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### The Financial Situation.

The United States Senate quite unexpectedly the present week passed the McFadden Branch Banking Bill. As passed, the measure is minus the Hull amendments which it contained when the bill came from the House of Representatives. But the Senate has also attached to it a rider, under the provisions of which it is intended to extend the charters of the Federal Reserve banks in perpetuity. These are the two main particulars in which the bill as approved by the Senate differs from that to which the House gave assent. The matter now goes to conference committees of the two Houses and there is grave reason for fearing that as a result of the juggling which is usual in such conferences, the Senate rider for giving perpetual life to the Federal Reserve institutions may be retained.

That such a serious matter as granting perpetual life to the Federal Reserve institutions should be dealt with as a rider to another bill is nothing less than a scandal. If the Federal Reserve System were in the shape in which it was originally designed, no objection to extending the charters, even for an indefinite period, would come, we are sure, from any quarter. In that shape it was a highly beneficial institution. But through the war-power amendments its scope and character have been entirely changed, and in the way the Reserve banks have since been administered and operated, they have lost much of their beneficent character and have become agencies mainly for promoting speculation, as witness the gigantic speculation in stocks which

came to such a sad ending in February and March of the current year.

As we have repeatedly pointed out in these columns, these war powers should now be repealed if the country means to escape ultimate disaster. The Federal Reserve authorities, of course, are human and do not want to surrender any of these powers. Instead, they would reach out for more powers. But the country has too much at stake and cannot afford to risk the continuance of the menace. After the Reserve institutions have once been endowed with perpetual life it will be well nigh impossible to get the Reserve Act amended so as to restore the institutions to their original design, since it will be a comparatively easy matter to put obstacles in the way of such an endeavor. It behooves everyone having the welfare of the country at heart and who believes in a sound banking system, a system which cannot be used to promote speculation to the detriment of trade, to see to it that the rider to the Branch Banking Bill is not retained by the conferees of the two Houses. But there is no time to be lost. Immediate steps must be taken to prevent such a serious mishap to the country.

The British general strike ceased to be an important influence in the security markets early in the week, when it began to appear probable that it could not be maintained and that the coal strike would have to be settled on its merits. With the announcement of settlement of the general strike on Wednesday, stocks in London gave an enthusiastic response, but the response in New York was not pronounced. The demand for high grade investment securities, particularly bonds, has, however, continued unabated. The Dow-Jones average of 40 bonds kept about level during the first part of the week, just under 95.20, comparing with a recent high of 95.27 on April 30, but advanced to new high ground on Wednesday and again on Thursday. Money conditions have continued easy.

Notwithstanding these favorable investment developments, speculative sentiment has become increasingly bearish. There is room for a difference of opinion as to stock prices. The market engaged in a violent speculation which culminated in February with many prices at levels far above investment values. There has subsequently been a sharp collapse, and prices are now, on the average, not far above the low points. Probably there are some prices which are still too high, but the popular sen-

timent at present appears to be that we are running into a business depression, which will be preceded by lower stock prices. So far the evidence of business depression has been mostly connected with commodity price declines. The last reported car loadings are again ahead of those of a year ago and ahead of the preceding week. The mail order business continues to expand, and there are other evidences that business on the average is still at nearly full tide. New construction and automobile manufacturing, which have been looked to for the first signs of recession are still proceeding at high figures. On the other hand, there are many evidences of a very highly competitive condition in the automobile industry. The business of some concerns is increasing at the expense of others, and a larger proportion of the better class cars is being sold than heretofore. This changing situation, together with the high prices to which some of the stocks were boosted a few months ago, have made the automobile stocks the centre of attacks in all aggressive bear movements.

On Thursday of this week what appeared to be a most spectacular attack was made, centring on Nash Motors. That stock, which has declined relatively little from its recent high, and which has many times declined to 52 without breaking through, was sold at that figure in large quantities. Within a few minutes more than 50,000 shares changed hands. Almost immediately what appeared to be a covering movement took place, carrying the stock back to 55½, a level higher than it had reached for some little time. Vicious attacks of this kind too frequently succeed, to the loss of many legitimate investors. In this case the attack apparently was expensive to those who made it.

The commodity price situation is perhaps more important than many other factors at present, since if there are further drastic declines, it may be difficult for business to resist a considerable slowing down. On that point the Irving Fisher index monthly averages for the four months January to April inclusive are of interest. They have been reported consecutively at 159.2, 157.6, 152.9, 150.9. There are some indications that prices may now be stabilizing. During the past four weeks this same index has stood, respectively, at 151.6, 151.2, 150.2, 151.2. The Harvard Economics Committee on Monday reported that their index of sensitive prices which they point to as deserving much attention at present seems to be stabilizing. In a number of commodities there have been rather drastic declines during the past few months, namely in corn, hides, cotton and rubber. Some of these appear to partake of the nature of post-war adjustments, but they have necessarily had much influence on all indexes. Further movements in commodity prices will be watched with interest. Certainly the most recent movements have been encouraging rather than otherwise.

Following a period of comparatively few investment offerings during the continuation of the British general strike, a syndicate headed by J. P. Morgan & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and Kidder, Peabody & Co., offered \$40,000,000 New England Telephone & Telegraph first mortgage 4½s, 1961, on Thursday morning at 94½, yielding 4.80%. The issue was heavily over-subscribed, giving renewed evidence of the sound existing investment conditions. The New

England Telephone & Telegraph Co., one of the principal subsidiaries of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., has total assets somewhat in excess of \$250,000,000, and funded debt of approximately one-third of that amount. The company is currently earning about three times interest charges. Last year this company was successful in a controversy with the Public Utility Commissioners of Massachusetts and other New England States, and succeeded in obtaining an adjustment of rates upward. The American Telephone & Telegraph Co. has an enviable record in connection with rate controversies. The company follows policies that are sound from a business and public point of view, and very rarely proposes rates which are not finally approved both by the public authorities and by the experience of the public. This is one of the principal reasons why bonds of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. and its subsidiaries are regarded as particularly choice investments.

It is almost needless to say that the May winter wheat report, issued by the Department of Agriculture at Washington on Saturday last, shows a vastly brighter promise than the May report issued a year ago. The prospective winter wheat crop the present year is put at 548,908,000 bushels, assuming average variations to prevail from now to harvest. This contrasts with a final yield of only 398,486,000 bushels last year, the latter the lowest in many years. On the other hand, in every year back to 1917, with the single exception of 1925, the winter wheat production has been larger than is now indicated for 1926 and it is probable that this year's growth, though so much larger than that of 1925, will be under rather than above the average. Going back to 1914 there are only three years, 1916, 1917 and 1925, in which the yield was less than is now promised for this year. The yield of winter wheat for 1926 is based by the Department of Agriculture on a condition of 84.0% of normal on May 1. This percentage contrasts with 84.1% of normal on April 1 1926, a decline of a very small fraction of one point during the month of April. The May 1 1925 condition of the winter wheat crop harvested last fall was only 77.0% of normal, and that was exceptionally low, while that of 1924 was 84.8% of normal on May 1 1924. The May 1 ten-year average of winter wheat was 83.6%.

As to area, the abandoned acreage due to winter killing for the current winter wheat crop, now announced in the May report, was not nearly so serious as in other years. The report indicates that winter killing amounted to 5.6% of the acreage planted to winter wheat last fall, or 2,216,000 acres as abandoned. The ten-year average abandonment is 13%. Allowing for the reduction in area, due to winter killing, there remains for harvest this year 37,085,000 acres. These figures contrast with only 31,269,000 acres of winter wheat harvested in 1925 and 35,489,000 acres in 1924. The high record was in 1919, when the area of winter wheat harvested was 49,904,000 acres.

As has previously been noted, there was a large reduction in the area planted to winter wheat last fall, the figures comparing as follows: 39,540,000 acres in the fall of 1925, in contrast with 42,317,000 acres in the fall of 1924. Unfavorable weather in the fall of 1925 caused a considerable acreage to be



sown late, and with a mild winter, it is much of this area that has been winter killed. Drought in the Northwest occasioned further abandonment. There was a considerable loss of area in Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Missouri, Illinois and Indiana. For some of the less important winter wheat States, where the area is not large, the percentage of abandonment has been heavy, such as for South Dakota and Montana. Still, the crop entered the winter with a condition of 82.7% of normal, had advanced to 84.1% of normal on April 1 last, and now on May 1 has retarded only to 84%. The late spring retarded the growth of winter wheat this year in some of the Northern States, but the condition in the Southwest and in Kansas (the latter the leading winter wheat State), in the West and on the Pacific Coast, is generally above the ten-year average. For Kansas the area now counted on remaining for harvest this year is 10,688,000 acres and the condition on May 1 for that State is 83% of normal. This area is nearly 30% of the entire area now estimated as available for winter wheat harvest in the United States. Oklahoma is the second State in area and the latter shows 4,500,000 acres, with a condition for that State on May 1 this year of 94% of normal.

Rye shows some slight improvement during April, the condition of the crop on May 1 this year being 81.5% of normal, against 80.2% on April 1, an advance of 1.3 points during the month. On May 1 1925 the condition of the then growing crop was 86.8%, while the ten-year average condition for May 1 is 88.8%. A production this year of 44,791,000 bushels of rye is now estimated, against a yield last year of 48,696,000 bushels, the latter having been very much the smallest of any year back to 1916.

For the fourth successive month the foreign trade of the United States shows a balance on the side of the merchandise imports. This is the same as saying that the country's foreign trade return for the month of April, which was issued by the Department of Commerce at Washington on Thursday of this week is the same in character as the statements for the earlier months of the year. Merchandise exports for April increased somewhat, but merchandise imports were less in value than for the preceding months of 1926, with the single exception of the short month of February, for which month there was a small gain. Furthermore, while imports for April still exceed exports, so that the balance of trade for that month on the merchandise movement continues on the import side, the balance against the United States on merchandise account for April is considerably reduced compared with the amount for the months of March and February this year. It may be that this movement in our foreign commerce against the United States has now run its course. It will be recalled that it developed rather suddenly at the opening of the New Year in January last, and was caused chiefly by a marked setback in the value of cotton exports during these months, and, on the other hand, a very material increase in the value of rubber imports, the latter in considerable part being due to a very large advance this year over a year ago in rubber prices.

Merchandise exports last month were valued at \$388,000,000 and imports \$398,000,000, an excess of imports of \$10,000,000. For March merchandise exports amounted to \$374,420,609, and imports

\$433,099,243, the excess of imports being \$68,678,634. Exports last month were \$13,600,000 larger than in March, while imports show a decline for April as compared with the preceding month of approximately \$45,000,000. Contrasted with April 1925, merchandise exports in April this year declined, while imports were much heavier, the loss in exports being approximately \$10,250,000, and the increase in imports \$52,000,000.

For the four months of the current year exports amounted to \$1,512,509,000 and imports to \$1,646,188,000, an excess of imports of \$133,679,000. For ten months of the current fiscal year ending with April exports amount to \$4,059,037,000, against \$4,170,288,000 for the corresponding period of the preceding fiscal year, a decrease this year of \$111,251,000, all of which is attributable to the reduced movement of the past four months. Merchandise imports, on the other hand, for the ten months of the current fiscal year were valued at \$3,809,020,000, contrasting with \$3,171,394,000 for the same ten months of the preceding fiscal year, an increase of \$637,626,000. So far this year, covering the period from July 1 last to the end of April, the excess of exports amounted to \$250,017,000, contrasting with an excess of exports of \$998,894,000 for the like period of the preceding fiscal year.

Exports of gold last month were somewhat larger, amounting to \$17,883,865, as against only \$4,224,564 for March, while gold imports in April were \$13,125,633, and in March \$43,412,576. Silver exports were \$7,612,045 and imports \$6,312,429.

The so-called British general strike was called off between noon and one o'clock, London time, Wednesday, May 12. It began at midnight, May 3, and therefore had lasted about nine days. According to an Associated Press dispatch from London that afternoon, the end came "with as dramatic suddenness as it began." The dispatch further stated that "after negotiations on terms suggested by Sir Herbert Samuel, Chairman of the Royal Commission, the British Trades Union Congress agreed to call off the general strike, which had resulted in the stoppage of work by millions of men. In some quarters the number was estimated as high as 5,000,000." It was added also that "the 1,120,000 coal miners, in sympathy with whom the general strike was called, are still out. Determination of their course will be reached Friday, when their national conference is scheduled to meet. Prime Minister Baldwin has announced he will seek to effect resumption of negotiations between the coal miners and their employers."

As to the terms and conditions under which the strike was called off, the Associated Press correspondent said: "The terms under which the general strike was ended included resumption of the Government coal subsidy temporarily, creation of a national wage board to revise the miners' wages and reorganization of the mining industry. In announcing to Commons the agreement by the Trades Union Congress to call off the general strike, Prime Minister Baldwin made a plea the nation should take up its reconstruction task, leaving behind all malice. The Trades Union Congress visited Mr. Baldwin and his Cabinet Ministers at 10 Downing Street at noon and announced the strike was over. This action was taken, Arthur Pugh, Chairman, said, to enable re-

sumption of the negotiations on the miners' grievances, which negotiations the Government had declared could not be resumed while the general strike lasted. It is reported authoritatively the termination of the general strike was absolutely unconditional. It is understood neither the miners' attitude nor the effect upon the miners' strike was mentioned in the thirty-minute interview between the Trades Union Council and the Cabinet."

Speaking still more specifically with respect to terms, the correspondent said: "Sir Herbert Samuel's memorandum contains the following points: First, the coal subsidy to be renewed for such reasonable time as may be required; second, creation of a national wages board, including representatives of the miners, mine owners and neutrals, with an independent chairman, to revise the miners' wages; third, it is understood there shall be no revision of the previous wages without sufficient assurances that reorganization of the coal industry as proposed by the Royal Commission shall be executed; fourth, a committee to be named by the Government with representation for the miners, which shall prepare legislative and executive measures necessary to effect reconstruction of the coal industry. The memorandum suggests that the revised wage scales be on simpler lines, if possible, than the old ones, and that they shall not affect adversely the wages of the lowest paid men. It also suggests measures to prevent the recruitment of new workers over eighteen years of age into the industry if unemployed miners are available, and provides that workers displaced by the closing of uneconomic collieries shall be transferred, with Government assistance, as recommended by the Royal Commission. It is estimated that 250,000 men will be displaced in the mining industry by execution of the plans for complete reorganization of the industry."

Commenting upon the rapidity with which news of the settlement spread, and also upon other features of the event, the London representative of the New York "Times" said in a dispatch late Wednesday evening that "the news spread with astonishing rapidity. It leaped from group to group on the streets. It was flashed over telephone wires. It was flaunted in big black type on placards borne by howling newsboys. It was duplicated in the headlines of newspapers run off the presses in special editions at mad speed, just as soon as it came from the Prime Minister's house in Downing Street. It was broadcast by radio." He further observed that, "though the general strike is over it must not be forgotten that the miners' strike, which precipitated the greater conflict, is still on. Britain to-night is simply back where it was twelve days ago when the termination of the coal subsidy and the breakdown of the negotiations between the Government, the mine owners and the miners ushered in the general strike. "Emperor" Cook, Secretary of the Miners' Federation, to-day made it quite plain that the miners have not surrendered."

Still other features of the situation were suggested by the London representative of the New York "Herald Tribune," in a cable dispatch the same evening. He said that "the British general strike ended to-day. Premier Baldwin in his hour of triumph magnanimously told the House of Commons that 'it is a victory for common sense, not for one part of the country, but for the whole Kingdom.'

Nevertheless, the Government has won, and to-night there are signs that the British labor movement may be splitting as badly as it did in 1921, when the Triple Alliance collapsed. The Trades Union Congress's withdrawal of the strike order was unconditional. Mr. Baldwin then offered immediate resumption of mediation in the coal dispute. The miners' executives, however, have declared for a continuance of the strike, and to-night gave out a statement conveying bitter reproach to the Congress and hinting at desertion. Meanwhile, the nine-day struggle, having ended as it began, without a shot fired or a death from violence, must stand as a permanent memorial to the wonderful self-control and level-headedness of the British public. That public to-night is celebrating the end of the strike with the same restraint as it displayed throughout the nine-day crisis, but with a feeling of gratitude which is almost prayerful in its intensity."

The Paris correspondent of the New York "Times," who has been in London, in a long dispatch Wednesday evening, emphasized the idea that the ending of the strike was a victory for the British people. He said in part: "Now that the general strike is over and once more the modern civilized world owes a debt to Great Britain for the preservation of its institutions, if there is one lesson to be drawn from the struggle which came to an end to-day, it is that organized labor cannot force its will upon a people calmly determined to fight to a finish against what it regards as an infringement of its basic rights. For, let there be no mistake about it, British labor called off its fight to-day because it saw it was licked by the British public. For this has not been a fight by labor against its employers, or against the Government—it is conceivable that it might have defeated either, or both—but what it could not defeat was British public opinion, which from the first day made up its mind it did not wish a general strike to win. From the moment of that decision the Trades Union Council was defeated. This great demonstration of the force of public opinion is even more remarkable when it is remembered that a large part, perhaps a majority, of British opinion was sympathetic to the miners' case. One cannot talk with five Londoners without finding two, and perhaps three, who think the miners have a case deserving the utmost consideration. But when it became a question of other unions striking to force the Government's hand, to force the public to agree to something whether it wanted to or not, the British saw the matter in a different light and bucked the strike hard."

On Thursday the situation took quite a different turn. The London representative of the Associated Press cabled that "Great Britain's nine-day general strike, called off yesterday, switched to-day to what labor regarded as a widespread lockout by the employers against union men seeking to return to work on their old status. This development came as one of the most dramatic since the industrial upheaval began. It amounts, labor men say, to an endeavor by the employers to smash union influence so far as possible. The Trades Union Congress, which conducted the general strike, accepted the gage, and, in a fighting statement, declared the trades unions would resist to the utmost 'any attempt to impose humiliating terms on the workers.'"



That the general strike was far from an actual end was further shown in a special London cable dispatch to the New York "Times" Thursday evening: "Those who believed that the collapse of the general strike would mean an immediate return to every-day conditions had a rude awakening to-day. Throughout Britain everything is still askew. It will be many days, weeks maybe, before the railways, for instance, are in normal running order. Omnibus service is still topsy-turvey. The newspapers are still publishing ludicrously small sheets or else not publishing at all. Street cars, in London at least, are nowhere to be seen. Britons are learning that it is easy to stop a complicated industrial system, but quite another matter to start it again. Only the taxicabs are operating to-day exactly as before the strike blighted traffic. They reappeared as suddenly as they vanished last week and were in tremendous demand, since many persons who otherwise would have patronized street cars could not find any, and if they turned to buses found the latter so infrequent and overcrowded that they resolved to spend more and insure themselves a rapid and comfortable though expensive ride."

The situation was summarized as follows by the London representative of the New York "Herald Tribune" in a long dispatch the same evening: "To-day has been a day of chaos so far as the relations between the trade unions and the employers are concerned. From a welter of conflicting rumors the position of the three major unions concerned in the strike appeared to-night as follows: The miners remain out, while their national delegate conference scheduled for to-morrow to reach a decision on their future course of action has been postponed. A. J. Cook, Secretary, says The National Union of Railway Men has ordered its members not to return to work. The Transport and General Workers' Union has instructed its men to remain on strike until further orders. Having obtained withdrawal of the general strike notices, the Prime Minister lost no time in keeping his pledge about attempting to resume negotiations for a settlement of the coal dispute. To-night he summoned the miners' leaders to meet him at his residence, 10 Downing Street."

The London cable advices yesterday afternoon and last evening relative to the British labor situation were decidedly better. The Associated Press representative said that "the British industrial crisis cleared rapidly to-day. The railwaymen, who had remained out despite official termination of the general strike, signed an agreement with the companies. Traffic will be resumed as speedily as possible. The railway strike was settled on the following terms, agreed upon between the companies on one hand and the National Union of Railwaymen, Associated Society of Locomotive Enginemen and Firemen and the Railway Clerks' Association on the other. Those employees who went on strike are to be taken back as soon as traffic conditions warrant and work can be found for them. The principle to be followed in reinstatement is seniority in each grade. The trade unions admit that in calling the strike they committed a wrongful act against the companies, and it is agreed the companies do not, by reinstatement of the men, surrender their legal right to claims for damages arising from the strike or from the strikers or others responsible."

It was added that "Prime Minister Baldwin told Commons he had framed proposals for settlement of the coal miners' strike. These were transmitted this afternoon to the men and the employers. The Government's new mining proposals pledge immediate action along certain lines laid down in the Royal Coal Commission's report. One feature is the establishment of a national wages board, similar to the present Railway Labor Board. The proposals also include a subsidy, characterized as 'further financial assistance to the industry to the amount of approximately £3,000,000.' While the subsidy is effective, the miners are to accept an unnamed reduction in minimum wages other than in subsistence rates, this amount to be determined in joint conference. The Trades Union Congress said there was a marked easement in the tension of the situation throughout the country, the employers being increasingly inclined to discuss reasonable bases for resumption of work. Mr. Baldwin's statement of last night had been followed by a favorable reaction, the unions said. General reports received from all sections indicated the unions and employers have got together to such an extent industry should be able to right itself shortly."

It had been apparent for some days that the so-called general strike in Great Britain could not succeed for any great length of time. The London dispatches from day to day furnished additional evidence in substantiation of this idea. It was made plain that the people were not in sympathy with the strike. The Paris correspondent of the New York "Times," in a long cable dispatch on May 7 from London on his first impressions of the situation, after arriving from the French capital, said: "What seems the most indicative feature of the situation is that thousands of people who ordinarily sympathized with the efforts of working people to get better wages and conditions are now out to help the Government beat the strike. There are not lacking Englishmen who sympathize with the miners, over whose case all the trouble started, men who probably would have been sympathetic with the miners fight, but who oppose the effort of the labor leaders to do what they regard as taking the country by the throat. Perhaps half the population of England feels that way about it."

Referring to the willingness of all kinds of people to offer their services for all kinds of positions, for most of which they never had had previous training, the "Times" correspondent observed: "When college boys act as train porters, when retired army officers pinch-hit as locomotive engineers, when apartment house owners punch tickets in the subway, when leisured youths stand in the rain in St. James's Park taking lessons from London bobbies on how to preserve order, one cannot escape getting the idea that England will see it through. In other words, all surface indications are that the other 80% of the English people will not be buffaloed by the 20% represented by the strikers and their families. And that swiftly leads to the conclusion that the labor unions cannot win this fight. There may be no clean-cut Government victory such as would swell with pride the hearts of Winston Churchill and Lord Birkenhead, but there isn't going to be any great labor victory. And the probabilities are—especially in consideration of the outcome of other efforts at general strikes—that labor will be a loser."

The regular London correspondent of the "Times" in a dispatch on May 8, gave still another reason why he thought the strike was doomed to failure. He began by saying: "The British bulldog suddenly showed its teeth. The following grim announcement was made officially by the Government last night: 'All ranks of the armed forces of the Crown are hereby notified that any action which they may find it necessary to take in an earnest endeavor to aid the civil power will receive, both now and afterward, the full support of his Majesty's Government.'" Commenting on the official statement, the correspondent stated that "to those who had read between the lines of Sir John Simon's speech in the House of Commons Thursday night this did not come as a great surprise. The famous lawyer's assertion that the general strike was utterly illegal had given them an inkling that a way was being paved for justifying drastic Government measures. Upon others, though, to-day's official announcement fell like a bombshell."

While in the London cable advices for several days early in the week there were reports that the Trades Union Congress would call out 2,000,000 men, representing the "second line of defense," apparently very little was done in that direction, except with respect to employees at the electric light plants in London. Threats were heard that Organized Labor would make an effort to paralyze the country's food supply, as its last "fateful trump card." Commenting on the probability of such an undertaking being successful, a special correspondent of the New York "Times" said in a dispatch on May 8, that "if the country's food supply can be kept above 75%, or even 65%, of normal (it is now around 90%), it is difficult to see any other result than the defeat of the strikers, which should come at the end of three or four weeks when, it is calculated, the workers' savings will begin to be used up, strike benefits will commence to peter out and the bread-earner begin to feel in his own stomach the need of earning more bread. It should be remembered that the workers' wives and children stand to get hungry somewhat before any other class." Continuing his observations as to the Government's preparation to meet an effort on the part of the strike leaders to prevent food from coming into Great Britain from other countries, the correspondent said: "Over against that effort the Government has 200,000 motor trucks and eventually a quarter million of men, exclusive of any needed number of volunteers, to insure the food supply of the large cities. The effect of a food stoppage order by the strikers' chiefs would undoubtedly steel the rest to a stronger and greater determination to back the Government to the last ditch in its effort to beat the general strike."

The situation was outlined in a still more encouraging way in a special London cable message to the New York "Times" on May 9. The correspondent said in part: "The essence of strategy is robbing the enemy of his freedom of action. If that axiom be transferred from the domain of warfare to that of strikes it must be admitted to-night that so far the British Government, led by Premier Baldwin, has robbed leaders of Britain's great general strike of their freedom of action. At the close of the sixth day of this gigantic industrial struggle it becomes increasingly apparent that even if the British Government has not won the game yet it has consistently

forced the play. From the very outset of the great strike, at midnight last Monday, most of the aggressiveness recorded has been contributed by those seeking to crush the strike. Each day brings increased railway service. Each day shows a more efficient organization of the Government's emergency food distributing services. Each day has shown a bigger enrollment of volunteers in every branch of strike breaking. Each day has shown hesitation on the part of the strikers to play their trump cards. They have not tried to smash the great food distribution organization of the Government. They have not called out the 'second line of defense' and the 'third line of defense.' Will they? That is the question, asked in a constantly growing tone of skepticism by those who have lived through these first six days of one of the greatest industrial crises in the entire history of the world."

Significant statements in behalf of the Government side of the controversy were made by Lord Asquith and Lord Balfour. The statement of the former appeared in the "British Gazette," the official newspaper of the Government during the strike, in its issue of May 7. In part he said: "We should have lost all sense of self-respect if we were to allow any section of the community at its own will and for whatever motives to bring to a standstill the industrial and social life of the whole nation. It would be to acquiesce in the substitution for free government of a dictatorship. This the British people will never do. We desire at the earliest moment a resumption of negotiations to bring peace and reconstruction to our coal fields. But that anti-social weapon which has been so unadvisedly drawn must first be sheathed." The statement of Lord Balfour was printed in the "Gazette" on May 9 also. He pointed out among other things that "no revolution in Great Britain, however triumphant, is going to diminish foreign competition in neutral markets; no revolution is going to hasten the changes recommended by the commission in the methods and organization of the mining industry; no revolution is going to compel the mine owner indefinitely to carry on his industry at a loss. Revolutionary methods would be completely powerless except for evil." Continuing, he asserted that "were it to succeed, the community would henceforth be ruled not by Parliament, not by the Parliamentary Labor Party, not by the rank and file of the trades unions, not by the moderate members of the Trades Union Council, but by a relatively small body of extremists, who regard the trades unions, not as the machinery for collective bargaining within our industrial system, but as a political instrument by which the industrial system itself may be utterly destroyed. Such a policy would in the long run be fatal to any country; on this country it would bring ruin—swift, complete and irresistible."

The probability of a settlement being reached appeared somewhat brighter, judging from London cable dispatches under date of May 10. The New York "Times" correspondent said that "there are now going on informal conversations looking to the finding of a formula which will permit the ending of the British general strike. Neither the Government nor the Trades Union Council officially are represented, but those undertaking the effort are in touch with both sides. While secrecy surrounds



these talks, it is evident that they are centring about the coal industry and there is a report that they hope to persuade the miners that their best chances lie in the ending rather than the continuance of the strike. Should it be possible to satisfy the miners of this the way might be opened for the strike leaders to rescind the general strike order, which would fulfill the essential condition Prime Minister Baldwin makes for the resumption of negotiations with the trades unions." The correspondent suggested that "this does not mean any weakening of the Government's determination to show that a general strike cannot be used to force the Government, but the idea back of the effort is that a way can be found to end the struggle without carrying it to the exhaustion stage. It may be that the next few days will mark an advance in the endeavor to arrange a method for ending the strike. It is the idea of these intermediaries that if the struggle can be ended in the way they plan, there will remain clearly the issue aroused by the difficulties in the coal industry with what has been called the constitutional strike banished into limbo."

The situation the next day continued to look favorable, according to an Associated Press dispatch from London Tuesday evening. It was even claimed that the New York stock market was favorably affected by the reports in the dispatch. It stated that "peace negotiations in the general strike are going on under the surface. They have not reached an official status, but a man high in the labor ranks said late to-day that parleys were proceeding. They were in such a delicate state, however, he added, that nothing further could be said now. The labor spokesman said it was possible something tangible would be forthcoming to-morrow, but emphasized that nothing definite was in sight now. A special meeting of the general council of the Trades Union Congress was called for 7 o'clock to-night 'to explore the position at the present time.' J. H. Thomas and all the other leaders were expected to attend."

According to a special cable message from London to the New York "Evening Post," also on Tuesday evening, "a notable feature of the day's developments in the general strike was the activity of Sir Herbert Samuel, Chairman of the Royal Commission, who has just returned from Egypt. Sir Herbert was reported to be unofficially in contact with the miners and mine owners with a proposal for a resumption of their negotiations. The proposal under discussion calls for a resumption of the Government coal subsidy for two months, which is a longer term than any yet mentioned, and a reduction of wages of from 10 to 15%. Coupled with these would be a radical reorganization of the coal mines along the lines of the Coal Commission's report."

There were further indications in the London cable dispatches filed early Wednesday morning that the general strike was near to an end. The representative of the New York "Times" said that, "though the Government and the strikers continued to face each other in full battle formation throughout yesterday, the eighth day of Britain's great general strike, there were signs that the dove of peace was hovering somewhere in the immediate neighborhood. Up to a late hour last night, however, nobody had quite located the bird. Many insisted, nevertheless, that they had distinctly heard the soft whirring of its wings." He added that "they stuck to their assertion despite the

declaration in last night's 'British Worker,' the strikers' official organ, that to-day more workers will join the great strike—the molders and shipyard workers, members of the Amalgamated Engineering Unions and the General Engineering Unions. The strikers' organ also said that instead of 'dribbling back to work,' according to the Government's statement, the workers are 'standing like a rock and more are coming out.'"

Speaking much more definitely, the London representative of the New York "Herald Tribune" said in a long dispatch, also filed early Wednesday morning, that "definite indication that the breakdown in Britain's general strike is in sight and may occur to-day developed at an eight-hour conference between the general council of the Trades Union Congress and the miners' leaders last night and early this morning at the labor headquarters in Ecclestone Square, finally breaking up at 2 o'clock this morning. At this meeting a proposition for a settlement was brought up by Ramsay MacDonald, who had been working behind the scenes for peace all along, and it was pressed upon the miners by the Trades Union leaders who are anxious to find an honorable way out of the crisis. It is understood, however, that the miners maintained their unalterable stand 'not a penny off pay, not a minute on the day,' and the labor leaders departed completely worn out shortly before 2 o'clock in order to snatch a few minutes' sleep before resuming the critical discussions later this morning. No statement was given the press, but it was understood that dramatic developments may be expected during the day. It was indicated that the labor officials will confer with Premier Baldwin and members of the Cabinet this morning."

The probable action suggested in foregoing paragraphs was largely carried out. The general strike was called off suddenly shortly after midday on Wednesday, as already related, but as the strikers were not taken back en bloc, particularly by the transport companies, considerable trouble ensued.

The German Cabinet has been in trouble for some little time, and has resigned. It arose over an order recently of the Cabinet for the display of the merchant flag, containing the old monarchist colors. According to an Associated Press dispatch from Berlin early Wednesday morning, "the Parliamentary situation reached a critical stage by reason of a midnight caucus by the Democrats, who adopted a resolution that further co-operation with Chancellor Luther was impossible because of his procedure in the flag issue." The correspondent added that "the Democrats' defection will force the Centrists to follow suit, which would make Dr. Luther's continuance in office impossible. The resolution is believed to have been due to the Chancellor's irreconcilable speech, which is viewed by the Democrats as an affront and insincere."

In his account of the incident the Berlin representative of the New York "Herald Tribune" said: "The Chancellor accepted full responsibility for the flag order and elaborated the explanation already given by the Government. Germany's trade abroad, he said, had been built up under the black, white and red colors and these colors were accepted so generally by overseas Germans as the symbol of Germany that it happened in foreign ports that Ger-

mans either flew the old colors or none at all. This fact had caused unending embarrassment to German diplomatic and consular representatives, so that the flag order, prescribing the simultaneous flying of the commercial flag, which resembles so closely the old colors, and the Republican flag, seemed the only solution. This at least satisfied the overseas Germans and was in harmony with the Constitution. In view of the outcry over the flag order, the Government quietly had decided to postpone putting the order into effect until August, hoping meanwhile to arrive at some compromise."

The actual downfall of the Luther Cabinet came later the same day, Wednesday, May 12. The Berlin representative of the Associated Press said that "President von Hindenburg accepted the Cabinet's resignation, but asked it to carry on for the present." He added that "the resignation followed the adoption in the Reichstag of a no-confidence motion by a vote of 176 to 146. The Chancellor's defeat came as a surprise, as a similar motion by the Socialists previously had been rejected, 176 to 144. The Democrats' motion bracketed its rebuke to the Chancellor with approval of President von Hindenburg's course during the controversy over the Chancellor's decree. He had ordered the merchant flag, composed of the old monarchist colors, flown with the Republican flag on German Embassies and Consulates. The Socialists and Communists supported the Democratic motion."

A sensational political situation was said to have been discovered by the police. The Associated Press correspondent cabled that "discovery of detailed plans for the establishment of a German Fascist dictatorship whose object was the 'restoration of the Hohenzollern Empire in renewed splendor,' was announced by police to-day, following a series of raids. The police, trying to get at the bottom of it, they said they regarded it as merely a dream worked out on paper. Among the documents taken by police were plans calling for the forcible resignation of President von Hindenburg, the overthrow of the Federal and State constitutions by armed force, the dissolution of all Parliaments, the execution without trial for strikers as well as other opponents, the expulsion of Jews from Germany and the confiscation of their property. The seized documents, police said, revealed that the ringleaders of the conspiracy maintained a steady correspondence with the former Kaiser and with Bavarian reactionaries like Hitler."

In his account of the alleged plan to overthrow the Government, the Berlin representative of the New York "Evening Post" cabled Wednesday evening as follows: "The downfall of the Luther Ministry to-day was preceded immediately by the discovery by the police of a royalist plot. The plot was discovered when the police raided the home of Colonel Nicolai, chief propagandist for the German army during the World War and now in the service of Alfred Hugenberg, who finances part of the monarchist press in Germany. In Nicolai's possession the police found plans to overthrow the Government and introduce a dictatorship. The dictator listed in Nicolai's documents is President von Hindenburg, who denies having known anything about the plans. The other men, who were to be dictator's advisers, are Herr Hugenberg and Judge Class, who was one of the leading German annexationists during the

war, wanting to annex Belgium and parts of France in his 'Pan-German' empire. The plot implied the backing of all 'Fatherland associations'—monarchist clubs of various kinds—and it was planned specifically to abolish the Dawes plan, nullify the Locarno agreement and re-establish the military regime. It provided for a concentric attack on Berlin. The documents found in Nicolai's possession also include plans to shoot a number of leading Republicans, such as George Bernhard, editor of the 'Vossische Zeitung'; Friderich Stampfer, editor of 'Vorwaerts,' and Dr. Karaipeker, a leading member of the Centrist Party. Nicolai's arrest has been postponed, 'as he is ill in bed,' but Colonel von Sodenstern, editor of the monarchist 'Deutsche Zeitung,' and Colonel von Luck, President of the Olympic Athletic Club, were taken into custody by the police."

Referring to the resignation of the Cabinet, the Berlin correspondent of the New York "Times" said in a cable dispatch on Wednesday evening that "the President requested Luther and his associates to continue to perform their Ministerial functions until the crisis has been ended, either through the formation of a new Ministry capable of gaining a Parliamentary majority or by dissolution of the Reichstag and a new general election. Chancellor Luther paid a second visit to President von Hindenburg tonight and said that, while he was willing to carry on the duties of Chancellor until a new Government is formed, he wished to be relieved as soon as possible. Prior to this announcement it was believed that the President would invite Luther to retain the Chancellorship and attempt the reorganization of his Cabinet to satisfy the majority of the Deputies. Both the Democrats and Socialists were committed to absolute opposition to the Chancellor and the only hope of achieving this aim would have been a fresh alliance with the Nationalists. Since, however, the latter faction was the cause of his downfall to-day, and, moreover, is uncompromisingly antagonistic to his Locarno and League of Nations policies, the prospects for such a combination were not bright at any time after the Cabinet defeat."

A special Berlin representative of the New York "Herald Tribune," in a cable message Wednesday evening, was disposed to treat the alleged plot to overthrow the Government lightly. He said: "Two things stood out clearly and the third rather sketchily in to-day's troubled political air. The two definite things were disapproval of the Government's recent flag order and the recent tactics of Chancellor Luther. The third thing, the Fascist putsch conspiracy, is dismissed as a fantastic day dream by the papers. There has been disclosed a considerable amount of concrete details on the conspiracy of the Prussian police and the papers of the Democrats and the Left. Inasmuch as the alleged putsch plot was to be executed following the fall of the Luther Government, the revelations have produced a situation with at least a momentary touch of drama. The party tactics at the afternoon session of the Reichstag appeared so complicated that even the members themselves were scarcely certain what was happening after various motions had been voted on and the House had adjourned."

Word came from Berlin Thursday afternoon, through an Associated Press dispatch, that "Dr. Otto Gessler, as senior member of the resigned



Luther Cabinet, was designated by President von Hindenburg to-day to assume the Chancellorship temporarily." The New York "Times" representative in the German capital said in a wireless message later the same evening that "the President took this step after Dr. Luther had visited the Presidential Palace twice asking to be relieved immediately of all duties as Acting Chancellor and had assured President von Hindenburg that he would not make another attempt to form a Cabinet, both because yesterday's Reichstag action was directed against him and also because he desired a long period of rest from political burdens. Dr. Gessler asked to be permitted to delay his decision on the President's request until to-morrow at noon, in order to have time to discuss unofficially with the various party leaders his chances of success. Considering that the present issues before the Reich, namely the settlement of the ex-German ruling families' claims the flag question on which the Luther Government fell, and the valorization of pre-inflation bonds, mortgages and savings, which have widened the gap between the parties more than ever, the task facing Dr. Gessler is the biggest possible."

According to a United Press dispatch from Berlin last evening, "Defense Minister Gessler to-day informed President von Hindenburg that he could not form a Cabinet on the basis of the Reichstag Coalition from which the defeated Luther Cabinet was constructed. Gessler said, however, he would retain his commission and do his utmost to find some other foundation for a Cabinet." It was also stated that "President von Hindenburg probably will select Foreign Minister Stresemann or Dr. Curtius, a leader of the People's Party in the Reichstag, to form a Cabinet based on a coalition. This Government would be temporary, probably resigning six weeks hence after the popular referendum on the question of expropriation of former royal property without compensation to the deposed royalties."

It was stated in an Associated Press dispatch from Berlin last evening that "Count Hugo von Lerchenfeld, former Premier of Bavaria, now is leading in the race for the Chancellorship of Germany to succeed Dr. Luther. Count von Lerchenfeld is a member of the Bavarian People's Party, but is not identified with its reactionary wing. His wife was formerly Miss Ethel Wyman of Detroit and New York."

Two other European Cabinets have gone down recently—those of Belgium and Poland. It became known on May 10 that "M. Brunet, Socialist President of the Belgian Chamber of Deputies, had accepted an invitation to form a new Cabinet, succeeding that of Premier Pouillet, which will last only until the end of the present session of Parliament." It was added that "the Cabinet, which will be one of 'National Union,' will comprise five Socialists and Democrats, five Catholics and two or three Liberals. The program of the new Cabinet will be limited to a solution of Belgium's pressing financial problems, although the Socialists have insisted that their program of military service reform, rent laws, ratification of the Washington debt agreement and the eight-hour law be maintained integrally. M. Brunet will be Premier without portfolio, and Emil Franqui, who was a member of the Belgian Debt Mission to the United States, has accepted the Ministry of Finance. The Brunet Cabinet will be sup-

plemented by a special financial committee, which will include M. Franqui, Professor Felicien Cattier, of the University of Brussels; Jules Jadot, a member of the Belgian Commission to the Washington Disarmament Conference, and former Premier Georges Theunis."

Apparently this announcement was premature. At any rate, the effort to form the Ministry was not successful. In a special Brussels dispatch to the New York "Times" on May 12, it was stated that "M. Brunet, President of the Chamber of Deputies, to-day failed to form a new Cabinet, and it seems that Belgium will see a resumption of a procession of nominees to the Premiership such as occurred only a few months ago, after the elections failed to give any one party a majority. In the present instance, however, Belgium faces extremely serious financial problems, which are the real reason for the present crisis. The resignation of Finance Minister Janssen marked the end of the Socialist Government and was due to his failure to win his fight for currency stabilization."

As to Poland, announcement was made on May 10 in Warsaw that "former Premier Witos had succeeded in forming a Cabinet to succeed the Skryzinski Ministry, most of whose members he retains." The former Premier was to serve in the same position in the new Cabinet. The previous Ministry, headed by Count Skryzinski, resigned last week over a question of financial policy.

The situation in Poland suddenly became critical, as it had in Germany, following the resignation of the Luther Cabinet. Word came from Warsaw Wednesday evening, through an Associated Press dispatch, that "a military revolt started to-day at Rembertov, ten miles from Warsaw." The situation was further outlined as follows: "Several regiments, forming the garrison there, mutinied and marched toward the capital. The mutineers reached Prague, a suburb, where President Wojciechowski went to make a personal request for their surrender. This afternoon the Government still was endeavoring to reason with the rebels, but meanwhile, all measures were being taken to protect the city from invasion. The Warsaw garrison remains loyal to the Government. An appeal has been broadcast for the people to keep order and to obey the legal authorities. The trouble began with the formation of the new Cabinet under Premier Witos, with Ministers chosen from the Right and Central parties. Adherents of Marshal Joseph Pilsudski, former President, last night staged manifestations and distributed leaflets declaring Pilsudski the only person fitted to head the Government."

Associated Press cable messages later the same evening from Berlin, Prague and Warsaw indicated that the last named city was in a state of siege. It was stated that, "famous in history as the objective point of various armies, Warsaw has again become an armed camp. The Government began taking precautionary measures for the city's defense as soon as news was received of military revolt designed to oust Premier Witos, who, except for Marshal Pilsudski, former President and leader of the uprising, is Poland's most picturesque politician. Machine guns have been placed atop Government buildings. Telephone and telegraph lines and bridges are guarded by troops remaining loyal to the Govern-

ment. The Cabinet is sitting continuously in an effort to find a solution to the situation, which appears to be gradually becoming more confused."

The latest developments in the Polish political situation were reported in part as follows in a special Berlin message to the New York "Times" Thursday evening: "Travelers arriving from the Polish border bring reports that Marshal Pilsudski, who started a military revolt yesterday against the Government and advanced into Warsaw with troops, succeeded this afternoon in capturing the Presidential Palace and arresting President Wojciechowski on suspicion. He is reported to be organizing the army, with Generals Haller and Sikorski as leaders, to recapture the Government control. It is estimated that 200 were killed in street fighting in Warsaw."

According to an Associated Press dispatch from Prague on May 13, "a manifesto by President Wojciechowski, thrown from an airplane, declares that a majority of the army sides with the Government and that troops are on their way to Warsaw to engage the Pilsudski forces. It appeals for support for the lawful Government. The inner city is completely in the hands of the Pilsudski adherents, and the Marshal with his staff has his headquarters in the Saxon Palace. The Government apparently is endeavoring to delay negotiations until it is able to converge the greater number of its forces in the provinces in Warsaw. An aviation corps has reported for service and an airtight embargo on telephonic and telegraphic communications has been imposed throughout Poland to prevent Pilsudski from mobilizing his followers."

In a special cable dispatch from Warsaw to the New York "Evening Post" under date of May 14 it was stated that "the battle for possession of Warsaw was renewed to-night with the odds favoring Marshal Pilsudski and his revolutionists. The twilight shadows brought an unwelcome close to the brief respite from fighting, due to the truce this afternoon. The short-lived armistice is believed to have been arranged by the Government so it could bring up troops from the provinces to dislodge the rebellious forces." According to this dispatch also, "private and authentic advices reaching the Polish Embassy indicate there is still a possibility of successful negotiations between Marshal Pilsudski and the Government. The Warsaw citadel—the arsenal—has surrendered to Pilsudski and the police force has capitulated. General Losvadeczky has been appointed to command the Government troops. Pilsudski has declared that the interests of the country must stand above party and that the form of Government is not important."

A special correspondent of "The Sun" at Danzig cabled last evening that "Europe's fifth dictatorship and the first one to arise north of the Fascist Mediterranean countries will be established by nightfall, emissaries of the Pilsudski revolutionists declared here to-day."

The outstanding feature of the British trade statement for April was the decrease in exports of British goods, compared with March of this year, of £13,650,000 and in total exports of £14,470,000. Imports dropped £6,150,000. Compared with April 1925, exports of British goods declined £8,137,000, total exports £9,237,000 and imports £9,648,000.

These figures were not the result of the general strike in Great Britain, as it did not go into effect until May 3. The figures for April and the first four months of this year compared with the corresponding months of 1925 follow:

	April		Jan. 1 to Apr. 30	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Imports.....	£100,710,000	£110,358,208	£422,108,000	£462,274,246
Exports, British goods....	52,740,000	60,877,328	242,334,000	269,561,496
Re-exports, foreign goods	11,260,000	12,410,220	48,308,000	52,349,904
Total exports.....	£64,000,000	£73,287,548	£290,643,000	£321,911,400
Excess of imports.....	£36,710,000	£37,070,660	£131,465,000	£140,362,846

No change has taken place 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 open market discounts were easier, and finished at 47-16@4½% for short bills and three months' bills alike as compared with 49-16@4⅝% last week. Money on call at the British centre continued firm the greater part of the week, touching 4⅛%, but closing at 3⅞%, the same as a week ago. In Paris and Switzerland open market discount rates remain at 5¼% and 2¼%, the same as the previous week.

The Bank of England in its latest weekly statement, made available for publication on Thursday, announced another large gain in gold, this time of £786,804, but reserve of gold and notes in the banking department increased only £332,000, inasmuch as note circulation expanded £455,000. The proportion of reserve to liabilities moved up to 21.36%, as against 20.93% last week. At this time a year ago the ratio stood at 21½% and in 1924 at 19½%. Public deposits, which had been declining of late, were expanded £4,564,000. "Other" deposits, however, fell £5,200,000. The Bank's temporary loans to the Government increased £3,900,000, but loans on other securities were reduced £4,873,000. Total gold holdings are £148,262,303, which compares with £153,616,864 in the corresponding week of 1925 and £128,182,792 a year earlier (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). Reserve totals £26,361,000, as against £25,760,629 a year ago and £23,391,267 in 1924. Note circulation is now £141,651,000, in comparison with £147,606,235 last year and £124,541,525 the year before that, while loans aggregate £68,671,000, as contrasted with £78,331,998 and £72,589,177 one and two years ago, respectively. No change has been made in the official discount rate of the Bank of England from 5%. Clearings through the London banks for the week totaled £768,386,000, as compared with £880,797,000 last week and £774,337,000 a year ago. We append herewith comparisons of the different items of the Bank of England return for a series of years:

	BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.				
	1926. May 12.	1925. May 13.	1924. May 14.	1923. May 16.	1922. May 17.
Circulation.....	£141,651,000	147,606,235	124,541,525	123,476,495	121,070,755
Public deposits.....	21,265,000	17,425,543	17,359,039	15,660,255	12,970,528
Other deposits.....	102,151,000	102,159,081	102,440,759	106,723,312	126,091,310
Government securities	46,130,000	33,302,144	41,522,755	44,131,180	55,447,646
Other securities.....	68,671,000	78,331,998	72,589,177	72,226,346	75,101,943
Reserve notes & coin	26,361,000	25,760,629	23,391,267	23,798,509	26,258,472
Coin and bullion.....	£148,262,303	153,616,864	128,182,792	127,525,004	128,879,227
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	21.36%	21½%	19½%	19½%	18½%
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 note issues and which was transferred to the Bank of England on the British Government's decision to return to gold standard.

b Beginning with the statement for April 29 1925, includes £27,000,000 of Bank of England notes issued in return for the same amount of gold coin and bullion held up to that time in Redemption Account of Currency Note Issue.



Another small gain in the gold item was reported by the Bank of France in its statement this week, the amount being 27,000 francs. Total gold holdings now aggregate 5,548,449,775 francs, as compared with 5,546,359,357 francs for the corresponding date last year and with 5,542,613,197 francs the year previous. In note circulation a decrease of 538,167,000 francs occurred, bringing the total notes in circulation down to 52,643,172,995 francs, as compared with 42,991,216,250 francs for the same time last year and only 39,739,206,030 francs in 1924. The French Government repaid 400,000,000 francs of its indebtedness to the Bank of France. Total advances to the State now stand at 34,850,000,000 francs, which compares with 23,950,000,000 francs in 1925 and 22,700,000,000 francs in 1924. During the week silver gained 9,000 francs and bills discounted rose 558,223,000 francs. On the other hand trade advances fell off 11,156,000 francs, Treasury deposits declined 16,948,000 francs and general deposits were decreased 108,036,000 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:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Changes for Week.	Status as of			
	May 13 1926.	May 14 1925.	May 15 1924.	
Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	
Gold Holdings—				
In France—Inc.	27,000	3,684,128,868	3,682,038,449	3,678,292,289
Abroad—Unchanged		1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907	1,864,320,907
Total—Inc.	27,000	5,548,449,775	5,546,359,357	5,542,613,197
Silver—Inc.	9,000	333,983,123	317,440,408	299,022,148
Bills discounted—Inc.	558,223,000	4,432,809,794	4,703,921,360	4,367,143,218
Trade advances—Dec.	11,156,000	2,475,909,199	3,084,702,458	2,610,084,213
Note circulation—Dec.	538,167,000	52,643,172,995	42,991,216,250	39,739,206,030
Treasury deposits—Dec.	16,948,000	2,582,843	42,974,269	13,229,404
General deposits—Dec.	108,036,000	2,553,211,320	1,999,610,610	1,916,623,431
Advances to State—Dec.	400,000,000	34,850,000,000	23,950,000,000	22,700,000,000

The Imperial Bank of Germany in its statement, issued under date of May 7, showed a substantial curtailment in note circulation, viz., 144,502,000 marks. Moderate gains were shown in other liabilities and in other maturing obligations—7,623,000 marks and 15,091,000 marks, respectively. As to the Bank's assets, there was an increase of 6,098,000 marks in holdings of bills of exchange and checks, and of 7,411,000 marks in notes on other banks. Advances, however, fell 54,337,000 marks and other assets 37,256,000 marks. Reserve in foreign currencies was reduced 43,354,000 marks, while silver and other coins declined 384,000 marks. Another small addition (34,000 marks) to gold and bullion holdings, brought the Bank's total stock of gold up to 1,491,543,000 marks, which compares with 1,014,271,000 marks last year and 441,830,000 marks in 1924. Outstanding note circulation now stands at 3,941,366,000 marks.

The showing made by the weekly reports of the Federal Reserve banks formed a striking contrast with the statements issued the week preceding, when gold reserves were reduced and rediscounting expanded. The statements issued at the close of business on Thursday revealed gains in gold and contraction in rediscounting, at the same time that open market dealings increased, both locally and nationally. The group banks reported an addition to gold reserve of \$11,000,000. Rediscounting of Government secured as well as "other" bills decreased approximately \$70,700,000, so that total bills discounted now aggregate \$476,414,000, as against \$547,181,000 last week. Holdings of bills bought in the open market increased \$14,700,000. The reduc-

tion in total bills and securities (earning assets) and in deposits was, respectively, \$55,100,000 and \$40,400,000. A small increase occurred in the amount of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation, namely \$3,500,000, while member bank reserve accounts dropped \$37,300,000. The New York bank gained gold in its transactions with interior banks to the amount of \$31,600,000. Curtailment of upward of \$59,000,000 occurred in rediscounts of all classes of paper, while open market purchases expanded \$11,900,000. Total bills and securities fell \$50,800,000. Declines were also noted of \$9,100,000 in deposits, \$1,500,000 in the amount of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation and \$8,100,000 in member bank reserve accounts. The effect of larger gold reserve and contraction in deposits, was naturally to advance reserve ratios—1.2%, to 75.7% for the System as a whole, and at New York of 3.4%, to 81.5%.

Last Saturday's statement of New York Clearing House banks and trust companies was featured by heavy declines in both loans and deposits, accompanied by another small addition to surplus reserve. In detail the figures showed that the loan item was reduced \$119,835,000, while net demand deposits fell \$107,313,000 and time deposits declined \$3,276,000, to \$589,402,000. The grand total of demand deposits is \$4,351,670,000, which is exclusive of Government deposits to the amount of \$33,217,000. An increase of \$3,127,000 was indicated in cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank, bringing the total to \$47,066,000; although this is not counted as reserve. Reserves of State banks and trust companies in own vaults expanded \$226,000, but the reserve of these same institutions kept in other depositories fell \$384,000. Member banks drew down their reserves in the Federal institution by \$10,347,000; but this was more than offset by heavy curtailment in deposits, so that surplus increased \$3,689,190, to \$31,750,840, which compares with last week's excess reserves of \$28,061,650. The above figures for surplus are on the basis of legal reserves of 13% against demand deposits for member banks of the Federal Reserve System but do not include \$47,066,000 held by these member banks in own vaults on Saturday last.

