance Sheet March 31 1926 (after Merger).

Assets—	Liabilities—
Plant and securities	\$147,500,000
Cash	3,995,286
Accounts receivable	2,779,660
Notes and loans receivable	1,989,610
Material and supplies	1,242,821
Prepaid insur., rents & taxes	118,921
Special Investments	42,153
Special deposits	234,751
Deferred expenses, &c.	671,671
Unamortized discount	3,000,954
Contractual construction	1,157,797
Total (each side)	\$162,733,631
a 225,000 shares preferred, 100,000 shares 2nd preferred and 5,000,000 shares common.	

Appalachian Power Co.—Merger.

See Appalachian Electric Power Co. above.—V. 120, p. 2940.

Appalachian Power & Light Co.—Merger.

See Appalachian Electric Power Co. above.—V. 122, p. 1307.

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Dividends on \$6 and \$6 50 Dividend Series Preferred Stock Payable in Cash or Class A Stock.

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividends of \$1.50 per share on the \$6 dividend series preferred stock and \$1.62½ per share on the \$6 50 dividend series preferred stock, both payable June 1 to holders of record April 30. This represents a change in the record date of these two stocks, it previously being the 10th of the month prior to date of payment.

These dividends were also made payable in class A stock at the rate of 5.75-100ths of 1 share of class A stock for each share of \$6 dividend series preferred stock held and at the rate of 6.25-100ths of 1 share of class A stock for each share of \$6 50 dividend series preferred stock held. On the basis of \$24 per share for the class A stock, the former dividend is at the rate of \$6.64 per share per annum and the latter dividend at the rate of \$7.24 per share per annum.

The stockholders may purchase sufficient additional scrip to complete a full share or sell their scrip at the rate of \$1 above or below, respectively, the last sale price of class A stock on the day preceding.—V. 122, p. 2033.

Central Hudson Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.

Cal. Yrs.—	Gross Earnings.	Net aft. Tax. & Deprec.	Total Income.	Fixed Charges.	Net Avail. for Divs.
1925	\$2,450,480	\$517,909	\$620,321	\$270,698	\$349,623
1924	2,281,041	406,350	542,912	262,302	280,610
1923	2,211,519	303,104	436,973	245,292	191,681
1922	1,934,489	344,293	499,129	257,808	241,321
1921	1,858,446	373,337	462,819	297,675	165,144

Since 1911 up to Dec. 31 1925 dividends at the rate of 8% per annum have been paid.—V. 122, p. 746.

Central Illinois Light Co.—Annual Report.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross Earnings:				
Electric Dept.	\$2,741,679	\$2,466,090	\$2,451,017	\$2,042,542
Gas Dept.	895,744	864,829	808,064	757,954
Heating Dept.	272,696	272,261	261,514	237,459
Total	\$3,910,119	\$3,603,180	\$3,520,535	\$3,037,955
Operating expenses	2,070,036	1,735,474	1,782,432	1,625,636
Taxes	273,510	262,146	275,043	240,000
Int. & other fixed chgs.	492,470	52,785	470,983	480,154
Divs. on pref. stock	337,278	287,960	266,754	208,554
Prov. for retirement res.	256,800	256,800	210,000	210,000
Balance, surplus	\$480,025	\$536,015	\$515,323	\$273,612

—V. 121, p. 2155.

Central Mississippi Valley Elec. Properties.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings	\$621,451	\$596,217	\$574,115	\$547,933
Oper. expenses & taxes	424,195	435,388	411,648	380,413
Int. & amortization	43,645	38,825	40,222	44,164
*Preferred divs. paid	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Surplus for reserves	93,611	62,004	62,245	63,356

* Includes \$15,000 dividends on Keokuk Elec. Co. pref. stock.—V. 121, p. 2271.

Charlestown (Mass.) Gas & Electric Co.—Larger Div.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the capital stock, par \$25, payable May 1 to holders of record April 23. On Feb. 1 last the company paid an extra dividend of 25c. per share in addition to a regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share.—V. 120, p. 3064. 2683, 209; V. 119, p. 3009.

Chicago & West Towns Ry.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings	\$1,348,901	\$1,273,701	\$1,208,218	\$1,132,426
Oper. expenses & taxes	1,031,338	985,524	934,187	888,825
Bond interest	105,000	91,961	80,500	69,250
Interest on B-P	—	631	—	918
Bond amortization	14,201	12,695	11,188	15,328
Preferred dividends	76,800	76,800	76,800	76,800

Balance, surplus \$121,562 \$106,090 \$105,643 \$81,305
 Dividends declared during 1925 were 6% on 1st pref. stock and 8% on 2d pref. stock.—V. 121, p. 1345.

Cincinnati & Hamilton Traction Co.—Sale Authorized.

The stockholders on March 4 approved and consented to the sale of all of the properties, franchises and rights of the company to the Cincinnati Street Ry. for 20,000 shares (\$50) of common stock of the latter company. The stockholders also authorized the distribution of the 20,000 shares of common stock of the Cincinnati Street Ry. as follows: (a) For each share of preferred stock of the Cincinnati & Hamilton Traction Co. 1 5-11 shares of preferred stock of the Cincinnati Street Ry.; (b) for each share of common stock of the Cincinnati & Hamilton Traction Co. 4-11 of a share of Street Railway stock. It is the intention of the directors to pay a final dividend on the preferred and common stock after there have been set aside sufficient funds to pay the liquidation expenses of the company.
 The outstanding capital stock consists of 11,000 shares of preferred stock, par \$100, and 11,000 shares of common stock, par \$100. The stock of the Cincinnati Street Ry. under the new franchise from the City of Cincinnati is to earn 5% on its par value from Nov. 1 1925 to Nov. 1 1928, and thereafter 6% on its par value. (See also Cincinnati Street Ry. below.—V. 122, p. 2327.)

Cincinnati Street Railway Co.—Report.

President Walter A. Draper says in substance:
 The company leased its property to the Cincinnati Traction Co. on Feb. 21 1901. After lengthy negotiations it purchased from its tenant all of its rights and interest in the property accruing by virtue of the lease, effected a cancellation of the lease and took back the operation of its property on Nov. 1 1925.

The reasons leading up to this resumption of the operation of its property and the various steps in the negotiations extending over a period of years and the general conditions of the agreement accomplishing this result are familiar to most of the stockholders of this company. The length of time involved in the negotiations with the city of Cincinnati and with the Cincinnati Traction Co., the former lessee, and the Ohio Traction Co., which owned that company, altogether covered a period of almost five years. The principal things resulting from these negotiations were the centering of all street railway operations in the hands of the Cincinnati Street Ry.; the separation thereof from all other activities; a large reduction in the capitalization upon which the car riding public was called upon to pay a return, and the enactment of an ordinance by the city providing for a new plan of operation recognizing the new condition, holding this company alone responsible for the operation of the street railway system and, finally, a reduction in the rate of fare from the former rate of 10 cents to a rate of 3 tickets for a quarter or 10 cents cash.

In accomplishing these results, all of the companies identified with street railway operations were called upon to make material sacrifices. The former lessee company and its owning company, the Ohio Traction Co., in selling out their interest in and to the street railway system accepted a price thereof which was equivalent to a large reduction in their capitalization; the Cincinnati Street Ry. surrendered the preferred position that it had formerly occupied as a landlord and resumed the active operation of its own property, while its stockholders at the same time agreed that for the first three years of the 25-year period of the operating plan they would be entitled to receive 5% in dividends on their stock and thereafter the previous rate of 6%; and finally an agreement has been reached with the Cincinnati & Hamilton Traction Co., owning the lines to Lockland and to Glendale and Hamilton [which the stockholders of that company have ratified], by which it will sell to the Cincinnati Street Ry. its entire property, at a price which will mean quite a reduction from the present outstanding stock of that company on which the car-riding public has been paying a return, thus concluding the final step in accomplishing what the officials of the city of Cincinnati have been endeavoring to bring about for several years—the lodgment of the responsibility of operating the entire local street railway system in one company engaged in no other activities.

In order to carry out the terms of the new operating plan and the agreement with the former operating company, it was necessary for this company to increase its capital stock and also to sell an issue of short term notes. The capitalization of the company, on which the rental paid by the Cincinnati Traction Co. was based, amounted to \$18,738,950, of which \$227,000 represented funded debt which had been retired by the company with its own funds, the stock actually outstanding in the hands of the public being \$18,511,950. The purchase of the interest of the Cincinnati Traction Co. was effected in part by the payment of \$4,250,000 in stock of this company.

This was accomplished by issuing the balance between the outstanding stock and the authorized issue of \$20,000,000, amounting to \$1,488,050 and then by increasing the authorized capital stock to \$25,000,000 and issuing an additional amount of \$2,761,950 of this stock, making the total \$4,250,000.

At the same time by the terms of the agreement it was necessary for the company to provide the funds and pay off the outstanding bonds in the amount of \$1,414,423 and also to pay for previously unfunded additions and betterments to the property amounting to \$1,247,328. At the same time the new operating plan authorized by the city of Cincinnati called for the sale of securities to provide the initial amount of the fare control fund in the sum of \$400,000 and a working capital fund of \$300,000. Contemplated additions and betterments during the year and the cost of the work of bringing about the reorganization of the street railway system had also to be provided for with the result that an issue of \$6,000,000 3-year 6% notes was authorized, of which there was sold at this time the sum of \$4,500,000.

The total capitalization of the company at the beginning of its operations on Nov. 1 1925, as provided in the new ordinance, was as follows:

Capital stock	\$22,761,950
6% notes, to carry out provisions of ordinance	3,173,750
Car trust certificates	1,064,300
Additional 6% notes were sold (making the total issue of \$4,500,000) for establishing the fare control and working capital funds, and for providing capital for additions and betterments in 1926 of	1,326,250
Making a total Dec. 31 1925 of	\$28,326,250

The benefits accruing to the car riding public of Cincinnati from the reorganization of the financial plan of the system is strikingly shown by the statement that the capitalization on which the company is allowed to earn a return corresponds with a total capitalization before the new plan went into effect of \$39,000,000, the reduction resulting in a saving of \$650,000 a year in charges.

The dividend paid to stockholders on Jan. 1 1926 was the first at a reduced rate. The stock for the quarter was entitled to a dividend at the rate of 6% per annum, or \$3 per share, for the last month (Oct. 1925) under the old plan and at the rate of 5% per annum, or \$2 50 per share, for the first two months (Nov. and Dec. 1925) under the new plan. In other words, the dividend was 1-12 of \$3 plus 2-12 of \$2 50, or a total of 66 2-3 cents. The next dividend and those for the remainder of the three-year period will be allowed to be earned and paid at the rate of 6 1/4 cents per share per quarter.

Results of Operation.—The street railway system was operated for the first 10 months of 1925 by the Cincinnati Traction Co., the former lessee, and for the last two months of 1925 by the Cincinnati Street Ry. itself. The rate of fare in the 10 months' period was 10 cents cash, with no reduced rate for tickets, while the rate of fare for the last two months was 3 tickets for 25 cents or 8 1-3 cents, and 10 cents cash. The cost of operation under the old plan included rentals, interest and sinking fund, return on capital and a city franchise tax of nearly \$1,000,000 per annum more than the interest and sinking fund and return on capital under the new plan. For all of these reasons any statement showing the results of operation for the year 1925 compared with the year 1924, or for the last two months of the year compared with previous months, must be studied with these details in mind.

Results of Operation for Years 1924 and 1925.

(Covering the operation of the system, including the lines of the Cincinnati & Hamilton Traction Co. by the Cincinnati Traction Co. to Nov. 1 1925 and by the Cincinnati Street Ry. since that date.)

	Jan. 1- Oct. 31 1925	Nov. 1- Dec. 31 1925	Total Year 1925.	Year 1924.
Railway operating rev.	\$7,558,322	\$1,242,269	\$8,800,592	\$9,326,096
Railway operating exp.	4,469,590	847,858	5,317,448	5,895,148
Taxes (except franc. tax)	625,291	123,369	748,660	849,833
Rentals	1,030,233	616,676	1,646,908	1,234,937
Interest & sinking fund bonds and notes	585,305	58,941	644,246	683,357
Surplus	\$847,904	\$195,426	\$1,043,329	\$662,822
Deficiencies from 1924 allowed to be earned & paid	521,906		521,906	
Balance	\$325,998	\$195,426	\$521,423	\$662,822
Allowance for return on capital	c347,043	d188,652	535,695	c416,000
Balance, deficit	\$21,045	sur\$6,774	def\$14,272	\$246,822
Deficiencies in return on capital prior to Jan. 1 1924				c428,109
Franchise tax deficiency				89,000
Franchise tax	296,989		296,989	356,000
Deficiency	\$318,034	sur\$6,773	\$311,261	\$626,287

a Paid to the Cincinnati Street Ry. and the Cincinnati & Hamilton Traction Co. b Paid to the Cincinnati & Hamilton Traction Co. c On \$8,500,000 Ohio Traction Co. preferred stock. d On \$22,761,950 Cincinnati Street Ry. stock.

In the spring of 1925 in the absence of any regulatory legislation by the city of Cincinnati, many unauthorized and unlicensed motor buses began operation. While some of these lines were operated with a view toward serving territory that was not directly served by other means of transportation, others directly paralleled the street railway lines and bid for business in a competitive way that, in general, is considered unsound economically. The effect of this in road upon the business of the transportation system and together with other causes tended to reduce the number of revenue passengers as is shown by the following table giving the number of all passengers riding in the past four years:

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Revenue passengers	90,629,875	100,839,343	108,625,599	107,528,666
Transfers	30,832,130	32,706,502	34,066,858	34,765,044
Free	1,309,845	1,319,318	1,292,290	1,399,018
Total	122,771,850	134,865,163	143,984,747	143,692,728

It is interesting to note that the beginning of operations by this company at the reduced rate of fare on Nov. 1 1925 was attended by an immediate increase in the number of revenue passengers carried as compared with the period immediately preceding. The number of revenue passengers riding in the last two months under the old plan and at the higher rate of fare averaged 6,879,025; while the number of revenue passengers riding in the last two months of 1925 under the new operations was 7,223,446, or an increase of a little over 5%.

An application has been filed with the director of street railroads and motor buses of the city of Cincinnati for the approval of the operation of 4 motor bus lines from the centre of the city to outlying suburbs, 2 cross-town motor bus lines and 2 connecting or feeder lines. This application, as well as the applications filed by other motor bus operators, is now under consideration by the city authorities. By presenting this application the company definitely states its intention of entering the motor bus field.

In a letter to the "Chronicle" under date of April 21 the company says:

As a result of the reorganization or rearrangement of the entire financial structure of the companies engaged in street railway operations in Cincinnati the Cincinnati Street Ry. is the only company engaged in the street railway business in Cincinnati, having purchased, on Nov. 1 1925, all of the rights of the Cincinnati Traction Co., its former lessee, to the local property and having as of April 1 1926 purchased all of the property of the Cincinnati & Hamilton Traction Co., the lease of which property it purchased from the Ohio Traction Co.

The Cincinnati Traction Co., therefore, is engaged in no business and the Ohio Traction Co. is now about to effect a reorganization, as a result of which the Cincinnati Traction Co. will be dissolved and a merger will be effected between the Ohio Traction Co., itself and the Cincinnati Car Co., a car manufacturing enterprise which it owns.

In the rearrangement which was put into effect on Nov. 1 1925 the Cincinnati Street Ry. issued \$4,500,000 6 1/4% 3-year notes, and with the proceeds thereof retired \$2,500,000 1st mtge. gold sinking fund bonds of the Ohio Traction Co. The 6 1/4% general refunding bonds of the Ohio Traction Co., being all owned by a trustee for the company, were cancelled and likewise there were cancelled all of the \$2,250,000 Cincinnati Traction

debenture bonds. The Cincinnati Street Ry. assumed the Cincinnati Traction equipment trust notes.

The Cincinnati & Hamilton Traction Co. now having sold its property will shortly liquidate and the 20,000 shares of \$1,000,000 par value of stock of the Cincinnati Street Ry. received for the sale of the property will be distributed to the stockholders of the Cincinnati & Hamilton Traction Co. (see latter company above).—V. 122, p. 2327.

Cincinnati Traction Co.—To Dissolve.—

See Cincinnati Street Ry. above.—V. 121, p. 1460.

Cities Service Co.—Earnings.—

Period—	—Month of March—		—12 Months Mar. 31—	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Gross earnings-----	\$2,165,642	\$1,922,142	\$20,458,541	\$17,788,491
Expenses-----	76,510	63,543	807,771	745,960
Int. & disc. on debens-----	249,980	156,321	2,445,537	1,916,240
Dividend pref. stock-----	490,325	429,864	5,376,801	5,140,069
Net to com. stk. & res.	\$1,348,827	\$1,272,414	\$11,828,433	\$9,986,223
—V. 122, p. 2327, 2322.				

—V. 122, p. 2327, 2322.

Cities Service Power & Light Co.—Bonds Sold.—Dillon Read & Co., Federal Securities Corp., A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., and Henry L. Doherty & Co. have sold at 96 and int. to yield over 6.35% \$5,000,000 20-year 6% secured sinking fund gold bonds series A. Dated Nov. 1 1924; due Nov. 1 1944 (see description in V. 119, p. 2178). These \$5,000,000 series A bonds were issued by the company in June 1925. Their sale to the public at this time does not represent additional financing by the company.

Listing.—The Company will make application immediately to list the Series A bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of Henry L. Doherty, President of the Company.

Company.—A public utility holding company owning common and preferred stocks of electric power and light, gas distributing and street railway companies. The companies whose stocks are thus owned comprise a diversified group of public utility operations in 15 states, serving a population of more than 2,800,000 in over 350 communities. Among the larger cities served are Toledo, Sandusky, Warren, Massillon, Elyria, Lorain, Alliance and Mansfield, O.; Denver, Boulder, Pueblo and Fort Collins, Colo.; Kansas City, Joplin, Sedalia and St. Joseph, Mo.; and Kansas City and Topeka, Kan. These localities represent a wide diversity of industrial and agricultural activities which tends to stabilize the earning power of the group as a whole.

Security.—Series A bonds constitute the only funded debt of the company, with the exception of \$4,500,000 unsecured 6% notes, and are secured by pledge with the trustee of an amount of preferred stocks of certain companies and of more than 95% of the common stocks of the following companies (with the exception of common stocks of Kansas City Gas Co. and Wyandotte County Gas Co. of which more than 60% of each is pledged): (a) Ohio Public Service Co.; (b) Toledo Traction, Light & Power Co. (Toledo Edison Co., subsidiary); (c) Public Service Co. of Colorado; (d) Kansas City (Mo.) Gas Co.; Wyandotte County Gas Co. (Kansas City, Kan.); (e) Empire District Electric Co. (southwestern Missouri); (f) St. Joseph (Mo.) Railway, Light, Heat & Power Co.

These companies comprise the six major operating groups of Cities Service Power & Light Co. The latest reported gross and net operating earnings of these companies represent over 84% of the like earnings of all the subsidiaries of the company. Upon sale of any pledged collateral the proceeds, to the extent and in the manner provided in the indenture, will be utilized for the retirement of bonds.

Consolidated earnings of the Company and its Subsidiaries 12 Months Ended Dec. 31 1925.

Gross earnings (incl. all other income)	\$49,662,136
Net earnings after oper. expenses, maintenance and all taxes	19,095,519
Fixed charges and pref. stock divs of subs.	10,102,491
Deprec. (assumed at rates in the indenture securing these bonds)	1,573,576
Minority interest	208,612
Income applicable to interest charges of company	7,210,840
Maximum annual int. requirements on outstanding series A bonds* (incl. this offering)	1,466,250

*There are also outstanding \$4,500,000 unsecured 6% notes issued for cash to Cities Service Co.

Income applicable to interest charges, as shown above, was over 4.9 times maximum annual interest requirements on Series A bonds of \$1,466,250 and over 4.1 times maximum annual interest charges of \$1,736,250 on all outstanding funded debt of Cities Service Power & Light Co.

Net income, after depreciation as above, applicable to dividends on the preferred and common stocks pledged as security for the Series A bonds, was \$6,693,245 for the 12 months ended Dec. 31 1925, or over 4.5 times maximum annual interest requirements on such bonds.

Control.—Cities Service Co. owns over 90% of the common stock of the company.—V. 121, p. 3003.

Citizens Gas & Fuel Co. of Terre Haute, Ind.—Sale.—

See United Gas & Electric Corp. below.—V. 122, p. 1761.

Commonwealth Light & Power Co.—Plan for Exchange of Securities for Inland Power & Light Corp. Securities.—

See Inland Power & Light Corp. below.—V. 122, p. 2328.

Community Power & Light Co.—Notes Called.—

The company has called for redemption on June 1 next all of the outstanding 7 1/2% serial conv. gold notes dated Jan. 1 1923 and Oct. 1 1923, and on July 1 next all of the 7% serial gold notes, dated July 1 1924. Payment will be made at the Liberty Central Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo., at par and int., plus a premium of 1/2 of 1% for each year or part of year between the redemption date and the date of maturity of each note. See also V. 122, p. 2328.

Connecticut Light & Power Co.—Merger, &c.—

It is announced that the Meriden Gas Light Co., the Meriden Electric Light Co., the New Milford Electric Light Co., the Woodbury Electric Co. and the Westport Electric Co. were merged into and with the Connecticut Light & Power Co. on March 10 1926. The latter company is controlled by the Connecticut Electric Service Co.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross operating revenue	\$6,488,238	\$5,656,131	\$5,151,859	\$4,426,621
Operating expenses	3,712,701	3,427,794	3,375,457	2,779,731
Operating income	\$2,775,537	\$2,228,337	\$1,776,402	\$1,646,890
Non-oper. revenue	41,198	112,109	441,498	160,777
Gross income	\$2,816,735	\$2,340,446	\$2,217,900	\$1,807,667
Rent of leased property	402,355	402,355	402,355	402,354
Interest charges	939,340	685,408	512,881	511,957
Miscell. deductions	43,094	32,879	25,581	
Net income	\$1,431,946	\$1,219,804	\$1,277,083	\$893,356

—V. 122, p. 1454.

Consolidated Power & Light Co.—Merger.—

See Appalachian Electric Power Co. above.—V. 122, p. 609.

Consumers' Gas Co., Toronto.—Rights.—

The additional \$2,000,000 of capital stock, par \$100, which the company is to issue, will be offered for subscription to stockholders of record May 15 at \$150 per share on the basis of one new share for each five shares owned. Rights will expire June 23 and payment must be made in full on or before July 2.—V. 122, p. 2328.

Detroit Motor Bus Co.—Note Issue Authorized.—

The Michigan P. U. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$500,000 in notes to meet a debt for equipment. The company has purchased 80 buses, of 33 passenger capacity each, for \$757,000.—V. 122, p. 94.

Dayton (Ohio) Power & Light Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Operating revenues—	\$6,965,143	\$5,756,407	\$5,105,314	\$4,535,303
Total income x—	\$2,321,974	\$2,206,416	\$1,869,330	\$1,518,908
Interest charges—				
Sinking fund—	935,213	164,610	109,740	109,731
Other charges—		551,897	554,641	552,538
Preferred dividends—	394,781	334,377	267,454	245,168
Common dividends—	137,260	122,120		122,120
Balance—	\$854,720	\$621,761	\$477,187	\$322,007
x After deducting oper. exp. and adding non-oper. income.—	V. 121, p. 977.			

Duke-Price Power Co., Ltd.—\$37,000,000 Bonds Sold—
Aluminum Co. of America Acquires Controlling Interest.—
 The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, Guaranty Co. of New York, Bankers Trust Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., Aldred & Co., Brown Brothers & Co., Marshall Field, Gore, Ward & Co., New York, and Mellon National Bank, Pittsburgh, have sold at 100 and interest \$37,000,000 first mortgage 6% sinking fund gold bonds, series A. The company's outstanding \$12,000,000 first mortgage gold bonds, 6% series due 1949, which will be called for redemption on July 1 1926, will be accepted in payment for the new bonds on a 4 1/4% interest yield basis.

Dated May 1 1926; due May 1 1966. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and interest (M. & N.) payable in New York, Pittsburgh or Montreal, in U. S. gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness. Interest payable without deduction for any U. S. Federal income tax up to 2%. Redeemable as a whole on first day of any month on 60 days' notice, or in part for the sinking fund on any Nov. 1 beginning in 1929, on 30 days' notice, at 100 and interest on or before May 1 1931, and at 1/4 of 1% less for each five-year period or fraction thereof elapsed thereafter up to and including May 1 1961, and at 101 and interest thereafter prior to maturity. Penna. 4 mill tax refundable. Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh, and National Trust Co., Ltd., Montreal, trustees.

Listing.—Application will be made to list these bonds on the New York and Boston Stock Exchanges.

Data from Letter of Vice-Pres. A. V. Davis, Quebec, April 28 1926.

Company.—A Quebec corporation, organized in 1924 by James B. Duke and Sir William Price and associates, will take over the large hydro-electric power project which they had for several years been developing at Isle Maligne on the Saguenay River in the Province of Quebec.

New Control.—As a result of negotiations initiated following the death of Mr. Duke last year, the Aluminum Co. of America interests are acquiring 53 1-3% of the capital stock of the company and Shawinigan Water & Power Co. is acquiring 20% (the remaining 26 2-3% being retained by the Duke-Price interests), and these new interests are contracting for large amounts of power.

Capitalization.—A reconstitution of the company's capital structure is also being effected which will result in a capitalization presently to be outstanding of these \$37,000,000 first mortgage bonds and 210,000 shares of capital stock without par value, the present \$12,000,000 bonds being retired.

Property.—Company's plant at Isle Maligne is one of the largest hydro-electric generating stations on the continent, having an installed capacity exceeded only by two plants at Niagara Falls. Being situated at the outlet of Lake St. John, which has 385 sq. miles of surface area and 30,000 sq. miles of drainage area, it uses that body of water as a storage reservoir and, by equalizing the stream flow throughout the year, is able to operate at a high capacity at all times.

Eight 45,000 h. p. units are now in operation and two additional units of the same size are being installed and will be completed within a short time, making a total installed capacity of 450,000 h. p. In addition, the station building is so constructed as to permit the installation of two other units, the necessary flumes, penstocks, intakes and foundations for which are already in place. The completion of these two units, at an estimated cost of less than \$1,000,000, will make the ultimate capacity of 540,000 h. p. The power station, dams and spillways are of unusually substantial construction, and the design is of the most efficient type.

Company is constructing and will complete next month a transmission line from Isle Maligne to Arvida and Port Alfred at a cost of about \$1,250,000.

Advantages of Location.—The Isle Maligne plant offers the unusual advantage of low-priced water power in large amounts located near tidewater, it being only 40 miles from Isle Maligne to Port Alfred, into which port large ocean-going steamers can enter. Railroad facilities are afforded by the Canadian National Railways and by the Roberval & Saguenay Ry.

Power Contracts.—Company has firm contracts for the sale of 330,000 h. p., which is nearly 75% of the capacity now installed or being installed. These contracts are with the Aluminum Co. of Canada (all of whose stock is owned), and the due performance of whose contract is guaranteed, by the Aluminum Co. of America), the Shawinigan Water & Power Co., Price Brothers & Co., Ltd., and the Port Alfred Pulp & Paper Corp.

With respect to 240,000 h. p. of the 330,000 h. p., the contracts run for a period of fifty years from Jan. 1 1927, or for more than ten years beyond the maturity of these bonds. Under these contracts the Aluminum Co. of Canada and Shawinigan Water & Power Co. are obligated for the full fifty years to take 100,000 h. p. each. Price Brothers & Co., Ltd., is obligated to take 40,000 h. p. for fifty years and 60,000 h. p. additional for ten years and has the option of taking this 60,000 h. p. for the remaining forty years but only at an increased price.

The contract with the Port Alfred Pulp & Paper Corp. runs for 25 years and calls for the delivery of power beginning on or about May 1 1926, and increasing in amount to 30,000 h. p. by Sept. 1 1927.

Contracting Companies.—Aluminum Co. of America is the largest producer of aluminum in the world. It is, through its subsidiary, constructing at Arvida, 20 miles from Isle Maligne, a large modern plant for the manufacture of aluminum on which, including town and connecting railroad, more than \$15,000,000 is being expended and which is so planned as to permit of extensive enlargement. It is expected that this plant will begin taking power from Isle Maligne in July 1926 and will be taking the full 100,000 h. p. contracted for by Oct. 1926. The plant is favorable situated not only with respect to power supply, but also, by reason of its location near tidewater, for receiving its principal raw material, bauxite, by ship from South America.

The Shawinigan Water & Power Co. is one of the largest electric companies in Canada. With its affiliated companies it serves approximately 50 communities with an aggregate population of about 1,500,000, including the cities of Quebec and Montreal. In order to avail itself of the power which it has contracted to purchase from the Duke-Price Power Co., Ltd., it is constructing, at an estimated cost of approximately \$4,000,000, a transmission line which will connect its present extensive distributing system with the Isle Maligne plant.

Price Brothers & Co., Ltd., is one of the largest manufacturers of newsprint paper in the world. Its principal plants and reserves of timber are in the immediate region of Isle Maligne. It has a mill of 500 tons daily capacity 20 miles from Isle Maligne where it is using a considerable amount of the power under its contract. In addition it has just completed close to Isle Maligne a 200-ton mill designed to operate entirely with power obtained under this contract.

Port Alfred Pulp & Paper Corp. has been in operation since 1918 as a producer of sulphite pulp and is now enlarging its plant, located at Port Alfred, to include paper-making machinery which will be operated by the power taken under its contract.

The plants of the Aluminum, Price Brothers and Port Alfred companies which receive or are to receive power from the Duke-Price Power Co., Ltd., and the transmission line being built by the Shawinigan company, are stated to represent an aggregate investment of more than \$30,000,000.

Security.—These bonds are to be secured by a direct first mortgage on the entire physical property now owned, and by a floating charge upon all its other assets. All additions hereafter made to the physical property now mortgaged will also be subjected to the direct lien of the mortgage.

Provisions of Issue.—Authorized, \$50,000,000. The remaining \$13,000,000 may be issued either as Series A bonds or in other series with varying interest rates not exceeding 6% and maturity dates not earlier than May 1 1966. Except for a principal amount not exceeding \$3,000,000 which may be issued for the acquisition of stocks or other securities or property at not exceeding 75% of the cost thereof and without any restrictions as to earnings, the additional bonds may be issued only for not more than 75% of the cost of

additional physical property subjected to the mortgage as a direct first lien and provided net earnings for 12 consecutive months out of the preceding 15 months shall have been at least 1 1/2 times annual interest charges on all the bonds theretofore issued and then proposed to be issued.

Sinking Fund.—Company agrees to establish a cumulative sinking fund calculated to retire by maturity at least one-half of the total amount of all bonds of series A issued under the mortgage. The sinking fund payments shall be made in cash annually on each Sept. 1 beginning in 1929 and shall consist of (a) 1/4 of 1% of the total principal amount of series A bonds issued, (b) the interest which would have accrued to the preceding May 1 on all bonds theretofore retired by the sinking fund, such interest to be calculated for one year on all bonds retired by any sinking fund payment other than that last preceding, and for six months on all bonds retired by such last preceding sinking fund payment; and (c) such further sum, if any, as shall be sufficient to retire by maturity at least one-half of the total amount of series A bonds issued. All such payments are to be applied by the American trustee to the purchase of bonds tendered to it at prices not exceeding the then current redemption price and (or), to the extent that such moneys are not exhausted in the purchase of bonds so tendered, to the redemption of bonds by lot on the next succeeding Nov. 1.

Earnings.—The aggregate payments required by the 50-year contracts referred to above amount to \$2,055,000 in 1927, \$2,330,000 in 1928, \$2,605,000 in 1929, and \$2,880,000 in 1930 and annually thereafter.

Payments under the 10-year Price Brothers contract and the 25-year Port Alfred company contract will aggregate \$855,000 per annum in addition to the above amounts. Any renewal or replacements of these contracts upon their expiration will undoubtedly be at substantially increased rates.

Company's plant, like most hydro-electric generating installations, should in its operation and maintenance entail only a comparatively small amount of expense. Company's total expenses of every character, exclusive of interest, are estimated at less than \$225,000 in 1927 and at less than \$275,000 per annum by 1930.

The payments required by the contracts mentioned above exceed the aggregate of such estimated expenses and the interest charges on this issue by more than \$400,000 in 1927, \$725,000 in 1928, \$975,000 in 1929 and \$1,250,000 in 1930.

Beyond these existing contracts, the company will have available a substantial amount of secondary or part-time power for which there will be a demand and which at generally prevailing rates should when sold produce more than \$400,000 additional annual income.

Management.—Company's board of directors will include representatives of the Aluminum Co. of America, Shawinigan Water & Power Co., Price Brothers & Co., Ltd., and the Duke Estate.—V. 122, p. 2039.

East Penn Electric Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.
Gross earnings from operation—	\$3,085,631	\$3,146,361
Operating expenses and taxes—	1,825,359	1,649,395
Other income—	Cr281	Cr2,671
Interest on bonds—	400,233	416,652
Other interest and deductions—	39,702	47,619
Dividends on preferred stock—	145,372	130,107
Balance—	\$675,246	\$905,259
—V. 120, p. 2400.		

Electric Power & Light Corp. & Subs.—Prelim. Report.

Combined Income Account for 12 Months Ended Dec. 31.

	1924.	1925.
Gross earnings of subsidiaries—	\$41,452,378	\$44,614,778
Net earnings of subsidiaries—	16,425,549	18,417,861
Gross earnings of corp., incl. balance from oper. of sub. cos. applicable to El. Pr. & Lt. Corp. after renewal & replacement appropriations of \$3,637,068—		\$4,360,543
Expenses of Electric Power & Light Corp.—		421,559
Interest of Electric Power & Light Corp.—		17,964
Preferred dividends—		1,676,881
Second preferred dividends—		608,226
Combined undistributed income—		\$1,635,913

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 of Electric Power & Light Corp.

Assets.	Liabilities.
Cash—	Loans payable—
Notes & loans rec. (subs.)—	Dividends declared—
Notes & loans rec. (others)—	Accounts payable—
Accts. rec. (subsidiaries)—	Accrued accounts—
Accts. rec. (others)—	Cap. stock (no par val.)—
Reacquired cap. stock—	Surplus—
Invest's (secur. of sub. &c.)—	
Prepaid taxes—	
	Total (each side)—

x Represented by 403,561 shares of \$7 div. pref. stock, 111,874 shares \$7 div. 2d pref. stock, and 1,621,729 shares of common stock.

Note.—At the end of the year there was an uncalled balance of \$9,622,000 on preferred stock subscriptions, not incl. in assets or liabilities.

At Dec. 31 1925 there were outstanding option warrants entitling holders to purchase an aggregate of 767,380 shares of common stock, without limitation as to time, at \$25 per share.

The subsidiaries of the corporation supply service in 411 communities in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Utah, Colorado, Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada and Oregon. The total population served is estimated at 1,636,000. Of the total of 408,600 consumers of the subsidiaries of the company, 322,700 are supplied with electric power and light service.—V. 121, p. 1568.

Elmira Water, Light & RR. Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross earnings—	\$2,399,279	\$2,133,315	\$2,211,604
Net (after taxes)—	943,104	786,893	789,797
Fixed charges—	298,730	300,282	300,850
Surplus for renew., &c.—	\$644,374	\$486,611	\$488,947
—V. 119, p. 2877.			\$391,154

Fitch Utilities, Inc.—Acquisition.—

It is announced that this company has acquired the Georgia-Florida Power Co. and its subsidiaries, the Seminole Power Co. and the Bainbridge Power Co.—V. 122, p. 1608, 1309.

Fresno Interurban Ry.—Control & Lease by Atchison.—

See Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. under "Railroads" above.—V. 112, p. 2642.

Gas & By-Products Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross earnings—	\$4,629,817	\$4,237,312	\$3,299,028
Oper. exp. tax, &c.—	3,986,521	3,663,948	2,840,353
Balance—	\$643,296	\$573,364	\$458,675
Annual int. on 1st lien bonds—	205,765	210,000	
—V. 118, p. 1916.			

General Gas & Electric Corp. (of Delaware).—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 10,920 shares additional cum. pref. stock, class B, without par value, making the total amount applied for 43,420 shares.

The issuance of the 10,920 shares of cum. pref. stock, class B was authorized by the directors on March 31 1926 in exchange for \$220,000 (entire issue) of 6% cum. pref. stock of Manufacturers Power Co.; \$770,000 (entire issue) of 7% cum. pref. stock of Blue Ridge Power Co.; and \$102,000 common stock of Blue Ridge Power Co., being all of the common stock not now owned by Manufacturers Power Co. As part of this transaction General Gas & Electric Corp. is acquiring for cash the entire outstanding common stock of Manufacturers Power Corp.—V. 122, p. 2328, 2040, 2030.

Hamilton (Ont.) Street Ry.—To Submit New Franchise.

Negotiations between this company and the city of Hamilton, Ont., have finally resulted in a definite agreement for continuation of service on a 5-cent fare basis until June 1928, and the people will on May 10 vote on the agreement.

At the annual meeting of the Dominion Power & Transmission Co., President W. E. Phin said in substance:

"Our efforts during the last six months have been devoted chiefly to a solution of street railway problems. The Hamilton Street Ry. for the last five years has not earned or paid any dividends, while during that

period \$500,000 has been paid the city for taxes, mileage and percentage charges, which, if continued, would bankrupt the company and deprive the car riders of the required service.

"As the city last December, by an overwhelming majority, refused to purchase the railway, there was no other alternative but that the city and the company should negotiate a fair agreement based on the company's continued operation of the railway and provide a satisfactory transportation system under conditions which will permit the company to earn a reasonable return on its capital investment. Negotiations along this line have been completed and the amended agreement, which will be submitted to the electors on May 10, provides for a 5-cent fare and a 10-cent bus fare, or 3 bus tickets for 25 cents, until June 30, 1928; and thereafter for an adjustment of fares on application by either party to the Ontario Railway & Municipal Board. The city agrees to forego its charges for mileage and percentage so long as the above fares are maintained, and should the Railway Board, on application, increase the fares, the city is to then be paid 4% of the gross receipts of the company.

"The company is granted under this agreement an 'exclusive franchise' for all passenger transportation on the city streets, except by cab and taxicabs at tariff rates, with the understanding that jitneys will be permitted to run until June 30, 1928, the city agreeing not to issue any new license or transfer any now in force. Some further minor concessions are granted the company, such as a reduction in charges for snow removal and the right to carry advertising signs on the outside of the cars.

"Under this agreement, if approved, the company undertakes to purchase, and put into operation the first year, 24 new cars and 8 buses, and during the second year install 12 new cars and 4 more new cars or buses as required and to construct car barn and repair shops to cost \$250,000. During the third year the company will put on 12 new cars and 4 buses or cars as required. The improvements will cost approximately \$1,100,000.

"The city has, under by-law 624, the option of purchasing the railway by arbitration on Dec. 22, 1928, and at the expiration of each five-year period thereafter."—V. 121, p. 2156.

Hartford & Springfield Street Ry.—Sale.—

The properties, franchises and rolling stock of the company were sold April 27 at a bondholders' sale to Francis R. Cooley of Hartford for \$10,000. Mr. Cooley is Chairman of the bondholders' protective committee. Arthur Perkins conducted the sale.—V. 122, p. 882.

Houston Gas & Fuel Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.
Gross earnings.....	\$1,589,545	\$1,502,922
Net earnings.....	497,104	557,151
Fixed charges, &c.....	149,656	199,652
Balance.....	\$347,448	\$357,499

—V. 121, p. 3003.

Inland Power & Light Corp.—Plan for Exchange of Securities.—A plan for the exchange of the securities of the Commonwealth Light & Power Co. and the Interstate Electric Corp. for securities of the Inland Power & Light Corp., approved by the President and directors of Commonwealth and Interstate companies, and of Tide Water Power Co., which owns a controlling interest in the outstanding common stock of Commonwealth Co., was referred to in our issue of V. 122, p. 2328. The plan in detail follows:

An introductory statement to the plan says in substance:

The properties owned by the Commonwealth-Interstate subsidiaries constitute important and valuable groups of public utility properties which have been in successful operation for many years, furnishing without competition diversified public utility service to 213 prosperous and rapidly growing communities in the States of Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri, Michigan and Texas, with an aggregate population in excess of 215,000.

The capital structure of the companies owning such properties and of the Commonwealth and Interstate companies is, however, not properly adapted to the obtaining of the substantial sums of money which are needed now, and will be needed in increasing amounts in the coming years, for necessary and profitable capital extensions, improvements and additions.

This capital structure is the result of a growth and development in the territories, during the past decade, which has far exceeded the expectation of all concerned. This growth made necessary in that period the prompt raising of capital for the requisite improvements and expansion, often under adverse money conditions which necessitated resorting to costly short time financing and which resulted in the complication of the financial structure through multiplicity of issues.

In order that the financial structure may be simplified it is proposed that a corporation, known as Inland Power & Light Corp., acquire all interests of the Commonwealth and Interstate companies in their subsidiaries, however such interests are evidenced. For such acquisition the Inland company is to issue bonds, debentures and stock, and through the proposed exchange of securities all obligations and stock of the Interstate company will be retired, and all obligations of the Commonwealth company will likewise be retired, except its refunding and unifying bonds, as security for which 100,000 shares of class A common stock and all of the class B common stock of the Inland company will be pledged and deposited.

The Inland company will then cause the physical properties to be consolidated, as far as possible, into State companies; that is, one company in Kansas, another in Michigan, &c., and these several State companies will be refinanced on a favorable basis, principally through the issuance of first mortgage bonds of long term and relatively low interest rate, and all existing indebtedness of the operating companies which is of early maturity or which bears interest at a high rate will be retired. It is believed that when the plan is consummated, a modern flexible financial structure will have been created which will be adequate for the needs of the properties, both present and future, and which will permit of advantage being taken of the opportunities for expansion and for increased business which are at hand and in immediate prospect.

The principal advantages which will result from the plan are the following:

- The consolidation of the Kansas subsidiaries in the new Kansas company and of the Michigan subsidiaries in the new Michigan company, by direct or stock ownership, and a similar consolidation into Arkansas-Missouri Company, and possibly one additional Missouri company, of the properties in Arkansas and Missouri, and the creation of issues of bonds of such operating companies secured by first mortgage, which issues of bonds should enjoy active and favorable markets because of their substantial size and the nature of the security.
- The economies in operation which should result from the consolidation into State groups of the operating properties.
- The creation of the new issues of bonds and debentures of the Inland company which should command a ready and active market and thus provide a means whereby additional desirable properties can be secured from time to time and the present properties can be aided in their development on a favorable basis.
- The payment or refunding of obligations maturing within the next few years.

Digest of Plan for Exchange of Securities Dated April 1 1926.

New Company and Its Purpose.—It is proposed that Inland Power & Light Corp. acquire all interests of the Commonwealth and Interstate companies in the Commonwealth-Interstate subsidiaries, however such interests are evidenced. For such acquisitions, Inland company will issue its bonds, debentures and stock, and all obligations and stock of the Interstate company will be retired, except the Commonwealth refunding and unifying bonds as security for which 100,000 shares of class A common stock and all of the class B common stock of the Inland company will be pledged and deposited.

The Inland company will then cause the physical properties of the Kansas subsidiaries to be transferred, by consolidation or in such other manner as the managers may approve, to the new Kansas company. The Inland company will cause similar steps to be taken in the States of Michigan, Arkansas, Missouri and Texas, to the end that in each State, so far as permitted by law, there will be one principal company which will own all, or substantially all, of the properties in that State by direct or stock ownership. These several State operating companies will then be refinanced, principally through the issuance of 1st mtge. bonds of long term and relatively low interest rate, and all existing indebtedness of the

various Commonwealth-Interstate subsidiaries which is of early maturity or which bears interest at a high rate will be retired.

The financial structure of the Commonwealth company will remain unchanged except that all its funded debt, other than its refunding and unifying bonds, will be retired. It is believed that their position will be substantially improved by the fact that 100,000 shares of the class A common stock and all of the class B common stock of the Inland company will be pledged and deposited to secure them, and all short time and prior debt of the Commonwealth company will be retired, so that the refunding and unifying bonds will be a first claim on all assets of the Commonwealth company. Dividends on the 100,000 shares of class A common stock of the Inland company at the rate of \$1.20 per share per annum, to which extent they are preferred over the class B common shares, will be sufficient to pay interest on the Commonwealth company's refunding and unifying bonds.

Capitalization of Inland Company.—It is proposed that Inland company issue the following new securities:

10-year 6% 1st coll. trust sinking fund gold bonds, series A.....	\$1,745,500
15-year 6% 1st coll. trust sinking fund gold bonds, series B.....	2,941,700
7% sinking fund debentures, series A.....	1,572,900
7% cumulative preferred stock.....	511,700
Class A common stock (no par).....	100,000 shs.
Class B common stock (no par).....	100,000 shs.

Collateral Trust Bonds.—Will be issued in one or more series. Authorized issue unlimited or limited as managers may fix. Series A bonds dated March 1 1926, due March 1 1936. Series B bonds dated May 1 1926, due May 1 1941. Int. payable without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Conn. 4-mill tax. Penna. 4-mill tax, Maryland 4½-mill tax, Calif. personal property tax up to 4 mills, District of Columbia 5-mill tax, and Mass. income tax on int. not exceeding 6% of such interest per annum refunded. Red. on first day of any month on 30 days notice. Series A bonds at 102½ and int., reducing ¼ of 1% for each year elapsed from April 30 1926, and series B bonds at 105 and int., prior to May 1 1931, reducing ½ of 1% for each year elapsed from April 30 1930.

Series A and series B bonds entitled to benefit of a sinking fund under terms of which 2% of the largest principal amount of bonds of said two series at any time outstanding, will be retired each year starting in 1928.

There will be pledged and deposited, under the indenture securing these bonds, all common stock (except directors' qualifying shares), of the new Kansas company, the new Michigan company, the Arkansas-Missouri company and the new Texas company.

Debentures.—Authorized issue limited to \$25,000,000 at any one time outstanding. Series A, dated June 1 1926, due June 1 1935. Int. payable without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Conn. 4-mill tax, Penna. 4-mill tax, Maryland 4½-mill tax, Calif. personal property tax up to 4 mills, District of Columbia 5-mill tax, and Mass. income tax on int. not exceeding 6% of such interest per annum refunded. Red. on first day of any month on 30 days notice at 104 and int., reducing ½ of 1% for each year elapsed from April 30 1926. Series A entitled to benefit of a sinking fund under terms of which 2% of the largest principal amount of series A debentures at any time outstanding will be retired each year starting in 1927.

Cumulative Preferred Stock.—Authorized amount not to exceed \$10,000,000. Entitled to cumulative divs. at rate of 7% per annum and no more. Red. all part on any div. date at 107 and divs. On any liquidation, dissolution or winding up entitled to receive 107 and div Company shall not, if holders of one-third or more of outstanding preferred stock object thereto: (1) increase authorized amount so that it will exceed \$10,000,000; or (2) create any other stock or class of stock having priority over, or on a parity with, the preferred stock, either as to earnings or assets. Except as required by law, preferred stock shall have no voting power unless dividends amounting to 7% thereon shall have accrued and be unpaid, or unless there shall have occurred some default in the observation of any of the above provisions.

Class A common stock.—Authorized, 300,000 shares (no par), of which 100,000 shares will be issued to the Commonwealth company, and by it pledged and deposited as security for its refunding and unifying bonds. Remaining 200,000 will be reserved to be issued from time to time for such purposes and for such considerations as directors may determine.

Subject to the rights of the preferred stock, class A common will be: (a) Entitled to priority as to dividends to the extent of \$1.20 per share per annum over the class B common stock, and such dividends at the rate of \$1.20 per share will be cumulative to the extent earned in any calendar year. (b) Red., all or part, at \$20 per share and divs. on the shares red. at rate of \$1.20 per share per annum to the extent earned but unpaid. (c) Entitled to priority in liquidation or dissolution over the class B common stock, up to \$20 per share plus divs. at rate of \$1.20 per share per annum to the extent earned but unpaid on the class A common stock. Class A common stock will not be entitled to vote. **Class B common stock.**—All to be issued to Commonwealth company and by it pledged and deposited as part security for its refunding and unifying bonds. Class B stock shall have full voting power (except as above stated under preferred stock).

Securities which may be Deposited under the Plan.—The following securities may be deposited under the plan:

Commonwealth Light & Power Co. 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds, due Nov. 1 1947.....	\$2,941,700
Interstate Electric Corp. 1st lien 6% collateral sinking fund gold bonds, due March 1 1933.....	1,745,500
Interstate Electric Corp. 10-year 7% sinking fund gold debenture bonds, due Dec. 1 1932.....	1,472,900
Interstate Electric Corp. 7% pref. stock (not owned by Commonwealth company).....	34,600
Interstate Electric Corp. common stock (not owned by the Commonwealth company).....	15,000

Exchange of Securities of the Commonwealth and Interstate Companies for Securities of the Inland Company.

The holders of certificates of deposit for the securities of the Commonwealth and Interstate companies listed will upon consummation of the plan, be entitled to receive securities of the Inland company to the amounts set forth, as follows:

- Commonwealth Light & Power Co.**—Each \$100 of 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds, due Nov. 1 1947, entitles the holder thereof to receive \$100 of 15-year 6% 1st coll. trust sinking fund gold bonds, series B, due May 1 1941, and \$750 7% cum. pref. stock of the Inland company.
- Interstate Electric Corp.**—(1) Each \$100 of 1st lien 6% coll. sink. fund gold bonds, due March 1 1933, entitles the holder thereof to receive \$100 10-year 6% 1st coll. trust sinking fund gold bonds, series A, due March 1 1936, and \$750 of 7% cum. pref. stock of the Inland company.
- Each \$100 of 10-year 7% sinking fund gold debenture bonds, due Dec. 1 1932, entitles the holder thereof to receive \$100 of 7% sinking fund debentures, series A, due June 1 1935, and \$750 of 7% cum. pref. stock of the Inland company.
- Each \$100 of 7% pref. stock of Interstate company (other than shares of such pref. stock owned by the Commonwealth company), entitles the holder thereof to receive \$100 of 7% cum. pref. stock of the Inland company, and an amount of cash equal to the accrued unpaid dividends on the pref. stock of the Interstate company surrendered for exchange.
- Each \$100 of common stock of the Interstate company (other than shares of such common stock owned by the Commonwealth company), entitles the holder thereof to receive \$100 of 7% cumulative pref. stock of the Inland company.

The Commonwealth company will receive 100,000 shares of class A common stock and all outstanding shares of class B common stock of Inland company in exchange for all its interests, however evidenced, in the Interstate company and the Commonwealth-Interstate subsidiaries.

Proposed Capitalization of Operating Companies.

It is proposed that the State operating companies, after consolidation and financing, will have securities outstanding of the classes and in substantially the amounts (below). The indentures under which the bonds of such companies are to be issued will be of modern type and will provide for the issuance of additional bonds (of one or more series, which may differ as provided in the indentures) for capital purposes under conservative restrictions. It is proposed also that such companies may in the future issue and sell additional preferred stock for customer ownership and otherwise.

The common stocks of such companies, which for convenience are not shown, will consist of such number of shares as the managers may fix, and, except directors qualifying shares, will all be owned by Inland company and by it pledged and deposited to secure its 1st coll. trust sinking fund gold bonds.

The first mortgage bonds of the operating companies (below) are to be sold through bankers to the public. All outstanding obligations of Commonwealth-Interstate subsidiaries which are not included in the following tables are to be retired. It is not contemplated that it will be necessary for the new Texas company to issue any securities in connection with the plan.

New Kansas Company.

New 1st mtge. 20-year gold bonds, due 1946, not to exceed 6% in interest rate and not to exceed in principal amount.....\$3,750,000

New Michigan Company.

Michigan Public Service Co.—1st mtge. 6½% gold bonds, series A, due April 1 1943.....\$490,500
New 1st mtge. and ref. 20-year gold bonds, due 1946, not to exceed 6% in int. rate and not to exceed in principal amount.....1,250,000

Arkansas-Missouri Subsidiaries.

Arkansas-Missouri Power Co.—
1st mtge. 5% 30-year sinking fund gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1953.....\$32,000
1st mtge. 6% 30-year sinking fund gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1953.....1,564,100
1st mtge. 7% 30-year sinking fund gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1953.....444,100
10-year 6½% gold debentures, due May 1 1935.....500,000
Preferred stock.....382,200

Trenton Gas & Electric Co.—
10-year 6½% sink. fd. gold debentures, due Oct. 1 1935.....450,000
Disposition of Securities of the Inland Company in Excess of Those Exchanged for Securities of the Commonwealth and Interstate Companies.

In connection with the reorganization of the operating properties and their refinancing (as above), a substantial sum of money will be received by the Inland company as the holder of the interests of the Commonwealth and Interstate companies in such operating subsidiaries. It is proposed to apply any such money so received to the payment or call and redemption of the \$600,000 Commonwealth company's one-year 6% notes, maturing July 1 1926, and the \$454,700 of Commonwealth company's two-year 6½% notes, maturing Oct. 1 1926.

To supply any additional moneys needed for the call and redemption of the above mentioned notes of the Commonwealth company, to meet the expenses of the transactions contemplated by the plan, including provision for any undeposited securities and for compensation to bankers underwriting the new securities or effecting the exchanges, and to provide working capital, it is anticipated that it may be necessary for the Inland company to sell additional 1st coll. trust sinking fund gold bonds. Bonds in excess of the amount required to carry out the plan can only be issued under the restrictive provisions above mentioned for the future needs of the company.

Adjustments of Interest Payments and Distribution of Interest on Deposited Securities.—All installments of interest upon bonds and debentures deposited under the plan, which are paid by the obligor companies to the depository or a sub-depository prior to the date as of which the plan is declared operative, will forthwith be paid over to the depositories of such bonds and debentures. Installments of interest as aforesaid shall be payable to depositories only upon presentation of their certificates of deposit to the proper depository or sub-depository for the notation of such payment thereon, and upon the filing with such depository or sub-depository of proper ownership certificates in accordance with the Federal Income tax law. All installments of interest on deposited bonds or debentures maturing after the date as of which the plan is declared operative, shall, if paid by the obligor companies, be retained and shall constitute part of the general funds to be disposed of under the plan.

Interest on the 1st coll. trust sinking fund gold bonds, series A and series B, and 7% sinking fund debentures, series A, of the Inland company to be issued to depositories of bonds and debentures of the Commonwealth and Interstate companies, shall accrue from, or be adjusted as of, the respective dates to which such installments of interest shall be so paid to depositories on such bonds and debentures of the Commonwealth and Interstate companies, respectively.

Methods of Participation in Plan.—The holders of securities entitled to participate in the plan may assent thereto by depositing their securities with the depository or one of the sub-depositories. The Commonwealth 1st mtge. bonds must have the Nov. 1 1926 and all subsequent coupons attached. The Interstate 1st lien bonds must have the Sept. 1 1926 and all subsequent coupons attached. The Interstate debentures must have the Dec. 1 1926 and all subsequent coupons attached. (See also V. 122, p. 2328.)

Schedule of Securities to be Outstanding Upon Completion of Financing.

Inland Power & Light Corp.—
10-yr. 6% 1st coll. tr. s. f. gold bonds, ser. A, due Mar. 1 '36.....\$1,745,500
15-yr. 6% 1st coll. tr. s. f. gold bonds, ser. B, due May 1 '41.....2,941,700
7% sinking fund debentures, ser. A, due June 1 1935.....1,472,900
7% cumulative preferred stock.....511,700
Class A (no par) common stock.....100,000 shs.
Class B (no par) common stock.....100,000 shs.

Subsidiary companies—
Funded debt in hands of public (not exceeding).....\$8,230,700
Preferred stock in hands of public.....382,200
All common stock of subsidiary companies is to be owned, directly or indirectly, by Inland Power & Light Corp.

Statement of Earnings 12 Months Ending Dec. 31 1925.

[Inland Power & Light Corp. and subsidiaries.]

Operating revenue and other income.....\$2,940,559
Operating expenses, including maintenance, local taxes, &c.....1,747,180

Net earnings.....\$1,193,379
Annual interest and dividend requirements of subsidiary cos.....531,920

Balance available from operating companies.....\$661,459
Annual interest requirements on \$1,745,500 10-year 6% 1st coll. trust s. f. gold bonds, series A, due March 1 1936.....104,730
Annual interest requirements on \$2,941,700 15-year 6% 1st coll. trust s. f. gold bonds, series B, due May 1 1941.....176,502
Annual interest requirements on \$1,472,900 7% s. f. debentures, series A, due May 1 1935.....103,103
Annual dividend requirements on \$511,700 7% cum. pref. stock.....35,819

Balance available for management fees, depreciation, amortization, &c.....\$241,305
The General Engineering & Management Corp. has agreed to subordinate their management fees, to the extent they are chargeable against earnings, to the prior payment by the companies of bond interest and preferred stock dividends. Compare also V. 122, p. 2328.

International Utilities Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Preliminary Consolidated Income Statement for Year 1925.

Including Kentucky Securities Corp., Canadian Utilities, Ltd., Canadian Western Natural Gas, Light, Heat & Power Co., Ltd., Buffalo & Erie Ry. Co., Southwestern Public Service, Inc., Southwestern Utilities Corp.
Operating revenue.....\$5,803,477
Operating expenses incl. maintenance, depl., taxes (local and Fed. Inc.), admin. charges, parent co. exp., and proportion of earnings applicable to minority stockholders.....3,858,272
Interest charges.....1,050,031
Net surplus adjustments, &c.....Cr. 14,460

Consol. net earnings of corp. and above subs. on basis of present stock ownership avail for deprec., amortiz. and divs as of Dec. 31 1925.....\$909,634
—V. 122, p. 1762.

Interstate Electric Corp.—Plan for Exch. of Securities.

See Inland Power & Light Corp. above.—V. 122, p. 2329.

Iowa Electric Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—
1925. 1924. 1923. 1922.
Gross revenues.....\$972,068 \$802,349 \$758,608 \$701,674
Operating expenses.....580,554 473,725 471,992 445,049
Taxes accrued.....46,186 38,159 31,300 46,850
Interest.....208,428 167,722 148,346 147,826
Pref. dividends.....59,914 35,473 26,763 22,663

Balance, surplus.....\$76,986 \$87,270 \$80,207 \$39,889
Note.—The foregoing statement includes earnings from properties acquired only for that portion of the years during which they constituted a part of the system of the company.—V. 120, p. 2942.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—Platform Ordered Extended—Earnings.

The Transit Commission has directed the lengthening of local station platforms on the Interborough subway system to a minimum length of 480 feet to accommodate 10-car trains. The decision to order this improvement for the relief of congestion was announced April 24. The order provides that one-half the cost of construction, approximately \$6,000,000,

shall be borne by the city and one-half by the company. The expense of the new cars and equipment would bring the total cost to the Interborough up to approximately \$22,000,000. The company, it is said, intends to fight the order.

Net Earnings of the Interborough System under the Plan.

—Month of March—
1926. 1925. 1926. 1925.
Total revenue.....\$5,512,614 \$5,253,650 \$45,980,808 \$43,811,225
x Oper. expenses, taxes & rentals paid city for old subway.....3,422,944 3,430,813 29,586,602 29,028,299
Total.....\$2,089,670 \$1,822,837 \$16,394,206 \$14,782,926
x Maint. in excess of contractual provisions.....44,166 159,767 821,284 1,024,320
Income from all purp.....\$2,045,504 \$1,663,070 \$15,572,922 \$13,758,606
Interest on:
I. R. T. 1st M. 5% bds \$672,840 \$672,598 \$6,055,084 \$6,052,913
Manhattan Ry. bonds 150,687 150,686 1,356,180 1,356,180
I. R. T. 7% secur. notes 198,494 188,342 1,785,106 1,782,577
I. R. T. 6% 10-yr. notes 45,095 35,316 391,402 285,044
Equipment trusts.....22,212 14,650 226,784 119,770
Miscellaneous deductions 36,481 32,579 312,916 329,578
Sink. fund on 1st M. 5s. 224,202 184,757 1,781,147 1,662,810
Div. rental at 7% on capital stock of Manh. Ry. stock not assenting to plan of readjustm't.....19,392 19,498 174,526 173,692
Div. rental on Manh. stock under the plan.....236,149 236,137 2,125,340 2,125,234

Bal. after actual maint.....\$439,953 \$118,507 \$1,364,439 def \$129,193

x From the commencement of operations under Contract No. 3 and the related certificates, respectively, it has been the practice to include in all reports of operating expenses 14% of the gross operating revenue upon the Manhattan Division and 17% on the Subway Division, to cover maintenance and depreciation. These are the percentages fixed for the first year of operation in each case. Negotiations have been pending between the company and the Commission ever since the end of the first year to determine what, if any, changes in these percentages should be made for subsequent years. Prior to July 1 1923 the amount expended in excess of 14% upon the Manhattan was approximately offset by the amount under 17% expended upon the Subway Division. The net expenditures for maintenance in excess of the amounts therefor, included in operating expenses, taxes and rental paid city for the old subway," are shown hereinabove as "Maintenance in excess of contractual provisions."—V. 122, p. 2190, 1762.

Kansas Electric Power Co. & Subs.—Consol. Earnings.

Calendar Years—
1925. 1924. 1923. 1922.
Gross earnings.....\$2,408,756 \$2,161,461 \$1,857,510 \$1,576,269
Oper. exp. and taxes.....1,570,178 1,483,654 1,261,414 1,079,091
Fixed Charges.....310,353 281,958 222,935 187,970
Amortiz., disc., &c.....45,791 44,736 38,558 17,170
Preferred dividends.....99,794 81,430 70,000 9,751
Common dividends.....100,000 84,000 79,000 -----
Surplus.....\$282,640 \$185,683 \$185,603 \$282,287
—V. 121, p. 329.

Kentucky Electric Power Corp.—New Name, &c.

See Appalachian Electric Power Co. above.

Kentucky Utilities Co.—Initial Dividend.

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 1¼¢ on the 7% junior preferred stock, payable May 20 to holders of record April 24. —V. 122, p. 1609.

Kentucky & West Virginia Power Co., Inc.—Change in Name, &c.

See Appalachian Electric Power Co. above.—V. 122, p. 94.

Keokuk Electric Co.—Income Account.

Calendar Years—
1925. 1924. 1923. 1922.
Gross earnings.....\$356,842 \$257,526 \$99,316 \$31,137
Oper. exp. and taxes.....270,078 103,773 44,201 59,572
1921.....373,851 270,078 103,773 44,201
1922.....388,421 268,025 120,395 44,067
1923.....413,175 302,152 111,023 40,253
1924.....423,522 314,308 109,213 40,778
1925.....433,434 297,493 135,941 44,835
* Balance available for depreciation, dividends and surplus.—V. 120, p. 2943.

Key System Transit Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—
1925. 1924. 1923. 1922.
Gross operating revenue.....\$7,289,871 \$7,306,575 \$7,219,595
Operating expenses.....5,179,194 5,012,764 4,877,902
Net operating revenue.....\$2,110,677 \$2,293,811 \$2,341,693
Add net revenue commissary dept.....142,310 137,837

Total net revenue.....\$2,110,677 \$2,436,121 \$2,479,530
Taxes.....444,033 465,975 418,551

Operating income.....\$1,666,644 \$1,970,146 \$2,060,978
Add non-operating income.....211,560 134,059 20,264

Gross profit.....\$1,878,204 \$2,104,206 \$2,081,242
Depreciation.....689,035 650,960 599,575
Amortization of franchises.....8,763 8,763 8,763
Abandonment of obsolete equip.....1,396 220 24,000
Bond interest, &c.....824,897 822,736 818,259
Profit and loss adjustments.....Cr. 35,490 4,955 -----
Prior preferred dividends paid.....413,618 308,334 -----

Balance, surplus.....def \$24,013 \$308,207 \$630,655
—V. 122, p. 1026.

Kings County Lighting Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—
1925. 1924. 1923. 1922.
Gross earnings.....\$2,780,129 \$2,552,564 \$2,401,315
Oper. expenses, maint. and taxes.....1,725,458 1,646,242 1,586,289
Net income.....\$1,054,671 \$906,322 \$815,026
—V. 121, p. 330.

Lawrence Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—
1925. 1924. 1923. 1922.
Operating revenues.....\$2,259,267 \$2,176,090 \$2,185,174 \$1,952,522
Operating expenses.....1,630,418 1,643,202 1,423,306 1,358,523
Net oper. income.....\$628,849 \$532,888 \$761,868 \$593,999
Non-oper. income.....30,378 17,453 16,323 15,854
Gross income.....\$659,227 \$550,341 \$778,191 \$609,853
Deductions—Interest.....131,995 137,063 123,312 157,675
Income balance.....\$527,232 \$413,278 \$654,879 \$452,178
—V. 122, p. 611.

Lone Star Gas Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—
1925. 1924. 1923. 1922.
Gross income.....\$9,171,983 \$7,464,236 \$6,646,245 \$5,806,640
Gas purchased.....1,861,419 1,503,483 1,566,019 1,518,350
Operating expenses.....2,121,057 2,028,804 1,926,029 1,847,200
Depreciation & depletion.....1,485,431 1,418,454 1,255,592 1,027,319
Other charges.....670,363 892,033 514,372 605,896
Dividends paid.....854,000 854,000 854,000 612,473
Net surplus.....\$2,179,693 \$766,563 \$530,233 \$195,403
Surplus of previous years.....2,901,107 2,134,545 1,604,312 1,408,909
Undivided profits.....\$5,080,801 \$2,901,107 \$2,134,545 \$1,604,312
—V. 122, p. 2041.

Lone Star Gas Corp.—Listing.—

The Pittsburgh Stock Exchange has approved for listing 900,000 shares (par \$25) capital stock.

The following data and statistics in this bulletin are compiled from sworn statements supplied by the officers of the corporation in their application to list this stock.

This bulletin is compiled for the information of the members of the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.

The corporation was incorporated Jan. 23 1926 in Delaware. Is a holding company having been organized for the purpose of acquiring the stocks of Lone Star Gas Co., Fort Worth Gas Co. and Community Natural Gas Co. Lone Star Gas Co. owns the stock of Lone Star Fuel Supply Co. (Del.) (originally chartered Jan. 25 1924 as Lone Star Gas Corp., and corporate name changed to Lone Star Fuel Supply Co. on Jan. 24 1926), which owns the stock of Fort Worth Gas Co. and Community Natural Gas Co.

The acquisition of the stock of Lone Star Gas Co. by Lone Star Gas Corp. was effected through an offer to stockholders of Lone Star Gas Co. to exchange 1 2-3 shares of stock of Lone Star Gas Corp. for one share of stock of Lone Star Gas Co. More than 90% of the stock of Lone Star Gas Co. had been deposited on April 6 1926 with the Pittsburgh Trust Co., acting as the depository in this connection.—V. 122, p. 2041.

Long Island Lighting Co.—United Gas & Electric Corp. has Acquired Interest in Company—Earnings.—

See that company below.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross income.....	\$4,466,597	\$3,761,584	\$3,276,110	\$2,577,830
x Oper. exp., maint. & tax.	2,582,400	2,073,002	1,799,836	1,585,890
Net income.....	\$1,884,197	\$1,688,582	\$1,476,274	\$991,940
x Including dividends from controlled companies.—V. 121, p. 2521.				

Louisville Gas & Electric Co. (of Del.) and Subs.—

12 Mos. Ended Dec. 31:	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross earnings.....	\$7,903,899	\$7,258,637	\$6,475,824
Oper. exp., ma nt. & taxes.....	3,811,868	3,705,158	3,255,432
Interest.....	1,308,701	1,168,107	1,062,552
Preferred dividends.....	1,016,409	1,138,080	993,087

Bal. for retire. res., common divs., amortization, &c..... \$1,766,920 \$1,254,292 \$1,264,752
—V. 122, p. 94.

Lowell Electric Light Corp.—To Issue Stock.—

The stockholders on April 27 authorized the filing of a petition with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities for approval of an issue of 17,175 additional shares of capital stock (par \$25) at \$47.50 per share on the basis of one new share for each nine shares now outstanding. The meeting was then adjourned to June 1 1926, prior to which date it is expected that the Dept. of Public Utilities will issue an order in respect to this petition.

The company, in a recent letter to the stockholders, said: "A year ago the company issued capital stock which provided the funds necessary, to retire floating debt and to pay for construction in progress at that time which construction included part of the cost of installing a new unit at the power station. Since that time business has increased so that in 1926 the cash requirements of the company for new construction will be approximately \$865,000. These requirements cover the completion of the new unit of the company's plant, the construction of a new office building capable of accommodating the growing organization of the company, and electric transmission line running between Lowell and Lawrence and miscellaneous extensions and additions to the property. The directors are of the opinion that it is desirable to raise the funds in part by the issue and sale of additional capital stock."—V. 122, p. 2191.

Lynchburg Traction & Light Co.—Control, &c.—

See Appalachian Electric Power Co. above.—V. 120, p. 3314.

Massachusetts Gas Companies.—Sub. Co. Earnings.—

Combined Net Earnings of Subsidiaries (Available for Dividends)			
Month of March		Three Months Ended Dec. 31—	
Gas.	Miscell.	Gas.	Miscell.
1926 -- \$64,523	\$334,358	\$28,681	\$381,643
1925 -- 113,365	102,705	215,770	\$1,086,061
1924 -- 104,617	117,319	221,936	310,203
1923 -- 168,825	211,534	380,359	352,933
1922 -- 163,588	118,916	282,505	590,815
1921 -- 148,588	79,468	228,056	648,085
1920 -- 85,297	184,258	267,555	231,319
		370,216	783,950
		442,730	769,474
			812,946

Compare V. 122, p. 2191.

Meriden (Conn.) Gas Light Co.—Merger.—

See Connecticut Light & Power Co. above.—V. 121, p. 3131.

Metropolitan Edison Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$3,500,000 additional 1st & ref. mtge. 5% gold bonds, series C, due Jan. 1 1953, making the total amount applied for as follows: Series B, 6%, \$6,080,000; series C, 5%, \$6,650,000.

Results for Calendar Years.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Operating revenues.....	\$8,675,748	\$7,947,275	\$7,740,535	\$6,279,136
Oper. expenses and taxes.....	5,058,818	5,063,059	5,252,041	4,171,179
Other income.....	C207,411	C384,536	C304,503	C128,254
Interest charges, &c.....	1,755,256	1,556,973	1,388,569	1,406,866
Preferred dividends.....	850,617	647,594	508,290	284,792
Common dividends.....	519,368	422,028	413,529	300,000
Additional depreciation.....	587,253	300,000		
Miscel. deductions.....	192,286	6,640	16,182	414

Surplus..... def\$80,139 \$335,518 \$467,427 \$244,139
Previous surplus..... 2,684,346 2,348,828 1,788,883 1,142,583

Profit and loss surplus \$2,604,207 \$2,684,346 \$2,256,310 \$1,386,722
—V. 122, p. 1762.

Minnesota Electric Distributing Co.—New Control.—

See Utilities Power & Light Corp. below.—V. 122, p. 883.

Mississippi River Power Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings.....	\$3,290,485	\$3,191,911	\$3,017,582	\$2,906,667
Oper. exps. & taxes.....	854,826	824,438	763,337	761,615
Interest charges.....	1,158,576	1,183,645	1,201,946	1,230,474
Balance, surplus.....	\$1,277,083	\$1,183,828	\$1,052,299	\$914,578

—V. 121, p. 2751.

Monongahela West Penn Public Service Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross earnings, all sources.....	\$7,126,362	\$5,671,123	
Operating expenses, incl. maint., taxes and rentals.....	4,634,504	3,587,260	
Interest and amortization.....	1,368,500	1,189,930	
Reserved for renewals, replacements & depletion.....	287,067	145,161	
Dividends on preferred stock.....	389,779	364,414	
Balance.....		\$446,512	\$384,358

—V. 122, p. 2041.

Montoursville Passenger Ry.—Liquidated.—

This company ceased operating its property in the early part of 1924 and a few months later went into liquidation and is now out of existence.

Mountain States Power Co.—Earnings.—

12 Mos. Ended Dec. 31—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross earnings.....	\$2,676,518	\$2,178,177	\$2,049,278
Operating exps., maint. and taxes.....	1,718,949	1,467,281	1,413,942
Interest.....	540,431	350,124	253,283
Preferred dividends.....	157,578	151,599	166,365

Balance for retirement reserves, com. dividends, amortization, &c..... \$259,560 \$209,173 \$215,688
—V. 122, p. 213, 94.

Municipal Gas Co. (of Texas).—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross earnings.....	\$2,298,708	\$2,105,201	\$1,870,270
Operating expense, maint. & taxes.....	1,758,691	1,643,922	1,510,928
Interest and discount.....	111,462	43,618	50,073
Balance for deprec., divs., &c.....	\$428,555	\$417,661	\$309,269

—V. 121, p. 1462.

New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross revenues.....	\$3,986,793	\$3,544,485	\$3,658,153
Total operating expenses.....	2,035,019	1,861,699	2,026,459
Taxes.....	428,079	399,756	368,339
Interest on bonds, notes, &c.....	326,974	303,709	276,275
Amortization charges.....		8,222	7,363
Depreciation.....	282,300	295,873	288,593
Dividends.....	641,087	549,504	549,504

Balance, surplus..... \$273,333 \$125,723 \$141,631
—V. 122, p. 1918.

New Jersey Power & Light Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.
Operating revenue.....	\$1,390,789	\$1,083,739
Operating expenses and taxes.....	739,625	517,395
Maintenance and depreciation.....	261,420	267,331
Rentals.....	387,069	5,000
Operating income.....	387,069	294,013
Other income.....	21,171	13,846

Total income..... \$408,240 \$307,859
Interest on funded debt..... 129,950 113,595
Other deductions from income..... 57,722 37,978
Provision for dividend on preferred stock..... 66,898 51,303

Balance of net income..... \$153,670 \$104,983
—V. 122, p. 612, 94.

New Jersey Water & Light Co.—Bonds, &c.—

The New Jersey P. U. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$37,000 of 1st mtge. bonds and \$23,000 of common stock, the proceeds to be used to acquire the water properties of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association.—V. 121, p. 3132.

New York Central Electric Corp.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.
Gross earnings.....	\$1,369,182	\$1,039,836
Operating expenses, taxes and maintenance.....	777,302	731,632
Interest charges.....	222,215	128,295
Amortization, &c.....	53,995	34,892

Surplus for year..... \$309,670 \$145,017
x Including dividends from controlled companies.—V. 122, p. 2329.

New York & Harlem RR.—Sale—Earnings.—

The stockholders have ratified a contract of sale of the company's surface lines on Fourth and Madison avenues, New York, to Charles L. Craig, former Comptroller of the City of New York. The company's real estate, consisting chiefly of car barn site at 135th St. and Madison Ave., is not included in the sale to Mr. Craig.

P. E. Crowley, President of the company, presented to the meeting a statement showing that the company's surface lines had been operated in 1925 at a deficit of \$405,285, compared with a deficit of \$85,911 in 1924. For the two months ended Feb. 28 1926 the deficit was \$61,744. From Feb. 1 1920, the date on which the surface lines were returned to the Harlem Co. by the receiver of the New York Railways, lessees, to Feb. 28 1926, the total deficit on operation was \$857,539.—V. 121, p. 200.

Niagara Lockport & Ontario Power Co. (& Subs.).—

Three Months Ended March 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.
Sales of electric energy.....	\$2,001,993	\$1,683,979	\$1,541,843
Cost of energy sold.....	622,621	529,917	534,130
Operating expenses.....	301,227	247,317	204,679

Net earnings..... \$1,078,145 \$906,745 \$803,034
Other income..... 35,897 14,969 11,292

Gross income..... \$1,114,043 \$921,713 \$814,326
Taxes, rentals, &c..... 217,671 165,433 164,736
Interest on funded debt..... 244,019 211,748 243,465
Appropriations to reserves..... 125,108 87,416 77,472

Surplus for period..... \$527,244 \$457,117 \$328,653
—V. 122, p. 1610, 884.

North American Co. & Subs.—Earnings.—

12 Months Ended March 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.
Gross earnings.....	\$99,702,637	\$81,930,010	\$77,377,079
Operating expenses, maint. and taxes.....	57,699,606	51,015,952	49,129,411

Net income from operation..... \$42,003,031 \$30,914,058 \$28,247,668
Other net income..... 4,048,060 2,094,869 766,772

Total..... \$46,051,091 \$33,008,927 \$29,014,440
Deduct—Interest charges..... \$14,228,042 \$10,349,780 \$9,347,795
Preferred dividends of subsidiaries..... 5,850,403 2,735,365 1,977,279
Minority interest..... 1,274,418 1,162,321 1,017,474
Reserves for depreciation..... 10,185,840 7,980,074 7,342,605
Dividends of No. Am. pref. stock..... 1,782,484 1,494,950 1,144,791

Div. on No. Am. common stock..... \$12,729,904 \$9,286,437 \$8,184,195
Total to deprec. res., and to surplus..... 3,422,634 2,885,470 3,153,151

Surplus..... \$9,307,269 \$6,400,967 \$5,031,344
Total after all dividends..... \$19,493,110 \$14,381,014 \$12,373,948
—V. 122, p. 2192, 1918.

North American Utility Securities Corp.—Earnings.—

The company reports for the year ended Dec. 31 1925 gross earnings of \$1,236,456; expenses, interest and taxes, \$280,365; dividends, \$630,983, leaving a surplus of \$325,108.