The trend of money in the local market has been toward still greater ease. It could not have been otherwise. The supply simply was considerably in excess of the demand. Speculative activity in stocks was reduced to such an extent that the total sales on the New York Stock Exchange fell below 1,000,000 shares for a five-hour session. Offerings of bonds, probably because of the European situation more than any other single factor, were on a smaller scale. Of course, offerings of European issues were practically out of the question. General business in various lines throughout the country has receded somewhat. This also has lessened the demand for funds. On the other hand, the reviews of conditions in the steel industry indicated somewhat more active buying of some manufactured products, and moderate increases in prices as well. As a result of these features of the situation and others that might be mentioned, call money renewed and loaned all day at 3¾% on Thursday, and was said to have been obtainable at 3½% in the outside market. Yesterday, however, there was an advance in the

afternoon to 4%. Loans were called to the extent of about \$20,000,000. After the close of business yesterday the New York Federal Reserve Bank made the following announcement: "The Government tomorrow will pay out in the New York district about \$23,000,000 and in the entire country will pay out in interest about \$66,000,000. On the other hand, the Government calls to-morrow \$34,580,000, of which amount \$6,938,000 is called from New York. This will leave, after the call, \$48,570,000 on deposit for the Government with banks in this Federal Reserve District. Time money was dull and practically unchanged at 3¾@4% for the shorter periods, with loans at 4¼ for nine months reported. There is little or nothing to indicate permanently higher rates in the near future. There will be flurries from time to time, as there was yesterday.

Dealing with specific rates for money, call loans this week have covered a range of 3½@4%, which compares with 3½@4½% last week. Monday there was no range, all loans on call being put through at 4%. On Tuesday renewals were again made at 4%, and this was the high, although before the close there was a decline to 3½%. The range remained unchanged on Wednesday at 4% high, 3½% low, with 4% the renewal basis. Easier conditions prevailed on Thursday and the ruling quotation was lowered to 3¾%, which also was the high and low for the day. On Friday call funds renewed at 3¾%, and this was the minimum figure; the high, however, advanced to 4%.

Fixed date maturities were generally easy, although for a time no trades were made under 4%. Before the close sixty and ninety day loans were again quoted at 3¾@4%, and four, five and six months' money at 4@4¼%, the same as a week ago. Time funds were in good supply, but the inquiry was light and the market exceptionally quiet.

Commercial paper was in fair demand, but the supply of offerings is still small, so that trading was of moderate proportions. Both local and country banks were in the market as buyers. Four to six months' names of choice character have not been changed from 4@4¼%, with names less well known at 4½%, the same as heretofore. New England mill paper and the shorter choice names are still passing at 4%.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances continue to be quoted at the levels prevailing previously. The turnover was small, however, with interior banks furnishing the bulk of the limited business passing. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council is now 3¼%, against 3½% last week. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rate on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks 3¼% bid and 3½% asked for bills running 30 to 90 days, 3⅜% bid and 3¾% asked for 120 days, 3½% bid and 3⅜% asked for 150 days, and 3⅝% bid and 3½% asked for 180 days. Open market quotations are as follows:

	SPOT DELIVERY.		
	90 Days.	60 Days.	30 Days.
Prime eligible bills.....	3¼@3¼	3¼@3¼	3¼@3¼
	FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.		
Prime eligible bills.....	3¼ 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  
MAY 14 1926.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.	Paper Maturing—					
	Within 90 Days.				After 90 Days, but Within 6 Months.	After 6 but Within 9 Months.
	Com'rcial Agricul. & Livest'k Paper. n.e.s.	Secur. by U. S. Govt. Obligations.	Bankers' Acceptances.	Trade Acceptances.	Agricul. and Livestock Paper.	Agricul. and Livestock Paper.
Boston.....	4	4	4	4	4	4
New York.....	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½
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.

Calling off of the British general strike was the signal for an advance in sterling exchange values, which carried quotations for demand up to 4 86 3-16, or about 1⅜ cents over the low point touched at the close of last week. As a matter of fact, the overwhelming influence of England's labor crisis completely overshadowed all other considerations in foreign exchange, and the market throughout waited upon the day-to-day developments in the struggle between the Labor Party and the Government of the United Kingdom. Almost from the start it appeared to be a foregone conclusion that the strike would be of brief duration and prices commenced to climb steadily upward until by Tuesday 4 85¾ had been reached. Cable advices on Wednesday to the effect that the strike was actually over was followed by an outburst of firmness that carried demand once more across the 4 86 mark; thus regaining all of the previous losses. So intense was the relief felt over the passing of what at one time threatened to become a state of civil warfare that the fact that the coal strike itself remained unsettled passed by unnoticed, and the undertone of the market was buoyant. Trading, however, was not particularly active. Outbreak of revolutionary conditions in Poland failed to exercise any appreciable effect on sterling. In the late dealings announcement that fresh trouble had arisen in England over refusal of employers to restore striking employees to their former union basis, caused some uneasiness and a slight tendency to reaction set in. Before the close, however, announcement that all disputes were in a fair way of being settled amicably sent prices to the highest point for the week. Some of the buying that sent sterling quotations up was attributed to the liquidating of short positions.

Referring to the more detailed quotations, sterling exchange on Saturday last was quiet but steady, and rates ruled at 4 85⅛ (one rate) for demand, 4 85½ for cable transfers and 4 81⅞ for sixty days. On Monday, after a firm opening, rates advanced slightly on better strike news, with the range for demand 4 85 1-32@4 85 11-32, for cable transfers 4 85 13-32 @4 85 25-32 and for sixty days 4 81 25-32@4 82 3-32; trading was fairly active. Rumor of impending negotiations for settlement of the general strike brought increased strength on Tuesday and demand moved up to 4 85¾; the low was 4 85 5-16, while cable transfers ranged between 4 85 11-16 and 4 86⅛ and sixty days at 4 82 1-16@4 82½. Wednesday's market was strong and there was a further advance to 4 85 15-16@4 86 1-16 for demand, 4 86 5-16@4 86 7-16 for cable transfers and 4 82 11-16@4 82 13-16 for sixty days; sterling was not affected by the Polish



outbreak. Rumbblings of possible trouble over refusal of British employers to reinstate striking employees on former terms prevented any further advance on Thursday, and demand receded to 4 85 $\frac{1}{8}$ @ 4 85 13-32, cable transfers at 4 86 $\frac{1}{4}$ @ 4 86 11-32 and sixty days at 4 82 $\frac{5}{8}$ @ 4 82 23-32. Friday's market was quiet but steady; the range of prices was fractionally higher at 4 86@ 4 86 3-16 for demand, 4 86 $\frac{3}{8}$ @ 4 86 9-16 for cable transfers, and 4 82 $\frac{3}{4}$ @ 4 82 15-16 for sixty days. Closing quotations were 4 82 15-16 for sixty days, 4 86 3-16 for demand and 4 86 9-16 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4 86 1-16, sixty days at 4 82 7-16, ninety days at 4 80 15-16, documents for payment (sixty days) at 4 82 11-16 and seven-day grain bills at 4 82 7-16. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 86 1-16.

No gold was engaged for either export or import this week. The Bank of England reported the purchase of £853,000 in gold bars.

Irregular weakness pervaded operations in Continental exchange and although prices moved upward in sympathy with the improvement in the sterling market, the response was half-hearted at best and confined to a few currencies. It was plainly evident that other and more potent factors were at work. As an illustration, it may be noted that French francs, after a low quotation of 3.11 $\frac{1}{4}$ , rallied on Wednesday less than 4 points to 3.15, then later slumped to 3.04 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Antwerp francs followed suit while Italian lire, which were the weakest feature of the major European exchanges, dropped another 2 points on the same day to 3.96 $\frac{3}{8}$ . Lire have been under pressure practically the whole week. According to banking authorities here, short selling of lire has been in progress for months past, and has now reached enormous proportions. Trades in lire amounting to as much as 5,000,000 have been negotiated and the short account in New York alone is estimated as close to 200,000,000 lire. Confirmation of these statements is seen in the future market which at the beginning of this year was at a discount of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a point for one month, while at present the discount for one month's delivery is 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  points under the spot quotation; sixty days' delivery is 9 points, and ninety days 14 points below spot delivery. Announcement by Finance Minister Volpi that the Italian Government would protect the lira at any cost, failed to stem the decline and the quotation was forced down by degrees to below the 4-cent mark, to the lowest level in over a year. Selling of lire was particularly heavy at foreign centres and resisted all efforts of the Italian Foreign Exchange Institute to support the rate. In the latter part of the week there was a sudden sharp slump that carried lire down to 3.82, a loss of 16 points. It was rumored for a time that the Government had withdrawn its support. Subsequently buying orders were put forth and there was a recovery of a few points, but still later another and more severe break brought the rate down to 3.39, off 43 points. No specific explanation for the collapse in values, other than the topheavy condition of the market, described above, was available. French francs were neglected for the time being, all attention being concentrated on the antics of lire, and trading was light. A feature of the week was the recovery of Belgian francs to about 3 points above the French rate, which was ascribed to the confidence felt in M. Brunet's new ministry and its plans for financial

recuperation. There is nothing new to report in either German, Austrian or Russian exchanges, which continue inactive at nominal levels. Greek exchange remained at around 1.23, though closing at 1.21 $\frac{1}{2}$ . In the minor Central European group, the revolt headed by General Pilsudski caused sensational weakness in the already rapidly waning zloty, which broke through the previous 9.00 rate. This was entirely nominal, however, as no cable rates were received from Warsaw, and trading locally was almost at a standstill. It is claimed that most banks are transacting business with Poland by means of dollars or sterling, in preference to handling the erratic zloty. Recent advices from London are responsible for the statement that the Indian Government is again operating in rupee exchange with a view to stabilizing the rate at about \$0 36. This course of action is said to indicate that the Currency Committee now sitting in London will recommend stabilization at about 1s. 6d. Should such a course be adopted it will likely meet with opposition on the part of Indian exporters who are anxious for a return to the pre-war basis of 1s. 4d. and strongly opposed to governmental intervention. It is pointed out that in the past huge sums have been sacrificed in unsuccessful efforts to stabilize the rupee at a figure above its current market valuation.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 158.75, as compared with 154.75 last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 3.05, against 3.13 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; cable transfers at 3.06, against 3.14 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; commercial sight at 3.04, against 3.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and commercial sixty days at 2.99 $\frac{1}{2}$ , against 3.08 a week ago. Closing rates on Antwerp francs were 3.04 for checks and 3.05 for cable transfers, in comparison with 3.04 $\frac{1}{2}$  and 3.05 $\frac{1}{2}$  a week earlier. Reichsmarks have not been changed from 23.81 (one rate) for both checks and cable transfers. Austrian schillings continue to be quoted at 14 $\frac{1}{8}$ , the same as heretofore. Lire finished at 3.39 for bankers' sight bills and at 3.40 for cable transfers, which compares with 3.99 $\frac{7}{8}$  and 4.00 $\frac{7}{8}$  the previous week. Exchange on Czechoslovakia closed at 2.96 $\frac{3}{8}$  (unchanged); Rumanian lei, which scored a rally of more than 5 points early in the week, then finished at 0.37, against 0.34 $\frac{1}{4}$ , while Finmarks closed at 2.52 $\frac{1}{4}$  (unchanged). Polish zloties closed at 9.00, against 10.00 last week. Greek drachmae finished at 1.21 $\frac{1}{2}$  for checks and at 1.22 for cable transfers. Last week the close was 1.23 $\frac{1}{4}$ @ 1.23 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

Movements in the neutral exchanges, formerly so-called, were not particularly important, on dull, narrow trading. Norwegian krone scored the only sizable advance of the week, gaining about 14 points, to 21.64, with no specific reason assigned therefor other than the transfer of capital from elsewhere. Aside from this, rate fluctuations were confined to a point or two either up or down. Danish exchange closed slightly higher, while Swedish exchange was steady and practically unchanged. Swiss francs were a trifle lower, but Dutch guilders ruled firm and closed at an advance. Spanish pesetas were also up, gaining about 12 points, to 14.50, but closing at 14.44.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished at 40.20 against 40.16 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; cable transfers at 40.22, against 40.18 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; commercial sight at 40.12, against 40.08 $\frac{3}{4}$ , and commercial sixty days at 39.76, against 39.72 $\frac{3}{4}$  last week. Final quotations on Swiss francs were

19.33½ for bankers' sight bills and 19.34½ for cable transfers. A week ago the close was 19.35½ and 19.36½. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.22 and cable transfers at 26.26, against 26.09 and 26.13. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.72 and cable transfers at 26.76, against 26.71 and 26.75, while checks on Norway finished at 21.61 and cable transfers 21.65, against 21.51 and 21.55 a week earlier. Spanish pesetas closed at 14.44 for checks and 14.46 for cable transfers, in comparison with 14.38 and 14.40 the week preceding.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922. MAY 8 1926 TO MAY 14 1926, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	May 8.	May 10.	May 11.	May 12.	May 13.	May 14.
<b>EUROPE—</b>						
Austria, schilling	1.14050	1.14076	1.14051	1.14074	1.14079	1.14073
Belgium, franc	.0307	.0309	.0318	.0317	.0314	.0304
Bulgaria, lev	.007219	.007231	.007211	.007222	.007228	.007239
Czechoslovakia, krona	.029614	.029615	.029617	.029618	.029619	.029616
Denmark, krone	.2609	.2609	.2613	.2615	.2616	.2620
England, pound sterling	4.8545	4.8545	4.8595	4.8628	4.8622	4.8636
Finland, markka	.025207	.025214	.025209	.025209	.025208	.025207
France, franc	.0315	.0312	.0315	.0315	.0314	.0306
Germany, reichsmark	.2380	.2380	.2380	.2380	.2380	.2381
Greece, drachma	.012322	.012360	.012320	.012332	.012325	.012287
Holland, guilder	.4018	.4018	.4019	.4020	.4020	.4021
Hungary, pengo	.1756	.1755	.1754	.1754	.1754	.1758
Italy, lira	.0400	.0400	.0400	.0399	.0383	.0352
Norway, krone	.2151	.2160	.2164	.2161	.2162	.2160
Poland, zloty	.1001	.1008	.1006	.1000	.0938	.0925
Portugal, escudo	.0513	.0513	.0511	.0513	.0514	.0511
Rumania, leu	.003659	.003770	.003791	.003702	.003722	.003716
Spain, peseta	.1437	.1436	.1437	.1445	.1450	.1447
Sweden, krona	.2674	.2674	.2674	.2674	.2675	.2676
Switzerland, franc	.1934	.1935	.1935	.1934	.1934	.1934
Yugoslavia, dinar	.017613	.017623	.017619	.017622	.017618	.017619
<b>ASIA—</b>						
<b>China—</b>						
Chefoo, tael	.7433	.7480	.7471	.7450	.7383	.7442
Hankow, tael	.7372	.7456	.7423	.7417	.7338	.7384
Shanghai, tael	.7186	.7257	.7214	.7198	.7139	.7175
Tientsin, tael	.7513	.7575	.7550	.7533	.7467	.7529
Hongkong dollar	.5525	.5525	.5532	.5529	.5491	.5510
Mexican dollar	.5200	.5268	.5238	.5221	.5188	.5196
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar	.5146	.5213	.5192	.5171	.5142	.5158
Yuan dollar	.5275	.5338	.5321	.5300	.5271	.5288
India, rupee	.3624	.3637	.3635	.3632	.3629	.3630
Japan, yen	.4678	.4662	.4691	.4714	.4720	.4704
Singapore (S.S.) dollar	.5617	.5621	.5621	.5613	.5608	.5617
<b>NORTH AMER—</b>						
Canada, dollar	1.001354	1.001344	1.001183	1.000552	1.000826	1.000681
Cuba, peso	.999406	.999406	.999406	.999344	.999406	.999125
Mexico, peso	.484167	.484167	.484500	.484667	.484000	.484000
Newfoundland, dollar	.998906	.998625	.998375	.998188	.998813	.998594
<b>SOUTH AMER—</b>						
Argentina, peso (gold)	.9129	.9125	.9119	.9145	.9148	.9160
Brazil, milreis	.1456	.1451	.1444	.1443	.1446	.1446
Chile, peso (paper)	.1202	.1202	.1202	.1204	.1205	.1202
Uruguay, peso	1.0300	1.0318	1.0328	1.0317	1.0326	1.0318

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

South American exchange continues to move irregularly, with wide fluctuations in Argentine pesos, which after declining to 40.04, shot up to 40.40 for checks, then closed at 40.25; cable transfers finished at 40.30; a week ago the close was respectively at 40.22 and 40.27 for checks and cable transfers. Brazilian milreis opened strong and moved up to 14.63, then reacted, though closing at 14.50 for checks and 14.55 for cable transfers, as against 14.43 and 14.48 a week ago. Chilean exchange was strong, advancing to 12.08, but weakened and finished at 11.98, against 12.00 a week earlier. Peruvian exchange went as high as 3.78, then sagged off but finished at 3.75, against 3.74 last week.

The Far Eastern exchanges were inactive but strong, especially the Chinese currencies which profited by higher silver prices; Japanese yen continue to range at close to 47.25. Indian rupees also gave a good account of themselves and closed slightly up. Hong Kong finished at 55.45@55.60, against 55.50@55.80; Shanghai at 72¼@92⅝, against 72½@73¼; Yokohama at 47⅜@47½, against 47⅞@47¼; Manila, 49½@49⅝ (unchanged); Singapore, 56¼@56⅞, against 56½@56⅞; Bombay, 36½@36⅞, against 36.30 and 36.50; and Calcutta, 36½@36⅞, against 36¼@36½.

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$6,816,678 net in cash as a result of the cur-

rency movements for the week ended May 13. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$7,673,478, while the shipments have reached \$856,800, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week Ended May 13.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement	\$7,673,478	\$856,800	Gain \$6,816,678

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, May 8.	Monday, May 10.	Tuesday, May 11.	Wednesday, May 12.	Thursday, May 13.	Friday, May 14.	Aggregate for Week.
\$89,000,000	\$88,000,000	\$88,000,000	\$85,000,000	\$83,000,000	\$91,000,000	Cr. 524,000,000

Note.—The foregoing heavy credits reflect the huge mass of checks which come to the Federal Reserve Bank from all parts of the country in the operation of the Federal Reserve System's pay 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—	May 13 1926.			May 14 1925.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£148,262,303	£	£148,262,303	£153,616,864	£	£153,616,864
France	147,365,154	13,359,000	160,724,154	147,281,538	12,680,000	159,961,538
Germany	53,443,950	d994,000	54,437,950	44,595,000	d994,000	45,589,000
Aus-Hun.	b2,000,000	b	b2,000,000	b2,000,000	b	b2,000,000
Spain	101,475,000	26,668,000	128,143,000	101,444,000	25,966,000	127,410,000
Italy	35,709,000	3,421,000	39,127,000	35,587,000	3,361,000	38,948,000
Netherl'ds	35,660,000	2,151,000	37,811,000	39,956,000	1,731,000	41,687,000
Nat. Belg.	10,954,000	3,653,000	14,607,000	10,891,000	3,009,000	13,900,000
Switzerl'd	16,731,000	3,563,000	20,294,000	19,271,000	3,564,000	22,835,000
Sweden	12,742,000		12,742,000	12,963,000		12,963,000
Denmark	11,662,000	860,000	12,522,000	11,636,000	1,054,000	12,690,000
Norway	8,180,000		8,180,000	8,180,000		8,180,000
Total week	584,181,407	54,669,000	638,850,407	587,421,402	62,359,600	639,781,002
Prev. week	581,203,807	54,690,600	635,894,407	588,425,835	62,301,600	640,727,435

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 £21,133,200 held abroad. d As of Oct. 7 1924.

### Political Unsettlement in Europe.

The European news of the past few days has not been encouraging to those who have believed that, in spite of occasional outbreaks or disturbances, Europe politically was settling down, and that the agitations which were one of the fruits of the World War had given place to real political stability. The same newspapers which on Wednesday chronicled the withdrawal of the general strike order in Great Britain reported also a serious revolutionary outbreak in Poland and the downfall of the Luther Government in Germany. On Thursday came the news that M. Brunet, President of the Belgian Chamber of Deputies, who on Monday had undertaken to form a new Ministry, had abandoned the task, and that no other choice for the Premiership had for the moment been clearly indicated. The Royalist demonstration at Paris on Monday may perhaps be passed over as of uncertain political significance, the French Royalists being admittedly more noisy than numerous, but the injuring of some 118 policemen and 150 Royalists in street fighting nevertheless stamps the outbreak as the most serious that Paris has witnessed for a long time. At Geneva, the League conference which has been trying to arrange a reorganization of the Council which should insure the admission of Germany to the League is reported to have found Brazil and Spain still insistent upon their claims, and has had to listen to an uncomfort-



able inquiry from China as to why seats in the Council are reserved for Russia and the United States, to the exclusion of China and other Powers, notwithstanding that Russia openly criticizes the League and its policy, and American adherence to the League is not to be looked for.

If the importance of these incidents is not to be over-emphasized, no more should their significance be minimized. The Polish outbreak, apparently for some time in preparation, and less unexpected than its sudden appearance in the news might seem to suggest, takes on a serious character from the fact that its leader, Marshal Pilsudski, formerly President of Poland and long a popular military hero and Socialist leader, has had substantial support from a section of the army. If late dispatches are to be believed, the revolt has so far succeeded as to make Pilsudski the virtual head of the State, and to put the Socialists, who were excluded from the Witos Ministry, in a position to wield great if not conclusive power in the Diet. What has happened, apparently, is a revolt against a Ministry which did not represent the opinion of the country, and against a policy which, whatever its pretensions to economy, was widely regarded as reactionary and bent upon an undue expansion of the army. To what extent, if any, the Locarno alliance between Poland and France contributed to the Ministerial downfall is not clear, but before Pilsudski went into political retirement, in 1922, his dreams of a great and independent Poland, free to exercise its ambitions without dictation from outside, had inspired many of his Socialist followers, and it may at least be suspected that his views regarding the mission of Poland have not changed in the years during which he has been awaiting a return of opportunity.

The resignation of the Luther Ministry in Germany, although unaccompanied by outward disturbance, may have escaped the pressure of an attempt at revolution by a narrow margin. The immediate occasion of the resignation appears to have been a vote of lack of confidence, following the issuance of a decree requiring that the German merchant flag, which carries the old imperial colors, should hereafter be displayed side by side with the flag of the Reich on German Embassies and Consulates abroad. The resignation was hastened, however, by the discovery of an alleged Monarchist plot of large proportions, aimed at the establishment of a Fascist dictatorship and the restoration of the Hohenzollerns. Back of both incidents lay a growing dissatisfaction with the policy of the Government, which was regarded as too unyielding in the face of party demands, and which in the matter of the flag had apparently refused to compromise. It seems an irony of fate that the overthrow of the Ministry and the revelations of Monarchist plotting should have coincided with the completion of the first year of the von Hindenburg presidency, but neither the great personal popularity of the President, nor the dignified and conciliatory course which he has pursued, availed to avert the crisis when the moment was ripe.

The German and Polish incidents in particular suggest some serious reflections on the actual state of politics in Europe at the present moment. For one thing, the incidents illustrate the inherent instability of any Government which lacks an assured party majority in the national legislature. In the United States, where two great parties have almost

always monopolized the political field between them, and where the terms of office of Senators and Representatives run for fixed chronological periods, irrespective of the policies that may be pursued, the most pronounced opposition of one party or the other never even suggests the possibility of danger to the State. The Constitution of the United States is the most rigid in the world, but its very rigidity affords a strong safeguard against revolution. In Europe, on the other hand, where a multiplicity of parties, many of them small and often loosely organized, frequently leaves a Government without a majority in any one group, the position of a Ministry is likely to be precarious. Where two, three or more parties must be combined in order to insure a majority, the mere fact that such various interests have to be consulted makes for instability. The instability is the greater where, as in Germany, Poland and even France, the advocates of an older and repudiated political regime still clamor for a return to the old system, or where wide variations in political opinion, from extreme radicalism to extreme reaction, are represented in the various party groups. As long as the party situation in Europe continues as it is (and there is no sign that the system is likely soon to change), we must apparently expect more or less frequent Ministerial crises, with or without revolutionary threats or accompaniments, according to the gravity of the case or the personal influence of this or that opposition leader.

The persistence of Monarchist sentiment in Europe, particularly in countries which a short time ago lived under a monarchy but have since changed, should occasion no surprise. More than one of the nations of Continental Europe is as yet imperfectly converted to democracy, as that term is understood in the United States, and the memory of the days when monarchy flourished and allegiance was to emperors, kings or princes still lives. It is not for peoples who have never lived under a monarchy, or with whom a monarchy has become little more than a dignified form, to inveigh against a system which still has its devoted adherents. That the European monarchies which the World War displaced had their virtues as well as their vices, that their rulers were often able men, that the people were in many respects well governed and happy, and that kings and princes often showed courage and devotion in war as well as ability and skill in peace, will hardly be questioned. What gives the matter its gravely serious aspect at the moment, however, is the fact that, in more than one country, Monarchist sentiment is being systematically cultivated, Monarchist ideals are being enthusiastically proclaimed, and a return to monarchy is being pictured as a much-to-be-desired good, all with a view to undermining loyalty to the existing Republican or Democratic State, embarrassing the Government, impeding legislation, and preparing the way for revolution. It is this phase of the situation which is illustrated in what has just taken place in Germany; it is the same phase which shows itself in repeated Royalist outbreaks in France and Monarchist agitation in Poland.

Back of both of these manifestations of political discontent lies a factor of even more serious significance, namely the repeated demands for a dictatorship. The Mussolini spirit has traveled far, and Fascism has become an exportable commodity. Whether because the party situation is disordered,

or because Cabinets and Ministries are weak, or because national finances are in confusion, currency depreciated, or industry uncertain, the call for the strong man who shall bring order out of confusion continues to be heard. It was to this call that Mussolini responded in Italy, with results which, while they have undoubtedly been attended with certain marked benefits to the Italian people, are of very uncertain value for other environments. It is the same call that appears to have inspired Pilsudski in leading an armed rising in Poland, and it is the same that has been openly proclaimed in Germany and repeatedly hinted at in France. There is nothing to do, apparently, but to await the outcome. Certain it is that the highest political development will come only to the peoples who learn to govern themselves, but wherever the great experiment shows signs of failing, or the progress that is desired is not, apparently, attainable with certainty by the political means at hand, the demand for a dictator will probably continue to be heard, and those who covet arbitrary power will try to seize control.

#### *The General Strike in Great Britain.*

It matters not, now that the sympathetic strike in Great Britain has been called off, whether in the English mines the lockout preceded the "strike" or the reverse—the miners' organization refused to accept a "penny less" or concede a "minute more" in the wage negotiations. Nor is it worth while to try to establish which side first broke away from the parleys, since, while they were in progress, an overt act of stoppage by strike, by union workers entirely outside the coal controversy, was committed against a newspaper, the "Daily Mail," for printing its opinion under the constitutional freedom of the press. Nor is it a justification of the contentions of the workers to say that they had no intent to interfere unnecessarily with business, since this term includes the ordinary association in production by capital and labor, and "labor" not only broke contracts with employers, but took itself outside the pale of production, and thus stifled trade and threatened starvation to workers outside unions. That foodstuffs should continue to be transported was as necessary to the life of the strikers as to that of the non-strikers. Possible consequences of a wanton act are a burden upon the doer regardless of his intent—as for example, one who throws a stone over a house and kills a man passing on the other side. The great thing to consider, to weigh and estimate, despite all protestations on the part of the strikers, is that in an attempt to win for the miners wages not granted, though they have and have had no thought of opposition to the Government, they were in fact *against* the Government, for by a "sympathy" strike they were openly keeping the Government from that *protection to outside business* which it has a right to demand and which it is the Government's duty to afford.

It is not disputed anywhere that the English coal industry needs to be completely overhauled and reorganized. It is hardly less disputed that it needs new and modern methods of mining. Many collieries are practically worked out and on a non-paying basis. As a consequence, it was pointed out, again and again, that, win or lose, the "strike" could settle nothing permanently, for the readjustment to meet world mine conditions must come sooner or later. Perhaps the great mistake the English Gov-

ernment made was in paying a subsidy to keep a concern going that was in a failing state. The time *had* to come when it could no longer tax the people to pay "living wages" to a single class unable to earn them, for the double reason of wasting mines and archaic mining methods. But that is water under the wheel now. A prominent paper on this side says it appears that a succession of errors was committed. This may be true. But this conflict had been for some time inevitable. Nor can the temperate observer fail to note that the wage methods of the unions over there are as outworn and confusing as any other component of the debacle. The involutions and convolutions of the computation under the wage scale as set up by the unions defy understanding by any but experts engaged in the work. Reading of them, at this distance, raised a doubt as to their adequate understanding by the miners themselves. Lacking in machinery, the mines must ultimately be operated on an entirely different basis—though union leaders, as now in this country, may demand wages increase to pay for the labor thus displaced. What is most important is to note that these complications in computing wages are chargeable primarily to the unions, for in and by their organizations they have *dictated* the scale, though it may have, in some instances, been taken advantage of by employers. If this be true, it must appear that the miners' unions have brought themselves to the impasse where, the Government refusing longer to continue the subsidy, they felt obligated to strike to establish what in the end must be an unjust, inequitable and futile wage scale. Union interference with direct negotiation between employee and employer, it follows, is responsible for a lack of progress by the English coal industry and it now turns on the miners themselves and makes hopeless of real gain the whole situation.

There are many lessons, in this conflict, to the workers of the world, and one lies just here in the long contentions between the two parties in interest—to which the Government adds a fatal extraneous factor. Among the sinister influences below and behind this present trouble are the claims of the unions through long years to control the uncontrollable. Unless the whole world be unionized into one great federation of workers in mines, the natural conditions that govern wage scales must always offer an obstacle to any partial settlement anywhere. And when we thus reach the silent control of natural conditions we discover the impossibility of adjustment to a local wage scale or of a local condition to a general. The more intensive, therefore, becomes local union control, the more out of balance it becomes with the world condition of coal. We do not quite appreciate this fact in our own country, for we have all the coal we need, anthracite and bituminous. This was demonstrated in the recent anthracite strike, when the use of bituminous broke at least the dictatorial power of the unions. But these same unions are going on devising rules for their workers as to work in the mines and contractual relations with employers which must some time recoil upon them and they will find themselves tied in a tangled web of their own making from which not even a "strike" will release them. It is a result that cannot be avoided. It is the natural law, against which they fight in vain who fight in opposition. So that not only is free government at stake everywhere when union labor power, guiltless of intent



though it may be, seeks to prevent the *protection of production*, but the unions themselves are in danger of final collapse because they will not work with instead of against natural law. And briefly though fully stated natural law demands free contracts between employer and employee according to instant conditions.

This condition of a "general strike" had to come somewhere, some time. It is the logical outcome of the organized effort of union labor to control industry. And it must as surely fail in the end, regardless of temporary settlements, as that free Governments shall continue to exist. And in the stand taken by the English Government it was fighting the battles of the world to maintain property rights and political supremacy in the highest sense of the term Socialism, syndicalism, communism, and anarchy, stand on the other side. As stated by Premier Baldwin so aptly and forcibly, in England it was the present Government, or an alternative Government with the Council of the Trades Union Congress at its head. We have had the threat of a general strike in the United States, where, of course, conditions render it impossible. And if behind all the trouble there is to be seen the influence of the fine hand of the Internationale, the scene of the test conflict was well chosen. But the English people were determined and dogged, and there was but one end, whatever the compromises, and that was the supremacy of the Government! What is a strike of sympathy? In the first place it is coercion. In the second place it is void of justice, accomplishing nothing, for though mercy must temper justice, sympathy is not mercy—workers in one industry cannot give mercy to those in another, for they are not parties to the original dispute. Coercion, thus, is conspiracy. And conspiracy against the rights of others is a recognized crime. In a sympathy strike there is no trouble between employer and employees. There is nothing to settle, to mediate, to arbitrate. Yet this form of "strike" paralyzes an innocent industry, and interferes with the orderly procedure of interlocking and interdependent business. The employers of sympathy strikers are entitled to the protection of Government. And for this reason a general strike based on sympathy passes out of the realm of negotiable disputes, and preventing the Government from the exercise of its duty of protection to enterprise and industry, becomes at once a coercive conspiracy against the Government itself.

And when we view "Government" as the organ and servant of the people in their collective political capacity, the enormity of the general strike is more clearly to be seen, for not only is the structure of Government imperilled, but the rights of persons to life and liberty are interfered with and destroyed, and the individual suffers deprivation and threatened death thereby. And so, as a natural consequence, in England, the dispute of the coal miners became a bagatelle, and was lost and swallowed up in the fact that there was a direct attack upon the Government. Thus challenged, self-defense by all its powers was imperative. And in the defense of Government, and law and order, there had to be a withdrawal of the general strike, before negotiations could be resumed. It was an added complication, an unfortunate one, that the Government, by reason of the subsidy, and by reason of the almost worldwide appeal to Governments to intervene in industrial and labor disputes, was a direct party in inter-

est. But the miners' unions having thus petitioned for redress, were at war with the very power they had invoked to aid them, and which had already fed them to the amount of a hundred million dollars. Not only did they turn upon a friend, not only did they throw readjustment of the coal industry into chaos, but they turned back the clock of their educational progress for an indefinite period.

The spectacle presented to the thought of the world is unmistakable. A handful of the population in England, the coal miners, in an industry peculiarly susceptible to universal competition, through unionism, in largely worked-out mines, precipitated a condition which threatened to throttle Government. Is it any wonder that 80% of the population, non-unionized and workers, saw the issue plainly, and turned to the Government with sympathy and offers of active aid? Is it any wonder that railway and other employers, hazarded by a sympathy strike, bent every energy to carry on? A dispute in a single industry involving a few millions of dollars in wages, caused such a cessation of work in enterprises not directly connected therewith as to threaten destruction to the trade, domestic and foreign, of one of the world's great nations. Hoping in the past for adjustment, the Government chose to temporize by granting out of the pockets of the people a subsidy. Compelled finally to withdraw it, the concession served only to whet the miners' appetite for power. This mistake, if it was one, is now in process of correction. And it is unthinkable that the Government was not in the right. It had to triumph, otherwise syndicalism or Communism would plunge all Governments into the confusion, horrors and failures of Soviet Russia. For these reasons it is impossible to overestimate the benefits that must accrue to the whole world from the failure of the sympathetic strike in Great Britain. The sporadic attempts now being made by individual unions at different points to continue the struggle, notwithstanding the action of the Trade Union Congress in withdrawing the general strike order, signify nothing, since they are nothing but sputterings on the surface and cannot affect the general outcome.

With us in the United States, how much of the tendency toward paternalism is due to the activities of unionism is hard to say. We have not reached to a consideration by Congress of a direct subsidy to coal miners, though we have periodical strikes. But we are, at the moment, on the verge of an indirect subsidy to the farmers. But unionism as a whole has obtained an eight-hour day. And it is not averse to law making which it considers especially favorable to the "workingman." Though it assumes to speak for all men who work, it numbers less than four million of the workers. Exempted from the operation of the law against the restraint of trade, it calls minor and particular strikes, though it joins with employers in advocating a lawful contract and contract between employers and employees of railways independent of other Governmental agencies of regulation and control. And in this it is to be commended. Further, now that the English example is before the world it must appear that the path to peace and prosperity is along the line of voluntary co-operation in the amicable adjustment by arbitration "inside the plant." We will gain all around in this country if we will map the course of intolerance on the part of organized labor and of a certain indifference and arrogance on the part of unorganized

capital. There is too much of organization on both sides, but far more upon the former than the latter. The inevitable end may be avoided by conference as well as by conciliation. London is far more nearly Great Britain than New York is the United States. But our large cities are growing rapidly in population. And in them lesser strikes are occurring all the time. A final outcome, such as this "general strike" is fostered by failure to reduce the number here, and by the constant resort to the "strike" as a weapon. About half of our population is therefore in daily contact with all the claims and coercive measures of unionism. Vital is the subject to our peaceful industrial future. Much can now be done to avert a final calamity by study and observation. And it may be said in candor that there are elements of opposition to "government" in any and every strike, however individual and limited. Again and again we assert the right of a man to work when and where and for whom he will. We seem to realize in all cases that the public has rights that must be respected. And we aver that property has rights, though the property be small, that must be protected. Our courts take action on picketing and unions resent injunctions. In and through it all "public opinion" should not fail to express itself upon "labor" versus "government" before it is forced to do so by some major and malefic struggle.

#### *The American City.*

The typical American city is not represented by the several large cities on the Atlantic Coast, Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore. Each of these has a distinctive character, largely local and historical. The one that greets the visiting foreigner is apt to be taken as representative of the nation. All have wide individual importance and influence. In various ways they set the pattern and are recognized leaders. For this reason we have recently called attention to Baltimore's notable movement in the way of improved city government, the result of the united action of a small group of important citizens. Because these gentlemen were recognized as having no personal or political aim, and their purpose was not to overthrow but to aid the existing city administration, they secured the cooperation and good-will both of the officials and the public, and in the face of difficulties now so common they have accomplished results which as substantiated by three years' experience are widely valuable.

The real American city has had its rise and growth in quite other conditions. It belongs to the Great West, the territory far back from the sea and mainly outside of the thirteen original colonies. It is the broad area of forest and plain stretching from the Alleghanies to the Rockies over which has poured the stream of men of all lands eager to share the undeveloped wealth of the New World and to have a hand in creating a new nation. The centre of population has followed them until now in its slow advance with the sun it is in western Indiana, approaching the centre of the Middle West, a region which with its many cities great and small, its vast production of corn and wheat and oil and iron and coal has a character and life of its own. In many ways it is the America of to-day. The resourcefulness, the energy, the vision and, if not the intelligence, the productive and creative ability of the country are largely there. If, as is claimed, the city

is the characteristic feature of our modern civilization, the American city in its distinctive features will be found there. Other cities may be larger, more widely known, more luxurious, with more evidence of art, of letters, of refinement, of culture, but only with them are to be found the traits which taken together are regarded as peculiarly American, a certain temper of mind and spirit the product of their history developed in the intermingling of the races so diverse in origin but now Americans all.

Because of this great fact, it is possible to take up the history of almost any Western city or the tale of any of its older families and read there the story of the West, individually, of course, but nevertheless the story of the influences which have shaped the community, and even the State, have developed its institutions and made the type of the manhood and womanhood which are so distinctive.

Such a personal narrative has just been written by a Chicago\* woman, which will stand out as being quite as characteristic as many of the popular Western tales, besides having the value of being true. As it covers nearly the century of Chicago's existence and is a detailed narrative by one who had wide acquaintance and intimate contact with many of the men who have been the makers of Chicago, it may be accepted as typical.

Mrs. Bowen's grandfather came with his bride to Chicago from Ohio in 1835. As he commanded rather more capital than did others, and saw the opportunity for investment, the life of his immediate descendants differed from others only in the fact that their circumstances were easier, but they shared the experiences that were common to all. It was the time of the Black Hawk War. Fort Dearborn constituted the little settlement and housed the settlers to protect them from the Indians. Mrs. Bowen's mother was the third white girl to be born there.

After a sketch of early conditions, in which the city grew rapidly, securing its future position, Mrs. Bowen's story begins with the Chicago fire, Oct. 8-9 1871. Some will recall the situation in the West in the years immediately following the Civil War. In 1867 the transcontinental railroads had been projected but hardly begun. The Union Pacific had just crossed Iowa and bridged the Missouri to Omaha. The Mexican cattle trains had barely abandoned the old Cimarron crossing over the Arkansas River to the Missouri border, which the Missouri Pacific had just reached at Kansas City. At the north Minnesota was out of the world. The line from Chicago and Milwaukee landed its passengers on the banks of the Mississippi at Prairie du Chien and ferried them across in the winter on flatboats lighted by torches and propelled much of the way with poles, advancing sometimes partly over the ice and partly in the water. The St. Paul & Pacific had stretched across the country recently abandoned by the Indians to the Red River, only to go into bankruptcy and await the energy of James Hill of St. Paul to develop it with the aid of Canadian capitalists into the Great Northern. The road to Lake Superior was not yet opened and Duluth was but a modest name for "the Zenith City of the Unsalted Sea," yet to replace the pine stumps. Minneapolis was a town of 11,000 inhabitants, with a small Government flour mill at the Falls to be bought by Charles A. Pillsbury, a young man from New Hampshire, coming West to try his fortunes and create in time the great

\*"Growing Up in Chicago," by Louise de Koven Bowen. Macmillan Co.



milling centre of the country. Denver, Col., had 2,000 inhabitants, the remainder of the disappointed gold seekers who had come to Pike's Peak and been compelled still to "go West." The outbreak of the Cheyenne-Kiowa war destroyed in 1867 the mail route east and west through Kansas.

Meanwhile Chicago was justifying her claim to be the metropolis of the West. The Great Fire which destroyed 18,000 buildings, produced the unity of effort and consolidation of interests which were needed to replace the great destruction and establish her future. It was the summons that challenged the energies of the men and women who were to be prominent in the days to come, and brought into continued operation the unrecognized abilities of the men who were not themselves aware of their existence. This was in fact the material out of which the cities of the West were to be built, as it was the first commanding manifestation of what is now known in both men and women as the "Western spirit." It is to be noted that the result would have been very different, if indeed it would have been at all possible, had it not been for the stream of devoted men and women who for nearly a hundred years since the opening of the West by the Act of 1787 had come from the East to plant Christian institutions, and, beginning in Ohio at Marietta and in the Western Reserve, had started in every State colleges and schools for the higher education which were to develop in universities and keep the lamp of learning and the blessings of Christian civilization at the heart of the new land.

Mrs. Bowen passing out of her girlhood with the call of the Fire found the field for the unflagging energy and ever-widening opportunity with which for more than half a century she devoted herself to the interests of the city. The story is too full to present here in more than a sketch. The experience she had as a girl with a Sunday School group of more than 100 lads developing into a series of clubs and associations, prepared her for the new tasks. Her home was one of the few of the better class that the Fire spared. Makeshift wooden shanties were built to house the homeless crowd. The need was great in all directions and she addressed herself to it.

The work had long to continue and many were engaged in it. In time she got into touch with Jane Addams and Hull House and promptly found a way to help it. Similar opportunity soon followed, first in aiding one hospital and then another. Experience with various charities led to joining the "United Charities Association" and many years of service on its Board as it expanded to meet the needs of the great city. As her own children in time gathered about her the appeal of the children in the midst of the rush and struggle of the thronging town fixed and absorbed her interest. The Children's Memorial Hospital, School Nurses, the Juvenile Court, Public Playgrounds, Boys' Clubs, the Juvenile Protective Association, of which she was President for 25 years, the Municipal Tuberculosis Sanatorium, which reduced the percentage of deaths on the United Charities lists from 12 to 2%, the Domestic Relations Court, the Boys' Court, the Psychopathic Clinic, the Mothers' Pension Act, mark the variety of her interests.

The Great War, of course, challenged her whole strength and she gave it. She made her beautiful home headquarters for all interests. Conferences over local concerns, settlements, hospitals, county

departments, were held there. When in February 1917 we were about to enter the war she was put upon the State Council of Defense with 15 men. Seven hundred thousand women were registered with 2,000 local units in the State, and 320,000 active members were soon employed. They were needed in all directions from those who were preparing hospital material and selling potato chips to increase the use of potatoes in the place of flour, to stenographers in the many offices, trained nurses for the army and the selling of millions of dollars' worth of Liberty bonds. Speakers were supplied in all directions to spread information of the meaning and necessities of the war, and training courses for women were opened all over the State that the women might be made as effective as possible. The welfare work has become permanent in its enlarged forms, of food, motherhood and protection of young girls. To-day Social Welfare and Allied Relief are added.

It is a remarkable personal history of a single life. Its real value, however, lies largely in its being one of many similar ones which have been witnessed throughout our land. It is the spirit and devotion in the field that was theirs that have combined to make the real West, and which continually reappear, and in fact are never sought in vain in the American city of to-day, for it is pre-eminently the creation of the men and women of the era now passing away, but whose work will endure.

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#### *The Annual Report of the New York Central Railroad.*

The New York Central Railroad occupies such an impregnable position of strength that it is able to make satisfactory income statements in good years and bad years alike. A conspicuous illustration of this was seen in the report for the calendar year 1924, which embraced a period of bad business, when the company was able, nevertheless, to present a very encouraging income exhibit, particularly in the matter of net results. The annual report now to hand for the calendar year 1925 relates to a period when far better business and industrial conditions prevailed and the income return reflects the improvement. And yet in the one case as in the other the striking feature is the steady advance in operating efficiency through which losses in gross revenues, when they occur, are in considerable measure overcome by savings in expenses and through which increases in revenues, when the state of trade and business permits the same, are rendered correspondingly more productive of available net income.

The calendar year 1924, as already noted, was a conspicuously bad period of twelve months. It was the year of a Presidential election, involving issues of great moment and attended by a slump in business during the spring and summer which has no parallel except the utter collapse in trade which occurred in 1921, following the war period of inflation. The Central's gross revenues in 1924, as a consequence of the industrial prostration referred to, fell off from those of 1923 in the sum of no less than \$51,427,853. But the management was able to meet this by a reduction in expenses to the extent of \$45,947,078, leaving, hence, a loss in net of only \$5,480,775, or less than 6%. In 1925 trade again improved, as stated, but nevertheless there was no repetition of the exceptional prosperity enjoyed in 1923—this

last having been perhaps the most prosperous period ever experienced by the great East and West trunk lines in the territory between Chicago and St. Louis and the Atlantic seaboard. Industrial activity in 1925 did not attain the phenomenal heights reached in 1923. It happened, too, that the New York Central at its eastern end had to contend with the anthracite miners' strike, which was in effect during the whole of the last four months of the year, though the loss here, the report tells us, was more than offset by the increased tonnage of bituminous coal and coke. On the other hand, however, study of the traffic statistics shows considerable falling off from 1924 in both the agricultural tonnage and the tonnage of animals and animal products, which presumably reflects the less favorable agricultural yield in 1925 than in 1924 and also the lower prices prevailing for many agricultural products, particularly wheat and corn.

That 1925 was not nearly so good a year for the company as 1923 had been, appears from the fact that out of the \$51,427,853 loss in railway operating revenues sustained in 1924 only \$16,387,574 was recovered in 1925. But the net revenue in 1925 nevertheless proved very much better than that of 1923. In other words, with an increase of \$16,387,574 in gross revenues in 1925 as compared with 1924, the augmentation in expenses was no more than \$10,470,795, yielding, therefore, a gain in net of \$5,916,779. The loss in net in 1924, as we have already seen, was only \$5,480,775, and the 1925 gain of \$5,916,779 accordingly exceeds this loss of the previous year in amount of \$436,004. The final result is that the net revenue from railway operations stands at \$95,553,546 for 1925, against \$89,636,767 for 1924 and \$95,117,542 for 1923. In the final analysis the situation resolves itself into this, that more net revenue was derived in 1925 from gross earnings of \$385,994,504 than in 1923 from gross revenue of \$421,034,783. We know of no more striking way of showing what has been accomplished through growing efficiency of operations than this simple comparison of net revenues for the last three years. The extent of the growth in efficiency may be expressed in another way by saying that in 1923 the ratio of expenses (not including taxes, which keep steadily rising year by year) to earnings was 77.41%, in 1924 it fell to 75.75 and in 1925 was further reduced to 75.24%.

It deserves to be further pointed out that of the \$10,470,795 increase in expenses in 1925 as compared to 1924, not a dollar was in the transportation expenses, but the whole of it was in the expenditures on maintenance account, and in some of the other

leading heads; \$6,633,951 more was spent on maintenance of ways and structures (part of this being due to maintenance outlays on the Hudson River connecting railroad and its yards) and \$2,000,973 more upon maintenance of equipment, while the general expenses were larger by \$1,790,155, the increase here being almost entirely due to the charging to the year's expenses of some extra items in connection with pension allowances.

The transportation expenses, so far from being larger than in the preceding year, were actually \$477,353 less. Yet the system moved 1,348,343,916 more tons of freight one mile and 45,814,644 more passengers one mile than in 1924. Put in another way, the lines of the system transported nearly 6% more freight and 11½% more passengers than in the previous year with an actual reduction in the transportation cost of doing the work. In 1924 the average train load was somewhat reduced under the great shrinkage in the volume of freight moved. In 1925 the load again increased, the average number of tons of revenue freight per train mile being 800.99, against 761.07 for 1924. Including company freight, the average was 892 tons in 1925, against 854 tons in 1924.

Under the steady development of net income outlined above, the amount earned for the stock makes, of course, a gratifying exhibit. Through the conversion into stock of the \$76,241,500 of 6% convertible debentures and issue and sale of 21,814 additional shares of stock the total amount of stock in the hands of the public in 1925 was increased to \$383,258,235. On this the company earned 12.69%. It had \$48,627,223 of net income available on the operations of the twelve months, while the 7% per annum dividends declared called for only \$26,732,833. In other words (after allowing for some minor items) the company had a surplus of no less than \$21,768,272 remaining after deducting the 7% paid upon the stock. This, too, is independent of the company's equity in the undistributed earnings of its subsidiary and controlled roads.

The financial position of the company is, of course, a very strong one. Its current liabilities on Dec. 31 1925, including the dividend payable Feb. 1 1926 and all accrued interest and rents, aggregated \$55,011,896, while the current assets (including \$35,167,841 of materials and supplies on hand) were no less than \$101,263,986, of which \$38,376,178 consisted of actual cash. It should be mentioned, too, that as a result of the conversion of so much funded debt into capital stock, the ratio of funded debt to total capitalization is now down to 64.51%, as against 74.16% at the end of 1923.

### ***Railroad Gross and Net Earnings for March***

For the first time in a long while our monthly compilation of the gross and net earnings of United States railroads, which this time covers the month of **March**, makes an unqualifiedly favorable showing, recording a considerable improvement over a year ago in gross and net earnings alike. The reasons for this lie on the surface. The anthracite miners' strike, which since the 1st of last September had been such a serious adverse influence with a large body of roads, was definitely brought to an end during Feb., and accordingly in March no longer operated to cut down the general totals of both gross and net earnings. Instead of the long list of losses

contributed by the anthracite carriers month after month, we have this time an imposing list of gains from that quarter, production at the mines having proceeded on a large scale since the return of the miners to work. Then, also, last year's crop shortage in certain portions of the West, which has acted to reduce revenues on certain of the roads in those parts of the country, is becoming a factor of diminishing importance with the approach of a new crop season holding forth much brighter prospects. The winter wheat promise, for instance, in the Southwest, more especially in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, is immensely brighter than was the case



a year ago, and the roads in that territory will soon be called upon to handle an enormous grain tonnage on account of the new crop.

Our compilations show that as compared with the same month last year, gross earnings of the Class I railroads of the United States, that is, the roads with gross revenues of \$1,000,000 a year or over, show a gain of \$43,668,624, or 8.99%, and that this was attended by an augmentation in expenses of only \$19,106,972, or 5.07% (the ratio of expenses to earnings the present year having been only 74.73%, as against 77.51% in March 1925), leaving, therefore, a gain in net in the sum of \$24,561,652, or 22.50%. In tabular form the comparisons are as follows:

Month of March (187 rds.)—	1926.	1925.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (—)
Miles of road.....	236,774	236,500	+274 0.11%
Gross earnings.....	\$528,905,183	\$485,236,559	+\$43,668,624 8.99%
Operating expenses.....	395,262,429	376,155,457	+19,106,972 5.07%
Ratio of expenses to earnings.....	74.73	77.51	
Net earnings.....	\$133,642,754	\$109,081,102	+\$24,561,652 22.50%

As modifying somewhat the favorable deductions and inferences to be drawn from the improved results here disclosed, it is important to bear in mind that the gains this year follow losses in gross and net both in March last year and in March the year before. In March last year, our statement registered \$18,864,833 decrease in gross and \$5,447,665 decrease in net, and we then remarked that the showing, speaking of the roads collectively, was the most disappointing of any month of that year. It seemed particularly disappointing because the losses followed losses in March of the year before (1924), when the decrease in gross had reached no less than \$30,628,340, though the loss in net was no more than \$2,914,076. There was, however, one gratifying feature then, namely the circumstance that the shrinkage in net earnings was relatively very much smaller than that in the gross. In other words, the falling off in the gross was offset in considerable part by reductions in expenses, reflecting growing efficiency of operations. As we have already seen, this growing efficiency in operations has continued in evidence the current year in showing a much smaller increase proportionately in the expenses than that registered in the gross earnings. And the further back we go the more striking the record becomes in that respect—barring 1923, when weather conditions were extremely unfavorable and a gain of \$59,806,190 in gross brought with it an addition of only \$3,419,324 to net earnings—which last, however, was the reverse of what happened in 1922, when a gain of \$16,059,426 in gross was attended by a reduction of \$38,577,773 in expenses, yielding \$54,637,199 gain in net, and the reverse also of what happened in 1921, when though the gross revenues showed a decrease of \$1,483,390, the net recorded an improvement of \$18,656,316. All this merely indicates that as the country gets further and further away from the period of Government control of the railroads, with its lavish and extravagant expenditures, railroad managers are once more gaining control over the expenditures of the roads and are able to effect important economies and savings.

Weather conditions are not, as a rule, a great drawback to railroad operations in March (January and February being the bad winter months) and the weather did not exert any serious adverse influence the present year in March, though temperatures were low and the season backward, whereas a year ago in March the reverse was true, the weather then being mild and the season far in advance of the ordi-

nary, but back in 1923 weather conditions in March were extremely adverse. Moreover, in 1923 the winter was very severe also in January and February, with heavy snows, making the adverse effects cumulative and entailing outlays of great magnitude on that account. In discussing the severity of the winter weather in our review of March 1923 we pointed out that in nearly the whole of the northern half of the country quite unusual weather conditions had prevailed. Here in the East in the last week of the month the Weather Bureau in this city on several days reported the lowest March temperature records during its existence. And the cold persisted right up to the close of the month. On the night of March 31-April 1, the latter being Easter, the official thermometer registered a temperature of as low as 12 degrees above zero. Previously the temperature in this city on March 31 had never been below 25. Furthermore, dispatches from Washington, D. C., in that year reported the coldest 1st of April ever experienced at many points east of the Mississippi River, with the mercury in Washington down to 15 degrees, 7 degrees under the record set April 19 1875, and lower than ever registered after March 21 in any year since the establishment of the Washington Weather Bureau in 1870. But the cold in 1923 was not so much of a drawback as the snowfalls and the snow blockades. Added to the numerous snow storms in February, which had then so seriously increased operating costs, more particularly in New England and northern New York, there were, in 1923, other snow storms during March, some of these in the West attaining the dimensions of blizzards. The result was that virtually everywhere outside of the South operating costs were heavily augmented. It was because of this that out of \$59,806,190 increase in gross earnings in March 1923, \$56,386,866, as already stated, was eaten up by augmented expenses, leaving only \$3,419,324 increase in the net.