Balance Sheet as of Dec. 31 1925.

Assets—		Liabilities.	
Invest. & security holdings.....	\$20,406,618	Capital stock.....	\$9,107,225
Accounts receivable.....	887,451	Accounts payable.....	11,777,831
Cash.....	8,594	Accrued taxes.....	100,683
Organization expenses.....	23,705	Surplus.....	340,629

Total..... \$21,326,368 Total..... \$21,326,368
—V. 121, p. 2638.

Northern States Power Co. (Minn.).—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross earnings.....	\$21,441,445	\$19,512,070	\$14,823,416
Net earnings.....	10,486,476	9,177,864	6,406,550
Interest charges.....	4,662,888	4,029,072	2,190,517
Preferred dividends.....	3,398,853	2,899,442	2,158,845

Bal avail. for retire. res., com. divs. & sur. \$2,424,733 \$2,249,350 \$2,056,187 \$1,615,400
—V. 122, p. 1311, 1027.

Northern Ontario Light & Power Co. Ltd.—Offer.—

Nesbitt, Thomson & Company and associated power interests have made an offer of \$75 a share to the stockholders. The offer has proved acceptable to the directors who have agreed to sell their own holdings. In recommending the deal the directors in a communication to the shareholders state:

"Nesbitt, Thomson & Co., Ltd., Montreal, have submitted to the directors of the company an offer to purchase the common stock of that company at \$75 per share, certificates for the shares of common stock of those accepting the offer to be deposited on or before May 15, in either the Bankers' Trust Co., New York City, Toronto or Montreal, Can., subject

to the stipulation that in case less than 60% of the outstanding common stock be so deposited on or before May 15 (incl. in the number of deposited shares any shares of the common stock above 6,000 shares which they may have otherwise acquired) they shall not be bound to purchase, but may at their option purchase, all deposited shares.

"All the directors believe that the price offered is a fair price for the common stock of the company, and have agreed to deposit the common shares owned by them respectively."—V. 122, p. 2041.

Ohio Bell Telephone Co.—Purchase of Properties.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on April 12 approved the acquisition by the company of the properties of the Kirtland Telephone Co. On Feb. 23 1926 the Ohio company contracted to purchase the properties of the Kirtland company, excepting lands and buildings, for \$2,500 cash.—V. 122, p. 2192.

Ohio Electric Power Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.
Gross earnings	\$495,631	\$320,075
Operating expenses and taxes	370,275	227,983
Net earnings	\$125,356	\$92,092

—V. 121, p. 331.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Sold.—National City Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, New York; Mercantile Securities Co. of California, and Blyth, Witter & Co., have sold at 98½ and interest, to yield about 5.10% \$10,000,000 first and refunding mtge. gold bonds, series D, 5%. Dated June 1 1925; due June 1 1955. (See description in V. 120, p. 2817.)

Issuance.—Authorized by the California Railroad Commission. **Company.**—Is one of the foremost public service corporations in the United States. The electric business of the company or of its predecessors has been in continuous and successful operation for 47 years, and the gas business for 72 years. The properties are operated as a well co-ordinated system extending into 38 counties of central and northern California, with a present estimated population of more than 2,200,000. The number of consumers served exceeds 825,000, of which over 54,000 were added during the 12 months ending March 31 1926.

Security.—Secured by a direct first mortgage on important properties owned by a subsidiary company, including four modern hydro-electric generating plants of 235,926 h. p. capacity; by a direct mortgage on all properties of the company, subject to the prior liens of underlying mortgages, and by approximately \$59,600,000 gen. and ref. mtge. bonds pledged with the trustees.

Earnings for Calendar Years.

	Gross Earnings.	Net Earnings.	Int. Charged to Operation.
1917	\$20,118,990	\$8,514,299	\$3,898,168
1918	26,309,671	10,060,544	4,012,240
1919	37,509,707	13,230,623	4,797,782
1920	39,971,743	16,478,332	6,165,817
1921	48,066,897	19,168,185	7,078,183
1922	48,684,361	19,422,632	7,182,419

Net earnings as shown in the foregoing statement have been in each year substantially in excess of twice interest charges. Annual interest charges on the \$171,741,800 bonds to be outstanding, including the present issue, amount to \$9,220,319.

Capitalization Outstanding in Hands of Public.

Common stock, paying 8% dividends	\$51,188,415
Preferred stock, paying 6% cumulative dividends	59,475,732
First & ref. mtge. bonds, series A, 7%, due 1940	10,720,000
do Series B, 6%, due 1941	20,000,000
do Series C, 5½%, due 1952	45,000,000
do Series D, 5%, due 1955 (including this issue)	20,000,000
General and refunding mortgage 5% bonds, due 1942	35,797,000
Underlying and divisional bonds	140,224,800

a Does not include \$59,598,000 bonds deposited with the trustees of the first and ref. mtge., or \$1,000,000 owned by the company, or \$25,000 held alive in sinking fund. b In addition, \$12,905,300 underlying and divisional bonds are held alive in sinking funds, and \$514,500 are in company's treasury.

Purpose.—Proceeds of this issue will be applied toward the cost of improvements, extensions and additions to the company's properties, which are necessitated by the rapid growth of its business. Cash now on hand plus funds to be derived from this financing aggregate approximately \$14,000,000; and the company has no floating indebtedness except current accounts payable.

During the first quarter of this year the net addition of customers to the company's distribution systems was 11,824, which is 60% better than in the same quarter of last year, according to an announcement made by Vice-President A. F. Hockenbeamer. Total customers of the company at March 31 last were 825,522, an increase of 54,426 within the 12 months to that date.—V. 122, p. 2330, 2321.

Penn Central Light & Power Co.—Earnings.—

[All inter-company items eliminated.]

	12 Mos. End. Feb. 28 '26.	Calendar Years 1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings	\$4,614,155	\$3,689,337	\$3,329,354	\$2,481,064
Oper. expenses and taxes	2,293,285	1,848,632	1,862,855	1,422,342
Bonds interest	904,778	801,846	376,931	335,536
Other charges	55,445	55,734	44,566	23,335
Renewal reserve	286,744	249,017	327,919	228,574
Federal income tax	134,042	89,298	91,734	58,773

Balance to surplus \$939,861 \$644,810 \$625,349 \$412,504

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.

	Feb. 28 '26, Dec. 31 '24.	Feb. 28 '26, Dec. 31 '24.	Feb. 28 '26, Dec. 31 '24.	Feb. 28 '26, Dec. 31 '24.
Assets—				
Plant, prop., &c.	\$4,572,812	\$2,099,728	Common stock	\$7,259,669
Cash & spec. dep.	1,200,797	672,333	Surplus	791,048
Mat'l's & supplies	541,377	535,094	A stock of subs.	650,000
Accts. & notes rec.	1,019,124	572,409	Preference stock	6,247,780
Subscr. to cap.stk.	101,593	101,593	Cap. stk. subscr.	134,928
Adv. to affil. cos.	28,999	9,653	Funded debt	19,860,300
Prepaid accounts	31,508	9,653	Bills payable	1,000,000
Other assets	768,649	1,131,752	Accounts payable	275,551
			Accrued interest, taxes, &c.	870,446
			Other liabilities	3,554
			Reserves	2,945,066
				982,923

Total \$38,463,266 23,322,569 Total \$38,463,266 23,322,569

a Deposited as collateral under 1st & ref. mtge. dated April 1 1910.

b Represents 33,000 shares of no par common stock.—V. 122, p. 1457, 348

Phila. Suburban Water Co.—Earnings for 1295.—

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Operating revenues	\$1,691,305	\$1,691,305	\$1,691,305	\$1,691,305
Operating expenses	738,866	738,866	738,866	738,866
Non-operating revenues	45,753	45,753	45,753	45,753
Int. on funded debt	502,503	502,503	502,503	502,503
Int. on floating debt	11,640	11,640	11,640	11,640

—V. 121, p. 1679.

Potomac Electric Power Co.—Earnings.—

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross earn. from oper'n	\$7,115,282	\$6,235,946	\$5,644,804	\$5,115,869
Oper. exp., taxes & misc.	4,061,624	3,952,635	3,818,241	3,379,401
Net earn. from oper.	\$3,053,658	\$2,283,311	\$1,826,563	\$1,736,467
Miscellaneous income	186,765	397,938	327,025	257,494
Total income	\$3,240,423	\$2,681,250	\$2,153,588	\$1,993,962
Fixed charges and other	838,699	1,100,727	1,017,692	928,100
Interest obligations				
Available for dividends	\$2,401,724	\$1,580,522	\$1,135,896	\$1,065,861

—V. 121, p. 1909.

Pennsylvania Power & Light Co.—Earnings, &c.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.
Gross earnings from operation	\$18,230,964	\$16,167,968
Operating expenses and taxes	11,061,229	9,926,818
Other income	Cr. 1,030,564	Cr. 473,391
Interest on bonds	2,360,317	2,044,672
Other interest and deductions	182,661	Cr. 69,928
Cum. preferred dividends	2,300,039	1,540,161

Balance \$3,357,282 \$3,199,636

Note.—The above is a statement of earnings (from dates of acquisition only) of properties owned and operated by the company and does not include any operating earnings of controlled companies. Income received from East Penn Electric Co. and other controlled companies is included in other income of Pennsylvania Power & Light Co.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1925.

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Plants	\$60,435,924	\$50,107,541	Capital stock	\$40,107,541	\$40,107,541
Construction expenditures	9,731,187	27,000,000	1st & ref. mtge. bonds	27,000,000	27,000,000
Investments	10,905,507	16,737,600	Underlying bonds	16,737,600	16,737,600
Constr. contract advances	1,176,972	Divs. decl. payable Jan 1			
Cash	2,323,194	Notes and loans payable			
Notes and loans receivable	2,098,703	Accounts payable			
Accounts receivable	2,389,415	Customers' deposits			
Material and supplies	2,165,636	Accrued accounts			
Prepaid accounts	150,281	Matured interest funded debt			
Subscribers to capital stock	452,532	Subscriptions to capital stock			
Reacquired stock (preferred)	175	Reserve for ren. and replace			
Cash deposits for matured		Miscellaneous reserves			
Int. funded debt	22,807	Surplus			
Sinking fund investments	332,500				
Trust funds	7,466				
Unam. bond disc. and expense	3,206,233				
Deferred debits	595,448				

Total \$96,893,981 Total \$96,893,981

x Represented by 364,255 shares of preferred stock, no par value and 490,221 shares common stock, no par value.

—V. 122, p. 1457.

Philadelphia Electric Co.—Financial Statement.—

Consolidated General Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1925.	1924.		1925.	1924.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Plant investm't	\$165,460,146	\$140,850,268	Preferred stock	\$5,741,800	\$5,741,800
Invest. acct's	82,150	36,450	Common stock	65,040,025	59,307,450
Other invest's	597,565	28,754	Stk. install. pd.	14,901,525	
Required sec's	786,653	28,998	Com. stk. subscr	332,475	
Fund accounts	2,748,330	2,889,332	Funded debt	79,964,300	67,739,700
Spec. dep. acct's	389,838	79,566	Real est. mtges.	65,000	60,000
Cash	12,538,815	7,504,830	Consumers depts.	481,106	426,653
Notes receivable	14,509	18,944	Acct's payable	4,079,179	3,023,068
Acct's receivable	3,508,725	2,998,171	Matured int. on		
Sub. to com.stk.	332,475		funded debt	389,838	79,581
Empl. subs. to			Acct'd liabls.	3,631,781	2,863,837
capital stock	30,775	180,596	Deferred credits	304,339	452,944
Mat'l & suppl's	4,183,702	3,924,327	Insurance res'v	1,233,881	1,111,860
Cust'rs unbilled			Uncl. consum.		
instal. acct's			acct's res'v.	156,229	140,646
Unmat'd int. &	912,757	1,173,102	Renewal & repl.		
rents rec'd.	270	1,970	reserve	10,130,187	9,869,581
Prepaid acct's	33,674	99,262	Other reserves	45,896	184,797
Def'd charges	3,869,665	4,650,810	Amort. debt dis.		
			and expense		767,129
			Approp. surplus	2,369,825	1,713,568
			Corporate surp.	12,964,462	10,982,768

Total \$195,490,050 164,465,386 Total \$195,490,050 164,465,386

A comparative income account was published in V. 122, p. 2193.

Public Service Corp. of New Jersey & Subs.—Earnings.

	Month of March 1926.	Month of March 1925.	Month of March 1924.	Month of March 1923.
Oper. rev. of sub. cos.	\$8,852,273	\$7,690,862	\$97,700,718	\$89,171,644
Net increase in surplus before dividends	\$1,470,126	\$820,074	\$11,878,255	\$7,377,525

—V. 122, p. 2193, 1918.

Public Service Co. of Oklahoma.—Capital Increased.—

The stockholders on Mar. 17 authorized an increase in the capital stock from \$8,000,000 to \$12,000,000, the increase of \$4,000,000 to be divided into 28,000 shares of 7% prior lien preferred stock, 2,000 shares of preferred stock, and 10,000 shares of common stock, par \$100.—V. 122, p. 2042.

Public Service Ry. (N. J.).—Acquisition.—

See Burlington County (N. J.) Transit Co.—V. 121, p. 3132.

Public Service Transportation Co.—Buses.—

Inaugurating a new type of inter-urban bus service which is expected to extend rapidly throughout New Jersey and New York States, the company on April 16 announced plans for the operation of de luxe buses between Plainfield and Newark, N. J. Similar service is planned to serve the Forest Hill section of Newark and later other cities of the state when the necessary permits are obtained. Applications for operating permits will be made to the municipalities affected within a few days, it was announced.

The company has purchased from John H. Stoddard of Ridgewood, N. J., the Arrow Bus Co., which operates lines between Newark and Paterson, N. J., via Montclair; between Paterson and Midland Park and between Paterson and Ridgewood and Suffern, N. J. Included in the purchase were 50 buses of a superior type and 42 operating permits covering the three lines. The purchase did not include Mr. Stoddard's interest in the Arrow Bus Inter-State Co., a separate corporation of which Mr. Stoddard is President and with which he will continue his connection. The latter company operates inter-state buses between Ridgewood and New York; Paterson and New York and between Caldwell and Montclair and New York.—V. 122, p. 1764.

Queens Borough (N. Y.) Gas & Elec. Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross income	\$2,778,317	\$2,470,099	\$2,335,815	\$2,067,234
Oper. exp., maint. & tax.	1,779,796	1,577,765	1,573,221	1,452,531
Net income	\$998,521	\$892,334	\$762,594	\$614,703

—V. 122, p. 1312.

Railway & Light Securities Co.—To Issue Stock, &c.—

The stockholders on April 22 voted to change the authorized common stock from 10,000 shares, par \$100 (all outstanding) to 80,000 shares of no par value, five new no par shares to be issued in exchange for each share of common stock of \$100 par value.

Secretary William T. Crawford, April 3, said in substance: The common shares of \$100 par value now have an asset value of approximately \$280. The directors believe that additional funds can be employed advantageously in extending the business of the company and that a much broader market for this class of stock can be obtained. After giving effect to the new common stock financing, the present pref. stock, which will remain outstanding, will have an asset value of over \$350 per share.

Authority has been given the directors to sell not exceeding 30,000 shares of common stock without par value at a price to be determined by the directors. Any additional shares of common stock so sold will be offered to common stockholders for subscription pro rata. It is the present intention to raise approximately \$1,000,000 by the sale of additional common shares. The company until April 28 received bids for the sale to it of collateral trust sinking fund 5% gold bonds, 1st, 2d and 3d series, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$294,345.—V. 122, p. 2193.

Radio Corp. of America.—Quarterly Earnings.—

Quarter Ended March 31—	1926.	1925.
Gross income from sales, &c. (incl. other income)	\$16,552,195	\$15,229,923
Exp., deprec., patents, amortiz. & Fed. tax., &c.	14,763,684	13,301,594

Net profit \$1,788,511 \$1,928,329

—V. 122, p. 749.

Richmond (Ind.) Light, Heat & Power Co.—Sale.—
See United Gas & Electric Corp. below.—V. 119, p. 1852.

Roanoke Gas Light Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross earnings	\$396,806	\$401,606	\$384,746
Operating expenses	252,085	284,039	266,105
Interest on long term debt	37,200	37,200	37,200
Other interest	16,139	6,631	3,742
Amortiz. of debt disc. & expense	2,340	2,340	
Other deductions	840	1,337	
Interest during construction	Cr. 1,954	Cr. 3,917	14,588
Net income	\$90,157	\$73,976	\$63,111

—V. 122, p. 612.

Roanoke Railway & Electric Co.—Control, &c.—
See Appalachian Electric Power Co. above.—V. 87, p. 481.

Roanoke Traction & Light Co.—Control, &c.—
See Appalachian Electric Power Co. above.—V. 119, p. 76.

Scranton & Wilkes-Barre Traction Corp.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1925.—

Assets—	Liabilities—
Cost of property	Common stock
Cash	Preferred stock
Accounts receivable	First refunding bonds
Sinking fund	Collateral trust bonds
	L. & W. V. R. T. Co. bonds
	Bills payable
	Bond interest accrued
	Sinking fund reserve
	Other accounts
	Profit and loss
Total (each side)	

—V. 115, p. 1211.

Southern Bell Telep. & Teleg. Co.—Acquisition.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on April 10 approved the acquisition by the company of the telephone properties of J. M. Peterson et al., a co-partnership doing business as the Spruce Pine Telephone Co. The Spruce company owns and operates an exchange at Spruce Pine, Mitchell County, N. C., which serves 38 company-owned and 30 subscriber-owned stations. By a contract made Dec. 21 1925 the Southern company agrees to purchase the properties of the Spruce company for \$3,550 cash.—V. 122, p. 1611.

Southern California Edison Co.—Earnings.—

Quarter Ended March 31—	1926.	1925.
Gross revenue	\$6,062,921	\$5,464,089
Operating expenses, including taxes	2,374,075	2,224,327
Interest and debt amortization	1,497,637	1,240,603
Surplus applicable to dividend and depreciation	\$2,191,208	\$1,999,157

—V. 122, p. 2322, 1764.

Southern California Gas Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Operating revenues	\$9,820,973	\$9,725,887	\$7,349,607	\$5,737,095
Oper. expenses and taxes	6,966,130	6,994,048	5,285,645	4,202,966
Net operating income	\$2,854,843	\$2,731,839	\$2,063,962	\$1,534,129
Non-operating income	69,005	42,312	54,393	50,336
Gross income	\$2,923,848	\$2,774,151	\$2,118,355	\$1,584,465
Int. charges, bond discount and expense	1,001,714	913,416	687,155	534,274
Depreciation	779,720	624,413	380,704	295,600
Balance, surplus	\$1,142,414	\$1,236,322	\$1,050,496	\$754,591

—V. 122, p. 1028.

Southern Colorado Power Co.—Report.—

12 Mos. End. Dec. 31—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings	\$2,338,641	\$2,199,771	\$1,958,958	\$1,839,460
Oper. exps., maint. & taxes	1,347,651	1,296,543	1,193,752	1,126,664
Interest	423,358	610,779	597,929	458,260
Divids. on pref. stock	207,208	169,478	155,744	145,478
Bal. for retire. res., 2d pref. & com. stock divs. & surplus	\$360,424	\$122,972	\$11,533	\$109,057

Eliminating int. on funded debt retired by common stock.—V. 122, p. 349.

Southern Gas Co.—Annual Statement.—

Results for Twelve Months Ended Dec. 31 1925.	
Gross earnings	\$701,347
Cost of Gas, \$207,466; other oper. exps., incl. maintenance and local taxes, \$95,387; total	302,853
Net earnings available for interest	\$398,494

Results for Months of January and February.

Month of—	1926-Jan.	1925.	1926-Feb.	1925.
Gross earnings	\$119,654	\$66,131	\$90,453	\$44,855
Net earnings	78,574	41,705	58,603	22,643

During March the company retired \$37,500 of 1st mtge. bonds out of the November, December and January sinking fund deposits (25% of the monthly net earnings being applied in the current year for that purpose. Out of February earnings \$8,951 has also been deposited for sinking fund uses with the trustee.

Balance Sheet—Dec. 31 1925.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Wells, pipe-lines, leases, &c.	1st mtge 6½% bonds
Cash	Purch. money obligations
Receivables	Current and accrued accounts
Materials & supplies	Preferred stock
Prepaid & deferred items	Res. for deprec., amort., &c.
	Surplus
Total	Total

During the year 1925 the total gas sales of the company in cubic feet were 3,396,563,000. The company estimates that the sales for the current year should exceed 6,000,000,000 cubic feet.—V. 122, p. 215.

Southern Gas & Power Corp.—Definitive Notes.—

The Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, is now prepared to deliver definitive 5-year 6% convertible gold notes, dated Nov. 15 1925, in exchange for outstanding temporary notes. (For offering, see V. 121, p. 2404.)—V. 122, p. 1611.

Southwest Power Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross revenue	\$1,079,580	\$1,000,155	\$694,154	\$648,631
Oper. expenses & taxes	635,115	595,301	426,594	419,368
Bond interest	208,767	147,857	84,758	83,739
Preferred dividends	65,986	26,218	20,450	24,050
Surplus	\$169,712	\$230,779	\$162,352	\$121,474

* Includes companies acquired as of Jan. 1 1925: The Fayetteville Gas & Electric Co., the Rogers Light & Water Co., the Springdale Light & Power Co., the Inter-County Power & Light Co., and the Southwestern Utilities Co.—V. 122, p. 1171.

Southwestern Light & Power Co.—Acquisition.—

The company has purchased all the Oklahoma properties of the Inland Utilities Co., serving 19 Oklahoma communities, including Hobart, Elk City and Shattuck. These properties will be inter-connected with the present transmission system of Middle West Utilities operating companies in central and western Oklahoma.—V. 122, p. 2043.

Susquehanna Power Co.—United Gas Sells Interest.—

See United Gas & Electric Corp. below.—V. 122, p. 1312.

Springfield Ry. & Light Co. & Subs.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.
Gross earnings (all sources)	\$1,377,487	\$1,327,388
Operating expenses and taxes	\$46,390	\$43,306
Interest charges and discount	122,715	85,700
Preferred dividends	70,084	70,084
Balance, surplus	\$338,298	\$328,298

—V. 120, p. 1205.

Staten Island Edison Corp.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross earnings	\$3,064,588	\$2,768,661	\$2,619,649
Operating expenses, rentals, &c.	2,181,835	2,012,294	1,850,426
Interest, &c.	265,822	352,568	225,806
Balance, surplus	\$616,931	\$403,799	\$543,417

—V. 122, p. 215.

Tennessee Eastern Electric Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross earnings	\$497,212	\$449,547	\$431,036
Operating expenses, maint. & taxes	231,498	201,997	212,341
Interest and amortization	110,038	99,978	79,718
Net income	\$155,675	\$147,572	\$138,977

The company in April notified the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations that it had increased its authorized capital by the addition of 6,000 shares of \$7 no par preferred stock. The company has also issued 1,600 shares of no par common stock for cash.—V. 122, p. 332.

Toledo Traction Light & Power Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.
Income (all sources)	\$2,924,107	\$2,330,434
Expenses and taxes	27,990	54,821
Interest on funded debt	462,939	439,071
Interest on other debt	17,043	4,920
Amortization of debt discount	144,989	163,680
Net income applicable to dividends and reserves	\$2,271,146	\$1,667,942

—V. 121, p. 332.

Tri-States Utilities Co.—New Control.—

See Utilities Power & Light Corp. below.—V. 121, p. 1790.

Twain State Gas & Elec. Co.—Report (Incl. Subs.).—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings, including merchandise sales	\$1,684,274	\$1,532,741	\$1,462,324	\$1,340,558
Oper. exp., incl. taxes & depreciation	1,056,560	949,538	959,156	847,964
Miscellaneous income	Cr. 21,497	Cr. 15,636	Cr. 24,383	Cr. 10,838
Int., amort., disc. & exp. on bonds	258,101	244,186	254,992	265,926
Net income	\$391,110	\$354,652	\$272,559	\$237,506
Previous surplus	80,049	76,842	69,960	75,842
Total surplus	\$471,159	\$431,494	\$342,519	\$313,348
Prior lien dividends	164,623	140,429	110,604	73,070
Preferred dividends	77,625	77,625	77,625	77,625
Common dividends	143,432	133,391	110,604	110,604
Common divs., stock			77,448	72,900
Profit and loss surplus	\$85,480	\$80,049	\$76,842	\$69,960

—V. 122, p. 884.

Union Electric Light & Power Co. (Ill.).—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.
Gross earnings	\$2,247,772	\$1,715,136
Operating expenses and taxes	1,634,634	6,244
Interest charges	793,502	802,212
Balance for depreciation and dividends	\$1,444,536	\$906,680

—V. 121, p. 2754.

Union Gas Corp., Independence, Kan.—Bonds Offered.

Taylor, Ewart & Co., and P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc. are offering at 99 and int., to yield 6.65% \$4,000,000 1st mtge. 6½% sink. fund gold bonds (with stock purchase warrants).

Dated April 1 1926; due April 1 1936. Interest payable A. & O. in New York and Chicago without deduction for any Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. all or part on 30 days' notice on any int. date at 105 and int. on or before April 1 1931, the redemption premium decreasing 1% each year thereafter. Company agrees to refund all state personal property and income taxes and the District of Columbia personal property tax not exceeding 5 mills per annum. Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee.

Stock Purchase Warrants.—Each \$1,000 bond will carry a warrant entitling the bondholder to purchase, at any time prior to April 1 1936, or until release of the mortgage, a unit of 10 shares of common stock (without par value) at \$12.50 per share on or before April 1 1927, the price increasing \$2.50 per share in each year thereafter. \$500 bonds will carry warrants with proportionate purchase privileges.

Issuance.—Authorized by the Kansas Public Service Commission.

Data From Letter of V.-Pres. Paul R. Johnson, April 28.

Company.—Organized in Delaware to acquire and operate the properties formerly owned by Southwestern Gas Co., Owen-Osage Oil & Gas Co., Union Gas & Fuel Corp., Kasigan Gas Co., Coffeyville Gas & Fuel Co., Fredonia Gas Co., and Olathe Gas Distributing Co., together with their subsidiary and associated companies. All companies have records of successful operations which, in the case of certain distributing companies, extend over a period of more than twenty years.

Is engaged in the production, transportation, and wholesale and retail distribution of natural gas for public utility and industrial purposes.

Corporation owns and operates the gas distributing plants in the cities of Independence, Coffeyville, Fredonia, Caney and 12 other cities and towns in southeastern Kansas, and in addition furnishes natural gas at the city borders to Chanute, Kansas, and 4 other cities. The total population of the territory served is estimated to be in excess of 100,000.

The system embraces the gas rights on approximately 180,000 acres, gas purchase contracts on 46,891 acres, and oil rights on 42,259 acres. Included in the acreage carrying gas rights is the lease granted by the Osage Indian Tribe, covering 165,000 acres, with the exclusive privilege of prospecting for and producing natural gas for a period ending in 1946.

Corporation or its subsidiaries own extensive pipe lines and distributing systems aggregating in length approximately 900 miles, together with 12 compressor stations and all necessary accessories and equipment. There are connected with these lines 738 gas wells with an aggregate open flow capacity of approximately 260,000,000 cubic feet per day. Of these wells 302 are on leases owned by the corporation or its subsidiaries and in the case of the remainder the output is purchased under contracts which in the greater majority of cases are made to cover the entire future output of such properties.

Located on the properties of the corporation are 2 absorption gasoline recovery plants from which are being sold approximately 2,500 gallons of gasoline per day, and the corporation is also marketing from its leasehold properties 210 barrels of oil per day.

Valuation.—As of March 12 1926 the properties of the corporation had a depreciated value of \$8,479,717. The above appraisal value does not include any allowances for going concern value, franchises or other intangible assets; neither does it include any value for the following, which are subjected to the direct lien of the mortgage: property of the Olathe Gas Distributing Co., a 50% interest in the Independent Industrial Gas Co., and numerous advantageous contracts.

Combined Sales and Earnings of the System have been Reported as Follows for 1925.

Gas sales (M cubic feet)	16,145,647
Gross revenues	3,247,191
Operating expenses	2,203,818
Balance	\$1,043,373
Maximum annual interest charges on this issue	260,000

Net earnings from these properties, available for interest, sinking fund, reserves, and Federal taxes for 1925 were \$1,043,373, or over 4 times the maximum annual interest requirement on the total funded debt presently to be outstanding. For the first quarter of 1926, similar net earnings were \$391,546, equivalent on an annual basis to \$1,566,186, or more than 6 times such annual interest charges.

Capitalization—Authorized. Outstanding.
1st mtge. sinking fund gold bonds..... \$6,000,000 \$4,000,000
Preferred stock 7% cum. (par \$100)..... 3,500,000 2,650,000
Common stock (no par value)..... *160,000 shs. 100,000 shs.
* 60,000 shares are reserved for the stock purchase warrants in connection with the \$6,000,000 authorized 1st mtge. sinking fund gold bonds.
Sinking Fund—Mortgage provides for a minimum annual sinking fund of \$300,000 payable in equal semi-annual installments, in cash or bonds at par. Corporation may anticipate this provision and be credited with any bonds it may have on hand. In addition, at yearly intervals, an amount based on the net earnings of the corporation, after certain reserves and deductions shall be added to the sinking fund.

Purpose—Proceeds will be used to pay, in part, for the cost of the properties acquired, and for other corporate purposes.

Directors include the following, in addition to representatives of bankers: M. L. Truby (Pres.); Paul R. Johnson (V.-Pres.); Independence, Kan.; W. D. Pratt; P. E. L. Dew, Fredonia, Kan.; George T. Guernsey; George T. Guernsey, Jr., Independence, Kan.

Union Gas & Elec. Co. of Bloomington, Ill.—Sale.—

See United Gas & Electric Co. below.—V. 96, p. 1845.

United Electric Rys., Providence.—Earnings.—

Period—	Month of March—	2 Months—	3 Months—	Mar. 31—
1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	1925.
Total operating revenues	\$714,329	\$700,675	\$2,153,888	\$2,133,086
Total operating expenses	582,984	598,351	1,721,521	1,800,693
Net operating revenues	\$131,345	\$102,323	\$432,366	\$332,392
Non-operating income	3,649	1,513	9,782	4,115
Total income	\$134,994	\$103,837	\$442,149	\$336,508
Deduct. from gross inc.	86,482	83,114	264,147	286,928
Net income	\$48,511	\$10,723	\$178,001	\$49,579

—V. 122, p. 2045, 1312.

United Gas & Electric Co. of N. J.—Sale of Sub. Cos.—

See United Gas & Electric Corp. below.—V. 114, p. 1418.

United Gas & Electric Corp.—Sale of Properties.—

President E. G. Connette, March 22, said in substance: As of Jan. 7 1926 the corporation disposed of its Pennsylvania properties to the United Securities Co., for all of the securities issued by the latter company, and subsequently the United Securities Co. consolidated with Lehigh Power Securities Corp. Under the terms of this consolidation the United Gas & Electric Corp. received approximately \$11,000,000 in cash and 130,000 shares of preferred stock of the Lehigh Power Securities Corp., entitled to cumulative dividends at the rate of \$6 per share per annum.

On Feb. 5 cash was deposited with the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, trustee, for the redemption on April 1 1926 at 102½ and int. of all of the outstanding \$3,781,100 30-year collateral trust 6% sinking fund gold bonds, series A. The corporation now has no outstanding indebtedness.

On March 2 1926 the corporation disposed of all its stock interest in the Susquehanna Power Co., at which time indebtedness due this corporation or its subsidiaries by the Susquehanna Power Co. was liquidated, the total proceeds approximating \$1,850,000 cash.

On March 18 1926, the United Gas & Electric Co., a subsidiary, disposed of its security holdings in the Richmond (Ind.) Light, Heat & Power Co., the Citizens Gas & Fuel Co., of Terre Haute, Ind., and the Union Gas & Electric Co. of Bloomington, Ill., for \$3,500,000.

The corporation has purchased for investment 1,500 shares of 7% cum. pref. stock (par \$100) of the New York Central Electric Corp. for \$150,000 and 27,000 shares of Long Island Lighting Co. common stock of no par value for \$4,050,000. [The latter co. has authorized 1,000,000 shares of common of which there is outstanding 300,000 shares. Ed.]

After giving effect to the above changes, and on the present basis, the net earnings (after depreciation) applicable to dividends on the preferred and common stocks will amount to approximately \$1,617,000 per annum.

During the early part of 1926, the Empire Power Corp. of New York obtained control of the United Gas & Electric Corp. through acquisition of more than 90% of the latter's common stock.

Results of United Gas & Electric Corp. for Calendar Years.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
x Receipts	\$1,488,383	\$1,221,094	\$1,161,393	\$776,422
Int. & amortization	584,889	592,981	649,819	674,841
Loss on securities, &c.	662,218	prof. 43,475	1,414	71,968
Preferred dividends	\$357,467	(5%) 324,970	\$144,431	-----

Surplus..... \$116,190 \$346,618 \$365,729 \$29,613
x Dividends of subsidiary companies actually declared during the year and miscellaneous direct earnings (net) after deducting expenses. y Covers period from July 20, date of reorganization, to Dec. 31 1923. z At the rate of 5% for the period Jan. 1 to July 1 and at the rate of 6% for the remainder of the year.

Operation of Subsidiary Utility Properties of the Corporation.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross earnings	\$14,193,702	\$13,192,141	\$12,526,119
Oper. expenses (incl. maintenance)	7,985,391	7,718,476	7,177,942
Taxes	921,449	718,141	692,113
Fixed charges	1,674,365	1,729,799	1,586,994
Renewal and replacement reserve	848,064	816,612	854,749

Bal. avail. for financing & divs. \$2,764,432 \$2,209,112 \$2,074,320
—V. 122, p. 1172.

United Hudson Electric Corp.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	Gross Earnings	Net after Taxes & Depr.	Fixed Charges	Available for Divs.
1925	\$2,759,910	\$824,813	\$391,871	\$432,942
1924	2,452,211	677,335	430,449	206,886
1923	2,145,107	468,266	267,832	200,434
1922	1,914,348	370,494	185,946	184,548
1921	1,597,567	343,501	178,624	164,877

Dividends have been paid on the pref. cum. stock at the rate of 7% per annum from Jan. 1 1920 up to and incl. March 1 1926; on common at rate of 4% in 1922, 6% in 1923, 8% in 1924 and 1925.—V. 121, p. 1463.

United Light & Power Co.—New Directors.—

R. B. Macdonald, Vice-President of the Tri-City Railway & Light Co., a subsidiary, and H. C. McIlintock, of McIlintock & Marshall, of Pittsburgh, have been elected directors, succeeding Bertrand A. Howe and Warren A. Snow, of Howe, Snow & Bertles, Inc. See also V. 122, p. 1457, 1612.

Utica (N. Y.) Gas & Electric Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross sales (gas and electricity)	\$4,264,080	\$4,218,392	\$4,045,906
Other income	46,766	73,596	22,956

Gross earnings..... \$4,310,846 \$4,291,988 \$4,068,862
Oper. exp., incl. taxes, retire., and other deductions..... 2,497,599 2,637,245 2,660,367
Interest deduction..... 730,624 677,020 600,359

Net income avail. for div. & surplus \$1,082,623 \$977,722 \$808,137
—V. 122, p. 483.

Utilities Power & Light Corp.—Pref. Stock Offered.—

Pynchon & Co., West & Co., W. S. Hammons & Co., and John Nickerson & Co. are offering at 95 and divs., to yield about 7.35%, \$2,500,000 additional 7% cum. pref. (a. & d.) stock.

Valuations—The properties of the public utility subsidiary companies of the corporation have been valued recently at over \$42,500,000, after making allowances for depreciation which averaged about 8%. This does not

include any of the properties in process of acquisition for the Interstate Power Co.

Consolidated Statement of Earnings—12 Months Ended Feb. 28 1926.

[Corporation and Companies Owned or Controlled on April 1926.]

Gross revenue (operating revenue and other income).....	\$7,939,986
Operating expenses, maintenance, renewals and replacements, and taxes including reserves for Federal tax.....	4,200,844
Deductions—Int. on funded debt and divs. on pref. stocks of sub. held by public as well as proportion of sub. co. earnings appl. to public holdings of their common stocks; also deduction to make a total of 13% oper. rev. for maint. and renewals & replace'ts..	1,793,598

Balance accruing to corporation after res. for Federal tax but before amortization of debt discount & expense..... 1,945,543
Ann. div. on \$7,647,000 7% cum. pref. stock..... 535,290
Note—These figures do not reflect any earnings from properties in process of acquisition.

Purpose of Issue—The purpose of the sale of this stock is to provide in part for expenditures made in connection with additional investments in subsidiary companies, including the acquisition for Interstate Power Co. of Minn., Electric Distributing Co., and subsidiary and associated properties (see below).

Acquisition of Additional Properties.—

The corporation announced on April 30 the acquisition of properties in Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Oklahoma through the purchase of the Tri-State Utilities Co. and the Minnesota Electric Distributing Co. from the W. B. Fosny interests.

The newly acquired properties are to be operated in conjunction with the Interstate Power Co., a subsidiary of the Utilities Power & Light Corp. The Minnesota company owns the People's Light & Power Co., the International Public Service Corp., the Bemidji Electric & Mfg. Co., the Red River Valley Power Co. and the Minnesota Electric Light & Power Co. The Tri-State company owns the Cornell Hydro-Electric Co. The properties supply electricity to the Canadian frontier and in wholesale quantities to two Canadian towns. By these acquisitions the Interstate Power Co. increases the communities it serves by 171 to 327. Customers are increased by 27,435 to 76,211. The population served by the system numbers 450,000 persons.

Lines will traverse a distance of 400 miles from Clinton, Ill., to Cody, Neb., and Winner, S. D. A 110,000-volt transmission line connects Clinton and Dubuque and further extensions are planned. Four thousand miles of transmission lines serve the territory and distribute power from 45 generating stations with a capacity of 41,000 k.w. There are 184 substations with 44,331 k.w. capacity in the enlarged system. Last year these stations generated 60,168,166 k.w.h. and purchased 23,754,197 k.w.h. more. Sales aggregated 65,983,019 k.w.h.—V. 122, p. 1172.

Virginia Electric & Power Co.—Annual Report.—

Consolidated Income Account for Calendar Years x

Earnings—	1925.	1924.
Electric department	\$6,171,242	\$5,703,429
Gas department	961,722	945,725
Transportation department	4,821,492	4,749,044
Other earnings	189,519	140,998

Total earnings	\$12,143,975	\$11,539,196
Operating expenses and taxes	7,011,536	6,805,559
Int., amort. charge and lease rentals	1,512,203	1,427,308
Dividends on preferred stock	718,878	581,544
Dividends on common stock	717,018	-----
Special credit to surplus	Cr. 2,798,191	-----
Net direct charges to reserves and surplus	129,689	322,488
Retirement reserve	1,756,633	1,659,413
Sinking fund charges	322,184	304,080
Deficit Richmond Rapid Transit Corp.	87,517	-----

Balance, surplus..... \$2,686,508 \$438,804

x Consolidated statement of results of operations for the year 1925 of the company, together with owned or controlled companies, as follows: City Gas Co. of Norfolk, Norfolk Ry. & Light Co. and Virginia-Carolina Power Co. for the year, and Richmond Rapid Transit Corp. from Sept. 11 1925, when control was acquired. Operations of the following minor companies, which are also owned or controlled and do not materially affect net earnings, are not included in the income statement: Old Dominion Iron & Steel Corp., Sabine Collieries Corp., York Laundry & Ice Mfg. Co., Peninsula Grain Products Corp., Brookland Ry. & Improvement Co., Northside Viaduct Co., Highland Park Co. and the Atlantic Coast Terminal Co.

This company (formerly Virginia Ry. & Power Co.), as a result of merger with Spotsylvania Power Co., through ownership or control, serves practically all of Tidewater Virginia and northeastern North Carolina with electric energy for both lighting and power, including the cities of Richmond, Norfolk, Petersburg, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Fredericksburg, Ashland, Williamsburg, Hopewell, Virginia and Roanoke Rapids, Weldon and Rosemary, N. Caro., and contiguous territory. Either itself or through subsidiaries, it furnishes transportation service in various cities, operating street railways in Richmond, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Petersburg, Va., an interurban line between Richmond and Petersburg, and motor buses in Richmond, and between Richmond and Petersburg and in Norfolk. In addition to the above, through control of the City Gas Co. of Norfolk, it does the entire gas business in Norfolk, Va. The estimated population served at the close of the year was: Electric light and power, 560,500; transportation, 481,400; gas, 180,400.

On July 1 1925 these companies came under Stone & Webster executive management.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
x Prop., plant, &c.	\$5,952,953	\$4,892,275	7% pref. stock	9,768,300	-----
Cash	1,891,251	1,416,764	6% pref. stock	408,900	8,987,090
Notes receivable	30,961	17,749	Prem. on 7% pref. stock	-----	23,604
Accts. receivable	786,869	749,443	C. G. Co. 3% pref. stock	750,000	725,900
Materials & supplies	626,613	597,419	Com. stock, C. G. Co.	401,100	401,100
Prepayments	34,784	51,157	5% bonds, 1955	3,000,000	-----
Miscel. investm'ts	496,568	680,362	5% bonds, 1934	15,000,000	14,384,626
Sinking funds	2,794,858	2,468,887	N. & P. T. Co. 5s.	8,000,000	7,496,000
Special deposits	12,856	429,039	N. & A. T. Co. 5s.	478,000	478,000
Unam. debt owned and expense	1,007,747	665,161	City Gas Co. 6s.	500,000	500,000
Unadjusted debts	370,419	923	R. R. & E. Co. bds.	-----	8,000
Treasury securities	679,000	2,000	R. & A. R. Co. bds.	-----	36,000
			Pf. stk. subd. for.	140,760	-----
			Notes payable	1,297,647	130,252
			Accts. payable	675,830	403,791
			Accts. not yet due	675,972	1,129,346
			Retirement reserve	6,500,494	4,772,722
			Operating reserves	97,046	113,226
			Sinking fund res.	-----	2,468,615
			Unadjusted credits	387,964	36,778
Total (each side)	\$64,684,880	\$55,970,880	Balance of assets	\$16,585,942	\$13,899,434

x Does not include \$5,355,827, the book value of the physical property of the Norfolk Ry. & Light Co. at the inception of the lease. y Showing book value of 38,398 shares of common stock of \$100 par value and 324,428 shares of common stock, no par value.—V. 122, p. 1313.

Virginia Northern Power Co.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding 1st mtge. gold bonds, series A, 6½%, due June 1 1944, have been called for redemption June 1 at 105 and int. at the Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lives, &c., Phila., Pa.—V. 122, p. 1313.

West Penn Co.—Distribution of Assets.—

Vice-Pres. Seton Porter, April 26, in a letter to the holders of certificates for common and pref. stocks who have not deposited their holdings under the plan of unification of the electric subsidiaries of the American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc. (V. 121, p. 1458, 2873), says:

"The dissolution of the West Penn Co. has been accomplished and its assets will be distributed to the stockholders on April 30 1926, according to their respective interests.

"Holders of certificates for common stock will be entitled to receive on or after such date \$125 per share in cash in full payment of their distributive share of the assets of the company.

"Holders of certificates for 7% cum. pref. stock will be entitled to receive, in full payment of their distributive share of the assets, \$101.46 per share, which sum represents the par value of such stock plus an amount equal to the dividends which will have accrued and be unpaid thereon as of April 30 1926.

"Certificates should be surrendered at the Equitable Trust Co., 37 Wall St., N. Y. City, at which office the distribution will be made." See also V. 122, p. 1612.

West Virginia Water & Electric Co.—*Merger.*—

See Appalachian Electric Power Co. above.—V. 117, p. 1358.

Western Power Corp. (& Subs.).—*Earnings.*—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings	\$17,182,317	\$7,599,664		
Operating expenses and taxes	7,303,060	3,067,505		
Net from operation	\$9,879,257	\$4,532,159		
Other income	384,411	52,509		
Gross income	\$10,263,668	\$4,584,668		
Deductions	7,232,804	3,383,098		
Balance available for depreciation and dividends	\$3,030,864	\$1,201,570		

—V. 121, p. 2640.

Western States Gas & Electric Co.—*Report.*—

12 Months End. Dec. 31	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings	\$3,240,056	\$3,246,113	\$2,984,671	\$2,697,384
Oper. exp., maint. & tax.	1,589,071	1,789,407	1,931,932	1,775,853
Interest	1,006,071	930,555	554,960	464,707
Preferred dividends	364,169	278,438	232,902	213,969
Bal. for ret. res., com. divs., amort. & sur.	\$280,746	\$247,714	\$264,876	\$242,855

—V. 121, p. 2640.

Wilmington (Del.) Gas Co.—*Earnings for Year* 1925.—

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings	\$1,142,787			\$6,433
Operating expenses	734,219			8,797
Int. on long term debt	172,588			Cr. 1,673
Other interest	2,971			219,452
Net income				

—V. 114, p. 88.

Wisconsin Public Service Corp.—*Earnings.*—

12 Months Ended Dec. 31—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings	\$3,980,289	\$3,654,351		
Oper. exp., maint. and taxes	2,452,499	2,305,135		
Interest	684,397	598,138		
Preferred dividends	219,878	147,000		
Bal. for retire. res., com. divs., amort. & surplus.	\$623,515	\$604,079		

—V. 122, p. 752, 215.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Refined Sugar Prices.—On April 26 American, Atkins, McCahan and National companies each advanced price 10 pts. to 5.50c. per lb. On April 27 Federal advanced price 15 pts. to 5.30c., Arbuckle Brothers, 5 pts. to 5.45¢ 5.50c. per lb. and Reverse, 10 pts. to 5.50c. per lb.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" April 24: (a) New capital flotations in March and since Jan. 1, p. 2269. (b) Judge Gary at annual meeting of U. S. Steel Corp. reviews 25 years' growth—Stock dividend not possible "with safety" at this time—Retirement intimated, p. 2289.

Abraham & Straus, Inc.—*Directors & Officers Re-Elected.*

At the annual meeting of the stockholders held April 20 the board of directors was re-elected for the ensuing year, and at the annual meeting of the board immediately following the officers were re-elected.

The directors are: Simon F. Rothschild (Pres.), Edward C. Blum (1st V.-P.), Walter N. Rothschild (V.-P.), Hugh Grant Straus (V.-P.), Lawrence Abraham, Robert E. Blum, Benjamin J. Conroy (Treas.), Charles A. Gorman (Sec.), Nathan Straus Jr. and Herbert H. Lehman.—V. 122, p. 2046, 1919.

Air Reduction Co.—*Quarterly Earnings.*—

3 Mos. End. Mar. 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross income	\$3,043,710	\$2,349,138	\$2,448,779	\$2,381,519
Operating expenses	1,966,096	1,548,096	1,574,609	1,500,619
Addition to reserves	446,996	284,956	271,750	256,127
Bond int. & expenses			5,387	35,562
Net pref. bef. Fed. tax	\$630,618	\$516,086	\$597,033	\$589,212

—V. 122, p. 1458.

Alameda Investment Co., Oakland, Calif.—*Bonds Offered.*—Wm. Cavalier & Co., San Francisco, and Central National Bank, Oakland, are offering at prices to yield from 6% to 6¼%, according to maturity, \$300,000 1st mtge. collateral trust 6% gold bonds, Series "B" of 1926.

Dated March 1 1926; due serially March 1 1927 to 1946. Interest payable M. & S. at Central National Bank, Oakland, trustee. Callable all or part on any int. date after March 1 1932 on 40 days' notice at a premium of ½ of 1% for each unexpired 6 months but not exceeding 10%. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Exempt from California personal property tax.

Company.—Organized in California in May 1906. It is engaged in the business of making loans on improved properties, of building homes which are sold on the installment plan, and of financing improvements for responsible individuals who own unimproved property.

Security.—Bonds are secured by the deposit with the trustee of first mortgages and deeds of trust having an aggregate unpaid face value in excess of 115% of the par value of these bonds. These deposited first mortgages, totaling over \$345,000, are first liens on properties in various localities in the East Bay districts.

Earnings.—Earnings of the company have, during the last four years, averaged over \$75,000 per year, or approximately 4 times the maximum interest requirements of these bonds.

Alameda Sugar Co. (Calif.).—*Annual Report.*—

[Including the Alameda Farms Co.]

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Net profit	\$19,823	\$355,762	\$233,763	
Depreciation reserves	76,031	113,364	116,509	
Reserve for Federal taxes		36,816		
Balance, surplus	def. \$56,198	\$205,582	\$117,254	
Profit and loss surplus Dec. 31	def. \$22,798	\$35,338	def. \$169,044	

—V. 120, p. 2150.

Albany Perforated Wrapping Paper Co.—*Listing.*—

The New York stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$1,500,000 7% cumulative preferred stock (par \$100) and 96,000 shares of common stock (no par value).

Consolidated Income Account Years Ended Dec. 31.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Total sales	\$3,699,070	\$3,273,384		
Net earnings	\$543,045	\$456,980		
Interest	121,218	71,739		
Depreciation	54,000	50,000		
Income taxes	34,172	26,881		
Cash dividends	48,000	41,500		
Balance, surplus	\$289,655	\$266,809		
Previous surplus	2,595,005	1,853,641		
Aprec. of property		234,554		
Surplus paid in on sale of 1,200 shares stock		240,000		
Profit and loss surplus	\$2,884,660	\$2,595,005		

—V. 122, p. 614.

Aluminum Co. of America.—*Acquires Controlling Interest in Duke-Price Power Co., Ltd.*—

See that company under "Public Utilities" above.—V. 122, p. 1029.

Amerada Corp.—*To Change Name.*—

The stockholders will vote May 3 on changing the name of the company to Amerada Oil Corp.

Consolidated Income Account for Quarter Ended Mar. 31 1926.
Gross income, \$2,305,761; oper. costs, &c., \$916,457; oper. inc.—\$1,389,304
Other income—40,998

Total income	\$1,430,302
Depreciation, depletion and Federal taxes	618,675

Net income—\$811,627

The net income of \$811,628 is equivalent to \$1.14 a share earned on the company's 713,300 outstanding shares of common capital stock for the quarter, or at an annual rate of over \$4.56 a share. The report shows that the company has no funded debt and no preferred stock. Its common shares, formerly of \$10 par value, are now of no par value.

According to President E. L. DeGolyer, conditions in the oil industry to-day are sounder than at any previous time in six years. Speaking of his own company, he said that "prospects for the second quarter are for much higher earnings than in the first quarter."—V. 122, p. 2332, 2323.

American Bosch Magneto Corp.—*Denies Exclusive Right to a Name—\$10,000,000 Claim Voided.*—

Neither the Robert Bosch Magneto Co., Inc., nor the American Bosch Magneto Corp., has the exclusive right to the use of the name "Bosch," in the opinion of Supreme Court Justice Aaron J. Levy, handed down April 22 in the suit brought by the American Bosch company against the Robert Bosch company.

In his decision Justice Levy eliminated the \$10,000,000 damages claimed in a counter claim by the Robert Bosch Magneto Co., Inc., defendants in the injunction suit of the American Bosch Magneto Corp., to enjoin use of the name. Within limitations, he explained both have a right to the title.

3 Mos. End. Mar. 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Total sales	\$4,395,888	\$2,950,655	\$3,095,764	\$2,661,905
Operating profits	\$190,217	\$171,268	\$245,503	\$147,255
Depreciation	\$51,309	\$49,638	\$50,474	
Interest charges		45,000	47,500	\$50,000

Balance before taxes	\$138,908	\$76,632	\$147,529	\$97,255
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—V. 122, p. 2332, 2046, 1765.

American Bronze Co.—*New Co. Operates Plant.*—

See American Non-Gran Bronze Corp. below.—V. 118, p. 2575.

American Brown Boveri Electric Corp.—*Listing.*—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 14,700 additional shares of participating stock (without par value), making the total amount applied for 415,300 shares of participating stock.

The participating stock applied for is to be issued: 20,000 shares which the corporation has contracted to sell for cash, and 2,700 shares which are to be issued in part consideration for the purchase by the corporation of all of the capital stock of Electrical Development & Machine Co. (Del.).

The sale of the participating stock is to restore the working capital of the corporation used by it in the purchase of the stock of the Moloney Electric Co., the Railway & Industrial Engineering Co. and the Electrical Development & Machine Co., and to provide funds to assist the corporation in the financing of the adaptation of the Camden plant for its general electrical manufacturing business and to provide additional working capital.

Summary of Consolidated Income Account for 1925.

Corporation, Scintilla Magneto Co., Inc., Moloney Electric Co. and Condit Electrical Manufacturing Corp.]

Net profit from operations (after charges, incl. depr. & bond int.)	\$854,213
Other income	448,307

Gross income	\$1,302,521
Income charges	74,816

Net income	\$1,227,705
Surplus Jan. 1 1925	6,398,343
Profit and loss credits	197,376

Gross surplus	\$7,823,423
Provision for difference between book value and quick sales value on ships owned (all under charter)	\$1,500,000

Additional Federal income and excess profits taxes paid for years 1917, 1921 and 1922	209,260
Miscellaneous charges	66,108
Preferred dividends—paid in cash	58,354
Common dividends paid in cash	767,500
do paid in preferred stock	3,000,000

Total surplus of companies, Dec. 31 1925	\$2,222,202
Deduct—Minority int. in surplus of subsidiaries	\$219,831

Parent company's interest in surplus of subsidiaries at dates of acquisition of their stocks—eliminated in cols'd'n of accts.	899,006
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x Surplus Dec. 31 1925. \$1,103,364
x follows: (a) Capital surplus (part of \$665,692), \$468,043. (b) surplus applicable to corporation after eliminating earned surplus of subsidiaries at dates of acquisition—Scintilla Magneto Co., Inc., Oct. 1 1925; Moloney Electric Co., Nov. 1 1925, \$635,321.

No provision has been made for Federal income taxes for the year which will amount to approximately \$145,000. Taxes for prior years are subject to final action by the Treasury Department.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1925 (Including Subsidiaries).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$2,296,284	Acc'ts & notes pay. & acer'ls.	\$1,036,529
U. S. Treasury notes and Liberty Loan bonds	2,662,500	1st mtge. 5s, N. Y. Shipbuilding Corp.	5,523,800
Other marketable securities	130,889	Reserves for amort., deprec'n, contingencies, &c.	10,890,104
Notes, acc'ts & claims rec'd	2,288,632	Minority int. in capital stock and surplus of subsidiaries	496,932
Inventories	5,521,567	7% preferred stock	3,000,000
Investments	188,287	Capital stock	a15,841,034
Sinking fund (cash)	250		
Ships owned (all under charter)	2,250,000		
Plant property	15,182,362		
Contract & patent rights, good-will, &c.	3,128,362		
Deferred debit items	139,264	Total (each side)	\$36,788,399

a Participating capital stock (392,556 shares without par value) and founders' capital stock (300,000 shares without par value), and surplus applicable thereto.

Note.—No provision has been made for Federal income taxes for the year, which will amount to approximately \$145,000. Taxes for prior years are subject to final action by the Treasury Dept.—V. 122, p. 1613.

American Chicle Co.—*Wipes Out Accrued Dividends on 6% Preferred Stock—Dividends Resumed on Common Stock at the Rate of \$3 Per Share Per Annum.*—

The directors on April 30 declared the following dividends, all payable July 1 to holders of record June 15: (a) A quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the common stock of no par value; (b) a dividend of 25½% on the outstanding \$138,100 6% preferred stock, par \$100, which clears up all accumulations on the issue; (c) the regular quarterly dividend of 1½% on the 6% preferred stock, and (d) the usual quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the \$7 cumul. prior preference stock of no par value.

Record of Dividends Paid on Common Stock Since 1901.

1901.	1902.	1903-13.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917-18.	1919.	1920.	1921-25.
\$8	\$11	\$18yrlly.	\$20	\$11½	\$1½	None	\$4	\$4	None

—V. 122, p. 2332, 1029.

American Electric Corp.—Initial Dividend.

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the outstanding class A cum. conv. stock, par \$25, payable May 15 to holders of record May 5. (For offering see V. 122, p. 753.)

Pres. Arthur E. Swanson reports that the Belding-Hall plant of the corporation is operating at capacity, and that orders have been booked in more than sufficient amounts to keep plants at capacity operation until after July 1.—V. 122, p. 2046.

American Home Products Corp.—Listing—Div. No. 2.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 300,000 shares capital stock (without par value). Company was organized in Del., Feb. 4 1926. Company is a holding company, holding stocks of subsidiary companies engaged in the manufacture and sale of medicines and pharmaceutical preparations. Compare V. 122, p. 753, 886.

Company was incorp. in Del., Feb. 4 1926 by interests identified with Sterling Products, Inc. and Household Products, Inc., together with interests identified with Wyeth Chemical Co. and affiliated companies including Whitehall Pharmaceutical Co. which owns all of the capital stock of The Larned Co. engaged in the manufacture and sale of Hill's cascara bromide quinine. The American Home Products Co. acquired Wyeth Chemical Co. and affiliated companies engaged in the manufacture and sale of preparations known as "Jad Salts," "Wyeth's Sage & Sulphur," "Tiz," "St. Jacob's Oil," "Hamburg Breast Tea," "Hamburg Drops," "Burdock Oil," "Rowles Red Pepper Rub," "Rowles Mentho-Sulphur," "Ely's Cream Balm" and "Dioxol"; Deshell Laboratories, Inc. engaged in the manufacture and sale of petrolagar, a medicinal mineral oil emulsion; The Larned Co. engaged in the manufacture and sale of Hill's cascara bromide quinine and the business of Edward Wesley & Co., a co-partnership, engaged in the manufacture and sale of preparations known as "Freezone," "orchard white," "epsonade," "outgro," "heet and hair groom." All of these concerns are going concerns whose products are well known and nationally advertised, upwards of \$15,000,000 having been expended in advertising in recent years or since these products were acquired.

The directors have declared a monthly dividend of 20 cents per share on the capital stock, no par value, payable June 1 to holders of record May 17. An initial monthly dividend of like amount was paid to-day (May 1).—V. 122, p. 1765.

Consolidated Income Accounts for Periods Stated.

(a) Wyeth Chemical Co., Inc., and affiliated companies for the period from Jan. 1 1921, to Nov. 30 1925; (b) The Larned Co. and predecessor, for the period from April 1 1922, to Dec. 31 1925; (c) Edward Wesley & Co. and affiliated companies, for the period from Jan. 1 1921, to Dec. 23 1925 and (d) Deshell Laboratories, Inc., for the period from Nov. 15 1922, to Oct. 31 1925.]

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Net sales	4,711,809	4,193,509	4,576,889	3,681,714	2,673,417
Cost and expenses	3,542,466	3,292,985	3,516,986	2,977,746	2,163,554
Operating profit	1,169,343	900,524	1,059,902	703,968	509,863
Other income	35,342	72,932	59,165	53,425	52,155
Total	1,204,685	973,456	1,119,067	757,394	562,018
Other deductions	143,957	98,518	62,459	42,304	36,509
Interest paid	60,720	18,744	13,009	11,704	9,323
Depreciation	20,379	13,102	7,761	8,161	5,443
Fed. inc. taxes	103,921	67,615	101,498	61,662	34,855
Net profit	875,708	775,477	934,339	633,563	475,887
Add elimination of non-recurring charges	180,832	132,896	71,196	73,631	71,870
Total	1,056,541	908,374	1,005,535	707,194	547,757
Inc. from secs. not acq. Dr	9,147	13,005	780		
Federal taxes, Cr.	103,921	67,615	101,498	61,662	34,855
Est. profit for Dec., Cr.	10,000				
Fed. tax at 12 1/2%	145,164	120,373	138,282	96,107	72,826
Adjusted net earnings	1,016,150	842,611	967,972	672,749	509,785

—V. 122, p. 1765.

American Machine & Foundry Co.—Annual Report.**Results for Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.**

Net earnings	\$641,660
Depreciation, \$185,497; int. & bond expense, \$129,324	314,822
Minority int. in earnings of Standard Tobacco Stemmer Co.	185
Net profits	\$326,653
Add—Proportionate int. in net profits of International Cigar Machinery Co. for 1925 not received as divs. nor incl. in surp.	263,215
Net profits available to Am. Machine & Foundry Co.	\$589,868
Earned surplus Dec. 31 1924	\$4,146,370
Adjustments account prior years	Dr. 10,887
Net profits for 1925	326,653

Earned surplus Dec. 31 1925.....\$4,462,136
Capital surplus (Dec. 31 1924), \$2,911,785; less depreciation of equipment account of revaluation, &c., \$78,575.....2,833,209

Surplus Dec. 31 1925.....\$7,295,346
—V. 122, p. 1920.

American Non-Gran Bronze Corp.—Acquisition.

This company was incorp. in Penn. in 1925 to take over the plant of the American Bronze Corp. (V. 118, p. 2575), which was sold under Sheriff's sale about the middle of that year, at which time the present interests took control. Officers of the new company, which is a closely held corporation, are: Philip E. Guckes (President Integrity Trust Co., Phila.), Pres.; Reeves Kemp Johnson (formerly of the Baldwin Locomotive Works), V.-P.; P. Exton Guckes, Sec. & Treas.; John McMahon, Plant Mgr. The product of the company will continue to be non-gran bearing metal, and bars, castings and bushings of bronze.

American Piano Co.—Earnings.

	1926.	1925.
Net sales	\$2,984,887	\$3,525,873
Expenses, depreciation and Federal tax	2,482,851	3,227,663
Preferred dividends	104,347	105,000
Common dividends	86,148	86,772
Surplus	311,541	106,438
Profit and loss, surplus	\$4,458,604	\$3,504,134

—V. 122, p. 1614.

American Road Machinery Co.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.

(Including Good Roads Machinery Co.)

	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—				
Real estate, build-ings, &c.	\$883,899	\$943,829	Common stock	\$2,000,000
Investments	1,750	3,062	Preferred stock	1,055,300
Bills & accts. rec.	823,113	878,764	Dividend scrip	277,940
Cash	41,028	59,459	Funded debt	600,865
Inventories	1,040,997	970,707	Loans	397,000
Patents, good-will, &c.	2,000,000	2,000,000	Bills & accts. pay.	280,650
Deferred charges	11,838	15,632	Contingent res.	33,271
			Sur. & conting. res.	157,598
Total	\$4,802,626	\$4,871,453	Total	\$4,802,626

* Including machinery, tools and equipment at factories, automobiles and office furniture at sales offices, less depreciation to Dec. 31 1925. Sales for 1925 amounted to \$2,103,199.—V. 121, p. 1104.

American Sumatra Tobacco Co.—Listing.

Certificates of deposit for common stock (option "A" exercised), have been admitted to the list of New York Stock Exchange.—V. 122, p. 1766, 350.

American Zinc, Lead & Smelting Co.—Earnings.

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
3 Mos. End. Mar. 31—				
Net profits before deprec. and depletion	\$118,008	\$214,298	\$67,834	\$142,665

—V. 122, p. 2195.

American Printing Co., Fall River, Mass.—Balance Sheet Jan. 2 1926.

Assets.	
Land, buildings and machinery, less reserve	\$6,956,381
Investment in Borden Mills, Inc.	750,000
Cash	1,528,388
*Accounts receivable	6,332,600
Inventories	6,144,217
Prepaid expense	338,192
Total	\$22,050,378
Liabilities.	
Capital stock	\$2,000,000
Notes payable	8,990,000
Accounts payable	1,335,841
Surplus	9,724,536
Total	\$22,050,378

*Includes \$1,063,754 due from Borden Mills, Inc..

Contingent liability for \$1,900,000 bonds of Borden Mills, Inc., guaranteed.—V. 119, p. 582.

American Republic Corp.—Earnings.

	1926.	1925.	1924.
3 Months Ended March 31—			
Sales	\$5,915,306	\$7,264,217	\$6,981,198
Cost of sales	4,856,582	5,952,417	5,483,524
Expenses	475,205	527,097	443,308
Net profit	\$583,521	\$784,702	\$1,054,366
Other charges (net)	83,728	36,394	112,176
Net income (after deducting reserve for Federal income taxes)	423,663	651,458	816,714

—V. 122, p. 886, 614.

Arkansas Natural Gas Co.—Earnings.

(Including Arkansas Fuel Oil Co.)

	1926.	1925.
Quarter Ended March 31—		
Gross income	\$1,553,510	\$1,356,750
Gross expense	681,489	657,681
Deductions	114,618	54,126
Surplus 1st quarter, 1925	\$757,403	\$644,944

Combined Condensed Balance Sheet.

	Mar. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.		Mar. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Investment	24,397,521	24,280,117	Capital stock	16,336,900	16,336,900
Current assets	2,639,999	2,359,930	Funded debt	1,024,007	1,281,707
Other assets	1,022,386	936,674	Res. & accts.	8,248,100	8,234,237
Total (ea. side)	28,059,906	27,576,722	Current liabilities	372,902	394,863
			Other liabilities	146,052	154,473
			Surplus	1,931,945	1,174,542

—V. 122, p. 2333; V. 120, p. 2940, 2813.

Armour Leather Co.—Annual Report.

	Jan. 2 1926.	Dec. 31 '24.	Dec. 31 '23.
Sales	\$36,717,000	\$40,000,000	\$35,000,000
Profit for year	\$1,486,150	\$50,010	\$127,248
Adj. East. Leather stock			1,730,000
Other adjustments	358,417		
Surplus	\$1,844,566	\$50,010	\$451,752
Previous deficit	9,377,421	9,427,431	9,879,183
Profit and loss, deficit	\$7,532,854	\$9,377,421	\$9,427,431

* Including proportionate interest in operations of Eastern Leather Co.

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

	Jan. 2 '26.	Dec. 27 '24.		Jan. 2 '26.	Dec. 27 '24.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Property account	8,405,434	9,136,069	Common stock	15,000,000	15,000,000
Inv. in sub. cos.	4,476,333	4,464,525	Preferred stock	10,000,000	10,000,000
Inventories	11,299,997	12,760,812	Founders' stock	500,000	500,000
Accts. & notes rec.	2,026,116	2,690,583	Notes payable	1,860,000	6,540,000
Cash	856,644	1,331,881	For'n drafts pay.	67,512	611,507
Misc. securities	71,243	69,244	Accounts payable	151,187	182,289
Deferred charges	148,786	264,872	Armour & Co.	7,213,235	7,213,047
Deficit	7,532,854	9,377,421	Conting. reserve	25,474	48,563

Total.....\$34,817,410 40,095,406
* Capital stock includes (a) 250,000 authorized shares 7% cumulative pref. stock of \$100 each, 100,000 shares issued; (b) authorized and issued stock of no par value. y Investment in Eastern Leather Co. common stock.—V. 121, p. 202.

Associated Laundries of America, Inc.—Stock Offered.

Bennett, Post & Coghill, Inc., and Stone, Seymour & Co., Inc., are offering in units of 3 shares of Class A stock and 1 share of Class B stock at \$50 per unit, 16,353 shares Class "A" participating stock (no par value).

Transfer agent, Seaboard National Bank, New York; registrar, New York Trust Co., New York. Class A stock is preferred as to dividends and assets. Is entitled to dividends up to 25c. per share per quarter prior to any distribution of divs. to Class B stock, and in addition is entitled to participate equally issue for issue with Class B stock in any further distribution of dividends. Dividends on Class A stock are cumulative from March 15 1926 at the rate of 25c. per share per quarter. Class A stock has equal voting power, share for share, with Class B stock. Class A stock is non-callable. In the event of liquidation Class A is entitled to priority over Class B stock up to \$25 per share and divs. in any distribution of assets, and in addition is entitled to participate equally issue for issue with Class B stock in any distribution of remaining assets.

Data From Letter of Charles H. Parmelee, President of Corporation.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Class "A" participating stock	250,000 shs.	\$87,500 shs.
Class "B" common stock	100,000 shs.	100,000 shs.

* Including this offering.

Company.—Incorp. in Maryland Jan. 8 1925 for the purpose of acquiring, directly or through subsidiaries, the properties or securities of companies operating laundries. At the present time it owns and operates or controls companies owning and operating laundries in Buffalo, Utica, Elmira, Syracuse, Cortland, Corning and Binghamton, N. Y. Through acquisition of over 90% of the common stock of the Associated Laundries, Inc. (V. 122, p. 1767), which company was organized in 1919, it ranks as the "pioneer" inter-city chain-laundry system of the Eastern United States.

Earnings.—Consolidated earnings for the last three fiscal years, 1923-25, inclusive, after deducting all interest and fixed dividend requirements of subsidiaries, have averaged before depreciation over \$1 60 per share for the Class A stock.

In obtaining the above results, no credit has been taken for certain non-recurring charges estimated by the company's offices to have averaged approximately 70c. per share per annum, which was paid out of current operating income. Nor has any credit been taken either for earnings to be received from additional properties already acquired and about to be acquired or for earnings from further economies in operation to be effected with portions of the proceeds of this financing.

Dividends.—In addition to cumulative dividends at the rate of \$1 per share per annum prior to any dividends for Class "B" common stock, the Class "A" stock is entitled to dividends equal issue for issue to all Class "B" divs.

Listing.—Company has agreed to make application to list these shares on the New York Curb Market.—V. 122, p. 1614.

Atlantic Sugar Refineries, Ltd.—Annual Report.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Calendar Years—				
Net profits	\$1,246,391	\$964,104	\$1,459,982	\$990,564
Bond interest	41,910	47,910	53,910	59,910
Other interest	355,774	384,781	466,522	476,136
Reserve for depreciation	355,376	304,224	302,618	302,618
Res. for bad debts, &c.			30,000	23,934
Balance, surplus	\$493,331	\$227,188	\$606,932	\$127,965

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Land, buildings—	5,965,421	5,949,404	Preferred stock—	1,111,100	1,111,100
Good-will—	3,000,000	3,000,000	Common stock—	4,888,900	4,888,900
Cash—	87,688	74,467	Bonds—	795,000	895,000
Accts. & bills rec.—	445,820	86,706	Loans—	1,600,000	1,350,000
Investments—	139,825	139,825	Accts. & c. pay—	84,373	242,264
Inventories—	1,149,943	511,202	Def. accts. pay—	3,874,134	3,673,132
Prepaid charges—	35,194	13,487	Bad debt res.—	40,000	40,000
Deficit—	3,760,342	4,259,195	Res. for dep. & cont.—	2,190,727	1,833,895
Total—	14,584,235	14,034,292	Total—	14,584,235	14,034,292

x Secured by inventories, by hypothecation of \$3,000,000 6% 2d mtge. bonds due Dec. 1930, and other collateral.
Contingent liability for bills under discount amounted to \$147,170 in 1925, as against \$151,810 in 1924.—V. 122, p. 886, 216.

Auburn Automobile Co.—Earnings.—

The company reports for the quarter ended March 31 1925 earnings of \$435,519, and after deducting \$161,852 reserve for Federal taxes, &c. Net earnings amounted to \$273,667, against \$38,000 in first quarter of 1925.—V. 122, p. 2195, 1459.

Baltimore Tube Co., Inc.—Tenders.—

The Union Trust Co. of Maryland, trustee, Baltimore, Md., will until May 1 receive bids for the sale to it of 3-year 7% sinking fund gold notes, due May 1 1928, to an amount sufficient to absorb \$25,000 at the best terms flat.—V. 122, p. 1174.

Bankers Mortgage Bond Co., Birmingham, Ala.—Bonds Offered.—Ward, Sterne & Co., Birmingham, are offering at 100, \$100,000 First Mtge. collateral 6% bonds, Series "I."

Dated March 1 1926; due serially March 1931-1936. Interest payable M. & S. without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 4% at American Trust & Savings Bank, Birmingham, or at Guaranty Trust Co., New York. Redeemable on any interest date upon 30 days prior notice at 101 and interest.

Company.—Incorporated in Alabama in 1913, and has continuously and profitably operated since its incorporation. It has a paid-up capital of \$505,000.

Security.—As security for these bonds, there have been deposited with and assigned to the trustee, notes aggregating \$111,050, constituting in each case a first lien upon improved real estate in Birmingham and its environs, together with mortgages, fire insurance policies, and all other necessary papers. In each case the loan has been made by the officers of the Bankers Mortgage Bond Co. and independently appraised on behalf of the company by a recognized expert in Birmingham realty values.—V. 121, p. 1230.

Beaver Mills.—Report for Year Ending Jan. 2 1926.—

Sales (net), \$2,861,455; cost of sales, \$1,865,376; gross profit—\$996,079
Other income—101,073

Total income—\$1,097,152
General, selling and administrative expenses—\$281,897
Interest on bonds, bank loans, &c.—99,128
Provision for Federal income tax—90,297

Net profit for the year—\$625,830
—V. 118, p. 2828.

Beech Nut Packing Co.—Earnings.—

3 Mos. End. Mar. 31 1926. 1925. 1924. 1923.
Net profits—\$672,796 \$665,294 \$562,258 \$595,737
Dividends—242,500 243,798 244,670 169,670

Balance, surplus—\$430,296 \$421,496 \$317,588 \$426,067

Comparative Balance Sheet March 31.

Assets—	1926.	1925.	Liabilities—	1926.	1925.
Real estate, build- ings, &c.—	4,961,463	4,459,346	Common stock—	7,500,000	7,500,000
Mtges. and secured loans on real est.—	94,153	81,312	Prof. stock, cl. A—	4,500	4,500
Prof. treas. stock—	124,000	43,800	Prof. stock, cl. B—	1,119,500	1,119,500
Patents, trade-marks &c.—	1	1	Notes & accts. pay—	1,452,453	117,016
Securities owned—	1,820,886	1,671,886	Short term notes mat'd or called—	623	623
Cash—	398,985	793,663	Divs. payable—	242,500	243,798
Cash for red. notes—	623	623	Expenses & taxes—	293,551	298,376
Securities—	56,670	56,670	Res. for deprec.—	1,452,552	1,256,602
Accts. & notes rec.—	1,156,847	862,502	Res. for ins., &c.—	91,043	
Inventories (cost)—	6,906,811	5,262,659	Other reserves—	64,559	183,730
Due from sub. cos.—	314,679	248,103	Surplus paid in.—	100,025	104,035
Deferred assets—	115,024	116,482	Earned surplus—	3,628,835	2,768,867
Total (each side)—	15,950,141	13,597,046	Total (each side)—	15,950,141	13,597,046

—V. 122, p. 2334, 1314.

(The) Beekman (571 Park Avenue Corp.) N. Y. City.

Bonds Offered.—G. L. Miller & Co. are offering \$1,425,000 1st mtge. 6½% leasehold gold bonds at par and int.

Secured by the new 575 Park Avenue (The Beekman) Apartment Hotel to be erected at the southeast corner of Park Avenue and 63rd St., N. Y. City.

The bonds, which mature in three to fifteen years, constitute a direct closed first mortgage on the 15-story apartment hotel building and equipment and leasehold, independently appraised at \$2,400,000. The bonds are the direct obligation of the 571 Park Avenue Corp. which is headed by Aron Lapidus, one of New York's best known builders and apartment house operators. Interest coupons are payable April 1 and October 1. In the opinion of counsel, bonds of this issue are legal investment for national banks.

Bloomingdale Bros., Inc., N. Y. City.—Sales.—

Period from Feb. 2 to April 24—1926. 1925.
Sales—\$4,950,000 \$4,755,000

It is reported that the increase in sales has been accompanied by a decrease in inventories. Although merchandise stocks were \$462,000 higher on Feb. 1 of this year than they were on the same date a year previous, on April 26 they stood at over \$153,000 below the figure for the corresponding date in 1925.—V. 122, p. 2047, 1615.

Bohn Aluminum Brass Corp. (& Sub. Cos.)

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Land, bldgs., ma- chinery, &c.—	3,102,000	3,066,712	Preferred stock—		51,700
Patents & good-will—	82,804	30,001	Common stock and surplus—	3,849,223	3,035,243
Cash—	65,221	109,759	1st mtge. 7% bonds—	1,500,000	1,500,000
Notes & accts. rec'd—	908,080	748,093	Notes payable—		700,000
Inventory—	1,686,913	1,433,406	Accts. payable and accr. exp.—	995,673	343,758
Surr. val. of life ins.—	23,400	23,450	Dividends payable—		84,951
Misc. accts. & claims—	18,788	41,690	Reserve for contin- gencies—	15,000	15,000
Misc. investments—	198,259	1,423	Total (each side)—	6,359,897	5,730,651
Prep. taxes, ins., &c.—	45,495	65,158	x Represented by 337.05 shares of capital stock of no par value. y Incl. provision for 1925 Federal income tax.—V. 121, p. 843.		
Bonds dis. & exp. less amort.—	123,925				
Organization expense—		210,958			

Bowman Biltmore Hotels Corp.—Earnings.—

Results for Calendar Year 1925.

Earnings after deducting all interest charges and depreciation—\$1,577,518
First preferred divs., \$440,913; second preferred divs., \$664,581—1,105,493

Surplus—\$472,024
Total surplus Dec. 31 1925—\$781,983
—V. 121, p. 3135.