It has already been noted that the loss in the net in 1925 and 1924 came after four successive years of increase. On the other hand, prior to 1920, March net had been steadily dwindling for a long period past, until the amount had got down to very small proportions. For instance, in March 1919 there was a loss in net of no less than \$52,414,969 in face of an increase of \$10,676,415 in the gross earnings, and furthermore, March 1919 was the third successive year in which the March expenses had risen to such an extent as to wipe out the gains in gross receipts—hence producing a cumulative loss in net. In the following we give the March totals back to 1906.

Year.	Gross Earnings.			Net Earnings.		
	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (—).	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (—).
March.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1906	129,838,708	116,861,229	+12,977,479	40,349,748	35,312,906	+5,036,842
1907	141,502,502	128,600,109	+12,902,393	40,967,927	40,904,112	+63,814
1908	141,193,819	162,725,500	-21,531,681	39,328,528	45,872,154	-6,543,626
1909	205,700,013	183,509,937	+22,190,076	69,613,713	55,309,871	+14,303,842
1910	238,725,772	205,838,832	+32,887,440	78,322,811	69,658,705	+8,664,106
1911	227,564,917	238,829,707	-11,264,790	69,209,367	68,190,493	+1,018,874
1912	237,564,332	224,608,654	+12,955,678	69,038,357	69,178,291	-8,275,145
1913	249,230,551	238,634,712	+10,595,839	64,893,146	68,198,291	-3,305,145
1914	250,174,257	249,514,091	+660,166	67,993,951	64,889,423	+3,104,528
1915	238,157,881	253,352,099	-15,194,218	68,452,432	67,462,082	+1,000,350
1916	296,830,406	238,098,843	+58,731,563	97,771,590	68,392,963	+29,378,627
1917	321,317,560	294,068,347	+27,249,213	88,807,466	96,718,706	-7,911,240
1918	362,761,238	312,276,881	+50,484,357	82,561,336	87,309,806	-4,748,470
1919	375,772,750	365,096,335	+10,676,415	29,596,482	82,011,451	-52,414,969
1920	408,582,467	347,090,277	+61,492,190	40,872,777	27,202,867	+13,669,910
1921	456,978,940	458,462,320	-1,483,380	58,538,958	39,882,602	+18,656,356
1922	473,433,886	457,374,470	+16,059,416	113,468,847	58,831,644	+54,637,199
1923	533,553,199	473,747,009	+59,806,190	117,117,122	113,697,798	+3,419,324
1924	504,016,114	534,644,454	-30,628,340	114,754,514	117,668,590	-2,914,076
1925	485,498,143	504,362,976	-18,864,833	109,230,036	114,677,751	-5,447,665
1926	528,905,183	485,236,559	+43,668,624	133,742,754	109,081,102	+24,561,652

Note.—Includes for March 96 roads in 1906; 94 in 1907; in 1908 the returns were based on 152,058 miles of road; in 1909, 233,702; in 1910, 239,691; in 1911, 244,081; in 1912, 238,218; in 1913, 240,510; in 1914, 245,200; in 1915, 246,848; in 1916; 247,363; in 1917, 248,185; in 1918, 230,336; in 1919, 226,086; in 1920, 206,319; in 1921, 234,832; in 1922, 234,986; in 1923, 235,424; in 1924, 235,715; in 1925, 236,559; in 1926, 236,774

For 1911, 1910 and 1909 we use the Inter-State Commerce figures, which then were slightly more comprehensive than our own (though they are so no longer), but for preceding years, before the Commerce Commission had any comparative totals of its own, we give the results just as registered by our own tables each year—a portion of the railroad mileage of the country being always unrepresented in the totals in these earlier years, owing to the refusal of some of the roads then to give out monthly figures for publication.

In the case of the returns of the separate roads, the increases in both gross and net earnings are so general and so numerous that there is little occasion for enumerating specific instances. Losses, on the other hand, are equally rare. This means simply that virtually all classes of roads and all sections of the country have participated in the improvement, or perhaps it would be more accurate (in most cases) to say in the recovery following previous losses. The Pennsylvania Railroad, on the lines directly operated, reports \$5,711,943 addition to gross and \$2,931,510 addition to net; last year these lines showed \$3,367,652 decrease in gross and \$2,812,772 decrease in net. The New York Central this time has \$3,103,770 gain in gross and \$369,755 gain in net. This is for the Central proper. With the various auxiliary and controlled roads included, the result is \$4,967,610 gain in gross and \$1,160,872 gain in net. This last follows \$4,443,847 loss in March last year and \$1,760,774 loss in net. The Baltimore & Ohio the present year has \$803,024 increase in gross and \$268,356 increase in net, which comes after \$882,511 loss in gross and \$87,040 loss in net in March 1925. In the following we show all changes for the separate roads for amounts in excess of \$100,000, whether increases or decreases and in both gross and net. It will be seen that there are only two roads with decreases running above the figure mentioned in the case of the gross and six with decreases above that amount in the case of the net.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN GROSS EARNINGS FOR MARCH.

	Increase.		Increase.
Pennsylvania	\$5,711,943	Hocking Valley	\$302,006
New York Central	3,103,770	Virginian	276,431
Union Pacific (4)	1,864,839	Chicago & East Illinois	273,537
Reading	1,652,352	Central of Georgia	269,744
Norfolk & Western	1,604,218	Georgia Southern & Fla.	259,393
Louisville & Nashville	1,558,995	Los Angeles & Salt Lake	259,221
Chesapeake & Ohio	1,545,932	Grand Trunk Western	243,667
Erie (3)	1,185,533	N Y Chicago & St Louis	217,330
Atlantic Coast Lines	1,169,248	St Louis San Francisco (3)	204,434
Seaboard Air Line	1,168,685	Wheeling & Lake Erie	204,350
Atch. Top. & Santa Fe (3)	1,158,627	Buffalo Roch & Pittsb.	200,225
Southern Railway	1,132,607	Western Maryland	190,700
Michigan Central	1,100,658	Colorado Southern (2)	176,476
Chicago & North Western	1,084,737	Cinc New OrL & Tex Pac	153,484
Florida East Coast	1,021,240	Det & Tol Shore Line	151,698
N Y N H & Hartford	973,353	Maine Central	150,577
Boston & Maine	896,596	Central New England	136,191
Chicago Burl & Quincy	886,045	Nashv Chatt & St Louis	130,276
Baltimore & Ohio	803,024	Denver & Rio Grande	127,857
Chicago Milw & St Paul	753,473	Western Pacific	127,557
Clev Cinc Chic & St L	686,406	N Y Susq & Western	124,155
Pere Marquette	668,609	Elgin Joliet & Eastern	117,564
Delaware & Hudson	610,582	Chic St Paul Minn & Om	110,211
Great Northern	608,529	Detroit Toledo & Ironton	108,345
Illinois Central	573,477	Bangor & Aroostook	107,113
Lehigh Valley	526,004	Denver & Salt Lake	103,589
Northern Pacific	517,786	Atlanta Birm & Atlantic	100,457
Chic R I & Pacific (2)	485,503		
Central of New Jersey	429,152	Total (79 roads)	\$42,318,324
Delaw Lack & Western	404,505		
Southern Pacific (7)	374,631		
N Y Ontario & Western	365,482	Bessemer & Lake Erie	Decrease.
Wabash	361,093	Missouri-Kansas-Texas (2)	\$272,344
Missouri Pacific	324,996		208,126
Long Island	303,002	Total (3 roads)	\$480,470

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

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

b The New York Central proper shows \$3,103,770 increase. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the whole going to form the New York Central System, he result is a gain of \$4,967,610.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN NET EARNINGS FOR MARCH.

	Increase.		Increase.
Pennsylvania	\$2,931,510	Chicago Burl & Quincy	\$797,326
Atch Top & Santa Fe (3)	1,879,510	Union Pacific (4)	796,396
Norfolk & Western	1,363,618	Louisville & Nashville	756,592
Reading	1,246,870	Chesapeake & Ohio	748,619
Boston & Maine	1,044,380	Delaware & Hudson	746,137
Erie (3)	1,000,508	N Y N H & Hartford	709,384

	Increase.		Increase.
Michigan Central	\$674,192	Hocking Valley	\$216,238
Delaw Lack & Western	627,098	Chicago & East'n Illinois	204,339
Pere Marquette	617,423	Grand Trunk Western	187,509
Chicago & North Western	556,199	Lehigh Valley	155,504
Southern Pacific (7)	544,625	Great Northern	151,239
Chicago Milw & St Paul	542,590	Clev Cinc Chic & St Lou	133,214
Central of New Jersey	383,842	Buffalo Roch & Pittsb.	117,570
Florida East Coast	380,088	Wheeling & Lake Erie	115,357
New York Central	369,755	Pittsburgh & West Va.	101,418
Seaboard Air Line	340,166		
Southern Railway	334,688	Total (55 roads)	\$23,313,551
Elgin Joliet & Eastern	330,918		
Missouri Pacific	324,052	Bessemer & Lake Erie	Decrease.
Northern Pacific	304,410	Missouri-Kan-Texas (2)	\$237,273
Wabash	301,827		159,393
Atlantic Coast Lines	295,699	Illinois Central	139,886
N Y Ontario & Western	271,262	Gulf & Ship Island	138,630
Baltimore & Ohio	268,356	Yazoo & Mississippi Vall	128,716
Virginian	221,577	Minn St Paul & S S M.	122,256
Chicago R I & Pacific (2)	221,546	Total (7 roads)	\$926,124

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

b These figures merely cover the operations of the New York Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the result is an increase of \$1,160,872.

When the roads are arranged in groups or geographical divisions according to their location, we find every group showing an increase in gross and every group also an increase in the net, though in the case of the Southwestern group the gains are scarcely more than nominal in amount. Our summary by groups is as follows: We have rearranged the groups to conform with the classification of the Inter-State Commerce Commission and will follow that practice hereafter. The boundaries of the different groups and regions are shown in the footnote to the table:

SUMMARY BY DISTRICTS AND REGIONS.					
District and Region.	1926.		1925.		Gross Earnings Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)
March—					
Eastern District—	\$	\$	\$	\$	%
New England Region (10 roads)	24,838,598	22,433,428	+2,405,170	10.72	
Great Lakes Region (33 roads)	99,958,783	90,125,266	+9,833,517	10.91	
Central Eastern Region (30 roads)	121,755,848	110,867,041	+10,888,807	9.82	
Total (73 roads)	246,553,229	223,425,735	+23,127,494	10.35	
Southern District—					
Southern Region (31 roads)	79,909,594	77,993,749	+1,915,845	10.99	
Pocahontas Region (4 roads)	22,841,218	19,367,613	+3,473,605	17.93	
Total (35 roads)	102,750,812	91,361,362	+11,389,450	12.46	
Western District—					
Northwestern Region (18 roads)	53,830,093	50,417,049	+3,413,044	6.76	
Central Western Region (25 roads)	83,591,343	77,854,155	+5,737,188	7.36	
Southwestern Region (36 roads)	42,179,706	42,178,258	+1,448.003		
Total (79 roads)	179,601,142	170,449,462	+9,151,680	5.36	
Total all districts (187 roads)	528,905,183	485,236,559	+43,668,624	8.99	
District & Region—	Mileage		Net Earnings		
March—					
Eastern District—	1926.	1925.	\$	\$	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)
New Eng'd Region	7,480	7,664	7,282,138	5,295,096	+1,987,042 37.52
Great Lakes Region	24,925	24,957	26,604,376	21,077,420	+5,526,956 26.21
Cent'l East'n Region	26,942	26,936	26,911,842	20,936,284	+5,975,558 28.53
Total	59,347	59,557	60,798,356	47,308,800	+13,489,556 28.51
Southern District—					
Southern Region	38,355	38,173	23,380,536	21,231,252	+2,158,284 10.16
Pocahontas Region	5,541	5,530	7,584,102	5,242,304	+2,341,798 44.67
Total	43,896	43,703	30,973,638	26,473,556	+4,500,082 17.03
Western District—					
Northwestern Region	48,658	48,719	9,746,582	8,148,848	+1,597,734 19.60
Cent'l West'n Region	53,932	53,670	22,047,442	17,407,601	+4,639,841 26.65
Southwestern Region	30,941	30,851	10,076,736	9,742,297	+334,439 3.42
Total	133,531	133,240	41,870,760	35,298,746	+6,572,014 18.61
Total all districts	236,774	236,500	133,642,754	109,081,102	+24,561,652 22.50

NOTE.—We have changed our grouping of the roads to conform to the classification of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, and the following indicates the confines of the different groups and regions:

EASTERN DISTRICT.

New England Region.—This region comprises the New England States.  
 Great Lakes Region.—This region comprises the section on the Canadian boundary between New England and the westerly shore of Lake Michigan to Chicago, and north of a line from Chicago via Pittsburgh to New York.  
 Central Eastern Region.—This region comprises the section south of the Great Lakes Region, east of a line from Chicago through Peoria to St. Louis and the Mississippi River to the mouth of the Ohio River, and north of the Ohio River to Parkersburg, W. Va., and a line thence to the southwestern corner of Maryland and by the Potomac River to its mouth.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Pocahontas Region.—This region comprises the section north of the southern boundary of Virginia, east of Kentucky and the Ohio River north to Parkersburg, W. Va., and south of a line from Parkersburg to the southwestern corner of Maryland and thence by the Potomac River to its mouth.  
 Southern Region.—This region comprises the section east of the Mississippi River and south of the Ohio River to a point near Kenova, W. Va., and a line thence following the eastern boundary of Kentucky and the southern boundary of Virginia to the Atlantic.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

Northwestern Region.—This region comprises the section adjoining Canada lying west of the Great Lakes region, north of a line from Chicago to Omaha and thence to Portland and by the Columbia River to the Pacific.  
 Central Western Region.—This region comprises the section south of the Northwestern region, west of a line from Chicago to Peoria and thence to St. Louis, and north of a line from St. Louis to Kansas City and thence to El Paso and by the Mexican boundary to the Pacific.  
 Southwestern Region.—This region comprises the section lying between the Mississippi River south of St. Louis and a line from St. Louis to Kansas City and thence to El Paso and by the Rio Grande to the Gulf of Mexico.

Western roads had to contend with a diminished grain movement in March the present year, as appears from the fact that the receipts of wheat, corn, oats, barley and rye, combined, at the Western primary markets reached only 46,176,000 bushels in the



four weeks ending March 27 the present year, as against 55,792,000 bushels in the corresponding period of the preceding year. All the different cereals contributed to the falling off with the exception of rye, the receipts of which were 910,000 bushels in 1926, as against 687,000 bushels in 1925. The details of the Western grain movement in our usual form are set forth in the table we now subjoin:

WESTERN FLOUR AND GRAIN RECEIPTS.

4 Weeks Ended March 27.	Flour (bbls.)	Wheat (bush.)	Corn (bush.)	Oats (bush.)	Barley (bush.)	Rye (bush.)
<b>Chicago—</b>						
1926	933,000	793,000	7,262,000	2,350,000	422,000	100,000
1925	1,061,000	988,000	7,831,000	2,757,000	620,000	86,000
<b>Milwaukee—</b>						
1926	114,000	155,000	606,000	718,000	732,000	28,000
1925	72,000	401,000	1,258,000	710,000	757,000	60,000
<b>St. Louis—</b>						
1926	425,000	1,420,000	1,547,000	2,220,000	35,000	—
1925	391,000	2,657,000	2,181,000	2,726,000	—	2,000
<b>Toledo—</b>						
1926	—	430,000	378,000	458,000	—	16,000
1925	—	109,000	398,000	211,000	—	8,000
<b>Detroit—</b>						
1926	—	38,000	35,000	52,000	—	21,000
1925	—	74,000	40,000	84,000	—	—
<b>Peoria—</b>						
1926	214,000	158,000	2,028,000	636,000	127,000	8,000
1925	187,000	37,000	1,917,000	837,000	118,000	2,000
<b>Duluth—</b>						
1926	—	1,340,000	6,000	424,000	16,000	334,000
1925	—	1,884,000	144,000	32,000	119,000	262,000
<b>Minneapolis—</b>						
1926	—	5,626,000	902,000	1,499,000	1,197,000	403,000
1925	—	5,623,000	2,333,000	2,517,000	1,463,000	266,000
<b>Kansas City—</b>						
1926	—	1,799,000	1,674,000	355,000	—	—
1925	—	2,322,000	3,177,000	295,000	—	—
<b>Omaha and Indianapolis—</b>						
1926	—	889,000	2,914,000	1,039,000	—	—
1925	—	1,077,000	3,018,000	1,404,000	—	—
<b>Stout City—</b>						
1926	—	203,000	154,000	264,000	5,000	—
1925	—	129,000	398,000	232,000	2,000	1,000
<b>St. Joseph—</b>						
1926	—	512,000	811,000	374,000	—	—
1925	—	599,000	855,000	110,000	—	—
<b>Wichita—</b>						
1926	—	434,000	201,000	28,000	—	—
1925	—	393,000	244,000	24,000	—	—
<b>Total all—</b>						
1926	1,686,000	13,797,000	18,518,000	10,417,000	2,534,000	910,000
1925	1,711,000	16,293,000	23,794,000	11,939,000	3,079,000	687,000
<b>Jan. 1 to March 27.</b>						
<b>Chicago—</b>						
1926	3,059,000	3,195,000	31,453,000	8,139,000	1,638,000	347,000
1925	3,772,000	4,417,000	27,701,000	12,955,000	2,710,000	717,000
<b>Milwaukee—</b>						
1926	422,000	572,000	4,399,000	2,516,000	2,130,000	313,000
1925	262,000	811,000	3,874,000	3,271,000	3,273,000	459,000
<b>St. Louis—</b>						
1926	1,317,000	6,115,000	6,002,000	8,223,000	205,000	13,000
1925	1,396,000	7,438,000	7,305,000	9,618,000	156,000	17,000
<b>Toledo—</b>						
1926	—	1,551,000	1,804,000	1,104,000	1,000	56,000
1925	—	1,042,000	1,282,000	1,194,000	1,000	40,000
<b>Detroit—</b>						
1926	—	205,000	259,000	243,000	3,000	74,000
1925	11,000	419,000	138,000	469,000	37,000	76,000
<b>Peoria—</b>						
1926	626,000	291,000	7,417,000	2,157,000	380,000	10,000
1925	677,000	344,000	6,944,000	2,927,000	320,000	15,000
<b>Duluth—</b>						
1926	—	5,446,000	18,000	3,313,000	161,000	1,469,000
1925	—	6,619,000	174,000	2,880,000	302,000	1,960,000

	Flour (bbls.)	Wheat (bush.)	Corn (bush.)	Oats (bush.)	Barley (bush.)	Rye (bush.)
<b>Minneapolis—</b>						
1926	—	22,311,000	3,572,000	5,681,000	4,141,000	1,306,000
1925	—	20,966,000	9,729,000	8,944,000	5,165,000	1,104,000
<b>Kansas City—</b>						
1926	—	7,771,000	7,182,000	1,438,000	—	—
1925	—	8,205,000	8,918,000	1,771,000	—	—
<b>Omaha and Indianapolis—</b>						
1926	—	2,778,000	11,020,000	3,571,000	—	—
1925	—	4,797,000	11,587,000	5,573,000	—	—
<b>Stout City—</b>						
1926	—	640,000	743,000	759,000	14,000	—
1925	—	486,000	1,901,000	864,000	14,000	5,000
<b>St. Joseph—</b>						
1926	—	1,544,000	2,893,000	615,000	—	—
1925	—	2,489,000	3,170,000	320,000	—	—
<b>Wichita—</b>						
1926	—	2,094,000	804,000	210,000	4,000	—
1925	—	2,278,000	1,097,000	152,000	—	—
<b>Total all—</b>						
1926	5,424,000	54,513,000	77,566,000	37,969,000	8,669,000	3,596,000
1925	6,118,000	62,311,000	83,820,000	50,938,000	11,978,000	4,423,000

On the other hand, the Western live stock movement was larger in March the present year. The receipts at Chicago comprised 22,660 carloads, against 20,102 carloads in 1925, and at Omaha 10,120 cars, against 9,976. At Kansas City, however, the receipts were only 8,441 cars, as against 8,993 cars in 1925.

Like the grain movement in the West, the cotton movement in the South in March was smaller than that of a year ago. Gross shipments overland in March 1926 were 77,256 bales, as against 143,979 bales in 1925; 76,701 bales in 1924; 144,181 bales in 1923 and 141,845 bales in March 1922. At the Southern outports the receipts of the staple were 495,262 bales the present year, as compared with 649,078 bales in March 1925 and 237,789 bales in March 1924. The receipts at the different ports for the month and since Jan. 1 for the last three years are shown in the table which follows:

RECEIPTS OF COTTON AT SOUTHERN PORTS IN MARCH AND FROM JAN. 1 TO MARCH 31 1926, 1925 AND 1924.

Ports.	March.			Since Jan. 1.		
	1926.	1925.	1924.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Galveston	123,359	185,238	76,376	556,371	793,194	467,046
Texas City, &c.	101,136	180,170	47,183	390,959	620,870	191,152
New Orleans	143,547	138,210	64,356	495,388	492,704	315,950
Mobile	11,891	12,160	3,752	34,802	37,698	15,703
Pensacola, &c.	556	1,115	806	1,138	2,231	4,486
Savannah	63,787	52,830	18,272	150,986	146,246	82,512
Brunswick	—	—	—	—	350	—
Charleston	25,796	26,144	9,879	79,159	84,070	26,731
Wilmington	7,670	16,401	1,761	22,750	40,274	12,236
Norfolk	17,520	36,810	15,311	66,874	104,789	65,174
<b>Total</b>	<b>495,262</b>	<b>649,078</b>	<b>237,789</b>	<b>1,798,427</b>	<b>2,322,426</b>	<b>1,180,990</b>

## Indications of Business Activity

### THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME. Friday Night, May 14 1926.

Climatic conditions have operated against trade in different parts of the country. In the far Southwest it has been too wet and also in some parts of the West. It has been unseasonably cold over much of the country during most of the week. Even in the South the temperatures at certain times of the day have been wintry, and it has not been much better in New York. It has been too dry and cool along the Atlantic Coast generally. Wholesale and jobbing trade lags. A certain amount of business has been irrecoverably lost by a late, cold, wet spring. Iron and steel have been quiet, with some decline in iron and shading of prices, it is intimated, in some parts of the steel trade. The grain business has been more or less disorganized by the big British strike, though prices in spite of this have held their own well during the past week. The export business as a rule has been light, though Canada has on one or two days reported a good foreign trade. There is more or less business doing in American durum wheat in Europe, but other grades are neglected. The winter wheat crop promises to be 150,000,000 bushels larger than last year's. Cotton has advanced moderately owing to the lateness of the season over the entire South, and the fact that the critical month of May has been too cold and wet. Usually a wet May means a rather small crop, although there have been a few exceptions in the past. To-night there are

fears of unsettled weather in Texas over Sunday and this accounted for the advance to-day. The domestic cotton consumption in April, it is true, shows a noteworthy decrease as compared with the high record figures of March and also the peak total for April of last year. This decrease is attributable largely to curtailment of the cotton mills in the South Atlantic section.

Wool has been dull, partly owing to the British strike and the fact that the big London auction sales have had to be suspended for a time. Textile industries are for the most part quiet, whether as regards cotton, wool or silk. And some goods are said to be offering at below the cost of production, notably wash and silk fabrics, as well as worsteds. Curtailment of output in cotton, silk and woolen mills continues, with orders for forward delivery in general light. At times the weather has been somewhat warmer in the Central West and also on the Pacific Coast and for the moment this has stimulated retail trade to some extent. But on the whole May temperatures have been abnormally low all over the country. That fact has militated against trade in a hundred avenues of ordinary activity. There is some falling off in steel production. The output of bituminous coal has been steadily decreasing. That of anthracite coal, however, is at the highest of the year. One result of the British strike was the increase of shipments of foreign pig iron to this country. General merchandise exports in April fell below the imports, the same as in Janu-

ary, February and March. Exports were smaller than in April 1925; imports were larger. The automobile output has fallen off somewhat. The same is true of furniture. Building has been less active, partly, no doubt, because of unfavorable weather, though there is not the same scarcity of buildings in this country that there was a year ago, and still more so just after the war. Prices of commodities of late on the whole show more advances than declines. This is noticeable for the first time in the present month. American tin plate sold rather freely to Europe, American makers getting business that ordinarily goes to Welsh manufacturers. This was, of course, due entirely to the British strike and cannot last now that the strike has been declared off. In the West some shoe factories are busier than they were recently. But on the whole trade in this line is not equal to that of a year ago.

Coffee has advanced somewhat with Brazilian markets higher of late. But the rise was restricted by the evident desire on the part of Brazilian holders during most of the week to sell, with competition of mild coffee ahead. Sugar has latterly declined, but early in the week there was a rise in prices with quite a brisk demand here. A railroad strike in Cuba was begun on the 10th inst., but has latterly been settled. The British sugar trade has of late been very dull, as might have been expected, with transportation suspended. But doubtless the normal transactions will be resumed next week. Rubber was active here in the middle of the week, but has latterly sold less freely, and London prices have weakened under the prospect of dulness of trade for a time owing to the slowness with which transportation is being resumed in Great Britain. The coal trade here has been rather quiet than otherwise. It did not benefit much if at all from the British strike. The trouble in the coal business across the water is partly a legacy of the war in an over-stimulated production due to the demands incident to the great struggle, but is also attributable to increasing competition as time goes on from oil and hydro-electric power. In all countries the coal trade situation is more or less abnormal, partly because of a slackness of trade among the great coal using industries. The coal question in most countries is a knotty one and nowhere is it more difficult of solution than in Great Britain. Prime Minister Baldwin has framed new proposals for settlement of the coal problem and they were presented to-day to employers and the miners. The railway workers have returned to work. Normal transportation will be resumed as rapidly as possible.

The stock market has naturally been more or less affected by the British strike and to-day was somewhat weaker, with trading on a relatively light scale for these times. Money rates showed some tendency to advance. Bonds have been firm, though not at all active. Strikes abroad and bad weather in this country have weighed more or less heavily on American trade. But with the labor outlook clearing across the water and better weather on this side in the natural course of things near at hand the business outlook is not regarded as unhelpful, although there is no sign of activity anywhere. On the contrary, there is a more or less rigid adherence to the custom that seems to have grown up in this country in recent years of buying a little at a time, knowing that the transportation system is so efficient that quick deliveries are certain, supplemented in some respects by the innovation in recent times of auto truck deliveries to the warehouses or homes of buyers.

At Woonsocket, R. I., one mill of the Manville Jencks Co. and another at Georgiaville, R. I., will curtail operations three days per week, owing to dulness of trade. The Southern Yarn Spinners Association of Charlotte, N. C., says yarn market conditions remain unchanged and business in volume is hardly likely to materialize for the next 60 days. Demand will be stimulated, however, by continuation of present curtailment. At Lynchburg, Va., the Consolidated Textile Corporation's plant has reduced its working hour schedule from 56 to 50 hours weekly, owing to decreased trade. Charlotte, N. C., wired that the cotton yarn trade as a whole was marking time with every likelihood of widespread curtailment within a short time.

The weather here has continued to be rather too cool for this time of year and also at the West and South. It rained here last night and this morning, but cleared off before noon. The Atlantic Coast, north and south, needs rain. Drought has prevailed for some time. It has been only partially relieved in the last 24 hours. In New York it was 52 to 66 on the 13th inst. and 65 this afternoon. In

Chicago it has latterly been 42 to 60, in Cincinnati 54 to 70, in Cleveland 46 to 62, in Milwaukee 36 to 50, at Abilene, Texas 54 to 76, and at various other points in Texas 40 to 46 degrees minimum and some of the maximum in different parts of the South have been in the 60's. There are fears of renewed unsettled weather in the Southwest over Sunday.

#### Wholesale and Retail Trade in Cleveland Federal Reserve District.

The following regarding retail and wholesale trade in the Federal Reserve District of Cleveland, is from the May 1 number of the "Monthly Business Review" of the Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank:

##### Retail Trade.

Sales of 70 department stores in March increased 1.8% over the same month a year ago, and for the first quarter gained 0.7%. Reports from individual cities differed widely. As compared with March 1925, Cincinnati, Columbus and Dayton made considerable gains, while Cleveland and New Castle showed declines of 7.7 and 11.9%, respectively.

Two factors entered largely into the retail situation in March. First, Easter came on April 12 last year and on the 4th this year; thus the bulk of the Easter trade occurred in March this year, but in April in 1925. Second, March of 1925 was an unusually mild month in this district, and thus received a larger share than usual of the normal spring trade, while the past March was very severe, and the usual spring selling was delayed. The effect of the first factor would naturally be to increase sales during March 1926, as compared with last year, while the second factor had the opposite effect. Judging by the small percentage change in sales for the district as a whole, the two factors appear to have about counterbalanced each other. It is possible that the large increase in the more Southern cities may be attributed to some extent to the milder weather normally found in this section, together with the Easter trade.

Thirty out of 52 separate departments increased in March over the preceding year. Neckwear and veilings, silverware, leather goods, boys' wear and gloves, all gained over 20%, while losses of more than 20% occurred in woolen dress goods, women's suits, women's skirts and waists and blouses. Percentage changes in departments doing the greatest business in March were as follows:

	% change—Mar. 1926 compared with March 1925.
Silks and velvets .....	— 2.8
Men's Clothing .....	+ 6.3
Men's furnishings .....	+13.1
Boys' wear .....	+28.3
Women's coats .....	—10.8
Women's dresses .....	+18.7
Misses' ready-to-wear .....	— 2.2
Millinery .....	— 0.2
Women's and children's hosiery .....	+13.8
Shoes .....	+10.7
Furniture .....	+13.4
Draperies, lamps, shades .....	— 1.0
Floor coverings .....	— 4.4

March sales of 60 retail furniture firms in this district decreased 4.8% from last year; 18 wearing apparel firms decreased 2.7%; 3 chain drug firms gained 4.2%; five chain groceries declined 0.9%.

##### Wholesale Trade.

This bank's index number of sales of all wholesale firms combined stood at 90 in March, as compared with 89 a year ago. March exceeded the same month in 1922 and 1925 and was equal to 1924, but was smaller than 1921 and 1923, and therefore made a better showing than February, which recorded the lowest index number of any February in the past six years, and that hardware sales compared favorably with preceding years. Shoe sales were well ahead of the two previous years, but were considerably under 1921, 1922 and 1923. Dry goods and groceries remain depressed, both reaching a low point in March.

As compared with March of last year, groceries increased 0.04%, drugs 15.1%, and shoes 5.9%. Dry goods and hardware declined 5.3 and 0.6%, respectively. For the first quarter of 1926 drugs gained 6.5% and shoes 7.2%, while groceries decreased 2.7%, dry goods 6.3%, and hardware 4.8%.

#### Business Activity in Richmond Federal Reserve District in March-April This Year at Slightly Higher Level Than Last Year.

In March and the early weeks in April business activity in the Richmond Federal Reserve District was maintained at a slightly higher level than in the corresponding period of last year, says the April 30 "Monthly Review" of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, from which we quote the following:

Building operations in the district as a whole, as measured by the value of building permits, continued larger than in the corresponding month of the preceding year, although the number of permits issued was smaller than a year ago. Retail trade exceeded that of March 1925 by 8% and for the first quarter of 1926 sales were 6% larger than in the corresponding period of last year. Wholesale sales of shoes and drugs were larger than last year, but sales of groceries, dry goods, hardware and furniture were smaller. Crop planting this year is about ten days later than in 1925, but the soil is full of moisture and is in excellent condition for quick growth. Continued cold weather held back the apple crop, which is the leading fruit crop in the district, until danger from late frost damage had practically passed. A year ago the drought which began in April retarded agricultural operations and resulted in materially reduced yields for almost all crops in the district. So far this year, however, weather conditions have not been favorable for early plantings, but there is sufficient moisture and prospects for yields are more satisfactory than in 1925. Prices, however, for the leading agricultural products, cotton and tobacco, are lower than in 1925.



**Summary of Domestic Business Conditions According to the Government—Dollar Volume of Home Business Increases.**

The dollar volume of business during the first week of May, as seen from figures on check payments, was larger than in either the previous week or a year ago, according to the weekly statement of the Department of Commerce, released for publication to-day (May 15). The value of building contracts awarded in 36 states was also larger than either comparative period, while the production of crude petroleum, although smaller than last year, recorded an increase over the previous week. Wholesale prices averaged higher but were more than 3% below the corresponding week of 1925.

Distribution of merchandise by freight continued to record increases over the previous year, the week ended May 1 showing an increase over a year ago amounting to 2%. Interest rates on call money for the week ending May 8 showed no change from the previous week but were higher than a year earlier. Stock prices averaged lower than in the previous week but were higher than a year ago. Business failures in the first week of May were smaller than in either the previous week or the same week of 1925.

**Decline in Factory Employment in New York State Places April on Level with October.**

A decline of more than 1% brought factory employment in New York State back to the October level. Apart from the seasonal slackening in January, this is the first definite step toward a contraction in industrial activity, though the February and March reports pointed to the approach of a recession. A preliminary index of employment based on reports from 90% of the firms included in the Labor Department's final tabulation was 101 as compared with 103 in March. A year ago the index stood at 100. June 1914, the month when these studies were started, is used as the base in computing the index series. The reduction in April involved 38 of the 55 industry divisions in the State, but even so, the contraction was more moderate than a year ago. Outside of the abrupt curtailment in the steel mills and a marked slowing up in some of the textiles, there were only a few large adjustments in working forces. This statement was issued May 10 by Industrial Commissioner James A. Hamilton. It was based on reports covering 490,000 factory employees, or 35% of all the workers employed in manufacturing throughout the State. Commissioner Hamilton's statement continues:

The outstanding changes of the month were the 6% drop in iron and steel, after the exceptional activity of March, and the weakened position of textiles. The drop in steel followed naturally upon the falling off in unfilled orders. The mills are still running above the spring of 1925, however. The turn in silk manufactures likewise followed several months of high production, but the decrease of 6% wiped out the gains of the fall and winter. Cotton goods were affected to a much smaller extent by the general slowing up in trade and one or two mills increased hours after a dull March. The woolen industry remained depressed, but carpet manufacturers, with one exception, maintained the high schedules of March.

*Automobile Production Still High.*

The automobile industry shared with steel the place of first importance among the metals. In the New York State factories the necessity for cutting down production is still limited to individual manufacturers. Although over 500 workers were released from some of the reporting plants, there was a small net gain for the industry. This includes a few service stations which reported a seasonal increase in business, but among the plants which advanced were several large manufacturers of both automobiles and parts. The gains made by the railroad equipment industry have been diminishing since the first large advance of October until in April a further drop in Rochester caused a small decrease for the whole industry. Repair work was uneven. Other metals lost except for the two industries—firearms and instruments—which in the past seven months have been moving steadily upward after an uninterrupted depression of almost two years. The 2% gain in instruments was only partly due to a seasonal increase in photographic goods. Electrical equipment and machinery again lost severely in April. Since the peak of December over three thousand workers have been released from the reporting factories. Other machinery improved a little. Brass and copper were a little below March.

*Building Materials Above 1925.*

The upward movement in building materials gathered momentum in April. Forces in the brick yards rose almost 30% while the gain in cement was somewhat less. In both these industries the winter drop was less severe than in 1924-1925 and employment is now higher than a year ago. Planing mills were busier in April, though seasonal fluctuations are much less marked here. Furniture manufacturers made more small reductions in employment.

*Seasonal Reductions in Sewing Trades.*

A general slowing up in most of the sewing trades in April meant the release of over 2,500 operatives. Modistes were still taking on more workers for the summer season, but manufacturers of men's clothing and of women's coats and suits reduced forces 8 and 6%, respectively. Dress manufacturers slowed up less abruptly, while makers of buttons and trimmings used in these trades followed in line. Shirts and collars continued the slow decline of previous months, but in two or three of the up-State factories higher earnings followed the reduction in forces. New York City shoe factories which were not working on summer lines lost further and

decreases predominated up-State. Individual settlements in some of the fur houses resulted in a busier month for April. Rubber goods resumed their downward course after a slight improvement during March.

Employment in the printing trades remained unchanged, but paper goods lost slightly. Drugs and household chemicals were more active and there was a seasonal gain in photographic supplies. Industrial chemicals were irregular and some of the oils were below March.

The usual quiet in food products caused manufacturers to release 3,000 workers in April. Part of the previous month's improvement in the biscuit factories was lost and candy also started downward after the Easter business. Dairy products and beverages were the only industries which were affected by the approach of the warmer months. Cigars continued to reach new lows.

*Decrease in New York City Mostly Seasonal.*

In New York City factories, as in the total State, the April reduction in employment was not as severe as a year ago. Even so, factories on the representative list for this city are not employing as many workers as in April 1925. The reduction in the month just past amounted to 2%. A large part of this decrease was due to seasonal adjustments in clothing and allied industries, such as shoes and trimmings, where losses ranged from about 2 to 6%. Decreases in all the food industries excepting beverages also may be attributed largely to seasonal causes, though in cigars they were the result of continued depression.

In contrast to these reductions and the slowing up in textiles was the unusual steadiness of the metals. This group of industries was of primary importance in keeping the April loss less than last year. In spite of some fluctuations in the individual plants there was no change for the group. Drugs and household chemicals, corks, house trim and plaster all responded to seasonal demands. A few manufacturers of store furniture, picture frames and pianos continued to slow up. Printing was even with March.

*Largest Drop in Tri-City District.*

The April decrease of more than 3% in the Albany-Schenectady-Troy district was largely the result of a few important reductions in the metals. Textiles and shirt and collar factories also slowed up, but fewer employees were involved in the losses. The general policy of contraction in the iron and steel industry applied to the mills of this district. Machinery and electrical equipment continued to follow its sharp downward course, though one or two plants on part time in March reported a seasonal revival in April. Earnings rose in some of the shirt factories, although employment still moved downward.

*Steel and Chemicals Important in Buffalo's Loss.*

The automobile industry presented the only contrast to the general decline which occurred in the Buffalo district. In April the contraction here was not quite as severe as in the Tri-City district, but it was larger than the 2% decrease reported in April 1925. However, Buffalo of all the cities still shows the largest gain over last year. The most important reduction of the month was in the steel mills, which slowed up after a very active March. Railroad equipment was about the same as in the previous month. Some of the heating apparatus shops released more employees and electrical equipment manufacturers eliminated some part time by cutting down forces. Mineral products were somewhat more active.

Another important loss appeared in industrial chemicals. The rest of the decreases in this district were largely seasonal.

*No Change in Syracuse.*

Syracuse, the other automobile centre, reported a further contraction in this industry, though total employment for the district remained unchanged as compared with March. The rest of the metals were irregular, with increases predominating. Chemicals improved after the losses of February and March. There were gains in shoes, textiles and clay products which more than covered the reductions of the preceding month.

*Textiles Responsible for Utica's Small Decrease.*

Employment in Utica declined less than 1% in April. The largest loss was in the textiles, where several manufacturers enforced substantial reductions. Metals were carried upward because of the further advance made by firearms and tools, but other lines tended to slow up. Leather and leather goods continued on their upward course. The gain amounted to 9% in April, but other industries lost seasonally.

*Losses Fewer in Binghamton.*

Binghamton reported a decrease in April, the smallest since employment started downward in January. Although there was a further reduction in the shoe industry, it was limited to one or two plants. The only other loss of any size was in the textile mills. Earnings were slightly higher in the cigar factories and employment rose in wood products.

*Rochester Clothing Slack.*

The usual decrease in the men's clothing industry, continued from March, made a decline inevitable for this city. The loss this April was under 2%. A few of the shoe factories were slowing up also and a liquidation greatly increased the decrease for this industry. All the metals except railroad equipment and a few plants making machinery and electrical equipment were more active in April. The gain in instruments was particularly good. There was also a seasonal increase in chemicals. Textiles improved after a reduction last month. Food plants dropped a few more of the workers taken on in February.

**Automobile Price Reductions.**

Of great interest in the automobile industry, was the price reduction announced May 10 by Walter P. Chrysler, President of the Chrysler Corporation, on the six-cylinder "70" line. The reductions varied from \$50 to \$200 on the different models as shown by the comparative price list below:

Model—	New Price.	Old Price.	Reduction*
Coach.....	\$1,395	\$1,445	\$50
Roadster.....	1,525	1,625	100
Royal coupe.....	1,695	1,795	100
Brougham.....	1,745	1,865	120
Sedan.....	1,545	1,695	150
Royal sedan.....	1,795	1,995	200
Crown sedan.....	1,895	2,095	200

These reductions follow the introduction of a new low-priced six-cylinder line known as the "Chrysler 60," which was noted in our issue of last week, page 2565, and complete the company's line of models priced between \$1,000 and \$2,000, the most highly competitive price field in the industry.

**Census Report on Cotton Consumed—Consumption Below a Year Ago.**

Under date of May 14 1926 the Census Board issued its regular preliminary report showing cotton consumed, cotton on hand, active cotton spindles and imports and exports of cotton for the month of April 1925 and 1926 and the nine months ending with April. Cotton consumed amounted to 575,799 bales of lint and 61,952 bales of linters, compared with 596,541 bales of lint and 59,253 of linters in April last year, and 634,593 bales of lint and 60,532 bales of linters in March this year, the Bureau announced. The statistics of cotton in this report are given in running bales, counting round as half bales, except foreign bales, which are in equivalent 500-lb. bales.

The amount of cotton on hand in consuming establishments on April 30 1926 was 1,639,174 bales, contrasted with 1,767,686 bales on March 31, last, and 1,511,008 bales on April 30 1925.

The quantity of cotton on hand in public storage and at compressors on April 30 was 3,530,811 bales, against 4,162,268 bales on March 31 and 1,666,209 bales on April 30, of last year.

The number of active spindles during April was 32,893,042 compared with 33,233,382 during March and 33,409,936 during April, 1925.

The exports of domestic cotton during April, including linters, amounted to 516,494 running bales, against 519,732 running bales during March and 472,555 running bales during April of last year.

The imports of foreign cotton during April totaled 33,464 500-lb. bales in comparison with 45,725 500-lb. bales during March last, and 22,409 500-lb. bales during April of 1925.

Linters consumed during April amounted to 61,952 bales, compared with 60,532 bales in the previous month and 59,253 bales in the same month last year. There were 180,192 bales on hand in consuming establishments on April 30, against 187,298 bales on March 31 and 162,680 bales on April 30 1925. The number of bales in public storage and at compressors on April 30 last, was 84,269 bales, compared with 84,658 bales on March 31 last and 49,663 bales on April 30 1925.

**Increase in Postal Receipts at Fifty Selected Cities in April.**

The postal receipts at the fifty selected cities throughout the country for the month of April 1926 showed an increase of 6.08% increase over the corresponding month of 1925, according to figures made public May 6 by Postmaster-General New. The total receipts for April 1926 were \$30,851,460, while for April 1925 they were \$29,083,231, an increase of \$1,768,229 in last month's receipts over the corresponding period last year. The city of Jacksonville, Fla., led all others in the percentage of increase, with 30.36%. Fort Worth, Texas, came next with an increase of 28.29%. Houston, Texas, was third with an increase of 20.70%, while Baltimore, Md., ranked fourth, showing an increase of 19.75%. The summary follows:

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

Offices—	April 1926.	April 1925.	Increase.	P. C. 1926 Over 1925.	P. C. 1925 Over 1924.	P. C. 1924 Over 1923.
New York, N. Y.	6,303,197 31	5,833,391 52	469,805 79	8.05	8.48	9.09
Chicago, Ill.	5,022,244 08	4,907,216 27	115,027 81	2.34	7.41	10.88
Philadelphia, Pa.	1,740,916 55	1,612,277 88	128,638 67	7.98	9.62	5.12
Boston, Mass.	1,393,174 09	1,315,007 53	78,166 56	5.94	10.00	8.39
St. Louis, Mo.	1,075,055 84	1,077,811 56	*2,755 72	*.26	7.80	12.28
Kansas City, Mo.	922,455 90	844,422 12	78,033 78	9.24	11.82	8.63
Detroit, Mich.	888,197 11	783,341 15	104,855 96	13.39	9.63	21.52
Cleveland, Ohio.	832,189 40	781,023 03	51,166 37	6.55	9.78	15.34
Los Angeles, Calif.	708,822 22	708,213 68	608 54	.09	4.92	21.48
San Fran., Calif.	708,066 94	689,404 27	18,662 67	2.71	13.49	9.68
Brooklyn, N. Y.	700,179 05	643,255 80	56,923 25	8.85	2.44	20.77
Pittsburgh, Pa.	634,818 90	600,742 63	34,076 27	5.67	5.1	14.03
Cincinnati, Ohio.	662,364 40	640,336 02	21,978 38	3.43	21.00	12.98
Minneapolis, Minn.	556,516 51	541,001 34	15,515 17	2.87	4.57	5.47
Baltimore, Md.	595,838 75	497,577 03	98,261 72	19.75	10.07	5.61
Milwaukee, Wis.	457,106 72	438,545 81	18,560 91	4.23	8.57	18.51
Washington, D. C.	487,269 09	430,325 20	56,943 89	13.23	4.54	10.16
Buffalo, N. Y.	400,020 48	420,215 64	*20,195 16	*4.81	9.55	.63
St. Paul, Minn.	379,257 05	361,094 76	18,162 29	5.03	6.40	8.34
Indianapolis, Ind.	432,227 39	405,380 30	26,847 09	6.62	7.68	29.46
Atlanta, Ga.	323,794 66	300,366 21	23,428 45	7.80	1.01	11.76
Newark, N. J.	323,676 10	317,980 30	5,695 80	1.79	12.03	16.49
Denver, Colo.	307,297 15	285,409 37	21,887 78	7.67	9.00	7.87
Dallas, Tex.	296,782 32	263,172 89	33,609 43	12.77	5.33	1.07
Seattle, Wash.	269,025 22	244,917 39	24,107 83	9.84	2.79	18.77
Omaha, Neb.	260,887 30	253,502 33	7,384 97	2.91	2.00	6.37
Des Moines, Iowa.	277,766 86	256,045 45	21,721 41	8.51	9.17	5.53
Portland, Ore.	244,528 12	229,652 95	14,875 17	6.48	4.0	12.19
Louisville, Ky.	242,193 16	229,769 57	12,423 59	5.41	4.81	13.48
Rochester, N. Y.	261,701 56	251,325 19	10,376 37	4.13	7.78	13.87
Columbus, Ohio.	230,648 76	227,702 61	2,946 15	1.29	5.59	15.04
New Orleans, La.	240,660 11	231,084 41	9,575 70	4.14	4.56	11.18
Toledo, Ohio.	204,247 27	184,923 23	19,324 04	10.45	5.15	15.61
Richmond, Va.	186,751 97	166,738 42	20,013 55	12.00	8.98	5.96
Providence, R. I.	169,275 79	165,557 96	3,717 83	2.25	3.81	12.52
Memphis, Tenn.	190,371 28	175,212 72	15,158 56	8.65	7.94	4.13
Dayton, Ohio.	192,827 89	184,168 21	8,659 68	4.70	29.57	23.15
Hartford, Conn.	182,864 45	167,366 15	15,498 30	9.26	9.84	6.34
Nashville, Tenn.	150,158 13	144,240 94	5,917 19	4.10	9.12	4.73
Houston, Tex.	154,384 93	127,902 57	26,482 36	20.70	5.63	7.85
Syracuse, N. Y.	143,502 39	137,312 26	6,190 13	4.51	6.82	10.80
New Haven, Conn.	141,505 94	130,739 66	10,766 28	8.23	8.62	6.32
Grand Rap., Mich.	137,045 64	131,579 84	5,465 80	4.15	12.18	11.53
Akron, Ohio.	132,214 27	118,815 56	13,398 71	11.28	8.95	4.86
Fort Worth, Tex.	141,751 55	110,488 90	31,262 65	28.29	9.69	48.09
Jersey City, N. J.	111,446 05	111,055 78	390 27	.35	14	14.59
Springfield, Mass.	108,645 15	111,502 95	*2,857 80	*2.56	8.19	19.97
S. L. City, Utah.	114,030 25	113,800 35	229 90	.20	14.42	4.07
Jacksonville, Fla.	111,367 37	85,431 03	25,936 34	30.36	14.17	9.07
Worcester, Mass.	100,190 70	94,832 77	5,357 93	5.65	2.73	15.46
Total.....	30,851,460 12	29,083,231 51	1,768,228 61	6.08	8.04	10.44

\* Decrease.  
Jan. 1926 over Jan. 1925, 6.77%; Feb. 1926 over Feb. 1925, 9.53%; March 1926 over March 1925, 15.02%.

**Increase in Postal Receipts at Fifty Industrial Cities During April.**

Postal receipts for the fifty industrial cities for April 1926 amounted to \$3,233,857, as compared with \$3,108,132 for April 1925, an increase of \$125,725, or 4.05%. The greatest percentage of increase was recorded by Tampa, Fla., with 29.93%, with Cheyenne, Wyo., second with 29.43%, and Lexington, Ky., third, with 24.59%. Tabulated figures follow:

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

Offices—	April 1926.	April 1925.	Increase.	P. C. 1926 Over 1925.	P. C. 1925 Over 1924.	P. C. 1924 Over 1923.
Springfield, Ohio.	\$226,099 69	\$194,340 90	\$31,758 79	16.36	48.93	*3.47
Oklahoma, Okla.	127,444 84	123,636 90	3,807 94	3.08	20.08	.22
Albany, N. Y.	132,240 52	127,349 18	4,891 34	3.84	5.39	21.29
Seranton, Pa.	99,618 14	97,978 28	1,639 86	1.67	*3.16	26.89
Harrisburg, Pa.	95,995 91	107,117 68	*11,121 77	*10.38	29.37	6.72
San Antonio, Tex.	97,020 95	94,721 67	2,299 28	2.43	9.46	11.73
Spokane, Wash.	94,105 54	88,631 31	5,474 23	6.18	8.56	6.79
Oakland, Calif.	146,729 01	137,669 28	9,059 73	6.58	27.30	14.82
Birmingham, Ala.	130,463 27	117,556 80	12,906 47	10.98	12.97	15.73
Topeka, Kan.	91,918 70	103,242 29	*11,323 59	*10.97	4.49	15.17
Peoria, Ill.	84,852 02	81,258 58	3,593 44	4.23	2.66	9.94
Norfolk, Va.	74,465 94	70,989 34	3,476 60	4.90	8.15	7.80
Tampa, Fla.	95,032 46	73,142 64	21,889 82	29.93	14.09	8.96
Fort Wayne, Ind.	99,193 51	93,239 57	5,953 94	6.38	8.58	14.03
Lincoln, Neb.	72,632 06	70,691 01	1,941 05	2.75	5.10	.96
Duluth, Minn.	66,374 60	65,257 24	1,117 36	1.71	1.64	9.03
Little Rock, Ark.	71,366 09	69,507 36	1,858 73	2.67	5.05	4.7
Sioux City, Iowa.	68,292 48	67,932 42	360 06	.53	2.19	4.89
Bridgport, Conn.	74,454 57	71,021 73	3,432 84	4.83	3.82	10.94
Portland, Me.	66,234 80	76,049 96	*9,815 16	*12.91	25.90	16.64
St. Joseph, Mo.	57,878 27	58,298 86	*420 59	*.72	3.92	10.49
Lynn, Mass.	63,587 90	78,754 70	*15,166 80	*19.26	3.47	11.84
Trenton, N. J.	65,568 17	64,240 46	1,327 71	2.07	14.74	16.76
Wilmington, Del.	66,555 57	57,114 72	9,440 85	16.52	2.6	16.47
Madison, Wis.	67,418 41	62,956 77	4,461 64	7.09	4.40	26.89
South Bend, Ind.	74,910 75	62,729 23	12,181 52	19.42	12.68	19.03
Charlotte, N. C.	62,424 82	62,901 58	*476 76	*.76	12.34	19.10
Savannah, Ga.	47,454 30	46,672 83	781 47	1.67	*7.68	20.77
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	49,544 90	46,704 12	2,840 78	6.08	8.77	4.86
Charleston, W. Va.	48,904 87	49,545 65	*640 78	*1.29	*3.82	22.13
Chattanooga, Tenn.	68,323 02	62,012 22	6,310 80	10.18	1.31	14.73
Schenectady, N. Y.	48,724 38	48,666 45	57 93	.12	6.06	36.27
Lynn, Mass.	46,616 34	39,606 19	7,010 15	17.70	*6.06	31.68
Fremont, La.	42,284 51	39,941 71	2,342 80	5.86	3.03	15.19
Columbia, S. C.	32,162 77	40,362 08	*8,199 31	*25.31	5.91	22.20
Fargo, N. Dak.	33,975 91	30,092 46	3,883 45	12.90	9.14	*3.62
Sioux Falls, S. D.	35,916 66	37,502 18	*1,585 52	*4.23	22.87	10.96
Waterbury, Conn.	34,262 40	36,289 34	*2,026 94	*5.58	2.22	20.60
Pueblo, Colo.	27,789 54	28,298 27	*508 73	*1.80	6.71	13.41
Manchester, N. H.	25,207 92	24,433 96	773 96	3.16	*7.39	15.30
Lexington, Ky.	39,673 13	31,842 07	7,831 06	24.59	6.53	18.75
Phoenix, Ariz.	31,352 06	28,414 39	2,937 67	10.34	14.08	13.84
Butte, Mont.	22,635 59	22,347 46	288 13	1.29	*2.10	16.35
Jackson, Miss.	27,920 03	25,593 02	2,327 01	9.09	13.22	14.90
Boise, Idaho.	18,792 00	20,662 00	*1,870 00	*10.05	*12.14	28.60
Burlington, Vt.	21,322 82	20,423 67	899 15	4.40	12.05	9.04
Cumberland, Md.	16,352 97	13,799 44	2,553 53	18.50	11	13.50
Reno, Nev.	15,475 40	14,093 94	1,376 51	9.76	*6.83	30.01
Albuquerque, N. M.	14,481 50	13,409 85	1,071 65	7.99	*2.03	22.71
Cheyenne, Wyo.	11,809 91	9,124 22	2,685 69	29.43	*19.48	*17.02
Total.....	\$3,233,857 37	\$3,108,131 98	\$125,725 39	4.05	11.02	12.48

\* Decrease.  
Jan. 1926 over Jan. 1925, 7.21%; Feb. 1926 over Feb. 1925, 11.08%; March 1926 over March 1925, 16.14%.