Botany Consolidated Mills, Inc.—Report Cal. Years.—

	1925.	1924.
Net earnings after all charges, incl. Fed. tax and depr.—	\$992,983	\$2,229,551
Deduct profits attributable to minority stockholding in subsidiary—	1,205	109,943
Bond interest, Botany Consolidated Mills, Inc.—	593,677	388,310
Dividends—	400,000	

Net credit to surplus—def. \$1,900 \$1,731,298
Previous surplus—1,449,310
Adj. applicable prior periods—Cr. 321,988
To capital (common stock, no par value) for profits
accrued on 35.086% of subsidiary's capital stock,
up to date of acquisition of such stock—281,988

Earned surplus—\$1,769,398 \$1,449,310

*Predecessor company for cal. year 1924 and subsidiary, Botany Worsted Mills, Inc., for 13 months ended Dec. 31 1924.—V. 121, p. 334.

Bridgeport Machine Co.—Report.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.
Net sales and rentals—	\$1,682,213	\$1,139,021
Cost of sales—	982,223	638,131
General, selling and administration expenses—	301,991	238,937
Depreciation—	61,764	65,969
Interest charges, less interest earned—	7,955	30,859
Provision for bad debts, &c.—	75,513	
Provision for estimated Federal income tax—	23,000	
Miscellaneous deductions (net)—	25,568	31,121
Preferred dividends—	35,708	35,793

Surplus—\$168,487 \$98,211

Balance Sheet December 31.

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Property & plant—	\$629,641	\$623,892	Preferred 7% cum- ulative stock—	\$494,200	\$521,400
Goodwill, patents, &c.—	602,690	598,292	Common stock—	1,820,488	1,652,001
Cash—	80,908	67,895	Notes payable, &c.—	375,000	395,000
Notes & accts. rec.—	621,793	325,962	Accounts payable—	126,585	31,862
Inventories—	817,479	883,280	Accrued accounts—	29,618	7,838
Rental stock—	75,000	75,000	Purch. money oblig—	27,500	27,500
Life insur. policies—	8,775		Reserve for contin- gencies—	27,249	22,000
Sundry notes and accts. rec. & sec.—	8,978	14,201	Total (each side)—	\$2,900,642	\$2,657,601
Deferred charges—	55,375	69,078	x Represented by 150,000 shares of no par value.—V. 120, p. 3068.		

Briggs Manufacturing Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.
Gross profit—	\$11,998,100	\$14,554,209
Other income—	639,874	587,043

Total income—\$12,637,974 \$15,141,252
Expenses and depreciation—3,208,318 2,415,176
Federal taxes—1,288,000 1,590,500
Dividends—5,999,863 2,030,236

Balance, surplus—\$2,141,793 \$9,105,340

Balance Sheet December 31.

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Land, bldgs., &c.—	17,986,177	14,681,412	Capital stock—	2,628,143	25,739,344
Cash—	2,743,488	10,477,713	Accounts payable—	3,898,207	2,518,040
Accts. receivable—	7,661,868	4,223,188	Accrued accounts—	54,253	31,482
Inventories—	9,248,307	4,836,749	Dividends payable—	1,500,000	
Misc. accts. & adv.—	102,018	97,565	Land contr' pay'le—	1,397,500	562,500
Unexp. ins., prep. tax, &c.—	807,522		Res. Fed'l tax and contingencies—	2,013,753	2,076,666
Other def'd items—	307,024	206,503	Res. apprec. plant and property—	3,611,948	3,595,098
Total—	38,856,804	34,523,130	Total—	38,856,804	34,523,130

a After deducting depreciation. b Represented by 2,000,000 shares of no par value.

The results for the first quarter of 1926 were given in V. 122, p. 2334.

British Empire Steel Corp., Ltd.—Drastic Reorg. Plan Forecast.—

A Montreal dispatch says: More than a little interest centers on the market action of this corporation. The common shares are selling around 1, the first preferred at 12, and the second preferred as low as 2½. The weakness indicates that the company intends to take some drastic measures in the reconstruction program which is being worked out at present.

The whole action of the market indicates that it is the intention of the Besco management to segregate the two branches of the corporation's activities. Possibly the plants engaged in the manufacture of iron and steel will form a new company, while the coal properties will be operated as a unit. In any event, the whole market trend indicates that in the projected plan, the preferred shareholders of Dominion Coal will fare better than the other preferred shareholders; next would come the preferred of N. S. Steel, followed by the preferred of the Dominion Steel Co., and lastly the market places the preferred shares of the Dominion Iron & Steel and Besco itself.—V. 121, p. 2747.

Buffalo & Susquehanna Iron Co.—Bonds Called.—

One hundred (\$100,000) 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, dated July 1 1902 (nos. 1901 to 2000, incl.), have been called for redemption June 1 at par and interest at the New York Trust Co., New York.—V. 120, p. 2015.

Burroughs Adding Machine Co. (& Subs.)—Report.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.
Gross profit on sales of machines, service, parts, accessories, supplies, &c.—	\$11,381,164	\$10,411,587
Other income—	783,755	649,564

Total income—\$12,164,920 \$11,061,151
Sales, general & miscellaneous expenses—6,369,401 5,959,133
Provision for U. S. Federal taxes—752,000 577,000

Net profit—\$5,043,518 \$4,525,018
Surplus at Jan. 1—9,529,432 7,506,966
Increase in value of invest. in foreign subs. due to
fluctuations in rates of exchange—101,663

Total—\$14,572,950 \$12,133,587
Premiums paid on preferred stock purchased—80,312 1,652
Dividends paid in cash—2,704,330 2,602,564

Profit and loss surplus at Dec. 31—\$11,788,308 \$9,529,432

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Plant, equip., &c.—	\$4,532,707	\$4,550,320	Capital stock—	227,702,100	29,325,800
Good-will, pat., &c.—	5,123,212	5,123,212	Accts. payable—	645,681	507,077
Cash—	3,716,055	5,093,471	Wages & com. pay.—	913,657	838,935
Govt. securities—	15,015,606	10,070,974	Prov. for inc. taxes	811,795	713,503
Municipal securs.—		130,000	Repairs to mach'y under guaranty—	285,250	276,947
Notes & accts. rec.—	9,958,539	5,078,545	Workmens' camps		172,893
Inventories—	9,187,880	10,918,864	Deferred credits—	989,218	822,447
Miscell. invest's—	141,353	113,262	Res. for conting.—	1,400,461	500,000
Deferred charges—	1,861,017	1,638,387	Surplus—	11,788,307	9,529,432
Total—	44,536,373	42,687,035	Total—	45,536,373	42,687,035

x After deducting \$5,602,582 reserve for depreciation. y After deducting reserves of \$855,776. z Represented by \$12,702,100 7% cumulat. pref. stock (par \$100) and 600,000 shares of no par common stock valued at \$25 per share, for the purpose of payment of dividends thereon.—V. 122, p. 2334.

Butterick Co., N. Y.—New President, &c.—Earnings.—S. R. Latshaw, Vice-President and advertising director of the company, has been elected president succeeding G. W. Wilder, who will continue as a director. Joseph A. Moore, formerly treasurer of several Hearst publications, has been elected chairman of the board.

Income Account for Calendar Years.				
	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Net profit.....	\$488,086	\$577,648	\$629,262	\$566,913
B. Publ. Co. pf. div. (%)	42,000	50,000	58,000	66,000
Balance, surplus.....	\$446,086	\$527,648	\$571,262	\$500,913
Profit & loss surplus.....	\$4,150,518	\$4,294,187	\$3,766,539	\$3,195,278

—V. 121, p. 1465.

Callahan Zinc-Lead Co.—Annual Report.				
	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Income.....	\$33,290	\$48,772	\$980,983	\$168,194
Expenditures.....	219,406	240,107	988,917	318,455
Operating deficit.....	\$186,115	\$191,335	\$7,934	\$150,261

—V. 120, p. 2686.

Calumet & Hecla Consolidated Copper Co.—Earnings.—Earnings Statement Three Months Ended March 31.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Receipts				
Copper sales.....	\$3,801,980	\$2,672,844	\$2,688,924	
Custom milling and smelting.....	14,418	14,091	35,818	
Dividends.....	4,770	54,365	3,714	
Interest.....	31,566	18,320	6,098	
Miscellaneous.....	8,016	45,112	6,722	
Total receipts.....	\$3,860,751	\$2,804,732	\$2,741,276	
Disbursements				
Copper on hand Jan. 1.....	\$3,182,379	\$5,866,909	\$4,816,495	
Prod., selling, adm. and taxes.....	2,443,307	2,119,592	2,253,644	
Depreciation and depletion.....	1,257,863	977,637	966,862	
Miscellaneous.....	10,367	23,030	53,016	
Total expenditures.....	\$6,893,916	\$8,987,168	\$8,090,017	
Less copper on hand March 31.....	2,978,842	6,111,175	5,198,235	
Net expenditures.....	\$3,915,074	\$2,875,993	\$2,891,781	
Loss for quarter.....	\$54,322	\$71,261	\$150,506	

—V. 122, p. 614.

Canada Dry Ginger Ale, Inc.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—[Including Virginia Company and J. J. McLaughlin, Ltd.]

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Plant property.....	\$1,305,526	\$812,943	Capital stock.....	\$1,788,720	
Misc. inv.....	5,796		Class A stock.....	a	1,664,000
Good will, trade marks, formula, &c.....	489,237	395,048	Class B stock.....		111,000
Organic and new finance expenses.....	4,524	94,190	Pur. money mtge. notes and accounts payable.....		80,000
Cash.....	829,562	339,753	Dividends payable.....	524,249	98,491
Accounts, notes & accept'ces receiv.....	547,762	411,974	Fed'l & Dominion income taxes.....	174,812	68,932
Inventories.....	442,038	406,805	Other accrued accounts.....	11,987	11,416
Deferred charges.....	72,405	8,904	Surplus.....	982,102	404,279
Total.....	\$3,696,853	\$2,469,618	Total.....	\$3,696,853	\$2,469,618

a company was reincorporated in Delaware during 1925 and issued four shares of no par value capital stock for each four shares of Class A and Class B stock outstanding.—V. 122, p. 1768.

Canada Foundries & Forgings, Ltd.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Net profit after depreciation and repairs.....	\$76,364	\$42,692	\$93,318	\$74,315
Other income.....	27	10,000	36,339	27
Total income.....	\$76,391	\$52,692	\$129,657	\$74,342
Bond interest.....	13,434	14,829	12,404	8,155
Interest on loans.....	12,983	14,854	19,360	19,469
Admin. expenses, &c.....	26,096	30,506	26,241	29,406
Inventory reserve.....			47,515	

Balance, sur. or def. sur. \$23,967 def. \$7,497 sur. \$24,137 sur. \$17,312
—V. 120, p. 1589.

Canadian Consolidated Felt Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.—Calendar Years—

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Net sales.....	\$933,306	\$620,457	\$818,365	\$768,523
Costs & gen. exp., &c.....	894,588	619,924	788,331	716,887
Int. on bonds, &c.....	29,611	30,909	30,034	51,636
Balance, deficit.....	sur. \$9,107	sur. \$3,376	\$1,048	sur. \$16,597
P. & l. sur. Dec. 31.....	\$277,691	\$268,584	\$319,943	\$320,991

—V. 120, p. 2273.

Canadian Paperboard Co., Ltd.—Preferred Stock Offered.—Johnston & Ward, Montreal, are offering at 100 and dividend (with bonus of 1/2 share Northern Paperboard common with each share of Candian Paperboard pref.), \$300,000 7% cumulative preferred (a. & d.) shares).

Entitled to preferential cash dividends at the rate of 7% per annum payable quarterly April 1, &c., by check at par at any branch in Canada of the company's bankers (Standard Bank of Canada). Redeemable, all or part, on 60 days' notice at 105 and div. Transfer agent, Montreal Trust Co.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
7% first mortgage bonds.....	\$1,500,000	\$710,000
7% cumulative preference shares (par \$100).....	1,000,000	300,000
Common stock.....	4,000,000	2,100,500

Data from Letter of J. G. G. Kerry, President of the Company.—Company.—Incorp. in Canada. Owns and operates modern plants at presently equipped to turn out daily 115 tons of paperboard, containerboard and allied products. This capacity will shortly be increased to 155 tons per day. It is the largest manufacturer of these products in Canada. Company owns its own groundwood pulp mill at Frankford, which supplies a considerable part of its groundwood requirements.

In addition the company owns all the preferred and common shares of the Quinte & Trent Valley Power Co., operating hydro-electric power h. p., and an ultimate installation of 6,000 h. p. The installation of the present units was recently completed and will mean a saving to the Paperboard company, directly in lower power costs and indirectly through dividends on Quinte and Trent shares, of \$40,000 per annum.

Purpose.—Proceeds of this preferred stock issue will be utilized in part to liquidate capital expenditures made and to be made on the fuel units at the Frankford and Montreal mills and for the general corporate purposes of the company.

Earnings.—Average earnings for the past three years after providing for bond interest available for depreciation, income taxes and dividend on this preferred stock were \$110,584; dividend requirements on \$300,000 pref., \$21,000. For the eight months ended Feb. 28 1926, earnings available for preferred stock dividends as above were \$81,057, or at the annual rate of 5 1/2 times requirements.

Northern Paperboard Co., Ltd.—Incorp. under Dominion charter; controls the Canadian Paperboard Co., Ltd., through common stock ownership. Northern Paperboard Co., also owns all the outstanding capital stock of the Tidewater Paperboard Co. (of Conn.), which will operate a modern paperboard and containerboard mill at Norwich, Conn., with a present capacity of 100 tons and an ultimate capacity of 250 tons per day.

Earnings on Bonus Stock.—Based on the operating results of the Canadian Paperboard Co., Ltd., and predecessor company for the past eight years and from the volume of business in sight, President Kerry estimates that the earnings accruing to the parent company from the two subsidiary companies on their present operations, after providing for all prior charges, including interest on \$1,300,250 preferred stock, should be about \$100,000

per annum, equal to nearly \$4 per share on the 26,005 shares of Northern Paperboard stock outstanding. On the ultimate capacity of 250 tons per day at the Tidewater Mill, Mr. Kerry estimates that earnings applicable to the 26,005 shares of no par value will amount to at least \$240,000 per annum or over \$9 per share.—V. 121, p. 2407.

Canadian Rail & Harbor Terminals, Ltd., Toronto.—Bonds Sold.—Edmund Seymour & Co., Inc.; Macky, Hentz & Co.; Pogue, Willard & Co.; J. A. Ritchie & Co., Inc., and Porter & Co. have sold at 100 and int. (carrying the right to receive common stock [v. t. c.] at the rate of 5 shares for each \$1,000 bond) \$2,000,000 7% sinking fund (closed) mortgage gold bonds.

Dated March 1 1926; due Dec. 1 1945. Int. payable J. & D. without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2% per annum. Principal and int. payable in U. S. gold funds in New York at the office of the paying agent, Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. in Canadian gold funds in Canada, or in pounds sterling at parity in London. Red., all or part on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 105 and int. Company agrees to reimburse holder upon proper application for certain income and securities taxes of certain political subdivisions of the U. S. and Canada. These include the payment of the Penna., Conn., Kansas, Calif. 4-mills tax, the Maryland 4 1/2-mills tax, the Ky. and District of Columbia 5-mills tax, the Virginia 5 1/2-mills tax and the Mass. income tax not to exceed 6% on the int. Phenom. \$1,000 and \$500c*. Montreal Trust Co., trustee.

Property.—Company is to erect on the Toronto water-front an eight-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. ft. will be devoted to cold storage. Modern concrete docks surrounding the plot on three sides are to be leased from the Toronto Harbor 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.

Security.—Direct obligations of company and secured by a (closed) mortgage on the company's entire fixed properties owned or hereafter acquired, including its dock leasehold rights, subject to \$3,500,000 6 1/2% first (closed) mortgage.

Earnings.—Net earnings of the company available for interest for the second year of operation are estimated at approximately \$600,000 and for the third year of operation, detailed earnings are estimated as follows:

Gross earnings.....	\$1,932,720
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes.....	555,000
Average interest and sinking fund, 1st mtge. bonds.....	310,214

Net earnings applicable to this issue.....\$1,037,506
Maximum annual interest charges on this issue.....140,000

Net earnings of \$1,037,506, as shown above, are equivalent to more than seven times the annual interest requirements of this issue, and are over five times combined average interest and sinking fund requirements on these bonds.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage is to provide for a monthly sinking fund, beginning Dec. 1 1930, sufficient to retire the entire issue at or before maturity. Provided the company has an earned surplus in 1928, payments into the sinking fund will commence on Feb. 10 1929. The sinking fund moneys are to be used in the purchase of bonds at or below the redemption price of 105 and int., or, if not so obtainable, in the redemption of bonds semi-annually upon 60 days' notice through call by lot at that price. Payments into the sinking fund in lieu of cash may be made by the company, in the form of bonds at 105 and int. All bonds retired are to be cancelled. Further details regarding company are given in V. 122, p. 1615.

Canadian Westinghouse Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.—

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Years Ended Dec. 31—				
Earnings from mfg. oper.....	\$2,466,955	\$2,501,758	\$2,208,883	\$1,776,154
Acq., selling and general expenses, taxes, &c.....	1,069,754	1,023,303	884,569	818,795
Other income.....	Cr. 76,186	Cr. 62,914	Cr. 69,159	Cr. 69,836
Depreciation.....	245,000	246,000	212,000	200,000
Dominion taxes.....	131,000	136,000	120,000	85,000
Donation to pension fund.....	20,000	20,000	40,000	
Dividends paid.....	743,290	743,290	742,790	593,932

Balance, surplus.....\$334,097 \$396,079 \$278,683 \$148,263
—V. 120, p. 2406.

Central Leather Co.—Earnings.—

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Quar. End. Mar. 31—				
*Net profit.....	\$363,420	\$883,157	\$89,934	\$1,950,529
Interest and discount.....	239,020	304,429	459,552	459,552

Net income.....\$124,400 \$578,726 def. \$369,618 \$1,490,977

* After all charges (except interest) and reserve for depreciation. Pres. Hiram S. Brown places gross sales in the first quarter at about 5% off from the corresponding quarter of 1925. Gross business of the entire heavy leather industry, he estimates, will show a decrease of between 5% and 10%. Discussing the situation at present, and the outlook for the company, Mr. Brown said:

"We anticipate that the volume of buying during the summer and fall will compare favorably with last year, because there are no accumulations of leather in the hands of consumers.

"Our inventories are lower in quantity this year than last. The leather we have in inventory, however, reflects a higher average cost than last year, for the reason that the demand for cheaper grades of leather, principally calf, has been heavy, leaving our inventories consisting principally of the better grades of leather. The margin of profit on sales made this year is not as large as last."—V. 122, p. 2047, 1769.

Central Steel Co., Massillon, O.—Annual Report.—

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Calendar Years—				
Gross earnings.....	\$5,563,118	\$4,966,637	\$3,969,029	\$4,242,273
Extraordinary repairs.....	189,162	175,032	248,764	
Reserve for depreciation.....	720,000	720,000	720,000	720,000
Federal tax reserve.....	561,928	422,832	280,477	325,000
Bad accounts.....	10,553	27,719	11,878	258,450
Int. paid, disc. allowed, &c.....	707,379	721,231	700,955	594,844
Net earnings.....	\$3,374,094	\$2,899,824	\$2,006,953	\$2,343,978
Preferred dividends.....	495,144	495,144	495,296	496,596
Common dividends.....	979,086	978,106	861,189	409,543

Balance, surplus.....\$1,899,864 \$1,426,573 \$650,468 \$1,437,838
Sales for 1925 totaled \$36,674,613, compared with \$33,677,856 in 1924.
—V. 122, p. 755.

Cerro de Pasco Copper Corp. (& Subs.).—Report.—

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Calendar Years—				
Sale of copper, silver, &c.....	\$19,962,342	\$20,836,689	\$20,982,085	\$17,805,585
Divs. and int. received.....	590,845	524,361	577,817	447,007
Miscellaneous receipts.....	1,414,014	1,429,906	1,197,411	1,181,313
Inventory Dec. 31.....	8,194,704	4,863,822	5,793,896	3,708,405
Total.....	\$30,161,904	\$27,654,778	\$28,551,209	\$23,142,310
Smelt., refin. & gen. exp.....	\$11,217,005	\$10,432,834	\$12,455,014	\$10,008,010
Inventory previous year.....	4,863,822	5,793,896	3,708,405	4,357,183
Custom ores.....	2,510,938	2,381,886	2,161,262	3,010,688
U. S. and foreign taxes.....	1,232,524	948,619	882,328	576,272
Bond interest.....		49,000	373,000	595,360
Divs. paid (per share).....	5,614,060	(\$4)4413,608	(\$3)2971,686	

Balance, surplus.....\$4,723,555 \$3,634,934 \$5,999,514 \$4,594,798
Balance Jan. 1.....def. 1,767,437 30,786 302,607 40,336

Total.....	\$2,956,118	\$3,665,720	\$6,302,121	\$4,635,134
Deprec'n of plants, &c.....	4,321,451	4,824,215	12,271,031	1,026,223
Depletion of mines, &c.....			(4,000,303)	3,295,475
Taxes (prior years).....		608,942		
Adjustment.....				Deb10,830

Bal., p. & l., Dec. 31—df\$1,365,333 df\$1,767,437 \$30,786 \$302,606

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Metal, &c., mines and mineral, &c., leases, plant eq., &c.	18,884,670	21,445,768	Capital stock	6,200,000	6,200,000
Misc. Investments	1,319,312	1,304,472	Cap. surplus—Stockholders' equity in owned property	39,982,486	39,976,486
Deferred charges	267,947	289,133	Res. for U. S. and N. Y. State tax	431,648	335,703
Supplies for operations, &c.	3,085,360	3,535,652	Accts. payable	1,723,805	1,439,927
Mdse. inventory	321,938	280,987	Drafts payable	1,364,145	1,013,598
Accts. receivable	2,008,746	1,605,807	Due bankers	352,975	282,890
Co. & custom ores	694,897	862,979	Wages accr. & unclaimed	197,882	199,885
Copper, silver and gold inventory	8,194,704	4,863,822	Surplus	def. 365,333	def. 1,767,437
U. S. Treas. cts.	8,000,000	4,835,000			
Cash	6,110,035	6,657,431			

Total.....48,887,608 47,681,053
 *Metal and coal mines, mining leases and miscellaneous properties, \$34,430,479; plant, equipment, concession, construction, &c., \$29,791,576; less reserves for depreciation and depletion, \$45,337,385. y Without nominal or par value.—V. 121, p. 2756.

Centrifugal Pipe Corp.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Royalties	\$362,973	\$326,324	\$187,735
Interest received	7,082	7,085	9,078
Total income	\$370,055	\$333,409	\$196,813
Expenses, tax, &c.	21,349	29,972	39,895
Dividends	354,950	106,485	—
Balance, surplus	def. \$6,244	\$196,952	\$156,918

Champion Coated Paper Co.—Stock Approved.—
 The stockholders have approved the issue of 8,000 additional shares of common stock, par \$100, to take over a balance of common stock of the Champion Fibre Co. This action will complete the merger of the two corporations.—V. 119, p. 459.

Champion Fibre Co., Hamilton, Ohio.—Merger.—

See Champion Coated Paper Co. above.—V. 118, p. 2577.

Chicago Nipple Mfg. Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Real estate	122,779	114,744	Capital stock	\$3,300,000	\$3,075,000
Mach., tools, &c.	—	—	Accounts payable	92,203	48,156
Less deprec.	606,768	553,522	Notes payable	79,411	70,000
Chic. Nip. Mfg. Co.	—	—	Reserves	4,999	135,323
Calif. Corp.	34,758	29,759	Surplus	237,052	218,230
Patents, &c.	2,330,155	2,330,155			
Cash	30,690	30,574			
Notes receivable	119,451	5,239			
Accts. receivable	135,364	91,346			
Mdse. inventory	329,915	261,596			
Deferred charges	3,784	33,447			

Total (ea. side) \$3,713,667 \$3,546,709
 The income account was published in V. 122, p. 1922.

Childs Co.—Earnings.—

Quarters Ended March 31—	1926.	1925.
Gross income	\$6,525,020	\$6,137,615
Expenses and taxes	5,929,580	5,738,060
Operating income	\$595,440	\$399,555
Other income	38,696	84,062
Total income	\$634,136	\$483,617
Depreciation	279,784	150,000
Net income	354,352	333,617

Christie, Brown & Co., Ltd.—Earnings.—

Earnings for Quarter Ended March 31 1926.	
Gross trading profit and other income	\$163,842
Expenses, \$113,054; Int. & divs., \$27,354; Fed. taxes, \$3,500; total	143,908
Balance to surplus	\$19,933

—V. 122, p. 2335, 2047.

Cleveland (O.) Worsted Mills Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.
Gross profit	def. \$167,018	\$741,371
Interest paid	242,333	336,795
Reserve for depreciation	441,326	274,189
Net profit	def. \$850,679	\$130,387
Profit and loss surplus	\$1,944,862	\$2,795,541

—V. 120, p. 1752.

Coca-Cola Co.—Quarterly Earnings.—

3 Mos. End. Mar. 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross receipts	\$5,926,742	\$5,785,799	\$4,730,145	\$5,068,561
Mfg. & general expenses	3,809,911	4,081,257	3,807,685	3,573,897
Operating profits	\$2,116,831	\$1,704,542	\$922,460	\$1,494,664
Miscell. deductions	378,734	127,109	—	507
Net income	\$1,738,097	\$1,577,433	\$922,460	\$1,494,157

—V. 122, p. 1922, 1317.

Colorado Fuel & Iron Co.—Earnings.—

Quarters Ended March 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.
Gross receipts	\$10,557,454	\$10,866,067	\$10,340,609
Operating expenses	8,571,838	9,429,862	8,791,984
Net earnings	\$1,985,616	\$1,436,205	\$1,548,624
Income from other sources	110,575	107,490	101,531
Total	\$2,096,191	\$1,543,695	\$1,650,155
Bond int., taxes, sinking fund, &c.	712,956	716,761	674,353
Depreciation	262,119	257,182	257,182

Surplus.....\$1,121,115 \$569,753 \$648,621
 a Inter-company transactions eliminated for purpose of comparison.
 b Railroad deficit included for purpose of comparison. c Adjusted at Dec. 31 1924.—V. 122, p. 2185.

Commercial Solvents Corp.—Redeems Securities.—

The corporation is calling for redemption all of its outstanding 5-year 6½% conv. gold notes at 104; its class A stock at \$50 per share, and its 1st pref. stock at \$105 per share. The notes will be redeemed and retired next June 1 and the two classes of stock on July 1. Payment will be made at the Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City.
 At the option of the noteholders, and prior to June 1 1926, the outstanding notes may be converted, at the office of the trust company, at their principal amount, with a cash adjustment of accrued interest and fractions, into class B stock, without par value, at the rate of \$110 of notes for each share of class B stock. No fractions will be issued in connection with conversions.

Tucker, Anthony & Co. and Huntington, Jackson & Co. (in each of which firms one of the directors of the Commercial Solvents Corp. is a partner) and George M. Moffett (who is also a director of the corporation) have agreed with the corporation, without compensation for their services in so doing, to purchase from noteholders, on and after this date, and prior to June 1 1926 at the redemption price including interest to June 1 1926, all notes in respect of which the holders wish to receive the redemption price, and themselves to convert said notes into class B shares on the terms provided in the trust indenture.

The class A stock may be converted, on July 1 1926 share for share, into class B stock, without par value, provided, but only provided, the class A stockholders mail on or before June 11 1926 to the Commercial Solvents Corp., in care of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York notice to the effect

that they intend to exercise their right of conversion of class A stock into class B stock on said date, in which case the notice of redemption in respect of the class A shares will become void. The dividend of \$1 per share payable on July 1 1926 on the class A shares will be paid to converting class A stockholders at the time of conversion.—See also V. 122, p. 2335.

Congress Building Co., Kansas City, Mo.—Bonds Offered.—

Taussig, Day, Fairbank & Co., Inc., St. Louis are offering \$375,000 1st mtge. serial 6½% real estate gold bonds.

Dated Jan. 15 1926; due serially Jan. 1928-1941. Denom. \$1,000, \$500, \$100. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Liberty Central Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo., trustee. Callable on any int. date on 60 days' notice, in inverse numerical order, at 102 and int.

Security.—This loan will be secured by a closed first mortgage on the land owned in fee, which is conservatively valued at \$717,800. The property is located at 3525 to 3535 Broadway, Kansas City, Mo., and has a frontage of 150 ft. on Broadway by a depth of 140 ft.
 The building, which will shortly be completed, will be of reinforced concrete construction. It will be absolutely fireproof. The building is to be 4 stories in height with a full basement. The front part of the building is to be used for stores and offices and the rear for a garage. The plans provide for 7 stores on the first floor, 9 shops on the second floor, and 9 offices on each of the third and fourth floors. The garage will be of the most modern form of construction. It is equipped with a d'Humy ramp, and will have a capacity of 478 cars.

Conley Tank Car Co.—To Increase Stock.—

The stockholders will vote May 28 on increasing the authorized common stock of no par value from 15,000 shares to 30,000 shares.—V. 122, p. 2196.

Consolidated Coppermines Corp.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.—

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Property & equip.	6,686,394	6,718,908	Capital stock	6,205,796	6,152,752
Def'd development	3,425,616	3,520,310	*Vendors	181,511	229,793
Investments	150,665	149,296	Current liabilities	101,043	94,645
Current assets	601,473	474,781	Deferred liabilities	9,732	9,733
Treasury stock	35,166	35,167	Res. for depletion	354,663	354,663
Deferred accounts	11,452	3,180	Paid-in surplus	4,058,020	4,060,054

Total.....10,910,768 10,901,642 Total.....10,910,768 10,901,642
 *Stock to be issued for property acquired.—V. 120, p. 2948.

Continental Oil Co.—Annual Report.—

Income Account for Calendar Year 1925.	
Total income, after deducting all expenses	\$10,213,738
Less drilling and development expenses	899,470
Depletion (against cost), depreciation and Federal taxes	4,982,297
Net income for the period	\$4,331,971
Minority stockholders proportion	25,497
Net income for the period	\$4,306,474

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Assets—	Dec. 31 '25.	June 30 '25.	Liabilities—	Dec. 31 '25.	June 30 '25.
Prop., leases, wells, refineries, equip., tank cars, pipe lines, wholesale distrib. service stations, &c.	\$46,713,522	\$46,814,816	Capital stock	35,051,920	34,914,280
Cash & call loans	4,763,550	6,315,871	Notes & accts. pay.	2,533,694	6,058,509
U. S. Govt. bonds	2,187,847	2,086,958	Equip. trust notes	1,205,500	229,000
Notes receivable	1,071,819	363,240	Contract payable	302,942	—
Accts. receivable	4,031,811	8,873,303	Res. for Fed. tax, annuities & cont.	940,703	370,593
Mdse., mat'l & supp	8,508,698	8,555,715	Minority int. in affil. co's	663,406	975,071
Stks. in other cos.	715,135	948,446	Deprac. & depl. res.	—	354,584
Stks. & bds. in cos. affil., not consol.	1,278,887	1,933,221	Surplus	30,175,394	34,095,569
Contracts receiv.	793,136	674,174			
Adv. to other cos.	79,902	76,782			
Misc. deposits, &c.	193,781	203,280			
Deferred assets	535,459	151,798			

x After deducting \$40,258,196 reserves for depreciation, depletion, &c.
 y Before depletion and depreciation for six months ended June 30 1925.—V. 122, p. 1176, 354.

Corr Mfg. Co., East Taunton, Mass.—Sale Authorized.—
 Thomas B. Bassett, receiver has been authorized to sell the mill property to the Taber Mills, of New Bedford for \$325,000, by Judge Nelson P. Brown in the Mass. Superior Court. The court also authorized the receiver to pay Colonel Peter H. Corr \$14,000 for expenses incurred by him in conserving the property when acting as one of the temporary receivers.—V. 120, p. 709.

Crown Cork & Seal Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Operating profit	\$328,062	def. \$83,430	\$206,163
Income from other sources	66,229	76,371	175,094
Profit before sub. co. losses, &c.	\$394,292	def. \$7,059	\$381,257
Subsidiary company losses	151,345	52,317	191,893
Int. chgs. & amort. of bond disc.	258,623	262,258	272,214
Inventory adjustment & extra items	321,857	451,094	—
Maint., taxes, &c., on unused floor space and reclassification exp., applicable to mdse. of prior years	—	—	108,778

Loss for year.....\$337,534 \$772,728 \$191,628

Analysis of Surplus for Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.

Earned surplus balance at Dec. 31 1924	\$2,950,575
Loss for the year ended Dec. 31 1925	337,534
Earned surplus at Dec. 31 1925	\$2,613,041
Capital surplus Dec. 31 1924	1,156,197
Transfer of prov. for deprec. on obsolete, surplus and idle equipment put into operation in 1925	Cr. 4,655

Total surplus Dec. 31 1925 (per balance sheet).....\$3,773,893
 —V. 120, p. 2153.

Crucible Steel Co. of America.—Statement by Chairman

—Results for 6 Months Ended March 31.—At the annual meeting held in Jersey City April 21, Chairman H. S. Willkinson made a statement to the assembled stockholders concerning the business of the company. The substance of the Chairman's statement follows:

Volume of Business.—The volume of business of the company as indicated by unfilled orders on its books upon the several dates mentioned below was:

	Aug. 31 '24.	Feb. 28 '25.	Aug. 31 '25.	Dec. 31 '25.	Mar. 31 '26.
Tons	49,252	140,446	144,161	153,025	141,260

The amount of unfilled orders upon Mar. 31 1926 is slightly under the amount on hand at the end of the preceding quarter. It is the opinion of the Chairman that the underlying conditions of the country indicate no noticeable change, so far as it is possible to judge, in the volume of business to be expected, and that there is no reason why the business of this company should not be satisfactory for some time to come.

Earnings.—Net earnings of the company over half-year periods during the past two years show a satisfactory increase. The net earnings for these periods were as follows:

Apr. 1 1924 to Sept. 30 1924 (6 months)	\$1,596,999
Oct. 1 1924 to Mar. 31 1925 (6 months)	1,874,000
Apr. 1 1925 to Sept. 30 1925 (6 months)	2,831,494
Oct. 1 1925 to Mar. 31 1926 (6 months)	3,200,712

The earnings for the 6 months ending Mar. 31 1926 are the best for that period of time that the company has had for some years.

Additions and Improvements.—When the present Chairman took office, the company was committed to very extensive additions and improvements to its plants and equipment, involving the expenditure of a very large amount of money. These additions and improvements were all completed and paid for. Changing business conditions and the necessity of meeting competition by the installation of new and improved equipment, have required the expenditure of further considerable sums. Additions and improvements of this character have been under way for the past five years and it is expected will be fully completed in about 6 months. These improvements will add materially to both the capacity and efficiency of the company's plants, enabling it to produce at minimum cost goods of the highest quality.

It may interest the stockholders to know that during the administration of the present Chairman the sum of \$24,851,808 has been expended in additions, improvements and betterments in the plants of the company. This large sum does not include any expenditure for repairs and maintenance, all of which have been currently met. All of this expenditure was met out of the earnings of the company, without incurring any indebtedness upon that account.

Stock.—At various times within the past three years the stock of the company has sold on the market at a lower figure than the conditions of the company and the value of the stock warranted. At such times the company has purchased common stock amounting to 100,000 shares, or \$10,000,000 par value. The purpose of the company in making these purchases was twofold. (1) The directors thought it advisable to acquire stock to sell to officers and employees of the company at advantageous prices in order to enlist their best efforts in promoting the business of the company; and (2) an opportunity was offered to acquire upon very advantageous terms stock for retirement, thus reducing the outstanding capital. It is not now, not has it been, the policy of the company to buy and sell or speculate in its shares. It has simply used its surplus not otherwise needed by investing the same in securities of the company. It is the intention of the company to dispose of this stock by retirement or sale, as may be determined by the directors.

Frederick B. Hufnagel has been elected President, succeeding E. C. Collins. Alexander T. Galbraith succeeds Mr. Hufnagel as Vice-Pres.—V. 122, p. 476.

Cuban Dominican Sugar Co.—Reorganization Plan.—A reorganization of the company, announced in a letter sent to stockholders by Pres. George H. Houston, was noted briefly in our issue of April 24, page 2336. The plan of capital readjustment calls for the formation of a new company with but one class of stock outstanding. The authorized capital stock will consist of 1,150,000 shares (without par value) of which 1,142,836 shares are to be issued presently. The letter of Pres. Houston states in substance:

Working Capital Depleted.—The recent annual report called attention to the depletion of the working capital of the company, resulting from the completion of the company's program of expenditures for additions and betterments and the low prices for sugar which prevailed during the previous fiscal year, and which are still prevailing. The report stated that the directors were engaged in formulating plans to remedy this condition, and they now submit a plan to that end.

\$15,000,000 Presently Required.—The 12 estates are in position to maintain indefinitely their present productive capacity of upwards of 2,700,000 bags of sugar, under normal operating and weather conditions and yield, and, being low cost producers, are in position to take full advantage of a return to normal price conditions in the industry when it occurs. However, the crop loans and other temporary borrowings amount to about \$14,000,000, and it is obvious that the business must be relieved of this heavy burden of floating debt. To operate on its own working capital without recourse to banks except to a very moderate extent, if at all, for seasonal borrowings, under normal operating conditions, the business requires, in the judgment of your directors, not less than \$15,000,000 of new money in the form of capital stock.

To Organize New Company.—This requires a readjustment of the capital stock structure, and directors accordingly recommend the transfer of the assets and business of the present company to a new company under the following plan which will provide \$15,300,000 in cash:

Cuban Dominican Sugar Corp.—Has been organized in Maryland, and has entered into a contract with the present company to acquire all the property and assets of the present company as an entirety and to assume all its outstanding obligations and liabilities.

Capitalization of New Company.—The authorized capital stock of the new company consists of 1,150 shares, all of one class, without par value, and all having full and equal voting rights, of which it is proposed that there shall presently be issued not exceeding 1,142,836 shares as follows:

	No. of Shares.
To holders of preferred stock of the present co., share for share.	114,942.2
To holders of common stock without par value of the present company, one share of such new stock for each 10 shares of present stock.	162,891
To be issued for cash at \$20 per share and offered for subscription to holders of preferred and common stock of the present company, as below stated.	800,002.8
For underwriting commissions.	65,000
Total.	1,142,836 shs.

Rights to Subscribe for Stock.—Each holder of preferred stock of the present company, in addition to receiving one share of stock of the new company for each share of his present preferred stock is also to receive a transferable subscription warrant, entitling him to subscribe, at \$20 per share, for all or any part of 2 shares of stock of the new company for each share of his present preferred stock.

Each holder of common stock of the present company, in addition to receiving one share of stock of the new company for each 10 shares of his present common stock, is also to receive a transferable subscription warrant entitling him to subscribe, at \$20 per share, for all or any part of 35-100ths of a share of stock of the new company for each share of his existing common stock—equivalent to all or any part of 3½ shares of stock of the new company for each 10 shares of his existing common stock.

It is proposed, subject to the approval of the stockholders, that all subscriptions shall be made payable in installments as follows: 50% in 30 days from the date of issuance of subscription warrants, 25% in 60 days after the date of payment of the first installment, and 25% in 60 days after the date of payment of the second installment.

Plan Underwritten.—A syndicate, headed by W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., and Cassatt & Co., has undertaken, upon certain conditions, to obtain and furnish advance subscriptions by certain of the larger shareholders, and an underwriting by the syndicate and others, including certain of the directors as subscribers and underwriters, covering in all 800,000 shares of stock of the new company, amounting to \$16,000,000, for a commission of 4% in cash and 65,000 shares of stock, part of which will be retained by the syndicate and the remainder distributed to such other subscribers and underwriters.

Net Worth.—It will be observed from the projected balance sheet that the net worth of the new company, above all liabilities (including as a liability outstanding preferred stock of Sugar Estates of Oriente, Inc.), will aggregate approximately \$47,000,000, indicating a book value for the new company's stock of about \$41 per share, and net current assets in excess of \$16,500,000, or over \$14 per share.

Earnings Outlook.—Operating at costs substantially below the average, and relieved of interest charges on the present heavy burden of floating debt, the new company, in the opinion of your directors, should earn all expenses of operation, depreciation, interest on funded debt, and something over, on a price basis for raw sugar of 2½¢. per lb. f.o.b. Cuba, given normal operating and weather conditions and yield.

It is estimated that on an average price basis of 3 cents per pound f.o.b. Cuba (approximately equivalent to 3.16 cents per pound "cost and freight"), the net earnings of the new company will amount to upwards of \$3,200,000, equivalent to about \$2.80 per share. As each additional ¼¢. per lb. in the average price received by the new company for its sugars should increase such net earnings by about \$1,600,000, it is estimated that the net earnings per share at various prices for sugar would be approximately as follows, under normal operating and weather conditions and yield:

Price (f.o.b.)	3½¢.	3¼¢.	3¢.	4¢.
Estimated earnings	\$3,200,000	\$4,800,000	\$6,400,000	\$8,000,000
Earnings per share	\$2.80	\$4.20	\$5.60	\$7.00

Directors strongly urge all stockholders, in their own interest, to assist in carrying the foregoing plan into effect.

Projected Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1925.

(Showing consolidated position at that date of properties proposed to be acquired by the corporation, adjusted to reflect: (a) \$15,300,000 additional capital and application of same; (b) additional reserves against advances to colonos and contingencies; (c) marking down unsold sugars on hand at April 15 1926 and other sugars estimated to be produced during the current crop, to 2c. per lb. f.o.b. shipping ports, and (d) writing off bond discount and expenses of Cuban Dominican Sugar Co. and its subsidiaries.)

Assets	Liabilities
Cash in bks. & on hand.	Drafts in transit & acceptances payable.
Accts. rec. (after res.)	Accounts payable.
Sugar & molasses	Wages accrued.
Materials, supplies & misc. in stores.	Int., rent & taxes accrued.
Advances to Colonos.	Other indebtedness not funded.
Planted & growing cane.	1st lien 7½%, 1944.
Oper. & financial charges.	1st mtge. 7s, Sugar Estates of Oriente, Inc.
&c.	1st M. Ss Santa Ana S. Co.
Animals, pastures, furniture, equip., &c.	Purch. money 6s Co.
Properties.	Cent. Amer. S. A.
Payment on acct. of principal under lease, &c.	Sec. 7% ser. gold notes.
	Purch. money mtges.
	Res. for conting., &c.
	Sugar Estates of Oriente, Inc. 8% pref. stock.
	Common stock, no par (1,142,836 shares).

Total (each side) \$84,695,159
 a At prices subsequently realized and sugar accounts receivable less loans on same repaid from proceeds. b After reserve for bad and doubtful account. c After deducting \$2,118,308 reserves and amounts written off applicable to net current position at date of taking over. d Incl. lands, buildings, machinery, railway and improvements, \$70,804,349; less reserve for depreciation, \$9,057,243.

The stockholders will vote May 14 on approving the above plan.—V. 122, p. 2336.

Cunard Steamship Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Calendar Years—				
Gross earnings.	\$3,307,113	\$3,181,414	\$8,627,753	\$8,313,316
Exp., int., depr., tax., &c.	2,974,326	2,797,446	8,236,586	7,918,729
Net profit.	\$332,787	\$393,968	\$391,167	\$394,587
Preference dividends.	135,000	135,000	135,000	135,000
Divs. on ordinary stock.	222,810	222,810	222,810	334,215
Balance, surplus.	def. £25,023	£36,158	£33,357	def. £74,628

Curtis Publishing Co.—Pref. Stock Sold.—Halgarten & Co., J. A. Sisto & Co., New York, and Old Colony Corp., Boston, have sold a limited amount of \$7 cumulative dividend preferred stock (without par value) at \$112½ per share and div. The shares offered were privately purchased, and do not represent the introduction of new money into the co.

Dividends payable Q.-J.. Red. all or part on any div. date at \$120 and dividends. Capitalization Authorized and Outstanding.

\$7 cumulative dividend preferred stock (without par value) \$900,000 shs. Common stock (without par value) 900,000 shs. * There are still outstanding 900 shares of old \$100 par value preferred stock, which have been called for payment July 1 1926.

Company.—Owns and publishes the nationally known periodicals the "Saturday Evening Post," the "Ladies' Home Journal" and the "Country Gentleman."

Earnings.—Net earnings of the company have for many years shown a steady increase. For the year ended Dec. 31 1924 such earnings after depreciation and all taxes were \$14,714,819, and for the year 1925 were \$16,040,515.

Company has no funded or other debt except current monthly accounts, and among its current assets on Dec. 31 1925 were over \$25,000,000 in cash, United States Government bonds and other liquid securities. It also owns valuable parcels of real estate, situated on Independence Square and elsewhere in the City of Philadelphia.—V. 122, p. 219.

Cuyamel Fruit Co.—Annual Report.	1925.	1924.	1923.
(Including Cortes Development Co. and subsidiary.)			
Calendar Years—			
x Consolidated earnings.	\$2,583,737	\$2,437,650	\$4,274,160
y Amort. of concessions & deprec.	1,001,957	1,105,443	1,156,021
z Prov. for depr. on steamships under option of purchase.	100,948	91,897	—
Interest paid.	421,612	523,963	497,627
Provision for Federal tax.	—	8,296	236,204
Consolidated net earns. for year.	\$1,059,219	\$708,051	\$2,384,307
Prev. capital & sur. of consol. cos.	14,892,733	15,388,458	13,936,572
Add—Proceeds of sale of 50,000 shs. cap. stk. of Cuyamel Fruit Co.	2,398,617	—	—
Adj. of res. for Fed. inc. taxes, 1924.	15,000	—	—
Total.	\$18,365,471	\$16,096,508	\$16,320,879
Deduct—Net earns of predecessor co. before acquisition.	—	—	126,183
Adj. of values of invest. in sub. cos.	—	—	56,239
Adj. of equity in cap. stk. of the S. S. Corp. as at Dec. 31 1923.	—	50,936	—
Loss of S. S. Jamaica by fire.	—	152,839	—
Prem. paid on 7½% bonds called.	148,750	—	—
Unamort. disc. on 7½% bonds.	275,697	—	—
Dividends paid: Cuyamel Fruit Co.	300,000	500,000	500,000
do Cortes Devel. Co.	550,000	500,000	250,000

Cap. & sur. of comb. cos. Dec. 31 \$17,091,022 \$14,892,733 \$15,388,458
 x After deducting all expenses incident to operations, including repairs and maintenance and all other charges and losses, and after adding \$151,972 income from other sources.

y Includes depreciation of farms, railroads, machinery and equipment, steamers and office building furniture and fixtures. z Option cancelled Dec. 31 1925.

Earnings for Quarters Ended March 31.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Quarter Ended March 31—			
Net operating earnings.	\$657,401	\$646,478	\$438,924
Amortization and depreciation.	247,844	275,025	307,333
Interest.	99,242	100,948	98,346
Dividends.	300,000	250,000	250,000
Surplus.	\$10,315	\$20,505	def. \$216,754

—V. 121, p. 3136.

Davis Coal & Coke Co. (& Sub. Cos.)—Annual Report.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Calendar Years—			
Sales.	\$3,343,040	\$2,418,647	\$5,032,299
Oper. costs, sell. & gen. exp., taxes, &c.	3,149,655	2,642,927	4,478,792
Empl. group life insur. & industrial relation activities.	22,558	30,068	—
Depletion, deprec., royalties & amort.	141,752	135,241	251,120
Profit from operations.	\$29,073	def. \$389,589	\$302,386
Net income from other sources.	245,349	249,054	342,311
Profit and loss credit adjustments.	19,549	22,522	10,638
Profit before interest.	\$293,971	def. \$118,013	\$655,335
Interest on bonded debt.	69,905	72,517	74,773
Prov. for Fed. taxes, conting., &c.	—	—	91,447
Dividends declared.	325,686	325,665	325,623
Deficit to profit and loss.	\$101,619	\$516,195	sur. \$163,493

—V. 120, p. 2406.

Deere & Co. of Moline, Ill.—2¼% Pref. Dividend.—The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the pref. stock, together with an extra dividend of ¼ of 1% on account of accruals, both payable June 1 to holders of record May 15. An extra distribution of like amount on account of accumulations was made on the pref. stock on March 1 last. After payment of the dividends just declared, there will remain 1¼% in arrears on this issue.—V. 122, p. 755.

Dictaphone Corp. (& Subs.).—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.
Profit for year	\$355,113	\$240,739
Depreciation	50,669	47,640
Amortization leasehold improvements	8,503	8,406
Reserve for income tax	37,354	22,667
Cash dividend on preferred stock	112,000	112,000
Balance, surplus	\$146,587	\$50,226
Surplus Jan. 21	70,969	34,291
Organization expenses written off	deb. 17,000	deb. 13,548
Surplus Dec. 31	\$200,554	\$70,969

The results for the first three months of 1926 were given in V. 122, p. 2336.

Dodge Brothers, Inc.—Quarterly Report.

Three Months Ended March 31—	1926.	a1925.
Earnings from sales	\$6,319,698	\$5,977,569
Other earnings	339,596	379,613
Total	\$6,659,294	\$6,357,182
Less earnings accrued to minority interests in Graham Brothers	668,805	—

Net earnings after depreciation but before deducting Federal income tax—\$5,990,489 b\$6,357,182
 a Earnings of predecessor co. b In addition to earnings from operations as shown above, there were profits of \$644,632 realized through the sale of idle real estate. c After April 30 1926 earnings at present accruing to minority interests will belong to Dodge Brothers because of purchase at that date of remaining 49% of Graham Brothers.—V. 122, p. 2336.

Doehler Die-Casting Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.
Net sales	\$6,749,647	\$5,530,384
Manufacturing cost	5,721,930	4,687,381
Gross profit	\$1,027,717	\$843,002
Other income	44,045	92,393
Total income	\$1,071,762	\$935,395
Selling and administration expenses	425,471	469,157
Including deductions	185,338	166,894
Federal, &c., taxes	3,573	59,781
Dividends	117,216	258,022
Balance, surplus	\$340,164	def. \$18,459

—V. 120, p. 2016.

Dome Mines, Ltd.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.
Earnings	\$4,366,025	\$4,307,720
Non-operating revenue	176,132	204,981
Total income	\$4,542,157	\$4,512,702
Operating & maintenance expenses	2,368,610	2,258,649
Reserve for Canadian income taxes	120,538	102,961
Reserve for depreciation of plants, &c.	439,603	431,035
Balance of dev. acct. written off	40,975	33,935
Dividends	1,906,668	1,906,668
Deficit	\$334,237	\$220,546

The income account for the first quarter of 1926 was given in V. 122, p. 2336.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Property account	6,435,781	6,413,287	Capital stock	7,000,000	7,000,000
Bonds	1,074,469	1,067,161	Accts., &c., pay. &	—	—
Div. assur. fund	2,173,827	2,065,993	tax reserves	294,895	257,617
Accts. & int. rec.	54,800	50,168	Dividends payable	476,667	476,667
Inventories	341,729	380,694	Repay'm't of cap.	29,272	32,715
Bullion en route to Mint	80,036	196,707	Deprec. & mine ex-	—	—
Cash	565,056	495,997	haustion reserve	904,192	492,818
Mine dev. undistr.	—	40,976	Reserve for oper.	—	—
Prepayments, &c.	34,137	10,431	equalization	35,145	42,319
Total	10,759,838	10,721,415	Surplus	2,019,664	2,419,278
			Total	10,759,838	10,721,415

x Represented by 1,000,000 shares of no par value at \$7 per share.—V. 122, p. 2336.

Dominion Coal Co., Ltd.—Bonds Called.—Certain 1st mtge. 5% sinking fund gold bonds (aggregating \$210,500) maturing May 1 1940 have been called for redemption May 1 at 105 and int. at the Royal Trust Co., Montreal, Que.—V. 120, p. 1885.

Donner Steel Co.—Quarterly Earnings.

Quarter Ended March 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.
Net profit after expenses, taxes, &c.	\$590,482	\$589,995	\$593,635
Interest on bonds and notes	143,604	268,144	182,091
Provision for depreciation	204,841	—	104,000
Net income	\$242,036	\$321,851	\$307,544
Profit and loss surplus March 31	1926 amounted to \$2,211,360.—V. 122, p. 1460, 1317.		

Durham Hosiery Mills (& Affiliated Cos.).—Report.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross sales	\$6,483,777	\$5,431,694	\$6,079,657	\$5,813,582
Expenses, &c.	5,873,870	5,127,785	5,444,872	5,188,422
Balance	\$609,907	\$303,909	\$634,785	\$625,160
Other income	19,134	30,015	35,769	69,256
Total income	\$629,041	\$333,923	\$670,554	\$694,416
Est. ins. taxes for 1925	4,738	—	—	—
Other charges	56,920	—	—	—
Interest and depreciation	397,009	196,869	274,678	372,617
Inventory adjustment	94,140	—	66,274	—
Net profit	\$76,230	\$137,054	\$329,602	\$321,799
Pref. divs. (all cos.)	a13,125	171,951	233,840	233,485
Balance, surplus	\$63,105	def. \$34,897	\$95,762	\$88,314

a North State Knitting Mills, Inc., only.—V. 121, p. 335.

(E. I.) du Pont de Nemours & Co.—Vice-Chairman.—Walter S. Carpenter Jr., Vice-Pres., Treas., and member of the executive committee of the company, has been elected Vice-Chairman of the executive committee. This office was formerly held by Lamont du Pont, who was recently elected President of the company and Chairman of the committee.—V. 122, p. 1616.

Draper Corporation.—Balance Sheet.

Assets—	Dec. 26 '25	Dec. 27 '24.	Liabilities—	Dec. 26 '25	Dec. 27 '24.
Real estate	2,800,664	2,556,324	Capital stock	17,500,000	17,500,000
Machinery	1,637,455	1,416,477	Accounts payable	2,840,985	3,019,542
Inventories	2,216,873	2,240,756	Profit and loss	3,798,580	3,454,967
Cash & accts. rec.	6,598,364	5,903,013			
Patents	1,325,000	1,600,000	Total (each side)	24,139,566	23,974,509
Miscellaneous	9,561,209	10,257,939			

—V. 121, p. 2756.

Electric Household Utilities Corp.—Annual Report.
 [Formerly Hurley Machine Co.]

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross profit	\$2,476,444	\$2,338,289	\$2,677,835
Selling and administration expenses	1,696,875	1,450,477	1,625,909
Net profit	\$779,568	\$887,812	\$1,051,926
Miscell. credits (net)	57,897	75,224	62,087
Net earnings	\$837,465	\$963,036	\$1,114,014
Prov. for Federal taxes	108,135	108,848	155,000
Preferred dividends	—	—	14,829
Common dividends	(\$4)721,123(\$4)808879	(\$3)525,239	—
Net income	\$8,207	\$45,309	\$418,946

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Plant equip., &c., less deprec.	\$1,318,272	\$1,301,726	Common stock	\$6,054,427	\$6,024,230
Good-will, tr.-mks., & patents	1,618,977	1,593,977	Accts. payable & accrued expenses	229,964	208,874
Cash	573,935	770,493	Dividends payable	180,545	225,179
U. S. Govt. secur. & accr. interest thereon	570,502	827,372	Federal tax reserve	151,506	141,980
Notes & accts. rec., less reserve	1,196,713	1,083,083	Res. for conting., &c.	326,094	371,117
Sund. accts. & advs.	56,568	37,565			
Inventories	1,497,873	1,204,864			
Prepaid expenses	29,844	26,703			
Investments	8,381	21,557			
Stk. subs. unpaid, officers & empl.	71,473	104,040			
			Tot. (each side)	\$6,942,537	\$6,971,379

x Net equity applicable to 180,573 shares of stock of no par value.—V. 122, p. 2049, 1924.

Electric Refrigeration Corp.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 566,815 shares of its capital stock without par value (2,000,000 shares), with authority to add 4,435 shares on official notice of issue, in exchange, share for share for stock, without par value of Kelvinator Corp., and class B shares of Nizer Corp., with further authority to add 7,086 shares, on official notice of issue as a stock dividend (payable May 1 1926 to holders of record April 19), with further authority to add 60,750 shares of stock, on official notice of issue and payment in full, making the total amount applied for 639,086 shares.—V. 122, p. 2337.

Elgin National Watch Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.
Earns. from oper. after deducting deprec. charges	\$3,243,350	\$3,058,717
Earnings from other than operation	320,136	335,808
Total income	\$3,563,486	\$3,394,525
Federal and other taxes	480,000	715,000
Dividends	3,548,265	1,437,114
Reserve for dividends	cr. 200,000	798,398

Engels Copper Mining Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Copper produced (lbs.)	15,187,028	12,870,111	14,450,243	14,075,947
Total value of production	\$1,553,288	\$1,222,655	\$1,520,522	\$1,397,486
Sundry profits	38,751	34,190	23,929	22,324
Total earnings	\$1,592,039	\$1,256,845	\$1,544,451	\$1,419,810
Oper. exp., taxes, int., &c.	1,033,427	1,075,304	1,078,803	1,058,267
Reserve for deprec., &c.	222,597	151,582	133,260	80,163
Bal., sur. bef. divs., &c.	\$336,014	\$29,959	\$332,389	\$281,380
Dividends paid during 1925 amounted to \$371,470, making the total disbursements to stockholders from beginning of operations in 1914 to the end of 1925 \$1,070,154.—V. 121, p. 845.				

Euclid-Twelfth Co., Cleveland, O.—Bonds Offered.—The Tillotson & Wolcott Co., Cleveland are offering at par and int. \$850,000 1st mtge. leasehold 6% gold bonds.
 Dated May 1 1926; due Nov. 1 1929. Principal and int. (M. & N.) payable at Guardian Trust Co., Cleveland, O., trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%.

Security.—Secured by a first and closed mortgage upon the company's leasehold estate in the Cleveland Athletic Club Building and the land upon which it stands, situated at the southwest corner of Euclid Avenue and East 12th Street, Cleveland, O. The land has a frontage of 150 ft. on Euclid Avenue with an average depth of 115 ft. to an alley and is held under a ground lease dated June 15 1915 running for 99 years at a flat rental of \$54,100 per annum, with an option to purchase the land at any time up to Jan. 1 1930 for \$979,700, on the basis of approximately \$6,500 per front foot.

The improvement consists of a modern 12 story and basement store, office and club building of excellent construction and design. It has 7 stores facing on Euclid Avenue, 4 floors of shops and offices and 7 floors above occupied by the Cleveland Athletic Club and held under a lease running for 99 years from 1910 at an annual rental of \$16,000 plus all charges.
Sublease.—In 1924 the Euclid-Twelfth Co. sublet its property to the C. A. C. Properties Co. until May 15 1934. This sub-lease gives the C. A. C. Properties Co. an option to purchase the Euclid-Twelfth Co.'s leasehold estate and the land on or before July 1 1929 for a total consideration of \$2,500,000, of which \$979,700 is required to purchase the lands leaving to the Euclid-Twelfth Co. for its leasehold estate a net consideration of \$1,520,300, of which \$200,000 has already been paid.

The terms of the sublease require to be paid an annual rental of \$139,140 until July 1 1929, and \$129,100 annually thereafter, and in addition, on or before Feb. 1 1930, the sum of \$578,000. The latter amount alone is sufficient to liquidate 68% of this bond issue.

Eureka Vacuum Cleaner Co.—Earnings.

Three Months End. March 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.
Net sales	\$1,935,678	\$2,337,237	\$2,065,560
Manufacturing and selling expenses	1,425,327	1,880,820	1,691,352
Miscellaneous	Cr. 6,052	Dr. 32,219	Dr. 6,302
Federal taxes	76,464	53,025	45,988
Net profits	\$439,939	\$371,173	\$321,918

—V. 122, p. 1460, 1033.

European Mortgage & Investment Corp.—Bonds Offered.—Lee, Higginson & Co. and J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp. are offering at 96 and int., to yield over 7.80%, \$5,000,000 1st lien gold farm loan sinking fund bonds series B 7½%.

Dated Feb. 1 1926; due Feb. 1 1966. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable in U. S. gold coin at offices of Lee, Higginson & Co. and J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp. in New York and at the offices of Lee, Higginson & Co. in Boston and Chicago. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Callable all or part at any time on 30 days' notice at par and int. Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, trustee.

Corporation.—Has been organized by Lee, Higginson & Co. and J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp. primarily to issue its own bonds based on farm mortgages in Central Europe. The bonds are to be issued in separate series, each series to be upon distinct terms and secured by separate collateral. These series B bonds will be secured by Hungarian land mortgage obligations of the 'Hungarian Banks' Co-operative Society for the Issuance of Mortgage Bonds' (Magyar Penztetektársulat Zalgoleval Kibocsato Szovetkezet). This Co-operative Society of Banks has been formed with seven of the more important banks in Hungary as members, expressly to issue its land mortgage obligations to this corporation. The corporation already has issued \$2,400,000 series A bonds secured by Austrian land mortgage obligations (see V. 121, p. 2163).

Security.—Bonds will be a direct obligation of the corporation and will be secured by deposit with the trustee of an equal amount of land mortgage obligations of the Co-operative Society of Banks. These land mortgage obligations in turn will be secured by first mortgages on farm property in Hungary deposited with and guaranteed by the respective member banks. The principal and interest on both the first mortgages and on the land mortgage obligations will be payable in U. S. gold coin.

This issue is part of an authorized issue of \$15,000,000 of series B bonds all to have the same interest rate and maturity; issuable only against an equal face value of land mortgage obligations of the Co-operative Society of Banks as they are pledged with the trustee.

Pledged First Mortgages.—Each 1st mtg. will be cared for and guaranteed by the member bank which has selected it. No mortgage will exceed 25% of the conservative appraised valuation of the farm property, and this equity will be increased constantly through semi-annual cumulative amortization payments made by the landholder sufficient to retire his entire loan by the maturity of these series B bonds.

Purpose.—Proceeds of these bonds will be used from time to time to pay for land mortgage obligations of the Co-operative Society of Banks as such obligations are pledged with the trustee. If \$5,000,000 of such obligations are not obtained by Aug. 1 1926, interim receipts equal to the difference will be retired through purchase or call.

Sinking Fund.—A cumulative sinking fund is provided on these series B bonds of the corporation sufficient to retire the entire issue by maturity. Payments under this sinking fund will be provided in whole or in part out of principal payments received on the land mortgage obligations of the Co-operative Society of Banks, the feature providing that all principal payments so received must be paid into this sinking fund. This fund will be used to purchase bonds up to par and accrued interest, or if sufficient bonds are not so purchasable to call bonds at that price.—V. 121, p. 2163, 2279; V. 122, p. 2197.

European Shares, Inc.—Buys German Utility Stocks.

It is announced that the corporation has purchased a block of stock of the Rhine-Westphalia Electric Power Corp., one of the largest electric power and light systems in Europe, serving 6,000 square miles of territory and a population of 4,000,000 in the Rhineland and Ruhr districts. It has a capital of 144,000,000 marks, of which 135,600,000 on June 30 last was in common stock and 9,000,000 in bonds or preferred stock.—V. 122, p. 2337.

(E. S.) Evans & Co., Inc.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years— 1923. 1924. 1925.
Net profits after taxes and depreciation. \$301,872 \$283,839 \$460,195
Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1925 (Incl. Lumber Products Corp.).

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Land, buildings & equipment.	\$551,305	Class A part. pref. stock.	\$200,000
Patents and licenses.	826,892	Class B stock.	300,000
Cash.	70,598	Purch. mon. oblig., 1926-1929	45,094
Accts. & notes rec. (less res.)	147,428	Accounts payable.	43,670
Inventories.	307,915	Accrued expenses.	6,166
Deferred charges.	23,932	Federal taxes.	67,029
Investments.	10,000	Capital surplus.	833,324
		Earned surplus.	442,787
Total.	\$1,938,070	Total.	\$1,938,070

—V. 122, p. 1416, 1033

Fairbanks, Morse & Co. (& Subs.).—Annual Report.

Results—Cal. Years—		Consolidated—		Company Proper—	
1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.	1923.	1922.
Net shipments.	\$29,357,668	\$24,621,894	\$25,757,363	\$20,011,200	
Operating profit.	4,525,838	3,317,900	3,478,192	2,452,678	
Div., E. T. F. Bks. & Co.			150,000	100,000	
Profit from sale of prop.		50,805			
Total income.	\$4,525,838	\$3,368,705	\$3,628,192	\$2,552,678	
Depr. on bldgs. & equip.	950,349	924,478	797,330	776,568	
Federal taxes.	449,145	290,042			
Balance.	\$3,126,344	\$2,154,185	\$2,830,862	\$1,776,110	
Surplus & undiv. profits brought forward.	11,145,378	18,110,967	15,978,897	15,061,837	
Prem. on sale of pref. stk.		3,450			
Prov. for sinking fund.			Cr. 100,000	Cr. 100,000	
Total surplus.	\$14,271,722	\$20,268,602	\$18,909,759	\$16,937,947	
Contrib. to pension fund.	110,094	97,347	108,522	81,391	
Stock dividend.		67,349,425			
Exp. in sale of cap. stock.		168,530			
Prem. on red. of 6% pfd.		85,000			
Adj. of sur. of subs.	Cr. 1,444	13,188			
Pref. stock sinking fund.			100,000	100,000	
Preferred dividends.	526,825	383,275	(6) 108,000	(6) 108,000	
Div. pref. stk. Moline					
Scale Co.	717	13,455			
Common dividends.	(\$2.60) 959,064 (2.95) 101,504 (\$4) 1175,270 (\$2 1/4) 666,959				

Balance of surplus and undivided profits. \$12,676,464 \$11,145,379 \$17,417,967 \$15,978,897
a Including \$902,924 undivided profits of subsidiaries. b 25% stock dividend paid on common stock in 7% preferred stock. c Dividends on the 6% pref. stock were paid until date of redemption, June 1 1924, and the divs. on the new 7% pref. stock have been paid at the fixed rate since April 1 1924 (paid on 6% pref., \$40,434 on 7% pref., \$342,840).

The directors have declared three regular quarterly dividends of 1 1/4% each on the pref. stock, payable June 1, Sept. 1 and Dec. 1 to holders of record May 15, Aug. 14 and Nov. 15, respectively.—V. 122, p. 1924.

Fisk Rubber Co.—Sales—Earnings.

President H. T. Dunn, says that March sales were slightly better than March last year and April indicates an increase over March, with profits on a relative basis. Mr. Dunn added that the best six months of the company's fiscal year, which ends Oct. 31, are still ahead of it.—V. 122, p. 2198.

Flour Mills of America, Inc.—Notes Sold.—Spencer Trask & Co., Edward B. Smith & Co., J. & W. Seligman & Co. and Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., have sold at 99 1/2% and int., to yield about 6.55%, \$3,500,000 20-year 6 1/2% convertible gold notes, Series A.

Dated April 1 1926; due April 1 1946. Interest payable A. & O. at Chemical National Bank, New York, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Company agrees to reimburse the holders, if requested within 30 days after payment, for the Penn. and Conn. 4 mills taxes, the Maryland 4 1/2 mills tax, the Virginia 5 mills tax, the Dist. of Col. personal property taxes not exceeding 5 mills per \$1 per annum and for the Mass. income tax on the int. not exceeding 6% of such int. per annum. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. on any int. date, all or part, on 30 days' notice, at 105 and int., or before April 1 1930, and thereafter at 1% less for each succeeding 4-year period.

Convertible.—Notes of Series A are convertible up to and incl. Mar. 31 1936, or until any date specified for redemption if called prior to that date, at the option of the holders, into 9 shares of \$8 cumulative preferred stock, Series A (without par value), and 5 shares of common stock (without par value), for each \$1,000 of notes. The \$8 cumulative preferred stock, Series A, will be entitled to an additional cumulative dividend of \$1 per share if in any fiscal year the net earnings, after deduction of the \$8 cumulative dividends, amount to or exceed \$225,000, or \$2 per share if in any fiscal year such net earnings amount to or exceed \$300,000.

Capitalization.—20-year 6 1/2% convertible gold notes. Authorized. Outstanding. \$5,000,000 \$3,500,000
Subsidiary company 1st mtg. 6 1/2%. (Closed) 405,000
Preferred stock (without par value) 80,000 shs. 25,000 shs.
Common stock (without par value) 625,000 shs. 500,000 shs.

Note.—Of the 80,000 shares of preferred stock authorized, 56,500 shares will be designated \$8 cumulative preferred stock, Series A, of which 31,500 shares will be reserved (along with 17,500 shares of common stock) to provide for the conversion of the \$3,500,000 6 1/2% convertible gold notes, Series A, presently to be outstanding. The remaining 23,500 shares of authorized preferred stock may be issued either as Series A or other series, but only for acquisition of additional properties, &c., or for the conversion of the authorized and unissued notes, provided such additional notes carry such a conversion privilege.

Data from Letter of President Thad. L. Hoffman, April 27.

Company.—Incorp. in Maryland in April 1926 to acquire, either directly or through entire stock ownership, all the properties and assets of Kansas Flour Mills Co. (which owns the entire capital stock of Cereals Co.), and all of the physical properties, trade marks, brands and good will of Valier & Spies Milling Co. These companies own 15 mills in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin with an aggregate capacity of 2,500 barrels of flour a day, and have elevator capacity for approximately 6,680,000 bushels. Flour Mills of America, Inc., will rank as one of the four largest flour milling concerns in the country and it will be the largest manufacturer of hard winter wheat flours in the world.

The mills have been maintained in excellent operating condition, are all equipped with improved milling machinery, and are strategically located with respect to wheat growing areas and to the markets for the finished products. The brands and trade marks of the two companies are widely and favorably known in the trade, some having been on the market for more than 50 years. Among the many popular brands manufactured by the two companies are "Made-Rite," "Honey Bee," "Big 7," "Enterprise" and "Daunt."

Purpose.—The proceeds from the sale of these notes and of 25,000 shares of \$8 cumulative preferred stock, Series A, and 500,000 shares of common stock will be used (1) to acquire, either directly or through entire stock ownership, all the properties and assets of Kansas Flour Mills Co. and all the physical properties, trade marks, brands and good-will of Valier & Spies Milling Co., with properties, plants and equipment which the American Appraisal Co. has appraised as of Nov. 30 1925 at a sound value in excess of \$8,529,000, subject only to \$405,000 1st mtg. serial bonds of the Cereals Co., whose entire capital stock is owned by Kansas Flour Mills Co.; (2) to provide additional working capital, and (3) for general corporate purposes.

Earnings.—The consolidated net income of Kansas Flour Mills Co. and its subsidiary company for the 4 1/2 years ended Nov. 30 1925, and of Val & Spies Milling Co. for the 4 1/2 years ended Dec. 31 1925, after deduct depreciation and allowing for interest on the outstanding subsidiary company bonds, is presented below:

Years end. May 31— 1922. 1923. 1924. 1925. *1925.
Net income after deprec'n. \$706,481 \$514,349 \$288,674 \$980,835 \$437,31
* 6 months ended Nov. 30 1925.

The average for the 4 1/2 years amounted to \$650,589. The annual int. requirements of \$3,500,000 6 1/2% convertible gold notes, Series A, amounts to \$227,500.

Balance Sheet Nov. 30 1925 (After Financing).

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Property, plants and equip.	\$8,529,000	Pref. stock (25,000 shares)	\$2,500,000
Miscellaneous investments.	154,129	Common stock & initial surplus	4,754,251
Cash.	1,532,167	Mortgage bonds of subsidiary.	405,000
Drafts on hand and in banks.	231,854	20-yr. 6 1/2% conv. notes.	3,500,000
Notes receiv., incl. acer. int.	81,129	Notes payable.	3,490,625
Accounts receivable, less reserve for possible losses.	627,704	Accounts payable.	228,703
Inventories.	3,913,426	Accrued ins., int. and taxes.	109,115
Prepaid exp. & deferred chgs.	42,230	Divs. on pref. stk. K. F. M. Co.	49,040
Trade-marks & brands, good-will, &c.	1	Reserve for sundry insurance.	74,904
Total.	\$15,111,640	Total.	\$15,111,640

* Nov. 30, the date of this statement, is the high peak of operations in the milling industry and naturally the indebtedness at that date is also higher than at other times. According to the report of the auditors, the notes payable shown in this statement at \$3,490,625 had been reduced to \$2,525,625 by Feb. 28 1926, and the books of Kansas Flour Mills Co. show that by April 22 1926 the item had been still further reduced to \$2,075,628. In the opinion of the management, the item of notes payable will be entirely eliminated from the balance sheet by the close of the fiscal year on May 31 next. Giving effect to the new financing, the corporation as of April 22 1926 had cash on hand and in banks, drafts and U. S. Govt. securities amounting to \$2,843,000.

48 West 48th St. Building (Birdco Realty Corp.)
N. Y. City.—Bonds Offered.—S. W. Straus & Co., Inc. are offering at 100 and int. \$1,000,000 1st mtg. fee 6% sinking fund gold bond certificates.

Dated April 1 1926; due April 1 1936. Interest payable A. & O. Red. for sinking fund at 101 and int. Callable, except for sinking fund at 102 and int. Federal income tax up to 2% paid by the borrower. Walter S. Klee, Vice-President, S. W. Straus & Co., co-trustee. Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., trustee.

Security.—This issue is secured by a direct closed first mortgage on 48 West 48th Street Building, (Cellini Building) a 16-story and penthouse store and business building, together with land owned in fee thereunder on the south side of West 48th Street, N. Y. City, between 5th and 6th Aves., fronting 95 ft. on 48th St., with a depth of 100 ft. 5 inches.

The land and building have been appraised at \$1,500,000, giving an equity of \$500,000 above the amount of this issue.

Earnings.—After deduction of taxes, all operating charges including insurance and with a liberal allowance for vacancies net earnings are estimated at \$126,080 per annum which is more than \$45,000 in excess of the greatest combined annual interest and sinking fund requirements on this issue.

(H. D.) Foss & Co., Inc.—Reorganization Plain Fails.

Holders of the new pref. stock failed to approve the reorganization plan proposed by the company. The required two-thirds majority of this issue lacked two shares. Two weeks ago the holders of the 2d pref. and common stocks approved the plan by unanimous vote and the pref. holders favored it by 90% of the outstanding issue. According to Treasurer Charles D. Rice, the business will continue as at present until some new plan is developed. See also V. 122, p. 1924, 2198.

Fraunfelter China Co., Zanesville, O.—Bonds Offered.
—Darnall, Maddock & Co., Chicago are offering at 98 and int., to yield about 6 3/4% \$200,000 1st (closed) mtg. 6 1/2% convertible 10-year sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated March 1 1926; due March 1 1936. Int. payable M. & S. in Zanesville or Chicago, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%. Denominations \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Callable all or part at any time on 60 days' notice, or on any int. date on 30 days' notice as follows: To and incl. March 1 1932, at 105 and int.; thereafter to and incl. March 1 1933, at 104 and int.; thereafter to and incl. March 1 1934, at 103 and int.; thereafter to and incl. March 1 1935, at 102 and int.; thereafter and to maturity at 101 and int. Principal and int. payable at First Trust & Savings Bank, Zanesville, O., trustee, or Continental & Commercial National Bank, Chicago, Ill.

Convertible at any time prior to maturity, or if called convertible until within 10 days of the called date, into class A no par value common stock on the basis of 8 shares of stock for each \$1,000 bond with adjustment of int. and divs. \$100 pieces may be converted on the above basis by making a payment of \$25 in cash with each \$100 bond surrendered.

Company.—Is an outgrowth of a business established in 1883; incorporated as the Ohio Pottery Co. in 1900, and enlarged and re-incorporated under its present name in 1923 when the plant and business of its only competitor was acquired. It is the only concern in America manufacturing a hard glazed, pure white, highly decorative ware, commonly known as French and German process china, and by virtue of this exclusive ability enjoys a practical monopoly in its line. It specializes in hotel, club, institutional and railroad "services" and has among its list of customers some of the largest and most representative concerns and corporations in the United States.

Capitalization.—1st (closed) mtg. 6 1/2% conv. 10-yr. bonds. Authorized. Outstanding. \$200,000 \$200,000
Class A common stock (no par value) 8,000 shs. 6,303.3 shs.
Class B common stock (no par value) 16,000 shs. 12,606.7 shs.

Earnings.—Previous to acquisition of the plant and business of its only competitor earnings for a 5-year period averaged about twice interest requirements on these bonds. Immediately following a development program was inaugurated in preparation for enlarged and exclusive production of French and German process china in which utilization of the secret formulas and processes of the two plants were combined. This has been completed and earnings are now averaging about 4 1/2 times interest requirements. When the additional manufacturing facilities, now under construction, are completed and operation it is estimated these figures will be doubled.

Sinking Fund.—A sinking fund with a minimum payment of \$20,000 per year is provided. To this has been added a provision which will increase these payments as profits increase. It is estimated these bonds will all be retired before maturity.

Purpose.—To reimburse the company for capital expenditures made in preparation for increased production and to provide funds for expansion and other corporate purposes.

Freeport Texas (Sulphur) Co.—Earnings.				
Quarters Ended—	Feb. 28 '26	Feb. 28 '25	Feb. 29 '24	Feb. 28 '23
Gross sales	\$1,972,926	\$1,351,374	\$1,149,820	\$1,429,548
Cost of sold	1,374,271	1,239,791	789,965	957,093
Shipping and gen. exp.	272,252		224,230	201,626
Profit	\$326,403	\$111,583	\$135,625	\$270,829
Other income	20,174	8,793	5,322	17,782
Total income	\$346,577	\$120,376	\$140,947	\$288,611
Depreciation	62,011	73,779	75,560	89,640
Taxes	18,742	55,182	20,946	23,276
Net income	\$265,824	\$86,585	\$44,441	\$175,695
—V. 122, p. 1318, 890.				

Fruit Growers' Express Co.—Capital Increased.—The company has increased its authorized capital stock from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000.—V. 120, p. 2555.