**Lumber Industry now at Seasonal Peak.**

The National Lumber Manufacturers Association received telegraphic reports May 13 of the status of the lumber industry for the week ended May 8, from 386 of the larger softwood, and 134 of the chief hardwood, mills of the country. The 372 comparably reporting softwood mills showed slight decreases in production, shipments and new business, when compared with reports for the week earlier, when, however, nine more mills reported—implying no noteworthy change in the industry, which is now at the normal seasonal peak, May being the heavy lumber buying month. In comparison with reports from 366 mills for the same period a year ago, increases of about 10% in all three factors were noted. The hardwood operations showed increases in production and shipments, and a decrease in new business, when compared with reports from 115 mills the previous week. Additional data of interest we quote from the National Lumber Manufacturers Association as follows:

The unfilled orders of 238 Southern pine and West Coast mills at the end of last week amounted to 713,090,026 ft., as against 711,535,766 ft. for 240 mills the previous week. The 131 identical Southern pine mills in the group showed unfilled orders of 286,810,710 ft. last week, as against 283,086,436 ft. for the week before. For the 107 West Coast mills the unfilled orders were 426,279,316 ft., as against 428,449,330 ft. for 109 mills a week earlier.

Altogether the 372 comparably reporting softwood mills had shipments 101% and orders 100% of actual production. For the Southern pine mills these percentages were respectively 101 and 106; and for the West Coast mills 116 and 112.

Of the reporting mills, the 377 with an established normal production for the week of 228,399,206 ft., gave actual production 101%, shipments 107% and orders 105% 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.....	372	366	383
Production.....	270,762,750	251,819,430	277,971,144
Shipments.....	274,604,457	250,710,938	290,871,532
Orders (new business).....	270,955,653	250,809,058	274,101,492

The following revised figures compare the softwood lumber movement of the same eight regional associations for the first 18 weeks of 1926 with the same period of 1925:



	Production.	Shipments.	Orders.
1926-----	4,585,010,508	4,803,934,275	4,805,677,740
1925-----	4,315,896,881	4,436,460,436	4,315,367,306

The Southern Cypress Manufacturers Association of New Orleans (omitted from above tables because only recently reporting) for the week ended May 5, reported from 14 mills a production of 4,695,189 feet, shipments 4,600,000 and orders 3,740,000. In comparison with reports for the previous week, this Association showed some decrease in production, and slight increases in shipments and new business.

**West Coast Movement.**

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wires from Seattle that new business for the 107 mills reporting for the week ended May 8 was 12% above production, and shipments were 16% above production. Of all new business taken during the week 46% was for future water delivery, amounting to 55,037,559 feet, of which 36,887,043 feet was for domestic cargo delivery, and 18,150,516 feet export. New business by rail amounted to 58,559,284 feet, or 49% of the week's new business. Forty-seven per cent of the week's shipments moved by water, amounting to 57,353,176 feet, of which 40,712,198 feet moved coastwise and intercoastal, and 16,640,978 feet export. Rail shipments totaled 60,619,642 feet, or 49% of the week's shipments, and local deliveries 5,348,995 feet. Unshipped domestic cargo orders totaled 128,356,898 feet, foreign 140,216,574 feet and rail trade 157,705,854.

**Fire Hazard Tends to Curtail Employment.**

Logging, lumber manufacturing, general construction and building work are in large volume, according to the Four L Employment Service, while smaller industries for the most part are generally active. A dry season has brought an unusually early fire hazard and reports from several districts indicate that logging will be suspended or curtailed at an early date, unless conditions change. Ninety per cent of the fir logging operations are running, although fallers and buckers have been laid off at many camps. East of the Cascades logging and lumber manufacturing are at 80% of capacity.

**Southern Pine Reports.**

The Southern Pine Association reports from New Orleans that for 131 miles reporting, shipments were 0.66% above production and orders 5.85% above production and 5.16% above shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 75,837,870, shipments 72,113,596, and production 71,643,870 feet. The normal production of these mills is 80,514,566 feet. Of the 120 mills reporting running time, 88 operated full time, 18 of the latter overtime. Three mills were shut down, and the rest operated from two to five and one-half days.

The Western Pine Manufacturers Association of Portland, Oregon, with three fewer mills reporting, showed a slight increase in production, some decrease in shipments, and new business about the same as that reported for the week earlier.

The California White and Sugar Pine Manufacturers Association of San Francisco, California, (one mill closed down) with three more mills reporting, showed some increase in production, shipments about the same, and a notable decrease in new business.

The California Redwood Association of San Francisco, California, with one less mill reporting, showed a nominal decrease in production, a substantial increase in shipments, and new business somewhat below that reported the previous week.

The North Carolina Pine Association of Norfolk, Virginia, with three more mills reporting, showed considerable increases in production and new business, and approximately a 50% increase in shipments.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers Association of Minneapolis, Minnesota, with one less mill reporting, showed material decreases in production and shipments, and a heavy decrease in new business.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, (in its softwood production) with three more mills reporting, showed more than 100% increase in production, shipments about the same, and a marked increase in new business.

**Hardwood Reports.**

The hardwood mills of the Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association reported from 19 mills, production as 5,039,000 feet, shipments 2,658,000 and orders 2,240,000.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute of Memphis, Tennessee, reported from 115 units, production as 17,642,416 feet, shipments 15,605,957 and orders 13,771,121. The normal production of these units is 19,577,000 feet.

For the past 18 weeks (revised figures) all hardwood mills reporting to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association gave production 495,339,763 feet, shipments 476,003,903, and orders 478,990,211.

**West Coast Lumbermen's Association Weekly Review.**

One hundred and nine mills reporting to West Coast Lumbermen's Association for the week ending May 1 manufactured 110,918,194 feet of lumber, sold 109,480,099 feet and shipped 125,420,003. New business was about 1% under production. Shipments were around 13% above production.

COMPARATIVE TABLE SHOWING PRODUCTION, NEW BUSINESS, SHIPMENTS AND UNFILLED ORDERS.

Week Ending—	May 1.	April 24.	April 17.	April 10.
Number of mills reporting	109	108	107	111
Production (feet)-----	110,918,194	111,671,726	111,684,059	114,403,592
New business (feet)-----	109,480,099	105,646,834	114,039,294	113,914,880
Shipments (feet)-----	125,420,003	123,466,503	108,845,256	120,408,621
Unshipped balances:				
Rail (feet)-----	157,983,471	167,610,000	173,460,000	180,060,000
Domestic cargo (feet)---	129,072,082	145,832,484	151,122,895	157,987,839
Export (feet)-----	141,393,777	142,546,295	140,674,598	145,077,866
Total (feet)-----	428,449,330	455,988,779	465,257,493	483,125,705
First 18 weeks of 1926.	1,759,115,947	1,783,691,836	1,783,742,653	1,733,009,475
Production (feet)-----	1,870,865,432	1,796,499,916	1,714,075,148	1,932,964,868
New business (feet)-----	1,828,844,984	1,822,834,143	1,847,080,680	1,971,857,084

**Lumber Production and Shipments During Month of March.**

The "National Lumber Bulletin," published monthly by the National Lumber Manufacturers Association of Washington, D. C., and Chicago, Ill., on May 7 issued the following data on the production and shipments of lumber during March:

LUMBER PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENTS AS REPORTED MONTHLY BY MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS TO NATIONAL LUMBER MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION FOR MARCH 1926 AND MARCH 1925.

Association.	March 1926.				
	Mills	Production.		Shipments.	
		Hardwds. M ft.	Softwds. M ft.	Hardwds. M ft.	Softwds. M ft.
California Redwood-----	15	-----	45,092	-----	32,877
California White & Sugar Pine Mfrs.	27	-----	102,862	-----	122,195
Georgia-Florida Saw Mill-----	10	-----	12,391	-----	11,310
North Carolina Pine-----	50	-----	32,092	-----	29,091
Northern Hemlock & Hardwd. Mfrs.	42	54,622	17,227	33,301	14,629
Northern Pine Mfrs-----	9	-----	3,004	-----	31,532
Southern Cypress Mfrs-----	10	3,123	8,743	3,010	12,916
Southern Pine-----	161	-----	373,748	-----	366,241
West Coast Lumbermen's-----	95	-----	384,839	-----	395,597
Western Pine Mfrs-----	45	-----	145,769	-----	148,485
Lower Michigan Manufacturers----	11	9,458	1,228	7,179	2,205
Individual reports-----	32	18,599	43,477	20,790	37,298
Total-----	507	85,802	1,190,442	64,298	1,204,376

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Association.	March 1926.				
	Mills	Production.		Shipments.	
		Hardwds. M ft.	Softwds. M ft.	Hardwds. M ft.	Softwds. M ft.
California Redwood-----	15	-----	39,153	-----	32,314
California White & Sugar Pine Mfrs.	27	-----	64,884	-----	88,416
Georgia-Florida Saw Mill-----	9	-----	7,885	-----	7,674
North Carolina Pine-----	59	-----	37,698	-----	37,894
Northern Hemlock & Hardwd. Mfrs.	43	47,186	16,674	25,481	14,049
Northern Pine Mfrs-----	9	-----	30,004	-----	29,245
Southern Cypress Mfrs-----	12	3,375	16,503	4,400	13,513
Southern Pine-----	178	-----	422,076	-----	401,593
West Coast Lumbermen's-----	114	-----	396,496	-----	391,421
Western Pine Mfrs-----	37	-----	134,857	-----	121,617
Lower Michigan Manufacturers----	8	7,232	1,838	5,493	2,587
Individual reports-----	23	10,134	49,230	8,746	47,435
Total-----	534	67,930	1,217,298	44,120	1,187,758

Total production—March, 1926, 1,276,244 M ft.; March 1925, 1,285,228 M ft.  
Total shipments—March 1926, 1,268,674 M ft.; March 1925, 1,231,878 M ft.

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

	Mills.	March 1926	
		Production. M ft.	Shipments M ft.
Alabama-----	21	31,633	30,741
Arkansas-----	19	42,155	39,091
California-----	34	114,011	129,300
Florida-----	14	30,338	28,813
Georgia-----	6	3,875	3,836
Idaho-----	17	49,747	61,303
Louisiana-----	46	92,190	103,571
Michigan-----	20	25,407	19,325
Minnesota-----	5	23,004	23,968
Mississippi-----	40	112,880	107,458
Montana-----	10	26,129	23,365
North Carolina-----	12	4,709	3,327
Oklahoma-----	3	8,443	6,372
Oregon-----	56	246,133	231,006
South Carolina-----	18	8,159	10,057
Texas-----	36	77,854	73,102
Virginia-----	16	17,861	16,200
Washington-----	65	242,542	254,179
Wisconsin-----	34	57,128	39,131
Others*-----	35	62,046	64,529
Total-----	507	1,276,244	1,268,674

\* Includes mostly individual reports, not distributed.

**Few Changes in Crude Oil and Gasoline Prices.**

The week in the crude oil and gasoline markets passed off very quietly as regards price changes, none at all being recorded in the crude oil trade during the early portion of this period, while the gasoline wholesale markets reported that on May 14 the U. S. grade motor gasoline sold at 11¼ to 11½ cents per gallon, against 11⅝ to 11½ cents previously.

Kerosene prices varied from 9¾ cents a gallon for 41-43 water white grade on May 8, to 10@10¼ cents for the same grade on May 10. On May 10 also the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey advanced the tank wagon price ½ cent throughout its territory to 16 cents a gallon. An advance of ½ cent was made in the export price, too, making export oil in cases 19.15 cents a gallon, and water white kerosene 20.40 cents a gallon.

Late on Friday press reports from Houston, Texas, stated that the Gulf Pipe Line Co., a subsidiary of Gulf Oil Corp., for the first time posted a schedule of prices for Panhandle crude oil. The schedule, which became effective May 7, corresponds to that of Kay County Gas Co. (subsidiary of Marland Oil Co.), and is as follows: Below 31 gravity, \$1 20 a barrel; 31 to 33.9 gravity, \$1 35; 34 to 36.9 gravity, \$1 55; 37 to 39.9 gravity, \$1 70; 40 gravity and above, \$1 75.

**Small Increase Reported in Crude Oil Production.**

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended May 8 was 1,994,050 barrels, as compared with 1,990,100 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 3,950 barrels. The daily average production east of California was 1,390,050 barrels, as compared with 1,385,100 barrels, an increase of 4,950 barrels. The following are esti-

mates of daily average gross production by districts for the weeks indicated:

In Barrels—	May 8 '26.	May 1 '26.	Apr. 24 '26.	May 9 '25.
Oklahoma	465,400	463,100	462,150	445,050
Kansas	105,150	105,150	102,800	95,650
North Texas	97,850	96,500	88,700	89,850
East Central Texas	56,300	55,350	55,750	130,250
West Central Texas	82,400	81,350	79,550	83,350
Southwest Texas	38,750	39,050	39,750	48,850
North Louisiana	55,050	54,450	51,500	52,350
Arkansas	175,750	173,200	170,700	401,800
Gulf Coast	95,800	97,750	93,500	99,000
Eastern	105,000	104,000	102,500	103,500
Wyoming	74,050	77,550	72,600	78,450
Montana	27,900	26,950	21,450	9,450
Colorado	7,000	6,800	6,600	2,300
New Mexico	3,650	3,900	3,900	500
California	604,000	605,000	604,500	598,000
Total	1,994,050	1,990,100	1,955,950	2,238,350

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 May 8 was 1,076,650 barrels, as compared with 1,068,150 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 8,500 barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover, Arkansas, heavy oil, was 941,950 barrels, as compared with 935,400 barrels, an increase of 6,550 barrels.

In Oklahoma production of South Braman is reported at 12,750 barrels, against 11,350 barrels; Thomas, 4,400 barrels, against 5,050 barrels; Tonkawa, 38,150 barrels, against 37,050 barrels; Garber, 39,750 barrels, against 34,150 barrels; Burbank, 41,150 barrels, against 41,050 barrels; Davenport, 13,650 barrels, against 15,200 barrels; Bristow-Slick, 29,850 barrels, against 29,900 barrels; Cromwell, 18,400 barrels, against 18,050 barrels, and Papoose, 12,200 barrels, against 12,100 barrels.

The Mexia pool, East Central Texas, is reported at 13,300 barrels, against 13,100 barrels; Corsicana-Powell, 30,600 barrels, against 30,200 barrels; Wortham, 9,650 barrels, against 9,250 barrels; Reagan County, West Central Texas, 33,600 barrels, against 32,200 barrels; Haynesville, North Louisiana, 10,350 barrels, against 10,300 barrels; Cotton Valley, 8,600 barrels, no change; Urania, 12,150 barrels, against 11,950 barrels; Smackover, Arkansas, light, 17,500 barrels, against 17,650 barrels; heavy, 134,700 barrels, against 132,750 barrels, and Lisbon, 10,650 barrels, against 10,500 barrels. In the Gulf Coast field Hull is reported at 21,600 barrels, against 22,200 barrels; West Columbia, 8,900 barrels, against 9,250 barrels; Orange County, 11,550 barrels, against 10,750 barrels; South Liberty, 5,200 barrels, against 5,350 barrels; Boling, 6,800 barrels, against 8,400 barrels; and in the Southwest Texas field Luling is reported at 22,700 barrels, against 22,950 barrels; Lytton Springs, 6,300 barrels, against 6,350 barrels.

In Wyoming Salt Creek is reported at 53,600 barrels, against 56,850 barrels.

In California Santa Fe Springs is reported at 50,000 barrels, no change; Long Beach, 103,000 barrels, against 104,000 barrels; Huntington Beach, 46,500 barrels, against 46,000 barrels; Torrance, 27,000 barrels, against 26,500 barrels; Dominguez, 20,500 barrels, against 21,000 barrels; Rosecrans, 17,500 barrels, against 18,000 barrels; Inglewood, 53,000 barrels, no change, and Midway-Sunset, 94,000 barrels, against 92,500 barrels.

**United States Steel Corporation Unfilled Orders Show Further Decline.**

In its regular monthly statement issued Monday (May 10) the United States Steel Corporation showed unfilled orders on books of the subsidiary corporations as of April 30 1926 at 3,867,976 tons. This is a decrease of 511,959 tons from the orders on hand March 31 and 748,846 tons from the unfilled tonnage as of Feb. 28 1926. Last year on April 30 the unfilled tonnage stood at 4,446,568 tons and for the corresponding date in 1924 at 4,208,447 tons. In the following we show figures back to the beginning of 1922. Figures for earlier dates may be found in our issue of April 14 1923, page 1617.

End of Month—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
January	4,882,739	5,037,323	4,798,429	6,910,776	4,241,678
February	4,616,822	5,284,771	4,912,901	7,283,989	4,141,069
March	4,379,935	4,863,564	4,782,807	7,403,332	4,494,148
April	3,867,976	4,446,568	4,208,447	7,288,509	5,096,917
May	-----	4,049,800	3,628,059	6,981,851	5,254,228
June	-----	3,710,458	3,262,505	6,386,261	5,635,531
July	-----	3,539,467	3,187,072	5,910,763	5,776,161
August	-----	3,512,803	3,289,577	5,414,663	5,950,105
September	-----	3,717,297	3,473,780	5,035,750	6,691,607
October	-----	4,109,183	3,525,270	4,672,825	6,902,287
November	-----	4,581,780	4,031,969	4,368,584	6,840,242
December	-----	5,033,364	4,816,676	4,445,339	6,745,703

**Slight Decline in April Steel Ingot Production.**

A small decrease was reported in the production of steel in April. This was partly due to the fact that there was one working day less than the previous month. The regular monthly statement of the American Iron & Steel Institute, reports the production of steel ingots in April, by companies, which in 1925 made 94.50% of the steel ingot production in that year, at 3,897,124 tons, of which 3,282,435 tons were open hearth, 601,037 tons Bessemer and 13,652 tons all other grades. On this basis the calculated monthly production for all companies during April was 4,123,941 tons, as compared with 4,488,362 tons in March, when steel production reached the highest figure in the history of the industry. The average daily production of all companies in April, with 26 working days, was 158,613 tons, as against 166,236 tons in March with 27 working days and 158,407 tons in February with only 24 working days. In the following we show the details of production back to 1925:

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF STEEL INGOTS, JAN. 1925 TO DEC. 1925. Reported for 1925 by companies which made 94.50% of the steel ingot production in that year.

Months 1925.	Open Hearth.	Bessemer.	All Other.	Monthly Production Companies Reporting.	Calculated Monthly Production All Companies.	No. of Working Days.	Approx. Daily Production All Cos. Gross Tons.
January	*3,263,256	689,996	11,960	*3,965,212	x4,193,281	27	x155,307
Feb	*2,933,225	602,042	*12,998	*3,548,265	x3,752,352	24	x156,348
March	*3,337,721	614,860	13,633	*3,966,214	x4,184,340	26	x161,321
April	*2,858,866	515,715	14,182	*3,388,763	x3,583,076	26	x137,834
4 mos.	*12,393,068	2,422,613	*52,773	*14,868,454	x15,723,649	103	x152,657
May	*2,755,561	497,708	13,796	*3,267,059	x3,454,971	26	x132,883
June	*2,540,729	476,945	12,490	*3,030,164	x3,204,451	26	x123,248
July	*2,446,068	457,095	13,547	*2,916,710	x3,084,472	26	x118,634
August	*2,698,285	523,734	12,914	*3,234,933	x3,420,998	26	x131,577
Sept	*2,738,673	547,121	13,977	*3,299,771	x3,489,565	26	x134,214
October	*3,077,114	584,567	15,624	*3,677,305	x3,888,814	27	x144,030
Nov	*3,092,194	581,347	17,087	*3,790,628	x3,902,900	25	x156,116
Dec	*3,169,796	569,304	15,843	*3,754,943	x3,970,918	26	x152,728
Total	*34,911,488	6,660,434	*168,043	*41,739,965	x44,140,738	311	x141,932

\* Revised. x Adjusted.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF STEEL INGOTS, JAN. 1926 TO APRIL 1926. Reported for 1926 by companies which made 94.50% of the steel ingot production in 1925.

Months 1926.	Open-Hearth.	Bessemer.	All Other.	Monthly Production Companies Reporting.	Calculated Monthly Production All Companies.	No. of Working Days.	Approx. Daily Production All Cos. Gross Tons.	Per Cent of Operation.
Jan.	3,326,846	581,688	13,664	3,922,198	*4,150,466	26	*159,633	*88.65
Feb.	3,023,829	556,031	12,818	3,592,678	*3,801,777	24	*158,407	*87.97
March	3,590,791	635,688	15,031	4,241,510	*4,488,362	27	*166,236	*92.32
April	3,282,435	601,037	13,652	3,897,124	*4,123,941	26	158,613	88.09
4 mos.	13,223,921	2,374,431	55,165	15,653,497	*16,504,548	103	160,821	89.31

\* Revised.

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

**Steel Output Declines Somewhat—Steel and Pig Iron Prices Drop—Effect of British Strike.**

Eight days of the general strike in Great Britain have brought indications that a considerable business in steel products and in fuel will come to this country if the conflict runs into weeks, reports the market review issued by the "Iron Age" May 13. Australian and New Zealand users of British tin plate have just ordered 20,000 boxes from American mills, and Canadian customers of Welsh producers have bought 30,000 boxes here. Other tin plate negotiations are under way, and the dislocations already produced by the strike are expected to turn demand to American mills for various forms of rolled steel, adds the "Age," giving further data as follows:

From Hampton Roads coal shipments for the week, chiefly to South America and European ports, have been at double the rate of preceding weeks.

At Philadelphia last week pig iron imports, at 24,000 tons, were unusually large, half the total coming from England, apparently hurried in anticipation of the general strike. The strength which eastern Pennsylvania producers expected, in view of the British situation, did not come, foundry iron in that district having declined 50c. a ton on fairly substantial sales.

Pig iron production in England has been generally suspended. In the face of idle tin plate mills, some business was booked there for third quarter delivery at current prices. Germany reports that the strike has produced no definite effect on either domestic or export trade in iron and steel.

The domestic steel market has borne out recent indications of a production rate in excess of requirements and of the increasing tendency of buyers to operate on narrower inventories. A falling off in April of 512,000 tons in Steel Corporation unfilled orders and the month's daily rate of ingot output for the country only 4.6% less than the record rate of March point to some further reduction in mill operations in the next few weeks.

The present readjustment is less marked than that of a year ago. Then the country's ingot output in April was 15% less than in March. Also the four months of decline in the Steel Corporation's unfilled orders still leave the total 10% more than that of Aug 31, just preceding four months of increase.

New business in May thus far has come in at a better rate than in the first ten days of April. Steel Corporation bookings since May 1 have averaged 10,000 tons a day more than in the like period last month. With orders running 32,000 to 33,000 tons a day, the Corporation's ingot production is now at about 90% of capacity.



In Pittsburgh, Youngstown and the intermediate district steel mills are operating this week at about 70% of capacity. The Chicago district rate is considerably higher and the industry as a whole is at about 80%, as against 88% in April.

The effect of present conditions upon finished steel prices has not been uniform. Sheets and cold rolled strips have shown more irregularity than some of the heavier products.

Of 35,000 tons of foundry and malleable iron sold by Cleveland interests, several contracts were for the third quarter at ruling second quarter prices. In the Philadelphia district a steel maker is inquiring for 20,000 tons of basic iron for May and June. At Chicago foundry iron is 50c a ton lower. Concessions are reported also in connection with a sale of 16,000 tons of Tennessee pig iron to an Ohio pipe works and 6,000 tons of pipe iron to an Eastern plant.

Included in 43,500 tons of structural steel awards is 11,300 tons for Santa Fe RR. bridges, 15,300 tons in two office buildings and a school in New York, and 3,100 tons in a building in Washington. Twenty coal barges will take 3,200 tons of steel. A municipal viaduct in New York calls for 4,000 tons. Havana, Cuba, harbor improvements will require 4,500 tons of reinforcing bars, while 3,000 tons is called for by road construction in Pennsylvania.

Canadian structural work will bring some round tonnages to this side. The contract let for 30 steel gates for Welland Canal locks will require 16,000 tons of steel. There is also the fabrication of steel for the Montreal bridge superstructure.

At Chicago 35,000 tons of steel for oil tanks is under active inquiry. The Springfield Havana & Peoria RR. has bought 6,000 tons of 90-lb. rails of the Inland Steel Co. for delivery in the next three or four months.

For car construction the Southern Pacific Equipment Co., San Francisco, is seeking 3,500 tons of shapes and plates.

Ore carrying rates on the Lakes have been re-established. Shading of ore prices has developed among small producers on recent sales, as has happened in the past two years.

The 'Iron Age' pig iron composite price dropped this week to \$20 29 from \$20 46 in the four preceding weeks.

Finished steel fell, also, in view of a \$2 difference in sheets and \$1 in plates, the composite now standing at 2.417c. per lb., in place of the 2.439c. of the six preceding weeks. This is the low point of the year and is the lowest since October.

The usual composite price table stands as follows:

Finished Steel, May 11 1926. 2.417c. per Pound.	
Based on prices of steel bars, beams, tank plates, plain wire, open-hearth rails, black pipe and black sheets, constituting 88% of the United States output.	(One week ago) 2.439c. (One month ago) 2.439c. (One year ago) 2.460c. (10-year pre-war average) 1.689c.

Pig Iron, May 11 1926. \$20 29 per Gross Ton.	
Based on average of basic and foundry irons, the basic being Valley quotation, the foundry an average of Chicago, Philadelphia and Birmingham.	(One week ago) \$20 46 (One month ago) 20 46 (One year ago) 19 71 (10-year pre-war average) 15 72

Finished Steel		Pig Iron	
High.	Low.	High.	Low.
1926--2.453. Jan. 5	2.417c. May 11	\$21.54 Jan. 5	\$20 29 May 11
1925--2.560c. Jan. 6	2.396c. Aug. 18	22 50 Jan. 13	18 96 July 7
1924--2.789c. Jan. 15	2.460c. Oct. 14	22 88 Feb. 26	19 21 Nov. 3
1923--2.824c. Apr. 24	2.446c. Jan. 2	30 86 Mar. 20	20 77 Nov. 20

The appearance of new orders in encouraging volume is tending to offset pessimism which pervades certain market districts, declares the "Iron Trade Review" of Cleveland in its May 12 summary of market conditions. Additional evidence is appearing in the Chicago district to indicate that the low point in the present lull passed 10 days or two weeks ago. Heavy rail placements in that district served to help sustain operations, while specifications on finished steel continue to run ahead of shipments. Steel ingot production in the Chicago territory is slightly below 90% of capacity. Effects of slackened pace of buying is more pronounced in the Pittsburgh district where steel making proceeds on a 75 to 80% basis, continues the "Review," adding further interesting remarks which we quote herewith:

The Steel Corporation is operating better than 90% steel-making capacity, compared with 93% last week. One bright spot in the market is the renewed activity in steel for structural fabrication. Nearly 7,000 tons of plates have been ordered for 20 barges, penstock and several tanks. From 3,500 to 4,000 tons will be required for 30 patrol boats for the United States Coast Guard, 2,000 tons for 13 barges for the United States Engineers at St. Louis.

Awards of structural shapes total 41,205 tons, the third largest weekly total thus far this year. Bridge projects for the Santa Fe involve 11,300 tons of this amount. Two other buildings in New York and the National Press Building, Washington, accounts for nearly 12,000 tons. Pending contracts indicate a promising forward demand.

Production of steel ingots last month totaled 4,123,941 gross tons, the largest tonnage reported in any April, indicating how moderately slackened demand for steel affected operations in April.

Unfilled tonnage of the United States Steel Corporation at the close of April, showing a loss of more than one-half million tons from the total on March 31, again emphasizes the piece-meal character of current buying.

Although the British strike entered upon the second week, the immediate effect in the United States still is confined to the selling of from 25 to 30 cargoes of coal from American ports and to a market influence on metal markets. Exclusive cables to "Iron Trade Review" from industrial leaders in England indicate the strong belief that the present crisis will lead to a lasting, beneficial settlement. Iron and steel production in England is cut about 50%, coal mining is at a standstill and miscellaneous manufacturing activities reduced about 24%. Many plants, using purchased electric power, are operating some of them with union labor.

"Iron Trade Review's" composite price on 14 leading iron and steel products this week is \$38 34. This compares with \$38 39 the past two weeks.

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

Revised figures showing the daily volume of trading in grain futures on the Board of Trade of the City of Chicago during the month of April 1926, together with monthly totals for all "contract markets," as reported by the Grain Futures

Administration of the United States Department of Agriculture, were made available on May 6 by L. A. Fitz, Grain Exchange Supervisor, at Chicago. The total transactions for the month on all markets are shown to have been 1,915,175,000 bushels, as compared with 2,492,868,000 bushels in April 1925; on the Chicago Board of Trade the transactions in April this year totaled 1,634,583,000, these figures comparing with 2,215,671,000 bushels in the same month last year. In the compilation which follows the figures listed represent sales only, there being an equal volume of purchases.

VOLUME OF TRADING.							
Expressed in Thousands of Bushels, 1. c. 0.000 Omitted.							
Date—April 1926.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Flax.	Total.
1	63,649	5,741	2,071	935	---	---	72,396
2 Holiday	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
3	27,170	12,627	3,513	531	---	---	43,841
4 Sunday	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
5	39,706	15,231	3,833	499	---	---	59,269
6	34,433	6,096	3,129	591	---	---	44,249
7	29,302	8,769	4,658	1,250	---	---	43,979
8	47,143	8,692	5,510	909	---	---	61,864
9	36,546	10,251	2,971	1,481	---	---	51,249
10	26,866	4,920	3,472	763	---	---	36,021
11 Sunday	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
12	28,105	3,973	1,412	973	---	---	34,463
13	84,451	10,169	2,771	1,611	---	---	99,002
14	51,998	13,594	2,716	884	---	---	69,192
15	66,503	15,709	3,476	1,625	---	---	87,313
16	55,810	12,268	3,383	1,222	---	---	72,683
17	57,669	12,316	4,280	2,237	---	---	76,502
18 Sunday	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
19	57,883	12,393	5,184	1,958	---	---	77,418
20	63,179	10,312	3,538	1,419	---	---	78,448
21	52,761	11,614	2,825	1,108	---	---	68,308
22	71,438	8,714	4,397	978	---	---	85,527
23	62,623	8,415	4,393	1,324	---	---	76,755
24	32,637	9,431	4,763	1,085	---	---	47,916
25 Sunday	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
26	42,078	9,202	7,856	1,225	---	---	60,631
27	43,660	11,511	7,672	3,238	---	---	66,081
28	29,903	10,664	8,023	1,524	---	---	50,114
29	51,500	15,285	6,995	3,625	---	---	77,405
30	51,944	22,560	14,602	5,121	---	---	94,227
Total Chicago Bd. of Tr.	1,208,957	270,427	117,083	38,116	---	---	1,634,583
Chicago Open Board	53,915	5,863	784	50	---	---	60,612
Minneapolis C. of C.	65,795	---	38,874	8,075	6,373	2,346	121,463
Kansas City Bd. of Tr.	36,164	12,749	730	---	---	---	49,643
Duluth Board of Trade	23,129	---	---	10,802	154	2,477	36,562
St. Louis Merch. Exch.	6,032	1,613	---	---	---	---	7,645
Milwaukee C. of C.	1,736	901	1,541	468	---	---	4,646
San Francisco Grain Exch.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Los Angeles Grain Exch.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Baltimore C. of C.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total all markets	1,395,728	291,553	159,012	57,511	6,548	4,823	1,915,175
Total all mkt. year ago	1,482,192	669,696	259,566	75,998	3,075	2,341	2,492,868
Chic. B. of T. year ago	1,311,874	622,113	219,671	62,013	---	---	2,215,671
* Durum wheat with exception of 51 wheat.							

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

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

FOR APRIL 1926 (BUSHEL.)					
April 1926—	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Total.
1	91,809,000	58,553,000	48,329,000	14,176,000	212,867,000
2 Holiday	---	---	---	---	---
3	92,240,000	58,730,000	47,833,000	14,128,000	212,931,000
4 Sunday	---	---	---	---	---
5	94,426,000	58,970,000	47,846,000	14,042,000	215,284,000
6	96,114,000	58,720,000	47,584,000	14,056,000	216,844,000
7	95,761,000	58,374,000	47,929,000	14,070,000	217,134,000
8	98,287,000	57,407,000	47,789,000	13,991,000	217,444,000
9	98,632,000	58,517,000	47,669,000	13,738,000	218,556,000
10	99,920,000	58,424,000	47,501,000	13,692,000	219,537,000
11 Sunday	---	---	---	---	---
12	100,625,000	58,162,000	46,291,000	13,559,000	218,637,000
13	99,013,000	57,709,000	47,033,000	13,654,000	217,409,000
14	97,445,000	57,736,000	46,823,000	13,271,000	215,275,000
15	97,470,000	58,133,000	46,555,000	13,364,000	215,522,000
16	95,459,000	58,844,000	46,544,000	13,275,000	214,124,000
17	95,819,000	59,074,000	46,377,000	13,519,000	214,789,000
18 Sunday	---	---	---	---	---
19	96,781,000	58,924,000	46,804,000	13,254,000	215,763,000
20	98,665,000	58,416,000	46,328,000	13,123,000	216,532,000
21	98,547,000	57,587,000	46,355,000	12,897,000	215,386,000
22	98,845,000	57,672,000	46,100,000	12,800,000	215,417,000
23	97,805,000	57,928,000	45,595,000	12,542,000	213,870,000
24	96,932,000	57,461,000	44,923,000	12,545,000	211,861,000
25 Sunday	---	---	---	---	---
26	97,547,000	57,575,000	44,728,000	12,592,000	212,442,000
27	98,235,000	57,792,000	43,809,000	12,326,000	212,132,000
28	97,219,000	55,840,000	43,268,000	12,046,000	208,373,000
29	95,602,000	55,891,000	42,563,000	11,734,000	205,790,000
30	93,182,000	54,502,000	40,360,000	11,058,000	199,102,000
Average—	---	---	---	---	---
April 1926	96,935,000	57,876,000	46,132,000	13,177,000	214,120,000
April 1925	90,729,000	65,755,000	46,556,000	17,838,000	214,878,000
March 1926	95,431,000	59,434,000	50,350,000	14,875,000	220,090,000
February 1926	109,023,000	54,717,000	53,644,000	15,015,000	232,419,000
January 1926	111,992,000	45,959,000	52,998,000	12,713,000	223,662,000
December 1925	110,001,000	45,102,000	49,503,000	10,038,000	214,644,000
November 1925	113,110,000	56,161,000	50,211,000	11,730,000	231,212,000
October 1925	111,016,000	46,647,000	49,720,000	11,869,000	219,252,000
September 1925	103,176,000	46,392,000	49,351,000	11,694,000	210,613,000
August 1925	96,016,000	51,983,000	43,652,000	10,924,000	202,575,000

**Coal Trade Not Greatly Affected by British Strike—Prices Steady.**

The New York anthracite market last week was quite dull, and prices showed little, if any, change. Stove and pea sizes were rather scarce, especially the latter. Steam sizes were moving slowly, barley being the duldest item of the steam list, although some wholesalers reported quite a brisk movement in domestic buckwheat, reports the "Coal Trade Journal" on May 12. Local retailers reported that consumers in general have not started to lay in their next winter's supply of coal. The coke and soft coal markets locally were unchanged in market positions and price, adds the "Journal," giving additional facts of interest as follows:

To date the British strike had not benefited Philadelphia shippers to any extent, as most of this business goes to the piers at Hampton Roads and

vicinity. Anthracite demand was keeping up fairly well in spite of the warmer weather, and this has been materially helped by the reduction the dealers made, voluntarily, in their prices to householders. Pea coal was the scarcest item. Steam sizes in general were rather dull, although activity in buckwheat was still fairly great. The bituminous market continued in favor of the buyer and large purchasers were holding off in the hope of getting even lower prices. Pool quotations were, if anything, a trifle off.

The central Pennsylvania bituminous region began to feel the effect of the British strike last week, and numerous inquiries were received covering deliveries at Philadelphia from various British coaling stations. April showed the smallest production for this year, and operators have been making price concessions, in order to keep their mines running, consequently, prices throughout the region were depressed.

The outstanding event in the Pittsburgh fields last week was the steady gain in non-union production. Competition with the non-union fields of southern West Virginia held prices at a low level. Production of by-product coke was good, but by-product coal was moving slowly. Slack was in a position of temporary quietude. Gas coal showed a slight increase in activity. Industrials were running on reduced schedules. River shipments continued good. The Connellsville coke field was at rock bottom in both output and price.

Production in the Fairmont region of northern West Virginia continued to show an encouraging increase last week, but this increase did not affect the soft coal situation, which was very flat. Prices were practically the same as those during the previous week. No contracts were reported as being signed during the week.

Inquiries for British shipment were received in the southern West Virginia fields last week. Production was somewhat higher due to shipments going to the lakes and prices in general were firmer, especially in the prepared smokeless coals. Smokeless production was almost on a par with that prevailing during the anthracite strike and movement to tidewater increased. Despite the warm weather, considerable high volatile coal was moving westward, principally on a spot basis. Some good high volatile contracts for mine-run and for nut and slack were closed. There was greater firmness in the Kanawha field due to large shipments to the lakes. Contracts there and in the Logan field were more numerous, but were still below normal. Production was on the increase. Pocahontas output was also up due to large contracts and a good spot market both in the West and East with shipments to tidewater on the increase.

Inquiries were more numerous in the upper Potomac and western Maryland fields, but there was no real increase in actual orders or prices. The export situation was a little better but many mines were still idle and few contracts had been closed.

Conditions in the Virginia field were better last week, although operators there have had no cause for complaint. Output for the year so far was in excess of that of 1925. Some new contracts were reported as having been closed. Prices were firm and unchanged.

The effects of the British strike upon the bituminous coal markets of the United States during the past week were indirect in character, declares the "Coal Age" this week. There was an increase in inquiries from buyers who normally depend upon Great Britain for fuel and a sharp upturn in the asking prices on low-volatile West Virginia coal at Hampton Roads. This was reflected in a strengthening in prices for inland Western delivery. But there was no feverish bidding along the Atlantic seaboard, continues the "Age" in its weekly market summary, which then goes on to say:

There has been a slight appreciation in quotations on central Pennsylvania coals, but no broad indications of the secondary reactions which would force up prices on American fuels generally because foreign demand was drawing upon production in this country. As a matter of fact, capacity has been so rapidly developed in the non-union fields in recent years that it probably would take considerable foreign buying pressure to duplicate—even on a small scale—the runaway market of 1920.

Another factor of encouragement in the present bituminous situation is the opening of the long-delayed lake shipping season. Several cargoes of bituminous and one of anthracite were discharged at Milwaukee in the past week and over fifty vessels had been loaded for the head of the lakes. Railroad facilities at the lower ports, however, are still badly congested and the movement is being closely controlled by the embargo situation. The question of prices continues a sore point with many producers.

During the week ended May 9 there were 343,553 tons of cargo bituminous and 34,714 tons of vessel fuel dumped at the lower ports. The total for the season to that date was 1,598,158 tons, as compared with 2,725,344 tons a year ago and 1,764,525 tons in 1924.

The efforts of the operators to trim output to demand are going steadily forward. During the week ended May 1 production was estimated by the Bureau of Mines at 9,137,000 net tons, as compared with 9,271,000 tons the week preceding. Even with this continued curtailment, the machinery of production is unbalanced because the demand for the different sizes is very uneven. This is particularly true in the Middle West, where "no bills" of domestic coal are the rule. Kentucky also is struggling with this problem and West Virginia is not wholly free.

The "Coal Age" index of spot bituminous prices has moved upward again. As of May 10 the index figure stood at 161 and the corresponding price was \$1.95. The week preceding the figures were 159 and \$1.92. The increase in the prices on low-volatile West Virginia coals was the major contributing factor to this advance. In the Middle West the price levels remained constant.

Notwithstanding the general complaint that the hard-coal consumer is backward in storing coal, anthracite production for the week ended May 1 totaled 2,098,000 net tons—a new high record for the year. How much of this production may be credited to a fear that prices would advance cannot, of course, be stated. It is a fact, however, that producers are meeting greater resistance in the sale of their product. Premiums, except on pea, have been shrinking for some time. The slaughter of values in steam sizes by those without facilities for storage goes merrily on.

The spot market in Connellsville coke is dull. Furnace ovens now are reducing their output faster than the merchant operations. Spot furnace coke is weaker.

**Bituminous Coal Output Declines—Anthracite Reaches New High Record for Year—Coke Remains Nearly Stationary.**

The observance of May Day at the bituminous coal mines interfered with production, reducing the total by 134,000 net tons from the output of the preceding week, says the United States Bureau of Mines in its weekly data issued

May 8 for the period ending May 1. Anthracite, however, was not affected and reached a total output of 2,098,000 tons, a new high for the year. The output of coke is substantially unchanged, according to the Bureau, from which we quote further as follows:

Production of soft coal during the week ended May 1, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 9,137,000 net tons, a decrease of 134,000 tons from that in the preceding week. That the loss was practically all due to the partial observance of May Day as a holiday was shown by the record of daily loadings. Compared with output at the corresponding time in 1925 the present rate is 14% greater.

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

	1926		1925	
	Week. to Date	Cal. Year	Week. to Date (b)	Cal. Year
April 17	9,306,000	169,045,000	7,515,000	146,359,000
Daily average	1,551,000	1,860,000	1,253,000	1,612,000
April 24 (c)	9,271,000	178,316,000	8,030,000	154,389,000
Daily average	1,545,000	1,841,000	1,338,000	1,595,000
May 1 (d)	9,137,000	187,453,000	7,987,000	162,376,000
Daily average	1,523,000	1,822,000	1,331,000	1,580,000

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 in April is estimated (subject to slight revision) at 40,090,000 net tons, with a daily average of 1,501,000, as against 1,709,000 in March. The trend of output during the month has been characterized by a firmness not apparent during April in the past two years.

Total production of bituminous coal during the calendar year 1926 to May 1 (approximately 103 working days), amounts to 187,453,000 net tons. Figures for similar periods in other recent years are given below:

1920	176,525,000 net tons	1923	187,486,000 net tons
1921	129,932,000 net tons	1924	168,946,000 net tons
1922	147,593,000 net tons	1925	162,376,000 net tons

**ANTHRACITE.**

The production of anthracite during the week ended May 1 is estimated at 2,098,000 net tons—a new high record for the year, and a figure exceeding that for the corresponding week in 1925 by 9%.

Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons).

	1926		1925	
	Week. to Date	Cal. Year	Week. to Date (a)	Cal. Year
April 17	2,086,000	15,389,000	1,522,000	25,581,000
April 24 (b)	2,087,000	17,476,000	1,880,000	27,461,000
May 1	2,098,000	19,574,000	1,926,000	29,387,000

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

Total production of anthracite during the calendar year 1926 to May 1 amounts to 19,574,000 net tons. Figures for similar periods in other recent years are given below:

1922	22,197,000 net tons	1924	29,595,000 net tons
1923	33,420,000 net tons	1925	29,387,000 net tons

**BEEHIVE COKE.**

The level of beehive coke production remains stationary. Output in the week ended May 1 is estimated at 221,000 net tons, a slight decrease from that in the preceding week. The present rate of output, however, is greater by about 9,000 tons daily than at the end of April in 1925.

Total production of beehive during the calendar year 1926 to May 1 is 4,968,000 tons, as against 4,108,000 tons during the corresponding time in 1925—a gain in 1926 of 860,000 tons, or 17.3%.

Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

	Week Ended			1926 to Date (a)	1925 to Date
	May 1 1926 b	Apr. 24 1926 c	May 2 1925		
Pennsylvania and Ohio	178,000	185,000	128,000	4,035,000	3,184,000
West Virginia	14,000	13,000	10,000	278,000	231,000
Ala., Ky., Tenn. and Georgia	12,000	14,000	15,000	328,000	384,000
Virginia	8,000	6,000	7,000	162,000	159,000
Colorado and New Mexico	6,000	7,000	5,000	101,000	73,000
Washington and Utah	3,000	3,000	4,000	64,000	77,000
United States total	221,000	228,000	169,000	4,968,000	4,108,000
Daily average	37,000	38,000	28,000	48,000	38,000

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 April—Balance Still on the Side of the Imports.**

The Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce at Washington on May 13 issued its statement on the foreign trade of the United States for April and the ten months ending with April. The value of merchandise exported in April 1926 was \$388,000,000, as compared with \$398,254,668 in April 1925. The imports of merchandise are provisionally computed at \$398,000,000 in April 1926, as against \$346,090,956 in April the previous year, leaving an unfavorable trade balance against the United States on the merchandise movement for the month of April 1926 of \$10,000,000. Last year in April there was a favorable trade balance on the merchandise movement of \$52,163,712. Imports for the ten months of 1925-26 have been \$3,809,020,181, as against \$3,171,393,919 for the corresponding ten months of 1924-25. The merchandise exports for the ten months of 1925-26 have been \$4,059,036,777, against \$4,170,288,279, giving a favorable trade balance of \$250,016,596 in 1925-26, against \$98,894,360 in 1924-25. Gold imports totaled \$13,125,633 in April 1926, against \$8,869,883 in the corresponding month the previous year, and for the ten months they were \$188,911,734, as against \$118,326,164. Gold exports in April 1926 were \$17,883,865, against \$21,603,945 in April 1925. For the ten months of 1925-26 the exports of the metal foot up \$100,750,004, against \$228,627,251 in the ten months of 1924-25. Silver imports for the ten months of 1925-26 have been \$58,890,992, as against \$63,299,117 in 1924-25, and



silver exports \$82,072,996, as against \$93,770,474. Some comments on the figures will be found in an earlier part of this issue in the article on "The Financial Situation." Following is the complete official report:

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

	April.		10 Months Ending April.		Incr. (+) Decr. (-)
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	
Exports.....	\$ 388,000,000	\$ 398,254,665	\$ 4,059,036,777	\$ 4,170,288,279	-111,251,502
Imports.....	398,000,000	346,090,956	3,809,020,181	3,171,353,919	+637,626,262
Excess of expts		52,163,712	250,016,596	998,934,360	
Excess of impts	10,000,000				

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE, BY MONTHS.

Exports	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.	1921-22.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
July.....	339,660,368	278,649,055	302,186,027	301,157,335	325,181,138
August.....	379,822,746	330,659,566	310,965,891	301,774,517	366,887,538
September.....	420,368,140	427,459,531	381,433,570	313,196,557	324,863,123
October.....	490,566,814	527,171,781	399,199,014	370,718,595	343,330,815
November.....	447,803,577	493,572,921	401,483,872	379,999,622	294,092,219
December.....	468,305,949	445,748,393	426,665,519	344,327,560	296,198,373
January.....	397,195,833	446,443,088	395,172,187	335,416,506	278,848,469
February.....	352,916,815	370,676,434	365,781,772	306,957,419	250,619,841
March.....	374,420,609	453,652,842	339,755,230	341,376,664	329,979,817
April.....	388,000,000	398,254,668	346,935,702	325,492,175	318,469,578
May.....		370,945,110	335,088,701	316,359,470	307,568,828
June.....		323,347,775	306,989,006	319,956,953	335,116,750
10 mos. end					
April.....	4,059,036,777	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					
July.....	325,648,257	278,593,546	287,433,769	251,771,881	178,159,154
August.....	340,085,626	254,642,143	275,437,993	281,376,403	194,768,751
September.....	349,953,680	287,144,334	253,645,380	298,493,403	179,292,165
October.....	374,073,914	310,751,608	308,290,809	276,103,979	188,007,629
November.....	376,431,290	296,147,998	291,333,346	291,804,826	210,948,036
December.....	396,639,809	333,192,059	288,304,766	293,788,573	237,495,536
January.....	416,753,304	346,165,289	295,506,212	329,253,664	217,185,396
February.....	388,503,320	333,387,369	332,323,121	303,406,933	215,743,282
March.....	443,099,243	385,378,617	320,482,113	397,928,382	256,177,796
April.....	398,000,000	346,090,956	324,290,966	364,252,544	217,023,142
May.....		327,518,721	302,987,791	372,544,578	252,817,254
June.....		325,215,735	274,000,688	320,233,799	260,460,898
10 mos. end					
April.....	3,809,020,181	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	2,608,079,000

GOLD AND SILVER.

	April.		10 Months Ending April.		Incr. (+) Decr. (-)
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	
Gold.					
Exports.....	\$ 17,883,865	\$ 21,603,945	\$ 100,750,004	\$ 228,627,251	-127,877,247
Imports.....	13,125,633	8,869,883	188,911,734	118,326,164	+70,585,570
Excess of expts	4,758,232	12,734,062		110,301,087	
Excess of impts			88,161,730		
Silver.					
Exports.....	7,612,045	9,322,618	82,072,996	93,770,474	-11,697,478
Imports.....	6,312,429	4,944,807	58,890,592	63,299,117	-4,408,125
Excess of expts	1,299,616	4,377,811	23,182,004	30,471,357	
Excess of impts					

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF GOLD AND SILVER, BY MONTHS.

Exports	Gold.			Silver.		
	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.
July.....	\$ 4,416,452	\$ 327,178	\$ 522,826	\$ 8,349,304	\$ 9,190,362	\$ 6,233,163
August.....	2,135,690	2,397,457	2,200,961	8,284,991	8,632,067	7,032,221
September.....	6,784,201	4,579,501	862,697	7,487,317	10,345,205	8,123,460
October.....	28,039,190	4,125,268	1,307,060	8,783,376	9,465,023	7,522,845
November.....	24,360,071	6,689,182	746,794	8,118,093	9,401,406	8,775,474
December.....	5,967,727	39,674,653	711,529	7,589,470	11,279,630	9,521,083
January.....	3,086,870	73,525,943	280,723	9,762,969	11,384,799	8,208,644
February.....	3,850,350	50,599,708	505,135	7,747,324	6,832,647	8,876,713
March.....	4,224,564	25,104,416	817,374	8,333,081	7,916,117	8,355,278
April.....	17,883,865	21,603,945	1,390,537		9,322,618	7,801,689
May.....		13,389,967	593,290		6,535,761	9,686,517
June.....		6,712,480	268,015		8,522,492	8,648,499
10 mos. end						
April.....	100,750,004	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						
July.....	10,204,112	18,834,423	27,929,447	5,238,437	7,127,613	10,066,463
August.....	4,861,736	18,149,981	32,856,097	7,273,298	7,041,630	6,465,949
September.....	4,128,052	6,656,155	27,803,961	4,504,024	7,082,962	8,517,971
October.....	50,740,649	19,701,640	29,795,185	5,601,851	5,828,572	6,929,311
November.....	10,456,115	19,862,384	39,767,436	4,049,035	6,481,416	5,269,173
December.....	7,216,004	10,274,049	32,641,226	5,746,956	5,863,892	8,172,301
January.....	19,351,202	5,037,800	45,135,760	5,762,760	7,338,559	5,979,758
February.....	25,415,655	3,602,527	35,111,269	8,861,871	4,928,916	7,900,409
March.....	43,412,576	7,337,322	34,322,375	5,539,071	6,660,750	6,220,934
April.....	13,125,633	8,869,883	45,418,115		4,944,807	3,907,745
May.....		11,392,837	41,073,650		3,390,180	5,639,582
June.....		4,426,135	25,181,117		4,918,605	4,870,389
10 mos. end						
April.....	188,911,734	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

## Current Events and Discussions

### The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on May 12, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the results for the twelve Federal Reserve banks combined, shows a decline of \$55,200,000 in holdings of bills and securities, and of \$37,300,000 in member bank reserve deposits, and increases of \$16,200,000 in cash reserves, and \$3,500,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation. Holdings of discounted bills were \$70,800,000 lower than a week ago, while holdings of acceptances purchased in open market and of Government securities were \$14,800,000 and \$1,000,000, respectively, above last week's figures.

All of the Federal Reserve banks report smaller holdings of discounted bills, with the exception of Cleveland and Boston, which show increases of \$22,300,000 and \$2,800,000, respectively. The principal reductions in discount holdings were: New York \$59,100,000, Chicago \$11,900,000, San Francisco \$9,800,000, Atlanta \$4,500,000, and St. Louis \$4,000,000. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Open-market acceptance holdings increased \$11,900,000 at the New York bank and \$5,100,000 at Boston, while the other banks show smaller changes in acceptance holdings for the week. Holdings of United States bonds increased \$1,900,000 and of Treasury notes \$700,000, while holdings of Treasury certificates of indebtedness decreased \$1,600,000. The principal changes in Federal Reserve note circulation during the week include an increase of \$3,800,000 at the Chicago bank, of \$2,300,000 at Philadelphia, and of \$2,600,000 at Cleveland, and a decrease of \$2,700,000 at Boston.

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 2768 and 2769. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks during the week and the year ending May 12 1926 is as follows:

	Increase (+) or Decreases (-)	
	Week.	Year.
Total reserves.....	+16,200,000	-27,500,000
Gold reserves.....	+11,000,000	-49,900,000
Total bills and securities.....	-55,200,000	+99,300,000
Bills discounted, total.....	-70,800,000	+137,700,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	-50,600,000	+90,400,000
Other bills discounted.....	-20,200,000	+47,300,000
Bills bought in open market.....	+14,800,000	-54,800,000
U. S. Government securities, total.....	+1,000,000	+16,300,000
Bonds.....	+1,900,000	+15,500,000
Treasury notes.....	+700,000	+107,800,000
Certificates of indebtedness.....	-1,600,000	+108,500,000
Federal reserve notes in circulation.....	+3,500,000	-700,000
Total deposits.....	-40,400,000	+45,700,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	-37,300,000	+39,500,000
Government deposits.....	-300,000	+8,000,000

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

The Federal Reserve Board's weekly condition statement of 705 reporting member banks in leading cities as of May 5 shows increased of \$56,000,000 in loans and discounts, \$18,000,000 in investments, \$52,000,000 in net demand deposits and \$38,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks. Member banks in New York City reported increases of \$58,000,000 in loans and discounts, \$12,000,000 in investments, \$7,000,000 in net demand deposits and \$33,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve bank. It should be noted that the figures for these member banks are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves.