G-B Theatres Corp.—Earnings.		
Period—From Jan. 3 to March 27—	1926.	1925.
Net earnings after oper. exps., taxes and deprecia'n.	\$96,505	\$64,702
—V. 122, p. 2199.		

Garment Center Realty Co., Inc.—Notes Called.—All of the outstanding 9% debenture notes of the above company (now known as Garment Center Capital, Inc.), dated July 20 1922 have been called for redemption July 1 next at par and int. at the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., trustee, 60 Broadway, New York City.—V. 115, p. 313

Gatesworth Apartment Hotel (Gatesworth Investment Co., Inc.), St. Louis.—Bonds Offered.—Adair Realty & Mortgage Co., New York recently offered at prices to yield from 6¼% to 6½% according to maturity \$1,050,000 6½% 1st mtge. guaranteed serial gold bonds.

Dated April 15 1926; due April 1927-1938. Int. payable A. & O. at offices of the Adair Realty & Mortgage Co., Inc., New York, or any office of the Adair Realty & Trust Co. Callable on any int. date at 102. C. L. Kauffman and Forrest Adair, trustee. Federal income tax up to 2%, Penna., Conn., Maryland and Dist. of Col., Mass. income tax up to 6% refunded.

Security.—The land in fee has been conservatively appraised at \$200,000. The building, as it now stands completed, is figured at \$1,220,880. The furnishings and equipment are valued at \$250,000, making a total of \$1,670,880, leaving a margin of safety of \$620,880.

Earnings.—Total gross revenue less liberal allowance for vacancies is \$262,944. Total operating expenses, including taxes, insurance and maintenance, \$111,760. Net income available for interest, \$151,184.

General Motors Corp.—Earnings.—President Alfred P. Sloan Jr., commenting on the earnings of the corporation for the first quarter of 1926, states:

Net earnings of General Motors for the first quarter were \$40,644,576. This compares with \$18,903,489 for the corresponding period of 1925. There is included in the 1926 earnings \$5,789,760, representing the undivided profits of subsidiary operations in excess of dividends received. After deducting dividends on the pref. stock of \$1,910,634, there remains \$38,733,942, equivalent to \$7 50 per share on the common stock, compared with \$16,993,129, or \$3 29 per share for the corresponding period last year.

These earnings establish a new record of earnings for any quarter in the history of the corporation of any year.

Cash in banks, Government securities, temporary loans and marketable securities as at March 31 amounted to \$136,899,249.

Retail deliveries to consumers were 224,720 cars, being an increase of 65.5% over the corresponding period last year. This constitutes a new record of retail deliveries for the first quarter, during which the car divisions established new records of deliveries to consumers. All divisions of the corporation are in excellent operating condition and practically all are enjoying a record volume of business. The favorable reception of the public to the Pontiac car, and the rapid growth in volume of sales and profits of the Delco-Light Co., manufacturers of the Frigidaire line of electric refrigerators, are outstanding developments of the first quarter.

Negotiating for Outstanding Minority Int. in Fisher Body.—The New York "Times" April 29 says: Negotiations for the acquisition of the minority stock interest of the Fisher Body Corp. by the General Motors Corp. have been resumed, and the deal is expected to be completed in the near future. The Fisher Body stock will be acquired, it was said yesterday, by the exchange of one share of General Motors common stock for 1½ shares of Fisher. Negotiations for the acquisition have been conducted on numerous occasions during the past few years. General Motors has held a majority of the Fisher Body stock for several years. The last annual report of General Motors showed that the company held 1,441,920 shares, or approximately 60% of the Fisher stock, and this investment was said to be one of the most profitable made by General Motors.—V. 122, p. 2199, 2049.

Gibson Terminal Building (Gibson Properties Co.), Oakland, Calif.—Bonds Offered.—S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., are offering at prices to yield 6.25% to 6.50%, according to maturity \$280,000 1st mtge. 6½% serial coupon gold bonds.

Dated March 15 1926; due serially 3 to 15½ years. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Int. coupons payable M. & S.; callable at 103 and int. for first 5 years and at 102 and int. thereafter; bonds and coupons payable at the offices of S. W. Straus & Co.

Security.—Secured by a closed first mortgage on the land and building. The land comprises approximately 43,194 sq. ft. The building to be erected (covering substantially entire area) is to be a warehouse building 3 stories high, of reinforced concrete fireproof construction surfaced with cement plaster. It will contain 6 stories facing Franklin St. and 5 stores facing Webster St., comprising approximately 18,600 sq. ft. of stores, and the balance of the ground floor and the second and third floors will have approximately 111,000 sq. ft. of floor space for commercial storage and terminal warehouse use.

This structure will be one of the largest and best adapted warehouse buildings in the San Francisco Bay district. This building is designed to carry a live load of 250 lbs. per sq. ft. of floor area. It will be equipped with 2 elevators of 6,000 lbs. capacity each and will be served by a spur track leading into it from the Southern Pacific Ry. This property is to be adequately protected by fire and earthquake insurance.

The value of the land and the completed building has been independently appraised in excess of \$484,000.

Earnings.—This property is under lease to the Lawrence Warehouse Co. for a period of 20 years at a net annual rental of \$45,000. This lease has been assigned to the trustee for the benefit of the bondholders. The net annual earnings of this property available for payments required under this bond issue, therefore, amount to nearly 2½ times the greatest annual interest charge and \$19,551 more than the average combined annual interest and serial principal requirements hereunder.

Gould Coupler Co.—Earnings.				
Quarters Ended—	Mar. 31 '26	Dec. 31 '25	Sept. 30 '25	
Gross manufacturing profit	\$300,852	\$234,321	\$120,063	
Expenses	68,615	94,457	63,281	
Net operating profit	\$232,237	\$139,864	\$56,782	
Other income	11,521	36,973	5,459	
Total income	\$243,758	\$176,836	\$62,241	
Interest charges, &c.	72,375	66,865	72,102	
Federal taxes	23,137			
Net income	\$148,246	\$109,971	loss\$9,861	
—V. 122, p. 2338, 1462.				

Gimbel Brothers, Inc.—Listing.

The Philadelphia Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$3,000,000 additional 7% cum. pref. stock (par \$100) and 22,500 additional shares of common stock, without par value, reported issued in exchange for all the outstanding capital stock of Kaufman & Baer Co., consisting of 2,000 shares of pref. stock, par \$100, and 28,303 shares of common stock, par \$100, making the total amount of Gimbel Brothers, Inc., 7% cum. pref. stock listed at April 24 \$21,000,000, par \$100, and the amount of common stock listed 622,500 shares without par value, being the total authorized issue of each class.—V. 122, p. 1924.

Graton & Knight Corp. (Mass.).—Formed to Acquire Assets of Graton & Knight Mfg. Co.—See that company below.

Graton & Knight Manufacturing Co.—Reorganization Plan Approved.—The stockholders on March 3 approved a reorganization plan which provides:

New Company.—Formation of a new corporation in Mass. using the name Graton & Knight Corp.

Capital Stock.—New company shall have an authorized capital of \$2,500,000 7% preferred stock (par \$100) and 100,000 shares of common stock (no par value). The new corporation will take over all the assets of the old company and in consideration for the assets will along with assuming all the liabilities of the old company, issue the following securities:

To Issue Debentures in Settlement of Claim.—6% 20-year debentures to an amount not exceeding \$750,000 will be issued in full settlement of claim which the former owners of the capital stock of the Edward R. Ladew Co., Inc., have against the old company.

Exchange of Stock.—Each holder of preferred stock of the old company (except holders of preferred stock issued in connection with the Ladew claim) upon surrender of his present preferred stock will receive 4-10ths of a share of preferred stock in the new corporation and one share of common stock in the new corporation for each share of preferred stock held in the old company.

Each holder of common stock in the old company upon surrender of his present common stock will receive 1-10th of a share of common stock of the new corporation for each share of present common stock held.

Offers Common Stock.—Stockholders of the old company (except holders of stock issued in connection with the Ladew claim) are offered 29,713 shares of common stock of the new corporation at \$12 50 a share at the rate of ¼ share of new common stock for each share of old preferred stock and 1-20th of a share of new common stock for each share of the old common stock, proceeds derived from sale of such stock to be used to reduce bank debt of old company which is assumed by new corporation.

Shares of this offering of common stock not purchased in accordance with the above plan will be sold at \$12 50 a share in so far as is practicable to the officers, directors and people connected with the active management of the business.

As the raising of at least \$300,000 by the sale of common stock was a condition precedent to the carrying out of this plan, the directors felt that before submitting the plan to stockholders, they must have assurances that this money could be raised. They have therefore definitely arranged for the sale of sufficient common stock to officers, directors, employees and others to accomplish this result, if such an amount is not taken by the stockholders under the above offer.

Dividends on the new preferred stock will become cumulative after April 1 1928 and in case of liquidation, voluntary or involuntary, will be entitled to receive 110 and divs. Red. on any div. date at 100 and divs. Will have no voting power for directors or officials unless unpaid dividends shall have accumulated after April 1 1928 to an amount of \$7 on each share, in which event the preferred stock shall have the exclusive right thereafter to elect directors and officials until all accumulated dividends shall have been paid. Neither the preferred nor the common stock shall have any preemptive right to subscribe for any additional stock of any class that may at any time be issued.

The preferred stock will contain provisions preventing the issue of any prior preferred stock, bonds or debentures except with the written consent of 75% of the preferred stockholders.

As of April 17, over 90% of both preferred and common stock had been deposited with the Worcester Bank & Trust Co., Worcester, Mass., depository under the plan outlined above.

President John E. White in a letter to the stockholders on Feb. 13 1926 said in substance:

It has been clear for some time that there must be a readjustment of the finances of this company in order to protect the interests of its stockholders. For some years we have been confronted with at least two serious conditions:

1. A large bank indebtedness which, at the present time, is approximately \$3,177,000. The officials of the banks holding the indebtedness have from time to time postponed action, relying on the promises made by the directors that a definite plan of reorganization would be presented to them. Such a condition is neither wise nor safe and should not be allowed to continue until creditors become impatient and take aggressive action.

2. The second condition to be met is a claim of approximately \$1,649,000 based upon a written contract entered into in behalf of the corporation by former officials in connection with the purchase of the capital stock of Edward R. Ladew Co., Inc. The owners of this claim have been induced from time to time to postpone action on the assurance that a reorganization plan was contemplated and would be presented for consideration in a short time. The date to which action on this claim is postponed is not and cannot be fixed by any binding contract.

After extended negotiations, the directors have succeeded in obtaining offers for adjustment of these two claims on the following basis, it being definitely understood, however, that the offers are made only on condition that the reorganization (including the reduction of bank loans by at least \$300,000) becomes effective and that the management which has guided the business since the election was controlled by preferred stockholders, still continues and takes a financial interest in the business.

The banks holding the large claims have upon the conditions above stated agreed to allow the present loans of approximately \$2,700,000 to remain for a period of two years except as reduction may be made from time to time by the corporation. At the end of two years the directors are of the opinion that the bank indebtedness will be such that it can be funded by an issue of long term bonds or other securities.

The owners of the Ladew claim will accept as a compromise a sum less than one-half of the amount of their claims, payment of the same to be made by debentures of the new corporation, payable in 20 years and subordinate to bank loans, and to any security which may be issued to refund bank loans.

Directors and Officers of New Corporation.

The directors of the new company will be: Frank H. Willard, John E. White, Paul B. Morgan, Harry G. Stoddard, Homer Gage and J. Verner Critchley, all of Worcester; Stanley A. Russell, Vice-President of the National City Bank, New York; W. Virgil Spaulding, Pasadena, Calif., and George S. Armstrong, National City Bank, New York.

Frank H. Willard, for years general manager of the business, has been elected President, Charles A. Bartlett as Treasurer and Stanley G. Barker Clerk.

For annual report of company see V. 122, p. 2338.

Grand River-Kirby Terminal Bldgs.—Bonds Offered.—Watling, Lerchen & Co., Detroit, are offering at prices to yield from 5½% to 6% according to maturity \$650,000 6% 1st mtge. serial gold bonds.

Dated April 1 1926, due serially (A. & O.) from Oct. 1926 to April 1941. Principal and interest payable A. & O. at Security Trust Co., Detroit, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Red. on any interest date on or after April 1 1927 on 30 days' notice at 102 and interest.

Security.—These bonds are secured by a closed first mortgage upon the Grand River-Kirby Terminal Buildings, and upon approximately 6½ acres of land located at the intersection of Grand River and Kirby avenues, Detroit. The buildings, which are used as warehouses, distributing centres, and for light manufacturing, contain over 360,000 sq. ft. of floor space, and are equipped with automatic sprinkler system. Ample railroad facilities are provided through 2,500 feet of siding which serves the property and connects with the main line of the Grand Trunk Railway System.

Earnings.—At the present time the property is producing an annual net income of \$81,158, or more than twice the maximum annual interest requirements on this bond issue.

Sinking Fund.—Commencing April 20 1926, a monthly sinking fund of an amount sufficient to pay 1-6th of the next maturing interest and 1-6th of the next maturing principal will be paid in to the trustee.

Hartman Corp., Chicago.—New Directors.—

Edward G. Felsenthal and H. Walter Blumenthal have been elected directors, succeeding Harry A. Cohen and Maurice Wertheim.—V. 122, p. 2338.

Hayes Wheel Co.—Omits Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared the usual quarterly dividends of 75c. a share on the common stock and of \$1 87½ a share on the 7½% preferred stock, both payable June 15 to holders of record May 29. In addition to the regular quarterly dividends, the company in September and December 1925 and in March last paid extra dividends of 25c. a share on the common stock.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets—	Mar. 31 '26	Dec. 31 '25.	Liabilities—	Mar. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.
Ld., bldgs., &c.	\$3,460,631	\$3,520,466	7% cum. pref. stk.	\$1,578,800	\$1,639,800
Plant at Flint & St. Johns.	200,000	200,000	Common stock	1,973,955	1,973,955
Pats. & good-will.	1	1	1st mtg. sink. fd.		559,100
Investments.	65,832	67,242	bonds		374,183
Cash with trustee.		132,005	Accounts payable.		630,230
Inventories.	1,912,443	2,038,558	Accrued payrolls,		167,682
Cash.	1,624,793	2,503,972	royalties, &c.		115,168
Accts. & notes rec.	1,139,522	934,039	Reserve for Federal		237,013
Amts. owing by officers & empl.		5,432	taxes.		280,000
Cash surr. value of life insurance.	146,152	136,064	Surplus.	4,274,466	4,352,244
Def'd charges.	56,725	12,718	Total (each side)	\$8,606,099	\$9,550,498

After deducting \$2,667,208 reserve for depreciation. x Represented by 197,044 shares of no par value.—V. 122, p. 2338, 1755.

Hazeltine Corp.—Usual Dividend.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 25c. per share on the capital stock, payable May 24 to holders of record May 4. On Feb. 24 last, the company paid an extra dividend of 25c. per share, in addition to a quarterly dividend of 25c. per share.—V. 122, p. 1178.

Hercules Powder Co.—Quarterly Report.—

Quar. end. Mar. 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross receipts.	\$6,067,731	\$5,503,369	\$5,171,399	\$5,503,261
x Net earnings.	667,408	604,225	433,828	679,899
Pref. div. (1¼%)	185,656	182,010	179,369	177,160

Balance, surplus. \$481,752 \$422,215 \$254,460 \$502,740
x After deducting all expenses incident to manufacture and sale, ordinary and extraordinary repairs, maintenance of plants, accidents, depreciation, taxes, &c., also interest on Aetna bonds.

Consolidated Balance Sheet March 31.

Assets—	1926.	1925.	Liabilities—	1926.	1925.
Plants & property	26,203,408	24,702,156	Common stock	14,300,000	14,300,000
Cash.	1,672,649	1,507,235	Preferred stock	10,611,400	10,406,100
Accts receivable.	3,656,010	3,490,536	Aetna bonds.	3,261,675	3,464,275
Collateral loans.	175,000	600,000	Accts payable	394,358	366,544
Invest. securities.	2,162,071	2,136,689	Pref. div. payable.	92,850	91,053
Liberty bonds.	3,933,158	3,933,008	Deferred credits.	25,190	31,456
Mat'ls & supplies.	3,144,906	2,935,694	Fed's taxes (est.)	461,300	291,497
Finished products.	2,314,513	2,110,013	Reserves	4,274,347	3,392,608
Deferred charges.	156,059	130,575	Profit and loss	9,996,743	9,102,374
Total	43,417,863	41,445,907	Total	43,417,863	41,445,907

—V. 122, p. 741.

Hudson River Navigation Corp.—Bonds Offered.—

F. J. Lisman & Co. are offering at 100 (less int. from date of payment to May 1 1926), to yield over 6.70%, \$3,000,000 6½% convertible (closed) 1st mtg. 25-year sinking fund gold bonds. Dated May 1 1926; due May 1 1951. Further details in V. 122, p. 2200.

Ilseeder Steel Corp. (Ilseeder Hutte), Gross-Ilseede, Germany.—Bonds Sold.—The National City Co. have sold at 94 and int., to yield over 7.65%, \$7,500,000 20-year mtg. sinking fund 7% gold bonds. \$2,250,000 aggregate principal amount of these bonds has been withdrawn by certain European banks for sale in various European markets, including \$1,000,000 to be handled by the Amsterdamsche Bank, Amsterdam, and \$500,000 by the Stockholms Enskilda Bank, Stockholm.

Dated April 1 1926; due April 1 1946. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable at National City Bank, New York, in U. S. gold coin without deduction for any past, present or future taxes or duties levied by or within the German Reich or any political subdivision thereof. Principal and int. also collectible at the option of the holder either at the city office of National City Bank of New York in London, Eng., in pounds sterling; or at the Amsterdamsche Bank in Amsterdam, Netherlands, in guilders; or at the Stockholms Enskilda Bank in Stockholm, Sweden, in Swedish kronen; in each case at the then current buying rate of the respective banks for sight exchange on New York. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500c*. Red., all or part, on any int. date upon 30 days' prior notice at 103%. National City Bank of New York, trustee. Darmstadter und Nationalbank Kommanditgesellschaft auf Aktien, co-trustee.

Data from Letter of J. F. Fromme and Ewald Hecker, Managing Directors of Ilseeder Hutte.

Corporation.—Founded in 1861. Is the largest producer in Germany of steel beams and channels, and is also an important manufacturer of other structural steel products. Corporation markets about 28% of all beams and channels made in Germany, or over twice that of the next largest manufacturer of these products. It has always produced peace time products and consequently was not obliged to convert its equipment after the war.

The properties of the corporation and its subsidiaries comprise a completely integrated unit for the manufacture of finished steel products through all the various stages of production. The properties include 3 large iron ore deposits with a combined life of over 150 years at the present rate of production, extensive coal lands and mines, together with by-product coke plants, 6 modern blast furnaces having annual capacity of 600,000 tons of pig iron, converters and furnaces having annual capacity of 600,000 tons of steel ingots, 9 electrically driven rolling mill trains, an electric power plant of 45,000 h.p. capacity, and a steam railroad system comprising 110 miles of track.

Sales of the corporation for the year 1924 amounted to \$15,018,961 and for the year 1925 to \$17,103,855.

Purpose of Issue.—Proceeds from the sale of the present issue of bonds will be used to increase working capital and to provide for the construction of additions and improvements tending to lower production costs.

Security.—Direct obligations of the corporation and its 2 important subsidiaries, namely, Aktiengesellschaft Peiner Walzwerk and Gwerkschaft des Steinkohlenbergwerks "Friedrich der Grosse," which are controlled through 100% stock ownership. These properties include the iron ore mines, the more important coal mines, the coke ovens, the blast furnaces, the steel plants, the rolling mills, the electric generating stations, the machine shops, steam railroads, office buildings, real estate and other plants and equipment necessary to constitute a fully integrated system of properties for the production of finished steel products.

The mortgage and trust indenture will authorize a total of \$10,000,000 of bonds, including this issue. The remaining \$2,500,000 bonds may be issued from time to time, provided in each case that (a) the average annual consolidated net earnings after maintenance, renewals and taxes (other than taxes based on income), but before depletion and interest charges, for any two of the three preceding fiscal years, shall have been not less than three times the sum of the annual interest charges on all bonds outstanding and those proposed to be issued and the maximum annual fixed charges

on the industrial debentures then outstanding; and (b) the consolidated net current assets, after giving effect to the application of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds then proposed to be issued, shall equal at least \$6,000,000. The mortgage and trust indenture will also provide, among other things, that the corporation shall not declare or pay any cash dividends on its outstanding stocks (other than dividends on account of earnings for 1925) except out of its surplus net earnings after expenses, maintenance, renewals, taxes and interest, subsequent to Dec. 31 1925, and unless upon completion of such dividend payments, in each case its consolidated net current assets shall be at least equal to \$4,000,000.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage will provide for a sinking fund sufficient to retire prior to maturity all the present and any additional issue of these bonds. On Aug. 15 1926, and semi-annually thereafter, the corporation shall be required to deliver to the trustee, either cash sufficient to redeem at 103%, such principal amount of bonds as is necessary to retire by equal semi-annual installments prior to maturity all bonds previously issued, or in lieu thereof (in whole or in part) bonds in such principal amount. Bonds so delivered and redeemed shall thereupon be cancelled and permanently retired.

Earnings.—In each of the past 57 years the corporation made a profit after expenses, maintenance, renewals, replacements and taxes. This unusually constant earning power is reflected in an enviable record of dividends, unbroken for the years from 1868 to 1922 inclusive, the rates paid ranging from 6% to 60%. For the years 1923 and 1924 no dividends were declared by the corporation, the entire net earnings being put back into the business. In this respect the policy of the corporation has been consistently conservative, a large part of the profits each year having been invested in its plants and properties. It is expected that at the annual meeting to be held in June 1926 a dividend of 6% on the common stock will be declared out of surplus earnings for the year 1925.

The consolidated net earnings of the corporation and its constituent companies, after expenses, maintenance, renewals, replacements and taxes (other than taxes based on income), but before depreciation and interest charges, for the year 1924 were \$1,445,369, and for the year 1925 were \$2,804,118. The annual interest requirements on the present issue of \$7,500,000 20-year mtg. sinking fund 7% gold bonds and the estimated maximum fixed charges on the industrial debentures issued, aggregate \$690,000.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1925.

[Corporation and its constituent companies after this financing.]

Assets.	Liabilities.
Cash.	\$1,621,734
Customers' acc. rec. (less res.)	\$46,185
Miscell. receivables.	67,020
Raw materials, work in process and supplies.	5,827,448
Land, buildings & equip't.	20,426,758
Mining rights, &c.	3,327,857
Invest. in other sub. cos. (incl. net adv.), mtgs., &c.	1,409,457
Deferred charges.	\$76,058
Total (each side)	\$34,402,518

a Including \$1,057,428 held by a subsidiary company.

Note.—On Dec. 31 1925 the corporation and its constituent companies had contingent liabilities of \$307,492, representing guarantees, and in addition there were outstanding \$1,347,335 of discounted bills received from customers in the regular course of business, practically all of which have since been paid.

Daves Plan.—In connection with the payment of reparations, the corporation and its constituent companies have issued, in accordance with the so-called "Daves Plan," industrial debentures in the aggregate face amount of \$4,843,800, with respect to which the maximum annual liability on account of interest and amortization will be 6%. In the opinion of counsel, the liability for the payment of this sum is secured by a first charge, in many respects analogous to a tax lien, upon their fixed properties. In accordance with a law which effects a further internal distribution in Germany of the burden of reparations, the annual payments on account of industrial debentures will be substantially reduced, and the estimated maximum annual payments on account of the industrial debentures of the corporation and its constituent companies will be less than \$165,000, or only a fraction of 1% of the real value of their properties.

Inland Steel Co.—Earnings.—

Three Months Ended March 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.
Net profits after expenses.	\$2,441,629	\$1,715,872	\$2,775,753
Depreciation and depletion.	490,095	537,301	309,014
Interest and Federal taxes.	410,625	150,000	296,250
Preferred dividend.	175,000	175,000	175,000
Common dividend.	739,249	739,249	739,249

Balance, surplus. \$626,660 \$114,321 \$1,256,240
—V. 122, p. 2200, 1925.

International Cement Corp.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Sales, less disc'ts, &c.	\$17,713,900	\$13,683,504	\$11,289,117	\$9,407,725
Mfg. and shipping costs.	10,021,390	7,843,273	6,382,770	5,739,578
Prov. for deprec. & depl.	1,154,627	697,987	822,074	927,146
Sell., admin. & gen. exp.	2,064,055	1,505,852	1,214,104	1,047,372
Net profit from oper.	\$4,473,827	\$3,636,391	\$2,870,169	\$1,693,629
Miscellaneous income.	164,994	135,006	102,261	168,451
Total income.	\$4,638,821	\$3,771,397	\$2,972,430	\$1,862,080
Int., taxes & miscell.	662,436	723,890	549,853	437,033
Pref. dividends (7%)	457,922	193,591	103,351	107,016
Common dividends.	1,800,000	1,476,006	1,164,537	850,633
Balance, surplus.	\$1,718,463	\$1,377,910	\$1,154,689	\$467,398

—V. 122, p. 1619, 1035.

International Mercantile Marine Co.—Negotiating for Sale of White Star Line to British Interests—Morgan Resigns from Board.—

J. P. Morgan and Charles Steele of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. have resigned from the board of directors, it became known April 24. At the same time it was officially admitted that the company was carrying on negotiations for the sale of the White Star Line to British interests. The resignations of Mr. Morgan and Mr. Steele were due to the fact that the London house of Morgan, Grenfell & Co. is representing Furness, Withy & Co. of England in the proposed purchase of the property from the American company. The following statement was issued by John H. Thomas, V.-Pres. of the company, who has been handling the negotiations for the sale of the properties while P. A. S. Franklin, President, is in Europe:

J. P. Morgan and Charles Steele have resigned from the board of directors and the finance committee has nominated J. H. Thomas and H. G. Phillips to take their places. Their election will come up at the next meeting of the board.

Messrs. Morgan and Steele, through Mr. Thomas, authorized the following statement issued from the office of the I. M. M. Co.:

Due to the contemplated sale of some of the British properties of the I. M. M. Co. in which the London partners may be interested, they felt it would be improper to remain on the board of directors.

Many details are yet to be agreed upon before the sale of the White Star Line is definitely settled. Furness, Withy & Co., it was said, have made a cash bid of \$70 a ton for the fleet of the White Star Line. This would figure out approximately \$35,000,000 for the 25 vessels operated by the com-

pany, with an aggregate of approximately 500,000 tons. Some difficulty is being experienced in getting the Mercantile Marine directors to agree upon this price, in view of the high replacement value of the ships about to be sold.

One group of Mercantile Marine directors, it is said, favors a sale of the British properties for securities, and the value of the securities demanded in exchange is understood to be substantially above the cash offer of the British interests.

Vice-President John H. Thomas April 26 gave out the following statement:

I have a cable from London as follows: "The White Star Line at Liverpool is issuing a statement authorized by Morgan, Grenfell & Co. and P. A. S. Franklin, President of the I. M. M. Co. Certain premature reports having appeared in the press, it seems desirable that the following statement should be made: Negotiations are proceeding for the purchase of the shares of Oceanic Steam Navigation Co. (White Star Line) by a British group represented by Morgan, Grenfell & Co.

"A provisional agreement has been reached, but there are numerous details which will take time to arrange. When a settlement has been arrived at, a more definite announcement will be made, but in the meantime, if the negotiations mature, Furness Withy & Co., Ltd., will be the principal shipping interest in the purchasing syndicate."

The company, through V.-Pres. John H. Thomas, issued the following statement April 27, after a meeting of the board of directors:

The board of directors discussed the details of the negotiations being conducted by P. A. S. Franklin in London for the sale of the White Star Line. No formal action was taken, as the details have not been fully worked out.—V. 121, p. 192.

International Paper Co.—Results for First Quarter.—

President A. R. Graustein says: "Gross business increased about 4% in the first quarter of 1926, partly estimated, compared with the first quarter of 1925, while inventories showed a decrease of 17%. The price of newsprint has decreased \$5 a ton since last year; and while this decrease was partly offset by lower cost of production, our newsprint profits were smaller. The profits on our other products have shown some increase."—V. 122, p. 2201.

International Salt Co.—Earnings.—

3 Mos. End. Mar. 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
x Total earnings.....	\$111,746	\$145,396	\$52,291	\$241,706
Fixed charges and sinking fund.....	75,988	95,022	96,396	97,814

Net earnings.....\$35,758 \$50,374 def\$44,104 \$143,892

x After all expenses but before Federal taxes.—V. 122, p. 2050, 489.

International Silver Co.—Bonds Called.—

The company has called for redemption on July 1 \$800,000 of 6% gold debenture bonds, due Jan. 1 1933, at par and int. Payment will be made at the New York Trust Co., 100 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 122, p. 1463.

Interstate Iron & Steel Co.—3½% Back Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 3½%, to apply on account of accumulated dividends, and the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the preferred stock, both payable June 1 to holders of record May 20. Three months ago a dividend of 3% was declared on account of accumulations. The payment June 1 will reduce dividends in arrears on the preferred stock to 9%.—V. 122, p. 892.

Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.—Common Div. No. 2.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 1% on the common stock, payable June 1 to holders of record May 15. An initial dividend of like amount was paid on March 1 last.—V. 122, p. 1774.

Kansas Flour Mills Co.—Merger.—

See Flour Mills of America, Inc., above.—V. 115, p. 1844.

Lambert Company.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 281,250 shares of common stock without par value (total authorized 1,000,000 shares), with authority to add 100,000 shares upon official notice of issuance in conversion of a like number of shares of the deferred stock, making the total amount applied for 381,250 shares. See also V. 122, p. 1619, 1774.

Lancaster Mills.—Defers Preferred Dividend.—

The directors have decided to defer the quarterly dividend of 1¼% usually paid on the 7% cumulative preferred stock on May 1. In November last the dividend on the common stock was omitted. See V. 121, p. 2647, 2885.

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.—Obituary.—

Robert D. Dula, a director, died in New York on April 27.—V. 122, p. 892.

Lion Oil Refining Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1924.	1925.
Sales.....	\$5,014,752	\$7,479,597
Cost of sales.....	3,706,112	4,706,417
General admin., selling and traffic expenses.....	183,202	255,780
Net profit from operation.....	\$1,125,438	\$2,517,400
Miscellaneous income.....	39,869	68,220
Total income.....	\$1,165,307	\$2,585,620
Interest charges.....	198,979	131,349
Depreciation and depletion.....	676,319	1,036,070
Federal taxes.....	31,439	131,188
Surplus net income.....	\$258,570	\$1,287,012

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1925.

Assets.	Liabilities.
Produce, prop. & equip.....\$3,555,539	Net worth (200,000 shares no par).....\$5,234,333
Refining plant, pipe line, &c.....3,639,832	Tank car instll. trust notes.....29,700
Cash.....197,305	1st mtge. 7% gold bonds.....750,000
Accounts & notes receivable.....403,282	Notes payable.....415,530
Inventories.....1,221,153	Accounts payable.....300,793
Prepaid expenses.....78,356	Reserves and accruals.....265,758
	Deferred liabilities.....40,370
Total (each side).....\$9,095,468	Reserves for deprec. & depl.....2,058,982

Results for Quarter Ended March 31.

	1926.	1925.
Net profit before depreciation and depletion.....	\$424,120	\$393,292

—V. 121, p. 2282.

Long Bell Lumber Corp. & Subs.—Earnings.—

Quarters Ended March 31—	1926.	1925.
Operating income.....	\$2,822,101	\$3,350,682
Depreciation.....	756,701	789,719
Depreciation.....	392,966	392,936
Interest.....	345,337	505,871
Federal income taxes.....	167,837	192,924

Net income.....\$1,159,259 \$1,469,770

—V. 122, p. 2340, 1775.

Louisiana Oil Refining Corp.—Earnings.—

Quarter Ended March 31—	1926.	1925.
Earnings.....	\$563,710	\$240,844
Deductions.....	42,191	45,517
Interest.....	70,315	66,148
Depreciation, depletion, amortization, &c.....	398,119	Not reported
Realized appreciation.....	Cr. 209,399	

Net income.....\$262,484 \$129,180

—V. 122, p. 1775, 1321.

Lion Collars & Shirts Co., Troy, N. Y.—Bondholders' Committee.—

The company, it is understood, is in default in the sinking fund provision of the mortgage and is also unable to meet the interest payment due May 1 on the outstanding first mortgage 6½%. A protective committee, consisting of Clyde I. Paul, Charles A. Stone and R. E. Swart (of P. W. Chapman & Co.), has been formed to look after the interests of the bondholders. The company's difficulties, it is said, are a result of present trade conditions.

Ellis Rowe (Pres.), E. Sipperley, Gilbert Geer and C. W. Ferguson have resigned as officers and directors of the company, while nothing definite has as yet been decided upon, it is likely that a reorganization of the company will eventually be worked out. Compare also V. 115, p. 2275; V. 117, p. 675.

Loew's, Incorporated.—Earnings.—

	Sept. 1 '25 to Mar. 14 '26.	Sept. 1 '24 to Mar. 15 '25.	Sept. 1 '23 to Mar. 9 '24.	Sept. 1 '22 to Mar. 11 '23.
Gross Income—				
Theatre receipts, rentals and sales of films, &c.....	\$32,186,748	\$28,760,836	\$10,362,964	\$9,495,754
Rentals of stores/offices.....	881,649	875,471	899,032	977,452
Booking fees & comm.....	312,133	286,627	394,306	251,203
Divs. rec. from cos. less than 100% owned.....			346,882	356,604
Miscellaneous income.....	243,914	254,187	96,713	121,316
	\$33,624,443	\$30,177,121	\$12,099,898	\$11,202,329

Expenses—

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Theatres & office bldgs.....	\$17,825,446	\$14,425,942	\$4,792,240	\$5,055,425
Film distribution.....	3,516,782	3,335,600	1,870,688	1,257,850
Amortization of films.....	4,033,089	3,161,005	781,446	1,256,966
Film adv'g accessories.....	271,200	283,438	175,145	145,427
Producers' share of film rentals.....	1,680,107	3,574,204	2,445,477	1,479,049
Depr. of bldgs. & equip.....	1,084,720	715,373	257,812	239,303
Federal taxes (estimated).....	678,494	585,195	178,208	211,756
Minority interest share, affiliated corporations.....	686,890	706,942		
Loew's Inc., share undistributed aff. corps.....	40,885	289,136		
Divs. paid on stk. of subs.....	155,077	155,144		

Total expenses.....\$29,972,689 \$27,231,977 \$10,501,018 \$9,645,775

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net income.....	\$3,651,754	\$2,945,144	\$1,598,880	\$1,556,554
Divs. declared and paid.....	1,060,780	1,060,780	1,060,780	

Balance, surplus.....\$2,590,974 \$1,884,364 \$538,100 \$1,556,554

—V. 122, p. 2202, 222.

Maytag Company.—Earnings.—

The company reports for the quarter ended March 31 1926 net profit of \$1,016,409 after charges and taxes.—V. 122, p. 893.

Melville Shoe Corp., N. Y.—Pays Extra Common Div.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2% on the pref. stock and the regular quarterly dividend of 50c. pre share on the common stock, also an extra dividend of 50c. pre share on the common stock, all payable May 1 to holders of record April 26.—V. 118, p. 1920.

Midland Steel Products Co.—Earnings.—

Quarter Ended March 31—	1926.	1925.
Manufacturing profit.....	\$1,041,393	\$1,141,396
Expenses.....	142,145	200,533
Interest, &c.....	29,327	92,312
Depreciation.....	101,827	98,191
Federal taxes.....		94,000

Net profit.....x\$768,094 \$656,360

x Before Federal taxes.

—V. 122, p. 1464, 1321.

Morse Dry Dock & Repair Co.—Purchase.—

The company announced April 24 that it has purchased the ship repair yard formerly known as the Alderton Dock Yards, Ltd., facing on Gowanus Bay, with floor blocks of waterfront at the foot of 17th, 18th and 19th streets, Brooklyn, N. Y. The plant is being rapidly overhauled and will be known as the upper yard. In addition to shops and equipment, the plant will include two floating dry docks of the latest design, one of 8,000 tons and the other of 10,000 tons, to supplement the larger dry docks at the main plant of the Morse company.—V. 119, p. 2072.

Mountain Ice Co., Hoboken, N. J.—Bonds Offered.—

Marshall Field, Glore, Ward & Co., Green, Ellis & Anderson, New York, and First National Bank, Scranton, are offering at 100 and int. \$300,000 additional 1st mtge. 6% 20-year sinking fund gold bonds, dated Nov. 1 1924, due Nov. 1 1944.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st mtge. 6% 20-year sinking fund gold bonds.....	\$2,000,000	\$930,000
Capital stock (par \$100).....	4,000,000	1,797,400

Company.—Incorp. in New Jersey in March 1902. Is a large producer of natural and manufacturer of artificial ice, which is sold almost entirely at wholesale. It operates 12 natural ice plants, having an annual capacity of over 400,000 tons, in northeastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey, of which 7 are owned and 5 are leased. Company also owns and operates 8 artificial ice plants located in Jersey City, Newark, Orange, Englewood, Passaic, Montclair and Irvington, N. J., having a total daily capacity of 1,280 tons.

Earnings Year Ended Nov. 30.

	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Sales.....	\$1,278,480	\$1,422,889	\$1,391,947	\$1,848,429
Other income.....	7,101	6,042	32,108	175,939
Total income.....	\$1,285,581	\$1,428,931	\$1,424,055	\$2,024,368
Cost of sales.....	975,363	1,060,156	1,131,748	1,390,905
Other charges.....	52,547	52,547	84,494	
Depreciation.....	126,570	142,514	137,739	161,095

Net available for interest & Federal taxes.....183,373 173,714 154,568 387,874

The above earnings do not include the results of the Montclair property acquired in April 1926.—V. 119, p. 2073.

Munsingwear Corp.—Acquires Thieme Bros. Co.—

See Real Silk Hosiery, Inc., below.—V. 122, p. 490.

Nevada Consolidated Copper Co.—Offers to Purchase

Ray Consolidated Copper Co. Assets, Payment to be Made in 15-Year 5% Debentures.—Special meetings of the stockholders of Ray Consolidated Copper Co. and the Nevada Consolidated Copper Co. have been called to vote on the proposal for Nevada to purchase and Ray to sell all its assets for \$46,157,685 in Nevada debentures. As some Ray stockholders desire stock in Nevada they will also be extended the privilege after they get their debentures to exchange them at \$15 a share for Nevada Consolidated stock on or before July 1 1927. To equalize the dividend payment made since the original merger was proposed such stockholders will be paid 25 cents a share on each Nevada share delivered for the debentures.

The Nevada stockholders will vote May 26 on (1) approving the purchase from Ray Consolidated Copper Co. of all its properties, assets, rights, privileges and franchises, as an entirety, to be paid for by (a) \$46,157,685 15-year 5% debentures, to bear date July 1 1926, with adjustment of interest from or to the date of transfer of the properties; (b) assumption by Nevada of all liabilities and obligations of Ray.

(2) Approving the making of an offer to the holder of any of such debentures of this company (effective only after such debentures shall have passed by distribution or otherwise out of the ownership or possession of Ray Consolidated Copper Co.) to take up any such debentures and to issue and deliver in exchange therefor stock of this company, without par value, on the basis of one share, plus 25c. in cash to equalize dividends, for each \$15 face value of debentures.

President D. C. Jackling in a letter to stockholders April 26 says:

A special meeting of stockholders was held March 26 last to consider a plan for the purchase by the company from Ray Consolidated Copper Co. of all of the properties and assets of the latter, to be paid for by shares of this company.

By unanimous vote of all the stock represented in that meeting (which was approximately 80% of the total outstanding stock of the company), such plan was approved and adopted, subject to adjustment as necessary to equalize dividends declared by Nevada and Ray, respectively, subsequent to the time when the purchase of the properties of Ray by Nevada was first proposed. The accomplishment of the plan was left to the discretion of the directors and officers of the company.

Pursuant to your authorization, and under the power thus conferred upon them, the directors and officers caused to be filed a certificate of amendment of the charter of the company increasing the amount of its capital stock to the total of 5,100,000 shares, without par value. They also took all necessary steps to provide for a board of 20 instead of 14 directors.

On the same day (March 26), the stockholders of Ray approved and adopted that plan in a similar manner; and authorized its accomplishment, for that company, by the directors and officers thereof in their discretion.

Pending the consummation of the plan, some stockholders of Ray have expressed the desire to receive, instead of the share of Nevada for a share of Ray (as originally planned), negotiable debentures, a direct money obligation of Nevada. The largest stockholders of Ray prefer to have a share interest in Nevada. Directors are willing to pay in debentures, and voluntarily to give any individual debenture holder a privilege of receiving a Nevada share—plus 25 cents in cash to equalize dividends—in exchange for each \$15 of face value of his Nevada debentures, if he shall so desire, such privilege to be expressed in an independent undertaking to the individual holders of these debentures.

Under the plan thus proposed, all the properties and assets of Ray will be sold to this company. The latter will pay therefor: (a) By delivering to Ray \$46,157,685 principal amount of Nevada's 15-year 5% debentures, and (b) by assuming all the obligations of Ray.

The relative position of the two companies has not changed appreciably since the acquisition of the properties of Ray by Nevada was first proposed. See also Ray Consolidated Copper Co. below.—V. 122, p. 2053, 1776.

(Geo. B.) Newton Coal Co., Phila.—Resumes Divs.—

The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of 3½% on the \$1,750,000 7% cum. 1st pref. stock, payable May 1 to holders of record April 26. This is the first payment since May 1 1925, the November dividend having been deferred.—V. 121, p. 3014.

New York Air Brake Co.—Stock Called.—

All of the outstanding class A stock has been called for redemption July 1 at \$60 per share and divs. at the office of the company, 165 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 122, p. 2204.

New York Cannery, Inc.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 60,000 shares of \$6 cumulative convertible preferred stock without par value.—V. 122, p. 2322.

New York Dock Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Total revenue.....	\$3,381,716	\$3,370,909	\$3,297,712	\$3,827,321
Maintenance.....	344,054	255,012	210,672	355,144
Deprec'n & retirement..	342,987	353,041	366,384	572,591
Other expenses.....	896,026	843,386	790,890	825,854
Taxes.....	886,008	932,408	938,862	1,048,318
Net operating income....	\$912,642	\$986,162	\$990,894	\$1,025,414
Other income.....	226,802	185,350	161,133	154,444
Gross income.....	\$1,139,443	\$1,171,512	\$1,152,027	\$1,179,858
Bond interest.....	502,000	502,000	502,000	502,000
Other deductions.....	26,708	115,481	27,158	28,592
Net inc. N. Y. Dock Co..	\$610,735	\$554,031	\$622,869	\$649,267
Pref. divs. (5%).....	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Balance, surplus.....	\$110,735	\$54,031	\$122,869	\$149,267
Earnings for Quarters Ended March 31.				
Revenues.....	1926. \$744,621	1925. \$815,580	1924. \$791,698	1923. \$838,451
Expenses.....	372,637	378,953	339,468	389,212
Taxes, interest, &c.....	265,871	300,883	320,518	324,476
Net income.....	\$106,113	\$135,744	\$131,712	\$124,763

—V. 122, p. 622.

Northern Paperboard Co., Ltd.—Stock as Bonus.—

See Canadian Paperboard Co., Ltd., above.

Nunnally Company.—Earnings.—

Quarters Ended March 31—

Net profits after expenses, but before Federal taxes.....	1926. \$45,299	1925. \$25,506
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—V. 122, p. 761.

Oil Lease Development Co.—Default Notice.—

See United Oil Producers' Corp. below.—V. 118, p. 1922.

Otis Elevator Co.—Regular Preferred Dividends—Status.—

The directors have declared three quarterly dividends of 1½% on the preferred stock, payable July 15, Oct. 15 and Jan. 15 to holders of record June 30, Sept. 30 and Dec. 31, respectively.

Balance Sheet December 31.

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Capital assets.....	\$13,569,528	12,861,751	Preferred stock.....	6,500,000	6,500,000
Inv in subs.....	5,620,790	4,807,708	Common stock.....	17,012,850	16,118,800
Government secur.....	4,369,609	4,369,609	Accounts payable.....	2,018,827	1,700,959
Inventories.....	4,996,165	4,084,499	Accts. tax, &c.....	697,462	75,732
Notes receivable.....	546,792	433,035	Sundry credits.....	1,222,626	2,865,009
Accts. rec., less res 6,974,406	5,833,622	5,833,622	Dividends payable.....	607,866	419,855
Cash.....	2,347,484	2,646,651	Empl. stock subs.....	145,141	162,529
Good will, &c.....	1	1	Fed. tax reserves.....	b	825,000
Deferred charges.....	249,144	626,283	Other reserve.....	2,510,001	1,646,565
			Surplus.....	7,682,147	5,348,710

Total (ea. side) 38,673,920 35,663,159

a After deducting depreciation. b Includes Fed. tax reserves.

The income account was published in V. 122, p. 1777.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders on April 26 Chairman W. D. Baldwin said in substance: "During the first four months of the year orders have been in excess of the same period of last year. We have sufficient orders on our books to give us a successful year in 1926."

"Business in 1925 was about 20% higher than the preceding year. Considerable improvement and extensions were made in the Quincy and Yonkers plants. Completion of improvements at the Yonkers plant enabled the company to take care of the great rush of work obtained last year. During 1926 it is planned to make some improvement in the Harrison and Quincy plants, but it is not expected these improvements will run into a large sum."

"The Canadian business has made a notable comeback since the start of the year. Large orders have been received from department stores. Our English company paid 8% on its stock in 1925 to the Otis Elevator Co., and its earnings were considerably more. Losses in Germany and France were smaller the past year than for some years previous. I expect European business will work out satisfactorily."

"On Jan. 1 we had 10,088 employees, the largest number in our history. Plants are running at full capacity."—V. 122, p. 1777.

Otis Steel Co.—Earnings.—

3 Mos. End. Mar. 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.
Manufacturing profits.....	\$1,462,565	\$844,861	\$706,622
Expenses, taxes, &c.....	303,609	271,415	291,145
Operating profit.....	\$1,158,956	\$573,446	\$415,477
Other income.....	43,738	20,671	33,622
Total income.....	\$1,202,694	\$594,117	\$449,099
Interest, discount, &c.....	296,976	285,459	281,644
Subsidiary companies.....	Dr.17,074	Cr14,605	Cr6,616
Net profit before depreciation....	\$888,644	\$323,263	\$174,071

—V. 122, p. 2204, 2054.

Pacific Fire Insurance Co.—Extra Dividends.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 75 cents per share, payable April 28 to holders of record April 27.—V. 121, p. 3015.

Paige-Detroit Motor Co.—Earnings.—

Income Account for Quarter Ended March 31 1926.

Sales, \$17,399,927; costs and expenses, \$16,801,971; balance.....	\$597,956
Miscell. charges (net), \$13,587; Federal taxes, \$79,000; total.....	92,587
Net income.....	\$505,369
The net income of \$505,369 for 1926 compares with \$800,282 for the same period of 1925.—V. 122, p. 1927, 1465.	

Parker Mills, Fall River, Mass.—Reorganization Plan Approved.—

The stockholders on April 29 approved the plan of reorganization as outlined in V. 122, p. 2204; V. 121, p. 2414.

Pathe Exchange, Inc.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after May 1 1926 of 11,000 additional shares of Class A common stock with out par value (auth., 200,000 shares), on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend, or on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied for 200,733 shares Class A common stock.

On March 30 1926 the directors declared on the Class A common stock and on the Class B common stock a cash dividend of 75 cents per share and a dividend of 5% payable in Class A common stock without par value on May 1 1926 to Class A and Class B stockholders of record April 20.

Earnings for Last Three Years.

Year.	Gross.	Net Earnings.	Interest.	Deprec.	Fed. Tax.	Balance.
1923.....	\$14,851,373	\$1,454,080	\$138,251	\$93,761	\$60,180	\$1,161,889
1924.....	16,459,386	1,660,940	125,722	96,463	126,145	1,312,610
1925.....	18,151,827	1,786,984	121,338	97,172	136,716	1,431,758

—V. 122, p. 1927.

Peerless Plush Mfg. Co., Paterson, N. J.—Bond Call.—

The company will on May 1 redeem at 105 and int. \$20,000 of 1st mtge. 7% serial gold bonds, dated Nov. 1 1923 (Nos. D-661 to D-700 incl.). Payment will be made at the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., 233 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 117, p. 2332.

Penick & Ford, Ltd., Inc.—Earnings.—

Quarters Ended March 31—	1926.	1925.
Gross earnings.....	\$1,125,246	\$1,237,273
Expenses.....	526,289	525,814
Depreciation.....	122,797	157,500
Interest.....	60,599	64,494
Net income before Federal taxes.....	\$415,561	\$489,465

—V. 122, p. 1323, 894.

Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Corp.—Earnings.—

Period—	Month of March—		3 Mos. End. Mar. 31—	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Gross earnings.....	\$521,160	\$475,197	\$1,846,258	\$1,552,432
Oper. exp. & taxes (excl. Federal taxes).....	539,848	480,844	1,793,328	1,628,465
Operating income.....	loss\$18,688	loss\$5,647	\$52,931	loss\$76,033
Miscellaneous income.....	14,096	16,569	54,637	50,724
Gross income.....	loss\$4,592	\$10,921	\$107,568	def\$25,309
Deprec. & depletion.....	24,554	24,170	81,806	75,538
Other charges.....	17,325	17,662	45,967	57,837
Net inc. bef. Fed. tax.	def\$46,471	def\$30,910	def\$20,205	def\$158,685
—V. 122, p. 1182, 1777.				

Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co.—Stock Decreased.—Earnings.—

The stockholders on April 20 voted to decrease the authorized number of shares of capital stock from 444,500 to 428,750 of which 100,000 shares are preferred stock, par \$100, and 328,750 shares are no-par-value common stock.

This decrease represents the 15,750 shares of prior preference stock (par \$100) which the company retired on Oct. 1 1925.

Quar. End. Mar. 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
x Net earnings.....	\$687,846	\$550,964	\$378,110	\$430,527
Depreciation.....	204,590	192,984	175,569	190,204
Net earnings.....	\$483,256	\$357,980	\$202,541	\$240,323
Misc. inc. charges and prov. for int. on notes and debentures.....	154,274	157,564	123,812	135,261

Net income for period..... \$328,982 \$200,416 \$78,729 \$105,058
x After deducting all expenses of operation, including those for repairs and maintenance, but before deductions for depreciation of property and equipment.—V. 122, p. 1777, 1301.

Pierce Oil Corp.—To Decrease Stock, &c.—

The stockholders will vote May 10 on amending the certificate of incorporation so as to effect:

(a) The decrease of the authorized capital stock so that the capital stock shall be of the minimum par value of \$1,000 and of the maximum par value of \$44,433,000, and so that the number of shares into which the capital stock shall be divided shall be 1,332,990, consisting of 143,110 shares of 8% cumulative convertible pref. stock, par \$100 each, and 1,184,880 shares of common stock, par \$25 each;

(b) The elimination from the certificate of incorporation of all references to rights of conversion of the 8% cum. conv. pref. stock, or to exchanges of such pref. stock for, or the conversion thereof into, class "B" com. stock;

(c) The elimination from the certificate of incorporation of all reference to class "B" common stock and stock reserved for future issue; and

(d) The elimination from the certificate of incorporation of the provisions therein contained with respect to the conversion of \$9,200,000 of common stock in exchange for and on conversion of \$9,200,000 of outstanding 6% convertible debentures and \$2,056,250 of common stock in exchange for and on conversion of \$1,645,000 of outstanding 5-year 6% conv. gold notes of the corporation.

Pres. William H. Coverdale, April 16, said in part:

The proceedings referred to above are designed to reduce the amount of annual franchise tax. In addition to 143,110 shares of issued and outstanding pref. stock and 1,184,880 shares of issued and outstanding common stock of the corporation, in the hands of the public, there are in the treasury 1,890 shares of pref. stock and 33,257 shares of common stock, and there is unissued common stock and class "B" common stock of the par value of \$23,377,168. It is accordingly proposed to reduce the authorized capital of the corporation by the amount of this treasury stock and authorized but unissued common stock, viz., a total of \$23,567,000.

The class "B" common stock was originally authorized mainly for the purpose of allowing for conversion of the pref. stock. This conversion right has long since expired, and no useful purpose is served by having the company authorized to issue the class "B" common stock. It is estimated that the proposed action will reduce taxes about \$2,000 per year.

Loses Submarine Claim.—

See Standard Oil Co., New York, above.—V. 121, p. 3 16.

Pierce Petroleum Corp. (& Subs.).—Annual Report.—		
Calendar Years—		
	1925.	1924.
Gross profit.....	\$8,193,137	\$6,903,461
Marketing, gen. & admin. expenses.....	7,149,375	6,299,068
Interest.....	194,571	273,249
Provision for uncollectible acc'ts receivable.....	42,950	99,000
Depreciation.....	706,141	609,613
75% share of earnings of Consol. Pipe Line Co.....	ac'r. 107,188	

Net profit.....\$207,288 loss\$377,471
 a Since acquisition of stock in 1924, including a cash div. of \$48,000.
 x During first 4 months Pierce Oil Corp., and remaining 8 months Pierce Petroleum Corp. y This amount comprises a loss of \$511,187 for the period May 1 1924 to Dec. 31 1924, subsequent to the reorganization of the company, less a profit of \$133,716 for the period Jan. 1 1924 to Apr. 30 1924.

Income Account for Quarters Ended March 31.		
	1926.	1925.
Gross profit.....	\$1,781,949	\$1,958,400
General administrative expenses, &c.....	1,632,627	1,620,212
Int. & exps. on funded and floating debt.....	55,610	36,903
Provision for uncollectible accounts.....	18,000	34,300
Depreciation.....	230,301	157,948
Net profit.....	\$154,588	\$109,037

—V. 122, p. 762.

Pocasset Mfg. Co., Fall River.—Offer for Control.—The directors now have under consideration an offer of \$25 per share for the controlling interest in the stock of the corporation, 6,001 shares from each of two syndicates.

Acting as counsel for the company, L. Elmer Wood issued the following statement on April 28: "In the matter of the offer of out-of-town interests to purchase this company's stock the time for acceptance and deposit of certificates with the National Shawmut Bank, Boston, has been extended under the terms of the agreement to May 4 next. This offer is, as it has been from the beginning, an offer to purchase all of the stock of the company, but not less than a controlling interest therein. A large amount of stock is now deposited with the National Shawmut Bank. There are two offers now pending for purchase of the controlling interest. Both cannot succeed. The directors are informed that the out-of-town purchasers will pay the company's indebtedness and put a large amount of capital into the plant."—V. 122, p. 762.

Pressed Steel Car Co.—Initial Preferred Dividend.—The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 1½% on the new 7% cum. pref. stock, payable July 1 to stock of record May 29. The old non-cum. pref. stock was recently exchanged for stock of the new issue (see V. 122, p. 623).

The company in an announcement says: "As this dividend will be paid only on the new cum. pref. shares resulting from the merger with the Western Steel Car & Foundry Co. and not on the old pref. stock existing prior to the merger, holders of old stock in order to receive the dividend should exchange the same for shares of new cum. pref. prior to May 29 1926."—V. 122, p. 1466.

Punta Alegre Sugar Co.—New President.—William O. Douglas, formerly Vice-Pres. in charge of operations, has been elected President, succeeding R. W. Atkins. Mr. Atkins has also resigned as a director.—V. 122, p. 361.

Pure Oil Co.—Extra Dividend of 12½ Cents.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 12½c. per share on the common stock, par \$25, in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of 37½c. per share, both payable June 1 to holders of record May 10. An extra dividend of like amount was paid on the common stock on Mar. 1 last.—V. 122, p. 1182.

Ray Consolidated Copper Co.—Sale of Assets to Nevada for \$46,157,685 Debentures.—The stockholders will vote May 26 on authorizing the sale to Nevada Consolidated Copper Co. of all the properties, assets, rights, privileges and franchises of this company as an entirety to be paid for by: (a) \$46,157,685 of Nevada Consolidated Copper Co.'s 15-year 5% debentures, to bear date July 1 1926, with interest adjustment from or to the date of transfer of the properties; (b) Nevada Consolidated Copper Co.'s assumption of all liabilities and obligations of this company.

If said sale be authorized (a) to authorize and instruct the directors or officers to distribute the proceeds of such sale pro rata among the stockholders of this company, and (b) to vote to dissolve this company.

President Sherwood Aldrich in a letter to stockholders April 26 says:

By unanimous vote of all the stock represented at the meeting March 26 last (which was a large majority of the total outstanding stock of the company), such plan was approved and adopted, subject to adjustment as necessary to equalize the dividends declared by the two companies subsequent to the time when the purchase of the properties of Ray by Nevada was proposed. The accomplishment of the plan was left to the discretion of the directors and officers.

On the same day the stockholders of Nevada approved and adopted that plan in a similar manner, and authorized its accomplishment, for that company, by the directors and officers thereof, in their discretion. Pending the consummation of the plan some stockholders of this company have expressed a desire to receive instead of the share of Nevada for a share of Ray (as originally planned), negotiable debentures, a direct money obligation of Nevada. Others of the stockholders would prefer to have a share interest in Nevada. The Nevada directors are willing to pay Ray in debentures, and voluntarily to give any individual debenture holder a privilege of receiving Nevada shares in exchange for his debentures, if he shall so desire.

Under the plan thus proposed all the properties and assets of Ray will be sold to Nevada. The latter will pay therefor (a) by delivering to Ray \$46,157,685 principal amount of Nevada's 15-year 5% debentures, and (b) by assuming all the obligations of Ray. Such \$46,157,685 represents \$15 in debentures for each outstanding share of Ray.

Effective upon distribution of the debentures by Ray to its stockholders, Nevada will voluntarily give each debenture holder the privilege at his option to exchange his debenture or debentures for stock of Nevada, without par value, at the rate of one share—plus 25c. in cash to equalize dividends—for each \$15 face value of the debentures. Such option of exchange may be exercised up to July 1 1927.

The essence of the foregoing is that after the accomplishment of the plan, you may either keep the debentures which you will have received, or if you shall desire to do so, you may procure a share of Nevada and 25c. in cash for each \$15 of debentures received under the plan. All of the largest stockholders have expressed themselves as intending to make use of this privilege.—V. 122, p. 2054.

Real Silk Hosiery Mills, Inc.—Sells Interest in Thieme Brothers.—

Announcement was made April 13 by the corporation of the sale of its controlling interest in the Thieme Brothers Hosiery Co. of Fort Wayne, Ind., manufacturers of full fashioned hosiery to the Munsingwear Corp., who already have a plant in Fort Wayne. The sale became effective April 15. The official announcement says:

"The sale was made on a basis that shows a slight net profit to the corporation over the amount that it had previously paid for the stock, and in addition the corporation has had the full benefit of the production and profits of the Thieme Bros. plant for practically a year. The Thieme Bros. has 2,500 shares of common stock, of which the Real Silk Mills owned 2,200.

"The purchase of the Thieme plant by the Real Silk company a year ago was for the purpose of enabling the company to expand the full fashioned hosiery branch of its business quickly. Some few months ago the company

decided to build a full fashioned plant in Indianapolis, adjoining its other mills. This new plant having been built in anticipation of the sale of its interest in the Thieme company. The new plant in Indianapolis is now practically completed, and machinery, some of which was originally intended to be shipped to the Fort Wayne plant, has been diverted to the Indianapolis plant and is already in process of erection in Indianapolis. The money that the Real Silk company will receive for its holdings in the Thieme company will pay for the new mill in Indianapolis with its machinery, so that financially there is no difference in fixed assets, except that they are located in Indianapolis now instead of Fort Wayne."

A dispatch from Minneapolis this week says that the Munsingwear Corp. has also acquired the remaining 300 shares of common stock of the Thieme company.—V. 121, p. 3141.

Remington Arms Co., Inc.—New Directors.—John A. Garver, of Sherman & Sterling, and Matthew C. Brush, Pres. of the American International Corp., have been elected directors.—V. 122, p. 1182.

Replough Steel Co.—Quarterly Earnings.—				
	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Sales, ry. oper. rev. and other income.....	\$1,254,202	\$1,107,644		Not available
Costs and expenses.....	987,915	924,239		
Total income.....	\$266,287	\$183,405	loss\$91,549	loss\$19,774
Miscellaneous charges.....	101,110	99,390		
Depreciation.....	51,594	65,791	91,500	73,759
Federal taxes.....	13,102			
Net income.....	\$100,481	\$18,224 loss\$183,049	loss\$93,533	

Comparative Balance Sheet.				
	Mar. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Mar. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Prop., plants, &c.....	16,058,666	16,074,518	Capital stock.....	x16,450,090
Cash.....	563,673	1,141,660	Funded debt.....	2,210,000
Call loans.....	700,000		Acc'ts. & wages pay.....	300,591
Accts. & notes rec.....	986,926	930,806	Unmat. int. acc'r.....	78,045
Accts. rec. affil. cos.....	19,452	1,952	Accr. taxes, &c.....	56,717
Cash with trustee.....	2,077,072	2,124,228	Due to affil. cos.....	21
Inventories.....	243,356	242,226	Reserves.....	404,594
Investments.....	307,131	245,489	Surplus.....	1,456,217
Def'd charges, &c.....				1,368,593
Total.....	20,956,276	20,780,370	Total.....	20,956,276

x Represented by 500,000 shares of no par value.—V. 122, p. 1622, 1182.

Ridgeview Coal Co.—Receivership.—The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh and S. A. Taylor have been appointed permanent receivers.

Rochester (N. Y.) Button Co.—Bonds Offered.—Bond & Goodwin, Inc., Sweet, Fearey & Co., Inc., and J. A. Ritchie & Co., Inc., are offering at 99½% and int., yielding over 6½%, \$1,000,000 1st (closed) mtge. 15-year 6½% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated April 1 1926; due April 1 1941. Int. payable A. & O. at Seaboard National Bank, New York, trustee, without deduction for Federal normal income tax not in excess of 2%. Penna. and Conn. 4-mills taxes, Maryland securities tax not in excess of 4½ mills per annum, and the Mass. income tax not in excess of 6% per annum refunded. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Callable as a whole, or in part by lot, on any int. date on 30 days notice at 100 and int. plus a premium of 5% to and incl. April 1 1931, the premium decreasing thereafter ½% in each succeeding 12 months period to and incl. April 1 1940, after which date no premium is payable.

Sinking Fund.—Indenture will provide for semi-annual sinking fund payments in increasing amounts beginning Feb. 15 1927, calculated to retire 70% of the issue prior to maturity.

Capitalization.—1st (closed) mtge. 15-year 6½% s. f. gold bonds (this issue).....\$1,000,000

Preferred stock, 7% cumulative (par \$100 per share).....931,000

Common stock (represented by 45,700 shares no par value).....1,415,258

Data from Letter of Nelson Sage, Pres. of Company, Dated April 27.

Company.—Has been formed in New York to acquire the business and assets (except certain securities, accounts and other property not required in the conduct of the business) of Rochester Button Co. (old company), Superior Ivory Button Co. and Shantz Button Corp. These three companies engaged in the manufacture of ivory buttons for the garment trade. Their product is sold in the principal markets of this country and through agencies in several foreign countries. Ivory buttons, made from vegetable ivory nuts, are used for the greater proportion of men's suits and overcoats and very largely for women's clothing. Each company now makes a different grade of button and combined operation by the new company will permit the manufacture and sale of a complete line, making possible substantial economies.

Security.—Secured by a closed first mortgage on all the land, buildings, fixtures, machinery and equipment to be acquired by the company through this financing. The mortgage will also extend to after-acquired property, subject to any existing or purchase money liens. The fixed assets to be presently taken over, as appraised on Feb. 1 1926, had a sound value of \$2,217,767. Based on this appraisal and giving effect, as of Feb. 15 1926, to the completion of the present financing, tangible assets, after deducting all liabilities except these bonds, amounted to \$3,240,351, or more than 3 times the principal amount of this issue, and net current assets alone amounted to \$1,022,584.

Earnings Years Ended Dec. 31.					
	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.
[Rochester Button Co. (old company) and Superior Ivory Button Co.]					
Net sales.....	2,252,490	1,452,216	1,528,241	1,621,834	1,790,627

*Consol. net earnings.....240,670 129,556 216,137 142,592 176,341 328,204

*After eliminating certain non-recurring income and expenses, and after depreciation, but before Federal taxes.

For the year ended Dec. 31 1925, consolidated net earnings (above) of these companies and Shantz Button Corp. amounted to \$357,355, or more than 5.4 times these interest charges, and over 3.2 times such combined interest and sinking fund charges.

Purpose.—Proceeds of these bonds will be used to pay in part for the business and assets to be acquired by the company and for working capital.

St. Louis Rocky Mountain & Pacific Co.—Earnings.—

Quarters Ended March 31—			
	1926.	1925.	1924.
Gross earnings.....	\$626,629	\$564,087	\$653,136
Expenses, taxes, &c.....	430,139	406,979	507,840
Interest, &c.....	54,125	54,882	53,816
Depreciation and depletion.....	65,538	54,261	60,881

Net income.....\$76,826 \$37,964 \$30,598

—V. 122, p. 2055, 1466.

(The) Salt's Textile Manufacturing Co.—Receiver Appointed—Bondholders Protective Committee.—W. P. Smith has been appointed receiver for this company.

In a letter to the holders of the 1st mtge. 15-year 8% sinking fund gold bonds, dated June 1 1921, the committee (below) says:

The shortage of working capital apparent on an examination of the financial statements (below) together with the unsatisfactory results from operations, which have continued to date, have prompted the company to inform its fiscal agents and trustee that it will not be able to make the next interest and sinking fund payments, both due June 1 1926.

It is imperative that the holders of the bonds unite for the enforcement and protection of their rights. All bondholders are requested to deliver or forward their bonds to one of the following appointed Depositories: American Trust Co., New York; National Bank of the Republic, Chicago; First National Bank, Bridgeport, Conn.

Committee.—Richard P. Matthiessen, Chairman (Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.); Harry E. Towle (W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc.); John M. Hincks (Hincks Bros. & Co.) with James D. Flaherty, Sec., 39 Broadway, New York City and O'Brien, Boardman, Parker & Fox, Counsel, 120 Broadway, New York City.

Consolidated Income Account Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.

Loss on operations for the year	\$275,203
Interest on first mortgage bonds	231,784
Other interest charges, less interest received	134,973
Amortiz. of bond disc., less disc. on bonds retired during the year	26,923
Reduction of inventories to estimated realizable values at Dec. 31 1925	242,440
Loss on sale of European investments, \$29,137; provision for bad debts, \$77,076; total	106,213
Loss on sales of fixed assets	896,182
Total deficit for year	\$1,913,718
Profit and loss deficit at Dec. 31 1924	1,963,173
Profit and loss deficit at Dec. 31 1925	\$3,876,891

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec 31 1925.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$73,581	Bank loans	\$95,000
Notes & accts. rec., less res.	32,047	Loans from co.'s factor	c1,622,354
Inventories	a2,483,650	Trade creditors, accr. bond int.	492,932
Cash & securities with trustees	376,697	Reserve for taxes	100,871
Good-will, patents and trade-marks	1	1st Mtge. Ss, 1936	2,797,300
Land, buildings & equipment	b6,071,632	Net worth	d4,219,185
Unamort. bond discount and prepaid expenses	290,084		
Total	\$9,327,693	Total	\$9,327,693

a Of finished goods, materials in process, raw materials and supplies on hand or consigned at Dec. 31 1925, at not more than the lower of cost or market (of which \$1,205,062 was pledged to secure loans, per contra). b At sound values at May 31 1921, as appraised by Ford, Bacon & Davis plus subsequent additions at cost, \$7,311,522; less reserve for depreciation, \$1,239,890. c Partially secured by goods pledged, per contra. d Capital stock: First preferred 8% cumulative, \$2,280,000; dividend warrants convertible into first pref. stock, \$73,134; second pref. 7% cumulative, \$1,900,000; common, \$1,000,000. Capital surplus arising from revaluation of properties in 1921, less charges thereto including dividends to assenting first preferred stockholders in form of warrants convertible into first preferred stock (\$210,134), \$2,842,041; total, \$8,096,075; less profit and loss deficit, \$3,876,891.

Contingent Liabilities, &c.—(a) Redemption contracts, 1926-1927, \$90,000; (b) dividends were in arrears on first preferred 8% cumulative stock to holders not accepting stock dividend warrants therefor, \$140,288; dividends accrued on second preferred 7% cumulative stock amounted to 36 1-6%; (c) income and excess profits taxes for the year ending Dec. 31 1919, have not been finally determined.

Savage Arms Co.—Earnings.

Quarter Ended March 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.
Net profit after deprec., taxes, &c.	\$69,526	loss\$20,176	\$67,099

Servel Corp. (Del.)—Plan Consummated.

See Serv-el Corp. (Va.) below.—V. 122, p. 2342.

Serv-el Corp. (Va.)—Recapitalization Plan Consummated.

Pres. H. G. Scott April 24 announced that the recapitalization of the corporation under its plan and agreement (V. 122, p. 1623) dated March 10 1926, has been consummated and that the Servel Corp. (of Del.) has succeeded to the properties and business of the Virginia corporation as contemplated by the plan.

Stock certificates of the new Delaware corporation are now ready for delivery to holders of certificates of deposit under the plan, as well as to holders of outstanding certificates for class A stock and voting trust certificates for class B stock of the Virginia corporation upon deposit of their certificates with the Central Union Trust Co., depository, 80 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 122, p. 2342, 1623.

Standard Oil Co., New York.—Loses Submarine Claim.

The German-American Claims Commission has dismissed the claims of the Standard Oil Co. of New York and two other concerns for losses aggregating \$4,576,832, alleged to have been sustained in the sinking of tanker steamships by German submarines, according to a decision handed down today by Judge Edwin B. Parker as umpire of the Mixed Claims Commission handling American claims against Germany. The Standard Oil Co. claimed \$1,080,322, the Sun Oil Co. of Philadelphia \$1,782,020, and the Pierce Oil Corp. of New York \$814,480 as balances due. The three claims were considered together.

Seven tankers were involved, all owned by British corporations, subsidiaries of the claimants. The tankers had been requisitioned by the British Government and were being operated by the British subsidiaries of the claimants for the British Government at the time they were destroyed. Under the terms of the requisitions, Great Britain agreed to pay the owners the value of their tankers at the time of loss if lost through risk of war. Judge Parker said that Great Britain did, in fact, pay the British subsidiaries of the claimants \$6,030,668, representing the value of the tankers as requisitioned vessels at the time of their loss.—V. 122, p. 2206.

Sun Oil Co.—Loses Submarine Claim.

See Standard Oil Co., New York, above.—V. 122, p. 1624.

Superior Steel Corp.—Resumes Dividends.—The directors on April 27 declared a dividend of 50c. a share on the capital stock, payable June 1 to holders of record May 15. From May 1 1924 to Feb. 2 1925 incl. the company paid quarterly divs. of 75c. a share; none since.

Quarters Ended March 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.
Net sales	\$2,233,908	\$1,486,784	\$2,081,170
Expenses, &c.	1,973,886	1,436,567	1,874,033
Balance	\$260,022	\$50,217	\$207,137
Other income	19,427	18,374	21,194
Total income	\$279,449	\$68,591	\$228,331
Depreciation, interest, &c.	89,569	89,692	
Tax reserve	35,627	8,700	29,885
Other reserves	2,266	1,508	
Net profit.	\$151,987	loss\$31,309	\$198,446

Symington Company.—Quarterly Earnings.

Quarters Ended March 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.
Net after expenses	\$248,162	\$352,279	
Other income	5,345	3,584	
Total income	\$253,507	\$355,863	
Interest, &c.	25,487	11,458	
Federal taxes	29,643	43,051	
Net profit.	\$198,377	\$301,354	

Tecumseh (Cotton) Mills, Fall River.—Liquidating Div. The directors have declared a liquidating dividend of 10%. This will make a total of 126% paid to stockholders since the sale of the corporation to the Davol Mills.—V. 121, p. 1472.

Telautograph Corp.—Earnings.

Quarters Ended March 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.
Gross income	\$166,142	\$142,766	\$127,661
Administrative expense	10,754	9,608	9,979
Selling expense	24,256	19,819	17,201
Installation	8,002	7,842	6,801
Maintenance	37,475	33,863	32,273
Engineering	3,707	3,732	4,067
Depreciation	25,090	21,338	24,732
Miscell. exps. & extraord. items	1,472	1,981	3,349
Taxes other than Federal taxes	2,352	1,374	3,267
Federal taxes (estimated)	6,174	5,357	3,789
Net profit.	\$46,968	\$37,850	\$22,102

—V. 122, p. 1779, 1184.

Texas & Pacific Coal & Oil Co.—Earnings.

3 Months Ended March 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.
Gross income	\$1,729,757	\$1,313,799	\$1,491,058
Expenses	1,029,679	823,448	891,250
Operating profit	\$700,077	\$490,351	\$599,808
Other income	120,789	44,190	29,880
Total income	\$820,867	\$534,541	\$629,688
Deductions	46,345	41,415	48,014
Net income before deprec. & deplet.	\$774,522	\$493,126	\$581,674

—V. 122, p. 2206, 495.

Texon Oil & Land Co.—To Receive Dividends.

The Group No. 1 Oil Corp. has declared three dividends of \$250 a share each, payable on May 10, June 10 and July 10 to holders of record on May 1, June 1 and July 1, respectively. The Texon Oil & Land Co. owns a substantial interest in the Group No. 1 Oil Corp.—V. 122, p. 1779.

Thatcher Mfg. Co., Elmira, N. Y.—Stock Reduced.

The company has filed a certificate at Albany, N. Y., reducing its authorized common stock of no par value from 130,000 shares (all one class) to 80,000 shares of which 7,000 shall be class A and 8,000 class B. The company also has an authorized issue of \$1,000,000 preferred stock, par \$100.—V. 120, p. 2413.

Transue & Williams Steel Forging Corp.—Bal. Sheet.

Assets—	Mar. 31 '26	Dec. 31 '25	Liabilities—	Mar. 31 '26	Dec. 31 '25
Property & plant (after deprec.)	\$1,024,330	\$1,018,981	Cap. stk. (no par)	\$500,000	\$550,000
Cash	167,179	44,315	Accounts payable	225,623	319,204
Accts. receivable	410,560	534,504	Accr. taxes, &c.	36,572	16,921
Inventory	789,738	689,016	Divs. payable	50,000	50,000
Other assets	26,579		Prov. for est. Fed. taxes & reserve for contingencies		24,196
Prepaid exp., &c.	157,387		Surplus assets	2,500,000	2,450,000
Securities owned	1,289,815	1,349,638	Profit & loss surp.	368,427	410,098
Total	\$3,681,622	\$3,820,419	Total	\$3,681,622	\$3,820,419

—V. 122, p. 2343, 763.

Union Carbide & Carbon Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Quarters Ended March 31—	1926.	1925.
Earnings (after prov. for income & other taxes)	\$8,014,561	\$6,319,622
Int. on funded debt & divs. on pref. stock of sub. cos.	306,439	256,989
Depreciation and other charges (est.)	1,926,126	1,800,382
Balance, surplus	\$5,781,995	\$4,262,251

—V. 122, p. 1908, 1185.

United Alloy Steel Corp.—Chairman.

Harry Coulby of Pickands, Mathen & Co., and President of the Interlake Steamship Co., has been elected Chairman. Other officers were re-elected. The following executive committee was chosen: Harry S. Coulby, C. S. Eaton and J. O. Eaton.—V. 122, p. 2343.

United Drug Co.—Quarterly Report.

Quarters Ended March 31—	1926.	1925.
Sales	\$21,550,743	\$18,222,419
Cost of goods sold	14,660,942	12,466,864
Operating expenses	4,626,474	4,087,461
Merchandising profit	\$2,263,327	\$1,668,094
Other income	288,484	114,754
Total operating profit	\$2,551,811	\$1,782,848
Depreciation, current tax, &c.	403,066	372,215
Interest on bonds and notes	235,410	247,353
Preferred dividends	569,839	300,938
Common dividends	616,578	550,211
Miscellaneous adjustments	31,164	
Net addition to surplus	\$695,754	\$312,131

Balance Sheet March 31.

Assets—	1926.	1925.	Liabilities—	1926.	1925.
Real est. & bldgs. (owned in fee)	6,624,960	5,723,605	Capital stock:		
Bldgs. & impts. to leaseholds	5,454,945	4,519,233	1st preferred	32,557,400	29,356,700
Mach., furn., &c.	11,123,157	10,504,531	2d preferred		127,300
Stock in oth. cos	26,140,111	27,009,419	Common	35,279,000	36,746,600
Tr.-mks., pat'ts, formulae, &c.	22,793,689	22,793,689	Stks. of sub. cos.	11,100	800,700
Cash	6,251,244	2,756,800	Real est. mtges.	1,349,000	1,029,000
Notes & accts. receivable	8,860,847	7,747,353	5 1/2-yr. 8% mtges.	1,962,500	2,002,000
Merchandise	17,963,477	15,940,393	20-yr. 6% bonds	12,500,000	12,500,000
Advances & suspense accts.	1,763,541	1,135,794	Cur. accts. pay.	4,328,253	3,758,803
Total	106,975,971	98,130,822	Notes pay. by subsidiaries		650,000
			Reserves	7,647,291	5,832,575
			Surplus	11,341,427	5,327,143
Total	106,975,971	98,130,822			

—V. 122, p. 1469, 1019.