Loans secured by stocks and bonds were \$29,000,000 higher than a week ago, \$20,000,000 of the increase being reported by banks in the New York district. "All other" loans and discounts increased \$18,000,000 during the week. The larger increase of \$28,000,000 in this item reported for the New York district was offset in part by reductions of \$7,000,000 in the Philadelphia district and \$6,000,000 each in the Boston and Atlanta districts. Total loans to brokers and dealers, secured by stocks and bonds, made by reporting member banks in New York City increased \$26,000,000, loans for their own account increasing \$77,000,000, while loans for the account of out-of-town banks were \$16,000,000 and loans for account of others \$35,000,000 below the amounts reported a week ago. Holdings of U. S. securities were \$6,000,000 and of other bonds, stocks and securities \$12,000,000 above the total reported a week ago. Further comment regarding the changes shown by these member banks is as follows:

Net demand deposits increased \$52,000,000, of which \$22,000,000 was reported by banks in the Chicago district and \$7,000,000 by those in the Boston district. Time deposits increased \$7,000,000 at all reporting banks and \$8,000,000 at banks in the Boston district.

The principal changes in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks include increases of \$31,000,000 by banks in the New York district, and \$8,000,000 and \$10,000,000 by those in the Chicago and San Francisco districts, respectively.

On a subsequent page—that is, on page 2769—we give the figures in full contained in this latest weekly return of the member banks of the Reserve System. In the following is furnished a summary of the changes in the principal items as compared with a week ago and with last year:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)	
	Week.	Year.
Loans and discounts, total	+56,000,000	+8819,000,000
Secured by U. S. Government obligations	+9,000,000	+21,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds	+29,000,000	+443,000,000
All other	+18,000,000	+397,000,000
Investments, total	+18,000,000	+111,000,000
U. S. securities	+6,000,000	+1,000,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities	+12,000,000	+112,000,000
Reserve balances with Federal Reserve banks	+20,000,000	+12,000,000
Cash in vault	+1,000,000	+2,000,000
Net demand deposits	+52,000,000	+88,000,000
Time deposits	+7,000,000	+464,000,000
Government deposits	+9,000,000	+40,000,000
Total accommodation at Fed. Res. banks	+38,000,000	+110,000,000

Announcement is made that through the co-operation of reporting member banks, the date of issue of this statement of the member banks, which has heretofore always been a week behind that of the Federal Reserve banks themselves, is to be advanced to Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The statement for May 12 will therefore be issued at the Federal Reserve Board's offices at 3 p. m., Eastern standard time, on Monday May 17, for immediate release.

**Stock of Money in the Country.**

The Treasury Department at Washington issued its customary monthly statement showing the stock of money in the country and the amount in circulation after deducting the moneys held in the United States Treasury and by Federal Reserve banks and agents. The figures this time are for May 1. They show that the money in circulation at that date (including, of course, what is held in bank vaults of the member banks of the Federal Reserve System) was \$4,854,172,650, as against \$4,805,884,836 April 1 1926, and \$4,725,190,705 May 1 1925, and comparing with \$5,628,427,732 on Nov. 1 1920. Just before the outbreak of the European war, that is, on July 1 1914, the total was only \$3,402,015,427. The following is the statement:

KIND OF MONEY	MONEY HELD IN THE TREASURY.				MONEY OUTSIDE OF THE TREASURY.				Population of Continental United States (Estimated).
	Stock of Money, a	Total.	Am. Held in Trust against Gold & Silver Certificates (& Treas. Notes of 1890).	Held for Federal Reserve Banks and Agents.	All Other Money.	Total.	In Circulation.		
							Amount.	Per Capita.	
Gold coin and bullion	84,497,351.324	3,732,779.313	1,700,616,109	1,708,083,235	169,891,083	764,572,011	309,861,892	\$ 454,710,119	3.94
Gold certificates	c(1,700,616,109)	462,455,725	449,684,359	1,708,083,235	6,089,689	282,310,618	15,221,557	287,089,061	9.64
Stan. silver doll.	530,905,078	462,455,725	449,684,359	1,708,083,235	5,000,719	341,680,297	48,837,107	292,843,190	9.54
Silver certificates	c(448,320,055)	462,455,725	449,684,359	1,708,083,235	1,178,621	2,002,065,829	339,445,594	1,662,620,235	4.42
Treasury notes of 1890	c(1,364,304)	16,646,003	16,646,003	1,708,083,235	60,353	5,748,225	108,391	5,639,834	.05
Subsidy silver	288,400,307	16,646,003	16,646,003	1,708,083,235	16,646,003	687,537,676	32,513,204	655,024,472	5.68
U. S. notes	346,681,016	16,646,003	16,646,003	1,708,083,235	6,089,689	282,310,618	15,221,557	287,089,061	2.32
F. R. notes	2,003,244,450	16,646,003	16,646,003	1,708,083,235	5,000,719	341,680,297	48,837,107	292,843,190	2.54
F. R. bank notes	5,808,578	16,646,003	16,646,003	1,708,083,235	1,178,621	2,002,065,829	339,445,594	1,662,620,235	14.42
Nat. bank notes	704,183,679	16,646,003	16,646,003	1,708,083,235	60,353	5,748,225	108,391	5,639,834	.05
Total May 1 1926	8,376,574,432	44,224,210,423	2,150,300,468	1,708,083,235	\$211,637,834	6,302,064,477	1,448,491,827	4,854,172,650	42.11
Comparative totals:									
April 1 1926	8,336,418,140	44,224,210,423	2,150,300,468	1,708,083,235	\$225,454,085	6,260,639,434	1,454,754,598	4,805,884,836	41.73
May 1 1925	8,306,952,956	44,224,210,423	2,150,300,468	1,708,083,235	229,060,991	6,140,829,644	1,415,638,939	4,795,100,705	41.50
Nov. 1 1920	8,326,338,267	44,224,210,423	2,150,300,468	1,708,083,235	350,626,590	6,016,390,721	987,963,989	5,628,427,732	52.36
April 1 1917	5,312,109,272	44,224,210,423	2,150,300,468	1,708,083,235	105,219,416	5,055,910,830	953,320,126	4,100,590,704	39.54
July 1 1914	3,738,288,871	44,224,210,423	2,150,300,468	1,708,083,235	186,273,444	3,402,015,427	3,402,015,427	3,402,015,427	34.35
Jan. 1 1879	1,007,084,483	44,224,210,423	2,150,300,468	1,708,083,235	90,817,762	816,266,721	816,266,721	816,266,721	16.92

a Includes United States paper currency in circulation in foreign countries and the amount held by the Cuban agencies of the Federal Reserve banks.

b Does not include gold bullion or foreign coin outside of vaults of the Treasury, Federal Reserve banks, and Federal Reserve agents.

c These amounts are not included in the total since the money held in trust against gold and silver certificates and Treasury notes of 1890 is included under gold coin and bullion and standard silver dollars, respectively.

d The amount of money held in trust against gold and silver certificates and Treasury notes of 1890 should be deducted from this total before combining it with total money outside of the Treasury to arrive at the stock of money in the United States.

e This total includes \$17,559,717 of notes in process of redemption, \$147,747,183 of gold deposited for redemption of Federal Reserve notes, \$9,993,337 deposited for redemption of national bank notes, \$4,365 deposited for retirement of additional circulation (Act of May 30 1908), and \$6,591,790 deposited as a reserve against postal savings deposits.

f Includes money held by the Cuban agencies of the Federal Reserve banks of Boston and Atlanta.

Note.—Gold certificates are secured dollar for dollar by gold held in the Treasury for their redemption; silver certificates are secured dollar for dollar by standard silver dollars held in the Treasury for their redemption; United States notes are secured by a gold reserve of \$154,188,886 held in the Treasury. This reserve fund may also be used for the redemption of Treasury notes of 1890, which are also secured dollar for dollar, by standard silver dollars, held in the Treasury. Federal Reserve notes are obligations of the United States and a first lien on all the assets of the issuing Federal Reserve bank. Federal Reserve notes are secured by the deposit with Federal Reserve agents of a like amount of gold or of gold and such discounted or purchased paper as is eligible under the terms of the Federal Reserve Act. Federal Reserve banks must maintain a gold reserve of at least 40%, including the gold redemption fund which must be deposited with the United States Treasurer, against Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation. Lawful money has been deposited with the Treasurer of the United States for retirement of all outstanding Federal Reserve bank notes. National bank notes are secured by United States bonds except where lawful money has been deposited with the Treasurer of the United States for their retirement. A 5% fund is also maintained in lawful money with the Treasurer of the United States for the redemption of national bank notes secured by Government bonds.

**Summary of Conditions Existing 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 15) the following summary of conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and other means of communication:

**CANADA.**

Canadian trade statistics of imports for consumption and exports of Canadian produce for the year ended March 31, as compared with those of the previous fiscal year, show an increase of over \$100,000,000, or nearly 20% in the value of imports from the United States. Likewise, an increase of over \$57,000,000, or nearly 14%, is shown in the value of exports to the United States. Total imports for consumption increased over \$130,470,000 in value, or 16%, and total exports of Canadian produce increased over \$246,125,000 in value, or 23%. Trade conditions in both wholesale and retail circles are regarded as fair. More settled weather has started the usual improvement in retail trade. Sales of boots and shoes are somewhat larger, and office supplies are in good demand. Building activities in many sections have been delayed by inclement weather.

**FRANCE.**

French commerce and industry are active at the present time. The coal industry is working as actively as possible. Prices have not yet begun to advance. Production of iron and steel has risen to new record levels, but prices are advancing. Textile production is active, with many mills booked through September. Grain and meat prices have risen. Agricultural conditions have been unfavorably affected by cold and rainy weather during April. Railway transportation rates have been increased on both passenger and freight traffic. Car loadings in April were somewhat reduced from March. Receipts of the principal railways continue to show an advance over last year.

**GERMANY.**

The situation in the coal and steel industries is not considered satisfactory but improvements are noted in the automobile industry, the silk trade, and the leather trade. The German market for domestic issues is increasingly heavy and issues in April totaled 389,000,000 marks, against 98,000,000 in March. A credit of 30,000,000 marks recently voted by the Reichstag has now been granted to the Deutsche Getreidehandels-Gesellschaft (German Grain Trade Co.). The loan is for a period of three years and is to carry 1½% interest.

**ITALY.**

A decree has just been approved by the Cabinet in accordance with which the Bank of Italy will take over the note circulation reserves of the other two banks of issue on July 1. March was the first month of the current year to show a reduction of the unfavorable trade balance as compared with 1925. Imports amounted to 2,417,000,000 lire, a reduction of 170,000,000 lire as compared with March 1925, and exports amounted to 1,457,000,000 lire, a reduction of 23,000,000 lire. For the first quarter, however, the unfavorable balance this year has amounted to 2,688,000,000 lire as compared with 2,483,000,000 lire in 1925. Coal buyers are declining to place orders at high prices.

**SPAIN.**

The continued tightness of money, restriction of credits, and difficulty of collections have hampered business operations in Spain. The retail sales are reported to be only 60% of normal, and some indications have appeared of unemployment. The textile industry of Barcelona is somewhat depressed. The metallurgical industry is well occupied as a result of railway orders, but ship-building is depressed. The coal mining outlook is good. The outlook of the local olive oil market is improved. Advance estimates for the cereal crops show improvement over last year.

**POLAND.**

The seasonal improvement in the Lodz textile industry in both cotton and woolen branches continues, but domestic buying is done on a hand to mouth scale. The zloty continued on its downward trend during the past week to around 10 cents, thus approaching its low of last year. The Polish dollar bonds, which had been quite steady for some time, dropped recently, the 6% bonds reacting below 66, and the 8% below 87. The law of April 14 1924, by which the export of crude oil from Poland was prohibited, was



amended by the Diet recently to the effect that 30% of crude oil derived from new wells located at a distance of at least two kilometers from an old producing well, may be exported.

## RUMANIA.

Economic and financial conditions in Rumania continue unfavorable and exchange conditions show extreme weakness. Leu dropped rapidly to May 6, but reacted somewhat on that date. Exchange situation attributed to adverse trade balance and purchases of foreign exchange. Grain export houses report large available stocks of corn. Oil and lumber exports reported larger. Commercial failures continue high.

## HUNGARY.

The credit stringency and the wave of insolvencies which passed over the country recently were not general but affected primarily firms dependent on foreign connections. The Hungarian bond market has advanced strongly due largely to foreign buying of municipal issues and prewar mortgage bonds. The Hungarian National Bank declared a 10½% dividend for 1925 after writing off the purchase cost of its note printing plant.

## GREECE.

There is still a marked shortage of capital available for commercial undertakings and the drachma continues its gradual depreciation. During the week ended May 8 it fluctuated slightly around \$0.0124. It is considered probable in Greece that large government purchases in Italy and France will result in a considerable increase in the government's budgetary deficit for the current year.

## IRAQ.

Plans are being made for the restoration of the old irrigation system of river-fed canals which was the basis of the ancient prosperity of the Tigris and Euphrates valleys. It is estimated in Iraq that a large area could be reclaimed by irrigation in that country. According to an estimate by the engineer commissioned to investigate the question, an expenditure of £T 11 (\$6) per acre would yield a return of £T 150 (\$81). The period within which such a return could be obtained is not stated in his report.

## TURKEY.

General market conditions in Turkey remain rather dull. The cost of living has increased rapidly. A new bureau has been organized under the Ministry of Commerce for the control of Turkey's international conventions, commercial agreements, and foreign commerce. A new law has been passed by the National Assembly granting all rights to explore and exploit petroleum resources to the Government. The departure of a mail plane from Constantinople to Bucharest completes the transcontinental air mail service from Paris to Constantinople.

## JAPAN.

There was a marked improvement in the Japanese raw silk market during the week ended May 8. Sales have increased and prices have advanced to level of 1,580 yen per bale (yen now worth approximately \$0.47). The stock market is more active with slight advances in quotations. The money market continues tight, with call loans ranging from 6.20% to 6.02%. Foreign trade continues to show marked improvement over last year.

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

General business of the week ended May 8 was somewhat quieter because of local native holidays. The copra market showed increased activity although exporters remained practically out of the market. There was brisk trading in United States grades of abaca the first two days of the past week, but dullness followed, with unsettled prices. Price quotations vary but some transactions are made at 33 pesos per picul for grade F; grade I, 31.50; JUS, 25; JUK, 19; and L, 15 pesos. Abaca production is good. The tobacco crop is generally estimated in the Philippines at 25% above that of last year and good quality tobacco is expected.

## AUSTRALIA.

The labor situation in Australia has become aggravated. Sydney wool sales are still firm and the demand from France, Germany and Japan continues good. The wheat market is easier. An American automobile corporation announces the formation of an Australian company for assembling.

## ARGENTINA.

Trade in export commodities is somewhat depressed. A seasonal dullness in wool and hides exists. The Buenos Aires grain exchange has changed the specific weight of Buenos Aires type of wheat to 73 kilos per hectoliter instead of 74. A continuance of labor difficulties is slowing up export movement of cereals. The first official Argentine estimate of the corn crop is 7,087,000 metric tons, representing an increase over last year of over 2,350,000 metric tons. The increased area this year is 589,300 hectares. Harvesting is slow because of labor scarcity and rains, but quality is good. Import orders are declining, with local stocks heavy, but textile orders are increasing after the depression of recent months. Commercial failures in April were 25% under March.

## BRAZIL.

The exchange market has been active with a strengthening tendency. The coffee market is quiet, with lower future prices. In Rio the market is slightly higher. Stocks on May 7 were 1,375,819 bags at Santos as compared with 1,411,000 bags at the end of April, according to local estimates. Recent statistics show imports to be considerably reduced. Many representatives of English goods are not quoting.

## PERU.

A slightly more optimistic feeling has developed in Peruvian business circles in the week ended May 8. Exchange steadied somewhat, with quotations at around \$3.72 to the Peruvian pound, and with but slight fluctuations.

## MEXICO.

Business during the week ended May 8 showed a further slight decline, although iron and steel trade continues good. Automotive trade still unsettled with sales about 40% of normal. Holidays were the chief cause of the slow retail trade. The movement of freight has declined considerably from the high level reached early in April.

## PORTO RICO.

Business was quiet during the week ended May 8, with the outlook somewhat improved by slightly firmer sugar prices and rains in the northern part of the island. Heavy shipments of sugar, fruit and tobacco are increasing the money in circulation with a resultant improvement in collections.

### General Strike in Great Britain Terminated—Rail Strike Ended—Continuance of Subsidy Proposed as Basis for Settlement with Miners.

The general strike in Great Britain, brought under way on May 3 as a sympathetic move of the trades unions in

support of the coal miners, was terminated on May 12, when the General Council of the Trades Union Congress withdrew its strike order. The calling of the strike, following the breaking down of the negotiations to effect a settlement of the wage dispute between coal operators and miners, was referred to in our issue of a week ago, page 2577. The rescinding of the general strike order was based upon a peace plan proposed by Sir Herbert Samuel, Chairman of the Royal Coal Commission named last year to investigate the coal situation. The renewal of the subsidy in behalf of the coal industry is one of the proposals made by Sir Herbert in making way for the re-opening of miners' negotiations. While the general strike was called off on the 12th, the coal miners remained out on orders of the Secretary of the Miners' Federation, A. J. Cook; the railway men likewise remained out, but it was announced last night that they had yesterday (May 14) signed an agreement with the companies. Regarding a conference of miners' delegates yesterday, the Associated Press advices stated:

A national conference of miners' delegates, convened by the Miners' Federation, met in Kingsway Hall today to consider the strike position.

When the conference met it was understood important developments had occurred since the executive adopted its resolution opposing the settlement proposals of Sir Herbert Samuel, Chairman of the Royal Coal Commission.

The session adjourned at 1:00 p. m. until 4:00 p. m., after discussing Sir Herbert's memorandum. The members of the miners' executive committee were expected to go to Dowling street before the conference was resumed.

The same accounts as given in the New York "Evening Post," said:

The Trade Union Congress said there was a marked easing in the tension of the situation throughout the country, the employers being increasingly inclined to discuss reasonable bases for resumption of work. Mr. Baldwin's statement of last night had been followed by a favorable reaction, the union said.

General reports received from all sections indicated the unions and employers have got together to such an extent industry should be able to right itself shortly.

An agreement was reached between the London Underground Electric Railways Co. and its employees under which the subways and affiliated tram and bus lines will resume normal service shortly.

## Rail Settlement Terms.

The railway strike was settled on the following terms, agreed upon between the companies on one hand and the National Union of Railwaymen, Associated Society of Locomotive Enginemen and Firemen and the Railway Clerks' Association on the other:

Those employees who went on strike are to be taken back as soon as traffic conditions warrant and work can be found for them.

The principle to be followed in reinstatement is seniority in each grade.

The trade unions admit that in calling the strike they committed a wrongful act against the companies, and it is agreed the companies do not, by reinstatement of the men, surrender their legal right to claims for damages arising from the strike or from the strikers or others responsible.

The unions undertake again to instruct their members not to strike without previous negotiations with the companies, and not to encourage the supervisory employees to participate in strikes. The unions agree to give no support of any kind to their members who undertake unauthorized action.

The railway companies intimate that, because of the strike, it may be necessary to remove certain persons to other positions.

## Cases of Violence Not Involved.

The settlement does not extend to persons who have been guilty of violence or intimidation.

Taken at its face, value, the agreement between the railroads and the unions means that Great Britain never can have a lightning general strike again, since the railroad workers are bound to confer with their employers in advance.

Prime Minister Baldwin told the Commons that in his opinion his new proposals formed a fair basis for settlement of the coal dispute.

He had come to the conclusion, Mr. Baldwin said, that there was no possibility of the two parties to the dispute coming to an agreement between themselves.

The newspapers, although far below normal, were more abundant to-day than at any time since the strike began. The British "Gazette," the Government's strike organ, ceased to appear, having turned over the "Morning Post" plant, where it had been printed, to the owners. The "Morning Post" came out with a four-page paper. Several other papers also got out four-sheet editions.

Despite the calling off of the strike, the action of some of the employers on insisting upon new agreements before permitting them to return to work served to prevent the bringing about of order, the Associated Press on May 13 referring to this as follows:

Notwithstanding the fact that the general strike has been called off, it in reality still persists in as great force as ever. The miners never have consented to resume, and because of the attitude of the employers and by reason of other circumstances the two big industries, the railway men and transportation workers, are ordered to remain out until further instructions. The situation in the newspaper field is without change, most of the papers still issuing in skeleton form.

The "British Gazette," the Government's official organ, in announcing in its issue of May 13 the withdrawal of the strike order, said:

The general strike which began at midnight on Monday May 3 ended yesterday in the unconditional withdrawal of the strike notices by the General Council of the Trades Union Congress.

Regarding Sir Herbert Samuel's proposals, we quote the following from the London Associated Press cablegrams of May 13:

Sir Herbert Samuel's memorandum which the General Council of the Trades Union Congress accepted as the basis for calling off the general strike and resuming negotiations on the coal controversy, contains the following points:

1. The coal subsidy to be renewed for such reasonable time as may be required.

2. Creation of a national wages board, including representing of the miners, mine owners and neutrals with an independent chairman, to revise the miners' wages.

*To Reorganize Coal Industry.*

3. It is understood there shall be no revision of the previous wages without sufficient assurances that reorganization of the coal industry as proposed by the Royal Commission shall be executed.

4. A committee to be named by the Government, with representation for the miners, which shall prepare legislative and executive measures necessary to effect reconstruction of the coal industry.

The memorandum suggests that the revised wage scales be on simpler lines if possible than the old ones, and that they shall not adversely affect the wages of the lowest paid men.

It also suggests measures to prevent the recruitment of new workers over 18 years of age into the industry if unemployed miners are available, and provides that workers displaced by the closing of uneconomic collieries shall be transferred, with Government assistance, as recommended by the Royal Commission.

It is estimated that 250,000 men will be displaced in the mining industry by execution of the plans for complete reorganization of the industry.

According to the "Wall Street Journal" of May 12, the letters between Sir Herbert Samuel, Chairman of the Royal Coal Commission, and Arthur Pugh, President of the Trades Union Congress, which resulted in cancellation of the general strike, were as follows:

Dear Mr. Pugh:—As the outcome of conversations which I have had with your committee, I have made a memorandum embodying the conclusions that have been reached. I have made it clear to your committee from the outset that I have been acting entirely on my own initiative and have received no authority from the government and can give no assurance in their behalf. I am of the opinion that the proposals embodied in this memorandum are suitable for adoption and are likely to promote peace in the coal industry. I will strongly recommend their acceptance by the government when negotiations are renewed.

Yours sincerely,  
HERBERT SAMUEL.

Sir Herbert Samuel, London.

Dear Sir:—The General Council having carefully considered your letter of to-day and the memorandum attached thereto, concurred in your opinion that it offers a basis whereon negotiations upon conditions in the coal industry can be renewed. They are taking the necessary measures to terminate the general strike, relying upon the public assurances of the Prime Minister as to the steps that would follow. They assume that during the resumed negotiations the subsidy will be renewed and the lockout notices to the miners immediately withdrawn.

Yours faithfully,  
ARTHUR PUGH, Chairman.  
WALTER CITRINE, Acting Secretary.

Secretary Cook's orders to the miners to remain out (referred to further above), were indicated in the following Associated Press cablegrams of May 12:

The decision to call on the general strike was made without consulting the Miners' Federation. A. J. Cook, Secretary of that organization declared to-night. The miners were not party to it in any form.

"The Trades Union Congress decision has nothing to do with us," said Mr. Cook. "Our men will have to decide what to do in the light of circumstances. Our stoppage may continue for an indefinite period."

When the proposals of Sir Herbert L. Samuel were submitted to the miners early this morning the miners rejected them. Nevertheless the Trades Union Congress used them as a basis for its later action in calling off the strike.

Secretary Cook sent the following telegram to all the mining districts:

"The miners must not resume work, pending decision of a national conference convened for Friday next in Kingsway Hall, London, at 10 a. m. Please send delegates."

"The miners' representatives regret that they were not given an opportunity to consider beforehand the preparation of the draft proposals which the Trades Union Congress indorsed as the best obtainable for the settlement of the crisis in the coal industry," Mr. Cook continued. "The best proposals imply a reduction in the wages of large numbers of the miners, which is contrary to the repeated declarations of the Miners' Federation and which they believed their fellow trade unionists were helping them to resist."

"So far as the future is concerned, we will report all that has happened to a conference to be convened as early as possible. The delegates to the conference will either themselves decide what action is desirable or refer the matter to a ballot of all the miners."

Neither the Government nor the mine owners, Secretary Cook asserted, had approached the Miners' Federation regarding peace proposals.

Sir Herbert Samuel, in an explanatory statement to-night, said that resumption of the mining negotiations depended upon the Miners' Federation consenting to the proposals adopted by the T. U. C. in calling off the general strike, as a possible basis for negotiations.

"If they do not consent," he added, "the position so far as the mines are concerned will remain as it was, and stoppage of the mines will continue. If they do, the Government, I believe, would be fully justified in renewing the subsidy pending negotiations. The mines can then restart and the discussions that were interrupted can be resumed."

On May 13 Secretary Cook was quoted as saying that "the Trades Union Congress made a fatal mistake in calling off the general strike." This statement was made in an interview with a representative of the Associated Press, which further quotes his representations as follows:

We knew nothing about their reasons. There was no weakening of the men. We have seen hundreds of telegrams from all parts of the country to the effect that the men refuse to resume work."

Asked whether he thought Sir Herbert Samuel's memorandum furnished a reasonable basis for reopening negotiations for settlement of the miners' strike, Secretary Cook replied:

"Frankly, my opinion is that it furnishes a very good basis. There is much in it that I thoroughly approve, and it contained many points for useful discussion; but I doubt whether the miners will accept it."

"One can only forecast that the miners, with their knowledge and experience of Sir Herbert, will accept no reduction in wages. What we want is a definite guarantee that the proposed changes in the organization of the mining industry shall actually be made and applied immediately."

"As it is, the lockout still continues, and the only terms the men have before them are terms applying to the various districts. We want a certainty that legislation in that regard will be framed within three months before we consent to any wages agreement, so we shall know that the Government's intentions are genuine. Our pledges still stand and will be kept."

In the House of Commons on March 12, Premier Baldwin, in referring to the calling off of the strike, spoke as follows (we quote from the copyright cablegram to the New York "Times":

The Trades Union Council came to see me this morning and told me they had decided to call off the strike forthwith. I said I would make an immediate effort, myself and colleagues, to bring about a resumption of the negotiations before the two parties in the mining industry with a view of securing the earliest possible settlement.

I would only add at this moment that the peace I believe has come, the victory that has been won, is a victory not of any one part of the country, but of the common sense of the best part of the whole of the United Kingdom, and it is of the utmost importance at a moment like this that the whole of the British people should not look backwards but forwards, and that we should resume our work in a spirit of co-operation, putting behind us all malice and vindictiveness.

In a radio message on the 12th inst., broadcast throughout the country, the Premier said in part:

The general strike is over, though several days will elapse before normal conditions are restored. It has ended, as I made it plain in my speech to the nation a few nights ago that it must end, without conditions entered into by the Government. No government confronted by such a menace could enter into conditional negotiations the very undertaking of which would involve treachery to the accepted basis of our democratic Constitution.

Having said this, I must make it plain that I adhere both to the spirit and the letter of the speech which I delivered to the nation a few days ago. Our business is not to triumph over those who have fallen in a mistaken attempt. It is, rather, to rally them together as a whole in an attempt to restore the well-being of the nation.

I shall without delay enter into negotiations with the object of adjusting those difficulties between the owners and the men in the coal trade which were engaging the constant attention of the Government at the moment when the general strike unhappily emerged.

In a message from King George on May 12, the people were admonished to forget whatever elements of bitterness the strike had created, and to "remember how steady and how orderly the country remained though severely tested." The message follows:

To My People  
The nation has just passed through a period of extreme anxiety. It was to-day announced that the general strike has been brought to an end. At such a moment it is supremely important to bring together all my people to confront the difficult situation which still remains.

This task requires the co-operation of all able and well-disposed men in the country. Even with such help it will be difficult, but it will not be impossible.

Let us forget whatever elements of bitterness the events of the past few days have created and only remember how steady and how orderly the country remained though severely tested. Let us forthwith address ourselves to the task of bringing into being a peace which will be lasting because, forgetting the past, it looks only to the future with the hopefulness of a united people.

### Premier Baldwin Warns British Employers Against Reducing Wages of Returning Workers Following Strike.

A declaration to the effect that "I will not countenance any attempt on the part of any employers to use the present occasion to get reductions in wages below those in force before the strike began, or to get an increase in hours," was made in the British House of Commons on May 13 by Premier Stanley Baldwin, his statement being made in reply to an assertion by Ramsay MacDonald, labor leader, that certain employers seemed determined to embark on a policy of victimization. The declarations of Premier Baldwin which we quote are from the copyright cablegram from London May 13 to the New York "Times," which in its report of his speech says:

The Labor leader contrasted the appeal made by Mr. Baldwin on the previous day to forget bitterness and restore peace with statements in the official British Gazette this morning about the conditions on which the men would be allowed to return to work.

"Let there be no mistake," said Mr. MacDonald, "that the strike which has terminated was purely an industrial struggle. Those responsible for calling that strike said before it was begun and while it was on that the moment that certain industrial securities came over the horizon they would be satisfied and declare peace. That has happened. What has been the response? Contracts have been broken and bad temper has been roused, and at the moment of peace the most optimistic of us feel that peace is only to be a white sepulchre. Conditions have been imposed on the men who presented themselves for work."

#### Says More Men Are Out.

"I am informed that there are more men out today than there were yesterday, and that men have come out who went in, not because they want to hold up the community, but because they believe that the conditions the employers are attempting to impose are such as would make it impossible to continue any industry under peaceful conditions. I would ask whether advantage cannot be taken of what has happened to establish good relations on broader and firmer foundations than we have known for a good many years in the industry of the country."

"Threats are the last things I wish to use, but let there be no mistake about this, if there is any attempt to smash up the trade unions after the events of last week and yesterday, and if any foolish person thinks he can scrape the faces of the trade unionists in the dust, he is very much mistaken. We are not going to crawl back, and we are



not going to be treated as human beings with the yoke of absolute subordination riveted to our flesh."

Mr. Baldwin replied:

"I am not one of those who ever expected whenever the end of the great upset would come that it would or could straighten itself out in a day. I always felt that the first few days would be by far the most difficult through which we would have to pass. The supreme necessity of the country is that the largest body of men possible should be brought back to work at the earliest possible moment. I have always urged that the occasion calls neither for malice, recrimination nor triumph.

"But whatever the intentions of those who brought out the men last week, it is a fact that, had the movement been wholly successful, it would have meant the complete cessation of the press and transport, and had the Government not been prepared there would have been in this great democratic country a condition approaching anarchy. The Government provided vital services, partly by men who stopped at work and partly by volunteers.

#### Declares He Gave No Pledges.

"I have given no pledges at all, save that those who helped the Government should not suffer for having done so. If I went back on that pledge, who would ever trust me again, or trust the Government? There is the difficulty of reconciling a pledge of that kind with getting back all the men to work. That must be thrashed out between the trade unions and the employers' associations.

"I stand by every word of the message I broadcasted on the first day of the strike. Last night I learned that a certain large group of employers was unwilling to meet the union concerned. I lost no time in broadcasting that I thought the essential associations of the employers and the unions concerned should meet immediately and discuss the many difficulties that arise in getting the men back to work. I am glad to say that that particular association has consented to do what I asked of them and a meeting has already been arranged to take place tomorrow morning.

"Another body of employers at a meeting this morning decided that they would not enforce their first proposal to determine the agreement with their men or alter the conditions of employment."

Mr. Baldwin then stated that he had explicit denials from the London & Northeastern Railway Company and the London General Omnibus Company that wages would be reduced and the men lose their seniority.

"I cannot imagine that there will be an attack on the trade unions as a whole. I should not countenance it. There would be no greater disaster than that. It would be impossible to carry on unless you had these organizations which can speak for and bind parties on both sides. If you did not you would have sporadic outbreaks far more difficult to deal with and far more interrupting to ordinary industry.

"Let us get the water as calm as we can lest we spoil the work of a half century. The Government has no power to coerce or to order, but its influence will be exercised in the letter and spirit as I have stated."

"Every one knew," said J. H. Thomas, "that when the Government made the strike a constitutional issue no Government could budge from the position they took up. Every trade union leader knew it, though they joined issue with it and repudiated every one connected with them who dared raise the constitutional issue."

Mr. Thomas continued that the Government itself, although the Prime Minister probably did not know it, had broken the spirit and letter of his pledge. He quoted from an Admiralty order "as regards the men on strike in the establishment, the men are not to be allowed to enter, but are to be suspended until further notice." He read from a War Office notice that "the men who had returned to work by May 12 will be given the preference in employment irrespective of their former length of service."

He pointed out that one big London garage had refused to recognize the union since the strike and another firm had proposed to reduce the wages of its men four shillings a week. There were 4,000,000 men out of work at the moment, he declared, 100,000 more today than yesterday. The dockers, he added, if necessary, are prepared to strike for weeks and months, the miners for twelve or even twenty weeks. The danger, he concluded, was that the strike might get out of the hands of those who could control it.

David Lloyd George approved of the Prime Minister's appeal for reinstatement of the strikers and agreed that his pledge that the volunteers should be taken care of by the employers should also be redeemed. There never was a time, he said, when the country could less afford a prolongation of industrial controversy. April trade returns showed a great drop in imports and exports, he asserted, a million miners were still out of work and the non-production of coal would throw another 2,000,000 men out.

#### Great Britain's Warning Against False Bank Rumors.

On May 9 it was announced in Associated Press cablegrams from London that Sir William Joynson-Hicks, Home Secretary, had issued a warning that the government would take stern measures with anyone found circulating false reports of the state of British banks and other financial institutions. We quote further as follows, from the cablegram:

The Secretary pointed out that it was a criminal offense to circulate rumors concerning discontinuance of payment of checks by banks and other rumors designed to impair public confidence.

Ever since the general strike began there have been persistent rumors in circulation apparently designed to cause runs on banks. These have been denied repeatedly through the newspapers and wireless, and depositors do not appear uneasy since the London banks have been unusually quiet and operating with reduced staffs.

"England wins to a certainty," says Sir William, in a signed statement to *The Sunday Times* today.

"Tell the loyal people of our country to keep a good heart and a stiff upper lip," he wrote. "The news today (May 8) is good. The first convoy from the London docks came out this morning and was received with cheers, while the guards who marched down yesterday afternoon to the docks had a perfect ovation. One of the battalions, by the way, was the one which lying bulletins stated had mutinied. Tell your readers to believe no news that is not official. England wins to a certainty."

#### Warning By Great Britain Against False Rumors of Army Movements.

The following statement was issued at London on May 7 by the War Office, according to the Associated Press:

Rumors continue to be circulated to the effect that, first, the Army has reached the end of its resources; second, that the Army reserve has been called up, and, third, that troops have been ordered on strike duty and have refused to obey the orders.

The War Office states that with the exception of guards for a few vulnerable points in Great Britain no troops have been called out to aid the civil power, but that, as previously stated, certain units have been moved to districts to be available if their services are required.

The spirit of the troops is excellent. The Army reserve has not been called out.

#### Lloyd's Quoted Insurance of 3 to 1 Against Strike Lasting a Month.

Associated Press advices from London May 10 stated:

Business at Lloyd's underwriting rooms continues large, but the rates are unchanged from last week, indicating that the underwriters are not more disturbed over the position than before.

Two shillings and sixpence per £100 is the normal rate for risks against damage to ordinary property, and 5 shillings to cover food-stuffs and other commodities liable to looting. The rate for private motor cars is harder, at 5 shillings, this covering the risk of malicious damage caused by riots.

Many inquiries have been received regarding the rates for insurance against the strike lasting specific periods. For policies to pay losses in the event of the strike not being called off within four weeks from May 7, 25 guineas per 100 guineas is quoted; for similar insurance for three weeks, 30 guineas; for a fortnight 50 guineas, and for a week, 75 guineas.

These rates, *The Financial Times* says, represent odds of 3 to 1 against its continuing for a month, the intermediate rates representing proportionate odds.

#### Embargo by Great Britain on Bunker Coal—Effect on U. S.

Advices that owing to the British coal strike, it would be impossible "to provide bunker coal in Great Britain for vessels other than those performing services essential to the National interests" were conveyed to the State Department at Washington on May 7 by the British Embassy, and were made public by the Department of Commerce. The British Embassy's statement, signed by H. C. Chilton, Acting Counselor, read:

I have the honor, on instructions from his Majesty's Government, to inform you that, owing to the coal strike, it has become necessary to take steps to conserve the available supplies in Great Britain. There being no reserve of bunker coal in British ports and no prospect of replenishment of current stocks, it will be impossible, in existing circumstances, to provide bunker coal in Great Britain for vessels other than those performing services essential to the national interests.

In notifying you of this decision, which has been dictated by the extreme gravity of the crisis with which the United Kingdom is now confronted, I have the honor to explain that every effort will be made consistent with national safety to minimize delay or inconvenience to foreign shipping.

Stating that while the order will have no effect on a majority of the vessels of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, which are oil burners, the New York "Herald-Tribune" pointed out that it will limit the activity of a large number of coal-burning "tramps" and ships on irregular routes that have been engaged in commerce between British and American ports.

#### Great Britain Losing Coal Trade—Gazette Warns That Whole Nation Will Suffer With High Taxes.

The British *Gazette*, the Government's strike newspaper, called attention to coal orders going from the English trade to the American trade, said a copyright cablegram to the New York "Times" from London May 10, which added:

It emphasizes shipments from Hampton Roads to the Mediterranean and other Continental ports, which shipments, it says, would in the ordinary course go from English ports.

It follows this note with the following:

There are many strikers who seem to imagine the cost of an industrial stoppage to be measured by the resources of the trades union funds, and that any further losses will not affect the workers. A greater delusion could not be entertained. If the strike is prolonged the losses will run into hundreds of millions and the people would lose.

This is no case of the loser paying. No matter who wins or who loses, it is the whole people who will have to foot the bill.

In ample time the Chancellor of the Exchequer warned the nation that any industrial stoppage must involve an increase in both direct and indirect taxation. In both events, the wage earners must necessarily suffer.

#### British Trades Union Congress Says Imposition of Conditions Designed to Destroy Trade Unionism Will Not Be Tolerated.

On May 13, following a special meeting to consider the situation in cases where employers have failed to re-engage workers who quit during the general strike in Great Britain, a statement was issued by the Trades Union Congress in which it was declared that the trades unions have

no alternative but to resist to the utmost "any attempt to impose humiliating terms on the workers." The Associated Press indicates as follows the declarations of the Congress:

"Our resisting power is unimpaired," the statement says. "We cannot tolerate the imposition of conditions designed to destroy trade unionism. Peace without vindictiveness is impossible unless the attacks are ended immediately. The workers will not surrender their hard-earned gains."

The statement was interpreted by close followers of the situation as a direct warning to the employers and the Government that reported conditions on the question of re-employment would not be acceptable in any sense to the Trades Union Congress. The statement was taken to intimate that if the employers insisted on their stand the congress would be forced to offer resistance.

"The Trades Union Congress called off the strike in full confidence that the Premier meant what he said concerning conditions regarding the resumption of work and would use his influence so peace might be preserved," the statement says. "Peace depends upon the attitude of the employers, who, according to reports throughout the country, are attempting victimization. If one class of employers think they can disrupt and degrade the trades unions, then the situation is grave indeed. The only solution is a peace honorably kept by both sides."

The statement declares that the calling off of the general strike was no indication of weakness on the part of labor and insists that if peace is to be maintained Premier Baldwin must back up his public speeches—"if not, let there be no mistake—trade unionism will not stand idly by."

"Trade unionism is not beaten and not broken, but was reinforced by the absolute solidarity which the general strike has revealed," the statement says. "The whole purpose of Premier Baldwin's efforts to bring peace will be null and void if attacks on the trades unions do not cease."

The statement also addresses an exhortation to the railway men on roads which have offered the men individual agreements.

"Sign no individual agreements," it says; "consult your own officials and follow their instruction. The unions will protect you."

The statement says that telegrams have been sent throughout Great Britain to nearly two hundred general secretaries, declaring that it is imperative that agreements existing prior to the general strike be maintained.

Employers who are trying to compel the men to sign "humiliating documents and beat down wages are making a mistake if they only realize it," the statement adds.

### British Credit In United States Intact Despite Strike— \$20,000,000 From Federal Reserve, \$100,000,000 From Morgan Still Available.

Under date of May 10 the New York "Times" reported the following from Washington:

No part of the \$200,000,000 credit which was arranged by the Bank of England with the Federal Reserve banks of the United States to aid in sustaining the British exchange when Great Britain went back on the gold basis has yet been used despite the general strike in England, it was said here today. At the time this credit with the Reserve banks was obtained the British Government also received a credit of \$100,000,000 by J. P. Morgan & Co., and if Great Britain needs aid, this credit probably will be used.

Experts here do not look for any immediate decline in the value of the British pound sterling, as a result of the strike. It is not believed that the strike situation will interfere with the payment by Britain of the instalment on her debt to the United States, which is due in June. Some feel that the strike may have had some effect in checking a rise in the value of the French franc, but it was said that there were other factors in the international financial relationship which also might temporarily serve to keep the French franc at a depressed level.

### British Banks To Keep Notes Circulating.

British banks were instructed to keep bank notes and Treasury notes in circulation and not to return them for cancellation, according to a Central News cablegram to the New York News Bureau under date of May 7.

A cablegram as follows, dated London, May 12, was also reported by the New York News Bureau from the Central News:

Under a new emergency regulation the Secretary of State may take an order prohibiting banks from paying out or transferring moneys sent to England if use of such moneys is deemed prejudicial to public safety, or the life of the community.

### American Radio Grant Moratorium on British Payments Owing to Strike.

American radio companies have granted a moratorium in connection with their British interests on account of the strike in the British Isles, it became known at the Radio Convention in Atlantic City on May 11, according to the New York "Times" which says:

Alex. Eisemann, Treasurer of the Freed-Eisemann Company, said that in view of the community of interests existing among the merchants of the world, the pressure of conditions must be taken into consideration and that he, for one, had notified the British concessionaires that for a period of thirty to sixty days their obligations would be extended.

It has been said that there was wholesale buying of radio equipment in view of the strike, because virtually all the news comes by wireless in the British Isles, but American equipment, mostly multi-tube sets, is costly, and economic conditions are such in England that most of the new purchasing is of simple crystal sets.

### London Stock Exchange Closing Was Discussed During Recent Strike, But Vetoed.

The following is from copyright advices to the New York "Times" dated London, May 9:

On the first day of the strike the question of closing the London Stock Exchange was discussed by the governing committee, but it was decided unanimously to continue doing business. In regard to the week's market, one significant fact is that the 5% war loan ended at 99½, which is less than one point below the rate ruling before the strike began.

Other Government securities also have held firm, although the market is naturally fending off any large sellers. Railway shares have steadied after the introductory shake-up. The decline of industrial shares was simply due to the marking down of prices largely as a precaution against speculative sales.

### Dissolution of Banking Syndicate That Offered Italian Loan Last November—Break in Price Following Withdrawal of Support.

The dissolution of the syndicate which last November floated the \$100,000,000 Italian loan, occurred on May 8, the bonds suffering a break in price with the termination of the support. The fact that the syndicate had in March been extended for a period of sixty days—the question of a further extension being left to the discretion of the bankers, was reported in these columns March 27, page 1702. That the issue had twice been placed by the syndicate, and the bonds had been thrown back upon the bankers by the millions a few days after their disposal, is made known in the following from the "Wall Street Journal" of May 10:

Fall of Italian Government 7% bonds Saturday to 88½ following dissolution of the syndicate was not altogether surprising. Brought out last November to amount of \$100,000,000 and offered at 94½, to yield 7.48% to maturity in 1951, the distribution of the issue was not entirely fortunate. Mindful of the great success attending the sale of the German bonds which, offered a year earlier at 92, had quickly sold at a premium, dealers were heavy subscribers for the Italian issue, asking for five to eight times what they were sure they could dispose of. In the first flush of the large subscription the bonds sold at 94½, but quickly settled back to the offering price. Thus the process of retail distribution of the bonds was handicapped from two directions. The bankers, however, never lost faith in the integrity of Mussolini and proceeded with the retailing task. Prominent members of the syndicate declared that, prior to the clearing up of the syndicate's books last week, it had twice been absolutely out of the bonds, only to have them pour back on its hands by the millions a few days later. At the low price of Saturday, 88½, the bond yielded nearly 8.10% to maturity, which looked like an opportunity of a generation for the investor.

The New York "Times" of May 9 had the following to say regarding the termination of the syndicate:

An abrupt break of 5½ points in the price of Italian Government 7% bonds of 1951 occurred at the opening of the market yesterday, when the syndicate which floated the issue last November was dissolved. The bonds had been supported at 94½ since their original offering. Yesterday's opening sale was made at 89 and the price receded further to 88½. After the first rush of selling there was not a great deal of pressure, and prices scored a moderate rally, closing at 89½. This was a net loss of 4½ points from the closing quotations of Friday.

The Italian issue amounted to \$100,000,000 and was underwritten by a syndicate headed by J. P. Morgan & Co. soon after the funding of the Italian debt to the United States last fall. The First National Bank, the National City Company, the Guaranty Company, the Bankers Trust Company and others of the largest financial institutions here participated in the offering, and the selling syndicate was nation-wide. The offering was made Nov. 19, and it was stipulated that the selling syndicate should expire Feb. 1. The life of the syndicate was extended to April 1, however, and on that date a further extension to May 31 was made. It was provided, however, that the syndicate might be terminated in advance of the final date, and dissolution was decided on Friday night, to take effect yesterday.

#### Price Held Steady.

Since the original offering the price of the bonds on the Stock Exchange had not varied from 94½ and sales were light. With the withdrawal of syndicate support heavy transactions developed.

It was understood that one large bank had put in a bid for \$500,000 par value of the bonds at 89 and succeeded in getting more than \$350,000 of them at the opening of the market. This bank lowered its bid and is understood to have obtained additional lots. The day's transaction in the Italian issue on the Stock Exchange totaled \$1,611,000 par value. The usual daily sales have been well under \$100,000.

As a wholesaling transaction the bond issue was quickly sold, a heavy oversubscription having been announced within an hour of the opening of the books on the day of the original offering. The bonds have all been placed with dealers and distributors, but only a portion of them have been absorbed by the investing public. The large size of the offering and other factors have militated against the rapid sale of the entire issue to permanent holders. It has been reported several times that the lagging sale of the Italian issue has been somewhat of a market factor in holding back other large foreign financing which had been intended for this year.

#### Italian Exchange Affected.

Italian exchange, which has been strongly stabilized in recent months, also felt the effect of the dissolution of the bond syndicate. The \$100,000,000 loan was obtained by Italy for stabilization purposes, which included support of the exchange rate, and large portions of the proceeds have been used in exchange market operations, and the lira rate has been held almost stationary at about 4.02 cents in the fact of violent changes in French, Belgian, and other Continental exchanges. The Italian rate began to sag last week, however, and the close yesterday was at 4.00½, a loss of one-half a point for the day.

Bankers declared that nothing unfavorable had developed in Italy's situation and that progress was being made in the nation's stabilization program. It was generally expected in the financial district that, with artificial restraints removed, a stable market for the Italian bonds would develop and that prices gradually would work back to their former levels.

Since then very severe breaks in Italian exchange have occurred.—Ed.



### Rome Gets \$5,000,000 Loan—National City Bank Extends Credit for Housing Purposes—No Public Financing.

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

The City of Rome has obtained a private banking loan of \$5,000,000 from the National City Bank, it was learned yesterday. The money is to be used by the city for housing purposes. Officials of the National City Bank would give no details, declaring the transaction was a private operation.

The National City Bank has agencies in most parts of Europe, and credits such as the one extended to Rome are frequent. In the present case the business was not exactly new, as at least part of the funds was made available to the city last March. There will be no public financing and no issue of securities in connection with the loan.

Rumors of a large loan to Rome were circulated last fall, but it was said then that the Italian Government was opposed to the sale of Italian municipal bonds in foreign markets except in urgent cases. Since the funding of the Italian debt to this country last November, the Italian Government has sold a \$100,000,000 bond issue in this country and there has been a large volume of Italian industrial financing, most of it having been underwritten by Blair & Co., Inc.

The Vatican also has obtained a revolving credit of several million dollars in New York.

### Italy Offers Rumania Loan of \$8,000,000.

Bucharest (Rumania) Associated Press advices May 12 state:

Premier Averescu to-day announced that Italy had voluntarily and unconditionally offered Rumania a ten-year loan of 200,000,000 lire (about \$8,000,000).

The Premier announced that Rumania proposes to use the loan in order to stabilize her currency. The decline of the lei on the exchange is now believed to have been definitely arrested.

### European Banker Suggests New Money for Italy.

Dr. Giuseppe Zuccoli, General Manager of the Banque Francaise Italienne pour L'Amerique du Sud, recently returned from a trip of inspection to his branch offices, states that new money should be established in Italy similar in operation to several other European countries. Dr. Zuccoli recently submitted a plan for Italy for a system on the gold basis which he would call the "Zecchino." After spending a few days in New York Dr. Zuccoli sailed on May 5 on the steamship "Aquitania." His institution has its headquarters in Paris and operates forty branches in Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Chile and Colombia.

### Proposed Polish Dollar Bank to Seek Funds of Emigrants in Interest of Farmer.

The following special article (copyright) from its correspondent at Warsaw, under date of May 5, is from the New York "Times" of May 6:

In one form or another the dollar must be harnessed to the plow of Poland's economic rehabilitation. There are fully \$50,000,000 tucked away in the Poles' woolen sock hoardings and these, in the opinion of foreign as well as Polish economists, will have to go to work if the country is to win its struggle for prosperity.

Poland's hidden store of American currency is derived almost entirely from her emigrants, notably from the 3,000,000 Poles in the United States and mostly from the small remittances to the old folk at home. A small percentage comes from the export trade. The point is that to-day this considerable sum is virtually dead capital. Those who own dollars hesitate to risk losing them through investment in an enterprise yielding only wobbly zlots or by confiding them to banks functioning under statutes perilously prejudicial to depositors. Practically the only way dollar savings are used at present is in speculations on exchange. The Bank of Poland loaned nearly 20,000,000 zlots on dollar security in one month. The borrowers had to pay 2% interest for a month's loan, but even at this high rate the fall of the zloty gave them a profit—and cut into the Bank's currency issue.

#### *Dollars Lost in Bank Failure.*

To persuade dollars, either those now hoarded within the country or newcomers shipped across the Atlantic in the form of American credits, to aid in the Polish financial recovery is an essential preliminary to the reform of the banking law. Last fall large amounts of foreign currency, notably American and British, were lost through the failure of an important bank which under the present law was able to list among the assets assigned to its creditors foreign moneys sent it for payment of business firms in Poland. The United States and Great Britain immediately protested to the Polish Government, and after prolonged negotiations an amendment of the existing statute was drafted compelling the banks to keep sums remitted through them in a separate account, and in the legal tender of the country from which the remittance comes. The Polish Finance Ministry assured me the bill shortly would be passed by the Diet.

When this happens it will be only the first step on the long road to the restoration of confidence in Poland's finance. The outlook for additional foreign loans is admittedly negative until the budget is balanced and the zloty stabilized. Recent attempts to arrange a credit of \$100,000,000 through the Bankers Trust Co. and the American Tobacco Co. clearly demonstrated this. The security offered was the Polish tobacco monopoly which in 1925 produced 182,000,000 zlots or about \$25,000,000. The American negotiators, however, wanted not only revenue control but supervision of budgetary expenditures as well—in other words, a form of Dawes plan—as a safeguard against currency depreciation which ultimately might nullify the real value of the monopoly's annual profits. Their demand was rejected by the Warsaw authorities and the deal fell through.

On grounds of national prestige Poland sternly opposes applying to her financial problems any solution resembling the Dawes plan. Consequently her chances to-day of borrowing capital abroad are nil.

#### *American Loans Total \$245,000,000.*

The last dollar of credit obtained by the Poles was \$10,000,000 from the Federal Reserve Bank, secured, however, by a gold deposit in London. This brought the total of America's loans up to \$245,000,000, or 70% of

Poland's entire foreign debt, including \$35,000,000 advanced through Dillon, Read & Co. last summer, which was issued at 95 and dropped to 87.

While offering scant scope for foreign investors, Poland has become far more conciliatory toward foreigners, particularly Americans, desirous of exploiting her mineral and other resources. She manifested this spirit by the adoption last week—albeit by a majority of only one vote in the Diet—a measure of waiving payment of the overdue property tax on the Giesche zinc mines acquired by W. A. Harriman in Polish Silesia and exempting the product of these mines from export duties in the future. Thereby a steady flow of American capital into the Polish mining industry is assured.

In this direction more doubtless could be accomplished by the sale of State-owned industrial enterprises to private, preferably foreign syndicates. Over-ambitious to expand and modernize its industries rapidly, the Polish Government tried to do too much and so achieved mighty little, and that little at high cost.

The projects outlined above would serve to lure a certain fraction of the available dollars from their present hiding places. But a far grander scheme has been evolved by responsible Warsaw economists and submitted to the Ministry of Finance, which is giving the proposal studious attention. It calls for the establishment of a special bank uncontrolled by the State, but granted a monopoly of dollar deposits and transactions, both domestic and foreign. Into this bank, which would be forbidden to convert its funds into zlots, American currency lying idle in woolen socks or safety deposit boxes would speedily find its way, according to the conviction of many eminent authorities on finance. The institution, it is believed, soon would dispose of the funds, running into scores of millions of dollars.

#### *Bank Scheme Would Aid Farmers.*

In a previous article I said Poland's economic future rests above all with the Polish farmer. His needs, which are many, therefore should have first call. The Government's poverty, however, prevents adequate official assistance of agriculture. Routine foreign credits are barred for the reasons cited here.

The proposed "dollar bank," however, would be admirably adapted to arrange the necessary financing directly. The farmer's requirements in machinery and fertilizers could be met by America at an estimated initial cost of \$20,000,000. The contemplated bank should be in a position to guarantee long term credit to this amount. American purveyors would be secured against loss, both by the bank itself and by liens on Polish agricultural property insured against the zloty depreciation by Poland's grain and other farm produce exports, which in a normal year aggregate over 10% of the harvest. Credits would be distributed to the individual farmer, not through official agencies, but by co-operative organizations.

The political obstacles to this undertaking are numerous. But the Poles, although their politicians are influenced almost altogether by next year's general election, are gradually learning not to let politics devastate their business.

### Ruling of United States Supreme Court on German Mark Depreciation—Gain of American Borrowers, Measured by Dollars, Not Subject to Tax.

In a case involving the question as to whether the difference between the value of German marks, measured by dollars, at the time of payment to the American Alien Property Custodian, and their value when advanced as a loan is taxable as income, the United States Supreme Court affirmed on May 3 the judgment of the lower court at New York which reversed a Treasury ruling that the difference in value was taxable. The New York "Times" in thus reporting the conclusions of the Supreme Court, gives the following account of the proceedings in which the ruling was given:

The case was brought by the Kerbaugh-Empire Co. of New York, owning all the capital stock of H. S. Kerbaugh, Inc., which won in the New York court, the Government taking an appeal. The record shows that the Kerbaugh-Empire Co. applied to the Deutsche Bank of Berlin through its New York representative, for loans to finance the work done by its subsidiary, H. S. Kerbaugh, Inc., engaged in the performance of construction contracts.

The bank agreed to make the loans by cabling to the credit of its New York representative German marks equivalent in dollars, stipulating that the loans would be evidenced by notes payable as to principal and interest in marks, or the equivalent in United States gold, at prime bankers' rates in New York for cable transfer to Berlin.

In June 1911 the company advised the bank of the amount needed, and prior to July 1919 24 loans were made on the credits totaling \$1,983,000, the equivalent being 8,341,337 marks. On Sept. 1 1913 there remained unpaid 6,740,800 marks. The debt was reduced to 3,216,445 marks on March 31 1915.

#### *Says Money Was Lost.*

In its decision, read by Associate Justice Butler, the Court stated that the several amounts borrowed from time to time by the company were contemporaneously advanced to its subsidiary and were expended and lost in and about the performance of the construction and contracts.

These losses, sustained from 1913 to 1918, inclusive, were allowed as deductions in the subsidiary's income tax returns for those years. The excess of its losses over income was more than the amount claimed by the collector to be its income in 1921.

According to the demand of the Alien Property Custodian in 1921, the company surrendered \$113,688 23 in full settlement of principal and interest owing on the note belonging to the bank, of that amount \$80,411 12 represented principal. The settlement was on the basis of two and one-half cents per mark. Measured by United States gold coin, the difference between the value of the marks borrowed at the time the loans were made and the amount paid to the custodian was \$684,456 18.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue held the amount borrowed to be income and chargeable to the company for 1921. Excluding that item, the tax return for 1921 shows a deficit of \$581,254 77.

#### *Finds No Gain Resulted.*

"The transaction here in question did not result in gain from capital and labor, or from either of them, or in profit gained through the sale or conversion of capital," the Supreme Court ruled. "The essential facts set forth in the complaint are the loans of 1911, 1912 and 1913, the loss in 1913 to 1918 of the moneys borrowed, the excess of such losses over income by more than the item here in controversy, and the payment in the equivalent of marks greatly depreciated in value. The result of the whole transaction was a loss."

"The contention that the item in question is cash gain disregards the fact that the borrowed money was lost and that the excess of such loss over income was more than the amount borrowed. When the loans were made and note given, the assets and liabilities of defendant in error were increased alike.

"The loss of the money borrowed wiped out the increase of assets, but the liability remained. The assets were further diminished by payment of the debt. The loss was less than it would have been if marks had not declined in value, but the mere diminution of loss is not loss, gain, profit or income."

### Conclusions of New York Supreme Court on Mark Insurance Policy—Obligation Matter for German Revaluation Laws.

Justice Lydon of the Supreme Court of New York lately handed down a decision in the case of Higgins vs. New York Life Insurance Co. which is of general interest to the holders of German mark obligations. In this case the holder of a mark insurance policy issued in Germany before the war had brought suit in New York, claiming that his insurance should now be paid in the new gold value mark. The court held that the extent of liability, if any, on such old mark obligation was exclusively a matter for German revaluation laws and that the New York courts should refuse to take jurisdiction of such controversies. This case is regarded as a precedent affecting thousands of holders of German mark obligations who are dissatisfied with the German revaluation laws and have been organizing to sue here in the hope that the American courts would take jurisdiction and award some greater measure of value to the old mark.

### Interest Rates Falling in Germany.

Evidence of a significant change in German economic and financial conditions accumulates, according to a statement made this week by A. G. Becker & Co. "The adverse trade balance," the bankers state, "which Germany reported from the autumn of 1924, turned in December 1925 to a favorable balance of 33 million reichsmarks. The favorable balance mounted to 68 million reichsmarks in January of this year and to 121 million in February 1926." The bankers add:

Recent cables from Berlin indicate materially easier money conditions and a growing capacity to finance German requirements at home. The rates reflect this situation in striking fashion. The change in rates is accompanied also by the action of the German Finance Ministry in demanding a lower interest cost on new loans made to German municipalities.

German dollar bonds, in sympathy with these favorable developments, have been firm. A number of issues have moved up in price within the past few weeks.

### Germany to Establish Free Grain Trading Co.

The New York "Journal of Commerce" reports the following advices from Washington, May 1:

A bill providing for the establishment of "a free grain trading company" with an initial capital of 30,000,000 gold marks has been passed by the German Reichstag, according to consular advices received at the Department of Commerce. The money is to be taken from funds at hand resulting from the dissolution of the Commonwealth Grain Office.

### New Luxury Tax in Spain—Many Articles Bought by Foreigners Will Go Up 10%.

A Madrid cablegram, May 12 to the New York "Times" (copyright) says:

After July 1 a new luxury tax will be collected by Spain, increasing by 10% the prices of a number of articles listed by the Government. Foreigners must pay this tax on many articles purchased in Spanish territory.

The list of luxuries includes first-class hotels and restaurants, antiques, paintings, clothing and jewelry. The sellers of the articles and those rendering the services taxed will collect 5% of the levy and pay it to the Government and will retain the other 5%.

### Depression Suffered by Russian Chervonetz—Paper Issue to Be Curtailed.

A translation of an article published in *Le Temps Russe, Paris* regarding the depreciation of the Chervonetz, has come to us under date of April 30, our informant in supplying us with the information making the following comment:

Inasmuch as many banks in this country have been accepting orders for mail and cable remittances from Russian immigrants to their friends and relatives in Russia and Siberia, payable in the new Gold Ruble or Chervonetz (one Chervonetz equals 10 Gold Rubles), buying the same at a fixed price from the soviet controlled banks in Moscow, (which price of \$5.25 per Chervonetz has not changed at all since the new currency was established) I believe that these banks should be informed about the internal depression of this new money, otherwise they may be accused sooner or later by their clients, for having accepted good money for orders executed in depreciated money.

The translation of the article referred to follows:

[Translation]

("Le Temps Russe," Paris, 14 Avril 1926. No. 253.)

*Struggling for the Chervonetz*

London 13, April 1926 (over the telephone).—Much excitement is caused in British business circles at present by the flow of rumors reaching them from different sources, regarding the struggle of the Soviet Government against the depreciation of the chervonetz.

The market price of the Bolshevik chervonetz, so much advertised at foreign "black" exchanges and forcibly imposed upon the Russian people,

has dropped considerably during the last few months. It is worth to mention that the depreciation of the chervonetz is not yet noticed in foreign countries, where only speculators and other similar people of not important standing, are interested in that question, but only within Russia, where the paper chervonetz is being depreciated by the population, notwithstanding the efforts made by Narkomfin, Narkombnutrog and other such Soviet institutions, and at the same time the subsidiary silver money which had been coined by the bolsheviks to a limited amount, is gradually disappearing from circulation.

At present time the purchasing power of chervonetz has dropped 50% and it is possible that it will depreciate still more.

All this causes great worries to the Soviet Government. As all their efforts to introduce the chervonetz officially in foreign countries failed, they had, naturally, to impose it on the population of U. S. S. R. But, owing to strange circumstances, the paper chervonetz soon after its issue disappeared from circulation, and a shortage of money followed, so the Soviet printing press is working day and night and literally inundates the country with this diluted paper surrogate money of the gold chervonetz.

As a means to improve such unfavorable situation, the Bolsheviks are planning to issue a home loan of a considerable amount, in chervonetz, with many privileges for the holders of the bonds. It has been also decided to curtail the issue of paper chervonetz, and gradually to return to the rouble.

For the villages where the peasants are especially antagonistic to the Bolshevik chervonetz, it is suggested to issue for a large nominal amount "Tsarist" paper money of 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 and 25 roubles denomination and those Roubles to be printed from the old steel-cut still kept in the offices of Government archives.

In the nearest future there will be held in Moscow a Finance Conference, for the purpose to find ways to combat the further depreciation of the chervonetz.

We are told that in the latter part of March some soviet representatives were again busy to fight abroad for the possibility for the chervonetz to be quoted officially, but their attempts were fruitless.

### Closing of Moscow Bourse Denied.

Under date of May 12, Harold Kellock, Statistical Director of the Russian Information Bureau at Washington, sends us the following:

May 12 1926.

Editor, Commercial & Financial Chronicle, New York City.

Dear Sir:—I have just noticed that in your issue of May 5, page 2584, you reprint a news dispatch from Berlin to the New York "Times" to the effect that the Moscow Bourse closed as a result of the demoralization of the chervonetz. Just to set the record clear, we cabled to the State Bank in Moscow on this and received the reply that the dispatch was wholly false. Inasmuch as the "Times" has a very able correspondent in Moscow and the Associated Press has an adequate bureau there, I do not understand why the "Times" printed the story without an attempt at verification.

This is written, not in any spirit of criticism, but to let you know the facts.

Sincerely,

HAROLD KELLOCK.

### Three Soviet Finance Minister Officials Executed on Account of Alleged Association with Speculators.

Associated Press cablegrams from Moscow May 6 state:

Three important Finance Ministry officials, Volin, Chepelovsky and Rabinowitch, were executed to-day by order of the G. P. U. (State Political Police).

The trio were charged with abusing the trust imposed in them by the Government to advance their own interests through speculation in the chervonetz. They are said to have worked in league with professional speculators on the Moscow and Leningrad bourses. A number of these speculators were recently imprisoned.

### Rupee Stabilization—Indian Government Holding Rate at or Above 1s. 5¼d. by Sale of Sterling Bills.

From London the "Wall Street News" of May 7 reported the following:

To check attempts by speculators to depreciate the rupee, the Indian Government is operating in rupee exchange. It is selling reverse council bills (sterling drafts on London) at a rate of 1s. 4¼d. a rupee, of about \$0.36, so as long as this policy is continued the rupee cannot depreciate below this point.

Prior to the sudden fall in March to 1s. 5¼d., the rupee had been practically stable at 1s. 6d. for 12 months. Intervention to maintain the rate around 1s. 6d. indicates that the Currency Commission, now sitting in London, will recommend that the rupee be stabilized at 1s. 6d.

Such a decision will meet with considerable opposition from Indian exporters who favor a return to the pre-war parity of 1s. 4d.

The Indian Government's intervention is strongly criticized by many economists. They point out the heavy losses suffered by the Government in the past through manipulating the rupee exchange. In 1920, for instance, the Government lost more than \$150,000,000 in a fruitless effort to maintain the rupee at 2s.

### Receipts from Revenues Pledged for Hungarian Reconstruction Loan.

Jeremiah Smith Jr., Commissioner-General of the League of Nations for Hungary, in his latest report states that the receipts for the quarter ended March 31 1926 amounted to about \$12,700,000, or about twice the interest and sinking fund requirements of the Hungarian Reconstruction Loan for the whole year. For the first nine months of the current fiscal year, these receipts were about \$39,790,000, or about six times the entire annual interest and sinking fund requirements.

### Antwerp Bank Suspends.

From Brussels (Belgium), Associated Press cablegrams May 8, it is learned that the Banque Credit Populaire, in Antwerp, with nine branches and 300 agencies, has sus-



pending payment after paying out 22,000,000 francs last week. The same account says:

The Bank Populaire pour l'Arondissement d'Anvers has notified its customers that it will require previous notice before making payments of more than 1,000 francs.

Both difficulties are attributed to the financial situation of the country.

**Greece to Settle War Debt to Great Britain.**

Athens (Greece), Associated Press advices May 7 stated: Tsouderos, Vice Governor of the National Bank, is leaving for London to settle the Greek war debt to Great Britain, amounting after recent deductions to about £19,120,000. (The total of the British loans to Greece was slightly over £24,350,000.)

**Argentine Bank Suspends Payment.**

The Banco Commercial del Azul, said to be one of the largest native banks of Argentina, suspended payments on May 11 and was closed the following day, according to Associated Press advices from Buenos Aires May 12. The bank is capitalized at 15,000,000 pesos (about \$6,000,000) with deposits of 50,000,000 (about \$20,000,000).

An Inter-Ocean Press cablegram, published in the New York "Journal of Commerce" May 13, says:

As soon as the Minister of Finance was notified of the failure, he instructed the National Bank of Argentina to call a 15,000,000 peso short term loan, which had been granted to the Commercial Bank of Azul by some other institution and rediscounted with the National Bank of Argentina. The amount of the failure has not been announced as yet.

**Issuance of New Treasury Notes by Japanese Government.**

The Japanese Financial Commission was advised by cablegram on May 11 of the decision of the Imperial Japanese Government to issue a new loan, as follows:

5% Treasury Notes (Series No. 33).

Purpose, railroad construction; total amount, 15,000,000 yen; issue price, 91.50 yen; date of issue, May 25 1926; date of redemption, on or before Sept. 1 1938; yield, 6.2%; subscription, offered for sale to the public through post offices during May 25-June 10.

**National Loans of Japan Issued, Redeemed and Outstanding in March 1926.**

Data regarding internal and external loans of Japan issued, redeemed and outstanding in March have been made available through the Japanese Financial Commission in Washington. The figures show total internal loans outstanding on March 31 of 3,519,864,225 yen, compared with 3,550,075,550 yen outstanding Feb. 28; internal loans of 2,610,275 yen were issued during the month, while of this class of loans the amount redeemed was 32,821,600 yen. In the case of external loans the outstanding amount on March 31 is shown as 1,479,312,135 yen, as against 1,500,000,707 yen on Feb. 28, the amount having been reduced through the redemption of bonds to the amount of 20,688,572 yen. The details follow:

NATIONAL LOANS OF JAPAN (MARCH 1926).				
Kinds of Loans—	Outstanding on February 28.	Issued in March.	Redeemed in March.	Outstanding at March 31.
Internal—	Yen.	Yen.	Yen.	Yen.
5% -----	538,805,550 00	2,610,275 00	29,653,300 00	511,762,525 00
5% special -----	135,099,150 00	-----	638,100 00	134,461,050 00
5% "Ko" -----	429,015,800 00	-----	2,520,700 00	426,495,100 00
4% first -----	171,080,550 00	-----	5,000 00	171,075,550 00
4% second -----	96,564,200 00	-----	4,200 00	96,560,000 00
5% Treasury bonds -----	1,759,230,725 00	-----	300 00	1,759,230,425 00
Railroad bonds -----	79,999,500 00	-----	-----	79,999,500 00
Extraordinary Treasury notes -----	340,280,075 00	-----	-----	340,280,075 00
Total Internal -----	3,550,075,550 00	2,610,275 00	32,821,600 00	3,519,864,225 00
External—	-----	-----	-----	-----
4% first -----	91,543,745 80	-----	-----	91,543,745 80
4% second -----	243,638,008 12	-----	-----	243,638,008 12
5% sterling -----	223,276,295 32	-----	102,511 50	223,173,783 82
4% Franc -----	170,815,221 00	-----	30,379 50	170,784,841 50
4% third Sterling -----	105,697,166 90	-----	-----	105,697,166 90
6½% dollar -----	294,036,270 40	-----	10,792,651 20	283,243,619 20
6% Sterling -----	244,075,000 00	-----	-----	244,075,000 00
Former railroad co.'s debentures, Sterling -----	9,763,000 00	-----	9,763,000 00	-----
South Manchuria Ry. Co. debent. -----	117,156,000 00	-----	-----	117,156,000 00
Total External -----	1,500,000,707 54	-----	20,688,572 20	1,479,312,135 34
Grand total -----	5,050,076,257 54	2,610,275 00	53,510,172 20	4,999,176,360 34

Note.—\*These notes (representing chiefly our credits to Russia and China) were used to be listed separately from others.

Another specially treated debt, Rice Purchase Bill, issued and retired occasionally for the purpose of regulating the price of rice, amounted at the end of March to 16,044,947 69 yen, of which 4,082 56 yen being new issue in March.

**Japan's Foreign Trade Figures.**

An import balance of 300,550,000 yen is shown in figures of foreign trade of Japan from Jan. 1 to April 30 this year, made public by the Japanese Financial Commission. Under date of May 6 the Commission supplies the following figures from March to the end of April:

March—	1926.	Comparison with 1925.
Exports -----	187,748,000	Increase 36,159,000
Imports -----	287,281,000	Decrease 28,975,000
Import balance -----	99,533,000	Decrease 65,135,000
April (Subject to Correction) —	-----	-----
Exports -----	161,202,000	Decrease 7,392,000
Imports -----	235,432,000	Decrease 26,011,000
Import balance -----	74,230,000	Decrease 18,624,000
From Jan. 1 to April 30 (Subject to Correction) —	-----	-----
Import balance -----	300,550,000	Decrease 161,287,000

Figures for January and February were given in our issue of April 24, page 2288. While figures for March were also presented at the same time, these have since undergone revision as above.

**Bankers Negotiating Lisbon Loan.**

Morgan, Livermore & Co. are negotiating for a \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000 loan for the City of Lisbon, in Portugal. Proceeds of the loan will be used for municipal construction work, to be carried out by Ulen & Co. The loan has been approved by the Municipal Senate of Lisbon in first reading.

**Offering of \$2,000,000 Bonds of Free State of Anhalt (Germany)—Books Closed—Issue Placed.**

Announcement of the offering of a new issue of \$2,000,000 Free State of Anhalt (Germany) 7% external loan serial gold bonds of 1926 was made by A. G. Becker & Co. on May 11. The bonds are due in equal annual installments March 1 1927 to 1946 inclusive, and were offered at prices to yield from 6% to 7.60%, according to maturity. While the issue was formally offered for public subscription on May 13, it was announced that the books were closed at 5 p. m. May 12, and that the issue had been oversubscribed. The proceeds of these bonds will be used for the improvement and extension of chemical works and other enterprises owned by the State of Anhalt. It is stated that the issuance, purposes and terms of the loan have been approved by the Council of Foreign Loans of the German Minister of Finance, Berlin. The bonds will be dated March 1 1926. They will not be callable before Sept. 1 1936; they will be redeemable as a whole but not in part on Sept. 1 1936, or any interest date thereafter at 103 and interest on 60 days' notice. They will be coupon bonds in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, registerable as to principal only. Principal and semi-annual interest (Sept. 1 and March 1) will be payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness at the office of A. G. Becker & Co., Chicago, or of the International Acceptance Securities & Trust Co., New York, without deduction for any taxes, past, present or future, imposed by the Free State of Anhalt, or by the German Reich, or by any taxing authority thereof or therein.

The following is taken from the summary of a letter to the bankers from the Minister-President of the Free State of Anhalt:

*Indebtedness.*

This issue is the direct obligation of the Free State of Anhalt, and constitutes its sole external debt. It is secured by its full faith and credit and the State covenants that so long as any of the bonds of this loan are outstanding none of its assets or revenues will be pledged for any loan or guarantee of whatever nature without securing the bonds of this loan ratably and equally therewith. The internal funded and floating debt, as officially reported, aggregates the equivalent of \$1,310,000, while certain State property is subject to mortgages of \$2,250,000 given in the interest of the company operating the property for the State. Upon the completion of the present financing, the States total indebtedness will be substantially equivalent to \$3,310,000 against total State property (after making deduction for property mortgaged) of \$75,000,000. Practically all of this indebtedness has been incurred for the purpose of building up the productivity of the State properties and is, in effect, self-supporting.

*Dawes Plan.*

Under the operation of the Dawes Plan the assets and ordinary revenues of the State have been exempted from any charge for reparations payments. However, certain of the State enterprises are subject to an unsecured annual charge, which for the State of Anhalt is estimated at not in excess of \$15,000 annually.

*Wealth and Revenues.*

The estimated value of land and buildings within the State, but exclusive of properties owned by the State and Federal Governments, was about \$333,800,000 in the year 1925.

Properties owned by the State of Anhalt, which are for the most part income-producing, were valued in 1925 as follows: Agricultural lands, \$21,900,000; forests, \$34,850,000; mills, \$830,000; mines and chemical works, \$7,140,000; buildings and structures, \$13,303,000; total, \$78,050,000. These properties represent an important interest in the potash and other salts industries of the Stassfurt district as well as brown coal mines.

Included in the budget of the State for the year ended March 31 1925 were revenues and expenditures for State-owned properties and undertakings which yielded net receipts equivalent to \$975,000. In the fiscal year ending March 31 1926 the budget has been balanced at an amount equivalent to \$4,833,333.

This offering was made subject to prior sale for delivery when, as and if issued and received, and subject to approval of counsel. Pending delivery of definitive bonds, interim certificates of the International Acceptance Securities & Trust Co., New York, will be delivered.

### Senator Robinson Heads New Southwest Joint Stock Land Bank Organized in Arkansas—Bond Offering Next Week.

Under the leadership of Senator Joe T. Robinson, organization of the Southwest Joint Stock Land Bank at Little Rock, Ark., has been effected, according to an announcement on May 11 of M. F. Dickinson, President. The bank, chartered by the Federal Farm Loan Board, is contemplated to provide additional credit facilities for farmers in the territory served by the institution. Mr. Dickinson, before accepting the Presidency of the bank, was successively Appraiser, Director and Treasurer of the Federal Land Bank of St. Louis. Senator Robinson is Chairman of the Board. The Board of Directors includes Moorhead Wright, President of the Union Trust Co. of Little Rock; H. Grady Miller, former Manager, Washington Office, Continental Banking Co. of Baltimore, Md.; John M. Davis, President of the Exchange National Bank, Little Rock; F. W. Niemeyer, President of the Bankers Trust Co., Little Rock; M. W. Hardy, President, Hardy & Co., Little Rock; H. C. Couch, President, Arkansas Light & Power Co.; Vice-President, Simmons National Bank, Pine Bluff, Ark.; M. L. Bell, Vice-President and General Counsel, Rock Island Railroad, New York.

On Monday next, May 17 C. F. Childs & Co. will offer a new issue of \$1,000,000 5% Farm Loan Bonds of the newly organized Southwest Joint Stock Land Bank of Little Rock. The bonds will be dated May 1 1926, and due May 1 1956, redeemable May 1 1936. They will be offered at 103 and interest to net 4.62% to the redeemable date and 5% thereafter. The bank will operate in the states of Arkansas and Texas, it was chartered by the Federal Farm Loan Board, Feb. 20 1926.

### E. H. H. Simmons Re-Elected President of the New York Stock Exchange.

E. H. H. Simmons was re-elected President of the New York Stock Exchange for the third term at the annual election on May 10, when the entire regular ticket named by the nominating committee was elected. There was no opposition to any of the candidates. Warren B. Nash was re-elected Treasurer. The following were elected members of the Governing Committee for the term of four years: James C. Auchincloss, Oliver C. Billings, Dexter Blagden, Edgar Boody, Jay F. Carlisle, Robert Gibson, Huntington Lyman, James B. Mabon, L. Martin Richmond and Charles S. Sargent Jr. Those elected members of the Governing Committee for the term of two years are Frank Altschul, Herbert L. Mills and William V. C. Ruxton; for Trustee of the Gratuity Fund for the term of five years, James B. Mabon; for Trustee of the Gratuity Fund for the term of three years, Winthrop Burr; for Trustee of the Gratuity Fund for the term of one year, H. G. S. Noble.

At a meeting of the Governing Committee of the Exchange on May 12, Howard C. Foster, of the firm of Foster & Adams, was elected a member of the committee, succeeding Temple T. Berdan, resigned. The resignation of Gerald M. Livingston as a member of the Governing Committee was accepted. Resolutions were passed by the Governing Committee praising and congratulating Mr. Simmons on the successful accomplishments achieved during his second term as head of the Exchange, and pledging earnest support during the term now before him. The resolution reads:

Mr. E. H. H. Simmons has just completed his second term of service as President of the New York Stock Exchange. During this eventful year the Exchange has experienced the greatest volume of transactions ever recorded in its history, a fact which has put its organized machinery to a most decisive test. In the closing months of this period it has also passed through a sudden decline in prices of extraordinary rapidity and extent.

In dealing with this unprecedented volume of business and in meeting the strain of this drastic liquidation of securities the Exchange has made a most gratifying record of efficiency. This efficiency could not have existed without strong and able leadership and in the last analysis was mainly due to the untiring and resourceful efforts of Mr. Simmons in the responsible office of President.

Be it therefore resolved, That the Governing Committee congratulates Mr. Simmons on the successful accomplishments achieved during his second term and pledge him their hearty support in the work that is still before him.

### Losses Sustained in Valuation of Stock Exchange Seat Held Deductible in Computing Income.

The difference between the value of Stock Exchange seats at the time of their coming into a partnership and the value at which the partnership disposes of them is a loss or gain for the purpose of computing the income of the partnership as well as for an accounting between the partners themselves, according to a decision announced by the Board on April 23 by the Board of Tax Appeals on the appeal of Logan & Bryan, of Chicago and New York, from deficiency assessments by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue for

the year 1917 totaling \$29,204. This is learned from the New York "Journal of Commerce," which says:

In its decision the Board said:

"Where a partnership engaged in a general brokerage business acquired seats on various Exchanges from its members at an agreed valuation based on their then market value, under an agreement that at the termination of the partnership each seat should be returned to the members in whose name it stood at its then market value, any gain or loss, held, that on the dissolution of the partnership the difference between the values at dates of acquisition and disposition constitutes gain or loss for the purpose of determining the income of the partnership under the Revenue Act of 1917."

### Samuel O. Dunn of "Railway Age" Says Real Progress Is Being Made Toward Solution of Railroad Problem.

"That real progress toward the solution of the nation's railroad problem is being made can be conclusively demonstrated by mention of a few outstanding developments which have occurred within the last two years," said Samuel O. Dunn, editor of the "Railway Age", in an address on April 8 at a luncheon given by the Rochester Chamber of Commerce to the Atlantic States Shippers Advisory Board. "Those who are interested in the solution of the railroad problem," he said "may be divided into, first, the public which receives transportation service, pays rates to the railways and collects taxes from them; secondly, the employees who receive wages from them; and, third, investors who own their securities." He continued:

Both the average freight rate and the average passenger rate declined during the last two years, with the result that the public paid the railways last year \$75,000,000 less in freight charges and \$30,000,000 less in passenger charges than it would have paid for the same amount of transportation at the average rates of 1923. The public also collected \$26,000,000 more in taxes from the railways than in 1923. Thus, through lower rates and higher taxes, the public benefited to the extent of \$131,000,000. In addition it received a greatly improved service, the value of which was enormous.

The number of employees was reduced, but the average wage per hour of employees was increased. The result was that for the number of hours they worked last year the employees received \$100,000,000 more in wages than they would have received if they had been paid the average hourly wage of 1923.

In spite of higher taxes, lower average rates and higher average wages, the net operating income of the railways, with which they may pay fixed charges and dividends, increased \$153,000,000 in 1925 over 1923. The net return on their property investment in 1923 was 4.48% and in 1925 it was 4.83%. This was equivalent, in 1925, to an average of 5.63% on the tentative valuation made by the Inter-State Commerce Commission. Of course, as is well known, the railways in western territory earned less than these averages.

Thus it will be seen that, from the standpoint of the selfish interest of each of the three parties concerned, progress was made. This three-fold progress was rendered possible by great economies in operation, and these in turn were largely made possible by the investment of about three billion dollars of capital in the railroad industry within the last three years.

It is a question of the first importance whether this progress toward a solution of the railroad problem is to be continued or arrested.

What is the railroad problem? It is the problem of establishing and afterwards maintaining economic justice between the public, the employees and the investors. It is the problem of establishing equitable relations between the rates charged and the service rendered to the public, the wages paid to the employees and the return paid to investors for use of their capital. You cannot give to one of these parties more than it is entitled to without giving to one or both of the other parties less than they are entitled to, and thus failing to solve the problem.

A movement has been started for large advances in the wages of railway employees. Everybody wants to see railway employees well paid. But every fair and right minded person also wants to see patrons of the railways get reasonable rates and the investors in their securities get reasonable returns on their investment. Such advances in wages as are being asked could not be paid merely by reducing the net return earned for investors. A twenty per cent advance in wages would wipe out one-half of all the net return being earned, although it never yet has been as much as the Inter-State Commerce Commission has held reasonable and necessary in the public interest. The question raised by this wage movement, therefore, actually is whether a large general advance in rates should be made to pay a large general advance in wages.

Continued progress toward the solution of the railroad problem imperatively requires two things. First, all the parties interested must give more consideration to the interests and rights of the other parties than they have in the past. We have had the railroad problem so long mainly because some of the parties interested in it have selfishly tried by 'economic pressure,' political influence and misrepresentation to get what they have wanted regardless of the interests and rights of others. At the present time certain labor leaders are grossly exaggerating the net return of the railways in efforts to further the wage movement.

Secondly, regulation of railways must be made and kept a purely economic policy aimed only at doing justice between the parties. While the necessity of this should be plain, measures prompted by political motives constantly are being introduced in Congress to bring about unfair regulation in the supposed interest of particular classes or sections. Among such recent measures have been the Hoch-Smith resolution, a bill to abolish the Pullman surcharge, the Gooding bill and a bill now pending for regional representation upon the Inter-State Commerce Commission. A commission composed of regional representatives would soon become a body of log rollers each of whom, for political purposes, would try to get rate decisions favorable to his section regardless of the national welfare.

### Philip Evans Re-elected President of Consolidated Stock Exchange.

Announcement was made by the Board of Governors of the Consolidated Stock Exchange of New York on Wednesday May 12 that Philip Evans had been re-elected President of the organization at the annual election held on Monday, May 10, following a recount of the ballots cast at the election by a special committee appointed for the purpose. Mr. Evans in an announcement said:



The regular ticket presented by the Nominating Committee, as provided for in the constitution, has been officially declared elected and such announcement was made from the rostrum of the Exchange.

At the last minute at the election of officers an opposition ticket was put into the field, naming Alfred J. Lane as candidate for President, Rolland W. Betts as First Vice-President and Herbert M. Betts as Treasurer. In its issue of Thursday, May 13, the New York "Times" in this regard, said:

The insurgents formed a Members' Protective Committee two days before the election. This committee voted a ticket of its own selection, headed by Mr. Lane, who has been a member of the Exchange since 1904, with the avowed object of bringing about immediate liquidation of the Exchange and the distribution of the assets pro rata among the membership. The committee further protested certain acts on the part of the management, the chief of which were the proposal to increase the salary of the President from \$4,000 to \$10,000 and to increase the mortgage on the building to pay current expenses.

In regard to the salary increase, Mr. Evans said that since his appointment as President of the Exchange no action had been taken and none would be taken until his present term expires in June. All previous Presidents of the Exchange, he pointed out, received a salary of \$10,000 annually, but when he was appointed, in the interest of economy, he suggested that his salary for the time being be \$4,000 a year.

The votes cast for Alfred J. Lane as President, Rolland W. Betts as First Vice-President and Herbert M. Betts as Treasurer, were declared "irregular and void," as the constitution of the Exchange is said to provide for only one ticket. The officers elected are as follows:

Phillip Evans, President; R. Duncombe, First Vice-President; M. Farrelly, Second Vice-President; R. W. Moore, Treasurer, and V. Mott, Chairman. Members Board of Governors to serve one year are: D. Waber, J. F. Boyd, J. J. Green and R. G. Richard; to serve two years: A. Graham, S. A. Heyman, E. P. Prendergast, R. De Cordova, I. P. Skolly, P. L. Vollmer and M. J. Shaw. Members of the Arbitration Committee are: G. L. Turton, R. L. Chapman, A. D. Sanders, F. W. Ross Jr., L. S. Mygatt, W. P. Altz and P. J. Kuntz. The trustees of the Gratuity Fund, to serve five years: L. Sturges; trustee of the Gratuity Fund to serve three years, W. M. Shaw.

**Opening of Grain Futures Market in Seattle.**

The opening of a grain futures market in Seattle, Wash., occurred on Saturday, May 1; it is pointed out that this is the first market of its kind west of Minneapolis—the Seattle "Daily Times" of May 1 making this statement in the following item relative to the inauguration of the new market:

Seattle took another forward step in commercial development this morning when trading began in the grain pit of the recently organized Merchants' Exchange Clearing House, the first grain futures market to be opened west of Minneapolis. The opening session of the Exchange, situated in the basement of the Chamber of Commerce Building, was marked by brisk trading in July and September wheat, and the volume of business done exceeded the expectations of the grain men who have been working for months to bring the futures market into being.

Grain merchants and flour millers from Tacoma, Portland, Astoria and several other Pacific Northwest cities came to Seattle to attend the opening and principals of virtually every grain-buying or milling company in Seattle also were present to give the first session a representative crowd.

*Market Opens at 8 o'Clock.*

S. C. Armstrong, President of the Clearing House, and R. M. Semmes, who is serving for the present as Governor of the Exchange, declared the market open at 8 o'clock and trading continued until 9.30. Saturday is short day in the grain markets of the East. On other days the trading hours in the Seattle grain pit will be from 8 to 10.45 a. m.

Phil Benedict of Kerr, Gifford & Co. had the distinction of making the first bid, and the first sale was made by Henry Kleinberg to Gordon T. Shaw, the transaction being in September wheat. Harold Stringer officiated as clerk of the market and chalked up the bids.

The Clearing House, which was organized last winter by grain men in the membership of the Merchants' Exchange department of the Chamber of Commerce, begins business with 34 trading members. It is the belief of organizers of the market that this number will be considerably increased within the next few weeks.

*Sanctioned by United States.*

Opening of the grain futures market was sanctioned by the United States Department of Agriculture after the organizers of the Clearing House had made the necessary showing that Seattle was a grain market entitled to Governmental recognition under the Grain Futures Act of Congress. Charles M. Fritz, a special representative of the Department of Agriculture sent out from Washington, D. C., to assist in the establishment of the market was in attendance at the opening to-day and will remain here until the machinery is working smoothly.

Officers of the Clearing House are: S. C. Armstrong, President; L. P. Baumann, Vice-President; H. L. McIntyre, Secretary; Perc S. Brown, Treasurer; R. M. Semmes, Acting Governor.

It is the belief of the organizers of the Clearing House that the new futures market will prove of great value not only to the grain trade of the Pacific Northwest, but also to the farmers, by establishing wheat prices based on actual values.

It is also believed that, by giving grain exporters an opportunity they have not had up to this time to protect themselves against price fluctuations pending delivery by "hedging," the futures market will stabilize the export trade, with the result that farmers will get better average prices for average export wheat.

The following is the first market report of the new grain futures market:

Wheat	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
July	\$1 28½	\$1 31¼	\$1 28½	\$1 31¼
September	1 26½	1 26½	1 26½	1 26½

**Committee to Investigate Wool Situation in Los Angeles Territory.**

Frank C. Mortimer, Vice-President of the Citizens National Bank and the Citizens Trust & Savings Bank, of Los

Angeles, has been appointed Chairman of a committee of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, which is to make a study and analysis of the wool situation in the territory of which Los Angeles is the centre. Some sixteen million pounds of wool are produced in this territory, and it is believed that the industry can be developed by the close cooperation of all interests. In addition to producers, there are upon the committee representatives of transportation, storage, finance, manufacture and sale.

**New York Cocoa Exchange to Cease Trading in Rubber.**

The Cocoa & Rubber Exchange of America, Inc., at 124 Water St., this city, announced on May 12 that by order of its Board of Managers trading in rubber will cease to-day (May 15). On May 25 the members will vote to change the name to the N. Y. Cocoa Exchange, Inc., and to cancel the amendments to the by-laws covering rubber trading. The inauguration of trading in rubber by the exchange was noted in these columns Feb. 6 (page 690). With the discontinuance of rubber trading the exchange will revert to its original name. The New York "Herald-Tribune" of May 13 said:

Bulk of the trading in rubber futures has been handled by the Rubber Exchange of New York, which opened for business a few days after such trading was started by the New York Cocoa and Rubber Exchange. Several firms and traders, including Jesse Livermore, purchased seats in both bodies at the time of the formation, in order to be on the winning side should either exchange drop rubber futures.

The announcement yesterday by the New York Cocoa and Rubber Exchange did not surprise the financial community, as it was felt there was not sufficient business to make it worth while for both organizations to continue rubber trading.

**Amendments to By-Laws of New York Cotton Exchange to be Acted on May 17.—Proposal to Restrict Trading—Secretary of Agriculture Jardine on Changes.**

Several amendments to the by-laws of the New York Cotton Exchange will be acted upon at a meeting of members on Monday next, May 17. Under one of the proposed changes contracts of purchase or sale, by any one interest in any one month would be limited to 250,000 bales. Commenting on the proposed changes the "Wall Street Journal" of May 13 had the following to say—

The United States Department of Agriculture is brought into the situation. Proponents of the new legislation and its restricting policies, including questionnaire, claim a moral support in government attitude. On Nov. 30, last, Secretary Jardine wrote the cotton exchange that complaints were before him representing that "wide price differences between contracts for December delivery and contracts to be fulfilled in subsequent months operated to the hurt of legitimate business," and the secretary disclosed that he was considering "a demand for action looking to rectification of the conditions."

On the day of this official communication's receipt, President Harriss responded, pointing out that "the question of variation in price between contracts for different deliveries is by no means a new one" on any exchange where future trading is maintained, that the New York Cotton Exchange experience was not exceptional here or abroad. As a price influence he cited "the constantly shifting weather and crop conditions;" and he added that "changing conditions of supply and demand, as well as the variations in quality as to grade and staple produced in succeeding crops, will always have their influence on futures contracts." But, he stressed, the New York Cotton Exchange is constant in its aim to keep the market "free and open as a place for the meeting of the minds of the cotton trade of the world." And forthwith a special committee, inviting helpful suggestion from Washington, was appointed by President Harriss "to consider and report whether desired results might be accomplished by adoption of rules patterned upon those of the Business Credit Committee of the Chicago Board of Trade. And some weeks later Secretary Jardine wrote that he had no suggestions to offer.

*Unprecedented Agitation Stirred Up.*

In its scores of years of activity, facing historic crises, the exchange has not hitherto worked into ferment like the present. Foremost figures among New York's operators in futures are at grips; spot cotton merchants with international relations are apart; every element, from planter to international textile producer, is bestirred. Among those agitated are those traders who are exclusively interested in price fluctuations. New England and southern spinners, along with those who store and those who export, also are stirred up.

Thirteen of the 17 members of the exchange constituting the board of managers have reported favorably upon the proposed by-law amendments—the 250,000-bale limitation, the evidence obtaining questionnaire and the provision that violation will constitute the grave offense of "an act detrimental to the best interests of the exchange." In a detailed review they set forth their reasons for their action, "answering some of the criticisms directed against the proposed amendments." These reasons include:

First: The exchange has been subjected to criticism during the last eight months from every quarter of the globe. It has been definitely requested by merchants' associations of the South to correct existing conditions, and has been requested by the Department of Agriculture "to keep operations of a speculative and technical nature within bounds."

Second: Confusion has arisen from the impression that these proposed amendments to the by-laws are substituted for southern deliveries. This is not the case, as, whether southern deliveries are instituted or not, a limitation of interests should still become a by-law. Southern deliveries would in no way justify unlimited lines which could congest positions to the general detriment of the market.

Third: It is impossible to estimate the quantity of contracts which have been withheld from this market during the present season owing to continued manipulation and the conviction of both speculator and the cotton trade that their judgment was useless in the face of overwhelmingly large concentrated interests. The removal of this cause of mistrust will be an immediately answered invitation to the cotton world that the New York Cotton Exchange is on a sounder and safer basis than ever before, and its facilities may be used without fear of harmful individualism.

*Reply to Paternalism Charge.*

Fourth: It has been suggested that to "paternalize" New York to the extent of limiting interests is to drive trade to other markets. The fallacy of such an argument is obvious. A limitation of 250,000 bales per month per individual, firm or corporation is not paternalism, but protection against abuse, and what our market cannot stand, no other market can. For New York to be the first to protect its clients is a challenge to every other exchange to exist without similar measures.

Fifth: The principal aim of these proposed amendments is to provide the greatest good for the greatest number. Among the thousands of firms and individuals using the New York Cotton Exchange every year, whether as speculators or to facilitate their business, there are probably under a dozen who would in the least be affected by this measure.

Sixth: It is particularly called to the attention of the members that the proposed amendment does not prohibit any brokerage house from carrying more than 250,000 bales when the contracts are carried for various customers, and not for the brokerage house's own account or for one client.

Seventh: There cannot be even a suggestion that restraint of trade is contemplated, inasmuch as an individual could sell ahead for future delivery based on the six active trading months 1,500,000 bales, even if all this cotton should be priced before he had an opportunity to buy spots to liquidate the sale. The amount of cotton for prompt delivery that he may buy or sell in the ordinary course of business is practically unlimited. In addition to this, the international merchant is forced to sell a considerable proportion of his French and English exports based on the Havre and Liverpool future markets. Therefore, the suggestion of a restraint of trade becomes merely absurd.

Eighth: The conscientious functioning of the Business Conduct Committee will adequately control the non-member as well as the member through the rigid enforcement of the proposed amendment.

The following are the members of the Board of Managers approving the amendment: Samuel T. Hubbard, Jr., Julian A. Acosta, Herman B. Baruch, John C. Botts, Thomas F. Cahill, Henry T. Dumbell, Max Greeven, John W. Jay, John H. McFadden, Jr., Henry H. Roysse, George M. Shutt, J. Lawrence Watkins, Jr., and Edward E. Bartlett, Jr. But Mr. Bartlett registers that he does not agree with paragraph "second," but considers the proposed amendments the best alternative if southern deliveries are not instituted.

*One Member Non-Committal.*

William H. Judson is the only member of the Board of Managers who does not go on record for or against the amendments. Opposition members are Richard T. Harriss, President; Edward Allen Pierce and Clayton E. Rich, and their objections are summarized in six specifications. They characterize the amendments as "futile legislation" in that, "even in theory a group of non-members, acting in collusion, cannot be prevented from holding far in excess of the stipulated limitation." These are their opposition reasons particularized:

First: If this amendment is adopted the New York Cotton Exchange can no longer claim to be an open market for it thereafter will be a definitely restricted market.

Second: The adoption of the proposed limitation amendment will be an unqualified avowal to the world that there is something so radically wrong with our contract that we are forced to adopt artificial measures in an effort to correct it. The logical remedy would seem to be the broadening of our contract to a point where nobody could properly consider our market too narrow to handle comprehensively the operations of any one interest or group of interests.

Third: If limitation of interest expressed in the proposed amendment becomes operative, it will unquestionably force business now transacted in, and based on, our market to competitive futures markets that are not held to an arbitrary limitation of volume—a prospect which especially in these dull times, cannot be contemplated with complacency.

Fourth: Not only will business thus forced away from our market be entirely lost to our members, but also the prestige of resulting volume in, and world wide fixations based on, competitive markets will attract still other business away from our market.

Fifth: It is not unlikely that the proposed amendment will be regarded by southern congressmen as an open attempt on the part of the New York Cotton Exchange to depress the value of the cotton of the southern farmer by arbitrarily limiting the amount of cotton that may be bought in the near month, which is the controlling month when the farmer sells his cotton.

Sixth: In the event the New Orleans and Chicago exchanges do not place similar limitations, they will materially profit by the limitation fixed in New York. They could not but be advertising that the New York Cotton Exchange will have given them and it is reasonable to assume that the value of the New York Cotton Exchange seat will suffer seriously.

*Personal Issue Hinted At.*

Approaching somewhat personal issues that are involved in some phases of the by-law contest, President Harriss, Mr. Pierce and Mr. Rich say:

"The admitted purpose of the limitation measure is to curtail the volume of spot business now being transacted by a certain southern spot firm. Consider, if you will, the anomalous and ridiculous situation in which the New York Cotton Exchange would find itself if, after the adoption of the proposed by-law, the fruit of six months' deliberation by the management of the exchange, the firm whose activities the amendment obviously is designed to regulate should see fit to resign from the exchange on the first occasion when it felt that it could operate to better advantage as a non-member. Such a course would be not only a logical one, but, in the opinion of several of the undersigned, one which the firm in question undoubtedly would pursue."

The following members of the Cotton Exchange have formally subscribed to the statement and arguments of President Harriss and his associates of the Board of Managers, Edward A. Pierce and Clayton E. Rich, W. B. Averell, Harry Barbee, Sterling S. Beardsley, Marshall Geer, W. L. Harriss, Leslie E. Keffler, J. E. Latham, Elwood McEnany, William Mitchell, Henry M. Peers, John J. Pfeiffer, Paul Pfeiffer, William P. Richardson, Harold A. Sands, Simon J. Shlenker, Eli B. Springs, 2d, Alden H. Vose and Spencer Waters.

The Atlantic Cotton Association, in convention at Charleston, representing Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia and Florida, has passed the following resolution: "We are opposed to a control committee as recommended by the Board of Managers of the New York Cotton Exchange. We are opposed to limiting the interest of any one firm directly or indirectly in any one month. We are opposed to the principle of limitation."

To adopt the proposed trade-limiting by-laws and establish the concomitant questionnaire, two-thirds of the vote cast next Monday must be in the affirmative.

In a letter under date of May 12, addressed to President Harriss, Secretary of Agriculture Jardine says, "it is impossible to predict whether the adoption of these amendments will accomplish what may be desired . . . and I assume that if these amendments do not meet the necessities other means will be devised." The letter follows:

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Washington, D. C., May 12 1926.

Dr. Richard T. Harriss, President New York Cotton Exchange, New York City.

My Dear Mr. Harriss:—I have before me your letter of May 7, together with copies of certain proposed amendments to the by-laws of the New York Cotton Exchange. On Monday of this week a committee from your Exchange, under the Chairmanship of Mr. S. T. Hubbard, called upon me to discuss these amendments and related matters.

The present proposals are apparently designed to correct certain conditions which were described to me as existing on the New York Cotton

Exchange as stated in my letter of Nov. 30 1925. It is generally recognized that the trading facilities afforded by the cotton futures exchanges are of great importance to the ordinary and efficient marketing of our cotton crop.

The operations conducted on these exchanges should reflect accurately the consensus of informed opinion as to the commercial value of this crop. It is to the best interest of every one who has to do with the crop, whether as grower, merchant, banker or manufacturer, that the prices reported on Exchange transactions truly represent market values. This imposes upon the officers and members of these exchanges the grave responsibility that their rules and regulations shall be so framed and so administered as to insure against any artificial influencing of prices.

It is impossible to predict whether the adoption of these amendments will accomplish what may be desired. I am glad to see them as evidence of the purpose of your exchange to fulfill its obligations to the public, and I assume that if these amendments do not meet the necessities, other means will be devised.

The effectiveness of any amendment or of other measures for self-regulation must depend very largely upon the sincerity with which they are observed and enforced. The responsibility for this rests now with the officers and members of your exchange. It is my conviction that the exchange may more advantageously regulate its own actings in conformity with the public interest rather than to permit conditions to develop that require governmental regulations.

I wish to express to you my appreciation of your courtesy in sending me these proposed amendments, and of the opportunity of discussing these matters with a committee of your members.

Sincerely yours,

W. M. JARDINE, Secretary.

The following are the notices issued to members of the Exchange by Secretary Hale regarding the proposed amendments:

## NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE.

May 5 1926.

To the Members of the New York Cotton Exchange;

Dear Sirs:—At a meeting of the Board of Managers held yesterday, the proposed amendment to Section 81 of the By-Laws, which was approved on April 30th, was rescinded and the following was approved in its stead, ordered posted on the bulletin of the Exchange, and a meeting of the members called to consider it on Monday, May 17 1926, at 3:15 o'clock p. m. in the Board of Managers room of the Exchange:

Amend paragraph (g) of Section 81 of the By-Laws by inserting the following as the second and third paragraphs:

"It shall be deemed an act detrimental to the best interest of the Exchange for any member, for his own account and (or) that of any partner and (or) that of any corporation or association owned or controlled by him or by a partner, and (or) that of associated interests, to have outstanding and (or) made on the Exchange, for the future delivery of cotton in any one month for an amount in excess of 250,000 bales.

"It shall be deemed detrimental to the best interest of the Exchange for any individual, partnership or corporation not a member of the Exchange to have outstanding contracts, made on the Exchange through members of the Exchange, for the purchase or sale of cotton for future delivery in any one month, for an amount in excess of 250,000 bales. No member of the Exchange after he has been notified by the Secretary thereof that any individual, firm or corporation has outstanding contracts, made through members of the Exchange, for the purchase or sale of cotton for future delivery on the Exchange, in any one month in excess of 250,000 bales shall thereafter execute for such individual, firm or corporation any order by which such excess is increased. Violation of this by-law shall be deemed an act detrimental to the best interest of the Exchange."

THOMAS HALE, Secretary.

(In view of the foregoing, the meeting of the members called for May 14th has been canceled.)

## NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE.

May 5 1926.

To the Members of the New York Cotton Exchange;

Dear Sirs:—At a meeting of the Board of Managers held yesterday, the following proposed amendment to the By-Laws was approved, ordered posted on the bulletin of the Exchange, and a meeting of the members called to consider same on Monday, May 17 1926, at 3:15 o'clock p. m. in the Board of Managers Room of the Exchange:

Amend Section 26-A of the By-Laws by striking out the second paragraph and substituting the following therefor:

"The Committee shall have full authority to require that members or their firms shall answer a questionnaire at such times and in such form as shall be prescribed by the Board of Managers. The Committee shall have full authority to summon members, their employees and their agents to testify and may require members under investigation to produce their books, records and documents for examination."

The Section as thus amended would read as follows:

"Sec. 26-A. The Committee on Business Conduct shall consist of the President, ex-officio, and five other members of the Exchange. It shall have power to examine into the dealings and general conduct of members and report its findings to the Board of Managers.

"The Committee shall have full authority to require that members or their firms shall answer a questionnaire at such times and in such form as shall be prescribed by the Board of Managers. The Committee shall have full authority to summon members, their employees and their agents to testify and may require members under investigation to produce their books, records and documents for examination."

THOMAS HALE, Secretary.

May 5 1926.

To The Members of The New York Stock Exchange;

Dear Sirs:—At a meeting of the Board of Managers held yesterday, the following proposed amendments to the By-laws were approved, ordered posted on the bulletin of the Exchange, and a meeting of the members called to consider same on Monday, May 17 1926, at 3:15 o'clock p. m. in the Board of Managers Room of the Exchange:

Amend Section 12 of the By-Laws, as follows:

Strike out the first paragraph, and substitute the following therefor:

"At its first meeting after each annual election, or as soon thereafter as possible, the Board of Managers shall appoint the following Standing Committees, with the exception of the Trade Investigation Committee to which appointments shall be made to fill the annually recurring vacancies. These Committees shall act until their successors are appointed."

Insert as the 16th Standing Committee, the following:

"16. Trade Investigation Committee."

Insert the following as a new section, 26-B of the By-Laws:

*Trade Investigation Committee:*

"Sec. 26-B. The Trade Investigation Committee shall consist of the President and Vice-President, ex-officio, one member of the Board of Managers to serve for one year, and eight other members of the Exchange, two of whom shall be appointed to serve for one year, three for two years, and three for three years; the member of the Board of Managers to be appointed annually, and the remaining eight to be appointed for a term of three years as their terms expire. Should any vacancies occur they shall be filled by the Board of Managers. Of the eight members appointed from the general membership, two shall reside in the Eastern section of the cotton belt, two



in the Central section, two in the Western section, one shall be closely identified with the New England spinning interests and one shall be closely identified with Southern spinning interests.

"This Committee shall convene upon instructions of the Board of Managers, and shall meet within one week after these instructions are issued, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

"In case it is impossible to obtain a quorum from the regular Committee, the President, with the consent of the Board of Managers, shall appoint a sufficient number of members of the Exchange to this Committee to make a quorum, such appointments to hold only during the time that the matter under investigation is being considered.

"It shall be the duty of this Committee to investigate and report to the Board of Managers its findings and conclusions as to any matter submitted to it. This Committee shall have the right to summon before it as witnesses members of the Exchange and may also take the testimony of any persons who appear before it. The expenses of the Committee shall be paid from the general funds of the Exchange."

THOMAS HALE, *Secretary.*

### Trading in Grain Futures in Canada Illegal—Where Actual Delivery Is Not Contemplated.

Where people are trading in grain futures and neither party contemplates actual delivery of the grain, such transactions come within the gaming section of the Criminal Code of Canada, says a Canadian Press dispatch from Calgary, April 28. As given in the Montreal "Gazette," the dispatch says:

This was the judgment handed down by Mr. Justice Walsh in the action brought by the Topper Grain Co., Ltd., of Winnipeg, against E. A. Mantz. The defendant, Mantz, operated a country elevator at Hilda, Alta., and the plaintiff, a grain firm in Winnipeg, arranged to help the defendant financially in operating the elevator and to act as his broker in the purchase and sale of his grain. Heavy financial losses incurred by the defendant in April 1925, rendered him unable to carry on after June of the same year. Upon all the transactions of these parties a balance of \$28,870 was due to the plaintiff, and the action was brought to recover the amount, which was admitted by both sides to be correct.