United Dyewood Corp.—Annual Report.

Income Account (of Holding Company) for Calendar Years.	1925.	1924.
Dividends received from subsidiaries	\$466,774	\$656,106
Other income	63,668	50,614
Total income	\$530,442	\$706,720
Gen. & admin. expenses, and foreign taxes	89,343	110,884
Net income	\$441,099	\$595,836
Preferred dividends	271,250	261,625
Common dividends		(3%)417,549
Surplus	\$169,849	def\$83,338
Profit & loss surplus	1,030,189	914,458

Consol. Income Account (Subsidiary Companies) for Calendar Years.

	1925.	1924.
Net profit from operations	\$673,638	\$732,255
Other income	22,040	20,294
Total income	\$695,678	\$752,549
Depreciation, interest, Federal taxes, &c.	256,239	292,911
General reserves	152,476	124,166
Dividends	455,568	701,989
Deficit	\$168,605	\$366,517
Profit and loss surplus	\$2,217,172	\$2,639,800

* Equity of United Dyewood Corp. amounted to \$2,256,528.—V. 121, p. 1802.

United Oil Producers Corp.—Default Notice.

The bondholders protective committee (Joseph De Wyckoff, Chairman) of the United Oil Producers Corp. 8% bonds and the Oil Lease Development Co. 8% gold bonds April 28 gave notice of default to each of the trustees on the respective deeds of trust. Sufficient bonds have been deposited under the terms of the agreement of June 1 1925 to give this notice. Additional bonds may be deposited with the depositories, Empire Trust Co., New York, or the Oakland Savings & Trust Co., Pittsburgh. F. K. Bosworth, 120 Broadway, New York City, is Secretary of the committee.—V. 120, p. 596.

United States Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry Co.—

Chairman L. R. Lemoine died April 23.—V. 122, p. 1604.

United States Distributing Corp.—Earnings.

Quarters Ended March 31—	1926.	1925.
Net income after deprec., int. & Federal taxes	\$291,163	\$128,478

—V. 122, p. 1325, 1185.

United States Finishing Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Land, bldgs., machinery, &c.	8,039,809	8,007,609	Preferred stock	3,600,000	3,600,000
Copper rollers	514,471	508,627	Common stock	4,000,000	4,000,000
Cash	317,461	315,936	Bonded debt	1,604,000	1,671,000
Accts. receivable	973,307	973,252	Notes payable	500,000	400,000
Notes receivable	11,850	24,464	Accounts payable	267,119	277,507
Inventories	962,662	947,978	Pay-roll and taxes	93,424	145,304
Lib'y Loan bonds	98,344	98,344	Interest accrued	40,100	41,775
Employees' stock purchase notes	146,090	180,595	Reserve for Federal taxes	38,076	4,825
Sinking fund	10,605	8,846	Dividends payable	133,000	143,000
Furniture & fixtures			Surplus	1,779,178	1,774,124
—N. Y. office	7,999	8,202			
Insur. prem. prep'd	92,249	94,706			
Investments	x\$71,001	\$76,701			
Deferred expenses	9,049	12,275			

* Queen Dyeing Co., 7,500 shares common at \$100 each, \$750,000; the C. P. Darling Co., 1,000 shares at \$120 each, \$120,000; other securities, \$1,001.—V. 121, p. 88.

United States Hoffman Machinery Corp.—Extra Dividend of 25 Cents.—The directors on April 28 declared an extra dividend of 25 cents a share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents a share on the common stock, both payable June 1 to holders of record May 20. In Dec. 1925 and March last, regular quarterly dividends of 75 cents a share were paid on the common stock.

Results for Quarter Ended March 31—

Net earnings, before am't of pats. & inc. taxes	1926.	1925.
	\$374,750	\$340,172

There is no bonded debt, and all bank loans were recently paid off. The pref. stock has been either converted into common stock for retired, leaving only one class of stock outstanding.—V. 122, p. 1185.

United States Steel Corp.—Common Stock Placed on a 7% Annual Dividend Basis.—The directors on April 27, after the close of business, declared a quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on the outstanding \$508,302,500 common stock, par \$100, payable June 29 to holders of record June 1. From March 29 1924 to March 30 1926 incl. the company paid regular quarterly dividends of 1 1/4% each, and in addition an extra distribution of 1/2 of 1% each quarter, on the common stock.

Cash Dividends Paid on Common Stock Since 1909.

	'10.	'11.	'13.	'14.	'15.	'16.	'17.	'18.	'19.	'20.	'22.	'23.	'24.	'25.	'26.
Regular	5 1/2	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Extra						2 1 1/4	1 1								x 3

* Including 1 3/4% declared payable June 29.

The regular quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on the outstanding \$360,281,100 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, has also been declared, payable May 29 to holders of record May 3.

The financial statement of the Corporation and subsidiary companies for the quarter ending March 31 will be found under "Financial Reports" above.

New Officer.—John Hulst has been elected a Vice-President to succeed John Rice, who resigned recently.—V. 122, p. 2343.

(S. S.) White Dental Mfg. Co.—Rejects Offer.—

The stockholders rejected April 27 an offer to sell the assets of the company to Dillon, Read & Co. A vote of 27,866 shares to 14,455 was recorded against a proposal "that the board of directors shall call a special meeting of the shareholders to act upon the acceptance or rejection of the offer submitted for the purchase of assets of the company."

An offer of \$5,000,000 for the assets, it is stated, was made by Dillon, Read & Co. E. Naumber & Co. of New York also were interested in the offer.—V. 118, p. 3210.

Wickwire Spencer Steel Co.—Earnings.—

3 Mos. End. Mar. 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net earnings	\$532,888	\$581,525	\$541,415	\$805,868
Net income after bond interest and deprec.	53,706	174,881	155,189	417,207

—V. 121, p. 2535.

Willoughby Bldg., Brooklyn, N. Y.—Bonds.—

Permanent 1st mtge. 6 1/2% real estate gold bond certificates are now ready for delivery at the Fidelity Trust Co. of New York. See V. 122, p. 2076.

Wilson & Co., Inc.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of (a) \$16,643,100 preferred stock (par \$100), with authority to add \$11,998,100 (or such portion thereof as may be issued), now issuable to or on the order of the reorganization committee, (b) 208,091 shares of Class A stock without par value, with authority to add to the list 149,925 shares (or such portion thereof as may be issued), now issuable to or on the order of the reorganization committee, and (c) 159,700 shares of common stock without par value with authority to add to the list 275,561 shares (or such portion thereof as may be issued) now issuable to or on the order of the reorganization committee.—V. 122, p. 2076.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Speaking in the American Bankers Association Radio Forum, over W.G.B.S., Thursday evening, Dr. Leland Rex Robinson, Trustee, and Vice-President of the International Securities Trust of America, compared the latest earnings of 17 representative British investment trusts with those of 1924 and the last pre-war year. Net revenue in 1925, after payment of bond interest, was \$8,699,040, as compared with \$7,816,926 in 1924 and \$6,966,348 in 1913—taking the pound sterling at \$4 86. In every case, Dr. Robinson declares, net revenues increased over the preceding year, while thirteen of the seventeen companies raised their dividend rates in 1925 over 1924. With only one exception the dividends paid by those companies were substantially above the 1913 rate, the speaker declared. Among the investment trusts enjoying the most substantial increases in permanent dividends from 1924 to 1925 are the Premier Investment Trust, the Government's Stock and Other Securities Investment Trust (from 8 to 10%) the River Plant and General Investment Trust (from 14 to 16%), and the United States Debenture (from 12 1/2 to 14%). British experience with investment trusts, Dr. Robinson argues, demonstrates conclusively the wisdom of this form of investment, provided the directors are men of unquestioned integrity, the investments are made with care and discernment, and constant and alert supervision is exercised over the holdings.

—The next annual field day and frolic of the Bond Club of New York will be held on June 4 at Sleepy Hollow Country Club, it was announced yesterday. According to members of the various committees, the 1926 jollification will be larger and the program more diversified than at any previous time in the history of these gatherings. The Philadelphia Bond Club will be guests of honor and will furnish rival entrees to the New York club in most of the sporting events. Competitions between the two clubs will range from individual matches and team play at golf, to the annual baseball game upon which will depend a trophy representing the championship of the Bond Men's National League.

—A. A. Housman-Gwathmey & Co., have taken over the stock business of Colvin & Co., of Chicago which firm has been located on the corner of Monroe and LaSalle Streets for the past twenty-five years, and besides the business, practically the whole clerical department of the Colvin Company has gone with the Housman firm. Frank M. Murphy will manage this new branch office for Housman & Co. and he will have associated with him Homer P. Hargrave, J. C. Grosse, C. S. Barber, B. S. Hinsdale, Paul Casterline, R. G. Longmire and Charles E. Williams, formerly with Colvin & Co. and D. R. Forgan, Jr.

—Ward, Wilder & Brady, 52 Broadway, New York, dealers in unlisted securities, announce that Charles S. McAllister, formerly with Greer, Crane & Webb, has been elected Vice-President of the Corporation. Mr. McAllister has been active in Wall Street since 1904, with the exception of a few years in France, nine months of which he served with the famous Second Division during the war. The firm will hereafter be known as Wilder, McAllister & Brady, Inc.

—A. G. Becker & Co. has purchased a building at 54 Pine Street, New York City and is to-day moving its local offices to the new quarters, which heretofore have been at 111 Broadway.

The building, five stories high, and formerly occupied by the Sun Insurance Company, has been remodeled throughout to meet the requirements of a modern investment banking house. For the time being, A. G. Becker & Co., will occupy three floors.

—President Ray Morris of the Investment Bankers Association of America has appointed George Packard, Manager Municipal Department of Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, as Vice-Chairman of the Municipal Securities Committee of the Association. Mr. Packard will be in charge of all matters in connection with the road district bond situation in Texas, in which members of the Association may be interested.

—C. D. Barney & Co. one of the oldest member houses of the New York Stock Exchange, has moved to new offices on the second floor of 65 Broadway, New York. The firm, founded in 1873, had for years been located on Broad Street. From 1903 to 1915 the offices were located at 25 Broad Street and since 1915 at 15 Broad Street across from the Stock Exchange Building.

—Frank B. Green, formerly Manager of the bond department of the American Trust Co., Charlotte, N. C., has opened offices in the Johnston Bldg., Charlotte, under his own name to conduct a general investment business, specializing in public utility preferred stocks and securities of the larger local corporations.

—Larkin & Jennys, 30 Broad Street, New York, are distributing a chart of railroad bonds legal for savings banks and trust funds in the State of New York on Jan. 1 1926. The chart is printed on a large sheet of cardboard, perforated at the top, thus affording maximum convenience for ready reference.

—The investment house of Taylor, Ewart & Co., Inc. announced the removal of their New York offices from 34 Pine Street to the 12th floor of the new Bank of America building at 44 Wall Street. The firm which has offices also in Chicago, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Milwaukee and St. Louis, has taken larger quarters to meet the needs of its rapidly expanding business.

—Bryan, Kemp & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, Richmond, Va., have issued a circular, copies of which may be had upon request, comparing the earning power of the Chesapeake & Ohio with the Norfolk & Western, Atlantic Coast Line, Southern Ry., and the Erie.

—The Albert Emanuel Co., Inc., the National Electric Power Co. and the Electric Management and Engineering Corp. announce the removal of their offices from 61 Broadway to the Wadsworth Bldg., 57 William St., New York, as of May 1 1926.

—Joel Starrels and Lee Lewis Tabor, announce the formation of Starrels & Tabor, to conduct a general brokerage business in Stocks, Bonds, Grain, Cotton & Provisions, at 231 S. La Salle Street, Chicago. Telephone number, Central 1223.

—The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York is now prepared to deliver definitive 6% serial gold notes dated April 1 1926 of 501 Seventh Avenue Inc. in exchange for the outstanding temporary notes.

—The Equitable Trust Company of New York has been appointed Transfer Agent for the Preferred and Common Stocks of the Standard Minerals Corporation.

—Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Company has been appointed Trustee of an authorized issue of \$2,500,000 par value Convertible 6 1/2% 10-Year Sinking Fund Gold Notes of the Consolidated Laundries Corporation.

—Marion J. Verdery, for many years with Bonbright & Co., and recently manager of the Public Utility Department of W. A. Harriman & Co., has become a general partner in the firm of Quaw & Foley, 30 Broad St.

—Chase, Falk & Kelley, members New York Stock Exchange, announce the removal of their offices from 59 Wall St., New York, to 34 Pine St., New York and a change in their telephone number to John 1975.

—The American Founders Trust announces that Thomas L. Hoffron, through association with the Trust as a dealer, is located with them at their office, 50 Pine St., New York City.

—William F. Ferris and Edward J. Jones announce the opening of offices at 7 Wall St., New York, to transact a general investment security business under the firm name of Ferris, Jones & Co.

—E. Gerald Olwell, formerly with Jenks, Gwynne & Co., is now associated with Minturn & Co., 40 Wall St., New York, as manager of the trading department.

—William R. Compton Company announce the removal of their New York Offices on May 3rd to the new Bank of America Building, 44 Wall Street. Their telephone numbers will be Beekman 4125-30.

—F. J. Lisman & Co., 20 Exchange Place, New York, announce that Arthur D. Mendes has retired from their firm to devote his services to various companies in which they are interested.

—Bond & Goodwin, Inc., announce the removal of their New York offices to 31 Pine Street.

—Millet, Roe & Co. announce the removal of their offices to 120 Broadway, New York. Telephone Rector 9780.

—E. H. Rollins & Sons announce the removal of their New York Office to 44 Wall Street. The new telephone will be Beekman 7460.

—George H. Burr & Co. announce the removal of their New York offices to 57 William Street. Telephone Number, John 4890.

—Colvin & Company, Chicago, announce the removal of their offices to the New York Life Building. Telephone number is Randolph 4470.

—Charles D. Robbins & Co. announce the removal of their offices to 44 Wall Street.

Reports and Documents.

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WABASH RAILWAY COMPANY

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1925.

To the Stockholders of the Wabash Railway Company:

The Board of Directors submit the following report of the operations for the year ended December 31 1925:

	1925. 2,524.20	1924. 2,489.93	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) +34.27
Average mileage operated...			
Operating Revenues (see below).....	\$69,910,300 99	\$65,780,929 36	+\$4,129,371 63
Operating Expenses (see pages 21 to 24, pamphlet report).....	51,080,423 82	50,298,417 63	+782,006 19
Net Operating Revenue.....	\$18,829,877 17	\$15,482,511 73	+\$3,347,365 44
Railway Tax Accruals.....	\$3,287,579 67	\$3,036,367 15	+\$251,212 52
Uncollectible Railway Revenues.....	7,069 40	14,181 61	—\$7,112 21
Total.....	\$3,294,649 07	\$3,050,548 76	+\$244,100 31
Operating Income.....	\$15,535,228 10	\$12,431,962 97	+\$3,103,265 13
Other Operating Income—			
Rent from Locomotives.....	\$56,185 56	\$97,053 75	—\$40,868 19
Rent from Passenger-Train Cars.....	44,950 66	41,038 46	+3,912 20
Rent from Floating Equipment.....	24,912 10	29,130 97	—4,218 87
Rent from Work Equipment.....	16,385 17	19,372 93	—2,987 76
Joint Facility Rents.....	289,311 36	525,895 92	—236,584 56
Total.....	\$431,744 85	\$712,492 03	—\$280,747 18
Total Operating Income.....	\$15,966,972 95	\$13,144,455 00	+\$2,822,517 95
Deductions from Operating Income—			
Hire of Freight Cars—Debit Balance.....	\$1,881,230 18	\$1,852,217 21	+\$29,012 97
Rent for Locomotives.....	30,933 37	116,643 42	—85,710 05
Rent for Passenger-Train Cars.....	72,311 35	73,721 46	—1,410 11
Rent for Floating Equipment.....	15,881 72	800 00	+15,081 72
Rent for Work Equipment.....	40,750 76	43,206 35	—2,455 59
Joint Facility Rents.....	1,673,350 08	1,710,086 49	—36,736 41
Total.....	\$3,714,457 46	\$3,796,674 93	—\$82,217 47
Net Operating Income Section 422 Transportation Act 1920.....	\$12,252,515 49	\$9,347,780 07	+\$2,904,735 42
Non-operating Income—			
Income from Lease of Road.....	\$20,575 47	\$19,616 52	+\$958 95
Miscellaneous Rent Income.....	157,192 74	159,248 56	—2,055 82
Miscellaneous Non-operating Physical Property.....	35,288 57	27,203 16	—8,085 41
Dividend Income.....	77,704 00	127,092 00	—49,388 00
Income from Funded Securities.....	33,221 95	30,673 34	+2,548 61
Income from Unfunded Securities and Accounts.....	444,680 12	134,630 25	+310,049 87
Income from Sinks and other Reserve Funds.....	212 50	212 50	—
Miscellaneous Income.....	1,231 67	31,715 66	—30,483 99
Total.....	\$770,107 02	\$530,391 99	+\$239,715 03
Gross Income.....	\$13,022,622 51	\$9,878,172 06	+\$3,144,450 45
Deductions from Gross Income—			
Rent for Leased Roads.....	\$361,704 21	\$365,250 53	—\$3,546 32
Miscellaneous Rents.....	23,909 22	23,688 00	+221 22
Miscellaneous Tax Accruals.....	25,866 12	12,491 41	+13,374 71
Interest on Funded Debt.....	4,587,596 15	3,953,703 06	+633,893 09
Interest on Unfunded Debt.....	23,558 57	15,455 75	+8,102 82
Amortization of Discount on Funded Debt.....	50,345 28	30,297 51	+20,047 77
Miscellaneous Income Charges.....	3,205 00	2,336 59	+868 41
Total.....	\$5,076,184 55	\$4,403,222 85	+\$672,961 70
Net Income.....	\$7,946,437 96	\$5,474,949 21	+\$2,471,488 75

FINANCIAL.

Capital Stock.

The par value of Capital Stock issued to December 31 1925 was \$138,492,967 17, there having been no change during the year.

Under the Articles of Incorporation, the holders of the Five Per Cent Convertible Preferred Stock B, may, at any time after August 1 1918, and up to thirty days prior to any date fixed for the redemption of the entire issue of Five Per Cent Profit Sharing Preferred Stock A, convert the same into, and exchange the same for, Five Per Cent Profit Sharing Preferred Stock A and Common Stock of the corporation, such conversion to be at the rate of \$50 00, par value of Five Per Cent Profit Sharing Preferred Stock A and \$50 00 par value of Common Stock, for each \$100 00 par value of Five Per Cent Convertible Preferred Stock B, with a proper adjustment of declared and unpaid dividends.

During the Year \$2,746,100 par value of Five Per Cent Convertible Preferred Stock B was surrendered and exchanged for \$1,373,050 par value of Five Per Cent Profit Sharing Preferred Stock A, and \$1,373,050 par value of

Common Stock. Since August 1 1918 \$46,076,100 par value of Five Per Cent Convertible Preferred Stock B has been surrendered and exchanged for \$23,038,050 par value of Five Per Cent Profit Sharing Preferred Stock A, and \$23,038,050 par value of Common Stock.

Funded Debt.

The total funded debt on December 31 1925 was \$94,845,954 11, a net increase of \$13,531,917 62 as compared with December 31 1924. This increase was due to issuing certain obligations and retiring others as follows:

Issued During the Year.

Equipment Trust of 1924 Series D.....	\$1,826,000 00
Equipment Trust of 1924 Series E.....	2,565,000 00
Six per cent Secured Gold notes.....	1,500,000 00
Refunding and General Mortgage bonds, Series A.....	12,500,000 00
	\$18,391,000 00

Retired During the Year.

Equipment Trust of 1920—6% certificates.....	\$755,400 00
Equipment Trust of 1922—5% certificates.....	283,000 00
Equipment Trust of 1923—Series C.....	134,000 00
Equipment Trust of 1924—Series E.....	171,000 00
New passenger equipment—Agreement of 1922.....	71,478 88
Gondola car agreement of 1924.....	68,279 75
Automobile box car agreement of 1924.....	1,830,984 75
Note given Director-General of Railroads.....	1,500,000 00
Detroit & Chicago Extension 1st Mtge. bonds.....	45,000 00
	4,859,082 38

Net increase.....\$13,531,917 62

The issue of \$1,826,000, at par value, Wabash Railway Equipment Trust Certificates, Series "D," was made to cover the balance due under conditional sale agreement dated February 1 1924, between the Western Steel Car and Foundry Company, Vendor, and Wabash Railway Company, Vendee, for the purchase of 1,750 forty-ton capacity, steel underframe, automobile box cars. These Trust Certificates, Series "D," are payable in eleven equal and consecutive annual installments of \$166,000, commencing December 1 1928 and ending December 1 1938, bearing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually June 1 and December 1 of each year.

The issue of \$2,565,000 par value is Wabash Railway Equipment Trust Certificates, Series "E," dated December 1 1924, payable in fifteen equal and consecutive annual installments of \$171,000 00 commencing December 1 1925 and ending December 31 1939, bearing interest at the rate of 5% per annum, payable semi-annually June 1 and December 1 of each year. Proceeds were used in part payment for ten steel baggage cars, four steel passenger chair cars, two steel dining cars, three steel combination passenger and baggage cars, fifty heavy Mikado locomotives and twenty-five cabooses purchased under the terms of Wabash Railway Equipment Trust Agreement, Series "E," dated December 1 1924, between Andrew S. Hannum and Granville H. Davis, Vendors, Bank of North America and Trust Company, Trustee, and Wabash Railway Company, the total cost of the equipment being \$3,493,297 00. The remainder of the purchase price not provided by issue of these certificates was paid in cash.

The issue of \$1,500,000 par value is a Trust Indenture dated March 2 1925 between Wabash Railway Company and Philadelphia Trust Company of the City of Philadelphia, Trustee, under which three hundred notes of \$5,000 00 each designated as Six Per Cent Secured Gold Notes, dated March 2 1925, payable on March 1 1930, bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of March and September of each year, were issued. These notes were issued in lieu of a note given Director-General of Railroads for Additions and Betterments dated August 1 1922, maturing March 1 1930, in the amount of \$1,500,000, said note and the collateral securing the same, was acquired by Bankers in Philadelphia who requested the issue of three hundred notes of \$5,000 each and the note given Director-General of Railroads has been taken up and canceled.

Issue of \$12,500,000 par value Refunding and General Mortgage Bonds, Series A. Of this issue \$2,500,000 was used for the purpose of reimbursing in part capital expenditures heretofore made by the Company out of Income and \$10,-

000,000 was issued for additions, betterments, equipment and other capital expenditures.

Arrangements have been made for an issue of \$4,185,000 00 par value of Wabash Railway Equipment Trust Certificates, Series "F," dated December 1 1925, payable in fifteen equal and consecutive annual installments of \$279,000 00 commencing December 1 1926 and ending December 1 1940, bearing interest at the rate of 4½% per annum, payable semi-annually June 1 and December 1 of each year. Proceeds to be used in part payment for twenty-five 8-wheel switching locomotives, two thousand 40-ton steel underframe 40-foot automobile cars and 20 all-steel baggage cars purchased under the terms of Wabash Railway Equipment Trust Agreement, Series "F," dated December 1 1925, between Andrew S. Hannum and Granville H. Davis, Vendors, Bank of North America and Trust Company, Trustee, and Wabash Railway Company, the total cost of the equipment being approximately \$5,597,000 00. The remainder of the purchase price not provided for by issue of these certificates will be paid in cash. The transaction will be consummated and delivery of the equipment made in the early part of 1926.

ROAD AND EQUIPMENT.

The more important items are as follows:

ROAD.	
Grade separation.....	\$227,761 43
Train yards.....	1,270,476 71
Second main tracks.....	571,195 13
Passing and station tracks.....	239,934 05
Station and office buildings.....	338,893 14
Signals and interlockers.....	141,332 46
Crossings and crossing protection.....	16,024 61
Change of line and grade.....	14,308 52
Telegraph and telephone line.....	49,727 03
Shop tools and power plant machinery.....	146,868 95
Fuel stations.....	93,082 81
Water stations.....	51,110 08
Roadway machines and equipment.....	18,886 02
Shop and engine terminal buildings.....	208,765 88
Land.....	675,379 12
Track scales.....	65,761 39
Bridges.....	397,239 06
Special assessments.....	26,992 95
River protection.....	93,076 07
Drainage.....	15,848 75
Increased weight of rail and fastenings.....	194,185 23
Application of tie plates.....	263,331 63
Ballasting.....	156,128 01
	\$5,276,309 03

EQUIPMENT.

New.	
50 freight locomotives.....	\$2,939,174 81
1000 automobile cars.....	\$2,045,221 33
400 gondola cars.....	664,383 21
25 standard cabooses.....	67,769 81
20 passenger cars.....	489,603 78
	3,266,978 13
1 wrecking crane.....	\$45,287 13
1 locomotive crane.....	13,035 96
1 locomotive crane and pile driver.....	21,275 52
1 ditcher.....	15,250 00
1 scale test car.....	8,846 28
	103,694 89
	\$6,309,847 83

ADDITIONS AND BETTERMENTS.

Steam Locomotives.	
Converting 2 freight locomotives to passenger locomotives.....	\$64,227 47
Applying carbon vanadium side and main steel rods to 57 locomotives.....	14,945 50
Applying water columns and gauge glass to 83 locomotives.....	7,276 15
Applying superheaters to 9 locomotives.....	25,208 86
Applying Morden stop and check valves to 85 locomotives.....	6,278 75
Applying cast steel main and trailer frames to 3 locomotives.....	5,701 95
Applying outside steam pipe cylinder and cast steel front main frames to 7 locomotives.....	22,644 28
Applying Hulson grates to 51 locomotives.....	12,410 24
Applying aluminum headlight cases to 100 locomotives.....	7,612 19
Miscellaneous.....	22,701 48
	\$189,006 87

Box Cars.	
Rebuilding and reinforcing with box girder type center sills and pressed steel ends 50 box cars.....	\$68,800 74
Applying continuous gusset plates to 200 box cars.....	8,715 25
Miscellaneous.....	1,256 55
	78,772 54

Automobile Cars.	
Rebuilding and reinforcing with box girder type center sills and pressed steel ends 75 automobile cars.....	\$117,805 11
Miscellaneous.....	3,660 02
	121,465 13

Flat Cars.	
Repairing and reinforcing 50 flat cars.....	15,243 42

Stock Cars.	
Applying camel door fixtures to 200 stock cars.....	5,127 51

Coal Cars.	
Building 25 coal cars (using dismantled trucks).....	41,219 00

Cabooses.	
Building 2 cabooses.....	\$5,135 50
Miscellaneous.....	16,937 91
	22,073 41

Work Equipment.	
Building 5 wheel cars.....	\$6,137 64
Building 5 supply train cars.....	20,609 04
Building one 8,000 gal. tank car.....	1,103 19
Converting 56 freight & passenger cars into company service.....	82,933 20
	110,777 07

\$6,893,532 78

The following is a general description of the expenditures enumerated:

The work of eliminating grade crossings at Lafayette St., Ft. Wayne, Ind., started in 1923, was completed during the year. The work on the separation of grades at Fort St. and Lawndale Ave., Detroit, Mich., was completed during the year. Work was started on the separation of grades at Springwells Ave., Detroit, Mich., South Dearborn Road, Oakwood, Mich., and at Hanna St., Ft. Wayne, Ind., and was 85%, 7% and 29% complete, respectively, at the end of the year.

Work was started on the construction of a new train yard, engine terminal, car repair yard and incidental facilities at North Kansas City, Mo., and was approximately 68% complete at the end of the year. The construction of new east-bound train yard and conversion of present east and west-bound train yard into a westbound yard at Montpelier, Ohio, was started and was approximately 87% complete at the end of the year. The extension of the westbound time freight yard at Oakwood, Mich., and construction of new westbound train and storage yard was completed during the year. The construction of a new eastbound train yard at Decatur, Ill., was completed during the year. Additional tracks in train yard at Tilton, Ill., were constructed and completed during the year.

Construction of second main track from Franklin, Ohio, to Ennis, Mich., a distance of 16.4 miles of double track, was practically completed during the year.

Three additional interchange tracks were constructed during the year. Also sixteen passing tracks were increased to 100-car capacity. In addition, two new 100-car capacity passing tracks were constructed. There were also 62 new industries located and three new industrial tracks constructed.

The installation of automatic block signals between Logansport and Peru, Ind., was approximately 94% complete at the end of the year; between Milan and Britton, Mich., 70% complete, and between Bement and Decatur, Ill., 77% complete. A new two-story brick interlocking tower for 20 level interlocking plant was constructed and placed in service at Franklin, Ohio, to replace interlocking tower destroyed by fire September 2 1924.

Crossing signals for protection of highway traffic were completed at the following points: Philo, Ill., French Landing, Mich., Hannibal, Mo., Mexico, Mo., Wauseon, Ohio, Quincy, Ill., Antwerp, Ohio and Niantic, Ill.

There were 93 units of new shop machinery installed during the year.

Two new automatic coaling plants were installed at Tracy, Ia., and Bement, Ill., of 200 and 300 tons capacity, respectively. Work was started on a new 400-ton capacity coaling plant at Vandeventer Ave., St. Louis, Mo., and was approximately 85% complete at the end of the year.

Water stations were constructed at Detroit, Mich., and Campus, Ill., during the year. Work was started on the construction of new water stations at Ashley, Ind., Oakwood, Mich., and Stanberry, Mo., and was approximately 70%, 90% and 18% complete, respectively, at the end of the year.

Telephone train dispatching circuits were constructed during the year between Decatur, Ill., and Hannibal, Mo., and between Montpelier, Ohio, and Chicago, Ill.

Track scales were installed during the year at Karnes, Ill., Decatur, Ill., Whitehouse, Ill., Lafayette, Ind., and Adrian, Mich.

The program for the replacing of pile and temporary bridges with permanent structures was continued during the year.

As a result of this program, since January 1 1916, the number of bridges on the property has been reduced from 1,295 to 998, or a reduction of 297 bridges, and a reduction in lineal feet of 22,679.

Two hundred and twelve miles of new 90-lb. rail was laid, 9 miles in repairs and renewals and 203 miles releasing rail of lighter weight. The replacing of the lighter rail was: 57 miles on the Detroit Division, 42 miles on the Peru Division, 93 miles on the Decatur Division, 2 miles on the Chicago Terminal and 9 miles on the St. Louis Terminal.

Special assessments for street improvements were made by the following municipalities: Butler, Ind., Lafayette, Ind., Pontiac, Ill., Edwardsville, Ill., Mt. Olive, Ill., Chicago, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo.

The policy of improving condition of ballasting in main tracks was continued by applying 20,070 cu. yds. of crushed

rock on the Detroit Division, 9,117 cu. yds. on the Peru Division, 1,396 cu. yds. on the Moberly Division, 14,729 cu. yds. on the Western Division, and 13,003 cu. yds. on the St. Louis Terminal, and by applying 16,185 cu. yds. of additional gravel ballast on the Moberly Division.

On September 17 1925 a contract was entered into for the construction of a new steel car ferry, 370 feet in length, with a capacity of 30 cars, at a cost of approximately \$750,000 00, for use in ferrying cars across the Detroit River between Windsor, Ont., Canada, and Detroit, Mich. It is expected that this car ferry will be placed in service in the early part of the summer of 1926.

FEDERAL VALUATION.

The valuation of your railway property by the Interstate Commerce Commission, in accordance with the Valuation Act of 1913, has progressed during the year.

The company forces are engaged in checking with representatives of the Interstate Commerce Commission the data prepared at and subsequent to the time the inventory was made.

The total expenditures on account of valuation to December 31 1925 were \$1,200,770 97.

OPERATING REVENUES.

The operating revenues for the Year 1925 compare with 1924 as follows:

	1925.	1924.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).
Freight.....	\$55,329,533 48	\$51,546,109 90	+\$3,783,423 58 7.34%
Passenger.....	9,364,485 87	9,328,464 61	+36,021 26 .39
Mail.....	821,242 85	849,062 05	-27,819 20 3.28
Express.....	1,849,683 77	1,702,325 44	+147,358 33 8.66
Miscellaneous.....	2,545,355 02	2,354,967 36	+190,387 66 8.08
Total.....	\$69,910,300 99	\$65,780,929 36	+\$4,129,371 63 6.28%

A comparison for freight revenue by general classes of traffic follows:

	1925.	1924.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).
Commodity—			
Products of Agriculture.....	\$7,359,091	\$7,799,738	—\$440,647
Products of Animals.....	5,731,606	6,040,945	—309,339
Products of Mines.....	8,650,224	7,783,183	+867,041
Products of Forests.....	2,659,116	2,630,156	+28,960
Manufactures and Miscellaneous.....	23,393,594	20,407,493	+2,986,101
Merchandise.....	7,535,902	6,884,595	+651,307
Total.....	\$55,329,533	\$51,546,110	+\$3,783,423

OPERATING EXPENSES.

The operating expenses for the year 1925 compare with 1924 as follows:

	1925.	1924.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).
Accounts—			
Maint. of Way & Struc.....	9,311,985 39	9,913,564 74	—601,579 35 6.07
Maint. of Equipment.....	12,348,290 72	11,579,913 53	+768,377 19 6.64
Traffic.....	1,816,543 44	1,640,320 43	+176,223 01 10.74
Transport—Rail Line.....	25,431,803 96	24,973,374 17	+458,429 79 1.84
Miscellaneous operations.....	387,660 58	346,745 32	+40,915 26 11.80
General.....	1,948,563 75	1,932,980 86	+15,582 89 0.81
Transp. for Invest.—Cr.....	164,424 02	88,481 42	+75,942 60 85.83
Total Oper. Expense.....	\$1,080,423 82	\$1,028,417 63	+\$52,006 19 5.05

The ratio of operating expenses to revenues for the year 1925 was 73.07%, as compared with 76.46% for the year 1924, a decrease in the per cent of 3.39%.

More than 400 freight cars received heavy repairs this year over the previous year. This increase in the maintenance expense of freight cars, together with the depreciation charges on new equipment, largely accounts for the increase of \$768,377 19, or 6.64%, in Maintenance of Equipment expenses.

Expenses of the Traffic Department increased \$176,223 01, or 10.74%, over the previous year, due to the opening of new offices and the addition of soliciting forces at various points.

TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC STATISTICS.

The details of Freight and Passenger Statistics and Transportation Statistics relating to train and car loading commodities handled are fully shown on pages 25, 26, 27 and 28 [pamphlet report].

TAXES.

During the year 1925 there was no substantial increase in the assessed valuation of the Company's properties for the purpose of taxation, but the tendency of the taxing authorities during recent years to increase the rates of taxation continued, and the general increase in tax rates resulted in a material increase in the amount of taxes paid by the Company.

GENERAL REMARKS.

In the early part of the year this Company acquired considerable holdings of the stock of the Ann Arbor Railroad Company; representing, however, a minority of the outstanding shares. Upon representation to the Interstate Commerce Commission of the advantages to this Company, as well as to the Public, this Company was authorized to

acquire control of the Ann Arbor Railroad Company by purchase of the capital stock of the latter company. At the close of the year the holdings by this Company of the stock of the Ann Arbor Railroad Company were 66.9393%.

To provide needed enlargement of the elevator facilities for the grain business of the Company the Rialto Elevator was acquired in July last. This elevator is located on the Calumet River, Chicago, Ill. It has a capacity of one million bushels and is of the most modern type of construction. Ownership by this Company is represented by the entire capital stock of the Wabash Elevator Company. The elevator is leased for a term of five years upon a rental affording to this Company a satisfactory return upon its investment, the lessee to pay taxes and insurance.

The old contract with The Pullman Company having expired, a new contract was made covering the operation of sleeping and parlor cars over this Company's lines for a period of 15 years from January 1 1925.

Also, in accordance with the action taken by all other Class One railroads, the present contract with the American Railway Express Company covering the operation of express business over this Company's lines was extended for one year, or until February 28 1929.

By order of the Board of Directors.

J. E. TAUSSIG, *President.*

CONDENSED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET.

DECEMBER 31, 1925 COMPARED WITH PREVIOUS YEAR.

	1925.	1924.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-).
ASSETS.			
Investments—			
Investment in Road and Equipment.....	253,995,054 93	242,553,968 40	+11,441,086 53
Sinking Funds.....	36 89	1,093 97	—1,057 08
Deposits in Lieu of Mortgaged Property Sold.....	—	10,556 10	—10,556 10
Miscellaneous Physical Property.....	2,002,561 15	2,003,432 15	—871 36
Investments in Affiliated Companies.....	7,456,534 52	3,701,030 78	+3,755,503 74
Other Investments.....	43,621 00	35,335 88	+8,285 12
Total.....	263,497,808 49	248,305,417 64	+15,192,390 85
Current Assets—			
Cash.....	3,560,143 95	5,380,729 05	—1,820,585 10
Special Deposits.....	5,212,083 84	1,680 00	+5,210,403 84
Loans and Bills Receivable.....	4,205,166 77	1,549,239 02	+2,655,927 75
Traffic and Car Service Balances Receivable.....	2,025,854 73	1,712,724 34	+313,130 39
Net Balances Due from Agents and Conductors.....	531,568 93	567,952 03	—36,383 10
Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable.....	1,992,258 88	2,166,687 98	—174,429 10
Material and Supplies.....	4,660,085 04	4,196,487 05	+463,597 99
Interest and Dividends Receivable.....	118,551 87	75,663 46	+42,888 41
Rents Receivable.....	43,967 00	65,886 00	—21,919 00
Other Current Assets.....	221,186 46	235,098 78	—13,912 32
Total.....	22,570,867 47	15,952,147 71	+6,618,719 76
Deferred Assets—			
Working Fund Advances.....	217,770 41	223,831 43	—6,061 02
Insurance and Other Funds.....	39,985 16	18,189 01	+21,796 15
Other Deferred Assets.....	10,978 27	5,772 61	+5,205 66
Total.....	268,733 84	247,793 05	+20,940 79
Unadjusted Debits—			
Rents and Insurance Premiums Paid in Advance.....	65,384 95	43,857 02	+21,527 93
Discount on Funded Debt.....	1,112,138 20	190,079 29	+922,058 91
Other Unadjusted Debits.....	1,103,685 63	1,200,152 79	—96,467 16
Securities Issued or Assumed Unpledged.....	542,047 66	1,396,971 66	—854,924 00
Securities Issued or Assumed Pledged.....	1,037,924 00	203,000 00	+834,924 00
Total.....	3,861,180 44	3,034,060 76	+827,119 68
Total assets.....	290,198,592 24	267,539,419 16	+22,659,171 08
LIABILITIES.			
Stock—			
Capital stock.....	138,492,967 17	138,492,967 17	—
Long-Term Debt—			
Funded Debt Unmatured.....	94,845,954 11	81,314,036 49	+13,531,917 62
Current Liabilities—			
Traffic and Car Services Payable.....	1,752,126 93	1,436,964 18	+315,162 75
Audited Accounts and Wages Payable.....	5,749,385 84	4,907,022 27	+842,363 57
Miscellaneous Accounts Payable.....	436,980 51	424,213 17	+12,767 34
Interest Matured Unpaid.....	289,029 50	282,663 25	+6,366 25
Funded Debt Matured Unpaid.....	10,200 00	1,200 00	+9,000 00
Unmatured Interest Accrued.....	1,203,645 76	1,012,310 74	+191,335 02
Unmatured Rents Accrued.....	287,023 35	247,628 28	+39,395 07
Other Current Liabilities.....	259,285 37	305,022 74	—45,737 37
Total.....	9,987,677 26	8,617,024 63	+1,370,652 63
Deferred Liabilities—			
Other Deferred Liabilities.....	182,992 48	128,593 78	+54,398 70
Unadjusted Credits—			
Tax Liability.....	2,557,431 05	2,117,434 88	+439,996 17
Insurance and Casualty Reserves.....	70,814 56	52,524 89	+18,289 67
Operating Reserves.....	23,081 49	—	+23,081 49
Accrued Depreciation—			
Equipment.....	7,417,083 53	6,147,223 90	+1,269,859 63
Other Unadjusted Credits.....	2,564,384 64	2,281,975 17	+282,409 47
Total.....	12,632,795 27	10,599,158 84	+2,033,636 43
Corporate Surplus—			
Additions to Property.....	395,435 20	312,257 17	+83,178 03
Profit and Loss Balance.....	33,660,768 75	28,075,381 08	+5,585,387 67
Total.....	34,056,203 95	28,387,638 25	+5,668,565 70
Total Liabilities.....	290,198,590 24	267,539,419 16	+22,659,171 08

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS

PETROLEUM—RUBBER—HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

[The introductory remarks formerly appearing here will now be found in an earlier part of the paper immediately following the editorial matter, in a department headed "INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY."]

Friday Night, April 30 1926.

COFFEE on the spot was firm and in fair demand. Later spot here was firm but quiet. On the 29th inst. Santos 4s were 20½c. to 21.80c.; Rio 7s on fast steamer, 18¼c. and at 18c. for usual shipment. Bourbon 7s and 8s grinders were here at 19c. part bourbon 3s and 5s at 20¼ to 21½c.; part bourbon 5s at 20½c.; part bourbon 6s and 7s at 20.35c.; bourbon 5s and 6s at 20.40c. to 20.70c.; peaberry 4s and 5s at 20.60c.; peaberry 4s at 21.55c.; bourbon 3s and 5s at 21.55c. to 21.80c.; bourbon 4s at 21.15c., and bourbon 5s and 6s at 21c. Armenia Excelso, June arrival, at 28c.; Manizales, July, 27c.; Monca, June, at 27c. To-day prompt Rio 7s were offered at 18½c., and some, it was said, at 18.30c.; part bourbon 4-5s, 21.15c.

Rio's stock is 92,000 bags, against 93,000 a year ago; Santos's, 1,387,000, against 2,168,000 a year ago. Rain was reported all over Sao Paulo. Stocks afloat for this country, 712,363 bags, against 534,339 last year and 570,773 in 1924. Futures advanced 20 to 35 points on the 26th inst., owing mainly to the absence of May notices. Some think no Robusta coffee will be tendered on May notices. Brazil has a fair demand from Europe. Some called attention to the fact that there was a stock here of 18,000 to 20,000 bags of washed Robusta coffee, of which they thought that probably about 7,000 bags would be delivered on May contracts. It was not. This kind of coffee was not in brisk demand. The reinstatement of this coffee as deliverable is regretted by some of the trade, who say any coffee that the trade runs away from, especially when in limited supply, dominates the spot month and results in a false and unsettled market. The present Santos crop will probably turn out to be 9½ million bags, and the world's visible supply on July 1 should approximately be about the same as last year, namely 5,000,000 bags. The 1926-27 Sao Paulo crop is estimated at 9,500,000 to 10,000,000 bags. The coming Rio crop is estimated at 2,500,000 to 3,000,000 bags, about 1,000,000 to 1,500,000 bags less than the present. Most of the mild coffee crops are estimated as from 25 to 40% less than normal owing to unusually dry weather.

On the first notice day no tenders were made. Brazil was firm but demand for spot coffee was dull and interior roasters are disinclined to follow an advance with the dull season near at hand. New York advanced on covering of shorts, which weakened its technical position. Brazil keeps supporting it. Some look for reactions. On the 28th inst. futures fell 11 to 16 points with sales of 47,000 bags. Santos terme prices were 75 to 375 reis lower; exchange off 1-64d. to 73-16c.; dollar rate was still 6\$850. Rio advanced 100 reis with exchange 1-16d. lower at 75-32d. and the dollar rate up 120 reis. A rumor that a Brazilian loan had been negotiated here was denied. It was said that one may be floated in the course of a month or two. At one time covering of shorts, firm cables, higher exchange, the strength of the spot situation and the lack of May tenders were bracing factors. But later came profit taking. Some consider the technical position now rather weak. The expectation at one time that a little Robusta would be delivered narrowed the differences. Europe has bought the more distant months moderately. Prices are regarded by some as unwarrantably low, especially the months beyond July. The differences between the months at one time were as follows: July, 24 points below May; September 57 points below July; December, 51 points below September; March, 50 points below December. March which last week was 239 points below May, was only 182 points on the 26th inst.

To-day futures closed 12 points lower to 5 points higher with transactions of only 21,000 bags. Brazilian markets were weaker. Rio exchange fell. Cost and freight offers were lower. Prompt Santos 4s were offered, it seems, at 20½c. Liquidation in the summer deliveries was one of the features. Final prices show a rise for the week of 9 to 38 points.

Spot unofficial 19¼-½ July ----- 16.85 @ 16.87 | December 15.58 @ trad
May ----- 17.20 @ 17.25 | September 16.10 @ 16.13 | March ----- 15.13 @ 15.15

SUGAR.—Prompt raws have been firmer and on the 28th inst. and 75,000 bags sold at 27-16 to 2½c. c. & f. prompt and May shipment. On the 27th inst. sales were made of 3,800 tons at 2 13-32c. Some 2,500 tons of Cuban sold it is said to London at 11s. 10½d. equal to 2.38c. f. o. b. and British West Indies to the United Kingdom at 15s. 3d. The Cuban Senate approved the 10% reduction and it remained for the Cuban House of Representatives to act on the matter. Refined was 5.30 to 5.60c. more generally 5.50c. London opened firm ¾ to 1½d. higher on the 27th inst. Twenty-nine May notices were in circulation here mak-

ing 130 thus far. With two exceptions refiners advanced their list to 5.50c. A somewhat larger business was reported at one time. One refiner raised the price for fine granulated to 5.40c. Private cables said that President Machado had signed the Cuban crop reduction bill, which goes into effect immediately.

"Facts About Sugar" said: "Prompt enactment of the legislation proposed to the Cuban Congress placing a prohibitive tax on all sugar produced above 90% of the average of the recognized crop estimates is counted upon to bring the outturn down to about 4,700,000 tons. Actually the figure should be somewhat lower than this, as some mills will fail to reach 90% of their estimates. Enforcement of this proposal will reduce to about 250,000 tons the amount for which Cuba will need to find outside markets. As practically this amount has been sold, the carrying through of the Cuban crop restriction plan should change the competition of sellers which has characterized the market into a competition of buyers, with consequent enhancement of the price."

Receipts at Cuban ports for the week ended April 26th were 177,500 tons against 184,810 in the previous week, 183,062 in the same week last year and 94,472 two years ago; exports 91,225 tons against 112,030 in previous week, 115,211 in the same week last year and 81,483 two years ago; stock 1,392,921 against 1,306,646 in previous week, 1,051,322 last year and 917,954 two years ago. Centrals grinding numbered 156, against 169 in the previous week, 181 in the same week last year and 134 two years ago. Havana cabled: "Weather unsettled." Cuban production in tons is stated as follows: All centrals to April 24th partly estimated 4,233,638, against 4,148,446 last year; less Cuban consumption to date 55,500, against 56,500 last year; total 4,178,138, against 4,091,946 last year; stock new crop sugars at shipping ports 1,392,921 against 1,051,322 last year; total exports new crop sugars 1,665,444 against 2,092,822 last year; total receipts at shipping ports new crop sugars 3,058,365 against 3,144,144 last year; stock new crop sugars on plantations and in transit to ports 1,119,773 against 947,802 last year; as at above date: stock new crop at Shipping ports 1,392,921 against 1,051,322 last year; total sugar in Cuba partly estimated 2,512,694 tons against 1,999,124 last year. Up to date, 34 Cuban centrals have finished their grinding with an outturn of 3,575,979 bags against 4,158,000 bags estimated.

Cables on April 24 reported the closing down of four centrals with a combined outturn of 687,000 bags, against Himely's estimate of 830,000 bags, or about 20% decrease. Most of the centrals which have closed down this year have produced much less than the previous estimates. The Centrals now working will have to make an excellent exhibit if the Cuban crop estimates are to be met. To-day the tone was easier for prompt sugar at 27-16c. Cuban sugar about due is said to have been offered at 2 13-32c.; second half of May, 27-16c., with 2 13-32c. bid. Refined was still slow, though there were reports of heavy withdrawals. The predominant quotation is 5.50c., but there is a lack of new business and some refiners are said to be accepting 5.40c. at points of consignments. Futures closed unchanged to 1 point higher, with sales of 55,650 tons. Final prices show a rise for the week of 3 to 7 points, the latter on May. Prompt sugar at 27-16c. is 1-16c. higher than a week ago.

Spot unofficial 27-16 July ----- 2.57 @ --- | December ----- 2.79 @ 2.80
May ----- 2.47 @ --- | September ----- 2.69 @ nom | March ----- 2.74 @ nom

TEA.—In London on April 28 sales of Indian teas, 13,000 packages of 15,300 offered. Prices steady and unchanged.

LARD advanced with a fair demand. Exports for the week ending April 24th were 7,881,000 lbs. against 7,233 lbs. in the same week last year. Prime Western 15.20 to 15.30c.; city in tierces, 14¾c.; city in tubs, 14½c.; compound carlots in tierces, 14¾ to 15c.; refined continent, 15½c.; South America, 16¼c.; Brazil, 17¼c. To-day spot prices were firmer; Prime Western, 15.25c.; Refined Continent, 15.50c.; South America, 16.25c.; Brazil, 17.25c. On the 28th inst. futures advanced 30 points net, with hogs higher, receipts of them small, warehouse stocks of lard scanty, shorts covering and some new buying for long account. Exports for the week ending April 17th were 12,097,000 lbs. against 7,391,000 last year. It is of interest to notice that early reports from the corn belt on spring litters were strikingly favorable. Hog receipts at western terminals have recently been lighter than last year. To-day futures advanced on good buying by cash houses and general commission concerns. Higher prices for hogs counted. There was a good deal of covering. It is believed that the increase in Chicago stocks for the half month will be small. Hogs closed firm and in some cases 15c. higher. The top was \$13 90. Western hog receipts were 82,000 against 85,000 a year ago. Final prices show a rise for the week of 38 to 42 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery-----cts.	14.30	14.20	14.20	14.50	14.37	14.55
July delivery-----	14.55	14.45	14.47	14.77	14.65	14.82
September delivery---	14.77	14.70	14.70	15.00	14.87	15.07

PORK steady; mess, \$35; family, \$38 to \$40; fatback pork, \$28 50 to \$29 50. Ribs, Chicago, cash, 15.75c., basis 40 to 60 lbs. average. Beef steady but quiet; mess, \$20 to \$21; packet, \$22 to \$24; family, \$24 to \$26; extra India mess, \$42 to \$45; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$3; No. 2, \$8 25; six lbs., \$18 70; pickled tongues, \$55 to \$60. Cut meats firm; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 22 3/4 to 26 1/4c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 23 1/2 to 24c.; bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., 18 1/4c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 18 1/2c. Butter, lower grade to high scoring, 34 to 40 1/2c. Cheese, flats, 20 to 28c. Eggs, medium to extra, 29 1/2 to 35c. Exports during the week ending April 24, as compared with the corresponding week last year, were as follows: Hams and shoulders, including Wiltshires, 1,696,000, against 849,000; bacon, including cumberlands, 2,514,000, against 4,807,000, and pickled pork, 106,000, against 166,000.

PETROLEUM.—The Humble Oil & Refining Co. during the week advanced grade B. Gulf coastal crude 15c. a barrel and established a new scale up to 35 degrees gravity and above. Gasoline has been in good demand and firmer. U. S. Motor 12 1/2 to 13c., in tank cars at local refineries, and 13 1/2c. to 14c. in tank cars delivered to trade. Export demand was better. Gulf U. S. Motor was firm at 11 1/2c.; 64-66 gravity 14 1/2c., in bulk. Cased gasoline steady. The Standard Oil Co. of Indiana on the 29th inst. advanced gasoline in tank wagons 1c. a gallon throughout its territory. Kerosene has been steady at 9 1/2c. A little, however, was available at 9 1/4c. In tank cars delivered to jobbing trade 10 1/2c. was asked. The Gulf market was firmer at 7 3/4c. for prime white and 8 3/4c. for water white. Bunker oil was quoted at \$1 75 for grade C at local refineries. Diesel oil quiet at \$2 41 1/2c. refinery. Latterly bulk kerosene has shown an upward tendency with a sharper domestic demand. For kerosene there is also a readier sale and stocks are said to be greatly reduced. Big refiners reduced their output some time ago. New York refined export prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, U. S. Motor specifications, deodorized, 28.40c.; U. S. Motor bulk, refinery, 13c. Kerosene, cargo lots, cases, 18.40c. Gas oil, Bayonne, tank cars, 28 to 34 degrees, 5 3/4c.; 36 to 40 degrees, 6 1/2c. Petroleum, refined, tanks, wagon to store, 16c. Kerosene, bulk, 45-46-150 W.W. delivery, New York, tank cars, 10 1/2c.; Motor gasoline, garages (steel bbls.), 19c.; up-State, 19c.

Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas—	Elk Basin-----	\$2.15
28-28.9-----	Big Muddy-----	2.00
32-32.9-----	Lance Creek-----	2.15
52 and above-----	Homor 35 and above-----	1.95
Louisiana and Ark-----	Caddo-----	1.70
35-37.9-----	Below 32 deg-----	1.85
38 and above-----	32-34.9-----	2.00
	38 and above-----	2.20
Pennsylvania-----	Buckeye-----	\$3.65
Cornling-----	Bradford-----	2.25
Cabell-----	Lima-----	2.20
Somerset, light-----	Indiana-----	2.45
Rock Creek-----	Princeton-----	2.00
Smackover, 27 deg. 1.40	Canadian-----	2.63
	Corsicana heavy-----	1.15
	De Soto-----	2.05
	Eureka-----	\$3.50
	Illinois-----	2.12
	Crichton-----	1.85
	Plymouth-----	1.65
	Haynesville-----	1.85
	Gulf Coastal A-----	1.50

OILS.—Linseed was higher at 11c. for spot April car lots, 10.1c. raw tanks, 10.4c. for boiled tanks, 11c. for May-June and 11.1c. for July-August. There were reports of shading, but details were lacking. Specialty oils were quiet. Varnish makers are purchasing very little. Coconut oil, Ceylon f. o. b. coast tanks, 9c.; Ma ila tanks, coast spot, 9c.; spot barrels, 11c.; corn crude tanks, plant, 11 1/4c.; China wood, New York spot, barrels, 11 1/2 to 11 3/4c.; corn, crude, tanks, plant, 11 1/4c.; olive, Den., \$1 20 to \$1 25; Soya bean, coast, tanks, 10c.; blown barrel, 14 to 14 1/4c. Lard, prime, 16 1/4c.; extra strained, winter, New York, 13c. Cod, domestic, 58 to 60c.; Newfoundland, 60 to 65c. Turpentine, 87 to 91c. Rosin, \$8 40 to \$15 50. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 4,600 barrels P. Crude S. E., 11 3/4 to 12c. asked. Prices closed as follows:

Spot-----	13.00@	July-----	12.72@12.74	October-----	11.72@11.80
May-----	13.00@13.20	August-----	12.68@12.75	November-----	10.80@
June-----	13.00@13.20	September-----	12.59@	December-----	10.60@10.70

RUBBER was quiet and steady outside at the start with a fair business at the Exchange. London advanced 1/4 to 1/2d. on the announcement that the Colonial Office might cut the exportable allowance under the restriction scheme from 100 to 80% during the quarter beginning Aug. 1, provided the average spot price falls below 21d. It was considering the advisability of such action. The allowance for the quarter beginning May 1 is unchanged at 100%. On the 28th inst. New York was quiet and steady. At the Exchange May was 47.70 to 48c., closing at 47.60c. to 47.70c. July 45.60 to 46.10c., closing at 45.90c. New York on the 29th inst. was more active and higher with London up 3/4d. Here at the Rubber Exchange May was 48.33 to 49c., closing at 48.50c.; July was 46.40 to 47.40c., closing at 47.20c. Outside plantations, first latex crepe, spot and May 49 to 50c.; June 48 to 49c.; July-Sept. 47 1/2 to 48 1/2c.; Oct.-Dec. 47c. Ribbed smoked sheets, spot and May 48 to 49c.; June 47 to 48c.; July-Sept. 46 1/2 to 47 1/2c.; Oct.-Dec. 46 1/2c.; brown crepe, thin, clean, 43 1/2c.; specky, 41 1/2c.; amber No. 2, 46c.; No. 3, 45c.; Caucho Ball, upper, 29c.; lower, 22 1/2c.; Para-up-river fine, spot, 42 1/2c.; coarse, 31 1/2c.; Island fine, 38c. To-day rubber was lower with reports of larger trading on the decline, which reached at one time some 40 to 80 points, with sales at the Exchange of 410 long tons.

July was sold the most freely and was at one time reported down to 46.30c. with May 48.10c., Sept. 46.60c. and Dec. 46.10c. The closing was with May 48.50c., July 46.90c., Sept. 46.40c. and Dec. 46.20c.

HIDES.—Common dry hides were said to be in somewhat better demand. Orinoco and Maracaibo 20c., Savanilla 21c. Packer hides are in some demand. Native steer, 11 1/2c.; butt brands, 11 1/4c.; Colorados, 11c.; Figorifico, 15 11-16c., nominal with trade dull. Later in the week River Plate was somewhat more active. Sales of 4,000 Anglo and 8,000 Campana steers were reported at \$37 25, or 14 3/4c.; also 5,000 Colorado packer at 11c. and 2,700 butt brands at 11 1/2c. Country hides were reported in rather better demand and firmer. City calfskins were quieter at \$1 60, \$1 95 and \$2 55.

OCEAN FREIGHTS were quiet. River Plate grain rates were higher late last week. Grain tonnage was in better demand later.

Charters included grain from Montreal to West Italy, including Islands, 16c., 16 1/2c. and 17c., May 7-15 canceling; from North Pacific to China, \$4 25, April-May loading; time charter, 2,650 net period in Pacific trade, \$1 40, May; coal from Hampton Roads to Rio de Janeiro, \$3 60, April; case oil, 200,000 cases from Gulf to six ports of North China, basis 30 1/2c., May; tankers, 2,970 net lubricating from North Atlantic to Bordeaux-Hamburg range, 25s. 3d., option Gulf loading 4s. extra, with 1s. extra each additional port of discharge, July; 2,055 net from North Atlantic to United Kingdom-Continent, 27s., option Gulf loading 30s., June; grain from Montreal to Avonmouth, 2s. 9d., May 18-29, canceling; from Montreal to Mediterranean, 16c., 16 1/2c., 17c., May 15-28 canceling; from Columbia River to United Kingdom-Continent, 28s. 3d., June; coal from Baltimore to Alexandria, \$3 25, May; from Hampton Roads to St. Lawrence, 75c., early May; tankers, 5,048 net, Gulf to Copenhagen, gas oil, 29s., May; 3,296 net, Gulf to two ports of French Atlantic, 29s., June.

COAL.—The British coal crisis has been sharply watched. Bunker round trip sales have been reported at Boston, but none for English ports at New York. Soft coal has been in steady demand and stocks, it is declared, are not so burdensome as they were. Anthracite has been in good demand. For the week from April 17 to 23, inclusive, unloadings totaled 6,840 cars, or 342,000 tons. Standing cars of hard were 4,118 on the 24th inst., against 4,396 a week previous. From the Northwest favorable trade reports have been received. On the Atlantic seaboard sales have also increased and prices have been firmer. For four weeks the production of soft coal has averaged about 9,250,000 tons. Steam sizes of anthracite have been in somewhat better demand. Domestic sizes have latterly sold well. Standing cars of hard coal at New York piers on the 28th inst. amounted to 4,253 cars.

TOBACCO.—New Sumatra has attracted some attention. Samples have recently arrived. Porto Rican fillers it is believed will soon be wanted. Manufacturers are said to be poorly supplied with them. According to some reports the Porto Rican crop though larger than last season will fall below the needs of the trade. Prices have been steady. Pennsylvania broad leaf filler 8 to 13c.; breadleaf binder 15 to 20c.; Porto Rico, 65 to \$1; Connecticut top leaf, 18 to 20c.; No. 1 seconds, 60 to 70c.; seed fillers, 15c.; medium wrappers, 60c.; dark, 35 to 45c.; light wrappers, 90 to \$1 25.

The trouble with the tobacco situation in the Connecticut Valley is too much attention to quantity and too little attention to quality, Robert V. Treat said. He believes there will always be a good market for good tobacco produced at a proper cost. The tobacco crop got away to a late start. Cold and wet weather have set it back at least two weeks. Seed beds, however, have a good appearance.

COPPER was weaker early in the week with only a small business. May delivery was sold as low as 13 3/4c. delivered in the Valley, but 14c. was quoted for June and July. The 13 3/4c. price is not the real market level according to most producers for they are sold out for May and argue that there is not enough copper for May delivery to establish that price. On the other hand some say there is a sufficient amount in the handers of consuming smelters, second hands and smaller producers to fill the present demand for prompt at that level. Spot standard in London on the 28th inst. fell 2s 6d to £57 2s 6d and futures declined 5s to £57 17s 6d; on sales of 400 tons of spot and 1,300 tons of futures; electrolytic dropped 5s to £64 15s for spot and £65 5s for futures. Prices have latterly weakened with London at 13 3/4c. for all months. The West quoted 14c. Export 13.80 to 13.85c. f. a. s. New York. On the 29th electrolytic declined 5s in London and standard 2s 6d. Electrolytic spot £64 10s; futures £65; standard spot £57; futures £57 15s. Today standard spot £57 5s; futures £58 2s 6d; electrolytic spot £64 10s; futures £65.

TIN declined sharply on the 28th inst. to 63c. for April, 62 1/4 to 62 1/2c. for May, 61 1/4 to 61 1/2c. for June, and 59 1/4 to 59 1/2c. for July. Spot standard tin in London on that day declined £4 15s. to £274 5s. and futures fell £1 10s. to £268 5s. Eastern, c. i. f. London, declined £1 to £277 5s. Sales of spot were 150 tons and of futures 750 tons. Prices have latterly been irregular. Some sales have been made of May at 62 3/4c., of June at 60 3/4c., July 59 1/4c., August 59c. Cold wet weather in this country has reduced the consumption of tin plate. On the 29th inst. spot standard was £1 higher in London at £275 5s., with futures, however, 10s. lower at £267 15s. To-day spot £274 7s. 6d.; futures, £267.

LEAD was quoted at 7.85c. New York and 7.60c. East St. Louis by the leading refiners. There was a good demand. For prompt as high as 7.75c. East St. Louis and 7.95c. New York was paid but the premium in the Middle West, eased later to 7.70c. London on the 28th inst. declined 7s. 6d. to £28 5s. and futures fell 3s. 9d. to £28 18s. 9d. on

sales of 450 spot and 1,250 of futures. Prices have been latterly quoted at anywhere from 7.65 to 7.85c. Cable makers are good buyers, also the mazrs of ammunition and mixed metals. Less is being done with battery and pigment concerns. London has latterly declined 5s. to 6s. 3d. spot and futures; to-day in London spot, £27 17s. 6d; futures, £28 10s., which shows a further decline.

ZINC was easier at 6.90c. East St. Louis, or at about the low of the year. London prices declined. Some producers quoted 6.95c., but no sales were reported at that price. Brass special was offered at 7c. It is expected that producers will curtail operations in an effort to strengthen prices. London on the 28th inst. declined 1s. 3d. to £32 10s. for spot and 2s. 6d. to £32 13s. 9d. for futures on sales of 100 tons of spot and 400 tons of futures. Of late prices have dropped \$3 a ton to a new low level. London was slightly lower. Trade here is dull. East St. Louis is 6.75c. New York spot settling price is 7.10c. London has been declining. On the 29th inst. it fell 2s. 6d. to 3s. 9d., the latter on the spot; zinc on the spot was then £32 6s. 3d.; futures, £32 11s. 3d. To-day spot £31 17s. 6d.; futures, £32 2s. 6d., showing a further decline, it will be seen.

STEEL has been quiet and in fabricated steel competition partly from new companies is keen. The field in that line seems, to say the least, well filled. There is a fair jobbing business, especially in structural steel, but it is hinted that prices are not oversteady. In Pittsburgh operations have been at around 85% among independents and 80% by the U. S. Steel Corporation. Steel exports in March were larger than in February. For the first quarter there is an increase over the same period last year. Of course that is passed. It was said later that the industry in general working at 80 to 85%. It may turn out that the April total as to bookings and shipments will not be so small even as compared with those for March as were at one time expected. It is true, however, that April ends with a gradual diminution of business, although it is a fact that several companies have announced earnings for the first quarter which as a rule were larger than during the preceding quarter. Youngstown says that tin plate backlogs have fallen off from the peak. The price remains at \$5 50.

PIG IRON has been quiet. What business has been done has taken the shape of small lots. There has not been much new buying. Current talk is to the effect that the market is steady. Some have even gone so far as to call the Buffalo price of \$21 very firm on No. 2 plain. Makers refused it is stated to sell No. 2 extra at that price. Eastern Pennsylvania is called steady at \$22 with possibly \$22.50 for small lots. Foreign iron is still more or less of a feature. The common impression is that \$20 is the inside price. But for all that there have been rumors that sales have been made at as low as \$18.75 duty paid to New England. Ferro-manganese still sells at \$88, when there is any business but there is said to be very little demand. Coke has been quiet at \$3 to \$3.50 per ton Connellsville, and \$4.50 to \$5 for foundry. There has been a lack of interesting features in iron.

WOOL was still dull and tending downward. Fall wools at Merton, Texas, sold at 25 to 30c. against 35c. to 40c. early in the season. Foreign markets were in the main steady with East India wools recently off 5 to 10%. London on the 27th inst. was expected to be steady on fine crossbreds and merinos with medium and coarse crossbreds possibly lower. The rail and water shipments of wool from Boston from Jan. 1 1926 to April 22 1926, inclusive were 68,781,000 lbs. against 51,986,000 lbs. for the same period last year. The receipts from Jan. 1 1926 to April 22 1926, inclusive were 134,551,400 lbs. against 105,722,300 lbs. for the same period last year.

In New York carpet wools were dull and weak at the following quotations:

Orfa, Aleppo, Damascus, 30 to 33c.; Awassi, Karadi, washed, 31 to 32c.; Kandahar, white, 27 to 29c.; Khorassan, 27 to 29c.; China combing Hsining No. 1, 25 to 26c.; Hsining ass'm't, 80-20%, 24 to 25c.; willowed, open ball, 23 to 25c.; No. 1 ball, 32 to 34c.; No. 2 ball, 22 to 23c.; unwillowed, 19 to 20c.; sundried Szechuen, best, 23 to 24c.; Manchurian, Hilar, washed, 26 to 27c.; Mongolian, Unga, washed, 28 to 30c.; Cordoba, 20 to 21c.; Scotch, blackface, 20 to 21c.; Pyrenees, 17 to 18c.; Angora, 17 to 18c.; white pulled Italian, 22 to 24c.; Jorlas (clean), 60 to 62c.; Ohio and Pennsylvania fine delaine and ½ blood, 45 to 46c.; Ohio and Pennsylvania ¾ blood, 45c.; ¼ blood, 44 to 45c.

Boston prices:

Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces, delaine, unwashed, 45 to 46c.; ¼ blood combing, 45c.; ¾ blood combing, 44 to 45c.; fine unwashed, 38 to 40c.; Michigan and New York fleeces, delaine unwashed, 44 to 45c.; ¼ blood combing, 44 to 45c.; ¾ blood combing, 44c.; ¼ blood combing, 42 to 43c.; fine unwashed, 36 to 37c. Wisconsin, Missouri and average New England ¼ blood, 40 to 41c.; ¾ blood, 42 to 43c.; ¼ blood, 40 to 41c.; scoured basis, Texas fine 12 months (selected), \$1 12 to \$1 15; fine 8 months, \$1 00; California Northern, \$1 08 to \$1 01; middle country, 98c. to \$1; southern, 87 to 90c. Oregon, eastern fine staple, \$1 10 to \$1 15; fine and fine medium, clothing, \$1 to \$1 05; Valley No. 1, 95 to 97c.; territory, Montana and similar, fine staple, choice, \$1 15; ¼ blood combing, 98 to \$1 00; ¾ blood combing, 87c. to 90c.; ¼ blood combing, 77 to 80c.; pulled delaine, \$1 18 to \$1 20; AA, \$1 15 to \$1 18; fine A supers, \$1 to \$1 05; A supers, 90 to 95c. Mohair, best combing, 65 to 70c.; best carding, 50 to 55c.

In London on April 27, 9,045 bales sold. Offerings were somewhat poor, but bidding was active for Puntas, Capes dull. Compared to the last sales, fine merinos gained generally 5% over the last prices paid, while crossbreds of the better grades were about the same. Poorer grades of crossbred wool sold off approximately 5% from the last sales. Details:

New South Wales, 1,191 bales: scoured crossbreds, 20 to 34d.; greasy merinos, 14 to 33d.; crossbreds, 8 to 22d. Queensland, 451 bales: scoured crossbreds, 22 to 28d.; greasy merinos, 17 to 25½d.; crossbreds, 14 to 23d. Victoria, 651 bales: scoured crossbreds, 15 to 38d.; greasy merinos, 13½ to

23½d.; crossbreds, 8½ to 17½d. New Zealand, 2,256 bales: scoured merinos, 20 to 35½d.; crossbreds, 12½ to 23½d.; greasy merinos, 11½ to 21½d.; crossbreds, 7½ to 17½d. Cape Colony, 118 bales: scoured crossbreds, 25 to 32d.; greasy merinos, 15 to 19d. Punta Arenas, 4,378 bales: greasy crossbreds, 7½ to 19½d.

In London on April 28 sales, 6,026 bales; selection better; few withdrawals. French and Germans prominent in the buying. Prices steady:

New South Wales, 683 bales: scoured merinos, 22 to 39d.; crossbreds, 17 to 32½d.; greasy merinos, 14 to 33d.; crossbreds, 8 to 21d. Queensland, 93 bales: scoured merinos, 33 to 45d.; crossbreds, 25 to 39d.; greasy merinos, 16 to 27d.; crossbreds, 7½ to 24d. Victoria, 68 bales: scoured merinos, 26 to 42½d.; crossbreds, 15 to 33½d.; greasy merinos, 13 to 25½d.; crossbreds, 10 to 22d. South Australia, 61 bales: scoured merinos, 30 to 42d.; crossbreds, 25 to 35d.; greasy crossbreds, 11 to 13d. West Australia, 161 bales: greasy merinos, 15 to 20½d. Tasmania, 4,350 bales: scoured merinos, 25 to 46d.; crossbreds, 12 to 29d.; greasy merinos, 14½ to 22½d.; crossbreds, 8 to 20½d. Cape Colony, 511 bales: scoured merinos, 26 to 33d.; crossbreds, 20 to 30d.; greasy merinos, 13 to 22½d.; crossbreds, 8½ to 13d.

In London on April 29 demand good; sales, 10,437 bales. French and German buyers took the most. Prices firm on top and fine wools. Medium and low scoured irregular. Details:

New South Wales, 1,652 bales: scoured merinos, 20 to 42d.; crossbreds, 15 to 23½d.; greasy merinos, 13 to 27½d.; crossbred, 10 to 23½d. Queensland, 354 bales: scoured merinos, 24 to 39d.; crossbreds, 11 to 37d.; greasy merinos, 16 to 25d.; crossbreds, 13 to 22d. Victoria, 988 bales: scoured merinos, 30 to 41d.; crossbreds, 19 to 32½d.; greasy merinos, 14½ to 27½d.; crossbreds, 12 to 20½d. South Australia, 157 bales: scoured merinos, 25 to 35d.; greasy merinos, 13 to 24d.; crossbreds, 9½ to 18½d. West Australia, 343 bales: scoured merinos, 27 to 34d.; greasy merinos, 13½ to 21d.; crossbreds, 11 to 16½d. Tasmania, 31 bales: greasy merinos, 20 to 26d.; crossbreds, 8½ to 23d. New Zealand, 2,823 bales: scoured merinos, 25 to 39d.; crossbreds, 16 to 36½d.; greasy merinos, 13 to 21d.; crossbreds, 7 to 18½d. Cape Colony, 386 bales: scoured merinos, 29 to 31d.; greasy merinos, 11 to 19½d. Punta Arenas, 3,151 bales: greasy crossbreds, 9½ to 18½d. Falkland Island, 604 bales: greasy crossbreds, 8½ to 18½d.

COTTON.

Friday Night, April 30 1926.

THE MOVEMENT OF THE CROP, as indicated by our telegrams from the South to-night, is given below. For the week ending this evening the total receipts have reached 115,448 bales, against 71,673 bales last week and 104,943 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August 1925, 8,829,885 bales, against 8,767,620 bales for the same period of 1924-25, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1925 of 62,265 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	2,465	1,583	7,257	2,586	2,267	3,208	19,366
Houston	550	11,052	—	—	6,022	19,958	37,582
New Orleans	2,141	2,592	6,051	4,261	2,353	8,904	26,302
Mobile	605	174	441	436	—	228	2,260
Savannah	2,064	105	2,371	4,622	1,603	2,526	13,291
Charleston	348	485	549	192	221	498	2,293
Wilmington	651	211	32	67	179	77	1,217
Norfolk	2,495	2,030	1,987	1,235	762	889	9,938
New York	—	636	—	—	—	—	636
Boston	753	262	207	899	—	3	2,124
Baltimore	—	—	—	—	—	979	979
Totals this week	12,072	19,130	18,895	14,298	13,783	37,270	115,448

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1925 and the stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to April 30.	1925-26.		1924-25.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1925.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1924.	1926.	1925.
Galveston	19,366	2,905,691	13,293	3,556,542	414,912	214,149
Texas City	—	18,234	—	62,126	4,128	1,151
Houston	37,582	1,601,752	25,846	1,713,191	—	—
Port Arthur, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	173,872
New Orleans	26,302	2,199,089	12,658	1,825,290	311,089	—
Gulfport	—	—	—	—	—	1,915
Mobile	2,260	221,251	690	145,997	8,401	—
Pensacola	—	16,264	—	10,212	—	482
Jacksonville	—	13,011	—	3,347	373	—
Savannah	13,291	857,759	3,220	609,338	64,325	22,361
Brunswick	—	400	—	539	—	130
Charleston	2,293	304,763	1,139	248,826	31,089	16,380
Georgetown	—	—	—	—	—	26,512
Wilmington	1,217	119,980	433	132,919	25,281	65,666
Norfolk	9,938	442,903	5,676	370,795	100,800	—
Port News, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	180,638
New York	636	48,201	264	22,190	26,848	1,662
Boston	2,124	33,162	6	35,083	5,650	1,249
Baltimore	979	37,651	800	30,180	1,272	3,489
Philadelphia	—	9,774	—	1,045	5,341	—
Totals	115,448	8,829,885	64,025	8,767,620	999,509	709,656

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.	1921-22.	1920-21.
Galveston	19,366	13,293	13,436	8,885	28,316	60,262
Houston, &c.	37,582	25,846	15,268	—	1,230	7,109
New Orleans	26,302	12,658	19,576	9,421	28,798	23,475
Mobile	2,260	690	841	836	4,676	3,278
Savannah	13,291	3,220	6,811	3,120	15,457	17,218
Brunswick	—	—	—	—	500	—
Charleston	2,293	1,139	1,575	1,690	7,069	5,176
Wilmington	1,217	433	1,105	353	853	3,266
Norfolk	9,938	5,676	4,869	1,268	4,593	9,188
N'port N., &c.	—	—	—	—	—	36
All others	3,739	1,070	1,302	3,016	2,966	4,239
Tot. this week	115,448	64,025	64,783	28,589	94,458	133,247
Since Aug. 1.	8,829,885	8,767,620	6,224,637	5,394,543	5,153,971	5,358,204

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 130,081 bales, of which 31,618 were to Great Britain, 8,107 to France, 14,830 to Germany, 10,267 to Italy, 6,700 to Russia, 44,162 to Japan and China and 14,397 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 84,927 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 6,839,886 bales, against 7,323,259 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week:

Week Ended Apr. 30 1926. Exports from—	Exported to—							
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	Total.
Galveston.....			941	804	4,500	11,753		17,998
Houston.....	11,666	5,440	1,105	1,542	2,200	11,052	4,508	37,513
New Orleans.....	6,744	300	2,404	6,605		8,717	2,775	27,545
Mobile.....							290	290
Jacksonville.....	83							83
Savannah.....	46	1,622				5,000	5,680	12,348
Charleston.....			5,018			7,640	67	12,725
Wilmington.....	5,000							5,000
Norfolk.....	1,400		4,423					5,823
New York.....	2,116	745	539	816			800	5,416
Boston.....							277	277
Baltimore.....				500				500
Los Angeles.....	3,589							3,589
San Diego.....	974							974
Total.....	31,618	8,107	14,830	10,267	6,700	44,162	14,397	130,081
Total 1925.....	23,867	9,517	12,587	5,597	23,650	1,059	8,650	84,927
Total 1924.....	31,063	16,479	46,889	7,516	5,896	9,223	15,900	132,966

From Aug. 1 1925 to Apr. 30 1926. Exports from—	Exported to—							
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	Total.
Galveston.....	532,809	304,218	359,117	186,501	19,500	189,300	257,705	1,849,150
Houston.....	428,919	282,982	336,692	122,523	114,623	140,157	144,447	1,570,343
New Orleans.....	479,497	163,118	248,368	189,826		276,607	175,568	1,537,984
Mobile.....	83,449	10,353	32,044	1,000		1,500	6,501	134,847
Jacksonville.....	6,129		4,400				1,924	12,453
Pensacola.....	8,390	758	2,005	449		4,150	512	16,264
Savannah.....	207,624	16,538	277,068	8,258		132,456	58,846	700,790
Charleston.....	71,355	1,058	94,822			54,655	20,815	242,705
Wilmington.....	9,000		28,470	39,500			3,900	80,870
Norfolk.....	118,131	100	102,341			11,550	10,395	242,517
New York.....	60,618	21,413	49,843	22,908		44,446	48,331	247,559
Boston.....	2,936		464				5,982	9,382
Baltimore.....		3,705		3,834				7,539
Philadelphia.....	646	100		1,275			303	2,324
Los Angeles.....	25,880	2,900	9,975	1,164		3,732	1,037	44,688
San Diego.....	4,849						1,500	6,349
San Fran.....	950		100				86	76,602
Seattle.....						56,820	300	57,120
Total.....	2,041,182	812,243	1,546,109	577,238	134,123	990,839	738,152	6,839,886
Total '24-'25.....	2,426,188	837,060	1,729,336	615,298	150,486	832,003	732,888	7,323,259
Total '23-'24.....	1,563,904	652,449	1,118,671	459,856	48,159	553,906	521,609	4,918,554

NOTE.—Exports to Canada.—It has never been our practice to include in the above tables exports of cotton to Canada, the reason being that virtually all the cotton destined to the Dominion comes overland and it is impossible to get returns concerning the same from week to week, while reports from the customs districts on the Canadian border are always very slow in coming to hand. In view, however, of the numerous inquiries we are receiving regarding the matter, we will say that for the month of March the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 22,280 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 20,291 bales. For the eight months ended March 31 1926, there were 190,393 bales exported, as against 148,547 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:

On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—							Leaving Stock.
April 30 at—	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Cont.	Coast-wise.	Total.	
Galveston.....	11,200	7,800	7,000	20,300	4,000	50,300	364,612
New Orleans.....	2,433	5,587	3,008	23,968	312	35,308	275,781
Savannah.....	8,000		7,000	500		15,500	48,825
Charleston.....					100	100	30,980
Mobile.....	3,000			1,000	11	4,011	4,390
Norfolk.....							100,800
Other ports *..	1,000	1,000	1,000	3,000		6,000	62,893
Total 1926.....	25,633	14,387	18,008	48,768	4,423	111,219	888,290
Total 1925.....	9,813	9,222	15,200	36,567	7,743	78,545	631,111
Total 1924.....	13,707	5,321	26,515	21,850	4,284	71,677	381,577

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been, as a rule, on a small scale. Now and then there was an increase, but it soon died out. It is largely a weather market. Lately better weather has been reflected in some decline in prices, especially in the new crop months. In the main the old crop has acted very steady. But the rains in the belt have very noticeably diminished and the temperatures have risen somewhat, even if they have not been so high as could have been desired. It is recognized, however, that the cotton belt has an excellent supply of subsoil moisture and that all it requires now to stimulate germination and improve the chances of a good crop is dry, warm weather. The general sentiment here has been bearish, for it is believed that the requisite favorable weather conditions will soon appear. Supplies are large. Exports have continued as a rule to be small, although they have got above the 7,000,000 bale mark. Liverpool and Manchester have been more or less depressed by the possibility of a coal strike. The yarn mills using American cotton in Lancashire have accepted the recommendation of the Master Spinners' Federation to close down for a whole week in May. At times there has been a renewal of riots in Calcutta. The fact, naturally, has not made for any improvement in trade. As for Liverpool, there has been not a little liquidation there for local and Continental account. And hedge sales have been persistent. Spot sales there have lately been only 5,000 bales a day. On this side of the water cotton goods as a rule have been quiet. Fall River, it is true, is said to be thronged with buyers. The trouble is that they are not buying much. They seem to be awaiting lower prices. Carded yarns have declined half a cent. Worth Street has been slow. Day by day have come announcements that mills in the Carolinas would curtail output 25 to 33%, generally 25%, beginning May 1. It was said that most of this curtailment is in the Spartanburg district. As to how long the period of reduced production will continue there seems to be some uncertainty. Some reports say 60 days, others 90. Some of the Carolina mills are not curtailing and it appears will not, as they seem to be doing quite a good business. On the other hand, this seems to be the exception that proves the rule, that curtailment is desirable owing to unsatisfactory trade and

the tendency to accumulate stocks of goods in mill warehouses. As to the acreage, some reports declare that there will be no marked decrease. Three private reports on the subject have latterly been issued. They estimate the decrease at 1 to 2.3%, the latest being 2% on the average, and this including an increase in Georgia of 1%. Admittedly, it is too soon to tell with any exactness just what the acreage is going to be. It is conceded that this will ultimately be determined by the weather and to some extent by the price of cotton.