Mr. Justice Walsh gave judgment dismissing the plaintiff's claim and gave judgment for a counterclaim by defendant for \$2,190, but dismissed his claim for damages for failure of the plaintiff to obey instructions as to purchase and sale of grain on his speculative buying.

### Crop Reporting Board Plans to Improve Reports on Major Crops—Postponement of Acreage Report—Recommendations Regarding Cotton Crop Reports.

The belief that the bi-weekly estimates and reports on the condition of the cotton crop "are unnecessary and unwise" is expressed by the Statistical Advisory Committee appointed by the Department of Agriculture to study the work of the Crop Reporting Board. The committee recommends, that if such reports must be made of statutory requirements, they be made "to contain upper and lower quantitative forecasts so as to indicate both the maximum and minimum crop that may be expected in addition to the usual quantitative figures issued heretofore." The committee's recommendations are made known as follows by the Department of Agriculture under date of March 7:

Efforts toward greater improvement of reports on major crops, including cotton, wheat and corn and expansion of work on live stock estimates, will be made this year by the United States Crop Reporting Board.

Changes to be made by the Board include the postponement of acreage estimates until July, so as to minimize the necessity for later revisions; issuance of a wool production estimate on July 29 and issuance of indices of milk and egg production monthly, beginning about Aug. 10.

The Crop Board program has been developed on the basis of recommendations made by the Statistical Advisory Committee appointed by the Department of Agriculture in 1922 to study the work of the Board and to recommend improved practices. The committee meets periodically at Washington, and is composed of Carroll W. Doten, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Dr. G. F. Warren, Cornell University; Nat. C. Murray, of Chicago, and W. I. King, National Bureau of Economic Research, New York.

The committee recommends that the semi-monthly cotton crop reports contain upper and lower quantitative forecasts, so as to indicate both the maximum and minimum crop that may be expected, in addition to the usual quantitative figures issued heretofore. Three quantitative figures would be included in each report, one figure being the estimate based on present practice, another figure indicating the possible yield should weather and boll weevil conditions prove equal to the best year in the last decade, and a third figure giving the possible yield should weather and boll weevil conditions prove to be as bad as in the worst year of the last decade.

The Crop Board is giving careful consideration to the advisability of issuing the quantitative forecasts as recommended by the committee. Should the Board decide to issue the forecasts in that manner, due public notice will be given by the Board. The statistical committee believed that the new method, if adopted, would more carefully safeguard the estimates from possible misinterpretation.

The committee recommended that the objective methods of ascertaining acreage, such as the use of crop meters, telegraph pole counts and field counts, should be further developed and utilized. It urged also that the present degree of decentralizing the work of the Board be continued, and that co-operation between the Department's State representatives, colleges of agriculture, and public officials of the several States be developed more fully wherever conditions are favorable for such development.

The committee stated that "it believes that the bi-weekly estimates and reports on the condition of the cotton crop are unnecessary and unwise. If such reports must be made because of statutory requirements, they should be so made as to emphasize the monthly reports which are comparable with those of previous years and to indicate that the mid-monthly reports are merely indicative of changing conditions, but not strictly comparable with the others. To obtain the data with the same degree of completeness from the regular crop reporters and State agents twice a month, tends, in the opinion of the committee, to overburden every one concerned and to lessen the care and accuracy with which the reporters are able to do their part of the work."

The committee stated that it is impressed with the improvements and progress in the live stock work of the bureau, such as the pig surveys, surveys of beef cattle and lambs on feed, and milk and egg production, and that it approves the plan to estimate production of live stock as to numbers on specific dates. The committee recommended that this work be pushed with vigor and that every effort be made to obtain accurate information and to extend the scope of the work with a view to affording a guide to farmers in their future production.

Other recommendations included in the committee's report were the development of historical farm price studies such as are now being undertaken in Maryland and South Dakota, and the construction of index numbers on farm prices and other agricultural subjects on the best possible basis for comparable studies.

Concluding its recommendations, the committee declared that "it believes that the chief members of the staff of the Division of Crop and Live Stock Estimates are overworked and overburdened with administrative details. It would recommend, therefore, an increase in the staff and a rearrangement of assignments, if funds can be secured for this purpose, in order that the members may be able to travel more extensively and thus keep more closely in touch with the conditions and problems in the field."

### M. A. Traylor, of Chicago, Finds Farming Complaints Come from Less than 25% of Farmers—Part Played by Politics and Inflation.

War debts, the World Court and the agricultural situation were discussed by Melvin A. Traylor, President of the First National Bank and the First Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago in an address before the North Carolina Bankers' Association at Durham, N. C., on May 7. Presenting his remarks under the head "Taking Ourselves Seriously" Mr. Traylor said that "while we are inclined to worry more or less about everything affecting our welfare, there has perhaps been more concern displayed about our food supplies than about any other one necessity of life." Mr. Traylor introduced figures to show that, with the exception of cotton and cattle on farms, production has been almost uniform in the two periods from 1911-15 and from 1921-25, that therefore it seems "perfectly obvious that the so-called surplus production is largely a myth, and that the cause of the farmers' complaints that he is not making a profit from his farm operations must be looked for in some other direction." The speaker advanced it as his belief "that the complaints to-day with regard to farming operations are coming from less than 25% of the farmers of the country, and from the horde of politicians who are seeking to make capital out of the situation." Mr. Traylor undertook to show the part played by inflation and expansion in the troubles of the farmers, and his remarks concerning the agricultural situation are quoted herewith:

In recent years the subject of agriculture, and the welfare of the farmer, has been our most fruitful topic of conversation. Political fortunes have revolved around the unhappy situation of the farmer, and the business barometer has gone up and down with the varying proposals for his relief. So many and such conflicting statements have been made on the subject that it seems next to impossible to get a true picture, and, therefore, to suggest what, if anything, is a possible remedy.

It is only a few years ago, as time goes, that there was a widespread feeling, voiced by the leading agriculturists of the country, that the time was rapidly approaching when America would not be able to feed its rapidly increasing population. All of us can remember the thrilling speeches and the seemingly unanswerable facts displayed to prove that production was gradually falling behind consumption, and that unless there was an improvement in soil culture, fertilization, reforestation, etc., the nation would face the dire necessity of importing a large percentage of its food requirements.

I acknowledge, so thoroughly was I convinced of this fact, that on more than one occasion I argued, long and loudly, for diversification, intensive cultivation, and larger production. What is the situation now? The worry seems no longer to be for food for the hungry millions, but for more millions to consume our tons of food. Our evangelists of despair, so far as agriculture is concerned, have talked so much about over-production and surplus of agricultural products since 1920, that we are perhaps warranted in calling their attention to a fact or two with respect to production, which, if not news to them, may at least be enlightening to those who have no doubt felt that there has been a crushing surplus of the staples of the farm.

Without burdening you with statistics, a few brief comparisons may be permitted. In the five-year period from 1911 to 1915 the average production of cotton was 14,175,000 bales at an average price of 12 41-100c. per pound, while in the period from 1921 to 1925, the last year estimated, the production averaged 11,362,000 bales, at an average price of 21 85-100c. per pound.

In the 1911-15 period, wheat production averaged 806,358,000 bushels at an average price of 89c., while in the 1921-25 period the average production was 804,384,000 bushels at a \$1 11½ average.

In the former period, corn production averaged 2,754,000,000 bushels at an average price of 60 3-10c., while in the latter period the average was 2,873,000,000 at an average of 69 6-10c.

Cattle on farms, Jan. 1 figures in each case, for the period of 1911-15 were 37,178,000 at an average estimated price of \$26 52 per head, while in the latter period the annual average was 41,616,000 at an average estimated price of \$26 08 per head.

Hogs on farms in the first period were 63,151,000 at an average price of \$9 58 per head, and in the latter period, an average of 60,418,000 with an average price of \$11 34 per head.

From these figures, it will be observed that, with the exception of cotton and cattle on farms, production has been almost uniform in the two periods, which eliminates, of course, the five-year period from 1916 to 1920, inclusive, which embraced the activity of the war and the early post-war inflation. In no case has production anywhere approached an increase commensurate with the increase in population between the two dates. It, therefore, seems perfectly obvious that the so-called surplus production is largely a myth, and that the cause of the farmer's complaint, that he is

not making a profit from his farm operations, must be looked for in some other direction.

Since the most pressing necessity for the human race is food and clothing, and since these elemental requirements must come from the farms and ranches of the country, the question of successful agriculture is at once fundamental, and since it must be admitted that all has not been, and is not, well with this industry, and since everyone else apparently is willing to express some opinion on the subject, may we not, without becoming too serious, ruminate and speculate somewhat about it ourselves? After all, what is the matter with agriculture?

In the first place, I confess I do not know, and in the second place, I plead guilty to having no clear-cut remedy, but there are a few facts which seem to me obvious, as a part, at least, of the underlying causes of the present situation, and which, if correct, and if recognized and accepted, suggest themselves something of the remedy that sooner or later must be applied.

It seems to me that present difficulties had their inception largely in inflation of prices prevailing for agricultural products from about 1915 to 1920, with the consequent, of course, large expansion of profits from farming operations. This increase of profits led, as inevitably with the farmer as with the manufacturer, to the expansion of plant and equipment, meaning, of course, the acquirement by the individual of larger acreage and of modern, if not always efficient, machinery for the conduct of his business.

These statements are general and do not apply to everyone engaged in the business, because in farming, as in other activities, there are always some who play the game safely and conservatively, and this is amply proven by the fact that there are thousands, literally millions, of farmers who have gone through the recent crisis without any difficulty or stress, and who are to-day prosperous, happy and contented. In fact, my information leads me to believe that the complaints to-day with regard to farming operations are coming from less than 25% of the farmers of the country, and from the horde of politicians who are seeking to make capital out of the situation.

With the average, and, in this case, with the majority of those who were swept off their feet by the wave of prosperity through which they were passing, let us analyze the results of this inflation and expansion. The farmer who was operating on land, let us say, that he was carrying in his capital account at a value of \$100 per acre, and who perhaps had a loan of \$50 an acre, suddenly found that because of the increased profits from his operations, his land had a market value of \$200 per acre, and he also discovered that if he had a new tractor and some new farm machinery, he could greatly increase his production, but if he did that, he would need a larger barn and more warehouse facilities; and the chances are that with an appraisal of \$200 per acre on his land, he increased his loan to \$100 per acre, thereby doubling his capital account and his bonded debt, not out of earnings, but, as we would say, because of his ability to effect a "clean write-up" of 100% on his plant account.

If he did not effect the doubling of his capital account in this manner, and if his \$100 acre farm was clear, he probably bought his neighbor's farm for \$200 per acre and mortgaged both the new and the old for \$100 per acre. In this latter case, he had increased his capital account by 150%. It is easy to see what this did to his net percentage of income, contrasted with his original position. If he had been able to make 6% on the original investment, without any allowance whatever for the increased cost of operations, which, of course, did take place, he cut his net income, based upon his capitalization, about one-half when he had completed his expansion program. But, worse than that happened. His calculations had been made upon a price for his product which reflected a war-time demand and buying power of Government money which, when the war was over, was suddenly curtailed, and with demand gone, with buying power withdrawn, he found his gross selling price again cut in two. If his gross, therefore, at the high figure, had enabled him to make 3% net on his new capitalization, this now was cut, at least, one-half by the reduction of his gross selling price, and instead of making 6% return, as he was able to do, perhaps, on his original \$100 acre farm, he has since found himself lucky if he has made 1½% on his new capital account.

This general statement of the situation may be successfully attacked. I do not know; but if the sober truth were admitted, I am confident that something of this kind underlies 75% of the present difficulty.

How can it be remedied? As I have already said, I do not know, but I believe that time and intelligent hard work is the surest restorative of better conditions. I am perfectly certain that no magic of a Houdini, or legerdemain of trick legislation, can accomplish the result. There are a few facts, however, which it seems to me must be faced and accepted before a start to better things can be made. Perhaps the first and most important one is a recognition of what has always seemed to me to be obvious; that farming, as such, never was, is not now, and I do not believe will ever be a so-called money-making proposition. By this I mean a business in which a man may engage with the certainty of being able, over a period of years, from the production and sale of farm commodities, to accumulate great wealth. I know there are those who will say that unless farming can be made a successful money making proposition, there is no hope for the future of the country.

My argument with such people will turn on the correct definition of what is a satisfactory money making business. I believe that if farming is intelligently and industriously followed, it is a satisfactory business, but I do not believe that it is sufficiently a money making proposition to attract those who are ambitious to play for big fortunes. I know there are those, also, who say that many men have grown rich in the past in agriculture. I do not think they have from the mere production and sale of farm commodities. The men who have grown rich in the past from agriculture have owed their success most largely to the ownership of what would now be considered very cheap lands, which over a period of years have shown quadruple and more appreciation in value, and this is true not only of those actively engaged in farming, but those who have operated our large cattle ranches as well.

But, if agriculture does not mean great wealth, and it certainly does not involve a life of idleness, ease or luxury, it does mean much more. It means, if intelligently and industriously followed, and always it must be intelligent and industrious, a character of independence vouchsafed to no other trade or profession. It means a home, with comforts, and dignity, and self-respect, that cannot be claimed by those in any other activity of life.

How do I know this? I know it by experience, and I know it by observation. If I may be pardoned a personal reference, I think I may prove my case by my own twenty years on a farm. My father owned a hill farm in the mountains of Kentucky, which for character of soil and productivity, was perhaps as uninviting as exists almost anywhere in this country. He had a family of seven children. I do not believe his cash income averaged \$300 per annum, and yet he managed to give us, in ample supply, the necessities of our station and condition, and such comforts as were common to the community. We did not have the so-called luxuries of to-day, neither

did our neighbors, and we did not miss them, but we had then, as I know the farmers of to-day have, more good, wholesome food than any man working to-day on a salary of \$2,500 per year can buy for his family and be able to pay his grocery bill, without paying any other of his debts.

These conditions have not changed, and the farmers of to-day, who are complaining of their inability to make money enough to pay for their necessities of life, are enjoying at home, as a natural heritage of their business, comforts and luxuries which the man in the industrial centres, working for a salary, is expending every dollar of his income to obtain, and then is not getting anything commensurate with those enjoyed by the farmer.

It is these so-called unledgred items of the farmer's income that are too often lost sight of in the calculations made by our reformer friends, who would legislate a living wage and universal prosperity to those engaged in agriculture. If the farmer, as a whole, would be happy again, he must take stock of his blessings and thank God for them, get rid of his quack doctors of political bunkum, revalue his plant and equipment, and start over again in full knowledge of the fact that he must face keen and effective competition, that he must work hard and intelligently, that he must calculate in his income the inherent and undeniable items, which are not measured in dollars and cents. When he does this, I feel perfectly certain that over a period of years, taking the good and the bad as it comes to all classes of business, he will find that he has lived well, that he has had a fair margin for the enjoyment of all the necessities of life, and a surplus for those luxuries which he has a right to claim, and above all, that he will have had a chance to be an independent individual, a real man, and a self-respecting citizen.

### Annual Report of Federal Farm Loan Board—Growth and Earnings of Federal Land Banks, Joint Stock Land Banks, &c.

Chairman R. A. Cooper, of the Federal Farm Loan Board, in his annual report made public April 3, comments on the "great strides" made by the Federal Farm Loan system in the nine years since 1916, when the Farm Loan Act was passed. The original capital of the Federal Land banks, he notes, "was \$9,000,000, of which \$8,892,130 was supplied by the Government. The capital account stood, Dec. 31 1925, at \$53,769,567 50, of which only \$1,331,930 was owned by the United States, while borrowing farmers in national farm loan associations provided \$51,929,867 50, borrowers through agents \$507,540 and individual subscribers \$230. In addition there are now reserves and surplus equaling \$12,765,112." Regarding the net earnings, the report says:

Net earnings from the beginning of business to the end of 1925 were \$34,964,937 86, out of which dividends were paid amounting to \$14,590,535 69. It is the policy of these banks to charge off real estate acquired by foreclosure, so \$6,398,735 49 were used for this purpose, and \$1,062,159 93 were set aside as a reserve for delinquent installments, in addition to \$148,394 43 as a charge-off on account of banking house property. There remain undistributed surplus, reserve and profits accounts of \$12,765,112 32. These alone exceed the original capital by almost \$4,000,000. In this period 379,875 farmers have been served through 4,925 national farm loan associations, in a total amount of \$1,169,356,599. Only one's imagination can conjure just what benefits the stupendous total of these figures represents. Certainly no other institution devised to serve farmers can present a record so unique and so distinctly successful as this.

It is entirely feasible, as this history demonstrates, to fashion a financial system for farmers, owned by them and administered solely for their benefit.

The development of joint stock land banks has likewise been notable. As reported to the Board by these institutions, of which 53 were active at the close of 1925, they had capital paid in amounting to \$41,595,625 98, which, with other surplus, reserve and profit accounts, brought their total investment up to \$51,679,782 61. Beginning in 1918, with loans which were \$6,408,421, they increased this aggregate to \$624,628,615 at the close of the past year.

In both types of banks advances have been made to farmers upon real estate security to the extent of \$1,793,985,214.

In the Federal intermediate credit banks, from the beginning of their operations, following the enactment of the measure creating them, March 4 1923, to the date of this report, \$215,949,084 have been loaned to co-operative marketing associations, secured by staple agricultural commodities, and notes of farmers aggregating \$96,221,065 have been rediscounted for financial institutions.

Therefore we may say that funds have been provided for the credit requirements of agriculture through this system in the total sum of \$2,106,155,363. Contrary to a somewhat common impression, no funds for loaning by any of the banks, other than the actual paid-in capital of the intermediate credit banks, are available from the Treasury. In all other instances they are derived from the sale of bonds or debentures.

As to the operations during the past year, the report has the following to say:

In a general way the year just ended reflects pleasing progress in the loaning operations of the banks in the farm loan system. The Federal land banks closed loans to 39,905 borrowers in a total amount of \$127,355,451, as against 47,327 loans, amounting to \$165,510,844 in 1924, thus representing some decline in total volume, while joint stock land banks, during 1925 loaned \$131,430,810 to 19,699 borrowers, as against \$74,586,761 to 11,390 borrowers in 1924, showing an increase. The combined totals are \$258,786,261 for 1925, as against \$240,097,606 for 1924. Over and above the facts evidenced by these figures, the feature which affords greatest satisfaction to the administrators of all the banks concerned is that the banks have met fairly all the demands made upon them for credit, and have proved themselves to be able to render the service for which they were designed.

Regarding the loans closed by the respective Federal Land banks in 1925, we quote the following from the report:

#### Federal Land Bank Schedules.

During the year 1925 the 12 Federal land banks closed loans to 39,905 borrowers, aggregating \$127,355,451, divided among the various banks, as follows:



Bank.	No.	Amount.	Bank.	No.	Amount.
Springfield.....	2,004	\$6,767,800	St. Paul.....	2,375	\$9,337,100
Baltimore.....	3,931	10,039,201	Omaha.....	2,737	21,345,500
Columbia.....	4,211	9,572,150	Wichita.....	2,083	7,692,800
Louisville.....	4,313	12,159,700	Houston.....	6,125	16,616,000
New Orleans.....	7,030	15,442,400	Berkeley.....	1,025	4,988,400
St. Louis.....	2,260	7,023,300	Spokane.....	1,811	6,336,100

During the year the stock held by the United States Treasury was retired as follows:

Springfield.....	\$65,775	Berkeley.....	\$34,825
Baltimore.....	85,700		
Columbia.....	88,205		
St. Louis.....	64,470		
		Total retirements.....	\$339,035

The Government owns no stock in the Federal land banks of Louisville, New Orleans, St. Paul, Omaha, Wichita, Houston and Spokane.

Total net earnings of the 12 Federal land banks for the year 1925 were as follows:

Springfield.....	\$298,136 62	Omaha.....	\$1,365,677 70
Baltimore.....	542,948 41	Wichita.....	824,146 54
Columbia.....	610,535 95	Houston.....	1,191,113 65
Louisville.....	993,771 26	Berkeley.....	413,776 47
New Orleans.....	958,759 59	Spokane.....	724,675 83
St. Louis.....	510,523 22		
St. Paul.....	693,170 10	Total.....	\$9,127,235 34

It is learned from the report that 80 charters have been granted to Joint Stock Land banks by the Federal Farm Loan Board since the law authorizing their organization became effective. Of these, 25 subsequently went into voluntary liquidation, their assets being taken over and their liabilities assumed by other banks in the system. On this point the report states:

The following joint stock land banks liquidated voluntarily within the past year, and their assets were taken over and their liabilities assumed by other joint stock land banks, as permitted by an amendment to the Farm Loan Act, approved March 3 1925:

LIQUIDATING BANK.	PURCHASING BANK.
Texas-Oklahoma Joint Stock Land Bank, San Antonio, Texas.	Dallas Joint Stock Land Bank and Wichita Federal Land Bank.
Southeast Missouri Joint Stock Land Bank, Cape Girardeau, Mo.	St. Louis Joint Stock Land Bank.
Bankers Joint Stock Land Bank, Booneville, Mo.	Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank.
Wichita Joint Stock Land Bank, Wichita, Kan.	Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank.
Dayton Agricultural Joint Stock Land Bank, Charleston, W. Va.	Virginian Joint Stock Land Bank, Charleston, W. Va.
Bowen Joint Stock Land Bank, Pittsburgh, Ind.	Virginian Joint Stock Land Bank, Charleston, W. Va.
Columbus Joint Stock Land Bank, Columbus, Ohio.	Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank.
Liberty-Central Joint Stock Land Bank, St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis Joint Stock Land Bank.
Central Illinois Joint Stock Land Bank, Greenville, Ill.	

The Bowen Joint Stock Land Bank, of Delphia, Ind., never made any loans, nor did it incur any obligations; hence it could liquidate without the assistance of any other bank. In addition, the Northwest Joint Stock Land Bank, of Portland, Ore., is in process of liquidation; a portion of its mortgages and all of its outstanding bonds were assumed by the Federal Land Bank of Spokane. The State Savings Joint Stock Land Bank, of Quincy, Ill., has not yet begun to operate actively. No charter has been issued to a bank since Sept. 11 1923. As a consequence of these changes, the total number of joint stock land banks actively engaged in business at the date of this report is 53.

Each joint stock land bank operates in two States—in the State of its domicile and in one other contiguous thereto. The whole of the continental United States is now served by this type of bank, with the exception of the ten States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, New Mexico and Montana.

Based on the results of actual experience, the Board deems it wise not to charter additional joint stock land banks, except and unless it shall be shown by a careful survey that there is a need for the bank and reasonable assurance of a profitable volume of business, and evidence that the financial responsibility and competency of the personnel of the proposed organization will afford satisfactory and efficient operation. Such a bank must function so as to insure conservatism in its loaning activities and at the same time accumulate legitimate profits to absorb necessary charges for expenses and still afford reasonable dividends to its stockholders. These considerations are outstanding and essential in estimating the possibilities of a bank's growth and development.

The report supplies the following data with respect to the loans closed last year by the Joint Stock Land banks:

*Joint Stock Land Banks.*

The joint stock land banks closed, within the year 1925, 19,699 loans, amounting to \$131,430,810. This compares with 11,390 loans of \$74,586,761 in 1924. From their organization to the end of the period covered by this report they made loans to 83,635 borrowers, totaling \$624,628,615. Of this sum \$79,069,415 have been repaid, leaving in force on Dec. 31 1925 \$545,559,200.

As provided by the terms of the Federal Farm Loan Act, joint stock land banks are privately owned. The Government supplied no capital whatever. To procure loanable funds, bonds may be issued up to fifteen times the capital and surplus; therefore, their growth and development depend primarily upon the sale of stock and bonds.

Outstanding capital stock as reported by these banks, on Dec. 31 1924 was \$34,487,185, while on Dec. 31 1925 it was shown to be \$41,595,625 98, thus reflecting an increase of \$7,108,440 98.

The following statement will reflect the status of the outstanding bonds of these banks:

Joint-stock bonds authorized and secured as at close of Dec. 31 1924.....	\$437,933,700
Joint-stock bonds authorized by Board and collateral deposited with Registrar securing same during year 1925.....	123,850,000
	\$561,783,700
Amount of bonds canceled during 1925, which includes such part of \$34,377,200 called bonds as may have been presented, and also unsold bonds returned to Registrar and collateral released.....	38,012,300
Total bonds secured and delivered to banks as at close of Dec. 31 1925.....	\$523,771,400
Bonds held by banks on hand, unsold.....	7,627,700
Total amount of bonds in possession of investors, according to statement of banks, Dec. 31 1925.....	\$516,143,700
Or, in other words,	
Bonds authorized, secured, and delivered to banks as at Dec. 31 1925 were.....	\$523,771,400
Bonds authorized, secured, and delivered to banks as at Dec. 31 1924 were.....	437,933,700
Issued during year 1925.....	\$85,837,700

The bond and stock markets during the entire year just closed were reasonably favorable and made possible the expansion represented by these figures.

It will be noted by a reference to Appendix No. 9 [This we omit.—Ed.] that the average loan in the joint stock land banks is higher than that in the Federal land banks. A principal reason therefor is that a joint stock land bank serves a somewhat wider field, in so far as its maximum loan, in accordance with a ruling of the Board, may be as high as \$50,000, while a Federal land bank, as required by the Act, must restrict its maximum loan to one individual to \$25,000.

Regarding the Federal Intermediate Credit banks, co-operative marketing associations, etc., the report says:

*Federal Intermediate Credit Banks.*

The operations of the Federal intermediate credit banks have become nation-wide in scope. During the year 1925 these banks loaned to co-operative marketing associations \$124,174,009 77. Rediscounts for banks and eligible credit corporations and loan companies totaled \$53,458,931 17. Partial payments were accepted and renewals granted where the need existed and the security warranted. Without sacrificing any of the principles of sound banking, and without unnecessary requirements or complicated methods of procedure, this credit was made available to farmers and stockmen and their marketing associations for periods commensurate with the needs of their business and at low interest rates.

The interest rate on direct loans to co-operative marketing associations continued at 4½% per annum until early in November, when, due to the condition of the debenture market, the rate was increased to 5%. The rate on rediscounts was 5% throughout the year.

Federal intermediate credit banks do not make loans direct to individuals, but assist in financing sound co-operative marketing associations and furnish discount facilities for State and national banks and properly organized agricultural credit corporations and live stock loan companies. Loans or discounts must have a maturity at the time they are made or discontinued by a Federal intermediate credit bank of not less than six months nor more than three years. There is no rule as to the number of times a properly secured note may be renewed. Borrowing and discounting agencies have preferred loans and discounts having a maturity of not to exceed 12 months, with the understanding that proper renewals will be granted.

*Loans to Co-operative Marketing Associations.*

Loans to co-operative marketing associations may not exceed 75% of the market value of staple agricultural products, fully insured and stored in properly supervised and bonded warehouses.

There is nothing mysterious or complicated about the functioning of the intermediate credit banks or the requirements which co-operative marketing associations must meet to be eligible for loans. The co-operative must show that it fills a need, controls a sufficient amount of the commodity to be able to function economically, and has a sound marketing program and business organization. In co-operative organizations, as in other lines of business, efficient and trustworthy officers are essential to success. The Farm Loan Board has ruled that approved warehouse receipts or shipping documents covering the following agricultural products may be accepted as a basis for loans to co-operative marketing associations: Wheat, cotton, wool, tobacco, raisins, peanuts, broomcorn, beans, rice, alfalfa and redtop seeds, hay, nuts, canned fruits and vegetables, maple syrup and dried fruits. Loans vary according to the problems encountered in producing, processing, marketing and financing the commodity to be handled.

As a result of conferences with representatives of co-operative marketing associations, the intermediate credit banks loaned more on cotton, wheat and wool during 1925 than in any previous year. Loans of \$124,174,009 77 to associations with more than 872,000 farmer and stockman members are small compared to the total business of the co-operatives; but they are in a sense the keystone of the arch of co-operative financing. Orderly marketing is the foundation of the co-operative selling of farm products and success in orderly marketing depends in a large measure upon proper financing. By taking care of credits with maturities of from six months to three years, the intermediate credit system makes it safer and easier for the commercial banks to provide adequate short-time credits. Co-operatives report that they have found commercial banks willing to grant ample short-term credit when they make proper arrangements for their longer term credit through the Federal intermediate credit banks. Thus the moral assistance rendered the co-operatives by this system has been of greater importance than that rendered by the actual advances.

*Rediscounts.*—While general credit conditions throughout the country were better in 1925 than in the previous year, bank failures in agricultural sections left many farmers without adequate intermediate credit. Impaired confidence caused solvent State and national banks located in some sections to carry unusually high reserves and to shift much of their business from agricultural loans to investments in Government and industrial securities and rediscount loans only in exceptional cases. Other banks declined to take advantage of the discount facilities offered by the Federal intermediate credit banks because this system limits the interest rate which may be charged the farmer borrower.

In sections where local banks and credit agencies were unable to meet the credit needs of agriculture, the condition has been met by the organization of agricultural credit corporations, through which funds were brought into the community through the intermediate credit system. The organization of new corporations has not been encouraged where established agencies were able and willing to serve the farmer and stockman in with their needs and at reasonable rates.

*Production Credit.*—The greatest development in rediscounts has been through production credit corporations serving the Southern States, although the movement has not been confined entirely to that section. Every Southern State is now served by a credit corporation which discounts its loans with the Federal intermediate credit banks. Some of these agencies, sponsored by co-operative cotton marketing associations, have, during the past three years, loaned several million dollars.

They are service organizations designed to furnish needed credit to deserving farmers at reasonable terms and rates and to permit them to exercise their inherent right to sell their products in an orderly way through their own marketing agencies. While organized for service and not for profit, they require the same capable management and consideration of collateral and moral responsibility behind loans that are required by the sound banks in agricultural sections. Many of these corporations require the loans to be approved by a local committee of farmers before they are in turn considered by their officers and finally submitted to the intermediate credit bank for discount. Loan committees, composed of conservative, successful farmers, have demonstrated that they are competent to judge the credit needs and ability of other farmers of their community to repay their obligations. After recommending loans they become personally interested in the outcome and assist the credit agency in supervising the production and marketing of the crops. In connection with such discounts, consideration is given to the strength of the discounting agency as well as the



collateral and reputation and financial responsibility of the borrower. In addition to a mortgage on the crops, these loans are usually further secured by work stock and farming implements. Production loans on potatoes and other crops which require unusual expense or where extra risk occurs, are often supported by crop insurance, which guarantees a definite return per acre. This insurance gives valuable protection to both the farmer borrower and the corporation.

The corporations helped to furnish needed credit to worthy farmers at an interest rate of not exceeding 6½% per annum. The ability to pay cash for implements, fertilizer and other supplies resulted in substantial savings as compared to the old credit system.

While in some States there has been a small carry-over from one season to another, losses of these corporations are reported to be negligible.

*Live Stock Loans.*

The Federal intermediate credit system has been very beneficial to stockmen of the West, where the resources of commercial banks are too small to enable them to extend the kind of credit needed by live stock producers. In the past these stockmen have depended largely upon loan companies which rediscounted with banks in the larger cities. Ample credit was granted in normal times, but during periods of depression, when deposits decreased, new loans or renewals were frequently denied and borrowers forced to pay excessive interest rates or sell valuable breeding herds or immature live stock on a declining market. This resulted in disorderly marketing, wide fluctuations in values, and heavy losses to the industry. The intermediate credit system now provides dependable rediscount facilities through which sound loan companies and banks may at all times place good live stock loans.

Live stock loans rediscounted by the banks during 1925 totaled \$28,435,993. In addition, the banks loaned to co-operative marketing associations approximately \$2,000,000 for the purpose of aiding in the orderly marketing of wool. Of the rediscounts outstanding on Dec. 31 1925, approximately \$8,203,710 97 was secured by cattle, and \$6,561,264 28 by other live stock, principally sheep. The discount rate was 5% and the maximum interest rate to stockmen 7½% per annum.

Before granting the discount privilege to a loan company or agricultural credit corporation the intermediate credit banks investigate the solvency and business methods of the institution, and the character and reputation of its officers. In discounting live stock loans, consideration is given to the integrity, experience and financial responsibility of the borrower, as well as the class, location and value of the live stock, reported by a competent inspector, and the ability of the borrower to provide ample range, feed, water and protection. With systematic inspection and competent supervision the element of risk is reduced to the minimum and the Federal intermediate credit banks are able to safely discount live stock loans for periods commensurate with the needs of the industry and at low interest rates.

Members of the Farm Loan Board and officers of the banks have made special efforts to convey to stockmen and others the information that the intermediate credit banks are able and willing to provide adequate rediscount facilities for all sound loans to live stock raisers, and that for this purpose there need only be organized or continued stable discount agencies. Addresses were made at a number of live stock conventions and group meetings for the purpose of acquainting stockmen and others with the operation of the system and encouraging the organization of sound agencies through which this credit may be made available. Evidence of the benefits of these activities is found in the fact that intermediate credit banks during the past year loaned more on live stock than in any previous year. New agencies were formed and others, which had not previously availed themselves of the benefits of the system, established discount relations. While the volume of loans is not large, it is believed the campaign had the effect of helping to restore confidence in the industry and that more satisfactory results will accrue in the future.

A number of credit corporations were organized during the year for the purpose of making the benefits of the intermediate credit system available to farmers and stockmen. The smaller corporations are gradually being replaced by larger agencies having sufficient capital to warrant the employment of capable and experienced officers.

Continued efforts will be made to encourage the organization of sound discount agencies in sections where existing credit institutions are unable or unwilling to furnish adequate credit to deserving stockmen and farmers.

The Secretary of the Treasury subscribed \$5,000,000 capital to each Federal intermediate credit bank. The banks are also authorized to issue and sell properly secured debentures up to not exceeding ten times the unimpaired capital and surplus. It was deemed advisable to call only \$2,000,000 of the capital of each bank and leave the balance with the Treasury as a reserve while the debentures were being introduced to investors. The debenture market has been very good during the past year. While the 12 banks have utilized only \$24,000,000 of their \$60,000,000 capital stock, and depended upon the sale of debentures for the balance of their funds, they were able, through economical management, to grant low rates of interest and discount, and pay into the Treasury \$508,589 86 franchise tax covering their operations during 1925.

The officers and directors of the Federal land banks are ex-officio officers and directors of the Federal intermediate credit banks. The Farm Loan Board exercises general supervisory powers. All recognize the importance of sane and constructive policies, which will encourage and build up agriculture and the live stock industry in all legitimate ways, but the future usefulness of this system must not be imperiled by unsound business methods.

*National Farm Loan Associations.*

On Dec. 31 1925 the total number of active national farm loan associations was 4,657, showing a net increase of 14 for the year. Charters were granted to 22 associations, and 8 associations were liquidated or consolidated with others.

In this period 3,713 association examiners' reports, 16,000 quarterly reports, and 3,800 annual reports of associations were received, examined and tabulated.

Applications for charters and amendments to existing charters and by-laws handled totaled 171.

The following is also taken from the report:

*Rates of Interest.*

The rate of interest charged borrowers by all of the banks in this system is governed by the rate at which they can sell their bonds. Every bank is limited in its interest charge to 1% above the rate at which its last preceding issue of bonds was sold.

The rate borne by the bonds marketed during 1925 by Federal land banks was 4½%, which made 5½% the maximum interest charge. Experience has fully demonstrated that when a bank obtains a volume of one hundred millions in mortgages, and is in good shape as to its delinquencies and probable foreclosures, it can, owing to large volume, operate on a spread less than 1%. Three of the Federal land banks, being in this situation,

have reduced their loaning rate—two of them to 5% and one to 5¼%—and it is probable, if the present market for Farm loan bonds obtains, that other of the banks, as their volume of business increases and their condition in respect to delinquent borrowers and real estate acquired justifies, will feel warranted to make like reductions.

The rate at which joint stock land banks sold their bonds during the past year ranged from 4½ to 5%, and interest rates to borrowers varied accordingly.

The Federal intermediate credit banks marketed their debentures on a basis which enabled them to make direct loans to co-operative marketing associations at 4½%, until November, when the rate was advanced to 5%. Throughout the year notes were rediscounted for financial institutions at 5%.

All of the banks have realized a premium on the sale of some issues of bonds, while at times other sales were made at a discount. During a part of 1924, for example, Federal land banks were forced to sell bonds at a rate of 4¾%, although the interest charged borrowers did not exceed 5½%. During this same period joint stock land banks found it necessary to sell bonds at a rate which did not allow them a 1% differential.

It is the policy of the Farm Loan Board to see that all banks carry out the provisions of the Act pertaining to the interest rates charged borrowers, but it is virtually impossible to maintain an exact spread of 1% because the bond market fluctuates almost daily, and it would be impracticable to adjust the banks' loaning rate in accordance with every fractional variation in the bond rate, although, during the year, the average rate does not exceed the limitation imposed by the Act.

The Attorney-General of the United States several years ago gave an opinion to the effect that the premium received by any bank on the sale of its bonds was a legitimate profit of that bank. In determining the loaning rate of the banks, however, the Board believes that premiums received, as well as discounts paid, should be taken into consideration, to the end that the yield rate of the bonds, rather than the rate the bonds bear, should determine the loan rate to the borrower.

*Foreclosures.*

From organization to Dec. 31 1925 the Federal land banks and the joint stock land banks reported foreclosure proceedings on 10,803 mortgages, involving loans and accrued interest in the sum of \$40,118,912 15. In number and amount these items are practically double the figures shown in our last annual report. In other words, during the year just closed, suits were filed in 5,666 cases, involving \$18,212,363 14. In such a manner, in this period, the banks reached a culmination of the adversity which affected agriculture generally during several preceding years. Actions in foreclosure do not necessarily mean that these banks made bad loans, but rather they were the victims of conditions which could not be foreseen. During 1925 they moved to that point in their operations where logically they had to clean up some of the consequences of crop failures, deflation and post-war developments.

From the date of their organization to Dec. 31 1925 the 12 Federal land banks instituted 9,700 foreclosures, involving, as of the date of foreclosure, \$29,973,773 33. It will be interesting to note the disposition of these cases, and to make observation upon the significance of the figures representative thereof. For the reason that accrued interest and costs are constantly increasing, the amount will be augmented by such additional sums.

	Number of Cases.	Amount Involved.
Foreclosure proceedings dismissed, indicating satisfactory settlement.....	3,707	\$11,363,157 74
Foreclosures still pending.....	1,855	5,920,202 81
Foreclosures ended by purchase of land by outsiders.....	269	900,135 52
Sheriffs' certificates, &c., subject to redemption, acquired by banks.....	1,318	5,151,784 18
Lands acquired outright by banks.....	2,551	9,742,826 31
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>9,700</b>	

Of lands acquired by the banks outright and subject to redemption, 1,111 cases have been disposed of in the amount of \$4,054,492 60. There are 1,160 cases where the right to redeem still exists, involving \$4,640,966 04, and 1,598 loans are represented by lands now held outright, valued at \$6,398,763 49. It will be recalled that it is this latter sum which the Federal land banks have taken from their earnings accounts and used to charge off all such properties as came into their possession. These lands, nevertheless, represent actual and tangible values, which undoubtedly will be sold and repaid to profits.

Transactions incident to the disposition of acquired lands have resulted in a net loss of \$329,110 73. In only four districts, however, were any losses recorded, and these were relatively small. In the St. Paul district a loss of \$345,995 68 resulted from the wholesale disposition of lands in North Dakota, which it seemed desirable to sell. In the face of this, the largest loss sustained since the system began to function, let it be remembered, as an indication of the impregnable strength of the Federal land bank system, not only that the St. Paul bank absorbed the loss from its profits long before the amount was actually established, but that the occurrence of loss had no deterrent effect upon the orderly payment of dividends, and, in addition, that this year the interest rate in this district was reduced for the borrowers' benefit from 5½% to 5%. At Spokane, where probably the situation seemed most disturbing, land sales have resulted in net gains.

Because of the admirable manner in which the system was set up and its conservatism in making appraisals, the banks now are able to pass through this period of post-war reconstruction without a tremor. The most significant thing about it all is the powerful earning capacity of the 12 banks, with approximately \$1,000,000,000 of interest-bearing assets.

A similar analysis can be made of the progress of foreclosures with the joint stock land banks. Reports submitted to the Farm Loan Board show that from organization to date, they initiated suits numbering 1,103, with a total sum involved, as of the date of foreclosure, of \$10,145,138 82. Accrued interest and costs are constantly being added, so the sums involved will necessarily increase.

	Number of Cases.	Amount Involved.
Foreclosure proceedings dismissed, indicating satisfactory settlement.....	242	\$2,011,491 33
Foreclosures still pending.....	248	2,136,000 31
Foreclosures ended by purchase of land by outsiders.....	44	333,270 78
Sheriffs' certificates, &c., subject to redemption, acquired by banks.....	236	2,699,453 25
Lands acquired outright by banks.....	333	4,107,684 85
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>1,103</b>	

Of the lands acquired, in 211 instances, where \$2,886,370 34 were involved, the title is now held by banks outright, and where a right of redemption still exists, the cases number 176, in the sum of \$1,832,388 91.

A detailed statement of operation shows that in the disposition of acquired property, net losses resulted of \$83,129 97, which, it must be conceded, is merely nominal.



The Farm Loan Act contemplates that each and every bond issued by a Federal land bank or a joint stock land bank shall be supported by good mortgages and by capital and reserve in accordance with the provisions of the law. It is the policy and the purpose of the Farm Loan Board to carry out this requirement to the end that the integrity of the banks may be above question and their ability to serve shall be unimpaired. If it is necessary for a bank to defer its dividends, such an incident will not be an innovation in American finance. Many illustrations might be cited to show that perfectly sound financial institutions have deferred dividend payments that no question should arise about their ability promptly to meet their obligations.

*General Routine.*

Our custodian of securities shows the following activity in his office during the calendar year 1925:

*Volume of Securities Handled.*

	Pack- ages.	Pieces.	Amount.
Receipts by registered mail.....	1,917	238,164	\$341,591,978 30
Repurchases from United States Treasury.....	-----	13,123	23,200,000 00
(Note.—Receipts from Bureau of Engraving and Printing are included under shipments.)			
Shipments and deliveries, by registered mail.....	2,660	275,307	796,950,402 00
(Sales and new bonds from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.)			
Deliveries to Treasurer of United States account Government life insurance fund.....	-----	670	33,500,000 00
Destructions, canceled bonds and coupons destroyed (721 schedules).....	-----	168,856	226,088,503 20
Total.....	4,577	696,120	\$1,331,330,883 50

*Securities on Hand Dec. 31 1925.*

Federal Land banks:		
Coupon bonds dated Jan. 1 1925.....		\$7,946,020
Coupon bonds dated Jan. 1 1926.....		7,919,500
Registered bonds for Veterans' Bureau, account Government life insurance funds.....		21,100,000
Special bonds registered in name of Secretary of the Treasury.....		79,150,000
Federal Intermediate Credit banks, debentures.....		26,668,000
Joint-stock Land banks, bonds.....		2,800,000
Bonds of old datings, held for making exchanges.....		55,596,450
Debentures held in trust:		
For Federal Land Bank of Wichita.....	\$500,000	
For Federal Land Bank of Houston.....	250,000	
		750,000
Fiscal agent's account.....		290,000
Securities deposited in connection with surety bonds for officers and employees, Federal Land banks.....		10,000
Total on hand.....		\$192,229,970

*Bonds of Old Datings Held for Use in Making Exchanges.*

Amount on hand Dec. 31 1925.....	\$45,596,450
Amount withdrawn during year ending Dec. 31 1925, 1,851 pieces.....	3,850,880
Number of orders from banks during year for withdrawing bonds.....	450

*Orders to Bureau of Engraving and Printing for Printing Bonds.*

	No. of Orders.	Pieces.	Amount.
Federal Land banks.....	504	70,919	\$183,090,360
Federal Intermediate Credit banks.....	35	24,655	205,750,000
Joint-stock Land banks.....	368	134,265	164,660,600
Total.....	907	229,839	\$553,500,960

*Reports from Registrars of Bonds Issued, Exchanged and Retired.*

Number of reports covering exchanges.....	4,045
Number of reports covering original issues and retirements.....	2,367
Total.....	6,412

All these reports are posted in bond record.

The bond sales division handled this year 2,526 applications for bond and debenture issues and substitutions, which were about 20% more than last year.

The appraisal division received and examined 59,247 applications, together with the accompanying appraisers' reports on loans made by the banks of the system, as against 58,237 in 1924. Of this total 40,071 came from Federal land banks and 19,176 from joint stock land banks. These securities must be approved by the Farm Loan Board before they can be accepted as the basis of an issue of bonds.

A record is made of each application and appraiser's report in the statistical division, which sets forth the purpose and amount of the loan, and the amount at which it was appraised.

In our auditing department the reports which were received and checked from examiners, banks and national farm loan associations totaled 23,518. The number of applications for charters and amendments to existing charters and by-laws handled by our charters and reports division equaled 171.

At present there are employed in the field six reviewing appraisers and 600 land bank appraisers and intermediate credit bank inspectors; also six bank examiners and 20 national farm loan association examiners.

The report says that probably the most noteworthy incident of the year, with reference to the Federal land banks, was the demonstration of their unity and the fundamental soundness which that unity implies, as manifested by the action of the other banks, in the case of the Federal Land Bank of Spokane. It adds:

The Federal land banks adhere uniformly to the practice of charging off immediately all real estate acquired through foreclosure, and no foreclosed farm appears as an admitted asset in the statement of any one of them. This is a superabundance of caution and more than sound banking requires, but is certainly conducive to absolute soundness of admitted assets.

It became apparent early in the year that the Spokane bank, owing to adverse agricultural conditions in large areas in its district, would, if foreclosures were carried on with the promptness that good management required, accumulate lands faster than its profits account could absorb them. The situation presented four possible alternatives:

1. The slowing down on proper foreclosures.
2. The forced sale of acquired lands at an unreasonable sacrifice.
3. The taking into account as capital assets a substantial volume of acquired lands for an indefinite period.
4. Assistance from the other banks.

The matter was fully discussed at a conference of the presidents of the banks in Washington, and the following conclusions were unanimously reached:

1. That it was essential for the Spokane bank to go forward with necessary foreclosures, to the end that its ultimate acquirement of lands be

definitely ascertained at the earliest possible moment, and a commission selected to care for and dispose of such lands.

2. That it would be unwise to force such lands upon the market in view of the very large number of foreclosed lands acquired and held by other mortgage agencies and being offered at a sacrifice.

3. That it was desirable that the policy charging off acquired farms be maintained, and that no one of the Federal land banks take such farms into account as a capital asset.

4. That it was the part of wisdom for the other banks, in view of their mutual relations and obligations, to take such action and render such assistance as might be necessary to maintain the foregoing policies.

An agreement was accordingly worked out, with the approval of this Board, by which the other Federal land banks agreed for a period of three years to take over the foreclosed lands acquired by the Spokane bank, and created a commission, three of the presidents representing them, which, in co-operation with the Spokane bank, will care for and dispose of acquired farms.

The lands are taken over on a basis which guarantees the contributing banks against ultimate loss. Their participation certificates are charged to their several undivided profits accounts, and the policy of "no lands in capital account" is fully maintained without delaying foreclosures or forcing precipitate "dumping" of acquired lands at an undue sacrifice.

It is difficult, owing to the long period of redemption after foreclosure sale allowed under the law of the several States in the Spokane district, to estimate the number of farms that will be acquired in a given number of foreclosure actions. Based on past experience of the Spokane bank, the other banks anticipate an ultimate participation of approximately \$4,000,000, of which \$943,520 85 has already been contributed.

**McFadden Branch Banking Bill Passed By Senate—Hull Amendments Eliminated.**

On May 13 the Senate, without a roll-call, passed the McFadden branch banking bill. The bill as accepted by the Senate is shorn of the Hull amendments, which would prohibit the establishment of branch banks by National banks or State banks in the Federal Reserve System in States where branch banking is not permitted—this prohibition to apply even though such States might in the future authorize branch banking. The Hull amendments were carried in the bill as it passed the House on Feb. 4, but were stricken out by the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency, which reported the bill to the Senate on March 12. The action of the committee in dropping the Hull amendments was approved by the Senate on May 13 by a vote of 60 to 17, says the Washington account of the Senate action that day to the New York "Journal of Commerce," from which we quote the following:

The bill as passed today retains all of the changes made by the committee to the House bill and some additional and important amendments found necessary after the bill was reported. Despite the fact that the measure contains a considerable number of highly important features, practically all of the debate centered around the branch banking features.

*Hull Amendment Lost.*

The Hull amendments would forever prohibit national banks in the existing non-branch bank States from taking advantage of possible changes in State laws which would enable purely State banks to establish branches. It was claimed that such a restriction would result in the withdrawal of State banks from the Federal Reserve system in any such States changing their laws, and the conversion of national into State banks, since banks in the Federal Reserve system could not, under Federal law, establish branches and retain their membership in the system.

The vote on the Hull amendments came on the motion of Senator La Follette, support for the latter in voting being afforded by Senators Cameron, Arizona; Cummins, Iowa; Deneen, Illinois; Frazier, North Dakota; Gooding, Idaho; Harrell, Oklahoma; Kendrick, Wyoming; McNary, Oregon; Norris, Nebraska; Nye, North Dakota; Pine, Oklahoma; Shipstead, Minnesota; Standfield, Oregon; Walsh, Montana; Wheeler, Montana, and Williams, Missouri.

*Viva Voce Vote.*

Senator Williams then offered as a direct proposition an amendment embodying substantially the Hull amendments, which was defeated on a viva voce vote. There was no record vote on final passage.

Congress in March passed a law permitting State Legislatures to determine the method of taxing national banking associations and providing that the rate should not be higher when assessed upon securities invested than the rate assessed upon other financial corporations. Senator Copeland pointed out that there is a chaotic condition in New York State because of a decision rendered in the Money Capital-tax case that the business of dealing in investment securities is not in competition with national banks. A new State law to meet the situation becomes effective March 31, 1927.

At the instance of Senator Copeland a slight change was made in the McFadden bill so as not at this time to run counter to and nullify the court decision and not to subject investment bankers to the moneyed capital tax in New York for year 1926. There was a great deal of objection to this proposal, but it was finally agreed that it should be considered by the conference committees of the Senate and House Banking and Currency committees, with the suggestion that if found to be different from what it is set up to be, the proposal shall be stricken from the bill.

*To Authorize Exceptions.*

Another amendment was intended to meet a local situation in the cities of Minneapolis, St. Paul, Milwaukee and Seattle, where there are branch banks with no permissive law. It is left to the Comptroller of the currency or the courts to pass on the legality of these branches, and should the decision be favorable to the parent banks the branches would not be prohibited under the McFadden Act. Two branches of a Camden, N. J., bank, established more than a quarter of a century ago, are legalized under an amendment to the bill.

The bill before us has some features that commend it, said Senator King. I regret, however, that the Banking and Currency Committee

of the Senate did not report a measure more comprehensive in its character. I have offered a resolution which I think calls attention to the defects in our banking and currency system and which calls for legislation to meet those defects.

#### *Senator King's View.*

I think if the committee of the House and Senate, jointly or separately, had undertaken an investigation of this character and had advised themselves to the ascertainment of those fundamental facts upon which our banking system rests and the defects, with a view of recommending a rectification of these defects we should have had a bill before us far different from the one which we now have.

Senator Glass, of Virginia, stated that the resolution in question came to the committee after the latter had completed its inquiry.

Incident to the preparation of this very bill, the Banking and Currency Committee had secured practically a library on the very subject on which the Senator (King) is advising himself embracing the most comprehensive, the most exhaustive, detailed and complete report along the lines of his resolution that Congress has ever had since the report of the monetary commission in 1910," continued Senator Glass.

If the Senate will merely authorize the publication of that report we shall have at hand a library that covers every point suggested in the Senator's resolution; and I can assure the Senator that the committee is altogether agreeable to the consideration of the very matters he suggests in his resolution.

#### *System's Expansion Not Aided.*

I am familiar with the very valuable contribution which has been made to this intricate subject by Dr. H. Parker Willis, said Senator King. In his testimony he stated as follows:

My point is that the effect of the bill is hurting the possible expansion of the system rather than strengthening it, as has been alleged. I believe that the King resolution, which calls for a general investigation of banking conditions in this country with the view of revision of the banking legislation and getting a sound revision, is desirable.

I am happy to know that so eminent an authority as Dr. Willis—and Senator Glass has just paid tribute to his ability and to the comprehensive report which he has submitted—agrees with the views which I express in the resolution and that he commends the proposed investigation suggested by the resolution, said Senator King. He further says: I want to make some small contribution to that and so I present here a digest or revision of the Federal Reserve Act and of the National Banking Act, which is intended to eliminate the obsolete features of both and to consolidate those sections that are repetitions and add some new features. I do not see that there is any emergency existing calling for the passage of H. R. 2 (McFadden bill) at the present time. The only emergency is the continuance of the present epidemic that calls for some legislative adjustment that will not make it worse, as H. R. 2 will do, but that will check it.

If H. R. 2 is to be passed it needs drastic and complete revision from the ground up. Better still that it should not be passed at all, but that the whole subject be deferred to the future, so that, in the meantime, it may be carefully studied.

#### *The Best Obtainable.*

When I offered the resolution I had the same thought in mind. I felt that the McFadden bill was incomplete, that it was less than a stop-gap, less than a temporary bridge over a stream which was not of formidable proportions, and that wisdom dictated that we defer legislation upon this important subject until a thorough and comprehensive study had been made.

I am not quite clear why the Banking and Currency Committee, in the light of Dr. Willis' comprehensive statement, and in view of the great confidence which they have and which all persons must have in him, have felt it necessary to present this bill at this time. I shall vote for this bill, not because I think it is all that we need, but because it appears to be all that we can get at the present time.

Senator Reed of Missouri declared that the present conditions are not at all critical; that we have gotten along pretty well under the present law.