On the other hand, in some quarters there is a good deal of stress laid on the fact that the crop is getting a late start. The latest weekly report was not favorable. It emphasized the cold weather and the wet soil. Germination was slow. Planting was well behind. The season is said to be anywhere from 2 to 4 weeks late. Other reports state that it may be that much late as compared with last year, but is not much more than two weeks behind the average season. In any case there is a good deal of complaint of cold nights, and slow development of plant, where seeding has been done. Some reports assert that 90 to 95% of Texas will have to be planted after May 1. The uplands there have been washed and the lowlands flooded. Minimum temperatures have been in the 30's, 40's and 50's. The fact is stressed, too, that with the season late prices of new crop months are the lowest for some years past. And there has been a steady demand for the new crop months. Some of it is said to have come from Europe. The buying has not been large, but it has been more or less persistent. Some who sold May have bought not only July, but October or December. As for May, there has been considerable liquidation, but the market has taken it very well. The premium over July has ranged from 42 to 47 points. Of late it has been something under 45 points. But at around 18.50c. it was noticed that there was a persistent demand, which prevented the price from going below that level. Mills have been calling May cotton steadily. The May notices up to Thursday night amounted to only 4,300 bales. They were promptly stopped. Only a moderate quantity of cotton is said to be on its way to New York for delivery on May contracts. Moreover, while speculation has been quiet, spot cotton in the central and Atlantic belts has recently been reported active. It was said that New England mills recently bought some 15,000 bales from co-operative associations. Some Texas interests are declared to be buying spot cotton with avidity, even in some cases, it is said, taking bolls. Liverpool is asserted to have bought strict middling and good middling of one-inch staple freely, and Havre a good deal of middling and strict middling, also inch cotton. Cotton of a kind that sells at 9½c. has also met with a ready market. It is declared that the co-operative sales to the New England spinners were made at tempting prices, but latterly the better grades of cotton have been, to all appearances, steady. Other reports say that the highest and lowest grades are not so easy to sustain as the medium qualities. Wall Street bought October on Thursday rather freely and trade interests took considerable July, although they sold October against it. The upshot is that it is a weather market. Good weather is expected to put prices down and bad weather to cause an advance.

To-day prices advanced 13 to 14 points on heavy covering of shorts, supposedly for Wall Street account and some fears of renewed rains in the Southwest. Also, spinners' takings showed an increase. Exports are beginning to creep up a little. The decrease as compared with last year is being reduced somewhat. Manchester announced that the yarn mills using American cotton would for the most part shut down for a week beginning to-morrow. Liverpool was more or less depressed on this fact and also on the reported imminence of a great coal strike in Great Britain. Manchester was quiet. Cotton goods were still slow in this country. But after all, bearish news on both sides of the water had been discounted. Offerings were small. The American spot situation was reported rather better. Memphis advices emphasized this. The technical position in "futures" seemed to be short. Towards the close there was some realizing in which much of the advance was lost. May closed at 45 points over July. Large trade interests were understood to be selling May and buying July. Final prices show a decline for the week on most months of 3 to 7 points, though July is up 3 points. Spot cotton ended at 18.90c., the same price as a week ago.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the April 29 quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, are the differences from middling established for deliveries in the New York market on May 6.

Middling fair.....	1.08 on	*Middling "yellow" stained.....	3.65 off
Strict good middling.....	.87 on	*Good middling "blue" stained.....	2.23 off
Good middling.....	.65 on	Strict middling "blue" stained.....	3.03 off
Strict middling.....	.44 on	*Middling "blue" stained.....	3.98 off
Middling.....	Basic	Good middling spotted.....	even off
Strict low middling.....	1.30 off	Strict middling spotted.....	.30 off
Low middling.....	3.35 off	Middling spotted.....	1.15 off
*Strict good ordinary.....	5.38 off	*Strict low middling spotted.....	2.83 off
*Good ordinary.....	6.88 off	Low middling spotted.....	4.73 off
Strict good mid. "yellow" tinged.....	0.16 off	Good mid. light yellow stained.....	1.46 off
Good middling "yellow" tinged.....	.71 off	*Strict mid. light yellow stained.....	1.98 off
Strict middling "yellow" tinged.....	1.16 off	Middling light yellow stained.....	3.10 off
*Middling "yellow" tinged.....	2.73 off	Good middling "gray".....	.91 off
*Strict low mid. "yellow" tinged.....	4.48 off	*Strict middling "gray".....	1.43 off
*Low middling "yellow" tinged.....	6.15 off	Middling "gray".....	2.18 off
Good middling "yellow" stained.....	2.28 off		
*Strict middling "yellow" stained.....	2.86 off		

* Not deliverable on future contracts.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

April 24 to April 30— Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri.
Middling upland..... 18.90 18.75 18.90 18.85 18.85 18.90

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, April 24.	Monday, April 26.	Tuesday, April 27.	Wednesday, April 28.	Thursday, April 29.	Friday, April 30.
April—						
Range.....						
Closing.....						
May—						
Range.....	18.65-18.74	18.51-18.63	18.51-18.69	18.60-18.68	18.53-18.62	18.56-18.71
Closing.....	18.65-18.67	18.51-18.52	18.63-18.64	18.60-18.63	18.57-18.58	18.63-18.64
June—						
Range.....	18.28	18.15	18.26	18.30	18.33	18.40
Closing.....						
July—						
Range.....	18.15-18.24	18.05-18.13	18.08-18.25	18.15-18.22	18.10-18.19	18.11-18.27
Closing.....	18.18	18.05-18.07		18.15-18.16	18.14-18.15	18.18
August—						
Range.....				17.61-17.61	17.70	17.74
Closing.....	17.73	17.60	17.71	17.61	17.70	17.74
Sept.—						
Range.....						
Closing.....	17.44	17.23	17.35	17.29	17.28	17.32
Oct.—						
Range.....	17.36-17.44	17.15-17.35	17.20-17.37	17.25-17.34	17.17-17.27	17.20-17.38
Closing.....	17.39	17.18	17.31-17.32	17.25	17.24-17.25	17.28-17.29
Nov.—						
Range.....			17.02-17.02	17.01	17.00	17.04
Closing.....	17.16	16.93	17.05	17.01	17.00	17.04
Dec.—						
Range.....	17.02-17.10	16.82-17.02	16.87-17.02	16.91-16.98	16.81-16.91	16.85-17.04
Closing.....	17.05-17.06	16.82-16.83	16.95-16.97	16.91-16.92	16.90-16.91	16.94-16.96
Jan.—						
Range.....	16.92-17.00	16.74-16.90	16.78-16.92	16.83-16.91	16.75-16.84	16.78-16.95
Closing.....	16.96	16.74-16.76	16.88	16.83	16.82-16.83	16.83-16.84
Feb.—						
Range.....			16.85-16.85	16.91	16.92	16.95
Closing.....	17.03	16.82	16.93	16.91	16.92	16.95
March—						
Range.....	17.10-17.19	16.91-17.04	16.97-17.07	17.00-17.05	16.91-17.04	16.99-17.17
Closing.....	17.10	16.91	17.06	16.98	17.03	17.06

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Apr. 30 1926 and since trading began on each option:

Option for.	Range for Week.	Range Since Beginning of Option.
Apr. 1926.....		18.60 Mar. 11 1926 ¹ 19.89 Nov. 12 1925
May 1926.....	18.5 Apr. 26 18.74 Apr. 24	18.27 Mar. 2 1926 25.63 July 27 1925
June 1926.....	18.10 Apr. 20 1926 21.20 Sept. 12 1925	
July 1926.....	18.05 Apr. 26 18.27 Apr. 30	17.65 Mar. 2 1926 24.72 Aug. 17 1925
Aug. 1926.....	17.61 Apr. 28 17.61 Apr. 28	17.33 Mar. 2 1926 22.00 Oct. 8 1925
Sept. 1926.....	17.00 Apr. 17 1926 20.97 Oct. 14 1925	
Oct. 1926.....	17.15 Apr. 26 17.44 Apr. 24	17.00 Apr. 17 1926 19.70 Nov. 6 1925
Nov. 1926.....	17.02 Apr. 27 17.02 Apr. 27	16.85 Apr. 17 1926 18.20 Feb. 5 1926
Dec. 1926.....	16.81 Apr. 29 17.10 Apr. 24	16.66 Apr. 17 1926 18.50 Jan. 4 1926
Jan. 1927.....	16.74 Apr. 26 17.00 Apr. 24	16.60 Apr. 17 1926 17.94 Feb. 5 1926
Feb. 1927.....	16.85 Apr. 27 16.85 Apr. 27	16.85 Apr. 27 1926 16.85 Apr. 27 1926
Mar. 1927.....	16.91 Apr. 26 17.19 Apr. 24	16.72 Apr. 17 1926 17.40 Apr. 10 1926

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, as well as the afloat, are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

	Apr. 30	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Stock at Liverpool.....	bales.	800,000	904,000	569,000	683,000
Stock at London.....			3,000		4,000
Stock at Manchester.....		80,000	130,000	93,000	71,000
Total Great Britain.....		880,000	1,037,000	662,000	763,000
Stock at Hamburg.....				7,000	
Stock at Bremen.....		192,000	298,000	150,000	85,000
Stock at Havre.....		210,000	218,000	121,000	107,000
Stock at Rotterdam.....		6,000	11,000	17,000	15,000
Stock at Barcelona.....		96,000	92,000	57,000	108,000
Stock at Genoa.....		19,000	35,000	15,000	18,000
Stock at Ghent.....			3,000	2,000	2,000
Stock at Antwerp.....			12,000	12,000	10,000
Total Continental stocks.....		523,000	669,000	381,000	343,000
Total European stocks.....		1,403,000	1,706,000	1,043,000	1,106,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....		110,000	152,000	188,000	121,000
American cotton afloat for Europe.....		279,000	321,000	266,000	134,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Europe.....		95,000	88,000	56,000	57,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....		276,000	145,000	161,000	236,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....		838,000	913,000	909,000	762,000
Stock in U. S. ports.....		999,509	709,656	453,254	439,045
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....		1,479,275	510,646	443,328	572,660
U. S. exports to-day.....		5,823		800	
Total visible supply.....		5,485,607	4,545,302	3,520,382	3,427,705

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

American—				
Liverpool stock.....	bales.	514,000	688,000	311,000
Manchester stock.....		64,000	118,000	76,000
Continental stock.....		463,000	595,000	284,000
American afloat for Europe.....		279,000	321,000	266,000
U. S. port stocks.....		999,509	709,656	453,254
U. S. interior stocks.....		1,479,275	510,646	443,328
U. S. exports to-day.....		5,823		800
Total American.....		3,804,607	2,942,302	1,834,382
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—				
Liverpool stock.....		286,000	216,000	258,000
London stock.....			3,000	
Manchester stock.....		16,000	12,000	17,000
Continental stock.....		60,000	74,000	97,000
Indian afloat for Europe.....		110,000	152,000	188,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat.....		95,000	88,000	56,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....		276,000	145,000	161,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....		838,000	913,000	909,000
Total East India, &c.....		1,681,000	1,603,000	1,686,000
Total American.....		3,804,607	2,942,302	1,834,382
Total visible supply.....				
Middling uplands, Liverpool.....		9.94d.	12.98d.	17.35d.
Middling uplands, New York.....		18.90c.	24.40c.	30.15c.
Egypt, good Saker, Liverpool.....		17.50d.	33.65d.	24.55d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool.....		18.00d.	20.75d.	23.75d.
Broach, fine, Liverpool.....		8.60d.	11.45d.	14.30d.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool.....		9.15d.	12.10d.	15.20d.

Continental imports for past week have been 90,000 bales.

The above figures for 1926 show a decrease from last week of 120,136 bales, a gain of 940,305 over 1925, an increase of 1,965,225 bales over 1924, and an increase of 2,057,902 bales over 1923.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stock to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year, is set out in detail below:

Towns.	Movement to April 30 1926.			Movement to May 1 1925.		
	Receipts. Week.	Season. Week.	Stocks Apr. 30.	Receipts. Week.	Season. Week.	Stocks May 1.
Ala., Birming'm	610	91,127	2,152	138	52,697	349
Eufaula	12	21,609	3,417	4	19,544	225
Montgomery	798	100,542	1,048	227	82,202	428
Selma	673	88,901	1,548	104	64,047	274
Ark., Helena	238	100,341	1,736	28,999	63,165	450
Little Rock	394	228,168	2,472	47,715	214	204,909
Pine Bluff	365	179,736	2,074	53,001	3	109,382
Ga., Albany	—	7,915	—	2,067	—	3,885
Atlanta	200	33,619	500	9,552	455	50,747
Augusta	3,483	214,431	3,910	43,951	1,388	218,836
Columbus	3,395	343,161	3,893	59,937	1,090	224,504
Macon	769	84,567	810	2,660	468	74,240
Rome	774	68,507	2,666	10,144	157	47,015
La., Shreveport	540	52,278	750	11,172	152	47,171
Miss., Columbus	242	165,578	656	18,427	—	100,000
Clarksdale	177	46,469	168	5,466	7	37,014
Greenwood	1,112	232,473	2,809	74,577	9	111,914
Meridian	599	221,734	1,543	65,269	123	135,171
Natchez	53	68,627	517	12,133	26	37,579
Vicksburg	74	57,849	689	9,823	7	41,253
Yazoo City	67	54,368	329	15,719	4	31,588
Mo., St. Louis	8	52,834	581	12,674	34	33,115
N.C., Greensboro	5,648	663,669	5,682	15,775	4,965	715,625
Raleigh	2,231	62,514	1,261	19,432	763	68,636
Okla., Altus	162	31,288	930	11,105	—	8,150
Chickasha	842	141,866	740	11,459	134	218,296
Oklahoma	1,024	192,299	943	15,192	307	154,321
S. C., Greenville	1,155	169,881	958	24,443	—	139,831
Tenn., Memphis	2,805	286,714	6,541	50,218	2,899	216,881
Nashville	—	4,912	—	2,682	—	13,264
Tex., Abilene	13,520	1,772,926	18,928	260,201	8,107	1,250,468
Brenham	17	3,356	21	812	—	943
Austin	575	86,366	842	825	—	71,387
Dallas	26	6,027	29	4,014	3	23,179
Houston	114	12,654	—	322	81	33,996
Paris	1,778	161,388	692	19,523	543	193,232
San Antonio	25,373	4,680,393	61,666	513,974	10,665	4,675,119
Fort Worth	65	113,941	532	2,406	61	93,508
Total, 40 towns	11	25,881	—	640	29	65,695
	348	94,198	650	7,707	289	158,112

The above total shows that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 62,498 bales and are to-night 968,629 bales more than at the same time last year. The receipts at all the towns have been 35,918 bales more than the same week last year.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Apr. 30 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1926	18.90c.	1918	27.50c.	1910	15.25c.	1902	9.81c.
1925	24.30c.	1917	20.55c.	1909	10.90c.	1901	8.31c.
1924	29.80c.	1916	12.20c.	1908	10.30c.	1900	9.81c.
1923	27.85c.	1915	10.50c.	1907	11.45c.	1899	6.19c.
1922	18.35c.	1914	13.00c.	1906	11.75c.	1898	6.38c.
1921	12.40c.	1913	11.80c.	1905	7.85c.	1897	7.75c.
1920	41.25c.	1912	11.70c.	1904	13.85c.	1896	8.12c.
1919	29.40c.	1911	15.45c.	1903	10.75c.	1895	6.94c.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader, we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr't	Total.
Saturday	Quiet, unchanged	Steady			
Monday	Quiet, 15 pts. dec.	Barely steady			
Tuesday	Quiet, 15 pts. adv.	Steady			
Wednesday	Quiet, 5 pts. dec.	Barely steady			
Thursday	Quiet, unchanged	Barely steady			
Friday	Quiet, 5 pts. Adv.	Steady			
Total					

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

		—1925-26—		—1924-25—	
<i>Shipped</i>		<i>Week.</i>	<i>Since Aug. 1.</i>	<i>Week.</i>	<i>Since Aug. 1.</i>
Via St. Louis	5,682	643,794	4,989	684,765	
Via Mounds, &c.	2,550	278,712	1,060	250,890	
Via Rock Island	352	38,874		34,210	
Via Louisville	560	55,558	689	47,180	
Via Virginia points	5,254	200,358	3,800	250,788	
Via other routes, &c.	7,563	374,609	2,193	417,536	
Total gross overland		21,961	1,591,905	12,731	1,640,369
<i>Deduct Shipments—</i>					
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	3,739	130,423	1,070	90,946	
Between interior towns	479	21,538	501	22,731	
Inland, &c., from South	5,792	708,078	8,988	590,654	
Total to be deducted		10,010	860,039	10,559	704,331
Leaving total net overland *		11,951	731,866	2,172	936,038

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 11,951 bales, against 2,172 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 204,172 bales.

	1925-26		1924-25	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to April 30	115,448	8,829,885	64,025	8,767,620
Net overland to April 30	11,951	731,866	2,172	936,038
Southern consumption to April 30	120,000	3,680,000	100,000	3,325,000
Total marketed	247,399	13,241,751	166,197	13,028,658
Interior stocks in excess	62,498	1,323,140	84,122	328,400
Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to April 1	---	663,983	---	626,290
Came into sight during week	184,901	---	82,074	---
Total in sight April 30	---	15,228,874	---	13,983,348
Nor. spinners' takings to April 30	27,661	1,728,947	23,575	1,737,154

* Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Week	Bales.	Since Aug. 1—	Bales.
1924—May 3	113,999	1923-24	10,614,763
1923—May 4	109,967	1922-23	10,383,468

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Week Ended Apr. 30.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wed. day.	Thurs. day.	Friday.
Galveston	18.30	18.15	18.25	18.15	18.10	18.10
New Orleans	17.89	17.80	17.88	17.84	17.90	17.95
Mobile	17.40	17.30	17.40	17.40	17.40	17.50
Savannah	17.88	Holiday	17.90	17.83	17.79	17.84
Charleston	17.88	17.75	---	---	---	---
Norfolk	18.13	18.06	18.13	18.13	18.13	18.13
Baltimore	---	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50
Augusta	17.69	17.56	17.63	17.63	17.56	17.63
Memphis	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
Houston	18.20	18.05	18.15	18.15	18.10	18.10
Little Rock	17.90	17.75	17.90	17.90	17.90	17.90
Dallas	17.90	17.75	17.90	17.85	17.85	17.85
Fort Worth	---	17.75	17.90	17.85	17.85	17.85

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, April 24.	Monday, April 26.	Tuesday, April 27.	Wednesday, April 28.	Thursday, April 29.	Friday, April 30.
April	---	---	---	---	---	---
May	17.90-17.92	17.79-17.80	17.88	flat	17.85	bid
June	---	17.64	17.73	17.70	17.73	17.78
July	17.53-17.55	17.42	flat	17.52	flat	17.54-17.55
August	---	---	---	---	---	---
September	---	---	---	---	---	---
October	16.66-16.69	16.52-16.53	16.63-16.65	16.55-16.56	16.61-16.62	16.62-16.65
November	---	---	---	---	---	---
December	16.67-16.69	16.52	bid	16.65-16.66	16.53	flat
January	16.63	16.51	bid	16.63	flat	16.50-16.52
February	16.61	bid	---	---	---	16.60
March	---	16.46	bid	16.59	bid	16.54
Spot	Steady	Quiet	Steady	Quiet	Steady	Quiet
Options	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady

INDIA COTTON CROP PLACED AT FIVE MILLION BALES.—The final estimate of the India cotton crop is 5,053,000 bales of 478 pounds net, according to a report received by the United States Department of Agriculture from the Indian Department of Agriculture and made public on April 24. The crop last year was 5,097,000 bales, and the average for the five-year period 1920-21 to 1924-25 was 4,086,000 bales. The area this year was 27,960,000 acres, compared with 26,801,000 acres last year.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening indicate that the weather during the week has been generally favorable for farm work in all parts of the cotton belt with the exception of the southwestern portion, where the soil has been too wet. Planting as a rule has made fairly good progress. Temperatures, however, have been somewhat too low for the best development of early planted cotton.

TEXAS.—Some cotton seed has been planted during the week in the western portion of this State, but elsewhere it has been mostly too wet for this work.

Mobile, Ala.—The weather has been favorable for farm work and good progress has been made. There have been many complaints about the cool weather, which has been damaging planted seed.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer
Texas—Galveston	2 days	2.74 in.	high 75 low 62 mean 69
Abilene	2 days	0.06 in.	high 90 low 50 mean 70
Brenham	1 day	0.10 in.	high 82 low 48 mean 56
Brownsville	2 days	2.18 in.	high 86 low 50 mean 73
Corpus Christi	3 days	1.46 in.	high 80 low 58 mean 69
Dallas	1 day	0.02 in.	high 82 low 44 mean 63
Henrietta	2 days	0.18 in.	high 88 low 46 mean 67
Kerrville	1 day	0.04 in.	high 80 low 40 mean 60
Lampasas	1 day	0.06 in.	high 74 low 44 mean 59
Longview	---	dry	high 82 low 42 mean 62
Luling	---	dry	high 84 low 50 mean 67
Nacogdoches	---	dry	high 82 low 44 mean 63
Palestine	1 day	0.01 in.	high 80 low 52 mean 66
Paris	1 day	0.01 in.	high 84 low 50 mean 67
San Antonio	1 day	0.01 in.	high 82 low 54 mean 68
Weatherford	2 days	1.82 in.	high 84 low 54 mean 67

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer
Oklahoma—Ardmore	1 day	0.05 in.	high 87 low 44 mean 66
Altus	---	dry	high 78 low 32 mean 55
Muskogee	2 days	0.82 in.	high 87 low 41 mean 64
Oklahoma City	1 day	0.03 in.	high 86 low 45 mean 66
Ark.—Brinkley	2 days	0.67 in.	high 84 low 40 mean 62
Eldorado	2 days	0.24 in.	high 85 low 44 mean 65
Little Rock	3 days	0.50 in.	high 83 low 46 mean 65
Pine Bluff	3 days	1.25 in.	high 86 low 43 mean 65
La.—Alexandria	---	dry	high 88 low 49 mean 69
Amite	3 days	0.39 in.	high 88 low 44 mean 66
New Orleans	2 days	1.47 in.	high 85 low 52 mean 69
Shreveport	---	dry	high 85 low 52 mean 69
Miss.—Okolona	1 day	0.42 in.	high 88 low 41 mean 65
Columbus	2 days	1.31 in.	high 86 low 41 mean 64
Greenwood	2 days	0.40 in.	high 88 low 41 mean 65
Vicksburg	2 days	0.10 in.	high 84 low 52 mean 68
Ala.—Mobile	2 days	0.41 in.	high 79 low 53 mean 66
Decatur	2 days	0.55 in.	high 81 low 42 mean 62
Montgomery	2 days	0.26 in.	high 80 low 48 mean 64
Selma	1 day	0.42 in.	high 86 low 46 mean 66
Fla.—Gainesville	---	dry	high 87 low 44 mean 66
Madison	---	dry	high 85 low 47 mean 66
Ga.—Savannah	3 days	0.01 in.	high 88 low 51 mean 70
Athens	---	dry	high 80 low 36 mean 58
Augusta	1 day	0.22 in.	high 86 low 43 mean 65
Columbus	2 days	0.75 in.	high 81 low 42 mean 62
S. C.—Charleston	1 day	0.06 in.	high 84 low 51 mean 68
Greenwood	1 day	0.47 in.	high 79 low 41 mean 60
Columbia	1 day	0.02 in.	high 84 low 44 mean 64
Conway	1 day	0.10 in.	high 88 low 42 mean 65
N. C.—Charlotte	---	dry	high 85 low 43 mean 63
Newbern	3 days	0.10 in.	high 89 low 43 mean 66
Weldon	2 days	0.12 in.	high 89 low 39 mean 64
Tenn.—Memphis	3 days	0.40 in.	high 80 low 49 mean 65

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:

	April 30 1926.	May 1 1925.
	Feet.	Feet.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge.	13.6
Memphis	Above zero of gauge.	22.6
Nashville	Above zero of gauge.	10.7
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge.	20.2
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge.	39.6

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Week Ended	Receipts at Ports.			Stocks at Interior Towns.			Receipts from Plantations		
	1926.	1925.	1924.	1926.	1925.	1924.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Jan.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
29.	171,156	200,371	116,104	1,966,783	1,306,792	944,868	158,778	123,537	83,709
Feb.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
5.	173,227	179,899	104,226	1,930,287	1,248,011	898,190	136,731	121,118	57,548
11.	148,354	204,982	101,244	1,912,997	1,199,955	884,918	131,064	156,824	87,972
19.	148,404	167,066	78,924	1,893,776	1,170,855	823,836	128,566	137,968	17,843
26.	120,512	159,418	69,338	1,866,224	1,130,368	789,313	93,657	118,931	34,815
Mar.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
5.	118,766	199,633	69,374	1,836,790	1,048,699	736,133	88,669	117,964	16,194
12.	105,260	185,061	43,809	1,810,852	969,348	696,682	79,322	105,710	4,358
19.	121,458	148,871	56,871	1,760,020	893,590	662,625	70,608	73,473	22,214
26.	104,414	100,249	49,733	1,730,985	837,576	623,832	75,397	43,875	11,540
April	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
2.	110,433	109,150	55,370	1,679,443	753,817	586,349	58,891	25,591	17,887
9.	91,081	74,709	60,709	1,630,308	708,223	555,542	41,896	29,115	29,902
16.	104,943	74,512	69,435	1,575,256	630,689	517,534	49,891	10,304	31,427
23.	71,673	50,632	58,548	1,541,773	594,768	486,199	38,190	14,711	28,521
30.	115,448	64,025	64,783	1,479,275	510,646	443,632	62,498	---	21,912

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1925 are 10,078,876 bales; in 1924 were 9,116,893 bales, and in 1923 were 6,336,972 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 115,448 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 52,950 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 62,498 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were nil bales and for 1924 they were 21,912 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 April 23	5,605,743	---	4,778,729	---
Visible supply Aug. 1	---	2,342,887	---	2,190,493
American in sight to April 30	184,901	15,228,874	82,075	13,983,348
Bombay receipts to April 29	68,000	2,863,000	93,000	2,930,000
Other India shipm'ts to April 29	28,000	509,000	17,000	409,000
Alexandria receipts to April 28	18,000	1,450,200	9,000	1,398,600
Other supply to April 28	10,000	637,000	9,000	390,000
Total supply	5,914,644	23,030,961	4,988,804	21,301,441
Deduct—	---	---	---	---
Visible supply April 30	5,485,607	5,485,607	4,545,302	4,545,302
Total takings to April 30	429,037	17,545,354	443,502	16,756,139
Of which American	353,037	12,467,154	286,502	12,039,539
Of which other	76,000	5,078,200	157,000	4,716,600

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c.

a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 3,680,000 bales in 1925-26 and 3,335,000 bales in 1924-25—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 13,865,354 bales in 1925-26 and 13,431,139 bales in 1924-25, of which 8,787,154 bales and 8,714,539 bales American.

b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

April 29. Receipts at—	1925-26.		1924-25.		1923-24.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	68,000	2,863,000	93,000	2,930,000	73,000	2,954,000

Exports from—	For the Week.				Since January 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1925-26—	5,000	8,000	46,000	59,000	42,000	424,000	1,452,000	1,918,000
1924-25—	—	—	93,000	93,000	51,000	443,000	1,445,000	1,939,000
1923-24—	—	28,000	34,000	62,000	133,000	771,000	1,312,000	2,216,000
Other India—								
1925-26—	5,000	23,000	—	28,000	93,000	416,000	—	509,000
1924-25—	6,000	11,000	—	17,000	72,000	337,000	—	409,000
1923-24—	6,000	17,000	—	23,000	116,000	412,000	—	528,000
Total all—								
1925-26—	10,000	31,000	46,000	87,000	135,000	840,000	1,452,000	2,427,000
1924-25—	6,000	11,000	93,000	110,000	123,000	780,000	1,445,000	2,348,000
1923-24—	6,000	45,000	34,000	85,000	249,000	1,183,000	1,312,000	2,744,000

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 25,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 23,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an increase of 79,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years.

<i>Alexandria, Egypt, April 28.</i>	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.	
<i>Receipts (cantars)—</i>				
<i>This week</i> -----	90,000	4,500	50,000	
<i>Since Aug. 1</i> -----	7,246,180	7,032,915	6,247,699	
<i>Exports (bales)—</i>	<i>This Week.</i>	<i>Since Aug. 1.</i>	<i>This Week.</i>	<i>Since Aug. 1.</i>
<i>To Liverpool</i> -----	15,000	175,028	4,250	182,723
<i>To Manchester, &c.</i> -----	6,000	169,580	8,000	184,243
<i>To Continent and India</i> -----	6,000	291,053	2,500	323,689
<i>To America</i> -----	5,000	136,219	1,250	117,539
<i>Total exports</i> -----	32,000	771,880	8,000	832,047
			11,750	797,729

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending April 28 were 90,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 32,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both cloths and yarns is quiet. Demand for both yarn and cloths is poor. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison.

	1926.				1925.			
	32s Cop Twists.	8½ Lbs. Shirts Common to Finest.	Cotton Middl's Up'ds		32s Cop Twists.	8½ Lbs. Shirts Common to Finest.	Cotton Middl's Up'ds	
January—								
29—	16½ a17½	14 4 a14 6	10.63	22 a23½	16 5 a17 0	12.92		
February—								
5—	16½ a17½	14 0 a14 4	10.80	22½ a23	16 5 a17 0	13.73		
11—	16½ a17½	14 0 a14 4	10.52	22½ a24½	16 7 a17 2	13.28		
19—	16½ a17½	14 0 a14 3	10.57	22½ a24½	17 2 a17 4	13.66		
26—	16 a17½	14 0 a14 3	10.33	23 a24½	17 2 a17 5	13.94		
March—								
5—	15½ a17½	14 0 a14 3	9.95	23½ a24½	17 3 a17 6	14.37		
12—	15½ a17 0	13 3 a13 6	9.90	23½ a24½	17 2 a17 6	14.04		
19—	15½ a17 0	13 3 a13 6	10.08	23 a24½	17 2 a17 5	14.08		
26—	15½ a17 0	13 3 a13 6	10.16	22½ a24½	17 2 a17 4	13.88		
April—								
1—	15½ a17 0	13 3 a13 6	10.16	22½ a24	17 1 a17 4	13.72		
9—	15½ a16½	13 3 a13 6	9.99	22½ a24	17 1 a17 4	13.23		
16—	15 a16½	13 3 a13 6	10.13	22½ a23½	17 1 a17 4	13.39		
23—	15 a16½	13 3 a13 6	10.01	26½ a28½	18 4 a19 0	17.70		
30—	15 a16½	13 2 a13 5	9.94	21½ a22½	16 6 a17 0	12.98		

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 130,081 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

NEW YORK—To Liverpool—April 23—Cedric, 968.	April 23—	Bales.
Scythia, 1,148.		2,116
To Antwerp—April 23—Maine, 100.		100
To Genoa—April 23—Conte Rosso, 816.		816
To Lisbon—April 24—Hektor, 700.		700
To Havre—April 27—Liberty, 745.		745
To Bremen—April 27—Republic, 939.		939
HOUSTON—To Genoa—April 23—Monrosa, 550.	April 29—Nico Odero, 992.	1,542
To Rotterdam—April 29—West Camak, 200.		200
To Japan—April 24—Denmark, 11,052.		11,052
To Bremen—April 29—West Camak, 1,105.		1,105
To Havre—April 28—Tasmanic, 877.	April 29—Jacques Carier, 2,224.	5,440
To Ghent—April 29—Youngstown, 2,339.		2,339
To Genoa—April 28—Tasmanic, 615.	April 29—Youngstown, 532.	1,147
To Copenhagen—April 28—Tasmanic, 1,700.	April 29—Delaware, 900.	2,600
To Gothenburg—April 28—Tasmanic, 561.		561
To Liverpool—April 29—Meltonian, 976.	April 29—Cripple Creek, 8,917.	9,893
To Murmansk—April 28—Dagfin, 2,200.		2,200
To Manchester—April 29—Meltonian, 215.	April 29—Cripple Creek, 1,558.	1,773
NEW ORLEANS—To Bordeaux—April 22—Yokohama, 300.		300
To Hamburg—April 22—Nordsee, 2,404.		2,404
To Cartagena—April 23—Parlmina, 100.		100
To Porto Barrios—April 23—Surname, 100.		100
To Vera Cruz—April 22—Baja California, 500.		500
To Liverpool—April 24—Norwegian, 6,416.		6,416
To Manchester—April 24—Norwegian, 328.		328
To Venice—April 21—Gilda, 2,805.		2,805
To Naples—April 21—Gilda, 1,200.		1,200
To Trieste—April 21—Gilda, 300.		300
To Gothenburg—April 23—Mexicano, 600.		600
To Passages—April 23—Marlaspio, 100.		100
To Japan—April 24—Fenncliff, 8,717.		8,717
To Oporto—April 24—Jomar, 1,125.		1,125
To Lisbon—April 24—Jomar, 250.		250
To Genoa—April 26—Scantie, 2,300.		2,300
NORFOLK—To Liverpool—April 30—Eastport, 550.		550
To Manchester—April 30—Eastport, 850.		850
To Bremen—April 30—Holstein, 4,423.		4,423
GALVESTON—To Japan—April 22—Taibo Maru, 5,019.	April 22—Taisuno Maru, 6,734.	11,753
To Bremen—April 23—Rio Bravo, 941.		941
To Murmansk—April 24—Dagfin, 4,500.		4,500
To Venice—April 29—Gilda, 654.		654
To Trieste—April 29—Gilda, 150.		150

CHARLESTON—To Bremen—April 26—Grete, 4,108.	Bales.
To Hamburg—April 26—Grete, 910.	4,108
To Rotterdam—April 26—Grete, 67.	910
To Japan—April 26—Selma City, 7,640.	67
MOBILE—To Barcelona—April 15—Mar del Norte, 290.	7,640
BALTIMORE—To Genoa—April 24—Saucon, 500.	290
SAN PEDRO—To Liverpool—April 23—Noorderdijk, 3,111.	500
April 24—Birmingham City, 100.	3,111
To Manchester—April 29—London Merchant, 378.	378
SAVANNAH—To Havre—April 24—Hornby Castle, 1,559.	1,559
To Rouen—April 24—Hornby Castle, 63.	63
To Ghent—April 24—Hornby Castle, 228.	228
To Antwerp—April 24—Hornby Castle, 308.	308
To Barcelona—April 24—Aldecoa, 4,944.	4,944
To Liverpool—April 26—Schoharie, 46.	46
To Rotterdam—April 26—Schoharie, 200.	200
To Japan—April 26—Venice Maru, 3,750.	3,750
To China—April 26—Venice Maru, 1,250.	1,250
WILMINGTON—To Liverpool—April 28—Woodfield, 5,000.	5,000
BOSTON—To Antwerp—April 14—Sac City, 277.	277
SAN DIEGO—To Liverpool—April 24—Birmingham City, 974.	974
JACKSONVILLE—To Liverpool—April 24—Schoharie, 83.	83
Total bales—	130,081

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

	High Density.	Stand. ard.		High Density.	Stand. ard.		High Density.	Stand. ard.
Liverpool	.30c.	.45c.	Oslo	.50c.	.60c.	Japan	.62½c.	.77½c.
Manchester	.30c.	.45c.	Stockholm	.50c.	.65c.	Shanghai	.65c.	.80c.
Antwerp	.35c.	.50c.	Trieste	.50c.	.65c.	Bombay	.45c.	.60c.
Ghent	.42½c.	.57½c.	Flume	.50c.	.65c.	Bremen	.40c.	.55c.
Havre	.35c.	.50c.	Lisbon	.40c.	.55c.	Hamburg	.35c.	.50c.
Rotterdam	.45c.	.60c.	Oporto	.60c.	.75c.	Piraeus	.75c.	.90c.
Genoa	.40c.	.55c.	Barcelona	.39c.	.45c.	Salonica	.75c.	.90c.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	April 9.	April 16.	April 23.	April 30.
Sales of the week—	19,000	30,000	34,000	30,000
Of which American—	15,000	19,000	24,000	22,000
Actual exports—	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Forwarded—	53,000	76,000	67,000	59,000
Total stock—	866,000	836,000	824,000	800,000
Of which American—	564,000	537,000	540,000	514,000
Total imports—	81,000	51,000	49,000	48,000
Of which American—	47,000	24,000	47,000	19,000
Amount afloat—	153,000	187,000	158,000	182,000
Of which American—	79,000	110,000	80,000	93,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12:15 P. M.	Quiet and unchanged.	Good Inquiry.	Quiet.	Good Inquiry.	Good Inquiry.	Quiet.
Mid. Up'ds	10.01	10.06	9.99	10.08	10.00	9.94
Sales	4,000	6,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Futures.	Quiet	Steady	Steady	Quiet	Quiet	Quiet.
Market opened	1 pt. dec. to 2 pts. adv.	5 to 6 pts. advance.	1 pt. adv. to 4 pts. dec.	unch. to 2 pts. dec.	6 to 9 pts. decline.	2 to 3 pts. decline.
Market, 4 P. M.	Quiet	Quiet	Very steady	Steady	Steady	Steady.
	unch. to 2 pts. dec.	1 to 3 pts. decline.	2 to 11 pts. advance.	1 pt. dec. to 4 pts. adv.	4 to 7 pts. decline.	1 to 2 pts. decline.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

April 24 to April 30.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	12½ 12½ 12½	12½ 4:00 12½	4:00 12½ 4:00 12½	4:00 12½ 4:00 12½	4:00 12½ 4:00 12½	4:00 12½ 4:00 12½
April	d. d. d.	d. d. d.	d. d. d.	d. d. d.	d. d. d.	d. d. d.
May	9.41 9.46 9.38	9.39 9.49 9.48	9.48 9.49 9.40	9.41 9.33 9.34	9.31 9.32 9.22	9.22 9.22 9.18
June	9.24 9.29 9.22	9.21 9.30 9.29	9.30 9.29 9.26	9.26 9.18 9.20	9.18 9.18 9.18	9.18 9.18 9.18
July	9.20 9.25 9.18	9.17 9.26 9.25	9.26 9.15 9.15	9.15 9.09 9.10	9.08 9.08 9.08	9.08 9.08 9.01
August	9.10 9.15 9.08	9.07 9.15 9.14	9.15 9.09 9.09	9.09 9.09 9.09	9.09 9.09 9.09	9.09 9.09 9.01
September	9.02 9.07 9.00	8.97 9.05 9.05	9.05 9.00 9.00	9.00 9.02 9.00	9.00 9.02 9.00	9.00 9.02 9.01
October	8.95 9.00 8.93	8.90 8.97 8.97	8.97 8.98 8.91	8.93 8.91 8.93	8.91 8.93 8.91	8.91 8.91 8.92
November	8.87 8.93 8.86	8.83 8.89 8.89	8.89 8.90 8.84	8.86 8.84 8.85	8.84 8.86 8.84	8.84 8.85 8.85
December	8.87 8.93 8.86	8.83 8.89 8.89	8.89 8.90 8.84	8.86 8.84 8.85	8.84 8.86 8.84	8.84 8.85 8.85
January	8.87 8.92 8.85	8.82 8.88 8.88	8.88 8.89 8.82	8.84 8.82 8.83	8.82 8.84 8.82	8.83 8.83 8.83
February	8.85 8.91 8.84	8.80 8.86 8.86	8.86 8.87 8.80	8.82 8.80 8.81	8.80 8.82 8.80	8.81 8.80 8.81
March	8.87 8.92 8.85	8.82 8.88 8.88	8.88 8.87 8.88	8.82 8.84 8.82	8.82 8.84 8.82	8.83 8.80 8.81
April						

BREADSTUFFS.

Friday Night, Apr. 30 1926.

Flour declined late last week 10c., in response to some depression in wheat, but declines or advances mean little to buyers. They do not buy as they did in former years. They stock to the practice of buying to supply their needs for a few weeks or for a month or so ahead. Export business, after increasing with Europe, fell off. A strike of grain handlers late last week, which was quickly settled, had some passing effect. Some mills expect a better trade in May. Export business has latterly been slow and the domestic trade still light. In France an official report stated that an admixture has been ordered to wheat flour of 8% rye, rice or barley to curtail the consumption of flour.

Wheat early in the week advanced on big exports and a decrease in the visible supply in this country of 1,311,000 bushels. In the same week last year, it is true, the decrease was 4,114,000 bushels. But the total is now down to 27,980,000 bushels, against 49,089,000 a year ago. Winnipeg reported export sales of 1,000,000 bushels to Europe. In the spring wheat belt there were complaints that the weather was cold and unseasonable. In Canada not much more than 10% of the acreage had been planted. Rain was everywhere needed. Some of the winter wheat reports said that that crop was developing only slowly. Parts of Nebraska and Kansas needed rain. Liverpool was firm. Kansas City was said to have sold some wheat to go to Chicago. World shipments last week were 10,374,000 bush-

els and the passage total was 39,296,000 bushels. Chicago rallied 2 to 2½c. from the low of the day. Winnipeg ended 1½ to 2½c. higher. The weather dominated. What both the spring wheat and winter wheat belts want is warm weather with rains here and there, now and then. Prices advanced in the middle of the week on drought in the Southwest and Northwest. It is said to be becoming serious, both north and south of the Canadian line. Crop damage was reported in Nebraska and parts of Kansas. Wheat and flour on passage this week decreased 2,648,000 bushels, to 39,296,000 bushels. The winter wheat was said to be making on the whole very good progress throughout the Southwest. Seeding of spring wheat was now progressing rapidly, but rain is needed in both Dakotas. The weather and crop news is the pivot on which the market swings. It was so much more of a weather market than one based on old statistics that it was thought advisable by some to maintain a trading position. Foreign markets at one time were strong. Some stress the rapidity with which remaining supplies of old wheat are disappearing and others the weather conditions in this country and Canada, which were more favorable for prospective supplies. Stocks of wheat in Liverpool are down to 1,720,000, compared to 2,096,000 a week ago. Owing to the very small amount of wheat and flour on passage now, weekly arrivals in the United Kingdom are extremely small and barely sufficient for consumptive needs. A significant thing was that old hard winter at Kansas City was within 3 cents of an export basis on the 26th inst. This is the smallest difference for many weeks. The markets may get closer and lead to business. Hard winters in the East might be sold at the Chicago May price, it was said. Broomhall says it is expected that importers will need all available good wheat till the end of August, when new native grain will reach consumptive channels. Larger offers from the Argentine and the very small demand for shipment wheat caused futures to react. To-day prices closed ½ to 1¼c. higher, though the export sales were estimated at only 200,000 to 300,000 bushels, partly Manitoba and partly durum. That was not up to the expectations. The decreased buying from England was attributed to a fear of a big coal strike there. Large Wall Street interests were said to be buying wheat, as they were, it appears, buying cotton. The spring wheat belt is still too dry. Rain is urgently needed. The opening was irregular and a trifle weak, with the cables disappointing and some liquidation of May on the eve of delivery day. Also, receipts were rather large. Cash markets were none too steady. And, as already pointed out, the export demand was not big enough to stimulate the market. Winnipeg, too, was rather weak. But later on the tone at both markets changed. It grew distinctly stronger. It is not believed that much wheat will be delivered in Chicago on May 1, nor much at Winnipeg. The forecast was for showers in some parts of the Dakotas. That section needs copious rains. The world's shipments point to something over 10,000,000 bushels. That means that the quantity on passage will show another decrease of fair proportions. Some decrease in the visible supply is also expected on May 3. The technical position is now considered pretty well balanced after recent covering and long selling. Final prices show a rise for the week of ¾ to 1¼c., largely on the lack of rain.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 red.....	190¼	191¼	191¼	187¼	185¼	186¼

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator.....	160¼	161¼	162	162¾	160¾	161¼
July delivery in elevator.....	142	144	143¼	144¼	141¼	143
September delivery in elevator.....	135¼	137	136¾	137¾	136	137¼

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator.....	156¼	157¾	157	156¾	154¼	155¼
July delivery in elevator.....	153¼	155¼	155¼	155¾	153¼	155
October delivery in elevator.....	134¼	137	136¾	136¾	135¾	136¾

Indian corn declined early in the week, in the fear of large May deliveries. Liquidation was rather persistent, though not, apparently, on a very large scale. The visible supply in the United States decreased last week 491,000 bushels, against 1,930,000 in the same week last year. The total is now 33,452,000 bushels, against 25,776,000 a year ago. Recently receipts at terminal markets have been small, owing, however, it was agreed, to the fact that the farmers in the corn belt were busy with field work. But stocks at Eastern markets are small and it is expected that some of the grain now in store at Chicago will be shipped to the Atlantic seaboard, at the opening of navigation. Plowing for corn has been greatly delayed by recent cold, wet weather. Iowa advices said that poor germination tests of seed corn was causing some anxiety. Stocks at Chicago are 20,235,000 bushels. Deliveries on May contracts were expected to be large. New corn is moving more freely and shipments are larger again this week. Port stocks, however, have not increased, as the railroads are having some labor trouble. A Washington dispatch says that President Coolidge firmly refuses to withdraw his opposition to the Haugen bill, framed in the corn belt to relieve the farmers of the West. Once begin this paternalism and where would it end? The law of supply and demand must rule. The quantity on passage this week increased 503,000 bushels, to 9,062,000 bushels. Corn futures were firmer, at times being sup-

ported by prominent local operators. The continued advance in the price of hogs and lard and the fact that visible supplies showed a decrease in the face of larger receipts encourage buying. To-day prices closed ¼ to 1c. lower. One great drawback was the lack of any snap in the cash trade. That was a big disappointment. Another factor was the selling out of nearby deliveries. May was about 5¼c. under July. Cash interests, it is true, bought May steadily and sold July. May deliveries on May 1 are expected to reach a fair total. Receipts were moderate. Interior reserves are said to be rather large. There is no activity in the speculation. That is another big drawback. Final prices show a decline for the week of ½ to 2½c., the latter on May.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 yellow.....	89¼	88¾	88¾	88¾	88	87¼

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator.....	73	72¾	72¼	73	72¼	71¼
July delivery in elevator.....	77¾	77¾	77¾	77¾	76¾	76¼
September delivery in elevator.....	80¼	80¾	80¾	80¾	80¾	79¾

Oats fluctuated within narrow limits, as usual, but were inclined to take a downward course, though changes were only fractional. There was a fear of large deliveries on May contracts. The visible supply in this country decreased last week 1,001,000 bushels, against 4,601,000 in the same week last year. The total is now 48,691,000 bushels, against 49,675,000 a year ago. The quantity on passage increased 850,000 bushels this week, to 9,220,000. Prices advanced on the 28th inst., owing partly to the rise in wheat and partly to bad weather delaying field work. It appears that Northwestern interests bought May oats. Buying of May and selling of July was done by cash interests. That took the liquidation in the nearby deliveries. Trade in rye was limited with liquidation developing in May, part of which was replaced by purchases of July. At times the outstanding feature has been the delay in seeding. In the largest States the crop was planted ten days to three weeks later than last year. Seeding was to be completed this week. Fair deliveries were anticipated on May contracts. To-day prices were irregular, closing ½c. lower to ¼c. higher. Liquidation was one of the outstanding features. That meant that there is a fear of rather large deliveries on May contracts on May 1. Another bearish factor was the dullness of the cash trade. Moreover, the weather was better. There is no real life in the speculation. It was an unfavorable factor, of course, that shorts were for the most part the only buyers. Their coverings simply weakened the technical position. Receipts were moderate. There is no great pressure of country offerings. The interior consumption, to all appearances, is good. Final prices, however, show a decline for the week of ½ to 1½c. on May and July, the latter on May, but September ended ¼c. higher.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 white.....	53	53	53	53¼	53	52¼

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator.....	41	40¾	41¼	41¼	40¾	40¾
July delivery in elevator.....	42	41¾	42¼	42¼	42	41¾
September delivery in elevator.....	42¾	42¾	42¾	43	42¾	42¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator.....	50¾	50¼	50¾	50¾	49¾	49¾
July delivery in elevator.....	50¾	50¾	50¾	50¾	50	50¾
October delivery in elevator.....	46¾	47	47	47¾	47	47

Rye showed a certain strength. There was no fear of big deliveries. It took its cue rather from wheat and its upward turn. The visible supply in this country increased last week, it is true, 277,000 bushels, as against a decrease, striking as it sounds, of 3,505,000 bushels in the same week last year. The total is now 13,663,000 bushels, against 13,856,000 a year ago. The amount of barley on passage this week increased 1,402,000 bushels, to 5,420,000 bushels. In France, beginning May 10, bread flours must be mixed with a minimum of 8% rye. This is in accordance with a Government order to conserve the supply of wheat until the next harvest or until about July 15. Prices declined slightly on the 28th inst. in a small market. Liquidation in May was noticed. Sellers of that month bought July. Speculation for the most part kept within very narrow bounds. To-day prices, regardless of the final upward movement of wheat prices, ended 1 to 2c. lower. There was very little support. Not a little of the selling was on a fear of rather large deliveries on May contracts on May 1. An unfavorable feature is the lack of an export demand. That is severely felt. There was some purchases of May against sales of July. That looked like transferring of hedges. But in general the trading was very light and featureless. Final prices show a decline for the week of 2 to 5c., the latter on May.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator.....	89¼	90	88¾	88¾	87¾	85¼
July delivery in elevator.....	92¾	92¾	91¾	91¾	90¾	89¾
September delivery in elevator.....	93	93¾	92¾	92¾	92	91

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN.

Wheat, New York—		Oats, New York—	
No. 2 red f.o.b.....	1.83¼	No. 2 white.....	52¼
No. 1 Northern.....	None	No. 3 white.....	51¼
No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b.....	1.87¼	Rye, New York—	
Corn, New York—		No. 2, f.o.b.....	\$1 98¾
No. 2 yellow (new) N. Y.....	87¼	Barley, New York—	
No. 3 yellow (new).....	84¼	Malting.....	82@85

FLOUR.

Spring patents.....	\$8 35a\$8 75	Rye flour, patents.....	\$5 50a\$6 00
Clears, first spring.....	7 25a 7 75	Semolina No. 2, lb.....	5 4
Soft winter straights.....	7 85a 7 25	Oats goods.....	2 70a 2 80
Hard winter straights.....	8 35a 8 75	Corn flour.....	2 25a 2 35
Hard winter patents.....	8 75a 9 25	Barley goods.....	
Hard winter clears.....	7 25a 7 75	Nos. 2, 3 and 4.....	4 25
Fancy Minn. patents.....	10 20a10 75	Fancy pearl No. 2, 3 and 4.....	7 25
City mills.....	10 45a11 05		

The statements of the movements of breadstuffs to market indicated below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	bbls. 196lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 48lbs.	bush. 56lbs.
Chicago.....	233,000	273,000	679,000	1,210,000	126,000	16,000
Minneapolis.....	1,167,000	58,000	519,000	288,000	90,000	
Duluth.....	495,000	31,000	238,000	33,000	95,000	
Milwaukee.....	20,000	63,000	98,000	99,000	29,000	
Toledo.....	158,000	63,000	63,000	1,000	3,000	
Detroit.....	18,000	12,000	34,000			
Indianapolis.....	36,000	299,000	188,000			
St. Louis.....	91,000	408,000	653,000	760,000	20,000	9,000
Peoria.....	67,000	18,000	280,000	221,000	37,000	
Kansas City.....	512,000	230,000	65,000			
Omaha.....	135,000	293,000	70,000			
St. Joseph.....	52,000	306,000	44,000			
Wichita.....	153,000	68,000	2,000			
Sioux City.....	35,000	48,000	40,000			
Total wk. '26.....	411,000	3,523,000	3,023,000	3,552,000	604,000	245,000
Same wk. '25.....	341,000	1,952,000	2,054,000	3,022,000	574,000	743,000
Same wk. '24.....	381,000	2,752,000	4,848,000	4,163,000	421,000	293,000
Since Aug. 1.....						
1925.....	16,951,000	282,176,000	184,145,000	182,931,000	62,862,000	20,383,000
1924.....	17,639,000	441,306,000	200,018,000	222,478,000	55,452,000	51,337,000
1923.....	16,128,000	181,341,000	238,452,000	188,462,000	34,704,000	23,193,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, April 24, follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York.....	265,000	531,000	24,000	396,000	306,000	263,000
Philadelphia.....	40,000	273,000	56,000	109,000	1,000	
Baltimore.....	18,000	132,000	116,000	34,000	11,000	4,000
N'port. News.....	1,000					
Norfolk.....	1,000	40,000				
New Orleans.....	48,000		74,000	9,000		
Galveston.....		23,000				
Montreal.....	10,000	112,000	1,000	63,000	9,000	
St. John, N. B.....	16,000	178,000		318,000		23,000
Boston.....	22,000		1,000	85,000		
Total wk. '26.....	421,000	1,289,000	272,000	1,014,000	327,000	290,000
Since Jan. 1 '26.....	7,774,000	41,591,000	6,533,000	12,633,000	8,237,000	2,572,000
Week 1925.....	450,000	2,608,000	168,000	647,000	444,000	407,000
Since Jan. 1 '25.....	9,714,000	53,057,000	2,294,000	9,312,000	7,952,000	10,041,000

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

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, April 24 1926, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York.....	311,659		79,942	342,131	246,653	
Boston.....				176,000		151,000
Philadelphia.....	416,000	17,000	4,000	304,000		20,000
Baltimore.....	437,000	138,000	3,000	227,000	17,000	250,000
Norfolk.....	40,000		1,000			
New Orleans.....			1,000			
Galveston.....	131,000	42,000	23,000	9,000	63,000	
Montreal.....			7,000		17,000	
St. John, N. B.....	178,000		16,000	318,000	23,000	
Total week 1926.....	1,513,659	197,000	134,942	1,376,131	366,653	421,000
Same week 1925.....	3,201,590	182,000	303,587	365,273	2,966,387	534,318

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1925 is as below:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.
	Week Apr. 24 1926.	Since July 1 1925.	Week Apr. 24 1926.
United Kingdom.....	24,735	2,866,189	417,000
Continent.....	53,000	4,509,545	1,085,659
So. & Cent. Amer.....	6,000	296,467	11,000
West Indies.....	6,000	632,529	139,925
Brit. N. Am. Cols.....			
Other countries.....	45,207	810,596	1,730,234
Total 1925-26.....	134,942	9,115,326	1,513,659
Total 1924-25.....	303,587	15,099,432	3,201,590

The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, April 23, and since July 1 1925 and 1924, are shown in the following:

	Wheat.	Corn.
	1925-26.	1924-25.
	Week April 23.	Since July 1.
North Amer.....	4,751,000	314,463,000
Black Sea.....	720,000	22,416,000
Argentina.....	3,423,000	75,475,000
Australia.....	1,480,000	61,975,000
India.....		5,768,000
Oth. countr's.....		1,040,000
Total.....	10,374,000	481,137,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, April 24, were as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
United States—					
New York.....	78,000	43,000	645,000	314,000	75,000
Boston.....		6,000	11,000	5,000	
Philadelphia.....	191,000	122,000	370,000	36,000	3,000
Baltimore.....	252,000	332,000	49,000	42,000	5,000
Newport News.....			31,000		
New Orleans.....	115,000	98,000	83,000	1,000	
Galveston.....	233,000			3,000	
Buffalo.....	1,125,000	2,413,000	725,000	17,000	192,000
Toledo.....	544,000	289,000	206,000	5,000	4,000
a float.....	245,000				
Detroit.....	145,000	35,000	130,000	20,000	
Chicago.....	2,131,000	18,424,000	5,237,000	2,976,000	328,000
a float.....		1,836,000	2,146,000		
Milwaukee.....	343,000	1,334,000	889,000	199,000	116,000
a float.....	205,000	92,000	125,000	166,000	
Duluth.....	10,323,000		12,191,000	5,952,000	661,000
a float.....	150,000			63,000	
Minneapolis.....	5,645,000	491,000	18,801,000	3,585,000	3,123,000
Sioux City.....	221,000	117,000	463,000	9,000	23,000
St. Louis.....	585,000	685,000	657,000	10,000	38,000
Kansas City.....	2,469,000	3,333,000	2,420,000	130,000	57,000
Wichita.....	1,221,000	20,000	40,000		
St. Joseph, Mo.....	834,000	335,000	25,000	6,000	1,000
Peoria.....	1,000	57,000	363,000		
Indianapolis.....	258,000	694,000	215,000		
Omaha.....	666,000	1,696,000	2,866,000	124,000	32,000
Total April 24 1926.....	27,980,000	33,452,000	48,691,000	13,663,000	4,658,000
Total April 17 1926.....	29,291,000	33,943,000	49,692,000	13,386,000	4,869,000
Total April 25 1925.....	48,089,000	25,776,000	49,675,000	13,856,000	2,783,000

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 196,000 bushels; Boston, 118,000; Baltimore, 2,000; Duluth, 112,000; total, 428,000 bushels, against 2,152,000 bushels in 1925. Barley, New York, 247,000 bushels; Boston, 87,000; Baltimore, 2,000; Buffalo, 172,000; Duluth, 150,000; total, 658,000 bushels, against 2,287,000 bushels in 1925. Wheat, New York, 1,117,000 bushels; Boston, 34,000; Philadelphia, 257,000; Baltimore, 454,000; Buffalo, 882,000; Duluth, 416,000; Toledo, 262,000; total, 3,422,000 bushels, against 7,020,000 bushels in 1925.

Canadian—

Montreal.....	3,363,000	118,000	987,000	153,000	953,000
Ft. William & Pt. Arthur.....	42,690,000		6,534,000	1,815,000	6,158,000
a float.....	5,818,000		511,000		127,000
Other Canadian.....	3,486,000		567,000		623,000

Total April 24 1926.....	55,357,000	118,000	8,599,000	1,968,000	7,861,000
Total April 17 1926.....	56,359,000		155,000	8,874,000	1,964,000
Total April 25 1925.....	36,245,000	150,000	15,790,000	2,177,000	5,075,000

Summary—

American.....	27,980,000	33,452,000	48,691,000	13,663,000	4,658,000
Canadian.....	55,357,000	118,000	8,599,000	1,968,000	7,861,000

Total April 24 1926.....	83,337,000	33,570,000	57,290,000	15,631,000	12,519,000
Total April 17 1926.....	85,650,000	34,098,000	58,566,000	15,350,000	12,692,000
Total April 25 1925.....	85,334,000	25,926,000	65,465,000	16,033,000	7,858,000

INDIAN WHEAT FORECAST.—The Indian Government issued as of March 18 1926 its second wheat forecast for the season of 1925-26. This report shows that the area now planted is only 29,711,000 acres, as against 32,134,000 acres at this time last year. We give below a summary of this report:

This forecast is based on reports received from Provinces and States which comprise a little over 98% of the total wheat acreage of India. The statistics given in this forecast therefore cover all the important wheat-growing areas except Kashmir, for which no forecast is prepared. The condition of the crop stated below generally relates to that prevailing in the latter half of February. The total area sown is estimated at 29,711,000 acres, against 32,134,000 acres (revised) at the corresponding date of last year, or a decrease of 7%. The present condition and prospects of the crop, on the whole, are reported to be fair. The detailed figures for the Provinces and States are as follows:

SECOND FORECAST, MARCH.

	1925-26.	1924-25.	Increase (+) or Dec. (—).
	Area Acres.	Area Acres.	Area Acres.
Provinces and States—			
Punjab a.....	10,431,000	11,611,000	—1,180,000
United Provinces a.....	7,249,000	7,313,000	—64,000
Central Provinces and Berar a.....	3,536,000	3,346,000	+190,000
Bombay a.....	1,587,000	2,068,000	—481,000
Bihar and Orissa.....	1,160,000	1,182,000	—22,000
North West Frontier Province.....	1,043,000	997,000	+46,000
Bengal.....	131,000	126,000	+5,000
Delhi.....	40,000	42,000	—2,000
Assam.....	5,000	610,000	—605,000
Central India.....	1,679,000	2,020,000	—341,000
Gwalior.....	1,169,000	1,482,000	—313,000
Rajputana.....	800,000	814,000	—14,000
Hyderabad.....	826,000	751,000	+75,000
Baroda.....	52,000	55,000	—3,000
Mysore.....	3,000	3,000	
Total.....	29,711,000	32,134,000	—2,423,000

a Including Indian States. b Revised.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED APRIL 27.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended April 27, follows:

At the beginning of the week high pressure had overspread the eastern half of the country and temperatures were low for the season over the area from the Ohio Valley northward and eastward, but, at the same time, it had become warmer in the Central-Northern States. By Wednesday, the 21st, much warmer weather prevailed in the Northeast, and the following day brought midsummer temperatures to much of the middle Atlantic area. Over the Northwest and much of the Far West pressure was abnormally high, attended by subnormal temperatures, during the first and middle parts of the week; and high barometer, with cooler weather, was reported from the Southwest and South near the close, and at the same time there was a sharp drop in temperature over the Eastern States.

Chart I shows that, in rather marked contrast to the preceding week, the temperature averages were moderate for the season from the Mississippi Valley eastward, though they were still somewhat subnormal over most of this area. They were also below normal over the Southwest, but from the western upper Lake region and lower Missouri Valley westward the week was warmer than normal; considerably so in most sections.

The week opened with generally fair weather prevailing, except in the Southwest, where showers had set in. By the 22d the southwestern rain area had extended northward and eastward with precipitation quite general from the Ohio and lower Missouri Valleys southward, and with some heavy falls in the Southwest. On the morning of the 23d a moderate depression was charted over the central Plains States and, moving thence northeastward with increasing intensity, it crossed the Great Lakes as a severe storm and was attended by widespread precipitation over the eastern half of the country. Following this storm, fair weather prevailed in practically all sections.

Chart II shows that the total precipitation for the week was rather heavy in the middle and west Gulf States, and was moderate to generous throughout the Mississippi Valley and much of the Lake region. In the middle and south Atlantic areas the amounts were generally light, as was also the case over most of the Great Plains. West of the Rocky Mountains there was very little rainfall, most stations reporting inappreciable amounts.

There was considerable further interruption by rain to field operations in the Southwest as far east as the lower Mississippi Valley, and activities were still rather restricted in much of the Ohio Valley area, but elsewhere the week was mostly favorable and farming activities generally made satis-

factory progress. It continued too cool, however, for good germination and growth over most of the eastern half of the country, and vegetation in most sections is two or three weeks later than normal.

In the Central-Northern States, generous rains in Wisconsin were very beneficial and light showers were helpful in many other places, but in general moisture is still rather badly needed over an extensive area, including Minnesota, northwestern Iowa, Nebraska, the Dakotas, Montana, and northeastern Wyoming. Germination of spring crops is slow in this area and some harm has resulted in a few localities from drifting of dry soil. Rain is also still needed in most Pacific northwestern districts, but in other sections west of the Rocky Mountains the week was generally favorable, particularly for livestock.

SMALL GRAINS.—With favorable weather, winter wheat is improving slowly in the eastern portion of the belt, although the late-seeded is still generally poor. In the Plains States the condition and progress of this crop are generally satisfactory, but about two weeks later than the average season, while west of the Rocky Mountains wheat is generally good, but heading short. In Oregon, conditions were favorable for seeding spring wheat and this operation is nearing completion over most of the belt, but rain is needed for germination in Minnesota, the Dakotas, and Oregon. Early-seeded spring wheat is up to a good stand in North Dakota. Winter oats are mostly fair to good and the seeding of spring oats is progressing in Wisconsin and Minnesota, but is delayed in the northern portion of the Ohio Valley. Rice seeding is much behind in Louisiana. Oats are heading in California and barley is coloring in Arizona.

CORN.—Corn planting was rather active during the week in the central trans-Mississippi States, and under the influence of rather favorable weather for field work was becoming more general east of the Mississippi River. In the latter area, however, the seasonal progress of this work is considerably later than usual in most sections because of previously unfavorable weather. In the States between the Mississippi River and Rocky Mountains seeding is better advanced and is near normal. Some corn was planted during the week as far north as southern Iowa, and this work was well started to the lower Missouri River, but to the eastward little or none has been seeded north of the extreme lower portion of the Ohio River. In the more eastern States some was planted northward to southern Virginia. Early-seeded corn generally needs warmer weather.

COTTON.—The week averaged cool in the cotton belt, with rather heavy precipitation from the Mississippi Valley westward, but in the east rainfall was light to moderate. Planting made fairly good progress in the eastern portion of the belt and also in parts of the northwest, but in the southwest, as far east as the Mississippi Valley, progress was mostly slow because of wet soil. Dry and warm weather is needed quite generally for cotton.

In Texas some was planted in the west, but it was mostly too wet for field work in the eastern half of the State, while planting was retarded by rain in Louisiana and parts of Arkansas. This work is becoming general, however, in extreme southeastern Oklahoma, and fairly good progress was made from Alabama eastward, with seeding extending as far north as Virginia in the Atlantic Coast area. Planting is about completed in much of the southeastern portion of the belt northward to the southern division of Georgia, but, because of unfavorable weather for germination, stands are reported as mostly poor.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Warm most of week; rainfall light. Good progress in farm work under favorable conditions. Planting cotton under way; corn planting begun in south. Tobacco plants in good condition; early potatoes doing well. Bulk of fruit bloom escaped injury by frost.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Favorable for farm work. Planting cotton becoming general on coastal plain and starting in counties bordering thereon; some replanting in extreme southeast. Good progress in planting corn in east and south; some damage to early-planted by recent cold. Freeze and frost of 20th killed or injured fruit and tender truck locally. Some damage to tobacco plants in beds; beginning to transplant in extreme southeast.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Week favorable. Wheat, oats and rye healthy condition; oats heading. Cotton and corn planting continue with fair germination, but considerable replanting. Tobacco transplanting rather slow. Some frost damage on 19th and 20th to tender lowland crops. Season especially favorable for asparagus. Truck on coast in good condition.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Dry weather permitted excellent progress in farm work, but temperatures too low for good germination and growth. Frosts in north at beginning of week damaged apples and potatoes considerably. Planting corn and cotton proceeding actively in all divisions. Cotton planting completed in numerous southern counties, but bgrowth slow and stands poor. Sweet potato plants not ready, but many tobacco plants transplanted.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Cool nights retarded growth, but mostly dry and sunshine favorable. Corn improved, but some replanting. Cotton poor to fair stand; early being chomped. Oats doing well; early heading. Tobacco good progress. Citrus groves good; fruit setting well. Setting sweet potato slips. Moderate rains needed in central and south.

Alabama.—Montgomery: General, moderate showers; temperature variable. Considerable farm work accomplished, but continues backward in most sections. Cold unfavorable for germination and growth of crops. Cotton planting progressed rapidly in south and central portions; much cotton up and coming up in those sections; planting beginning in extreme northern counties. Early-planted corn coming up.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Light rain in extreme north, but mostly moderate elsewhere; nights mostly cool. Progress in cotton and corn planting generally fair, with some reports of poor cotton germination. Progress of truck fair; pastures good.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: General rains, heavy to excessive in south and west, further retarded farm work and crop growth. Considerable progress in planting on better drained lands, but much cotton and corn still to plant; considerable replanting necessary. Rice sowing slow. Cane coming to fairly good stands. Strawberries ripening rapidly. Fair, warm weather needed for all crops.

Texas.—Houston: Moderate to excessive rains, except in extreme south, stopped field work, washed uplands, and flooded lowlands in many sections. Progress and condition of pastures, winter wheat, oats, and winter truck mostly very good, although some damage to oats by lodging and rust. Progress and condition of corn poor with much planting and replanting yet to be done. Progress and condition of cotton very good in extreme south, but unsatisfactory elsewhere and little has been planted; some planted in west during week, but in eastern half soil generally too wet.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Weather and soil condition generally favorable. Winter wheat, oats, barley and rye made satisfactory progress and generally in good condition. Corn planting continues; early-planted generally poor stand and much replanting done. Planting cotton becoming general in south central and eastern portions. Vegetation and spring crops two to three weeks late.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Progress planting cotton varied from poor to very good, except in hills of north portion where none yet planted. Cotton coming up south; good stands reported extreme southeast, but germination and growth slow elsewhere due to cool weather. Corn planting well along, except in extreme north; cultivation begun; stands fair to good. Very favorable for grains, meadows, truck, fruit and berries. First strawberries in market; excellent quality.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Conditions improved, although much of farm work backward. Corn planting well along, but too cold for early plants. Winter wheat very good. Small amount of cotton planted, but much work done toward preparing ground. Condition favorable for oats, which are doing well after reaction from cold; acreage small. Heavy set of apple bloom.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Cool, with light showers, favorable for plowing, which progressed rapidly, but still behind. Corn planting just beginning in southwest; potatoes and early gardens mostly planted; germination slow. Tobacco plants very small. Progress and condition of winter wheat fair to very good; has stood well. Oat sowing about completed.

the volume of business did not show any material increase, the improved feeling was due to the fact that the recent adverse cold weather had been broken, which was interpreted as a forerunner of increased sales of seasonal merchandise. Furthermore, definite programs for curtailment of production by Southern and New England mills were encouraging factors. Managers of mills situated in other sections of the country were said to be gradually coming to the realization that it is wiser to limit their output and prevent accumulation of stocks now than to be forced in this direction later on by financial and market conditions. Factors expected that if the warmer weather continued for a week or two a quickening demand will be experienced for the replenishing of depleted retail and wholesale stocks. It is expected that this will result in a substantial change in the mental attitude toward consumer requirements. In regard to silks, prices were reported to be most irregular. This was mainly attributed to the fact that smaller traders, becoming apprehensive, were offering goods in various ways to move their stocks. It was claimed that many of the highly styled novelties were obtainable considerably below possible replacement costs now in sight. Raw silk has declined further, and while many factors believe that prices have about reached bottom, there was still considerable doubt concerning the fall openings. The latter were scheduled to take place earlier, but were repeatedly postponed owing to the easiness of the raw material and poor retail sales. They are now expected to take place during the first few weeks in May.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS: Encouragement derived from the rising temperatures and prospects for curtailment of production over the next sixty days found reflection in steadier prices during the week. However, buyers were not very much impressed by the firmer attitude on the part of sellers and, as a result, business was still conducted on a hand-to-mouth basis. Thus, warmer weather only succeeded in bringing forth a larger volume of small lot orders for certain fabrics. The latter was particularly noticeable in wash goods of a seasonal nature used for dresses, underwear and outer apparel. The call for this class of merchandise was widely scattered in small lots for such items as printed cottons, rayon and cotton and silk and cotton mixtures which were requested for immediate shipment. Business was largely confined to the newer styles. Similarly, there was an improvement in the sale of heavy colored cottons, although the demand has not been broad enough to disprove the belief that buying activity will not expand until after the latter part of May. Nevertheless, day to day orders on such items as denims, tickings and such kindred fabrics have managed to keep mills comparatively busy. In regard to ginghams, there has been a steady broadening in demand which was taken as indicating that an active fall business will be transacted. The recent activity in smocks has slackened somewhat, although there is still considerable business received. This has raised the question as to whether the wearing of them has merely been a fad or has the element of permanency because of their utility. Print cloths, 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction, are quoted at 5¼c., and 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 5½c. Gray goods in the 39-inch, 68 x 72's construction, are quoted at 8¼c., and 39-inch, 80 x 80's, at 11¼c.

WOOLEN GOODS: Business in the markets for woolens and worsteds failed to show any improvement and, as a result, prices have continued to display an easing tendency. Factors, attempting to move their stocks, offered concessions in a number of directions. The present state of affairs was attributed to a number of reasons. Among those cited were the reduced amount of material required by current styles, increased sales of fur coats, the competition of rayon, hand-to-mouth buying, the adverse weather conditions. As to the finished fabrics, additional lines of fall goods were opened. These disclosed some exceptional values in the newer styles of dress goods. However, buying has been confined to sample cuts and pieces. Manufacturers persistently refuse to anticipate requirements until they can obtain better perspective on the probable consumer demand for the fall styles.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS: A somewhat better feeling prevailed in the linen market and sales volumes totaled more satisfactorily. Several factors claimed that in comparison, sales for the past week were substantially ahead of those for the corresponding week of 1925. It was noticeable that consumers were showing a better interest in the finer grades of merchandise. As a result, retailers took a larger number of small lots of dress linens and importers claimed that they anticipated a better business ahead, particularly in the new summer shades. Handkerchief linens were being used in a number of new directions. For instance, one of the novel uses was in the manufacture of iridescent lamp shades. It was said that the latter were becoming increasingly popular, entailing a larger use of this type of linen. Reports of a new rayon mixture containing 10% linen presented important possibilities to the industry. Burlaps have been dull, despite religious holidays and mill strikes at Calcutta. Light weights are quoted at 6.70 to 6.75c., and heavies at 9.30 to 9.35c.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Friday Night, Apr. 30 1926.

With the advent of more spring-like weather over the greater part of the country, sentiment in the markets for textiles was more cheerful during the past week. While

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NEWS ITEMS.

Chicago, Cook County, Ill.—Two Proposed Bond Issues Upheld by State Supreme Court.—We quote below the following from the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of April 24:

"The State Supreme Court to-day (April 23) established definitely the legality of the \$5,000,000 bond issue for the reconstruction of the old Fine Arts Building in Jackson Park, Chicago, under the South Park Commissioners and an immediate start on the project is in prospect. The Court reaffirmed an opinion filed Feb. 18, bringing the controversy to a conclusion.

At the same time the legality of the \$3,000,000 bond issue for the Grant Park Stadium at Chicago was settled. Contractors who have been at work on the structure for months "have been taking a chance," in the words of one South Park official, now have the reassurance of a Supreme Court decision.

Hamburg (State of), Germany.—\$5,000,000 Treasury Notes Offered in United States.—The International Acceptance Bank, Inc., of New York, offered and sold on April 27 \$5,000,000 5½% one-year treasury notes of the State of Hamburg, Germany, at prices to yield 5¾%. Date May 1 1926. Denom. \$50,000, \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of the International Acceptance Securities & Trust Co., N. Y. City. Due May 1 1927. Further information regarding this loan may be found in our "Department of Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.

New York State.—Legal Investments for Savings Banks.—The State Banking Department has compiled a new list of bonds, considered legal investments for savings bank funds, this new list being of date Jan. 1 1926. Some municipalities whose bonds were considered eligible for investment on Jan. 1 1925 are missing from the new list, but this, it is pointed out by the Superintendent of Banks, may be due to the failure of these municipalities to file reports of their financial condition with the Department.

Attention is again called this year to the fact that the absence of the names of suburbs and annexed districts of the different cities is not necessarily an indication of the illegality of their obligations for investment. A statement by the Superintendent of Banks, which accompanies the list, follows:

STATE BANKING DEPARTMENT

The following list of securities considered legal investments for savings banks on the first day of January, 1926, has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of section 52 of the Banking Law, and I think it necessary to call attention to the purpose of the list as therein stated.

The conditions under which municipal and railroad bonds are legal investments for savings banks are contained in section 239 of the Banking Law. The provisions with reference to these investments are in some cases quite complicated and the legality of the investments, of course, depends entirely upon the condition of the corporation or municipality issuing the bonds under consideration which may vary so greatly from time to time that a bond which was a legal investment on a fixed date may not be a legal investment upon the following day. No one can state positively that a particular bond is a legal investment on a certain date, unless he has exact knowledge of the facts on the day with reference to which the statement is made, and, in these days of rapidly changing conditions, it will be obviously improper for the trustees of a savings bank to rely solely upon this list, the list being issued only for their protection and not with the intent that they shall place their sole reliance upon it.

As stated, the list is prepared for the protection of trustees of savings banks and should not be considered a guide by executors, administrators or trustees generally; neither is it designed for the use of dealers in securities. As the cost of preparing and printing the list is assessed upon the savings banks, sufficient copies have not been printed to enable us to make a general distribution of the pamphlets containing it. Notwithstanding the care that has been exercised in its preparation, it is not to be assumed that it is entirely free from error. It is quite possible, as a result of changed conditions since the last statistics with reference to municipalities were obtained, that bonds believed to be legal investments at the time the list was prepared may not be legal investments even at the present time, and, on the other hand, bonds which were not legal investments at that time may have since become legal investments. It is believed, however, that the list is substantially correct, although, as has been already intimated, it does not relieve the trustees of savings banks from the duty of making a careful investigation of their own in every doubtful case, thereby supplementing the work of the Department.

In arranging the list, the numbering of the different subdivisions of section 239 of the Banking Law has been followed, specific issues being expressly named only when this course is made necessary by the phraseology used in the statute.

The omission from this list of several municipalities may not be due to their illegality, but to the failure of such municipalities to respond to the several communications that have been sent to them by this Department, asking for the necessary information relative to their indebtedness. However, wherever this information could be obtained from a reliable source, regardless of the fact that no answer was received to our questionnaire, we have availed ourselves of same and included the municipalities in the accompanying list.

This list is prepared after a thorough investigation and exhaustive examination into the legality of the bonds listed herein, and reliable supporting information in all cases is on file with this Department.

If you are desirous of any information, communicate with this Department.

FRANK H. WARDER, Superintendent of Banks.

The complete list, as compiled by the Superintendent, is given below. The bonds added to the list since last year are italicized while the issues which do not appear this year are placed in blackfaced brackets. In the railroad list one of the issues which has dropped out is the Morris & Essex refunding 3½s, due in 2000. This is said to be owing to the fact that the bonded debt of the road is now more than three times the outstanding capital stock.

Securities Considered Legal Investments for Savings Banks Jan. 1 1926 under Subdivisions of Section 239 of the Banking Law as Numbered.

Subdivision 1. All interest-bearing obligations of the United States or those for which the faith of the United States is pledged to provide payment of interest and principal, including bonds of the District of Columbia.

Subdivision 2. All interest-bearing obligations of New York State.

Subdivision 3. Certain interest-bearing obligations of the following States and Territories:

Alabama,	Florida,	Kansas,	Minnesota,
Arizona,	Georgia,	Kentucky,	Mississippi,
Arkansas,	Hawaii,	Louisiana,	Missouri,
California,	Idaho,	Maine,	Montana,
Colorado,	Illinois,	Maryland,	Nebraska,
Connecticut,	Indiana,	Massachusetts,	Nevada,
Delaware,	Iowa,	Michigan,	New Hampshire,

New Jersey,	Oklahoma,	South Dakota,	Virginia,
New Mexico,	Oregon,	Tennessee,	Washington,
North Carolina,	Pennsylvania,	Texas,	West Virginia,
North Dakota,	Rhode Island,	Utah,	Wisconsin,
Ohio,	South Carolina,	Vermont,	Wyoming,

Subdivision 4. All interest-bearing obligations or revenue notes sold at a discount, of any city, county, town, village, school district, union free school district, or poor district in New York State, provided that they were issued that issued them is pledged for their payment.

Subdivision 5a. Certain stocks and bonds of the following incorporated cities, counties, villages and towns in adjoining States:

Connecticut.	Banstable.	Provincetown.	Cranston.
Andover.	Barre.	Quincy.	Cumberland.
Ansonia.	Becket.	Randolph.	East Providence.
Beacon Falls.	Berkshire County.	Raynham.	[Glocester.]
Berlin.	Bernardston.	Reading.	Lincoln.
Bethel.	Beverly.	Revere.	Little Compton.
Bloomfield.	Boston.	Rockland.	Narragansett.
Bolton.	Bourne.	Rockport.	Newport.
Brantford.	Boxborough.	Roswell.	North Providence.
Bridgeport.	Boylston.	Royalston.	North Smithfield.
Brooklyn.	Braintree.	Russell.	Pawtucket.
Canton.	Bridgewater.	Salem.	Providence.
Chester.	Bristol.	Sharon.	[Seltuate.]
Clinton.	[Bristol County.]	Shelbourne.	Smithfield.
Colchester.	Brookfield.	Shirley.	Taunton.
Colebrook.	Brookline.	Somerset.	Warren.
Cornwall.	Cambridge.	Somerville.	Warwick.
Cromwell.	Canton.	South Hadley.	West Warwick.
Danbury.	Carver.	Southampton.	Westerly.
Darien.	Chatham.	Southborough.	Woonsocket.
Derby.	Chelsea.	Spencer.	
Eastford.	Chicopee.	Springfield.	
East Haddam.	Clarksburg.	Sudbury.	Pennsylvania.
East Hampton.	Clinton.	Sunderland.	Adams County.
East Hartford.	Colrain.	Swampscott.	Allegheny County.
East Haven.	Dana.	Taunton.	Allentown.
Ellington.	Danvers.	[Templeton.]	Beaver County.
Essex.	Dartmouth.	Tewksbury.	Blair County.
Fairfield.	Dedham.	Tolland.	Bradford.
[Fairfield County.]	Douglas.	Truro.	Bucks County.
Farmington.	Dudley.	Wakefield.	Butler.
Glastonbury.	Dukes County.	Walpole.	[Butler County.]
[Granby.]	East Brookfield.	Ware.	[Cameron County.]
Greenwich.	East Hampton.	Warren.	Clearfield County.
Haddam.	East Longmeadow.	Watertown.	Corry County.
Hamden.	Edgertown.	[Webster.]	Cumberland County.
Hartford.	Essex.	West Tisbury.	Dauphin County.
Hartland.	Essex County.	Westwood.	[Duquesne.]
Hartford County.	Everett.	Wellesley.	Elk County.
Kent.	Fall River.	Westborough.	Eric.
Killingly.	Falmouth.	West Boylston.	Fayette County.
Ledyard.	Fitchburg.	Westfield.	Franklin.
Lisbon.	Foxborough.	West Springfield.	Franklin County.
Litchfield County.	Framingham.	West Stockbridge.	[Fulton County.]
Litchfield.	Franklin County.	Weymouth.	[Harrisburg.]
Manchester.	Gardner.	Whately.	[Hazelton.]
Mansfield.	[Georgetown.]	Williamstown.	Huntington County.
Meriden.	Gill.	Winchendon.	Indiana County.
Middlesex County.	Gloucester.	Winchester.	Jefferson County.
Middletown.	Granby.	Winthrop.	Junata County.
Milford.	Great Barrington.	Worcester.	[Lancaster County.]
Montville.	Greenfield.	[Worcester County.]	Lycum County.
New Britain.	Hadley.	Yarmouth.	[Luzerne County.]
New Canaan.	Hamilton.		Meadelle.
New Hartford.	Hamden County.		Mercer County.
New Haven.	Hampshire County.		Monongahela City.
Newington.	Hingham.		Montgomery County.
New London.	Holbrook.		New Castle.
New Milford.	Holyoke.		Northampton Co.
North Stonington.	Hopedale.		Northumberland Co.
Old Saybrook.	Hubbardston.		Philadelphia.
Oxford.	Hudson.		Philadelphia Co.
Plymouth.	Ipswich.		Pittsburgh.
Preston.	Lawrence.		Pittston.
Putnam.	Leicester.		Potter County.
Rocky Hill.	Leominster.		Reading.
Salem.	Lowell.		[Schuylkill Co.]
[Salisbury.]	Ludlow.		Scranton.
Scotland.	Lynn.		Snyder County.
Seaboard.	Malden.		Somerset County.
Seymour.	Manchester.		[Sunbury.]
Shelton.	Mansfield.		[Cumberland Co.]
Simsbury.	Marblehead.		East Orange.
Somers.	Marblehead.		Elizabeth.
Southington.	Maynard.		Essex County.
South Windsor.	Medway.		Gloucester County.
Sprague.	Merrimac.		Hammon.
Stafford.	Methuen.		Harrison.
Stamford.	Middleborough.		Hudson County.
Stonington.	Middlesex County.		Jersey City.
Stratford.	Milford.		Margate City.
Suffield.	Monson.		Mercer County.
Thomaston.	Montague.		Middlesex County.
Tolland.	Montauk.		Monmouth County.
Tolland County.	Nantucket County.		Monclair.
Torrington.	Natick.		Morris County.
Turnbull.	Needham.		[Morrison.]
Union.	New Bedford.		Newark.
Vernon.	Newburyport.		Northfield.
Vernon.	Newton.		Passaic.
Wallingford.	North Adams.		Passaic County.
Waterbury.	North Attleborough.		Paterson.
Watertown.	North Brookfield.		Phillipsburg.
Westbrook.	Northbridge.		Plainfield.
West Hartford.	Northampton.		Plainville.
[West Haven.]	Norton.		Rahway.
Westport.	Norwood.		Salem.
Wethersfield.	Peabody.		Salem County.
Williamfield.	Pelham.		[South Orange.]
Winchester.	Pepperell.		[Summit.]
Windham County.	Petersham.		Trenton.
Windsor.	Pittsfield.		Union County.
Wolcott.	Plainville.		Union City.
Woodbury.	Plymouth County.		Union City.
Woodstock.			West Hoboken.

New Jersey.

Absecon.	Atlantic City.	Atlantic County.	Belvidere.	Bergen County.	Bloomfield.	Bridgeton.	Burlington County.	Camden.	Camden County.	Cape May County.	[Clifton.]	[Cumberland Co.]	East Orange.	Elizabeth.	Essex County.	Gloucester County.	Hammon.	Harrison.	Hudson County.	Jersey City.	Margate City.	Mercer County.	Middlesex County.	Monmouth County.	Monclair.	Morris County.	[Morrison.]	Newark.	Northfield.	Passaic.	Passaic County.	Paterson.	Phillipsburg.	Plainfield.	Plainville.	Rahway.	Salem.	Salem County.	[South Orange.]	[Summit.]	Trenton.	Union County.	Union City.	Union City.	West Hoboken.	West Orange.	Wildwood.
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Massachusetts.

[Abington.]	Agawam.	[Ashby.]	Athol.	Attleboro.	Acron.	Duluth, Minn.	El Paso, Texas.	Evansville, Ind.	Fort Payne, Ind.	Birmingham, Ala.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa.	Charlotte, N. Caro.	Chicago, Ill.	Cincinnati, Ohio.	Cleveland, Ohio.	Columbus, Ohio.	Covington, Ky.	Dallas, Texas.	Davenport, Iowa.	Denver, Colo.	Des Moines, Iowa.	Detroit, Mich.	Manchester, N. H.	Millwaukee, Wis.	Minneapolis, Minn.	Mobile, Ala.	Oakland, Calif.	Huntington, W. Va.	Indianapolis, Ind.	Jackson, Mich.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Kalamazoo, Mich.	Kansas City, Mo.	Lansing, Mich.	Lincoln, Neb.	Little Rock, Ark.	Los Angeles, Calif.	Louisville, Ky.	Macon, Ga.	San Francisco, Calif.	Savannah, Ga.	Seattle, Wash.	Sioux City, Iowa.	South Bend, Ind.	Spokane, Wash.	Springfield, Ill.	Springfield, Ohio.	Tacoma, Wash.	Tampa, Fla.	Terre Haute, Ind.	Toledo, Ohio.	Topeka, Kan.	Tulsa, Okla.	Salt Lake City, Utah.	Wheeling, W. Va.	San Antonio, Texas.	Youngstown, Ohio.	San Diego, Calif.
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Sub-division 5b. Certain stocks and bonds of other cities, as follows:

Atlanta, Ga.	Baltimore, Md.	Bay City, Mich.	Birmingham, Ala.	[Canton, Ohio.]	Cedar Rapids, Iowa.	Charlotte, N. Caro.	Chicago, Ill.	Cincinnati, Ohio.	Cleveland, Ohio.	Columbus, Ohio.	Covington, Ky.	Dallas, Texas.	Davenport, Iowa.	Denver, Colo.	Des Moines, Iowa.	Detroit, Mich.	Duluth, Minn.	El Paso, Texas.	Evansville, Ind.	Fort Payne, Ind.	Birmingham, Ala.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa.	Charlotte, N. Caro.	Chicago, Ill.	Cincinnati, Ohio.	Cleveland, Ohio.	Columbus, Ohio.	Covington, Ky.	Dallas, Texas.	Davenport, Iowa.	Denver, Colo.	Des Moines, Iowa.	Detroit, Mich.	Duluth, Minn.	El Paso, Texas.	Evansville, Ind.	Fort Payne, Ind.	Birmingham, Ala.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa.	Charlotte, N. Caro.	Chicago, Ill.	Cincinnati, Ohio.	Cleveland, Ohio.	Columbus, Ohio.	Covington, Ky.	Dallas, Texas.	Davenport, Iowa.	Denver, Colo.	Des Moines, Iowa.	Detroit, Mich.	Duluth, Minn.	El Paso, Texas.	Evansville, Ind.	Fort Payne, Ind.	Birmingham, Ala.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa.	Charlotte, N. Caro.	Chicago, Ill.	Cincinnati, Ohio.	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Sub-division 7, Railroad bonds:
 Albany & Susquehanna RR.—
 1st mtge. 3½s, 1946.
 Atchafalaya & Santa Fe Ry.—
 Genl. 4s, 1905.
 Chicago Santa Fe & California Ry.
 1st 5s, 1937.
 Atlantic Coast Line RR.—
 1st Cons. 4s, 1952.
 Petersburg RR. 1st 5s, 1926, "A."
 Petersburg RR. 2d 6s, 1926, "B."
 Norfolk & Carolina RR. 1st 5s, 1939.
 Norfolk & Carolina RR. 2d 5s, 1946.
 Wilmington & Weldon RR. gen. 1st
 4s and 5s, 1935.
 Wilmington & New Bern 1st 4s, 1947.
 Atlantic Coast Line of South Carolina
 Gen. 1st 4s, 1948.
 Northeastern RR. Cons. 6s, 1933.
 Richmond & Petersburg Cons. 4½s,
 1940.
 Alabama Midland 1st 5s, 1928.
 Brunswick & Western 1st 4s, 1938.
 Charleston & Savannah Gen. 7s, 1936.
 Savannah Florida & Western Cons. 5s
 & 6s, 1934.
 Baltimore & Ohio RR.—
 Refunding & General M. 5s, 1995.
 Refunding & General M. 6s, 1995.
 Refunding & General M. 5s, 2000.
 Convertible 4½s, 1933.
 [Prior Lien 4½s, 1925.]
 First Mortgage 4s, 1948.
 First Mortgage 5s, 1948.
 Central Ohio 1st 4½s, 1930.
 Cleve. Lorain & Wm. Cons. 5s, 1933.
 Genl. 4s, 1936.
 Cons. & Ref. 4½s, 1930.
 Cleve. Terminal & Valley 1st 4s, 1995.
 Ohio River 1st 5s, 1936.
 General 5s, 1937.
 [Pitts. Jct. & Mid. Div. 1st 3½s, '25.]
 Pittsb. Lake E. & W. Va. Sys. 4s, 1941.
 West Va. & Pittsburgh 1st 4s, 1990.
 Buffalo Creek RR. Cons. 5s, 1941.
 Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry.—
 Gen. mtge. 5s, 1937.
 Cons. Mtge. 4½s, 1957.
 Lincoln Park & Charlotte RR. 1st 5s
 1939.
 Central RR. of New Jersey Gen. 5s, 1987.
 Chicago Burlington & Quincy Ry.—
 Gen. 4s, 1953.
 Illinois Div. 3½s and 4s, 1949.
 Nebraska Extension 4s, 1927.
 Chicago & North Western Ry.—
 General 3½s, 4s and 5s, 1987.
 Chic. & North West. 1st & ref. 6s, 2037
 Chic. & North West. 1st & ref. 5s, 2037
 Chicago & North West. deb. 5s, 1933.
 Des Plaines Valley 1st 4½s, 1947.
 Fremont, Elkhorn & Mo. Valley RR.
 cons. 6s, 1933.
 Iowa, Minn. & Northwestern Ry. 1st
 3½s, 1935.
 Manitowoc Green Bay & North West-
 ern 1st 3½s, 1941.
 Mankato & New Ulm Ry. 1st 3½s,
 1929.
 [Milw. Lake Shore & West.—Ashland
 Div. 1st 6s, 1925.]
 Milw. Lake Shore & West. Ext. & Imp.
 5s, 1929.
 Milwaukee & State Line 1st 3½s, 1941.
 Milwaukee Sparta & North Western
 1st 4s, 1947.
 Minn. & South Dakota Ry. 1st 3½s,
 1935.
 Peoria & Northwest Ry. 1st 3½s, 1926.
 Princeton & Northwestern Ry. 1st
 3½s, 1926.
 St. Louis Pacific & North Western 1st
 5s, 1948.
 St. Paul & Eastern Grand Trunk Ry.
 1st 4½s, 1947.
 Sioux City & Pacific RR. 1st 3½s,
 1936.
 Wisconsin Northern Ry. 1st 4s, 1931.
 Delaware & Hudson Co.—
 First and refunding 4s, 1943.
 Adirondack Ry. 1st 4½s, 1942.
 Great Northern Ry.—
 First and refunding 4½s, 1961.
 St. Paul Minn. & Manitoba consol. 4s,
 4½s and 6s, 1933.
 St. Paul Minn. & Manitoba, Ext., 1st
 4s, 1937.
 St. Paul Minn. & Manitoba, Pacific
 Ext., 1st 4s, 1940.
 Eastern Ry. of Minn. 4s, 1948.
 Montana Central 1st 5s & 6s, 1937.
 Wilmar & Sioux Falls 1st 5s, 1938.
 Spokane Falls & Nor. 1st 6s, 1939.
 Delaware Laekawanna & West. Railroad.
 [Bangor & Portland Ry. 1st 6s, 1930.]
 Warren RR. 1st 3½s, 2000.
 [Morris & Essex RR. ref. 3½s, 2000.]
 Fonda Johnston & Gloversville RR.—
 Consolidated ref. 4½s, 1947.
 General ref. 4s, 1950.
 Cons. general ref. 4½s, 1952.
 Genesee & Wyoming RR. 1st 5s, 1929.
 Illinois Central RR.—
 Refunding 4s, 1955.
 Refunding 5s, 1955.
 First mtge. 3s, 3½s & 4s, 1950-51.
 Trust 3½s, 1950.
 Springfield Div., refund. 3½s, 1951.
 Litchfield Div. 1st 3s, 1951.
 Cairo Bridge Co. 1st 4s, 1950.
 St. L. Div. & Term. 3s & 3½s, 1951.
 Purchased lines 3½s, 1952.
 Lehigh Valley RR.—
 First mortgage 4s, 1948.
 Louisville & Nashville RR.—
 1st & ref. Series "A" 5½s, 2003.
 1st & ref. Series "B" 5s, 2003.
 1st & ref. Series "C" 4½s, 2003.
 Louisville Cincinnati & Lexington Ry.
 gen. 4½s, 1931.

The list of bonds considered legal investments on Jan. 1 1925 will be found on pages 2052 and 2053 of the "Chronicle" of April 18 1925.

New York City.—Ex-Mayor Hylan Deprived of City Pension by Court Decision.—An opinion was handed down on April 22 by Justice Joseph M. Proskauer, of the Supreme Court, enjoining Comptroller Charles W. Berry, Custodian of the City Employees Retirement Fund, from paying former Mayor Hylan a pension of \$4,215 a year. With

Louisville & Nashville RR. (Concl.)—
 Louisville & Nashville RR. unified
 mtge. 4s, 1940.
 Louisville & Nashville RR. 1st 5s, 1937.
 Mobile & Montgomery 1st 4½s, 1945.
 New Orleans & Mobile Div. 1st 6s, 1930
 New Orleans & Mobile Div. 2d 6s, 1930
 Paducah & Memphis Div. 1st 4s, 1946.
 Atlanta Knoxville & Cinc. Div. 4s, 1955.
 So. & No. Alabama RR. cons. 5s, 1936.
 So. & No. Ala. RR. gen. cons. 5s, 1963.
 Lexington & Eastern RR. 1st 5s, 1965.
 Michigan Central RR. Co.—
 First mortgage 3½s, 1952.
 Bay City & Battle Creek 1st 3s, 1989
 Detroit & Bay City 1st 5s, 1931.
 Kalamazoo & South Haven 1st 5s, '39.
 Michigan Air Line 1st 4s, 1940.
 Jackson Lansing & Saginaw 1st 3½s,
 1951.
 Grand River Valley 1st 4s, 1959.
 Mobile & Ohio RR. Co. 1st M. 6s, 1927.
 Montgomery & Erie RR. 1st M. 5s, 1926.
 Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry.—
 Consol. mtge. 4s and 5s, 1928.
 New Orleans Texas & Mexico Ry. Co.
 1st Mtge. 5s and 5½s, 1954.
 New York & Harlem RR. ref. 3½s, 2000.
 New York Lackawanna & Western Ry.
 1st & ref. mtge. 4½s and 5s, 1973.
 Norfolk & Western Ry.—
 First consol. 4s, 1996.
 General 6s, 1931.
 New River Div. 1st 6s, 1932.
 Improvement & extension 6s, 1934.
 Scioto Valley & New Eng. 1st 4s, 1989.
 Northern Pacific Ry.—
 Prior Lien Ry. & Land Grant 4s, 1997.
 Refund. & Impt. 4½s, 6s & 6s, 2047.
 General lien 3s, 2047.
 Wash. & Columbia Riv. 1st 4s, 1935.
 St. Paul-Duluth Div. 4s, 1996.
 St. Paul & Duluth 1st 6s, 1931.
 St. Paul & Duluth consol. 4s, 1968.
 N. Y. Central RR. Co.—
 Carthage & Adron. Ry. 1st 4s, 1981.
 Carthage Watertown & Sacketts Har-
 bor cons. 6s, 1931.
 Chicago Indiana & So. 1st 4s, 1956.
 Cleveland Short Line 1st 4½s, 1961.
 1st Mtge. on Spuyten Duyvil & Port
 Morris 3½s, 1959.
 Gouverneur & Oswegatchie RR. 1st 5s,
 1942.
 Indiana Illinois & Iowa 1st 4s, 1950.
 Jamestown Frank. & Cl. 1st 4s, 1959.
 Kalamazoo & White Pigeon 1st 5s, '40.
 Lake Shore & M. S. Ry. 1st 3½s, 1997.
 Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Deb.
 4s, 1928.
 Lake Shore & Mich. So. Deb. 4s, 1931.
 Lake Shore collateral 3½s, 1998.
 Little Falls & Dolgeville 1st 3s, 1932.
 Mahoning Coal RR. 1st 5s, 1934.
 Michigan Central collateral 3½s, 1998.
 Mohawk & Malone Ry. 1st 4s, 1991.
 Mohawk & Malone Ry. cons. 3½s,
 2002.
 N. Y. Central & Hudson River RR
 1st 3½s, 1997.
 New York Central & Hudson River
 Ref. & Imp. 4½s & 5s, 2013.
 N. Y. Central Deb. 4s, 1934 and 1942.
 N. Y. Central cons. series A 4s, 1998.
 N. Y. & Northern Ry. 1st 5s, 1927.
 N. Y. & Putnam RR. cons. 4s, 1993.
 Pine Creek Ry. 1st 6s, 1932.
 Sturgis Goshen & St. Louis 1st 3s, 1989.
 Oregon Short Line RR.—
 1st cons. 5s, 1946.
 Utah & Northern Ry. ext. 4s, 1933.
 Utah & Northern Ry. cons. 5s, 1926
 Pennsylvania Railroad Co.—
 General 5s, 1968.
 General Mtge. 4½s, 1965.
 Consol. Mtge. 4s, 1943, 4s, 1948, 4s,
 1943 (sterl.), 4½s, 1960, 3½s, 1945
 (sterl.).
 Allegheny Valley Ry. Gen. 4s, 1942.
 Cambria & Clearfield 1st 5s, 1941.
 Cambria & Clearfield Gen. 4s, 1955.
 Clearfield & Jefferson 1st 6s, 1927.
 Cleveland & Pittsburgh RR. gen. 3½s
 and 4½s, 1942-1950.
 Delaware River RR. & Bridge Co.
 1st 4s, 1936.
 Erie & Pittsburgh RR. gen. 3½s, 1940
 Harrisburg Portsmouth Mt. Joy &
 Lancaster 1st 4s, 1943.
 Hollidaysb. Bedf. & Cum. 1st 4s, 1951.
 Junction RR. Gen. 3½s, 1930.
 Penn. & N. W. RR. gen. 5s, 1930.
 Pittsb. Va. & Charleston 1st 4s, 1943.
 Sunbury & Lewistown 1st 4s, 1936.
 Sunbury Haz. & Wilkes-B. 1st 5s, 1928.
 Sunbury Haz. & Wilkes-B. 2d 6s, 1938.
 Western Penna. Cons. 4s, 1928.
 Phila. Balt. & Washington RR.—
 General mortgage, Series B, 5s, 1974.
 First mtge. 4s, 1943.
 Phila. Wilm. & Balt. deb. 4s, 1926-32
 Phila. & Balt. Cent. RR. 1st 4s, 1951.
 Columbia & Pt. Deposit Ry. 1st 4s, '40.
 Chester Creek RR. 1st 6s, 1933.
 Pitts. & Lake Erie RR. 1st M. 6s, 1928
 Rensselaer & Saratoga RR. 1st 6s, 1941.
 [Schoharie Valley Ry. 1st M. 6s, 1929.]
 Southern Pacific RR. Co.—
 First & refd. 4s, 1955.
 First consol. 5s, 1937.
 Southern Pacific Branch 1st 6s, 1937.
 Northern Ry. Consol. 5s, 1938.
 Northern California 1st 5s, 1929.
 Union Pacific RR. Co.—
 First lien & ref. 4s and 5s, 2003.
 1st M. railway & land grant 4s, 1947
 United New Jersey RR. & Canal Co.—
 Gen. M. 3½s & 4s, 1926-1951.

regard to the decision we quote the following from the New York "World" of April 23:

Former Mayor John F. Hylan lost his pension from the city by a decision yesterday of Justice Joseph M. Proskauer of the Supreme Court.

Also, all pension legislation passed by the Municipal Assembly under the former Mayor was invalidated, Justice Proskauer holding the Home Rule Act amendments did not give the city legislative bodies, the Board of Aldermen and the Board of Estimate, power to pension State and County employees.

Pension applications of city employees under the municipal law were ruled worthless by the decision, which affected a large number of both sexes who have been contributing to the retirement system fund.

Limited to City Affairs.

Justice Proskauer's decision held specifically that the Municipal Assembly was without power because it had acted under a law providing for pension allowances to county and State employees, whereas the local legislative body may legislate solely in connection with city property and affairs.

Former Health Commissioner Frank J. Monaghan was another who lost his "prior service credits."

Mr. Hylan chose \$4,215 a year, which, in case of his death, Mrs. Hylan would receive during her life. Had he not included her in the benefit he would have received \$5,266 72. He paid \$6,218 into the pension fund and should he lose on appeal, which he immediately announced he would resort to, that is all he would get back. He has never received any payments because of the court action against it.

Berry Stopped Payments.

Comptroller Berry, who was named defendant in the suit along with Mr. Hylan, but only to prevent his handing over any money, stopped payment accordingly.

Approximately \$500,000 as a tentative appropriation for this year's payments was set aside by the Board of Estimate. About \$2,000 was paid out to 14 applicants before the action was instituted.

Because of the attack on the validity of the law, which was made by William Jay Scheffelin of the Citizens' Union as a taxpayer, a number of county employees withdrew their applications and received back the sums contributed from their salaries.

Justice Proskauer held the Home Rule Law permitted the Municipal Assembly to adopt and amend local laws in relation to property, affairs or government, but should not supersede any Act of the State Legislature in other matters. He said the pension legislation locally affected and in fact compulsorily related to many county and State servants within the city. He mentioned the Sheriff, County Clerk, District Attorney and Register.

New York City.—Syndicate Disposes of \$75,000,000 Corporate Stock and Serial Bonds.—The syndicate headed by the National City Co., and the First National Bank, both of New York, announce that the entire issue of \$75,000,000 4½% bonds awarded them on Feb. 16 at 101.0589, a basis of about 4.185%—V. 122, p. 1059—has been sold.

New York (State of).—Judge's Pay Increased in Bills Signed by Governor Smith.—Under 14 measures signed by Governor Smith on April 16, the salaries of County Judges and Surrogates are increased. We quote the New York "Times" of April 17 with regard to the measures approved and the increases granted.

One of the measures approved by the Governor was by Senator Shackno, Democrat, providing that the salaries of Bronx County Judges shall be the same as those paid to the General Sessions Judges. Another bill by Assembly Kinsley, Democrat, would make the salary of the Bronx County Surrogate the same as that paid to the Surrogate of New York County.

The salary of virtually every County Judge and County Surrogate in the State will be increased by the 1926 Legislature, according to present indications. The Senate already has passed a bill by Senator Gibbs, Republican, providing increases for all except three or four County Judges and Surrogates, in addition to the measures signed to-day by the Governor. The Gibbs bill is still in the Rules Committee in the Assembly, but indications are that it will be favorably reported and passed. The Gibbs bill, in addition to the measures just approved by the Governor, would take care of virtually every County Judge and Surrogate so far as a salary increase is concerned.

Kings Official To Get \$22,500.

Under a bill by Assemblyman Evans, Democrat, which the Governor approved to-day, the salary of the Kings County Surrogate would be the same as that paid to Supreme Court Justices in the Second Judicial District. At present the Supreme Court Justices receive \$17,500 a year, but legislation has been passed which would increase their salaries to \$22,500.

Other salary increase measures approved by the Governor to-day are as follows:

Increase for the County Judge and the Surrogate of Steuben County to \$5,000 each.
 Increase in the salary of the County Judge and the Surrogate of St. Lawrence County to \$5,000 each. This measure was sponsored by Mrs. Rhoda Fox Graves, Republican of St. Lawrence, the only woman member of the Legislature. Increase in the salary of the County Judge and the Surrogate of Jefferson County to \$5,000 each.

Salary of County Judge and Surrogate of Oswego County increased to \$4,000 each.
 Increase to \$3,500 each the salary of the County Judge and Surrogate of Cattaraugus County.

Increase to \$3,500 the salary of the County Judge and Surrogate of Cayuga County.

Increase in salary of County Judge and Surrogate of Ulster County to \$5,000 each.

Increase to \$10,000 each the salary of the County Judge and Surrogate of Onondaga County.

Increase to \$5,000 each the salary of the County Judge and Surrogate of Tompkins County.

Special Bond Issue Bills Totaling \$1,280,000 Signed by Governor.—According to the "Journal of Commerce" dated April 20, Governor Smith signed the following bond issues, aggregating \$1,280,000:

For construction of a power house at the State Tuberculosis Hospital at Raybrook, \$200,000.

For acquisition of a site and construction of a central power plant for the State Insane Hospital at Mattewan, \$750,000.

For acquisition of land for the State Training School for Girls at Hudson, \$25,000.

For acquisition of land for the State School for Mental Defectives at Newark, N. Y., \$15,000.

For acquisition of land for the State School for Mental Defectives at Syracuse, \$65,000.

For construction of buildings in Lincoln Park at Saratoga Springs State Reservation, \$225,000.

Bill Amending Town Bond Law Signed by Governor.—The bill of Assemblymen Arthur T. Pemmenter, amending the present town bond law was signed on April 19 by Governor Smith. With regard to the purpose of the bill, we quote the New York "Herald-Tribune" of April 20 as follows:

Governor Smith to-day signed the bill of Assemblyman Arthur T. Pemmenter of Rochester, amending the present town bond law to protect the bonds of New York communities from legal questions such as was raised in the famous Archer County decision. This bill is the first of a series designed to make New York laws conform to the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Archer County case.

Bonds to the value of \$100,000,000 were jeopardized by the Archer County decision. The value of the New York bonds was never in question, but to put additional safeguards around previous issues and issues to come, legislation was required. A series of articles in "Herald-Tribune" outlining the situation was of help to legislators in passing on the highly complicated and technical bills.

The basis of the legal defect in the Texas case was that public hearings had not been held and that all of the taxpayers in certain improvement areas had not been heard before the bonds were issued. This was held by the United States Supreme Court to be a violation of the constitutional guaranty against the confiscation of a citizen's property.

The Penninger bill provides that such public hearings shall be held on all bond issues, all persons benefitting by the improvement to be financed by the bond issue being given an opportunity of being heard. It further protects previous issues by providing that in case of a legal attack on the bonds all those actually benefitting by the improvement shall be assessed for the bonds. The Penninger bill amends the town law generally. Other bills by Assemblyman Davison and Assemblyman Slater will provide specifically for water and other bond issues.

New York (State of).—Legislature Adjourns.—The State Legislature which convened in regular annual session on Jan. 6 adjourned on April 23. The Senate finished at 4.50 p. m. and the Assembly at 5.12 p. m. The New York "Times" of April 24 summarizes the principal achievements of the legislative session and the measures advocated by Governor Smith which were defeated as follows:

Passage of twenty-six bills recommended by the Hughes Commission for the reorganization of the administrative departments of the State.

Adoption of a constitutional amendment providing for an Executive budget, which must be approved by the 1927 Legislature before it can be submitted to the people for ratification. Passage of a statutory Executive budget measure, to take effect immediately and serve in the meantime.

Adoption of a Constitutional amendment providing for a four-year term for Governor with elections held in years when a President is elected. This measure also will require approval by next year's Legislature before it can be submitted to the voters.

Adoption of Constitutional amendment extending terms of Senators from two to four years and of Assemblymen from one to two years. This will require Legislative sanction next year before it can go before the voters.

Passage of twenty-five bills recommended by the Baumes Commission to enable the authorities to combat the crime wave. Passage of a bill creating a commission for further study of crime prevention.

Passage of a housing bill providing for a State board to promote slum clearance and the erection of moderate-priced dwellings, using limited dividend corporations, operating under State supervision, as the agency.

Passage of a prohibition referendum bill calling for submission at the November election of proposal to memorialize Congress in favor of liberalizing the Volstead law so as to empower States to enact enforcement statutes permitting traffic in alcoholic beverages not in fact intoxicating. Defeat of State prohibition enforcement bill.

Twenty-five per cent. reduction in personal income tax, increase in income tax exemption from \$1,000 and \$250 to \$150 and \$3,500 and reducing by one-third direct tax on real estate.

Providing for taxation of banks on an income instead of capital basis. Allowing the \$15,000,000 bond issue to be utilized for development and extension of the State's park system.

Making funds available under the \$300,000,000 bond issue for elimination of dangerous railroad grade crossings.

Allotting \$10,000,000 of the \$100,000,000 bond issue for permanent improvements, including the purchase of a site for a new State office building at Albany.

Adoption of a Constitutional amendment extending the constitutional debt limit for New York City to provide an additional borrowing margin of \$300,000,000 for transit construction. This must have the approval of next year's Legislature.

Reapportionment of Senate districts and allotment of Assembly districts which Governor Smith is expected to veto as grossly partisan.

Allowing salary increases aggregating about \$15,000,000 yearly for school teachers in New York City. Governor Smith is expected to veto this bill. Amendments to the Medical Practice Act designed to drive 5,000 quacks and of business; scope of osteopathic practice extended; additional recognition to chiropractors defeated and commission created to investigate chiropractic.

Provision for a new bridge across the Hudson, to be constructed through the port authority in co-operation with New Jersey at a cost of \$50,000,000.

Defeated Smith Measures.

The Legislature refused to sanction the following legislation recommended by Governor Smith:

Constitutional amendment providing for biennial sessions of the Legislature.

Constitutional amendment providing for consolidation of counties.

Abolition of State Transit Commission.

Abolition of Motion Picture Censorship Commission.

Constitutional Amendment providing for amendments to the organic law through popular initiative.

Amendment of the direct primary law to restore it as the vehicle for the nomination of candidates for State and Judiciary offices.

Amendment to the Corrupt Practices act providing for publication of campaign contributions and expenditures prior to, instead of after, an election.

Development of water power under State auspices through a State power authority.

Limiting to forty-eight hours a week the working time for women and children in mercantile and manufacturing establishments.

Ceding or selling the Barge Canal to the Federal Government for conversion into a ship canal from the Atlantic Ocean to Oswego.

Increase of \$18,000,000 for the 1927-1928 fiscal year in the State's contribution to common schools.

Rhode Island (State of).—Inheritance Tax Rate Increased.—Among measures passed by the General Assembly on April 24 was an Act increasing the Rhode Island inheritance tax rate to enable the State to take advantage of the 80% rebate clause in the Federal revenue law of 1926.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS

this week have been as follows:

ABERDEEN, Brown County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Lydia W. Kohlhoff, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 9 a. m. May 17 for approximately \$65,000 5% special assessment street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Interest payable semi-annually. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid is required.

ADAMS, Berkshire County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The Shawmut Corp. of Boston purchased an issue of \$65,500 4% impt. bonds at 100.71.

ADAMS COUNTY (P. O. West Union), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. May 3 by C. Elbert Black, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, for \$11,200 5½% I. C. H. bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except 1 for \$200. Dated May 3 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1933 incl.; \$2,000, 1934, and \$3,200, 1935. Certified check for \$1,200 required. Legality approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland.

AKRON, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 26 the following two issues of 5% coupon bonds, aggregating \$193,300, offered on that date (V. 122, p. 1948), were awarded to Elredge & Co. of New York at a premium of \$3,818 75, equal to 101.975, a basis of about 4.31%: \$163,000 street impt. bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$32,000, 1927 and 1928; \$33,000, 1929 to 1931 incl. and \$15,000, 1928. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$15,300, 1927; 30,000 street impt. bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$15,300, 1927; and \$15,000, 1928.

Date May 1 1926. Other bidders were as follows:

Bidders—	Rate Bid.	Bidders—	Rate Bid.
William R. Compton Co.	101.67	Illinois Merchants Trust Co.	101.30
George H. Burr & Co.	101.53	N. S. Hill & Co.	101.15
Seasongood & Mayer	101.53	Northern Trust Co.	101.10
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis	101.44	Hayden, Miller & Co.	
Detroit Trust Co.	101.38	National City Co.	101.09
Ohio State Teachers' Retirement System	101.31		

AITKEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48 (P. O. Hill City), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 coupon school bonds offered on April 24 (V. 122, p. 2245) were awarded to Paine, Webber & Co. of Boston as 5¼s at par. Dated May 1 1926. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1932 incl., and \$5,000, 1933 to 1935 incl.

ALACHUA COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Gainesville), Fla.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for the \$1,000,000 5¼% coupon road and bridge bonds offered on April 26—V. 122, p. 1948—were rejected.

ALCOA, Blount County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on April 22—V. 122, p. 2088—were awarded to W. S. Hill & Co. of Cincinnati at a premium of \$467.30, equal to 100.66, a basis of about 4.95%. Dated May 1 1926. Due May 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1932 to 1936 incl. and \$3,000, 1937 to 1956 incl. Other bidders were:

Bidder—	Amount Bid.
The Title Guarantee & Trust Co.	\$70,049
First National Bank, Maryville	70,100
Aluminum Co. of America, Pittsburg	70,002
Seipp, Princell & Co.	69,202
Caldwell & Co.	68,690
Spitzer, Rorick & Co.	68,411

ARANSAS COUNTY NAVIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Rockport), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on April 24 an issue of \$18,000 6% bonds. Due serially.

ASHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ashland) Ashland County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 22 the \$130,000 4¼% school bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2088) were awarded to the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago at a premium of \$1,642, equal to 101.26, a basis of about 4.37%. Date April 1 1926. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1927 to 1946 incl., and \$6,000, 1947 to 1951 incl.

ATHENS COUNTY (P. O. Athens) Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Athens National Bank of Athens has purchased an issue of \$45,300 5% deficiency bonds at a premium of \$181.20, equal to 100.40.

ATLANTIC COUNTY (P. O. Atlantic City), N. J.—BOND SALE.—On April 26 the issue of 4¼% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only or as to both principal and interest) bridge bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2391) were awarded to Hoffman & Co. of New York, taking \$297,000, paying \$303,721 (\$303,000 offered), equal to 102.26, a basis of about 4.31%. Dated April 1 1926. Due on April 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1928 to 1956 incl., and \$7,000, 1957.

AUBURNDALE, Polk County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 6% improvement bonds offered on April 28—V. 122, p. 1948—were awarded to the State Bank of Auburndale at 95, a basis of about 7.16%. Date Mar. 1 1926. Due \$5,000 Mar. 1 1927 to 1936 incl.

AURELIA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cherokee County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Aurelia has purchased an issue of \$42,000 4¼% school bonds at a premium of \$373, equal to 100.88.

AURORA, Adams County, Colo.—BOND OFFERING.—G. E. Ballard City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 6 p. m. May 3 for \$20,000 6% water district No. 3 bonds.

AVERY COUNTY (P. O. Newland), No. Caro.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$50,000 6% coupon county bonds purchased by W. R. Parkin and C. W. McNear & Co., both of Chicago, jointly—V. 122, p. 2245—at 100.55, are described as follows: Dated Feb. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially 1935 to 1959 incl. Interest payable F. & A. Date of award April 1.

AVOYELLES PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Marksville), La.—BOND OFFERING.—C. R. Bordon, Secretary Police Jury, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. June 2 for \$56,000 not exceeding 6% road bonds. Dated April 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially April 1 1927 to 1946 incl. Interest payable semi-annually (A. & O.). A certified check for \$1,500, payable to C. Kelone, President of Police Jury, is required. Legality approved by Charles & Rutherford, St. Louis.

AVOYELLES PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Marksville), La.—BOND OFFERING.—C. R. Bordon, Secretary Police Jury, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. June 2 for \$150,000, not exceeding 6% road bonds. Date May 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially May 1 1927 to 1946 incl. Interest payable semi-annually (M. & N.). A certified check for \$4,500, payable to C. Kelone, President of Police Jury, is required. Legality approved by Charles & Rutherford, St. Louis.

AVOYELLES PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Marksville), La.—BOND OFFERING.—C. R. Bordon, Secretary Police Jury, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. June 2 for \$60,000 not exceeding 6% road bonds. Date May 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially May 1 1927 to 1946 incl. Interest payable semi-annually (M. & N.). A certified check for \$1,500, payable to C. Kelone, President Police Jury, is required. Legality approved by Charles & Rutherford, St. Louis.

BASIN, Big Horn County, Wyo.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The following bonds aggregating \$79,000 purchased by Benwell & Co. of Denver—V. 122, p. 915—are described as follows: \$5,000 refunding water bonds. 14,000 refunding bonds. Dated May 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1934 incl.; \$3,000, 1935 to 1955 incl., and \$4,000, 1956. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.), payable at the National Bank of Commerce, New York City. Legality to be approved by Chapman, Cutler & Parker, Chicago.

Financial Statement.

Real valuation, estimated	\$2,200,000
Assessed valuation, 1925	909,429
Total bonded debt	222,000
Sinking fund	\$31,320
Less water debt	188,000
Net debt	2,650
Population, 1920 census, 1088.	

BATTLE CREEK, Calhoun County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo, purchased an issue of \$100,000 paving bonds as 4¼s at a premium of \$51, equal to 100.05. Purchaser agreed to furnish bonds and legal opinion.

BEAVER DAM, Dodge County, Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—William A. Gergo, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. May 10 for \$35,000 4¼% sewer bonds. Date May 1 1926. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due \$1,000, May 1 1927 to 1936 incl.; \$1,000, May and Nov. 1 1937 to 1941 incl.; \$1,500 May and Nov. 1 1942 to 1945 incl. and \$3,000, May 1 1946. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. A certified check for \$2,000 payable to the City Treasurer is required. Purchaser to furnish the bonds and pay costs connected with sale.

BEAVER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Beaver) Beaver County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until May 3 by the Secretary Board of Directors, for \$175,000 school bonds.

BEDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bedford) Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. May 14 by R. P. Orchard, Clerk Board of Education, for \$34,800 5% school bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Date Feb. 1 1926. Int. A. & O. Due \$300 April 1 and \$500 Oct. 1 1927, \$500 April 1 and Oct. 1 1928 and \$1,000 April 1 and \$500 Oct. 1 1929 to 1950 incl. A certified check for 2% payable to the Board of Education, required.

BELLE PLAINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Benton County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Ross R. Bailey, Secretary Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. May 18 for \$125,000 school bonds. Dated July 1 1926. Bidders to name rate of interest. Purchaser to furnish bonds and legal opinion. A certified check for 2% of bid is required.

BELLINGHAM, Whatcom County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 fire department bonds offered on April 26—V. 122, p. 1949—were awarded to Bond & Goodwin & Tucker of Seattle at a premium of \$1,001, equal to 101.33, for \$25,000 as 4¼s and \$50,000 as 4½s.

BENITA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Montague County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on April 22 an issue of \$130,000 5% school bonds. Due serially.

BERNALILLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Chihilo), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Lucy M. Harris, Secretary Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until June 15 for \$4,500 school bonds.

BERRIEN COUNTY (P. O. St. Joseph), Mich.—BOND SALE.—Joel Stockard & Co. of Detroit purchased an issue of \$93,000 4½% road bonds at a premium of \$132, equal to 100.14.

BESSMAY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Jasper County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on April 24 an issue of \$12,000 6% school bonds. Due serially.

BEVERLY, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On April 22 the First National Corp. of Boston purchased the \$200,000 temporary loan offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2392) on a 3.48% discount basis plus a premium of \$2. Date April 23 1926. Due Nov. 19 1926.

BEVERLY HILLS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 4, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The Security Co. of Los Angeles and Mercantile Securities Co. of San Francisco, jointly, have purchased an issue of \$130,000 5% improvement bonds at a premium of \$59, equal to 100.04.

BEXLEY (P. O. Columbus) Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. (eastern standard time) May 17 by S. W. Roderick, Village Clerk, for the following two issues of 5% (special assessment) impt. bonds, aggregating \$57,500:

May 3 for \$23,600 Vernon road bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$600, except 1 for \$800. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,600, 1927 to 1934 incl., and \$2,800, 1935.

33,800 Remington Road bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$800, except 1 for \$500. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,800, 1927 to 1934 incl. and \$3,500, 1935.

Date May 1 1926. A certified check for 2% payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

BLACKFORD COUNTY (P. O. Hartford City), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. May 12 by Ruth Werber, County Auditor, for \$9,684 33 6% ditch bonds. Denom. \$500 except 1 for \$184 33. Date Jan. 15 1926. Prin. and interest payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due on Jan. 15 as follows: \$1,684 33, 1927 and \$2,000, 1928 to 1931 incl.

BLANCHARD AND LIBERTY TOWNSHIPS, Hancock County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 27 the \$46,750 5% Findlay-Delphos Road impt. Section C-2 and C-3 bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2245) were awarded to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$1,164, equal to 102.48, a basis of about 4.32%. Date April 1 1926. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1927 to 1933 incl.; \$6,000, 1934 and \$5,750, 1935.

BLOOMINGTON AND NORMAL SANITARY DISTRICT (P. O. Bloomington) McLean County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—On April 28 the \$700,000 5% coupon or registered sewage-disposal bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2089) were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Federal Securities Corp., B. J. Van Ingen & Co., Minton, Lampert & Co. and the Chicago Trust Co. all of Chicago at 105.52, a basis of about 4.29%. Date May 1 1926. Due on May 1 as follows: \$34,000, 1927, and \$37,000, 1928 to 1945 incl.

BOSTON, SUFFOLK COUNTY, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Old Colony Corp of Boston purchased a \$3,000,000 temporary loan on a 3.32% discount basis plus a premium of \$17.

BREWARD COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Titusville), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Alice Shelbourne, Secretary Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. May 3 for \$250,000 6% school bonds. Date April 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1929 to 1943 incl. and \$10,000 1944 to 1956 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the National City Bank, New York City. A certified check for \$5,000 required. Legality to be approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, New York City.

BREWARD COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Titusville), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Alice Shelbourne, Secretary Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. May 3 for \$100,000 6% school bonds. Date April 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1929 to 1943 incl.; \$4,000, 1944 to 1953 incl. and \$5,000, 1954 to 1956 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the National City Bank, New York City. A certified check for \$2,000 required. Legality to be approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, New York City.

BREWARD COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Titusville), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Alice Shelbourne, Secretary Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. May 3 for \$200,000 6% school bonds. Date April 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1929 to 1943 incl.; \$8,000, 1944 to 1953 incl. and \$10,000, 1954 to 1956 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the National City Bank, New York City. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, New York City.

BRISTOL COUNTY (P. O. Launton), Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On April 27 F. S. Moseley & Co. of Boston purchased the \$200,000 temporary loan offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2392) on a 3.39% discount basis plus a premium of \$4.25. Due Nov. 1 1926.

BROOKLINE, Norfolk County, Mass.—NOTE SALE.—The Boulevard Trust Co. of Brookline purchased an issue of \$250,000 revenue notes on a 3.37% discount basis plus a premium of \$4.

TEMPORARY LOAN.—On April 26 the Boulevard Trust Co. of Brookline purchased the \$250,000 temporary loan offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2392) on a 3.37% discount basis plus a \$4 premium. Date April 26 1926. Due Nov. 3 1926.

BUFFALO, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. (eastern standard time) June 1 by William F. Schwartz, Commissioner of Finance for the following 14 issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$7,682,000.

\$2,000,000 school bonds. Due 1927 to 1946 incl.

2,000,000 city hall bonds. Due 1927 to 1946 incl.

500,000 harbor impt. bonds. Due 1927 to 1946 incl.

420,000 park bonds. Due 1927 to 1946 incl.

400,000 river channel bonds. Due 1927 to 1946 incl.

380,000 public markets bonds. Due 1927 to 1946 incl.

360,000 municipal buildings bonds. Due 1927 to 1946 incl.

300,000 public trunk sewers bonds. Due 1927 to 1946 incl.

200,000 J. N. Adam Memorial hospital bonds. Due 1927 to 1946 incl.

200,000 bridge construction bonds. Due 1927 to 1946 incl.

100,000 Scataquada Creek impt. bonds. Due 1927 to 1946 incl.

195,000 police and fire dept. bonds. Due 1927 to 1946 incl.

77,000 street cleaning equipment bonds. Due 1927 to 1946 incl.

550,000 water bonds. Due in 1956.

Denom. \$1,000. Date June 15 1926.

BUTLER COUNTY (P. O. Hamilton), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 9 the \$63,248 98 5% coupon I.C.H. No. 180 bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 1948) were awarded to Assel, Goltz & Moerlein, Inc., of Cincinnati at a premium of \$1,492 68, equal to 102.35, a basis of about 4.46%. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$7,248 98, 1927, and \$7,000, 1928 to 1935 incl.

CAROLINE COUNTY (P. O. Denton), Md.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until May 11 by Walter S. Rutter, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for \$21,000 4½% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

CHAMBERS COUNTY (P. O. Anahuac), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The State Board of Education purchased on April 1 an issue of \$5,000 6% school bonds at par. Dated Jan. 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due \$1,000, 1927 to 1931 incl. Interest payable Jan. 1.

CHANDLER COUNTY (P. O. Metter), Ga.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on April 21, the voters authorized the issuance of \$125,000 paving bonds by a count of 1,142 for to 78 against.

CHAVES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20 (P. O. Roswell), N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—W. C. Holland, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2:30 p. m. May 27 for \$30,000 not exceeding 6% school bonds. Date May 15 1926. Denom. \$500. Due \$2,000, May 15 1931 to 1945 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the State Treasurer's office or at Kountze Bros., New York. A certified check for 5% of bid, payable to above named official, is required.

CHICKASHA, Grady County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7 p. m. May 13 by C. A. Chincholl, City Clerk, for the following two issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$51,000:

11,000 bridge bonds.

Denom. \$1,000. Due in 10 to 20 years. A certified check for \$500, payable to the City, is required.

CHILDRESS, Childress County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On May 22 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing the following bonds, aggregating \$175,000:

\$100,000 sewer bonds. \$35,000 water bonds. \$40,000 city hall bonds.

CHILDRESS COUNTY (P. O. Childress), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on May 22 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$175,000 hospital bonds.

CINCINNATI, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The sinking fund has purchased an issue of \$406,100 street improvement bonds at par.

CINCINNATI SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cincinnati), Hamilton County, Ohio.—BIDS.—Following is a list of other bids for the \$990,000 4½% school bonds awarded to Halsey, Stuart & Co. and A. B. Leach & Co., both of Chicago at 102.39, a basis of about 4.26%—V. 122, p. 2246:

Bidders	Amount Bid.
Grau Todd & Co. and Eldredge & Co.	\$1,013,215 50
The Fifth-Third National Bank, Redmond & Co., First Natl.	
Bank of New York and Phelps, Penn & Co.	1,011,384 00
The Well, Roth & Irving Co.	1,011,176 10
William R. Compton & Co., Illinois Merchants Trust and	
First Trust and Savings Bank	1,010,871 00
The Title Guarantee & Trust Co., Northern Trust Co., Detroit Trust Co., Ames, Emerick & Co. and Wells Dickey & Co.	1,010,206 00
A. G. Becker & Co., Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, E. H. Rollins & Sons and Taylor & Warr & Co.	1,008,870 00
The Titilston & Wolcott Co., Bankers Trust Co., Guarantee Co., New York and Federal Securities Co., Chicago	1,008,406 08
Seasongood & Mayer, Benj. Dansard & Co. and Barr Bros., Inc.	1,008,123 00
Esterbrook & Co., Curtis & Sanger, Hannahs, Ballin & Lee and Otis & Co.	999,207 00

CLEVELAND SPECIAL SCHOOL TAXING DISTRICT (P. O. Salisbury), Rowan County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 coupon school bonds offered on April 20—V. 122, p. 2246—were awarded to R. S. Dickson & Co. of Gastonia as 5s at a premium of \$115, equal to 100.38, a basis of about 4.97%. Dated May 1 1926. Due May 1 as follows: \$1,000 1928 to 1950, incl., and \$2,000 1951 to 1956, incl. Other bidders were:

Bidders	Int. Rate.	Prem.	Bidders	Int. Rate.	Prem.
J. C. Mayer & Co.	5¼%	\$530 00	Hanchett Bond Co.	4¼%	\$213 50
A. T. Bell & Co.	5½%	77 00	Ryan, Sutherland & Co.	5¼%	190 00
Braun, Bosworth Co.	5½%		Seasongood & Mayer	5¼%	350 00
A. C. Allyn & Co.	5¼%	332 00	C. W. McNear & Co.	5¼%	661 50

CLINTON COUNTY (P. O. Wilmington), Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. May 17 by Harry Gaskill, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for \$67,305.22 6% net deficiency notes. Denom. \$11,000 except 1 for \$12,305.22. Dated May 1 1926. Int. M. & S. Due each six months as follows: \$11,000 March 1 1927 to March 1 1929 incl. and \$12,305.22 Sept. 1 1929. A certified check for 5% of the amount of notes bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

COLEMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Coleman County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on April 19 an issue of \$25,000 5% school bonds. Due in 40 years.

COLMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Moody County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—G. Joseph Lieser, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. May 17 for \$12,000 not exceeding 5% school bonds.

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—NOTE SALE.—Eldredge & Co. of New York purchased an issue of \$290,000 Chestershire road series No. 11 notes as 4¼ at a premium of \$493, equal to 100.17, a basis of about 3.79%. Date May 10 1926. Due Nov. 1 1927.

CONCORD, Cabarrus County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 coupon (registered as to principal only) sewer bonds offered on April 26—V. 122, p. 2392—were awarded to L. R. Bollinger & Co. of Cincinnati as 5s at a premium of \$1,500, equal to 102.50, a basis of about 4.83%. Date April 1 1926. Due April 1 as follows: \$1,000 1929 to 1944, incl., and \$2,000 1945 to 1966, incl. Other bids (all for 5% bonds):

Bidder	Premium:
Well, Roth & Irving Co., Inc., Cincinnati	\$1,116 00
W. K. Terry & Co., Toledo	256 00
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., Toledo	1,302 50
Selp, Punell & Co., Chicago	360 00
Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati	1,476 60
Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati	817 00
W. L. Slayton Co., Toledo	540 00
A. T. Bell & Co., Toledo	1,236 00
Spitzer, Rorick & Co., Toledo	947 00
A. B. Leach & Co., Toledo	215 00
Braun, Bosworth Co., Toledo	1,069 00
First National Co. of St. Louis, St. Louis	1,107 00

CONROE, Montgomery County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on April 15—V. 122, p. 1814—the voters authorized the issuance of \$55,000 sewer bonds.

COOKEVILLE, Putnam County, Tenn.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$15,000 5% coupon street improvement bonds purchased by Caldwell & Co. of Nashville—V. 122, p. 2246—at par are described as follows: Dated Aug. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 1955. Int. payable F. & A. Date of award Aug. 22 1925.

COTTONWOOD, Lyon County, Minn.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition of issuing \$50,000 school bonds submitted to a vote of the people at the election held on April 15—V. 122, p. 2246—failed to carry.

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Barberton), Summit County, Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. May 14 by F. W. Proehl, Clerk Board of Education, for \$6,041 19 5¼% net deficiency notes. Date May 1 1926. Due \$641 19 May 1 and \$600 Nov. 1 1927, and \$600 May 1 and Nov. 1 1928 to 1931, incl. Certified check for 10% of the notes bid for, payable to the Board of Education, required.

COWLITZ COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 112 (P. O. Longview), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—S. N. Miller, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. May 15 for \$74,000 6% school bonds.

CRANSTON, Providence County, Rhode Island.—NOTE SALE.—On April 28 S. N. Bond & Co. of Boston purchased the following two issues of notes, aggregating \$300,000, on a 3.49% discount basis, plus a premium of \$7:

\$250,000 school notes. Due Dec. 15 1926.

50,000 temporary loan. Due Dec. 1 1926.

CREEDE, Mineral County, Colo.—BOND OFFERING.—H. D. Barnhart, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. May 15 for \$15,000 5% hydro-electric light, power and water system bonds. Due in 15 years, optional after 10 years. Interest payable semi-annually.

DADE COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14 (P. O. Miami), Fla.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on April 13—V. 122, p. 2089—the voters authorized the issuance of \$800,000 6% school bonds by a count of 56 for to 1 against.

DELAWARE COUNTY (P. O. Delaware), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. May 3 by W. J. Main, County Clerk, for \$25,880 5% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except one for \$880. Dated May 3 1926. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Due each six months as follows: \$1,000 March 1 1927, \$2,000 Sept. 1 1927, \$1,000 March 1 1928, \$2,000 Sept. 1 1928, \$1,000 March 1 1929, \$2,000 Sept. 1 1929, \$1,000 March 1 1930, \$2,000 Sept. 1 1930, \$1,000 March 1 1931, \$2,000 Sept. 1 1931, \$1,000 March 1 1932, \$2,000 Sept. 1 1932, \$1,000 March 1 1933, \$2,000 Sept. 1 1933, \$1,000 March 1 1934, \$2,000 Sept. 1 1934, \$1,000 March 1 1935, and \$1,880 Sept. 1 1935. Certified check on some solvent bank for \$1,000, payable to the County Auditor, required.

DILLEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Frio County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on May 1 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$55,000 school building bonds.

DORMONT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND ELECTION.—At the primary elections to be held on May 18 the voters will vote on the question of issuing \$100,000 high school bonds.

DOVER (P. O. Dover Plains), Dutchess County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1:30 p. m. May 14 by Stanley M. Vincent, Town Supervisor, for \$32,500 4½% coupon or registered highway and bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except 1 for \$500. Dated Oct. 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable in gold at the Dover Plains National Bank, Dover Plains, in New York exchange. Due

on April 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1927 to 1936 incl.; \$3,000, 1937 to 1939 incl., and \$3,500, 1940. Certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Town Supervisor, required. Legality approved by John C. Thomson of New York City.

DOVER, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. May 27 by C. L. Hopkins, Village Clerk, for \$12,000 5% impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Dated May 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Guardian Trust Co., Rocky River. Due \$500 April and \$1,000 Oct. 1 1927 to 1934 incl. Certified check for \$200 required.

DRYAD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 77, Lewis County, Wash.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$9,000 school bonds.

DUBLIN, Erath County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on May 19 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$15,000 sewer bonds.

DULUTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, St. Louis County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles A. Bronson, Clerk, Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. May 7 for \$400,000 not exceeding 5% coupon school bonds. Dated July 30 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 30 as follows: \$50,000, 1928 to 1934 incl., and \$500,000 in 1937. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the American Exchange National Bank N. Y. City. The city will furnish the bonds. A certified check for \$5,000, payable to the above-named official, is required. Legality approved by Wood & Oakley of Chicago.

EAST CLEVELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. East Cleveland), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. (to be awarded at 8 p. m.) May 17 by D. C. Van Buren, Clerk, Board of Education, for \$125,000 4% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated April 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the legal depository of the Board in Cleveland. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1927 to 1939 incl., and \$16,000, 1940 to 1949 incl. Certified check for \$5,000, payable to the Clerk-Treasurer, Board of Education, required. Legality approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland.

EASTLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Eastland County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on April 17—V. 122, p. 2246—the voters authorized the issuance of \$150,000 school bonds.

EAST ST. LOUIS PARK DISTRICT (P. O. East St. Louis), Saint Clair County, Ill.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 2:30 p. m. April 30 by Spencer Ellsworth, Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners, for \$500,000 4% coupon park, ninth issue, bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1926. Due on May 1 as follows: \$40,000, 1935; \$20,000, 1936; \$30,000, 1938 to 1940 incl.; \$40,000, 1941 to 1943 incl.; \$70,000, 1944; \$80,000, 1945, and \$80,000, April 30 1946.

EASTON, Northampton County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of the First National Bank, Easton Trust Co., and the Easton Dollar Savings & Trust Co., all of Easton, was awarded on April 27 an issue of \$500,000 4% sewer bonds at 101.34, a basis of about 4.16%. Due on April 1 as follows: \$150,000, 1936 and 1946, and \$200,000, 1956.

EDGEWOOD, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on May 18 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$120,000 junior high school improvement bonds.

ELK POINT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Union County, So. Dak.—BOND ELECTION.—On May 11 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$65,000 school bonds.

ERIE, Erie County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. (eastern standard time) May 11 by Michael J. Henry, City Clerk, for \$55,000 4% (registered as to principal only) storm water and sanitary sewer bonds of 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 15 1926. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N. 15) payable in lawful money of the United States at the City Treasurer's office. Due on May 15 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1953, inclusive, and \$3,000, 1954. Certified check for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

Statistics.

Assessed valuation (real and personal) for 1926	\$132,707,277 00
Estimated real valuation	165,000,000 00
*Bonded debt (including this issue)	4,610,000 00
Floating debt	115,958 95

Total debt	\$4,725,958 95
Amount in sinking fund	539,750 00
* Water bonds included in above	230,012 58
Population Census 1920, 102,093; population at present time, 122,000.	

ESCONDIDO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Diego), San Diego County, Calif.—BIDS.—Following is a list of other bids received for the \$128,000 5% school bonds awarded to Dean, Witter & Co., of San Francisco at 106.74—a basis of about 4.69% (V. 122, p. 2393):

Bidders—	Premium—
Bank of Italy	\$7,148
Anglo London Paris Co.	\$3,929
Aronson & Co.	6,950
R. E. Campbell & Co.	3,527
Citizens National Co.	5,035

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Newark), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) May 12 by Louis F. Dodd, Chairman of Board of Chosen Freeholders, for an issue of 4% coupon or registered park bonds, not to exceed \$500,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$500,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1926. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York. Due on May 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1927 to 1951, incl., and \$12,000, 1952 to 1976, incl. Certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to R. W. Booth, County Treasurer, required. Bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the Court officials and the seal impressed thereon, and the validity of the bonds will be approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City.

FALMOUTH, Barnstable County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—Estabrook & Co. of Boston purchased an issue of \$148,000 4% impt. bonds at 101.72.

FELLMORE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 62 (Preston R. F. D. No. 2), Minn.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$6,000 6% school bonds offered on April 22—V. 122, p. 2246—were not sold.

FERNDALE, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. (Eastern standard time) May 3 by Carl H. Peterson, Village Manager, for the following four issues of bonds, aggregating \$810,000:

\$145,000 4% paving bonds.	Due in 15 years.
45,000 4% sewer bonds.	Due in 20 years.
20,000 4% water bonds.	Due in 30 years.
600,000	not exceeding 6% (special assessment) bonds. Due 1 to 4 years.

The four issues of bonds will be sold to the same bidder and not separately. Certified check for \$1,000, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Legality approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit.

FLEMING COUNTY (P. O. Flemingsburg), Ky.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of the People's Bank, Farmers' Bank and the Deposit Bank of Pearce, Fant & Co., all of Flemingsburg, and the Ewing Deposit Bank of Ewing, recently purchased an issue of \$100,000 4% road bonds at par.

FLORAL PARK, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On April 27 the following two issues of bonds aggregating \$120,000 offered on that date—V. 122, p. 2246—were awarded as follows:

To W. A. Harriman & Co. of New York and the First National Bank of Floral Park:	
\$100,000 percent road impt. bonds as 4 1/4s at 100.099, a basis of about 4.24%.	Due \$5,000 July 1 1927 to 1946 incl.
To Pulley & Co. of New York:	
\$20,000 public park bonds as 4 1/4s at 101.14, a basis of about 4.39%.	Due \$1,000 July 1 1931 to 1950 incl.

FOSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Napoleon), Logan County, No. Dak.—BOND ELECTION.—On May 3 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$40,000 school bonds. L. H. Engelking, District Clerk.

FRAMINGHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—F. S. Moseley & Co. of Boston purchased a \$100,000 temporary loan on a 3.41% discount basis plus a premium of \$2.50.

FREMONT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 50 (P. O. Penrose), Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on May 3 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$9,000 5% refunding bonds. These bonds were purchased by the United States National Co. of Denver subject to being voted at this election.—V. 122, p. 2246.

GARFIELD COUNTY (P. O. Enid), Okla.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 5% road bonds offered on April 24—V. 122, p. 2393—were awarded to Stern Bros. & Co. of Kansas City at a premium of \$7,425, equal to 104.95, a basis of about 4.49%. Date July 1 1924. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 1939. Interest payable J. & J.

Other Bidders—	Premium—	Other Bidders—	Premium—
Taylor-White Co., Okla. City	\$4,605	R. J. Edwards, Inc., Okla. City	\$5,445
Geo. I. Gilbert, Okla. City	6,012	Central Nat. Bank, Enid	6,705
First Nat. Bank, Enid	5,600	The Branch-Middlekauff Inv.	
Oklahoma State Bank, Enid	6,330	Co., Wichita	5,295
Enid Bank & Trust Co., Enid	5,400	Commerce Trust Co., Kan. C.	4,995
Brown-Crummer Co., Wichita	5,715	Seasongood & Mayer, Cinc.	5,411
Wood & Oakley Co., Chicago	5,016	Amer. Nat. Co., Okla. City	4,890

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation, 1925	\$46,327,354 00
Sinking fund to date, April 1 1926	109,255 49
Bonded indebtedness, other than this issue	1,600 00
Bonded indebtedness (including this issue)	1,001,600 00
Population, 1920 Census, 37,500.	

GARY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gary), Lake County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 6:30 p. m. May 25 by A. H. Bell, Auditor of Board of School Trustees, for \$300,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the First National Bank, Gary, or at any bank in Chicago or New York that the purchaser may designate. Due June 1 1926. Certified check for \$10,000 required. The Board prefers payment in Gary. Legality to be approved by Wood & Oakley of Chicago.

GEORGIA (State of).—BOND OFFERING.—Clifford Walker, Governor will receive sealed bids until 12 m. May 4 for \$228,000 4 1/4, 4 1/2 or 4 3/4% coupon refunding bonds. Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 1946. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the State Treasurer's office. Atlanta, and interest also payable in New York City. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid, payable to the above named official is required.

GIBSON COUNTY (P. O. Bozeman), Ind.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$96,356 30 6% coupon road bonds awarded to the Farmers National Bank of Princeton at 100.03 (V. 122, p. 2246) are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. \$600 and \$356 30. Dated Dec. 14 1925. Int. M. & N. Due 1 to 10 years.

GILA VALLEY POWER DISTRICT (P. O. Welton), Yuma County, Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—Henry Hucknall, Secretary Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. May 8 for \$80,000 6% improvement bonds. Date Jan. 25 1923. Due Jan. 25 1952. A certified check for 5% of bid is required.

GILROY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Jose), Santa Clara County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on April 19—V. 122, p. 2247—were awarded to the Bank of Italy of San Francisco, at a premium of \$478, equal to 102.39, a basis of about 4.49%. Date April 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 April 1 1927 to 1936 incl. Int. payable semi-ann. (A. & O.) at the County Treasurer's office.

GLADSTONE, Clackamas County, Ore.—BONDS VOTED.—The voters at a recent election authorized the issuance of \$42,000 water bonds.

GLASSPORT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND ELECTION.—At the election to be held on May 18 the voters will vote on the question of issuing \$150,000 new streets bonds.

GLENN'S FERRY, Elmore County, Ida.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition of issuing \$40,000 water bonds at the election held on Mar. 30 V. 122, p. 1508—failed to carry. The above supersedes the report given in V. 122, p. 2090.

GLENOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 209, Lewis County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The State of Washington purchased on April 23 an issue of \$15,000 5% school bonds at par. Due in 20 years.

GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP (P. O. Blackwood), Camden County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. May 3 by R. O. Baer, Township Clerk, for \$14,000 5% Hogans Tract assessment impt. bonds. Denom. \$500. Certified check for 2% required.

GOLETA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Santa Barbara County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$8,500 school building bonds.

GOODLAND, Sherman County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City has purchased an issue of \$30,000 5% water bonds. Due in 1 to 20 years.

GRAND RAPIDS, Kent County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—On April 26 the following four issues of 4 1/4% bonds, aggregating \$1,280,000, offered on that date—V. 122, p. 2247—were awarded to Eldredge & Co. of New York at 100.58, a basis of about 4.16%:

\$480,000 street impt. bonds.	Due \$48,000 May 1 1927 to 1936 incl.
535,000 street impt. bonds.	Due \$107,000 May 1 1927 to 1931, incl.
15,000 sewer construction bonds.	Due \$3,000 May 1 1927 to 1931, incl.
250,000 water extension bonds.	Due May 1946.

Date May 1 1926.

GRANTS PASS, Josephine County, Ore.—BOND ELECTION.—On May 21 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$65,000 sewer bonds.

GREENBURGH (P. O. Tarrytown), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. May 13 by Norman C. Templeton, Town Clerk for \$210,000 4 1/4% coupon or registered sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the Scarsdale National Bank & Trust Co., Scarsdale. Due on May 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1931 to 1935 incl.; \$3,000, 1936 to 1940 incl. and \$9,000, 1941 to 1955 incl. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to Charles D. Millard, Town Supervisor, required. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Greeneville), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—M. F. Humphreys, Chairman, County Court, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. May 15 for \$15,000 6% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000, 1929 to 1931 incl. Interest payable M. & N.

GREENSBORO, Guilford County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The following bonds aggregating \$1,500,000 offered on April 26—V. 122, p. 2393—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the First National Bank, Redmond & Co. and Phelps, Fenn & Co., all of New York, as 4 1/4s at a premium of \$1,050, equal to 100.07, a basis of about 4.49%:

\$400,000 municipal building bonds.	Due April 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1929 to 1933 incl.; \$8,000, 1934 to 1940 incl.; \$10,000, 1941 to 1949 incl.; \$13,000, 1950 to 1957 incl., and \$15,000, 1958 to 1965 incl.
200,000 water bonds.	Due April 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1929 to 1940 incl.; \$5,000, 1941 to 1949 incl., and \$7,000, 1950 to 1966 incl.
100,000 sanitary sewer bonds.	Due April 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1948 incl.; \$3,000, 1949 to 1960 incl.; and \$4,000, 1961 to 1966 incl.
500,000 street improvement bonds.	Due \$50,000, April 1 1928 to 1937 incl.
300,000 storm sewer bonds.	Due April 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1929 to 1933 incl.; \$6,000, 1934 to 1942 incl.; \$8,000, 1943 to 1954 incl., and \$10,000, 1955 to 1967 incl.

Dated April 1 1926. The bankers are re-offering the bonds to investors at prices to yield from 4.15 to 4.40%, according to maturities.

HAMILTON, Butler County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 29 the \$85,000 5% coupon storm sewer impt. bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2247) were awarded to Taylor, Wilson & Co. at 104.65, a basis of about 4.43%. Date March 1 1926. Due \$4,250 yearly from Oct. 1 1927 to 1946 incl.

HANCOCK County (P. O. Findlay), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 27 the \$46,750 5% road impt. bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2247) were awarded to W. L. Slayton & Co., of Toledo, at a premium of \$1,164, equal to 102.48, a basis of about 4.49%. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1927 to 1933 incl., \$6,000, 1934 and \$5,750, 1935.

HARLEM, Blaine County, Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$17,000 electric light bonds offered on April 17—V. 122, p. 1662—were awarded to E. P. Ekegren of Harlem as 6s at a premium of \$101, equal to 100.59, a basis of about 5.88%. Date Jan 1 1926. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1930 incl.; \$2,000, 1931 to 1935 incl., and \$3,000, in 1936.

HARRISON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Harrison), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND ELECTION.—The voters at the primary election to be held May 18 will be asked to approve the following issues of bonds, aggregating \$50,000:
\$40,000 street improvement bonds.
10,000 fire protection bonds.

HARVEY, Wills County, No. Dak.—BOND AND WARRANT SALE.—The following coupon bonds and warrants aggregating \$116,000 offered on April 26—V. 122, p. 2394—were awarded to Kalman & Co. of St. Paul and Brewer, Brown & Co. of Minneapolis, jointly, as follows:
\$70,000 sewer impt. warrants as 6s at a premium of \$182.50, equal to 100.26, a basis of about 5.97%. Due April 15 as follows: \$3,500, 1928 to 1945 incl., and \$7,000, 1946.

46,000 5½% water works bonds at a premium of \$235, equal to 100.51, a basis of about 4.21%. Due April 15 as follows: \$1,000, 1931 to 1938 incl.; \$2,000, 1939 and 1940; \$3,000, 1941; \$4,000, 1942; \$5,000, 1943; \$6,000, 1944; \$7,000, 1945 and \$9,000, 1946. Date April 15 1926. Other bidders for par bonds were:

Bidders—	Premium.
Spitzer, Rorick & Co., Toledo	\$127.00
Minneapolis Trust Co., Minneapolis	167.50
Wells-Dickey Co., Minneapolis	305.00

HENDERSON COUNTY (P. O. Athens), Tex.—BOND SALE.—Taylor, Ewart & Co. of Chicago recently purchased an issue of \$750,000 6% levee and drainage bonds at 90.

HENRY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Akron), Fulton County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. May 18 by George F. Kinder, Township Trustee, for \$62,000 4½% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 15 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Akron Exchange State Bank, Akron. Due each six months as follows: \$2,500, July 15 1927 and \$2,500 Jan. and July 15 1928 to Jan. 15 1939 and \$1,000 July 15 1939 and Jan. 15 1941.

HICKORY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. New Castle, R. F. D. No. 4), Lawrence County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7 p. m. May 17 by R. C. Gormley, Secretary Board of Directors, for \$64,000 4½% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1926. Int. J. & D. Due on June 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1934 incl.; \$3,000, 1935 to 1952 incl. and \$2,000, 1953. Certified check for \$500 payable to the District Treasurer, required. These are the bonds mentioned in (V. 122, p. 2090).

HIGHLAND PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Highland Park), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. May 4 by Fred K. McEldowney, Secretary Board of Education, for \$350,000 4, 4½, or 4¾% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 15 1926. Prin. and interest payable at the Highland Park State Bank, Highland Park. Due May 15 1956. Certified check for \$7,500 payable to the District Treasurer, required. Bidder to furnish blank bonds and legal opinion.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY (P. O. Tampa), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—W. A. Dickinson, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. May 14 for \$116,000 not exceeding 6% coupon highway bonds. Date June 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1928; \$11,000, 1929; \$12,000, 1930 to 1935 incl., and \$26,000, 1936. Rate of interest to be multiples of ¼ of 1%. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable in New York City. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the Citizens Bank & Trust Co., Tampa, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the county officials and the seal impressed thereon. Legality to be approved by Clay & Dillon, New York City. A certified check for \$2,320, payable to above named official, is required.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Tampa), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$48,000 6% coupon school bonds offered on Apr. 20 (V. 122, p. 1951) were awarded to the Brown-Crummer Investment Co. of Wichita at 95, a basis of about 6.57%. Dated Feb. 1 1926. Due \$2,000 Feb. 1 1928 to 1951 incl.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 50 (P. O. Tampa), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 6% coupon school bonds offered on Apr. 20 (V. 122, p. 1951) were awarded to the Brown-Crummer Investment Co. of Wichita at 92.025, a basis of about 6.82%. Dated Feb. 1 1926. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1928 to 1942 incl.; \$4,000, 1943 to 1947 incl., and \$5,000, 1948 to 1954 incl.

HOCKLEY COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 3 (P. O. Levelland), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on April 19 an issue of \$40,000 6% school bonds. Due serially.

HOLLY AND ROSE TOWNSHIPS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 FRACTIONAL (P. O. Holly), Oakland County, Mich.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 2 p. m. (Eastern standard time) April 26 by O. A. Marfileus, Secretary of Board of Education, for \$60,000 not exceeding 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1926. Due \$2,000 May 1 1927 to 1956, incl. Certified check for \$1,000 required. These bonds are offered subject to the approving opinion of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit and the purchaser shall pay the cost of legal opinion and furnish blank bonds.

HOQUIAM, Grays Harbor County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. F. Hill, Commissioner of Finance, will receive sealed bids until May 19 for \$250,000 bridge bonds.

HORACE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Greeley County, Nebr. PRE-ELECTION SALE.—The Peters Trust Co., of Omaha has purchased an issue of \$12,000 school bonds subject to their being voted at an election to be held on May 7.

IONIA COUNTY (P. O. Ionia), Mich.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$31,500 4¾% scoupon assessment district road No. 29 bonds awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit at 100.75 (V. 122, p. 2247), a basis of about 4.58%, are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Dated March 1 1926. Int. M. & N. Due \$3,500 yearly from May 1 1927 to 1935 incl. Date of award Feb. 2.

JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Jackson), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. May 7 by C. W. Scurlock, County Auditor, for \$32,100 99 5% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except 1 for \$100.99. Date May 7 1926. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasury. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$4,000 1927 to 1931, incl.; \$3,000 1932 to 1934, incl., and \$3,100 99 1935. Certified check for 5%, payable to A. L. Jackson, County Treasurer, required. Bidders to satisfy themselves as to legality.

JAMESTOWN, Berkeley County, R. I.—BOND SALE.—On April 26 the \$175,000 4½% coupon ferry bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2394) were awarded to James Peck of Providence at 100.12, a basis of about 4.23%. Date May 1 1926. Due on May 1 as follows: \$10,000 1927 to 1936, incl., and \$15,000 1937 to 1941, incl.

JASPER COUNTY (P. O. Newton), Iowa.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition of issuing \$1,500,000 road bonds at the election held on April 14—V. 122, p. 2247—failed to carry.

JOHNSON CITY, Washington County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—T. H. McNeil, City Recorder, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. May 6 for the following 5½% bonds aggregating \$175,000:
\$100,000 improvement district bonds. Due in 1927 to 1935 incl.
75,000 city improvement bonds. Due June 1 1946.
Date June 1 1926. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the Chase National Bank, New York City. A certified check for \$3,500, payable to the city is required.

JOHNSTON COUNTY (P. O. Smithfield), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago, recently purchased an issue of \$130,000 4¾% road and bridge bonds at a premium of \$1,885, equal to 101.45.

KENOSHA, Kenosha County, Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—H. C. Laughlin, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. May 12 for \$450,000 4½% coupon high school bonds. Date May 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1 as follows: \$33,000, 1933 to 1945 incl., and \$21,000, 1946. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the City Treasurer's

office. A certified check for \$4,500, drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company, payable to the city, is required. Legality approved by Chapman, Cutler & Parker, Chicago.

Financial Statement.	
Assessed valuation 1925—	\$63,694,120
Estimated actual value taxable property—	94,000,000
Total bonded debt (including this issue)—	3,042,600
There is an unfunded debt, other than the bond debt—	112,400
Waterworks bond, included in total debt shown above—	366,000
Population 1920, 40,000; estimated now, \$52,000. Tax rate, 30 mills.	

KIDDER, Caldwell County, Mo.—BOND SALE NOT COMPLETED.—The sale of the \$27,000 5% school bonds purchased by Prescott, Wright, Snider & Co. of Kansas City—V. 122, p. 2247—was not completed owing to the bonds being defeated at the election. Another election for these bonds will be held in May.

KING COUNTY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. A (P. O. Seattle), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$31,800 coupon high school bonds offered on April 17—V. 122, p. 2090—were awarded to the State of Washington as 5s at par. Due serially in 23 years.

KING COUNTY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. T (P. O. Seattle), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 school bonds offered on April 17—V. 122, p. 2090—were awarded to the State of Washington as 4½s at par. Due serially in 23 years.

KING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 175 (P. O. Seattle), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,000 coupon school bonds offered on April 17—V. 122, p. 2090—were awarded to the State of Washington as 5s at par. Due serially in 23 years.

KINGMAN CONSOLIDATED PAVING DISTRICT NO. 6, Kingman County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—O. J. Peterson, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 9 a. m. May 4 for approximately \$115,000 4½% special improvement bonds. Date July 1 1926. Due serially July 1 1927 to 1936 incl. Int. payable (J. & J.). A certified check for 2% of the amount bid is required.

KIT CARSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Bethune), Colo.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At an election held on April 10 the proposition of issuing \$24,000 school bonds failed to carry. These are the bonds purchased subject to being voted at this election by the International Trust Co. of Denver.

KITSAP COUNTY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Port Orchard), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—J. M. Peterson, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until May 10 for \$20,000 not exceeding 6% school bonds. Date July 1 1926. Interest payable semi-annually (J. & J.).

KLAMATH COUNTY (P. O. Klamath), Ore.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$167,000 coupon road and bridge bonds purchased by Blyth Witter & Co. of Portland and Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati at 100.30—V. 122, p. 2091—a basis of about 3.72%, bear interest at the rate of 3¾% and are described as follows: Date May 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 15 as follows: \$18,000, 1933; \$26,000, 1934; \$36,000, 1936; \$41,000, 1937 and \$46,000, 1938. Int. payable M. & N. 15.

KNOX COUNTY (P. O. Vincennes), Ind.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$125,000 4½% remodeling and repairing courthouse bonds awarded to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis on Mar. 26 at 101.54 (V. 122, p. 2247), a basis of about 4.18%, are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Dated Dec. 8 1925. Int. M. & N. 15. Due each six months as follows: \$6,500, May 15 1927; \$6,000, Nov. 15 1927; \$6,500, May 15 1928; \$6,000, Nov. 15 1928; \$6,500, May 15 1929; \$6,000, Nov. 15 1929; \$6,500, May 15 1930; \$6,000, Nov. 15 1931; \$6,500, May 15 1931; \$6,000, Nov. 15 1931; \$6,500, May 15 1932; \$6,000, Nov. 15 1932; \$6,500, May 15 1933; \$6,000, Nov. 15 1933; \$6,500, May 15 1934; \$6,000, Nov. 15 1934; \$6,500, May 15 1935; \$6,000, Nov. 15 1935; \$6,500, May 15 1936, and \$6,000, Nov. 15 1936.

KNOXVILLE, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND ELECTION.—On May 18 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing the following bonds, aggregating \$405,000:
\$125,000 New Georgia Avenue bridge bonds.
350,000 new high school bonds.
30,000 street and other improvement bonds.

LA GRANGE, Lenoir County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 6% sewer bonds offered on April 26 (V. 122, p. 2091) were awarded to C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago at a premium of \$3,547.89, equal to 107.09. Date April 1 1926.

LAKE MILLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Winnedago County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$83,000 school bonds offered on April 6 (V. 122, p. 1506) were awarded to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport as 4½s at a premium of \$1,150, equal to 101.37. Due in 20 years.

LAKEWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lakewood), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 26 the \$213,870 4¾% school bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2091) were awarded to W. A. Harriman & Co. of Chicago at a premium of \$6,302.25, equal to 102.94, a basis of about 4.4%. Date April 1 1926. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$8,870, \$9,000, 1928 1932 incl. and \$10,000, 1933 to 1948 incl.

LANCASTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 88 (P. O. Hickman), Neb.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$12,000 coupon school bonds purchased by the Lincoln Trust Co. of Lincoln (V. 122, p. 2248) at par, bear interest at the rate of 4¾% and are described as follows: Dated June 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially June 1 1931 to 1942 incl., optional after June 1 1931. Int. payable J. & D. Date of award Mar. 4.

LA SALLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Los Angeles), Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on April 24 the voters authorized the issuance of \$22,000 school bonds.

LEIGHTON, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 6 p. m. May 10 by Andrew J. Snyder, Borough Secretary, for \$100,000 4½% street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Principal and interest (M. & N.) payable at the office of the Borough Secretary. Due in 30 years, optional in 2 years.

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP CENTRALIZED SCHOOL DISTRICT, (P. O. Findlay), Hancock County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. May 1, by Paul P. Porter, Township Clerk, for \$12,000 5% school impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1926. Int. A. & O. Due each six months as follows: \$1,000 April 1 1927 to Oct. 1 1932 incl. Certified check on solvent bank for not less than 10% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to tl Board of Education, required.

LIMA, Allen County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 20 the following 32 issues of bonds and notes, aggregating \$433,135.13, offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2091), were awarded to Weil, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati at a premium of \$13,950, equal to 104.60, a basis of about 4.57%:

- \$1,137 5½% Carlyle Ave. sewer bonds. Denom. \$100 except 1 for \$137. Dated April 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 15 as follows: \$237, 1927, and \$100, 1928 to 1936 incl.
- 690 5½% Kenilworth Ave. sewer bonds. Denom. \$100 except 1 for \$90. Dated April 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due on April 15 as follows: \$90, 1928, and \$100, 1929 to 1934 incl.
- 1,269 5½% Kenilworth Ave. sewer bonds. Denom. \$100 except 1 for \$169. Dated April 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 15 as follows: \$169, 1927; \$200, 1928 & 1929, and \$100, 1930 to 1936 incl.
- 6,772 5½% Rice Ave. paving bonds. Denom. \$500 except 1 for \$772. Dated Apr. 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 15 as follows: \$772, 1927; \$500, 1928 to 1933 incl., and \$1,000, 1934 to 1936 incl.
- 4,056 5½% Marian Ave. paving bonds. Denom. \$500 except 1 for \$556. Dated Apr. 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due on April 15 as follows: \$556, 1928, and \$500, 1929 to 1935 incl.
- 7,040 5½% Madison Ave. paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except 1 for \$500 and \$540. Dated Apr. 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due on April 15 as follows: \$540, 1928; \$500, 1929 and \$1,000, 1930 to 1935 incl.
- 10,582 5½% Hazel Ave. paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except 1 for \$582. Dated Apr. 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 15 as follows: \$1,582, 1927, and \$1,000, 1928 to 1936 incl.
- 8,145 5½% West High Street paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except 1 for \$1,145. Dated Apr. 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due on Apr. 15 as follows: \$1,145, 1928, and \$1,000, 1929 to 1935 incl.
- 5,457 5½% Lakewood Ave. paving bonds. Denom. \$500 except 1 for \$457. Dated Apr. 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 15 as follows: \$957, 1927, and \$500, 1928 to 1936 incl.

- 14,658 5½% Ashton Ave. paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except 1 for \$658. Dated Apr. 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 15 as follows: \$1,658, 1927; \$1,000, 1928 to 1932 incl., and \$2,000, 1933 to 1936 incl.
- 10,840 5½% Circular Street paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except 1 for \$840. Dated Apr. 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 15 as follows: \$1,840, 1927, and \$1,000, 1928 to 1936 incl.
- 10,267 5½% Courtland Ave. paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except 1 for \$1,267. Dated Apr. 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 15 as follows: \$1,267, 1927, and \$1,000, 1928 to 1936 incl.
- 19,112 5½% Metcalf Street paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except 1 for \$1,112. Dated Apr. 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 15 as follows: \$1,112, 1927, and \$2,000, 1928 to 1936 incl.
- 9,484 5½% Runyan Ave. paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except 1 for \$484. Dated Apr. 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 15 as follows: \$484, 1927, and \$1,000, 1928 to 1936 incl.
- 5,495 5½% Wendell Ave. paving bonds. Denom. \$500, except 1 for \$995. Dated Apr. 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 15 as follows: \$995, 1927, and \$500, 1928 to 1936 incl.
- 16,800 5½% North Cole Street paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except 1 for \$800. Dated Apr. 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due on Apr. 15 as follows: \$800, 1928, and \$2,000, 1929 to 1936 incl.
- 5,921 5½% Belvidere Ave. paving bonds. Denom. \$500, except 1 for \$921. Dated Apr. 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 15 as follows: \$921, 1927; \$1,000, 1928, and \$500, 1929 to 1936 incl.
- 9,044 5½% Baxter Street paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except 1 for \$1,044. Dated Apr. 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 15 as follows: \$1,044, 1927, and \$1,000, 1928 to 1936 incl.
- 15,692 5½% O'Connor Ave. paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except 1 for \$692. Dated Apr. 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 15 as follows: \$1,692, 1927; \$1,000, 1928 to 1931 incl., and \$2,000, 1932 to 1936 incl.
- 3,526 5½% Murphy Street paving bonds. Denom. \$500, except 1 for \$526. Dated Apr. 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due on Apr. 15 as follows: \$526, 1928, and \$500, 1929 to 1934 incl.
- 14,321 5½% Eureka Street paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except 1 for \$1,321. Dated Apr. 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 15 as follows: \$1,321, 1927; \$1,000, 1928 to 1930 incl., and \$2,000, 1931 to 1935 incl.
- 13,717 5½% Woodlawn Ave. paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except 1 for \$717. Dated Apr. 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 15 as follows: \$717, 1927; \$1,000, 1928 to 1930 incl., and \$2,000, 1931 to 1935 incl.
- 6,045 5½% McDonel Street paving bonds. Denom. \$500 except 1 for \$545. Dated Apr. 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 15 as follows: \$1,045, 1927; \$500, 1928 to 1935 incl., and \$1,000, 1936.
- 14,219 5½% McDonel Street paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except 1 for \$1,219. Dated Apr. 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 15 as follows: \$1,219, 1927; \$1,000, 1928 to 1932 incl., and \$2,000, 1933 to 1936 incl.
- 3,000 5½% Union Street grading bonds. Denom. \$300. Dated Apr. 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due \$300 Oct. 1 1927 to 1936 incl.
- 2,250 5½% Central Ave. grading bonds. Denom. \$250. Dated Apr. 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due \$250 Apr. 15 1928 to 1936 incl.
- 4,998 5½% Park Ave. paving bonds. Denom. \$500 except 1 for \$498. Dated Apr. 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 15 as follows: \$498, 1927, and \$500, 1928 to 1936 incl.
- 10,192 5½% Dewey Ave. paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except 1 for \$1,192. Dated Apr. 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 15 as follows: \$1,192, 1927, and \$1,000, 1928 to 1936 incl.
- 5,068 5½% Leland Ave. paving bonds. Denom. \$500 except 1 for \$568. Dated Apr. 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 15 as follows: \$568, 1927, and \$500, 1928 to 1936 incl.
- 51,034 5½% Main Street paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except 1 for \$1,034. Dated Apr. 15 1926. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 15 as follows: \$6,034, 1927, and \$5,000, 1928 to 1936 incl.
- 127,304 13 6% Deficiency notes. Denom. \$12,730 41. Dated Apr. 1 1926. Int. A. & O. Due \$12,730 41 April 1 and Oct. 1 1927 to 1931 incl.
- 15,000 5% water main Series S bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Mar. 1 1926. Int. M. & S. Due \$1,000 Sept. 15 1927 to 1941 incl.

LINCOLN COUNTY (P. O. North Platte), Ned.—BOND ELECTION.—On May 14 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$300,000 5½% Nowell Precinct bridge bonds. Theo. Lowe, Jr., County Clerk.

LINN COUNTY (P. O. Cedar Rapids), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—F. L. Williams, County Treasurer will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. May 6 for the following 4½% bonds, aggregating \$900,000: \$500,000 primary road bonds. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1928 to 1932 incl.; \$40,000, 1933; \$50,000, 1934 to 1939 incl., and \$60,000, 1940.

400,000 county road bonds. Due as follows: \$10,000 Nov. 1 1927 and 1928; \$20,000 Nov. 1 1929 to 1934 incl.; \$30,000 Nov. 1 1935 to 1938 incl.; \$40,000 Nov. 1 1939; \$50,000, Nov. 1 1940 and \$50,000 May 1 1941.

Date May 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the above named official's office. A certified check for \$15,000 payable to the County Treasurer is required. The purchaser to furnish the bonds. Legality approved by Chapman, Cutler & Parker, Chicago.

Financial Statement.

Total debt (including these issues).....	\$2,712,000
Assessed valuation 1925.....	116,860,865
Population (1925), 80,139.	

LONG BEACH, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$500,000 coupon impt. bonds purchased by a syndicate composed of the First National Bank and Eldredge & Co. both of New York and the Anglo London Paris Co. of San Francisco at 100.14—V. 122, p. 2248—bear int. at the rate of 4½% and are described as follows: Date Aug. 1 1924. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially Aug. 1 1943 to 1947 incl. Int. payable F. & A. Date of award, April 6 1926.

LONG BEACH, Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3:30 p. m. (daylight saving time) May 11 by Mortimer R. De Roche, City Clerk, for the following two issues of 4½ or 4¼% coupon bonds with privilege of registration as to principal only or as to both principal and interest bonds aggregating \$602,500: \$550,000 school bonds of 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due on May 1 as follows: \$14,000, 1928 to 1962 incl. and \$15,000, 1963 to 1966 incl.

52,500 road impt. funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except 1 for \$500. Due on May 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1928 to 1943 incl. and \$4,500, 1944.

Date May 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable in gold coin of the United States of America, or of equal to the present of weight and fineness at the office of the Farmers Loan & Loan Co., New York City. A certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the city of Long Branch, required. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York.

LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on May 30 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$1,900,000 bridge bonds.

LUDINGTON, Mason County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until May 3 by Dean, Thompson, City Clerk, for the following two issues of 5% coupon bonds, aggregating \$100,000: \$60,000 paving bonds. Due \$3,000, 1927 to 1931 incl.; \$4,000, 1932 to 1936 incl., and \$5,000, 1937 to 1941 incl.

40,000 bridge bonds. Due in 20 years. Denom. \$1,000. Int. payable at the City Treasurer's office.

Financial Statement.

Bonded debt.....	\$497,000 00
Total debt.....	497,000 00
Sinking fund.....	30,430 72
Assessed valuation, 1925.....	7,099,645 00
Total tax rate (per \$1,000 1925).....	38.70

LYNN, Essex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—R. L. Day & Co., Estabrook & Co., and Merrill, Oldham & Co. all of Boston purchased an issue of \$900,000 4% city bonds at 101.29.

LYNN HAVEN, Bay County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Henry Bahl, member of Board of Bond Trustees, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. May 7 for \$170,000 6% city bonds. Date Jan. 1 1926. Due \$10,000 Jan. 1 1945 to 1961, incl. A certified check for \$5,000, payable to the city, is required.

MCCLELLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT, Pottawattomie County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—The voters authorized the issuance of \$12,000 school bonds at a recent election.

McKEESPORT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND ELECTION.—The voters at the primary elections to be held May 18 will be asked to approve the following issues of bonds, aggregating \$653,350: \$83,350 new city stables bonds \$100,000 street repair bonds. 221,000 general impt. bonds. 249,000 sewerage crooked run bonds.

McRAE, Telfair County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—R. Obedley, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until May 4 for \$25,000 5% paving bonds.

MADISON, Dane County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The following 4½% coupon bonds, aggregating \$65,000, offered on April 23—V. 122, p. 2395—were awarded to Hill, Joiner & Co. of Chicago at a premium of \$1,290, equal to 101.98, a basis of about 4.38%: \$35,000 Marquette school bonds. Due May 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1927 to 1936 incl., and \$1,500, 1937 to 1946 incl.

30,000 Monroe Street school bonds. Due \$1,500 May 1 1927 to 1946, incl. Date May 1 1926.

MADISON TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Trotwood), Montgomery County, Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. May 20 by H. A. Borden, Clerk of Board of Education, for \$5,602 10 6% net deficiency notes. Denom. \$560 21. Date March 1 1926. Due \$560 21 March and Sept. 1 1927 to 1931, incl. Certified check for 5%, payable to the Clerk, required.

MADRID INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Boone County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 coupon school bonds offered on April 22—V. 122, p. 2248—were awarded to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport as 4½s at a premium of \$441, equal to 100.98. Date April 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$3,000, 1927 to 1941 incl. Interest payable J. & J.

MAHASKA RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Washington County, Kan.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$45,000 school bonds by a count of 266 for to 170 against.

MALVERN SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Malvern), Hot Springs County, Ark.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$150,000 6% school bonds awarded to R. S. Helbron of Little Rock at 102.90—V. 122, p. 2091—are described as follows: Date March 25 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially, March 25 1931 to 1951 incl. Int. payable F. & A.

MANSFIELD, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. May 7 by P. L. Kelley, City Auditor, for \$57,350 6% (special assessment) paving bonds. Date April 1 1926. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$11,750, 1927; \$11,700, 1928; \$11,650, 1929; \$11,400, 1930, and \$10,850, 1931. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

MAPLE HILL FIRE DISTRICT (P. O. Newington), Hartford County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—On April 23 the \$115,000 4½% coupon water first series bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2248), were awarded to R. M. Grant & Co., Inc., of New York at 102.48, a basis of about 4.29%. Dated May 1 1926. Due on May 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1931 to 1958 incl., and \$3,000, 1959.

MARBLE FALLS, Burnet County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—The voters authorized the issuance of \$8,500 school bonds at a recent election.

MARIANNA, Jackson County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 coupon improvement bonds offered on April 24 (V. 122, p. 2395) were awarded to a syndicate composed of the First National Bank and the Citizens State Bank, both of Marianna, and the First National Bank of Graceville as 6s at par. Date April 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 1956.

MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Merced), Merced County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—The Secretary, Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until May 6 for \$1,000,000 irrigation bonds.

MERCEDES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hidalgo County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On May 3 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$140,000 school bonds.

MIDDLEBORO, Plymouth County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The Shawmut Corp. of Boston purchased an issue of \$160,000 4% school bonds at 100.94.

MIDDLETOWN, Middlesex County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—On April 28 the \$186,000 4% coupon (with privilege of registration) funding second series bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2395) were awarded to the Middletown Savings Bank of Middletown at par. Date April 1 1926. Due on April 1 as follows: \$20,000 1927 to 1935, incl., and \$6,000 1936.

MIDDLETOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Middletown), Butler County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 23 the \$200,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2092) were awarded to A. E. Aub & Co. of Cincinnati at a premium of \$8,227, equal to 104.11, a basis of about 4.51%. Dated May 1 1926. Due \$10,000 yearly from Nov. 1 1927 to 1946 incl.

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Langhorne), Bucks County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On April 23 the \$40,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2248) were awarded to M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia at 104.449, a basis of about 4.45% to optional date and a basis of about 4.66% if allowed to run full term of years. Date May 1 1926. Due May 1 1946. Due May 1 1946. Optional May 1 1936.

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Glen Riddle), Delaware County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. May 4 by Harry L. Warnick, Secretary, Board of Directors, for \$18,000 4½% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1926. Due \$6,000 June 1 1936, 1941 and 1946. Certified check for 2%, payable to the District Treasurer, required. Legality approved by Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia.

MINNEAPOLIS, Hennepin County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—George M. Link, Secretary, Board of Estimate and Taxation, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. May 14 for the following not exceeding 5% coupon bonds, aggregating \$2,000,000:

\$1,043,000 permanent improvement bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$41,000, 1927 to 1933, inclusive, and \$42,000, 1934 to 1951, inclusive.

957,000 water-works bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$39,000, 1927 to 1933, inclusive, and \$38,000, 1934 to 1951, inclusive.

Date June 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & D.) payable in gold at the fiscal agency of Minneapolis in New York City, or at the City Treasurer's office, Minneapolis. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid, payable to C. A. Bloomquist, City Treasurer, is required. Legality approved by John C. Thomson, New York City.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation, 1925—	
Real property.....	\$248,512,480 00
Personal property.....	50,085,890 00
Moneys and credits.....	102,708,950 00
Total.....	\$401,307,320 00
Full and true valuation, 1925—	
Real property.....	\$662,691,860 00
Personal property.....	163,585,295 00
Moneys and credits.....	102,708,950 00
Total.....	\$888,986,105 00

Population, national Census, 1910, 301,408; national Census 1920, 380,582 The City of Minneapolis was incorporated Feb. 6 1867.

Outstanding Bonds.

Sinking fund liability.....	\$39,504,700 00
Street improvement et al bonds.....	17,359,720 09
To be sold by Board of Estimate and Taxation, May 14 '26.....	2,000,000 00
To be sold by the City Council, May 14 1926.....	50,000 00

Total.....\$58,914,420 09
Water-works bonds included in above total.....\$3,052,000 00

Sinking Fund.....\$4,717,764 50
City of Minneapolis, other bonds and cash.....

CERTIFICATE SALE.—The \$1,000,000 certificates of indebtedness offered on April 23 (V. 122, p. 2248) were awarded to a syndicate composed

of the Bankers Trust Co. of New York City, the Minneapolis Trust Co. and the First National Bank, both of Minneapolis, as 3.73s at par. Date April 26 1926. Due July 24 1926. Other bidders were as follows:

Bidder—	Int. Rate.	Premium.
R. W. Pressprich & Co., New York.....	3.88%	par
Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc., Minneapolis.....		
Continental & Comm'l Tr. & Savs. Bank, Chicago.....	3.90%	\$9
Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., Minneapolis.....	4%	77
Guaranty Trust Co., New York.....	4 1/4%	5

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. (central standard time) May 8 by F. A. Kilmer, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for \$27,000 5% coupon Overlook Heights storm sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928; \$3,000, 1929 and 1930; \$2,000, 1931; \$3,000, 1932 and 1933; \$2,000, 1934 and \$3,000, 1935 to 1939 incl. Certified check on any solvent bank or trust company for \$2,500 payable to the County Treasurer, required. Legality approved by D. W. and A. S. Iddings of Dayton and Peck, Shaffer and Williams of Cincinnati.

MONTICELLO, Jefferson County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—O. A. Sloan, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. May 11 for \$20,000 6% coupon street paving bonds. Date April 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due April 1 1951. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Town Treasurer's office. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to George B. Glover, Mayor, is required.

MT. OLIVER, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on May 18 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing the following bonds, aggregating \$360,000:

- \$180,000 playground bonds.
- 40,000 swimming pool bonds.
- 140,000 general street repairs bonds.

MOUNT ULLA SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Salisbury), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 coupon school bonds offered on April 20—V. 122, p. 2249—were awarded to R. S. Dickson & Co. of Gastonia as 5s. at a premium of \$5. equal to 100.02, a basis of about 4.99%. Due May 1 as follows: \$500, 1928 to 1935 incl. and \$1,000, 1936 to 1956 incl. Other bidders were:

Bidders—	Int. Rate.	Premium.
Mayer & Co.....	5 1/4%	\$375
A. T. Bell & Co.....	5 1/4%	77
Braun Bosworth & Co.....	5 1/4%	
A. C. Allyn & Co.....	5 1/4%	221
Ryan, Sutherland.....	5 1/4%	121
Hanchett Bond Co.....	5 1/4%	135
Seasongood & Mayer.....	5 1/4%	250
C. W. McNear & Co.....	5 1/4%	472

NASHUA, Hillsborough County, N. H.—LOAN OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 10 a. m. April 30 by the City Treasurer, for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$50,000 temporary loan. Due Dec. 14 1926.

NEW SALEM, Morton County, No. Dak.—BOND ELECTION.—On May 11 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$25,000 5% city bonds. R. G. Meyer, City Auditor.

NETCONG, Morris County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. May 5 by J. Seward Young, District Clerk, for an issue of 4 1/4% coupon school bonds not to exceed \$100,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$100,000. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1926. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable in lawful money of the United States of America at the Citizens National Bank, Netcong. Due \$2,500 yearly from July 1 1927 to 1966, inclusive. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Education, required.

NICOLLET COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. St. Peter), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Lois O. Carleton, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. May 11 for \$130,000 not exceeding 4 1/4% school bonds. Dated April 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1927 to 1929, inclusive; \$6,000, 1930 and 1931; \$8,000, 1932 and 1933; \$9,000, 1934; \$10,000, 1935 to 1937, inclusive; \$11,000, 1938 and 1939; and \$13,000, 1940 and 1941. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable in gold at the First National Bank, St. Paul, or at a bank or fiscal institution designated by the purchaser. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid is required. Legality approved by Tighe & Moody, St. Paul.

NOBLE COUNTY (P. O. Caldwell), Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. May 5 by L. H. Tarleton, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for \$24,319.24 6% net deficiency notes. Date April 1 1926. Due \$4,053.21 April and Oct. 1 1927 to 1929, incl. Certified check for 5% of the notes bid for, payable to the Board of Commissioners, required.

NORMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cleveland County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The \$135,000 coupon high school building bonds offered on Mar. 4—V. 122, p. 1353—were awarded to the Security National Co. of Oklahoma City as 4 1/4s at a premium of \$1,005. equal to 100.74. Date Mar. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially. Interest payable M. & S.

NORTH OLMSTED, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 21 the \$7,332 5 1/4% coupon Cedar Palm Hill impt. bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2092) were awarded to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati at a premium of \$110.75. equal to 101.45, a basis of about 5.09%. Date April 1 1926. Due each six months as follows: \$882 Oct. 1 1926 and \$750, April 1 1927 to April 1 1931 incl.

NORTH TONAWANDA, Niagara County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. May 3 by F. C. Goltz, City Clerk, for \$25,000 4 1/4% water main improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1926. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N.) payable at the Chase National Bank, New York. Due \$1,000 May 1 1927 to 1951, inclusive. Certified check for \$500, payable to H. B. Grange, City Treasurer, required. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon of New York.

O'DONNELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lynn County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on April 19 an issue of \$65,000 6% school bonds. Due serially.

ONALASKA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 78, Lewis County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The State of Washington has purchased an issue of \$12,000 school building bonds at par. Due in 10 years.

ONEONTA, Otsego County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On April 29 the \$250,000 coupon school bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2249) were awarded to Batchelder-Wack & Co. and Rutter & Co. both of New York as 4.20s at par. Date April 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1927 to 1936 incl. and \$15,000, 1937 to 1946 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable in gold at the Wilber National Bank, Oneonta.

ONEONTA, Otsego County, N. Y.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until April 29 by Robert O. Markham, City Clerk, for \$20,000 sidewalk bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1926. Due \$4,000 1927 to 1931, inclusive.

OREGON (State of).—BOND OFFERING.—Thomas B. Kay, State Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. May 20 for \$64,350 Oregon District interest bonds. Date June 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due \$900 Jan. 1 1936, \$6,000 July 1 1945, \$19,500 Jan. 1 1946, \$12,000 July 1 1946, \$3,150 Jan. 1 1947, \$7,800 Jan. 1 1950, \$12,000 Jan. 1 1951 and \$3,000 Jan. 1 1952. Purchaser to state the interest rate. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable in gold at the State Treasurer's office or at the fiscal agency of the State of Oregon in New York City. A certified check for 5% of the amount bid, payable to the above named official is required. Legality approved by Teal, Winfree, Johnson & McCulloch of Portland.

PALM BEACH COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. West Palm Beach), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 6% school bonds offered on April 22—V. 122, p. 2249—were awarded to Prudden & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$617. equal to 101.23, a basis of about 5.86%. Date Oct. 1 1925. Due \$2,000 Oct. 1 1927 to 1951, incl.

PANORA, Guthrie County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—R. E. Savage, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 1:30 p. m. May 14 for \$15,000 4 3/4% water works system bonds. Date May 1 1926. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable in Panora.

PARKSTON, Hutchinson County, So. Dak.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$18,000 water bonds

PARMA (P. O. Cleveland), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. May 24 by John H. Thompson, Village Clerk, for the following five issues of 5% (special assessment) bonds, aggregating \$163,755.75:

- \$51,087.64 delinquent sidewalk bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except one for \$587.64. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$10,587.64, 1927; \$10,000, 1928 \$10,000, 1928 to 1930 incl., and \$10,500, 1931.
- 47,512.67 sidewalk bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$512.67. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$9,512.67, 1927; \$9,000, 1928 and 1929, and \$10,000, 1930 and 1931.
- 8,436.00 Woodrow Ave. paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500, except one for \$436. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$436, 1927; \$500, 1928 and 1929, and \$1,000, 1930 to 1936 incl.
- 14,557.17 Lueda Ave. No. 1 paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$557.17. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,557.17, 1927; \$1,000, 1928 to 1932 incl. and \$2,000, 1933 to 1936 incl.
- 42,162.27 Bradley Ave. paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$162.27. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,162.27, 1927; \$4,000, 1928 to 1934 incl., and \$5,000, 1935 and 1936.

Certified check for 10% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

PASADENA, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$611,000 improvement bonds offered on April 27—V. 122, p. 2396—were awarded as follows:

To a syndicate composed of First National Bank and Eldredge & Co., both of New York City, and the Anglo-London-Paris Co. of San Francisco, at a premium of \$4,728, equal to 101.19, a basis of about 4.45%: \$360,000 4 1/4% civic centre bonds. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due \$36,000 Aug. 1 1926 to 1935, incl.

35,000 4 1/4% relief work bonds. Date Feb. 15 1926. Due Feb. 15 as follows: \$25,000 1928 and \$10,000 1929.

To William R. Staats Co. of San Francisco, and Andrew W. Stewart & Co. of Pasadena, jointly, at a premium of \$2,356, equal to 101.09, a basis of about 4.68%:

\$216,000 5 1/2% Municipal Improvement District No. 4 bonds. Date Oct. 1 1925. Due \$24,000 Oct. 1 1943 to 1951, incl.

PENSACOLA, Escambia County, Fla.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for the \$360,000 5% Improvement bonds offered on April 26—V. 122, p. 2093—were rejected.

PERRY, Noble County, Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$28,000 sewer bonds by almost 2 to 1.

PETERBOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Peterborough), Hillsborough County, N. H.—BOND SALE.—On April 28 the \$100,000 4% coupon school bonds offered on that date—V. 122, p. 2397—were awarded to the Shawmut Corp. of Boston at 98.57, a basis of about 4.18%. Date May 1 1926. Due \$5,000 yearly from May 1 1927 to 1946 incl.

PHARR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hidalgo County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$80,000 school bonds.

PHILLIPSBURG, Warren County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. May 12 by Hector R. Bittion, Director of Revenue and Finance, for an issue of 4 1/4% coupon (registered either as to prin. and int. or prin. only) bonds not to exceed \$16,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$16,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1925. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Phillipsburg National Bank in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness. Due \$2,000 yearly from Aug. 1 1927 to 1934 incl. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Town Treasurer, required.

POLK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Polk County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on April 22—V. 122, p. 2249—the voters authorized the issuance of \$25,000 school bonds by a count of 125 to 88.

PONTIAC, Oakland County, Mich.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 1 p. m. April 27 by H. A. Maurer, City Clerk, for \$100,000 (special assessment) paving bonds.

PORT OF PORTLAND (P. O. Portland), Multnomah County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—J. P. Doyle, assistant Secretary, Board of Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 3:30 p. m. May 14 for \$860,000 4 1/4% coupon series H port improvement bonds. Date Jan. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$48,000, 1927 and \$58,000, 1928 to 1941 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable in gold in Portland or New York at option of purchaser. A certified check for 5% of the amount bid, payable to the above named official is required. Legality to be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

Total bonds outstanding.....	\$3,869,000 00
Total sinking funds.....	406,691 17

Net funded debt.....\$3,462,308 83

POULAN, Worth County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The Trust Co. of Georgia, of Atlanta, has purchased an issue of \$11,000 6% water works system bonds at par. Date Jan. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 Jan. 1 1936 to 1946, inclusive.

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY (P. O. Centerville), Md.—BOND SALE.—On April 27 the \$21,000 5% coupon road bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2204) were awarded to Townsend, Scott & Son of Baltimore for \$21,860, equal to 104.09, a basis of about 4.45%. Dated July 1 1926. Due \$3,000 yearly from Jan. 1 1932 to 1938 incl.

REDLANDS, San Bernardino County, Calif.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received by C. P. Cook, City Clerk, until April 30 for \$525,000 not exceeding 5% water bonds. Date June 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$15,000. June 1 1932 to 1966 incl. Interest payable semi-annually (J. & D.). A certified check for 3% of the amount bid, drawn upon a bank in California, payable to the City Treasurer is required. Legality to be approved by O'Melveny, Millikin, Tuller & Macneil, Calif.

Assessed valuation (non-oper.).....	\$14,095,650
Bonded debt (incl. this issue).....	1,151,500
Population (estimated), 15,000.	

REINBECK INDEPENDENT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Grundy County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The following bonds, aggregating \$225,000, offered on April 23—V. 122, p. 2397—were awarded to Geo. M. Berchtel & Co. of Davenport as follows:

\$109,000 school bonds as 4 1/4s.

116,000 school bonds as 4 1/4s.

Date June 1 1926.

RIPLEY COUNTY (P. O. Versailles), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. May 4 by Raphael E. Dieckmann, County Treasurer, for \$16,000 4 1/4% coupon road bonds. Denom. \$200. Date April 15 1926. Due \$400 May and Nov. 15 1927 to 1936, incl.

RIVER FOREST (P. O. Oak Park), Cook County, Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until May 10 by A. S. Hatch, Village Clerk, for \$35,000 5% water-works bonds.

RIVER RANGE, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The Bank of Detroit of Detroit purchased an issue of \$60,000 paving bonds as 4 1/4s at a premium of \$773. equal to 101.12.

ROSELLE, Union County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) May 14 by J. F. Ostrander, Borough Clerk, for an issue of 4 1/4% or 5% coupon or registered public impt. bonds not to exceed \$241,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$241,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable in gold at the First National Bank, Roselle. Due on March 1 as follows: \$11,000, 1927 to 1934, incl.; \$15,000, 1935 to 1941, incl., and \$16,000, 1942 to 1944, incl. Certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the borough, required. Legality approved by Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt of New York.

ROWAN COUNTY (P. O. Salisbury), No. Caro.—NOTE SALE.—The \$200,000 coupon road notes offered on April 20—V. 122, p. 2250—were awarded to F. B. Green and Eyer & Co. of New York, jointly, as 4 1/4s, at a premium of \$525, equal to 100.26, a basis of about 4.57%. Date April 15 1926. Due Oct. 15 1927. Other bidders were:

Bidders—	Int. Rate.	Prem.
R. S. Dickson & Co.	4 1/4 %	\$275
Seasegood & Mayer	5 %	40
Braun, Bosworth & Co.	5 %	639
Merchants Trust Co.	4 1/4 %	160
Well Roth & Irving	5 %	—
Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co.	5 1/4 %	40
Kaufman, Smith & Co.	4 1/4 %	137
Ryan, Sutherland & Co.	5 %	166
Atlantic Bank & Trust Co.	4 1/4 %	460

RUTHERFORD COUNTY (P. O. Rutherford), No. Caro.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$250,000 5% coupon school bonds purchased by C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago at 100.55—V. 122, p. 2250—are described as follows: Date March 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially 1927 to 1951, incl. Interest payable M. & S. Date of award April 19.

ST. CHARLES, St. Charles County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—The Mississippi Valley Trust Co. of St. Louis recently purchased an issue of \$30,000 fire house bonds at 101.08.

ST. JOHN LEEVE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. New Madrid), Mississippi and New Madrid Counties, Mo.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 levee tax bonds offered on April 22—V. 122, p. 2250—were awarded to the Burkholder Bond Co. of St. Louis as 4 1/4's at 101.60, a basis of about 4.14%. Date April 1 1926. Due April 1 as follows: \$500 1930 to 1937, incl.; \$5,000, 1938 to 1945, incl.; and \$56,000, 1946.

ST. PAUL, Ramsey County, Minn.—BIDS.—Following is a list of other bids for the \$1,000,000 school bonds awarded to Estabrook & Co. of New York and the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. of Minneapolis at a premium of \$100, equal to 100.01, as follows: \$760,000 as 4's and \$240,000 as 4 1/4's, a basis of about 4.12% (V. 122, p. 2093):

Bidder—	Bid.	Rate.	Premium.
Estabrook & Company	x\$530,000	4 1/4 %	—
The Minnesota Loan & Trust Company	x470,000	4 %	—
Barr Bros. & Co., New York	750,000	4 %	\$16,400 00
C. W. McNear & Co., Chicago	250,000	4 1/4 %	100 00
William R. Compton Co.	1,000,000	4 1/4 %	8,111 00
Illinois Merchants Trust Co.	x750,000	4 1/4 %	25 00
First Trust & Savings Bank	x250,000	4 %	—
The Northern Trust Co.	1,000,000	4 1/4 %	5,810 00
The National City Co.	—	—	—
Halsey, Stuart & Co.	—	—	—
Blair & Co.	1,000,000	4 1/4 %	6,310 00
A. G. Becker & Co.	—	—	—
George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc.	310,000	4 1/4 %	200 00
Eastman, Dillon & Co., New York	690,000	4 %	—
Northwestern Trust Co., St. Paul	—	—	—
Merchants Trust Co., St. Paul	—	—	—
Blodgett & Co.	620,000	4 1/4 %	12 40
The Detroit Co., Inc.	380,000	4 %	—
E. H. Rollins & Sons	—	—	—
Eldredge & Co.	700,000	4 %	—
Wells-Dickey Co.	300,000	4 1/4 %	—
Minneapolis Trust Co., Minn.	343,000	4 %	6 00
Bankers Trust Co., New York	657,000	4 1/4 %	—
Guaranty Co., New York	—	—	—
Merchants Nat. Bank, St. Paul, for F. B. Keech & Co., New York	345,000	4 %	33 00
W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., New York	655,000	4 1/4 %	—
Lehman Bros., New York City	848,000	4 1/4 %	30 00
Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc.	152,000	4 %	—
Remick, Hodges & Co.	1,000,000	4 1/4 %	12,177 00
R. L. Day & Co.	x355,000	4 %	50 00
Phelps, Fenn & Co.	x645,000	4 1/4 %	—
Kalman & Co.	—	—	—
First National Bank of St. Paul	1,000,000	4 1/4 %	16,091 00
x Second bid.	—	—	—
x Third bid.	—	—	—

SALTSBURGH, Indiana County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On April 19 the First National Bank of Saltsburgh purchased an issue of \$25,000 4 1/4% borough bonds at par. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date May 1 1926. Due May 1 1946, optional May 1 1936.

SALT LAKE CITY, Salt Lake County, Utah.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—W. A. Leatham, City Recorder, will receive sealed bids until 10:30 a. m. May 13 for \$1,000,000 certificates of indebtedness. Date June 1 1926. Due Dec. 31 1926. Purchaser to state the interest rate and furnish the bonds and pay charges connected with sale. A certified check for \$10,000 is required. Legality to be approved by John C. Thomson of New York City.

SAN ANGELO, Tom Green County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—E. V. Spence, City Manager, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. May 11 for the following 5% bonds, aggregating \$500,000:

1931, inclusive: \$2,000, 1932 to 1936, inclusive: \$5,000, 1937 to 1941, inclusive: \$6,000, 1942 to 1946, inclusive: \$7,000, 1947 to 1951, inclusive: \$8,000, 1952 to 1956, inclusive: \$9,000, 1957 to 1961, inclusive: and \$10,000, 1962 to 1966, inclusive.
250,000 junior college bonds. Due April 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1927 to 1931, inclusive: \$3,000, 1932 to 1936, inclusive: \$5,000, 1937 to 1941, inclusive: \$6,000, 1942 to 1946, inclusive: \$7,000, 1947 to 1951, inclusive: \$8,000, 1952 to 1956, inclusive: \$9,000, 1957 to 1961, inclusive: and \$10,000, 1962 to 1966, inclusive.

Date April 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Interest payable A. & O. A certified check for \$10,000 required.

Financial Statement.	
Bonded debt (including these issues)	\$1,378,000 00
Assessed valuation (1925)	9,793,300 00
Actual value of property (estimated)	20,000,000 00
Sinking fund.	134,118 90
Population (1920 Census), 10,050; present population (est.), 18,000.	

SAN BENITO, Cameron County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Richard T. Collins, City Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. May 12 for the following 5 1/4% bonds, aggregating \$130,000:

\$100,000 street paving bonds.
15,000 sewer improvement bonds.
15,000 fire station and jail bonds.
Due serially in 1 to 30 years. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid is required.

SAN MATEO JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT, San Mateo County (P. O. Redwood City), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Elizabeth M. Kneese, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. May 3 for \$300,000 5% school bonds. Date April 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$15,000 April 1 1927 to 1946, incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at County Treasurer's office, Redwood City. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the Chairman of Board of Supervisors, is required.

Financial Statement.	
Assessed valuation	\$19,415,290
Bonded debt (this issue only)	300,000
Population, 25,000.	

SAN MATEO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Redwood City), San Mateo County, Calif.—BIDS.—Following is a list of other bids received for the \$300,000 5% school bonds awarded to the Bank of Italy and Blyth, Witter & Co., both of San Francisco, jointly, at 104.55, a basis of about 4.43% (V. 122, p. 2250):

Bidders—	Premium.	Bidders—	Premium.
Harris Tr. & Savs. Bank.	\$13,624 00	First Nat. Bank, Redwood City	12,255 55
Peirce, Fair & Co.	13,590 00	R. H. Moulton & Co.	—
Heller, Bruce & Co.	13,520 00	Anglo-California Tr. Co.	—
Dean, Witter & Co.	13,328 00	Schwabacher & Co.	12,015 00
E. H. Rollins & Sons	12,933 00	Wells Fargo Bank & Un. Trust Co.	—
Bond & Goodwin & Tucker	12,350 00	Hunter, Dulin & Co.	—
American Securities Co.	—	National City Co.	13,119 90
E. R. Gundelfinger, Inc.	12,333 00	—	—
H. S. Boone & Co.	—	—	—
William Cavalier & Co.	12,312 00	—	—

SANTA BARBARA, Santa Barbara County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—On May 4 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$200,000 breakwater bonds.

SANTA BARBARA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Santa Barbara County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$600,000 school building bonds.

SANTA ROSA COUNTY (P. O. Milton), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$125,000 6% court house bonds offered on April 27—V. 122, p. 2094—were awarded to the First National Bank of Milton at par. Date June 1 1926. Due \$25,000 Dec. 1 1926 to 1930 incl.

SARASOTA, Sarasota County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 5% water system bonds offered on April 5—V. 122, p. 1509—were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo at a discount of \$14,985, equal to 90.01, a basis of about 5.69%. Date Dec. 1 1925. Due Dec. 1 1935.

SEAGOVILLE, Dallas County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on April 24 an issue of \$30,000 6% water works bonds. Due serially.

SEDR0 WOOLLEY, Skagit County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The State of Washington has purchased an issue of \$44,000 school building bonds.

SHAKER HEIGHTS (P. O. Cleveland), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. (eastern standard time) May 20 by E. P. Rudolph, Village Clerk, for \$79,470 4 1/4 % (special assessment) street impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except 1 for \$470. Date May 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the Village Treasurer. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$7,470, 1927 and \$8,000, 1928 to 1936 incl. A certified check for 5% payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

SHELBY, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. May 14 by Bert Fix, Director of Finance and Public Records, for \$6,000 6% light-plant bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated April 1 1926. Int. A. & O. Due \$1,000 yearly from April 1 1927 to 1932 incl. Certified check for 10% of the amount of the bonds bid for, payable to the Director of Finance and Public Records, required.

SIBLEY, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7 p. m. May 5 by William F. Von Moll, Village Clerk, for \$65,000 5% trunk sewer and construction bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due on May 1 as follows: \$1,000 to 1932, incl.; \$2,000 1933 to 1940, incl.; and \$3,000 1941 to 1955, incl. Certified check for \$1,000, payable to the village required.

SOUTH EUCLID, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. (eastern standard time) May 24 by Paul H. Prasse, Village Clerk, for \$62,392 5% sewer district assessment bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except 1 for \$392. Date June 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,392, 1927, \$7,000, 1928; \$6,000, 1929 to 1931 incl.; \$7,000, 1932; \$6,000, 1933 to 1935 incl.; and \$7,000, 1936. A certified check for 5% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

SPRINGFIELD SANITARY DISTRICT (P. O. Springfield), Sangamon County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—On April 26 the \$500,000 4 1/4 % sewer bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 1818) were awarded to A. B. Leach & Co., the Central Trust Co., and Hill, Joiner & Co., all of Chicago, at 102.29, a basis of about 4.24%. Due on June 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1926; \$5,000, 1927; \$7,000, 1928; \$22,000, 1929; \$23,000, 1930; \$24,000, 1931; \$25,000, 1932; \$26,000, 1933; \$27,000, 1934; \$28,000, 1935; \$29,000, 1936; \$30,000, 1937; \$32,000, 1938; \$33,000, 1939; \$34,000, 1940; \$36,000, 1941; \$37,000, 1942; \$39,000, 1943 and \$40,000, 1944. Date March 1 1925.

STAMFORD, Fairfield County, Conn.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Old Colony Corp. of Boston purchased a \$200,000 temporary loan on a 3.47% discount basis, plus a premium of \$3 25.

STATESVILLE, Iredell County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The following bonds, aggregating \$400,000 offered on April 27—V. 122, p. 2250—were awarded to a syndicate composed of Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo, the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit and the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis as 4 1/4's at a premium of \$88, equal to 100.02, a basis of about 4.74%. \$175,000 water, sewer and light bonds. Date May 1 1926. Due May 1 and \$5,000, 1937 to 1965, incl.

225,000 street improvement bonds. Date March 1 1926. Due March 1 as follows: \$12,000, 1927 to 1936, incl.; \$10,000, 1937 to 1946, incl.; and \$5,000, 1947.

STEPHENS COUNTY (P. O. Duncan), Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until May 3 for \$50,000 road bonds.

STILLWATER UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Stillwater), Saratoga County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. (daylight saving time) May 11 by Horace P. Wallace, District Clerk, for \$125,000 5% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1926. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N.) payable in gold at the First National Bank, Mechanicsville. Due on May 1 as follows: \$2,000 1927 to 1936, incl.; \$3,000 1937 to 1942, incl.; \$4,000 1943 to 1947, incl.; \$5,000 1948 to 1951, incl.; \$6,000 1952 to 1954, incl.; \$7,000 1955 to 1957, incl.; and \$8,000 1958. Certified check for \$2,500 payable to Webster E. Devoe, District Treasurer, required. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon of New York.

STOW TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Chicago Falls, R. F. D. No. 1), Summit County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 23 the \$125,000 4 1/4 % coupon school bonds offered on that date—V. 122, p. 2094—were awarded to the Ohio Teachers Retirement System of Columbus at a premium of \$1,209.75, equal to 100.96, a basis of about 4.39%. Date May 1 1926. Due \$3,000 April and Oct. 1 1927 to April 1 1947 and \$2,000 Oct. 1 1947.

SUMMIT COUNTY (P. O. Akron), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. (Eastern standard time) May 14 by E. C. Jarvis, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for \$35,000 5% coupon centralized heating plant bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated April 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1927; \$4,000, 1928; \$3,000, 1929; \$4,000, 1930; \$3,000, 1931; \$4,000, 1932; \$3,000, 1933; \$4,000, 1934; \$3,000, 1935; \$4,000, 1936. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of County Commissioners, required.

BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will also be received until 1 p. m. (Eastern standard time) May 12 by E. C. Jarvis, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for \$10,250 5% coupon sanitary improvement No. 29 bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except 1 for \$250. Dated April 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1927 to 1930 incl.; and \$2,250, 1931. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of County Commissioners, required.

SWISSVALE, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on May 18 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$200,000 improvement bonds.

TACOMA, Pierce County, Wash.—BOND SALES.—During the month of January, the City of Tacoma sold the following issues of special improvement bonds, aggregating \$24,752.15:

Dist. No.	Amount.	Date.	Due.
4149	\$1,143 65	Jan. 4 1926	Jan. 4 1938
1245	1,247 60	Jan. 4 1926	Jan. 4 1933
5079	3,776 00	Jan. 4 1926	Jan. 11 1933
988	3,231 55	Jan. 25 1926	Jan. 25 1933
4030	911 00	Jan. 25 1926	Jan. 25 1938
4187	8,800 00	Jan. 25 1926	Jan. 19 1938
5082	2,104 95	Jan. 28 1926	Jan. 28 1933
1182	1,674 20	Jan. 28 1926	Jan. 28 1933
700	1,863 20	Jan. 28 1926	Jan. 28 1933

BOND SALES.—During the month of February the same city also sold the following bonds, aggregating \$35,123.10:

Dist. No.	Amount.	Date.	Due.
5574	\$2,369 80	Feb. 11 1926	Feb. 11 1933
4076	6,370 50	Feb. 9 1926	Feb. 9 1933
883	4,379 90	Feb. 9 1926	Feb. 9 1933
5582	236 80	Feb. 15 1926	Feb. 15 1933
5577	3,028 80	Feb. 15 1926	Feb. 15 1933
5576	798 40	Feb. 15 1926	Feb. 15 1933
1246	469 75	Feb. 19 1926	Feb. 19 1933
1242	2,826 45	Feb. 19 1926	Feb. 19 1933
1236	3,646 45	Feb. 19 1926	Feb. 19 1933
973	2,079 00	Feb. 25 1926	Feb. 25 1933
994	1,858 45	Feb. 25 1926	Feb. 25 1933
5580	797 00	Feb. 27 1926	Feb. 27 1933
5581	875 50	Feb. 27 1926	Feb. 27 1933
5583	1,377 30	Feb. 28 1926	Feb. 27 1933
4119	3,509 00	Feb. 29 1926	Feb. 27 1933

BOND SALES.—During the month of March the same city also sold the following bonds, aggregating \$59,213 80:

Dist. No.	Amount.	Date.	Due.
5578	\$3,709 95	March 2 1926	March 2 1933
5579	\$1,239 45	March 2 1926	March 2 1933
4022	\$3,431 80	March 6 1926	March 6 1938
498	\$4,449 50	March 13 1926	March 13 1938
4091	\$481 10	March 6 1926	March 13 1938
5039	\$5,902 00	March 18 1926	March 18 1933

TARENTUM, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND ELECTION.—On May 18 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$250,000 school bonds.

TARRYTOWN, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Batchelder, Wack & Co. of New York purchased an issue of \$30,000 Meadow Street sewer second issue bonds as 4½s at 101.30. Int. M. & N.

TARRYTOWN, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) May 10 by J. Wyckoff Cole, Village Clerk, for \$220,000 4½ or 4¾ coupon or registered refunding water bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1926. Prin. and interest payable in gold. Due \$10,000 June 1 1927 to 1948 incl. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village, required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York.

TEXARKANA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Bowie County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on May 18 for the purpose of voting on the question of voting \$300,000 school bonds.

TOPEKA, Shawnee County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—The Secretary Board of Education will receive sealed bids until June 7 for \$250,000 4½ school bonds.

TROY, Rensselaer County, N. Y.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—We are now in receipt of the following financial statement of this city:

Financial Statement April 1 1926.	
General debt	\$4,351,296 27
Water debt	1,772,025 33
Sinking fund	812 74
Certificate of indebtedness for Harbor and Dock and Public Improvements (temporary loan)	1,040,400 00
Real estate assessed valuation for 1926	62,423,646 00
Franchise assessed valuation for 1926	3,481,609 00
Total assessed valuation for 1926	65,905,255 00
Population (1920 Census)	72,013.

UNION TOWNSHIP, Benton County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—On April 15 the \$60,000 4½ coupon school house extension bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2251) were awarded to the Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis for \$60,933, equal to 101.55, a basis of about 4.26%. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 15 1926. Int. J. & J. Due \$4,000, 1927 to 1941 incl.

VALLEY VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cooke County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on May 8 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$40,000 school bonds.

VALPARISO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Valparaiso) Porter County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—On April 20 the \$150,000 4½ school bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2094) were awarded to the City Securities Corp. of Indianapolis, at a premium of \$1,537, equal to 101.02, a basis of about 4.29%. Date July 1 1926. Due \$10,000 each six months from July 1 1928 to July 1 1935 incl.

VERNA, Manatee County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—G. Smith, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids for \$80,000 6% coupon improvement bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 1955, optional Oct. 1 1945. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable in New York City. A certified check for \$800 required.

VERO BEACH, St. Lucie County, Fla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$161,500 6% coupon city bonds offered on April 21—V. 122, p. 2398—have not been sold. The bonds will be disposed of privately.

VERSAILLES, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on May 18 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$70,000 new school building bonds.

WADSWORTH, Medina County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 17 the \$6,900 5½ (special assessment) King Street impt. bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 1818) were awarded to the State Teachers Retirement Co. of Columbus for \$7,061, equal to 102.33, a basis of about 4.66%. Date April 1 1926. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927, \$1,500, 1928 to 1930 incl. and \$1,400, 1931.

WALLA WALLA, Walla Walla County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—W. G. Kelley & Co., has purchased an issue of \$120,000 4¾ refunding bonds at par.

WALLA WALLA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Walla Walla County, Wash.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on May 11 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$90,000 school building bonds.

WALLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wallington) Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. May 6 by Arthur J. Prall, District Clerk, for \$10,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 15 1926. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$10,000. Due \$1,000 March 15 1927 to 1936 incl. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Custodian of School Moneys, required.

WARREN, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Old Colony Corp. of Boston purchased a \$50,000 temporary loan on a 3.51% discount basis.

WARREN, Macomb County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—On March 4 the \$53,000 5% water works bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 1354) were awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit at 104.29, a basis of about 4.56%. Date Feb. 27 1926. Due on Feb. 27 as follows: \$2,000 1927 to 1952, inclusive, and \$1,000 1953.

WARREN, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 26 the \$14,500 5% coupon (city's share) East Market widening street bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 1955) were awarded to the Guardian Trust Co. of Cleveland for \$14,948.05, equal to 103.09, a basis of about 4.52%. Date April 1 1926. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1940 incl. and \$500, 1941.

BOND SALE.—On April 19 the following two issues of coupon bonds, aggregating \$8,250, offered on that date (V. 122, p. 1955) were awarded to the Industrial Commission of Ohio at par: \$7,000 5% East Market Street widening bonds. Date Oct. 1 1926. Due \$1,000 yearly from Oct. 1 1927 to 1933 incl. 1,250 6% (city's share) Franklin street sewer bonds. Due March 1 1928.

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Williamsport) Ind.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until April 26 by Emerson J. Davis, County Treasurer, for \$20,800 4½ coupon highway impt. Denom. \$1,040. Date April 5 1926. Int. M. & N. Due \$1,040 May and Nov. 15 1927 to 1936 incl.

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Williamsport), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On April 26 the \$4,657 60 4½ coupon road bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2094) were awarded to the Williamsport State Bank of Williamsport for \$4,698 10, equal to 100.01, a basis of about 4.49%. Dated Nov. 2 1925. Due \$232 80 May and Nov. 15 1927 to 1936 incl.

WASHBURN, McLean County, No. Dak.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$20,000 sewer bonds purchased by the State of North Dakota—V. 122, p. 2094—at par, bear interest at the rate of 5% and are due in 20 years. Interest payable J. & J. Date of award April 22.

WATERTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Codding County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Mabel P. Hanson, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. May 3 for \$15,000 not exceeding 5% school bonds. Due serially in 10 years. Interest payable annually. A certified check payable to the above named official is required.

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17 (P. O. Greeley), Colo.—BOND SALE.—The International Trust Co. of Denver has purchased an issue of \$10,000 5% school building bonds.

WELLSTON, Jackson County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 24 the \$100,000 5% coupon water purification bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2094) were awarded to the Title Guarantee & Trust Co. of Cincinnati at a premium of \$3,650, equal to 103.65, a basis of about 4.62%.

Date April 1 1926. Due on April 1 as follows: \$4,000 1928 to 1947, incl., and \$5,000 1948 to 1951, incl.

WESTLAND IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Hermiston), Umatilla County, Oregon.—BOND SALE.—The \$87,500 6% irrigation bonds offered on April 20—V. 122, p. 1818—were awarded to the Western Irrigation Co. at par. Date Jan. 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due \$8,750 Jan. 1 1936 to 1945, inclusive.

WEST VIEW, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND ELECTION.—On May 18 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$45,000 street impt. bonds.

WESTERVILLE, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. (central standard time) May 21 by W. A. Kline, Village Clerk, for the following two issues of 5½% (special assessment) street impt. bonds: \$22,000 Hiawatha Ave. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1927 to 1930 incl.; \$3,000, 1931; \$2,000, 1932 to 1935 incl. and \$3,000, 1936.

27,000 Parkway Ave. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$700. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,700, 1927 to 1936 incl.

Date May 1 1926. A certified check for 1% of the amount of bond bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

WHITEHOUSE, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 20 the following two issues of 5% coupon street improvement bonds, aggregating \$5,400, offered on that date (V. 122, p. 1956) were awarded to the Whitehouse State Savings Bank of Whitehouse at par: \$2,000 Toledo Street improvement bonds. Date April 1 1926. Due \$200 yearly from Oct. 1 1927 to 1936, inclusive.

3,400 Maumee Street improvement bonds. Date April 12 1926. Due \$250 Oct. 1 1927 and \$350 yearly from Oct. 1 1928 to 1936 incl.

BOND SALE.—On April 20 the \$23,100 5% coupon water works impt. bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 1956) were awarded to Spitzer, Rorick & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$424, equal to 101.83, a basis of about 4.41%. Dated April 1 1926. Due \$1,100 Oct. 1 1927 and \$1,000 Oct. 1 1928 to 1948 incl.

WHITE PLAINS, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. May 10 by Eugene S. Martin, Commissioner of Finance for the following three issues of 4½% bonds, aggregating \$112,000:

\$25,000 highway bonds. Due on April 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1929 to 1934 incl. and \$1,000, 1935.

65,000 motor equipment bonds. Due on April 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1936 to 1948 incl.

22,000 motor equipment bonds. Due on April 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1929 to 1935 incl. and \$1,000, 1936.

Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable in lawful money of the United States in New York exchange at the office of the Commissioner of Finance. A certified check or cashier's check drawn on an incorporated bank or trust company in the State of New York for 2% of the amount of bonds, payable to the City, required. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon of New York.

WILLIAMSPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Williamsport), Warren County, Ind.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 2 p. m. April 29 by Fred Holtz, School Trustee, for \$16,000 4½% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date April 7 1926, payable at the office of the Town Clerk.

WILSON, Wilson County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$95,000 public improvement bonds offered on April 27—V. 122, p. 2251—were awarded to the Federal Commerce Trust Co. and W. L. Shaffner & Co., both of St. Louis jointly, as 4¾s at a premium of \$532, equal to 100.56, a basis of about 4.71%. Date April 1 1926. Due April 1 as follows: \$2,000 1927 to 1935, incl.; \$3,000 1936 to 1942, incl.; \$4,000 1943 to 1946, incl., and \$5,000 1947 to 1954, incl.

WINCHESTER, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On April 28 the \$75,000 4% coupon sewer bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2398) were awarded to the Winchester National Bank of Winchester at 101.43, a basis of about 3.6%. Date May 1 1926. Due on May 1 as follows: \$3,000 1927 to 1941, inclusive, and \$2,000 1942 to 1956, inclusive.

WINFIELD, Cowley County, Kan.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$21,868.77 4½% internal improvement bonds purchased by the Branch-Middlekauff Mfg. Co. of Wichita at 100.10—V. 122, p. 2251—are described as follows: Date Mar. 1 1926. Due serially March 1 1927 to 1936 incl. Interest payable semi-annually (M. & S.). Date of award April 6.

WINTER HAVEN, Polk County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—M. L. Hinderliter, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. May 7 for \$900,000 6% series B paying bonds. Date May 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$90,000 May 1 1927 to 1936, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City, or at the office of the above named official. A certified check for \$20,000, payable to the city is required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, New York City.

WOODLEAF SPECIAL TAXING SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Salisbury), Rowan County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 coupon school bonds offered on April 20—V. 122, p. 2251—were awarded to R. S. Dickson & Co. of Gastonia as 5s at a premium of \$115, equal to 100.32, a basis of about 4.97%. Date May 1 1926. Due May 1 as follows: \$1,000 1928 to 1950, incl., and \$2,000 1951 to 1956, incl. Other bidders were:

Bidders—	Int. Rate.	Premium	Bidders—	Int. Rate.	Premium.
Well, Roth & Irving	5%	—	Braun, Bosworth Co.	5½%	—
J. C. Mayer & Co.	5½%	\$530 00	A. C. Allyn & Co.	5½%	\$329 00
O. W. McNear & Co.	5½%	681 50	Hauchett Bond Co.	5½%	328 90
A. T. Bell & Co.	5½%	77 00	Seasongood & Mayer	5½%	350 00

WOODSTOCK, Shenandoah County, Va.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on April 20 the voters authorized the issuance of \$80,000 sewerage system bonds by a count of 235 for to 78 against.

WYANDOTTE COUNTY (P. O. Kansas City), Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—William Beggs, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until May 10 for \$979,000 4½% court house bonds. Date Jan. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$48,000 1927 and \$49,000 1928 to 1946, inclusive. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the State Treasurer's office, Topeka. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid is required. The county will print the bonds and furnish the legal opinion of Wood & Oakley of Chicago. These are the bonds offered on April 22—V. 122, p. 2398.

WYLYE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Collin County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 5% coupon bonds offered on April 26—V. 122, p. 2398—were awarded to the First State Bank of Wylie at a discount of \$290, equal to 99.27, a basis of about 5.06%. Date April 10 1926. Due as follows: \$500 1927 to 1936, incl.; \$1,000 1937 to 1956, incl., and \$1,500 in 1957.

YATES UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 3 (P. O. Syndonville), Orleans County, N. Y.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$93,000 4½% school bonds awarded to the Manufacturers and Traders Trust Co. of Buffalo at 100.12—V. 122, p. 648—a basis of about 4.49%, are described as follows: Bonds are coupon bonds in denominations of \$1,000, with privilege of registration as to principal and interest. Date Nov. 1 1925. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable in New York exchange at the Citizens State Bank, Lyndonville. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1926 to 1931 incl.; \$3,000, 1932 to 1936 incl.; \$4,000, 1937 to 1940 incl.; \$5,000, 1941 to 1944 incl. and \$6,000, 1945 to 1949 incl. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon of New York.

Financial Statement.	
Assessed valuation	\$1,050,397
Total debt, this issue	93,000
Population, 1,000.	

YOAUM COUNTY (P. O. Plains), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on May 15 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$100,000 road bonds.

YORK, York County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 9:30 a. m. June 15 by William H. Reynolds, City Clerk, for \$115,000 4½% coupon general impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due July 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1931; \$20,000, 1936 and 1941; \$25,000, 1946 and \$35,000, 1951. A certified check for 1% of the bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Legality approved by Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

ARTHUR, Ont.—BOND SALE.—During the month of January C. H. Burgess & Co. of Toronto purchased an issue of \$10,160 61 5/8% paying bonds at 104.56. Date Dec. 28 1925. Due March 28 1926-1945 incl.

CHICOUTIMI TOWNSHIP, Que.—BOND SALE.—On April 6 the \$45,000 5 1/2% 20-year serial bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 1956) were awarded to Adelard Tremblay of Chicoutimi at 100.65. Date March 1 1926.

EAST YORK TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BONDS OFFERED.—Bids were received up to 2 p. m. April 26 for the purchase of \$1,297,038 5 and 5 1/2% 10, 20 and 40 installment local improvement bonds. H. E. Goddard, Clerk & Treasurer, 443 Sammon Ave., Toronto.

FORT WILLIAM, Ont.—BOND SALE.—Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto purchased an issue of \$75,000 5% 15-year bonds at 98.75, a basis of about 5.12%.

BOND SALE.—R. W. Neeland & Co. of Winnipeg purchased an issue of \$12,000 5% 40-year bonds at 98.40, a basis of about 5.10%.

BONDS VOTED.—The ratepayers approved the \$90,000 hospital bond by-law.

FREDERICTON, N. B.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The Provincial Government has authorized the city to issue \$60,000 highway bonds.

HALIFAX, N. S.—BONDS OFFERED.—Bids were received up to 12 m. April 29 for the purchase of \$5,102,000 5% 35-year bonds, dated July 1 1926, and payable in Canada and New York. Bonds are in denominations of \$100 and multiples thereof. J. J. Hopewell, Treasurer.

KITCHENER, Ont.—BONDS OFFERED.—Bids were received up to April 29 for the purchase of \$160,512 5% 10, 15 and 20-installment bonds. E. Huber, Treasurer.

LONDON, Ont.—BONDS APPROVED.—The Council passed a \$281,000 school bond by-law.

LONDON TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BONDS OFFERED.—Bids were received up to 12 m. April 24 for the purchase of \$2,457 5 1/4% 3-installment and \$4,076 5 1/4% 5-installment bonds. Mary Grant, Clerk, 110 Dundas St., London, Ont.

MINTO TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BOND SALE.—W. B. Howes purchased an issue of \$4,600 5% 15-installment bonds at par.

MOOSE JAW, Sask.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 4 p. m. May 14 by Geo. D. Mackie, City Commissioner, for the following 5% bonds aggregating \$25,452 18:

\$7,534 00 water main bonds. Due in 30 years.
4,000 00 water main bonds. Due in 30 years.
4,866 00 sewer bonds. Due in 30 years.
2,702 18 sewer and water house connections bonds. Due in 10 years.
6,350 00 sidewalks bonds. Due in 15 years.
Alternative bids on the basis of principal and interest, payable in Canada, only and in Canada and the United States are requested.

NEW TORONTO, Ont.—BOND SALE.—During the month of March C. H. Burgess & Co. of Toronto purchased the following five issues of 5 1/4% bonds, aggregating \$119,905, at 101.27:

\$75,395 water main bonds. Due March 1 1927 to 1941 incl.
5,700 sidewalks bonds. Due March 1 1927 to 1936 incl.
3,360 pavement bonds. Due March 1 1927 to 1941 incl.
35,000 school bonds. Due March 1 1927 to 1946 incl.
450 grading bonds. Due March 1 1927 to 1931 incl.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.—BONDS VOTED.—The ratepayers approved the \$60,000 school by-law.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont.—BOND SALE.—Gairdner & Co. of Toronto purchased the following three issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$365,190 at 99.17:

\$14,576 sidewalk bonds.
316,306 pavement bonds.
34,308 sewer bonds.
Due in 10 to 30 years.

PETERBORO, Ont.—BOND SALE.—During the month of February Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto purchased an issue of \$27,000 5% bonds at 100.50. Due Dec. 31 1945.

PORT CREDIT, Ont.—BOND SALE.—During the month of February C. H. Burgess & Co. of Toronto purchased the following three issues of bonds aggregating \$9,121 45 at 98.52:

\$1,866 24 5% sidewalk bonds. Date Nov. 30 1925. Due Nov. 30 1926 to 1935 incl.
5,512 51 5% water mains bonds. Date Dec. 14 1925. Due Dec. 14 1926 to 1955 incl.
1,742 70 5 1/4% watermain bonds. Date March 3 1926. Due March 3 1927 to 1956 incl.

RIVERSIDE, Ont.—BONDS VOTED.—The Council passed a \$23,900 sewage disposal plant bonds by-law.

SASKATCHEWAN, Sask.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The following according to the "Monetary Times," dated April 23, is a list of authorizations granted from April 3 to 17 by the Local Government Board: School Districts: Penkill, \$1,800, not exceeding 7%, 5-years; Denelm, \$1,000, not exceeding 7%, 10-years; Archerwill, \$2,000, not exceeding 7%, 15-installments; Enniscorthy, \$5,000, not exceeding 7%, 15-years; South Arcola, \$2,350, not exceeding 6 1/4%, 10-years; Silver Vale, \$2,100, not exceeding 7%, 10-years; Aylesbury, \$9,600, not exceeding 7%, 20-years; Lost Horse, \$2,700, not exceeding 7%, 10-years; Prescott, \$2,000, not exceeding 7%, 10-years; Pine Coulee, \$3,300, not exceeding 7%, 15-years; Elbow, \$1,450, not exceeding 6 1/4%, 10-installments; Robinson, \$1,200, not exceeding 6 1/4%, 10-installments; Luseland, \$20,000, not exceeding 6%, 20-years; North Creek, \$3,000, not exceeding 8%, 15-years; Vickers, \$760, not exceeding 7%, 6-years; Charmfield, \$2,200, not exceeding 7%, 10-years; Bright, \$3,000, not exceeding 7%, 10-installments; Camp Lake, \$300, not exceeding 8%, 10-years.

STENEN, Sask.—BOND SALE.—On April 15 the \$3,000 6 1/4% 10-installment village hall and office bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 1956) were awarded to Clifford Cross & Co. of Regina at 100.03, a basis of about 6.24%. Date May 1 1926. Due in 10 years.

STRATFORD, Ont.—BOND ELECTION.—The ratepayers will be asked to vote on a \$65,000 gas by-law.

BONDS APPROVED.—The Council granted the request of the School Board for a bond issue of \$150,000.

SUDBURY, Ont.—BOND SALE.—During the month of January C. H. Burgess & Co. of Toronto purchased the following two issues of 5 1/4% local impt. bonds, aggregating \$21,271 33, at a premium of \$20, equal to 100.09:

\$8,022 97 local impt. bonds. Due Jan. 18 1927 to 1931 inclusive.
13,248 36 local impt. bonds. Due Jan. 28 1927 to 1936 inclusive.
Date Jan. 1 1926.

YORKTON, Sask.—BOND SALE.—During the month of January Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto purchased the following three issues of bonds, aggregating \$118,755 42:

\$33,446 95 6% bonds. Due Dec. 15 1926 to 1940 inclusive.
69,403 60 7% bonds. Due Jan. 16 1927 to 1936 inclusive.
15,904 87 7% bonds. Due Jan. 15 1926 to 1940 inclusive.

WOODSTOCK, N. B.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. May 6 by M. J. Rutledge, Town Treasurer, for \$82,000 5% town bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 June 1 1927 to 1967, incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of the Town Treas.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That on Friday, the 14TH DAY OF MAY, A.D. 1926, AT 10 O'CLOCK A.M., the Board of Estimate and Taxation of the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, will sell \$957,000.00 Water Works Bonds and \$1,043,000.00 Permanent Improvement Bonds. Said bonds will be dated June 1, 1926, will be payable serially in equal amounts on the first day of June of the years 1927 to 1951, inclusive, and will be in denominations of \$1,000.00.

Said bonds will bear interest, payable semi-annually, at a rate not to exceed five per cent (5%) per annum, and will be sold for cash to the bidder offering a bid complying with the terms of this sale and deemed most favorable, subject to the provision that the Board of Estimate and Taxation reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bids offering an amount less than par cannot be accepted.

Each proposal should be accompanied by a certified check payable to C. A. Bloomquist, City Treasurer, for an amount equal to 2% of the amount of the bonds bid for, to be forfeited to the city in case the purchaser refuses to pay for the bonds when ready for delivery.

The above bonds are to be issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 9 and 10 of Chapter XV of the charter of the City of Minneapolis.

The approving opinion of John C. Thomson, Esq., attorney and counsellor at law, of New York City, as to legality and validity of issue will accompany the bonds.

Further information and forms on which to submit bids will be furnished on request.

By order of the Board of Estimate and Taxation at a meeting thereof held April 14, 1926.

GEO. M. LINK, Secretary.

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