We seem to have here a bill that satisfies neither the branch bank advocates nor the advocates of unit banking, and we are asked to pass it, the chief argument being that a number of banks have retired from the Federal Reserve system and have gone into the State banking system, and we are told that therefore we must permit the establishment of national bank branches in those States where the system of State branch banks exist, he said.

#### *Money Monopoly Feared.*

The Missouri spokesman contended that a branch banking system inevitably tends to the creation of a money monopoly, controlled by one or two or three great aggregations. He referred to the banking system in Canada, adding that there was once such a system in the United States.

It was established in fraud and corruption, Senator Reed charged. It was born of bribery and roguery. It is demonstrated now that the bill establishing that system was put through Congress by absolutely corrupt means. It proceeded to establish its power and to fortify itself, until at last, when its charter was again called in question, its representative was so confident of his ability to control all branches of the Government that he told Andrew Jackson that the bank was powerful enough to make and unmake Presidents.

With its adoption by the Senate on May 13 the McFadden bill goes to conference, where, says the Associated Press, a stubborn fight is anticipated over the Hull amendments, stricken out by the Senate.

Regarding the provisions of the bill the New York "Times" advices from Washington May 13 said:

The bill as passed would authorize national banks in States where State laws permit branches to establish branches within city limits, and by amendments to the Federated Reserve act would prevent State banks in the Federal Reserve system from establishing any new branches beyond city limits.

State banks in California which now maintain State-wide branch banking systems would be able to bring their present branches into the Federal Reserve system, but would be denied branches established subsequent to the passage of the act.

Other provisions in the bill would relax restrictions in present laws which place national banks at a disadvantage in competition with

State banks. The bill also includes amendments approved by the Senate committee for indeterminate charters for the twelve Federal Reserve Banks, which were originally chartered for a twenty-year period. The bill would, in addition, amend the interlocking directorate sections of the Clayton Anti-Trust law so as to give the Federal Reserve Board greater discretion in permitting individuals to serve as directors of two banks. The House will probably object to this provision.

#### *Fears a Money Monopoly.*

During debate today Senator Reed of Missouri assailed the branch banking system as incidentally leading to the creation of a money monopoly. He said there was no need for the present bill because it satisfied neither advocates nor opponents of branch banking. He challenged the assertion that withdrawal of banks from the national banking system was due to inability to establish branches, this being a reply to an argument that 166 banks had withdrawn from the Federal Reserve system between 1923 and 1925.

The bill, as passed, did not include the amendments proposed by Senator Pepper, which would have permitted branch banking in territory contiguous to municipal limits. Westchester bankers opposed this provision before the Banking and Currency Committee, fearing that New York City bankers would extend their branches into the suburbs.

Less controversy than was expected developed over the bill in the Senate says the New York "Herald-Tribune" dispatch from Washington May 13, which also stated in part:

One of the important amendments added to it in the Senate Banking Committee provides for indeterminate charters for the Federal reserve banks. It was anticipated this would arouse much controversy, but it was put into the bill with almost no discussion. Whether it will remain in conference, however, is not yet clear.

As passed today, the bill is in nearly the same form as when it was reported from the Senate Banking Committee. Except for relatively minor changes efforts to amend it on the floor failed.

The most important provision of the Senate bill as it relates to branch banking is the following:

"A national banking association may, after the date of the approval of this act, establish and operate new branches within the limits of the city, town or village in which said association is situated if such establishment and operation are at the time permitted to state banks by the law of the state in question."

Section 17 of the bill in effect would amend the Kern amendment to the Clayton act. It would authorize the Federal Reserve Board to permit one person to serve as director on the boards of not more than three banks if the board finds such service not incompatible with the public interest, whereas under existing law the board must find in such a case that no substantial competition exists. This amendment has been recommended by the Comptroller of the Currency and by the Federal Reserve Board.

The text of the bill as it passed the House was given in our issue of March 6, page 1547; on March 27, page 1705, we gave a comparison of the Senate Committee bill with that of the House bill.

#### **A. B. A. Spokesmen Defer Reply to Senator Glass's Charges—Unofficially Call Efforts of the Association for McFadden Bill Public and Proper.**

The following is from the New York "Times" of May 14:

While officials of the American Bankers' Association declared yesterday that no public reply would be made at this time to the charges of Senator Glass that the association was trying unduly to influence action on the McFadden branch banking bill, bankers who have attended the deliberations of the association said that the public records told the full story of their operations.

Senator Glass, who helped draft the Federal Reserve act, had said on Wednesday that the bankers' association was opposed to the provision permitting national banks to create intracity branches in States allowing branch banking, and that a banking "coterie" was trying to appropriate a monopoly of the credits of the country.

Members of the association declared that it had adopted a resolution a year and a half ago endorsing the McFadden bill, including the Hull amendments, which have been the subject of controversy. Last Fall the association, in convention at Atlantic City, adopted resolutions favoring the granting of indefinite Federal Reserve Bank charters as separate legislation, another point which also has been the cause of disagreement in financial and Congressional circles.

The general counsel of the association, Thomas B. Payton, attended these sessions, helping to draft the resolutions, and later attended the Congressional hearings on the McFadden bill. The resolutions covering the association's stand on the McFadden bill and related subjects were submitted to the Congressional committee and made a part of its record.

As the association represents most of the banking fraternity of the country, to which financial legislation is a vital matter, members said that every effort had been made to present a strong showing of their case in Congress. But it was declared that no pressure had been attempted against individual lawmakers, and that the bankers had merely done what any other group of citizens had a right to do in appearing before Congressional committees.

#### **Senator Glass Discussing Hull Amendments in McFadden Branch Banking Bill Charges Coterie in A. B. A. with Seeking to Influence Senators on Legislation.**

The McFadden branch banking bill as it came from the House carrying the Hull amendments was the subject of criticism in the Senate on May 12 by Senator Carter Glass, who assisted in drafting the Federal Reserve Act. In his declarations against the Hull amendments (which by the way, are omitted from the bill as it passed the Senate on May 13) Senator Glass said:



As to the differences between the bill as it passed the House containing what is known as the Hull amendments, and the Senate committee bill, carefully and searchingly considered by a sub-committee of the Banking and Currency Committee of this body, and just as carefully considered by the Banking and Currency Committee itself, and unanimately reported to this body, I venture to say that not since the foundation of this Republic was there ever before attempted in any Federal legislation proposed such a deliberate invasion of the rights of the States of this Union as is proposed in the so-called "Hull amendments" as passed by the House. That House bill proposes to do for banking what Mr. Lincoln said could not be done for slavery, to establish a nation one-half branch banking and one-half unit banking.

Senator Glass declared that "if the 'Hull amendments' are adopted 26 States of this Union perpetually hereafter would be denied the right to establish branch banks within the corporate limits of the cities, under penalty of exclusion from the Federal Reserve System." In his assertions of propaganda within the ranks of the American Bankers Association Senator Glass said in part:

I do not care to prolong the discussion further than to emphasize before the Senate this one significant fact: There has not been a single board of trade or chamber of commerce or merchants' association of any description or manufacturers' association or an association or a group of farmers or of anybody who desires and requires credit at banks or to borrow money who has ever appeared before the Committee on Banking and Currency in opposition to branch banking, either of a limited nature or of a state-wide nature. The plea has been set up only by a small coterie of bankers within the American Bankers Association.

I do not want to be disagreeable; I do not want to undertake in any respect to discredit the American Bankers Association; but every Senator here knows how and where this sort of propaganda originates and how it is carried on.

I cannot forget the fact that it was the American Bankers Association at New Orleans in 1911 that unanimously approved the Aldrich central bank bill without knowing a thing in the world about it. It had so recently come from the printing press that it had not dried well enough to thumb its pages, and they knew nothing in the world about it.

I can not forget that it was the American Bankers Association at its annual convention in Boston, three weeks before the adoption of the Federal Reserve Act, that characterized it as a dangerous measure, which would create financial confusion, do a grave injustice to the banking community, and inevitably result in a constriction of credits. The association begged Congress not to enact the bill into law. It not only did not restrict credits nor create financial confusion or harm banks, but was the salvation of the country.

Right now Senators are being deluged with telegrams and communications from this little circle of bankers appealing to them to enact this monstrosity, this Federal statute that deliberately and awfully invades the rights of the States by saying to 26 of them that they may not change their banking systems, under penalty of exclusion from the Federal Reserve System.

These propagandists have gone so far in their effrontery as to send one of their agents here to undertake to influence the appointment of conferees on this banking bill and to urge that a certain Senator in opposition be not appointed on the conference committee, and to pick out certain other Senators, whom they imagine they may control, to be put on the conference committee.

Thus, Mr. President, in conclusion, it appears that only this circle of bankers wants to perpetrate this injustice, whereas the commercial bodies of the country, those that have spoken, have spoken overwhelmingly in favor of equality of banking in all of the States.

Further declarations by Senator Glass and debate incident thereto are as follows in part:

It (the House bill) proposes to contravene the existing statutes of 22 States which permit branch banking, and to serve notice on 26 other States that they may not ever hereafter change their systems of banking in this respect, except upon the penalty of exclusion from the Federal Reserve banking system. The bill, as amended by the Senate committee, leaves the States free to adopt or reject branch banking as each State may please. And why not? If New York State, for example, has established a system of branch banking—which it has—how does that concern the State of Michigan, or the State of Virginia or the State of Utah, or any other State in the Union?

We have no such thing as inter-State banking, and Virginia is not concerned with the system which prevails in New York State nor New York with the system prevailing in Virginia. Then why should the Congress of the United States be asked to pass a Federal statute which will require Virginia to conform to the New York system, or New York to the Virginia, or both these State systems to the systems of other States? If hereafter Michigan and Utah determine that the branch system is the perfection of scientific banking—as most of the civilized countries of Europe and 22 States of this Union have decided—the banks of Michigan and Utah, under the House bill, will be precluded from exercising the privileges granted by their State laws except under the severe penalty of exclusion from the Federal Reserve System. Under these "Hull amendments" we would have the preposterous spectacle of national banks in the State of New York, which permits branch banking, confirmed in privileges which hereafter would perpetually be denied to national banks in Pennsylvania, which does not permit branch banking now, but may sanction the system at some time in the future.

The national banks in New York State would be confirmed by the House bill, in their system of branch banking, no matter how the branches were acquired—whether by purchase, or consolidation, or by consent of the Comptroller of the Currency—but the national banks of the adjoining States of Pennsylvania or of New Jersey, as a penalty for not now permitting branch banking, would be forever denied a like privilege, whatever might be the alteration in their respective banking systems.

Not only is that true of the national banks, but should the State of Pennsylvania hereafter conclude that branch banking is a sound and desirable system, not one of its State banks could ever become a member of the Federal Reserve System should it avail itself of the privileges of its own State law. That being so, this proposed House bill would have a tendency to drive out of the Federal Reserve System every national bank in Pennsylvania, because national banks, in such circumstances, would be put upon a plane of disastrous competition with State banks.

Let me point, Senators, to the significant fact that nobody may produce here a declaration against the system of branch banking by an association of business men or of farmers or of any group desiring credit at the banks. The little coterie of conspiring bankers which framed the House bill has

never dared to refer it to the Federal Reserve Board for its approval. It has never dared to refer it to the Comptroller of the Currency for his approval. It has never dared seek the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury. On the contrary, the Federal Reserve Board has declared against the bill as it passed the House. The advisory council of the Federal Reserve Board, composed of some of the most eminent and experienced bankers in the whole country, after due deliberation gave judgment against the bill as passed by the House. Let me read to the Senate what this board of eminent bankers said.

I am reading from the hearings before the Committee on Banking and Currency of the United States Senate Jan. 19, 26, 29 and 30, 1925:

There is one feature of the bill which the executive committee of the Federal Advisory Council does not believe it should let pass without explicit comment, and which, in its opinion, may ultimately work a gross hardship on some national banks and perhaps seriously affect both State and National membership in the Federal Reserve System.

It is the so-called Hull amendment. Without discussing the details of those sections of the bill designed to authorize the establishment of branch banks, the Hull amendment makes it impossible in the future for any national bank located in the State which does not authorize branch banking to open branch banks even if at a later date the State legislature should decide to permit State institutions to do a branch bank business. Furthermore, that amendment also provides that any State bank or trust company in such a State which is now a member of the Federal Reserve System must withdraw from the System if it should decide to do a branch-banking business under the terms of a subsequent State law permitting branch banking. In the opinion of the counsel, there is no reason in fairness or logic for the Federal Congress to authorize national banks to open branches in the States which now authorize State institutions to do a branch-banking business and to deny that same right in the future to national banks which may happen to be located in a State which now prohibits branch banking, but which may subsequently authorize branch banking.

That is the considered judgment of those bankers, eminent and experienced in their profession.

Mr. Shipstead. Does the Senator have the names of those bankers? I do not happen to have a copy of the hearings.

Mr. Glass. Yes; I can give their names: Paul M. Warburg, Chairman; C. A. Morse, Vice-Chairman; John M. Miller, Jr., and F. O. Wetmore.

I may say that I have letters from the governor of nearly every Federal Reserve bank in the United States declaring against the Hull amendments, Not one of them regards the amendments as fair or just or sound in principle or in policy.

I said a moment ago that nobody could produce a declaration of approval of the Hull amendments from any group of business men or farmers in the United States or any other group of men who find it necessary to have credits and to borrow money from banks. The proposition originated with a little coterie of scheming bankers which, pretending to want to safeguard unit banking against monopoly, is, indeed, appealing to Congress to give these unit bankers a monopoly of the credits of their respective communities. It will be observed that they never discuss what commerce and industry require; they never concern themselves about what bank patrons think or what persons requiring credits want. It is always and only what this little circle of bankers wants.

The United States Chamber of Commerce took the problem in hand and sent out an inquiry to all of its members throughout the country, and of 2,266 replies, 2,161 are on record in favor of granting equal privileges now or hereafter to national and State banks throughout the country. They explicitly contest the advisability of the Congress by Federal statute confirming a privilege granted to banks in 22 States and denying to banks in 26 other States the same rights, except under the disastrous penalty of exclusion from the Federal Reserve System.

My colleagues will attest the truth of the statement that not a banker who appeared before the committee undertook to justify the Hull amendments.

Mr. Edge. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. Glass. Certainly.

Mr. Edge. The only advocacy of the Hull amendments has been in the form of telegrams from bankers arriving since the public hearings, although bankers from all over the country were before our committee.

Mr. Glass. Yes; and those who came and were subjected to cross-examination, when pinned down to the proposition and asked the direct question if they thought the banks of 26 States should be perpetually denied privileges which were granted to banks in 22 States, answered "No." They did not think it should be done. Then why is it proposed to do it? One of the spokesmen of the American Bankers' Association, when asked the question, said he did not think it should be done, did not think it was fair to do it; but he said there are certain bankers in the country who have influence enough in one House of Congress to prevent any legislation at all of a remedial nature unless there shall be embodied in it this admitted injustice, this attempt to coerce 26 States of the Union into creating their banking systems according to the Federal statutes rather than according to the views of their State legislators. I asked one banker this question:

Were these bankers charged with the function of national legislation? Mr. Hirsch, of Cincinnati. No; but they exercise sufficient influence over members of the House to defeat, in my opinion, any bill that deviates materially from section 9 of the McFadden bill.

Senator Glass. That remains to be seen. It may be that there are enough Senators who think for themselves to deny the right of those bankers to control legislation.

Mr. Hirsch. Unfortunately most legislation is based upon compromise, and so it is, as we see it, with the McFadden bill.

Senator Glass. You want the "compromise" made for us by the American Bankers' Association instead of permitting the Senate to make the compromise for itself. Is that the idea?

Mr. Hirsch. If you can make it and get it through so that you will relieve the national banks so they can compete on more equal terms with the State banks, we will be very glad to present you with a Carnegie medal.

There you are, an open, unqualified admission that this is a premeditated attempt to coerce 26 States of this Union and to contravene the existing laws of 22 other States. There is the admission that it is proposed by the Hull amendments to perpetrate a wrong because in the conception of this gentleman and other bankers who appeared, one branch of Congress may not be induced to do right. The Senate is asked to confirm this admitted and gross injustice. There is not a board of trade, there is not a chamber of commerce, there is not an aggregation of intelligent farmers in the United States, in my judgment, who could be induced to approve such a legislative atrocity as this bill containing the Hull amendments.

Speaking of branch banking in the State of California, without undertaking any defense of State-wide branch banking which distinctly I do not undertake, my colleagues will attest the fact that those gentlemen from California who appeared before the Banking and Currency Committee of the Senate at our hearings in favor of the Hull amendments presented not one fact or figure that might be taken to discredit branch banking in its existing form in the State of California. On the contrary, those bankers who favored the system there presented fact after fact and an abundance of statistics to prove that branch banking in California had been a blessing to commerce and to industry. They pointed out that since the establishment of branch banking in that State not a depositor in a branch bank had lost a dollar in 12 years. They also pointed out that the crops had been moved with the greatest facility and regularity, something that had



never before happened. However, the most extraordinary testimony that they gave was to the effect that the State of California, controlling the situation completely with respect to branch banking, had never been asked through its legislature to modify the system in any particular, much less to abrogate it. They testified that not a solitary business man had ever appeared before a committee of the legislature to ask either a modification or an abrogation of the system; that the only persons who had appeared composed a small committee of unit bankers at one session, and they proposed no definite modification of the system.

Mr. Shipstead. Mr. President, will the Senator from Virginia yield to me?

The Vice-President. Does the Senator from Virginia yield to the Senator from Minnesota?

Mr. Glass. Yes; I yield to the Senator.

Mr. Shipstead. If I remember correctly, one afternoon I attended a hearing, and am I mistaken when I say that a man from California, or perhaps, he represented California interests, said to the committee that the few large banks which controlled all the branch banks entirely dominated the political situation in California, and they absolutely controlled the legislature?

Mr. Glass. I do not recall that a man made any such statement; but if he did, what of it? Should we enact a Federal statute to prevent them from controlling the legislature? The people of California should elect a legislature that could not be controlled.

Mr. Shipstead. That is correct.

Mr. Glass. I will read to the Senator what was said. I quote from the hearings, as follows:

Senator Glass. Mr. Drum, I understand, then, that there have been no formal protests to the California Legislature by chambers of commerce, boards of trade, or manufacturers' associations in California against this system of banking.

Mr. Drum. The question has never come before them from any source.

Senator Glass. Has the National Association of Credit Men, through its California branch, ever made any formal protest to the Legislature of California against this system?

Mr. Drum. They have not.

Senator Glass. Then there has been no protest except a more or less informal protest by the legislative committee of the bankers' association to the superintendent of banks?

Mr. Drum. And the legislative committee in California both prior to the session of 1923 and 1925 and the formal protest before the House committee hearing of April, 1924, and this present hearing before the Senate committee.

Senator Glass. That is here. I am talking about before the Legislature of California.

Mr. Drum. They have not.

Senator Glass. Have the protesting bankers ever presented to any committee of the legislature a scheme of modification with respect to branch banking?

Mr. Drum. They have not.

I am not speaking for state-wide branch banking; I confess that I know too little of the problem, and this country knows too little of the problem for anybody to say that, of itself, it is an evil. My own information and judgment is that we should not have State-wide branch banking, and that character of banking is not proposed or contemplated in the remotest degree by the Senate committee amendments to the House bill.

Mr. Edge. Mr. President—

Mr. Glass. I yield to the Senator from New Jersey.

Mr. Edge. As a matter of fact, if this bill shall be passed in its present form the Bank of Italy, in the State of California, which is so frequently referred to, now being a member of the Federal Reserve System, will not be permitted to open any further branch banks.

Mr. Glass. It will not be permitted to establish another branch bank, and no national bank outside of a limited incorporated area will be permitted to establish a branch bank. All of the national banks of all the States will be put upon a plane of equality under the Senate committee amendments; that is to say, the national banks of the State of Missouri, which State does not now permit branch banking, will not under the Senate committee amendments be perpetually prohibited from establishing branch banks, but under the Senate bill as proposed to be amended, if the Legislature of Missouri hereafter in its wisdom shall determine that branch banks, whether restricted to the cities or permitted throughout the State, will be a wise and helpful system of banking to the commerce and industries of Missouri, then the banks of Missouri may avail themselves, both the national banks and the State banks, of the permission of the State to establish branches.

But under the Hull amendments if the State of Missouri or the State of Pennsylvania, either or both, should hereafter permit limited or unlimited branch banking within their confines, no State bank could take advantage of its own State law except under the threat of exclusion from the Federal Reserve System should it do so. I have never heard any man, be he banker or business man, undertake to justify the Hull amendments except in the qualified way which the Senator from Wisconsin a while ago did, and he admitted that the purpose of his advocacy was to say to the 26 States which do not now permit branch banking, "You shall not embrace the system except under the threat of exclusion from the Federal Reserve System."

Senator Lenroot (Wisconsin) contended that "if the Hull amendments should be adopted and become the law, every State would be as free to order its own banking system, either permitting branch banking or not, as it is to-day before this bill passes." He also said:

To repeat what I said when I took the floor first this afternoon, to me it is a very practical question. Believing, as I do, that there is foundation for the fear of monopoly in unlimited branch banking, we have to choose between two propositions. On the one hand we must surrender to the State the power to determine whether a national bank shall be permitted to have branches hereafter within the corporate limits of a city, and if we do that it is just as certain as night follows day that the banking interests will be at the capital of every one of the 26 States at the next session of their legislatures to induce them to repeal their laws prohibiting branch banking; while on the other hand, under the theory of the Hull amendment, we may look forward to the situation that the 22 States which do now permit branch banking will enact laws similar to those of the 26 States which prohibit branch banking.

While I have not the figures at hand, I think the tendency is more and more to repeal or restrict branch banking, and unless encouragement be given in the other direction I think we may confidently look forward to general legislation in all the States restricting or repealing, where possible, branch banking. But when we have a bill that tends to encourage this very thing, we have a very different situation. For instance, in my own State of Wisconsin we prohibit branch banking. I can readily see that with the Senate amendments adopted, at the next session of the legislature every national bank and every State bank of the Federal Reserve System will use such influence as it may have upon the legislature to repeal the State law prohibiting branch banking.

### Views of Major Bellerby on Strong Stabilization Bill— Unemployment and Reserve Bank Policy— European Governments and Gold Standard.

Last week (page 2594) we reported some of the views expressed by Major J. R. Bellerby, an expert from the International Labor Office at Geneva, before the House Banking and Currency Committee on May 5 regarding the proposed Strong Stabilization Bill. He stated that the recent comparative stability of the purchasing power of the American dollar and the methods whereby this had been achieved were of vital interest to the countries of Europe and that he had been making a detailed study of the subject. He likewise discussed the relation of the bill to the problem of unemployment, according to a statement issued by the Stable Money Association, which furnishes the following summary extended account of his testimony:

All the witnesses who had appeared before the committee seemed favorable to the general policy of stabilization and all see greater or less difficulties in effecting its practical adoption. He divided the witnesses into three groups: First, those opposed entirely to any legislation; second, those who wish legislation immediately; third, those who wish legislation, but only after some delay.

As to the first group, their argument was: Price stability is, to them, an ideal that may or may not be attainable. As it seems to them somewhat uncertain, they therefore feel it dangerous for Congress to give a mandate. They generally admit that the general level of prices is a matter of credit control which involves discretion. Numerous factors intervene, and, therefore, the matter should be left entirely to the discretion of the authorities charged with the responsibility. The continued exercise of wise discretion on the part of the Federal Reserve administration may be relied upon. The proper mode is to develop a banking tradition molded on elastic principles out of which a sound technic will develop. This being the time-honored and time-worn method, the question arises, is tradition a sufficiently reliable basis for central bank policy?

The second group argue that by placing the principle of price stabilization in the law, one does not change the discretion but merely shifts the emphasis. In the exercise of this discretion the authorities may need protection against political pressure, sectional interests, or internal difficulties. This they can secure through judicious legislation. The public is likely to forget the lessons of the past and, while these lessons are fresh in mind, they should be embodied in legislation. While education is more important, legislation consolidates it. As regards the alternative of building up a tradition in support of the principle of stabilization, is there guarantee in the mode of electing Federal Reserve officials that we will have men of the type, capacity and quality of the present personnel of the Federal Reserve System? While we have been quite providentially served heretofore in this regard, it seemed inconceivable that future generations will secure the same quality of personnel. The whole country was combed for men of outstanding ability when the System was new and men of the right type could be found, but there seems less assurance for the future.

As to the third group, they feel that there is no immediate urgency to legislate; that the Federal Reserve System has been maintaining a measure of stability for the last three or four years and can be relied on to continue to do it. While certain members of the System may feel confident of their capacity to so administer it as to secure price stability in some measure, it may possibly be a mistake to impose on those who do not feel that ability the obligation and responsibility to do it. To delay action might promote the growth of stabilization sentiment and confidence, not only within the System, but upon the part of the general public. While it is desirable to strike while the iron is hot the question is whether the iron is yet hot, whether the disasters of the inflation and deflation of 1920 and 1921 have been popularly interpreted in terms of price instability. Therefore, would it not be desirable to allow the evidence to accumulate until there is more popular assurance of what the legislation means and of its necessity?

Asked by Congressman MacGregor as to whether stabilization of prices would result in fixing of wages, he explained that that would depend upon the method of wage fixation. If wages were based upon the cost of living, as has been the case in certain private agreements in England, then to stabilize prices would fix wages, but if they were left to the free play of demand and supply, under a policy of stabilization, wages would probably rise in this country as they have been doing during the past few years relative to the cost of living.

Asked by Congressman Wingo whether a legislative declaration would give to the administration of the Federal Reserve System that intelligence and wisdom which could only come from experience, the witness replied that wisdom could not be imparted in this way, but that the volition to stabilize might be augmented and preserved in this way. In response to a further question, he noted that the Federal Reserve System has developed a remarkable credit technique and that he felt there was definitely a connection between the Federal Reserve policies which have been in effect during the past several years and the period of comparative stability enjoyed.

Reminded by Chairman McFadden that Governor Benjamin Strong, of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York had suggested that the problem was to stabilize by getting back to the gold standard and asked what effect the proposed bill would have on the international credit system, Major Bellerby suggested the insertion of a text in the preamble of the Federal Reserve Act specifying as one of the objects of the Act the maintenance of the gold standard and the value of gold and the promotion of business stability. Placing these objectives in the preamble makes a declaration of principle which may be desirable in view of the lack of existing public assurance that price stability can be attained.

The existing surplus of gold in America is one factor making achievement of price stability in this country at this time a possibility. If this marginal surplus is lost there is a possibility of losing this position. Therefore, it was desirable to consider the calling of an international conference on currency as suggested by the Commission of Gold and Silver Inquiry of the United States Congress some 15 months ago and as suggested by a resolution passed by the Canadian Parliament.

Major Bellerby called attention to the fact that the Genoa Conference of some 30 nations had stated that the prime requisite for the restoration of world conditions was that the various countries should achieve stability in internal price levels. The report of this conference has been endorsed by the International Labor Office, by the International Association of Unemployment, and the International Social Conference at Prague.



In Europe the one outstanding feature of post-war havoc has been the instability of the currencies. The problem of major importance is to secure a stable value of gold. Such stability as has been attained in Europe has been secured by linking their currencies to the American dollar. By co-operating to this end and promoting its own domestic stability, the United States has conferred greater benefit upon the European countries than could have been done by any other means, political or economic; the gain has been immeasurable. However, before the European countries undertook to so link their currencies with the American dollar there was a period of hesitation because there was no certainty that the American policy would be permanently one of stability; this apprehension of the danger of instability in America was evidenced by the fact that the Swedish Kronor was approximately at par with the dollar 18 months before the actual resumption of the gold standard and by the insertion of a provisional clause in the Swedish law. The proposed legislation would remove all such apprehensions and would give full evidence to other countries that the American policy was to promote stabilization of the purchasing power of gold.

Major Bellerby further pointed out that the international debts and reparations payments are stated in terms of gold; that therefore stabilization of the purchasing power of gold was necessary unless the real burden on the taxpayers was to be altered. Any changes in this burden might raise again the whole question of debt and reparations settlements.

The witness said that while the legislation cannot add to the technical powers of the Federal Reserve System to maintain stability, there is a subtle way in which it would help. There is a partnership between Federal Reserve policy and industry and a proper legislative text would strengthen this tie and would be in a sense an advertisement of this partnership.

Major Bellerby offered the interesting suggestion that while some European Governments have returned to the nominal gold standard, Great Britain being assisted thereto by the \$200,000,000 credit granted by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and other countries have adopted the gold exchange standard based on the American dollar, yet most had deserted the old tradition of a circulating gold currency. Under the new tradition of a gold standard with all of the gold held in reserve and none of it in circulation there is sufficient gold in Europe to satisfy the needs of the standard.

Asked by Congressman Wingo whether the prevailing European thought was that stabilization of the general price level was desirable throughout the world, the witness replied that there is an astonishing amount of work being done on the problem. As yet no overt action has been taken, but the matter is being discussed quite as much in Europe as here.

Asked by Congressman Goldsborough whether stability could be secured without reverting to the old policy of fixed minimum gold reserves, the witness replied that this was effective in some countries. In reply to a further inquiry, he said that a stabilization plan based upon a compensated dollar, the weight of the gold parity being altered from time to time, might facilitate the maintenance of price stability, while admitting of freedom of credit control and not interfering with the transaction of international business. There were other plans of a similar character which had been proposed. However, the necessity for modifying the gold content of currency might be averted if international action could be secured to regulate the distribution of gold reserves.

Asked by Congressman Strong, the author of the bill under consideration, whether it was desirable for the United States to make a declaration of policy in favor of stabilization, the witness replied that he personally felt a leaning in favor of it. Asked as to whether or not this was a good time to make such declaration, when we have control of the gold situation of the world, he replied that he thought great advantage might be gained from making such a declaration.

Major Bellerby is also reported as stating that because of the fact that all of the international debt agreements entered into between the United States and foreign Governments contemplated payments in gold, it behooves the United States to do everything in its power to maintain the stability of gold values. A statement to this effect carried in advices to the New York "Journal of Commerce" from Washington, May 9, added:

"A point of international interest arising out of the stabilization of the value of gold," he pointed out, "is that most international debts and reparations payments are settled in terms of gold, from which it follows that if the value of gold were to change in any degree, the real value of those debts, the real burden of the taxpayers, would change in proportion.

"Consequently, if there were a change in the value of gold in any considerable amount, say 20%, within the next ten or twenty years or thirty years, that might raise again the whole question of international debt settlement, with all its disharmonies and misunderstandings. It would seem urgent to protect the country from such a disaster and by every means available."

### Income Tax Collections in March This Year Exceed Those of March 1925 by \$65,000,000.

Figures made public April 28 by the Internal Revenue Bureau show that the yield from Federal income taxes under the new revenue law is \$65,412,740 greater than the collections a year ago. The income tax receipts in March 1926 are announced as \$504,141,356, as compared with \$438,728,616 in March 1925. Regarding the Bureau's further analysis of the receipts, the New York "Times" said:

For the nine months from July 1 1925, to March 31 1926, income tax collections were \$1,420,036,317.37, an increase of \$120,189,738.34 over the same nine months of the previous year, and miscellaneous tax collections were \$692,833,863.07, an increase of \$63,698,291.11 in the same nine months of 1924-25. Tax collections from all sources in the nine months of 1925-26 were \$2,112,870,180.44, an increase of \$183,888,029.45.

Figures covering income reports from Florida during the height of the real estate boom supply an interesting side light in the report. In March, 1926, income taxes from that State more than trebled, jumping to \$12,369,654, as against \$4,079,377 in the same month of 1925. For the quarter January, February and March, 1925, Florida incomes paid taxes of \$13,635,024, as against \$4,544,739 in 1925, and for the nine months from July 1 1925 to March 31 1926, the income taxes were \$22,147,457, as compared with \$8,375,169 in the same months of the previous fiscal year.

As usual, New York State was in the lead as a taxpayer, with income tax payments of \$145,941,713.77 in March 1926, as compared with \$128,054,468.94 in March, 1925; \$407,519,740.68 for the nine months from July 1

1925 to March 31 1926, as against \$358,831,436.79, and tax collections of all kinds of \$545,957,138.85 in the nine months of 1925-26, against \$488,219,851.31.

### Liberty Bond Interest Totalling \$66,000,000 Payable To-day (May 15).

Regarding the payment of interest on Liberty bonds to-day the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on May 13 issued the following announcement:

On Saturday May 15 1926 approximately \$66,000,000 in interest will be payable by the Government on the following obligations:

Second Liberty Loan:	Rate.
4% bonds of 1927-42.....	4%
Convertible 4 1/4% bonds of 1927-42.....	4 1/4%

Of the above total of \$66,000,000, about \$23,000,000 is payable at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Interest on registered bonds is paid by check by the Treasury in Washington and mailed to the owner of bonds. Coupons due on May 15 on these obligations may now be sent to the Coupon Collection Division of the Federal Reserve Bank, which is prepared to receive them.

Checks in payment of coupons thus deposited in advance will be ready for delivery at 9:30 a. m. Saturday, May 15 1926, or member banks, if they so desire may have the proceeds, when due, credited to their reserve accounts upon request.

### Secretary of the Treasury Mellon Urges National Policy to Prevent Sale of Fraudulent Securities.

A national policy for preventing the sale of fraudulent securities is urged by A. W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, in the American Bankers Association "Journal," issued on May 9. Mr. Mellon says:

One of the important problems confronting this country is the prevention of the sale of fraudulent securities. The State Governments are doing what they can to combat this evil. The Federal Government itself is exercising the full power of its regulatory organizations to lessen the perpetration of frauds through the mails. In spite of all, more than half a billion dollars, it is estimated, are lost each year, largely by small investors. In many instances this could have been prevented if the investing public had been impressed with the necessity for investigating the security or asking the opinion of some competent adviser.

Much can be accomplished by education, and perhaps the real solution of the fraudulent security problem depends on the success of such a campaign. But processes of education are slow and each year a very appreciable amount of capital is being lost, so that it would seem to be the duty of the Federal Government to provide adequate legal machinery for protecting the public.

Several bills have been introduced in Congress. One undertakes to prohibit use of the mails or any agencies of inter-State or foreign commerce for transmission of securities for sale to any person in any other State in which it is unlawful to sell or solicit subscriptions for such security, also of letters and circulars soliciting orders or procuring advertisements for sale of such securities. The bill exempts several important classes of securities and business transactions. Notwithstanding the exemptions, such a bill would unreasonably restrict transactions in securities. It would subject all transactions in securities conducted through the agencies of inter-State commerce to the blue sky and fraud laws of the various States and place upon the Federal Government almost insuperable difficulties in enforcing these diverse laws, many of which create purely technical offenses. The proposed law has the further disadvantage of tacitly approving all dealings in securities in the exempt list regardless of how undesirable such dealings may be.

There is a pressing need for a Federal statute of some sort which will repress the flow of issues of fraudulent or worthless securities through the channels of commerce among the States without putting an undue burden on legitimate issues. The State laws are not entirely adequate and they are more diverse and burdensome than a comprehensive Federal statute would be. Without attempting to interfere with the various State Commissioners the situation is essentially one which should be dealt with by Congress through a law applicable to fraudulent transactions and issues of securities employing inter-State agencies.

It has been suggested that the situation could be met most simply and adequately by a law under which such securities as appear to be fraudulent could be brought to the attention of the United States Department of Justice through proceedings in the nature of an information. The Attorney-General could then be authorized to investigate such securities and if he found evidence of fraud to issue a summary order forbidding their further sale under heavy penalties.

Such a law would not interfere with the flow of legitimate investments of the prompt sale of securities which is so essential in the investment business. The great majority of investment bankers are honest and scrupulous men who investigate with extreme care every issue sponsored by them. Only a small number are actuated by a desire to defraud and in trying to protect the public we must not harass and interfere too much with legitimate operations. The investment banker plays an important part in the country's development. It is for his protection, as well as the public, that a sound national policy should be established whereby the sale of fraudulent securities can be prevented.

### State and Local Taxation and Budgeting—Plan Presented to United States Chamber of Commerce by William Fortune.

The challenge of President Coolidge for reductions in local taxation to match savings already brought about in Federal taxation was accepted, and the 2,800 Chambers of Commerce and their 900 allied organizations throughout the country were called upon to lead "a crusade for wise economy and better efficiency" in local Government, by William Fortune, of Indianapolis, speaking before the national convention of the United States Chamber of Commerce in Washington May 13. He submitted a concrete program of action, based, he said, not on theory but on actual experience, and he asserted an organized campaign operating

along the lines laid down, could effect savings totaling a billion dollars annually in local taxes. With this speech the convention began consideration of the problem of local taxation. The Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce already had submitted a resolution for consideration, and, if adopted, it would bring into effect much of the program advocated by the speaker. The convention was expected to take action on the resolution late in the day.

Mr. Fortune, after serving several terms as President of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, became Chairman of that body's Committee on Civic Affairs, and in that capacity has led its efforts for local tax reductions. Pointing to the impetus already given to the nation by President Coolidge to seek a solution of the problem of ever-increasing local taxes, Mr. Fortune said:

If we do not promptly follow up the work that has been so well started by the President, we may find that we have neglected our best chance for constructive effort. There is danger that we may so long delay vigorous action that the momentum of the President's initiative may be lost.

Mr. Fortune's program for local tax reduction included the following concrete recommendations which he urged Chambers of Commerce and allied organizations to advocate:

A crusade against waste in Government by applying the modern methods of business in local Government.

Preventing the further multiplying of local taxing districts, by which a single community is burdened with a complexity of tax levies and permanent debts.

Effort to bring about co-ordination of national and State taxation systems to eliminate duplication and inequities.

Revamping of antiquated systems of administrative service in State, city, county and township Governments, just as has been done in a few States in the last few years.

The establishment of a State central agency to inspect and supervise public officials with a view to check against fraud and mistakes, and to give public officials helpful administrative advice.

The setting up of a supervisory system in the States, which would have the power to check local tax levies, bond issues and loans, with the proper safeguards for home rule.

The setting up and carrying out of "the right kind of a budget—one that can be understood," and study of the budgets by the local Chamber of Commerce with a view to helpful suggestions for tax savings.

The establishment of a system of public reporting, that would give the public accurate information that would be helpful in determining the need for and value of proposed public expenditure, and would result in holding public officers to strict accountability for their stewardship of the public funds.

In addition to this program, Mr. Fortune took occasion to advocate the bill of Representative Davey of Ohio, to enlarge temporarily the power of the President to accomplish Federal service reorganization and to eliminate useless employees and departments. He repeated the assertion of the author of this bill that it would effect a saving in Federal taxes of a half billion dollars annually.

Mr. Fortune pointed to the way in which Chambers of Commerce can bring local tax reform about through such methods as he suggested, and he told of the benefits to be derived. "It is service of direct benefit to all taxpayers of every community," he said, "and for the good of the whole country. It is practical and patriotic endeavor to correct the most alarming faults in our Government. It may be the biggest task ever undertaken by an organization, but the objective will be worthy of extraordinary effort."

Mr. Fortune told how taxation has increased by more than 800% in 34 years. In the eight years following 1917, the average per capita cost of government in 248 cities was almost doubled. Discussing the tendency of many local Governments to create of themselves additional taxing districts, he pointed out how this has placed a burden of debt far beyond the original constitutional limitations, and has brought about confusion of the citizens in coping with their tax problems. Much of the complexity of the whole tax problem is due to the lack of co-ordination between States and between the Federal Government and State Governments. This situation violates economic principles, prevents fair competition, forces business to operate at a disadvantage in some instances and results in waste that falls in some degree upon the whole country, he said. "There should be co-operation," he asserted, "between representatives of the national and State Governments in efforts to co-ordinate national and State taxation systems so that duplication and inequities may be eliminated."

The Indiana system of supervision over local tax levies and bond issues was described by Mr. Fortune in detail. A State Tax Commission is in existence. It intervenes only when petitioned to do so by citizens of the local Government proposing the tax levy, the public improvement or the bond issue.

Describing the Commission's power over bond issues, he asserted that much of the burden now carried by the taxpayers all over the country is due to unwise use of credit.

The State Commission, he said, should enforce such rules as to prevent borrowing in anticipation of taxes an amount to exceed the expected taxes, and to prevent the issuance of bonds for the payment of current operating expenses. Bonds for public improvements should mature serially, and the final payments should fall within the reasonable life of the improvement. Refunding of bonds should be discouraged, since in itself that is an evidence of unsound financial condition. Pointing to the record of the Indiana Commission, he showed how in five years it reviewed 316 tax levies, on appeal, ordering reductions in 216, aggregating more than \$7,000,000. Bond issues totaling \$45,358,205 were appealed to the Commission, and of this amount \$18,413,462 were disapproved. The Commission found that some of the bonds issued were for improvements for which there was small need, and in others there was evidence of exorbitant prices charged for the improvement.

Turning to the budget question, Mr. Fortune said that "budgeting is financial planning." He described the ideal budget as one that represents a financial plan comprising estimates of expenditures that are proposed to be made for a given period, and estimates of revenues to meet such expenditures; showing expenditures under uniform classifications, showing all items that go to make up the total expense, showing what departments or bureaus are to perform the services for which the money is to be collected, and arranged so as to be shown in comparison with actual expenditures for the same service in one or more previous years.

The budget of a Governmental unit "should be in the program of every organization representing civic and business interest," Mr. Fortune said. In reviewing them and presenting suggestions for savings to the Governmental bodies, such organizations may give their most valuable service, he said.

The reason that waste and extravagance have not been checked, he asserted, is that while they have been vociferously pointed to, there has been no organized effort to eliminate them. Here comes the opportunities for Chambers of Commerce and allied organizations. The speaker said emphatically he was not advocating a policy of tax reduction, merely for the sake of tax reduction. Civic organizations, he said, not only should not oppose needed public improvements, but should support them, concentrating their efforts on elimination of waste and extravagance, but not on opposition to any worthy public undertaking. One reason for participation of Chambers of Commerce in determining budget programs is their interest in everything that aims to promote the progress and welfare of their localities, he said. He added:

Lurking unrevealed within the bigness of figures is the hope of far greater possibilities for the good of our people and our country. The gain from success will be vastly more than may be realized from merely pecuniary benefits.

If the 2,800 Chambers of Commerce scattered over the United States and the 1,440 other business organizations associated with the United States Chamber of Commerce embracing more than a million members, join in the battle against waste and extravagance, something is going to happen. Waste and extravagance and taxes will soon go down. Wiser living and better general prosperity will soon begin to go up. You can start this good work, and if you do, to you will belong the credit of initiative of a great economic movement for common good.

#### President's Oil Board to Receive Petroleum Data from Charles E. Hughes May 27—Board Not to Make Known Responses to Questionnaire in Advance of Report to President.

Secretary of the Interior Work, as Chairman of the President's Oil Board on May 7 notified former Secretary of State Charles Evans Hughes, counsel for the American Petroleum Institute, that the Oil Board would be glad to have Mr. Hughes appear before it on May 27, and present such data relating to national petroleum conditions as might be desired. On May 11 Secretary Work announced receipt of a letter from Mr. Hughes indicating that he would appear before the Board at its hearing on May 27. Designation of a date for this public hearing was in compliance with a request filed with the Board by President Farish of the Institute on the occasion of the public hearings held by the Oil Board in February last, when leaders of the industry presented individual views and data pertaining to conditions with which the oil world to-day is confronted.

Secretary Work advised Mr. Hughes that other members of the oil industry had expressed a desire to present additional data to the Board at the same time the Institute's counsel appeared, but added that this enlargement of the



program would in no manner interfere with the presentation of his arguments or curtail such time as he might require. No announcement at this time of the names of those who will appear in addition to Mr. Hughes can be made, the Secretary stated. The Board has been constantly at work since the termination of the February hearings on its report dealing with domestic petroleum conditions, but final completion has been delayed pending the presentation by the American Petroleum Institute of such material as the Institute felt might be pertinent to the national inquiry. The belief was expressed by Secretary Work that final draft of the preliminary report likely would be ready for consideration by the full Board not later than June 1, after which the Board's attention will be directed to the formulation of reports treating of foreign oil conditions as affecting American production, consumption, imports and exports and the development of possible substitutes and American shale deposits leading up to the Board's final report. In a letter to Mr. Hughes under date of March 30 Secretary Work stated that the Board had concluded that it would be inadvisable to make available the material received by it from the oil industry in response to the Government questionnaires before submitting its completed report to the President.

### United States Senate Passes Bill for Adjustment of Railroad Labor Disputes Through Board of Mediation—Railroad Labor Board Abolished.

The Watson-Parker bill, which abolishes the existing Railroad Labor Board, and provides for new legislation for the adjustment of railroad labor disputes, was passed on May 11 by the United States Senate, in exactly the same form as it passed the House on March 1. The bill was agreed to by the Senate by a vote of 69 to 13. It creates a Federal board of mediation of five members to be appointed by the President which would function only after voluntary boards of adjustment for first negotiations had failed. Should the board of mediation fail to bring about a settlement of disputes over wages and a strike threatened, the President would be authorized to appoint an emergency board to investigate the whole dispute and make public the facts. No change in the transportation situation could be made by either side until thirty days after that board had reported.

The passage of the bill in the Senate without change was forecast on May 10, when a motion by Senator Curtis, Republican floor leader, to recommit the bill for further hearings, was rejected by a vote of 14 in favor to 59 in opposition to the motion. The Associated Press dispatches from Washington on that date said:

Several amendments, including one by Senator Curtis to place final authority over wage awards in the Inter-State Commerce Commission, have been or will be proposed, but their sponsors had little hope that any could muster a majority.

Some opponents expressed surprise and disappointment at the small vote they were able to muster to-day. Besides the fourteen Senators who supported the motion to recommit, it was announced officially that five others favored it, but could not vote because of pairs with absent Senators.

Senator Reed of Missouri charged that the measure was largely written by W. W. Atterbury, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad, who he said had been foremost among those bent upon destroying the usefulness of the Railroad Labor Board "by violation of the existing law."

Disputing this statement, Senator La Follette said it had been worked out in conference between railroad managers and employees.

Developing the fact that the Inter-State Commerce Committee had refused a request of members of the Railroad Labor Board to be heard, Senator Reed charged that the committee had cut off the hearings without giving opportunity for all sides to present their case.

Senator Watson said an end had to come some time if the committee was to get out any legislation. He said the purpose of the motion to recommit was to kill the bill.

The 69 votes whereby the bill was passed by the Senate on May 11 were those of 39 Republicans, 29 Democrats and 1 Farmer-Labor member; the 13 votes in opposition came from 9 Republicans and 4 Democrats. Pointing out that since no differences exist between the House and Senate bills, the new legislation awaits only the signature of the President to become a law. The New York "Times" had the following to say regarding the bill in its advices from Washington, May 13:

Before the Senate passed the bill it was stated at the White House that was not an Administration measure. The President, it was said, was interested in it to the extent that he believed it would work well because a majority of the railroad managers and employes favored it. But it was also understood that he did not entirely approve the bill as passed, he having suggested that it be amended so as to protect the public interest.

#### Provisions of the Measure.

The bill, which was agreed upon last year by most of the railway executives and heads of the four brotherhoods, and which the President endorsed in principle in his message to Congress, provides:

1. That the railroads and employes shall establish adjustment boards to arrange disputes.

2. That the President shall appoint, with the consent of the Senate, a board of mediation of five persons, none of whom has a pecuniary interest on either side, to intervene when the adjustment boards fail.

3. That boards of arbitration shall be created when both parties consent to arbitration.

4. That when the above methods fail the Board of Mediation shall notify the President, who may appoint an emergency board to investigate any report to him within thirty days. For thirty days after the report has been made there shall be no change in the conditions of the dispute except by agreement of the two parties concerned.

There has been a long and determined fight against the bill on the ground that the public is not mandatorily represented on any of the boards and on the ground that there is nothing in the bill to make any settlement final, but nevertheless the Senate voted the measure through by more than five to one majority, resisting all efforts to change it in any particular.

#### Curtis Amendment Rejected.

Sentiment against altering the bill was demonstrated when the Senate earlier in the day defeated an important amendment which was designed to afford the public definite protection. This amendment, submitted by Mr. Curtis, the Republican leader, provided that the Inter-State Commerce Commission could suspend any agreement between the railroads and their employes if the Commission considered the compact might involve a wage increase against the public interest.

The amendment, which has approval of the National Association of Manufacturers and the American Farm Bureau Federation, was lost by a vote of 64 to 12. The dozen men voting for it were: Bayard, Delaware, and Underwood, Democrats; Bingham, Curtis, Hale, Keyes, McLean, McMaster, Moses, Norbeck, Weller and Williams, Republicans.

It came as a surprise that many Democrats and also radical Republicans, who are ordinarily "against the railroads," declined to vote for the Curtis amendment, but in the lobbies the charge was made that the railroads exerted force on some of these and the railway unions used their influence with others.

Likewise, it was regarded as surprising that some of the Republicans stalwarts voted for the Curtis amendment, but here it was rumored that the pressure from industrial interests was felt by some of the Senators and that messages from agricultural organizations influenced others.

#### "Guarantee Clause" Is Retained.

Just before the final vote on the bill, Senator Norbeck, the near-radical from North Dakota, startled the Senate by proposing an amendment which would have eliminated from the Esch-Cummins law the provision assuring the railroads a return of approximately 6% on their earnings.

Opponents of the bill have contended that its passage will mean a compact between the railroads and employes to raise wages and then to demand higher rates.

The attempt to strike out Section 15a was defeated by a vote of 54 to 22. Those voting to kill the "guarantee clause" were Borah, Curtis, Frazier, Howell, Keyes, La Follette, Lenroot, McMaster, Norbeck, Norris and Nye, Republicans; and Edwards, Harris, Heflin, McKeller, Mayfield, Neely, Sheppard, Simmons, Trammell, Walsh and Wheeler, Democrats.

Senator Phipps tried to put an anti-strike clause in the bill by offering an amendment that no strike should be ordered pending a decision by the Board of Mediation, but was voted down viva voce.

Opposition to the bill was sounded by Senator Robinson, the Democratic leader, who said the railroads and employes could already do what the bill empowered them to do.

"The bill really gives them the moral support of the public for anything they do and anything they fail to do," he asserted.

"Doesn't its passage pave the way for a wage increase without the trouble of a strike," Senator Norbeck queried.

"I think it does," replied Senator Robinson. "I think the railroads could well say the Government makes it obligatory on them to enter into agreements with their employes for increased wages. If the increases are large, this would probably prompt demands for higher rates."

"Is the Senator in favor of compulsory arbitration?" asks Senator Watson.

"Yes, I would like to bind the two parties to continuation of transportation," replied Senator Robinson. "While I don't want to make anybody work, I realize, and they realize, that the people of this nation can't live if there is a general strike."

#### Bruce Strives for Changes.

One of the most determined opponents of the bill, Senator Bruce of Maryland, fought hard for changes in it.

After the last roll-call Senator Norbeck moved to name the measure "A Bill to Increase the Farmers' Working Day From Fourteen to Sixteen Hours, and to Reduce the Railroad Man's Day From Eight to Seven Hours."

The element of compulsion is totally absent from the new bill. There is nothing in it making the findings of any of the boards arbitrary. Even the Presidential Emergency Board has no authority to enforce its findings, and there is no language in the bill to show what would happen should this last court of resort fail to bring about a settlement.

Neither is there any direction in the bill that the public shall be represented on any board, not even upon the Emergency Board, for while the President is empowered to create the Emergency Board, nothing is said about its composition.

The Railroad Labor Board, which goes out of existence with the signing of the new law, has three representatives, one each from labor, the railroads and the public. The board was supposed to be clothed by law with mandatory powers, but the Supreme Court decided that it had no authority to enforce its decisions.

In the Senate debate on the bill on May 11 Senator Norbeck said:

By a decisive vote taken yesterday the Senate decided that there should be no further hearings on the pending measure. The request of the Farm Bureau was rejected. The request of the Labor Board that they might be heard and tell their side of the story had been refused by the committee. There seems to be a strong force back of the measure, and of course it is organized railroad labor vote.

I feel that we are moving hastily. I think there is another angle to this matter that has not been considered, that has not been developed. I do not think the railroad men of the general public have yet come to realize that these wage increases bring in their wake the high cost of living that absorbs them. When will we come to understand that doubling everybody's wages to-day will not benefit anybody twelve months from now. If that high wage comes into every industry and every service, it is reflected in every cost of living, including taxes, even the school taxes. It does damage in places. The stockholders of the railroad are not without danger. They may feel they are protected by law and can pass the increased cost of operation over to the farmer, but this rule may not work forever.

Mr. President, there is a recklessness in the land that is astonishing. It is said that civilization is based largely upon a due regard for property rights as well as rights of life and liberty. The farmer has been steadfast in

holding to this principle. He has been the most unwilling to take anybody's property away from him, even by indirection, but he finds his own being taken away by unfair laws as well as trade agreements. If the managers of the great railroads want to protect the property of their stockholders, they must also stand out against unfair wages. They must not proceed recklessly on the theory that the farmer is going to pay the dividend no matter how the road is operated. The farmer will not continue to be the only shock-absorber.

We have already indicated in these columns March 6 (page 1257) and March 20 (page 1559), some of the opposition which the bill had developed. L. F. Loree, President of the Delaware & Hudson, whose stand against the bill was referred to in those items, during the current month further declared against it, as is made known in the Associated Press advices from Washington, May 6, which said:

A row was precipitated in the Senate to-day over whether the Watson-Parker Railroad Labor bill protected the public interest.

Defending the measure, Senator Watson, Republican, Indiana, declared railroad labor disputes had to be settled either by the "olive branch or the club" and he preferred the former.

Doubting that the bill would protect the public, Senator Curtis, the Republican leader, offered an amendment authorizing the Inter-State Commerce Commission to suspend or modify any wage agreement reached under its terms if it did not protect the public interest.

Opposition to the bill was expressed in a statement by L. F. Loree, President of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad, who said he also spoke for a score of other roads.

"In view of what is happening in England, where there is a complete suspension of transportation resulting from a 'sympathetic' strike of railway workers," he said, "this country cannot afford to return railway labor disputes to the old mediation system which has so signally failed in the past."

On April 19 a protest by the Western Maryland and eighteen other railroads against the bill was made to President Coolidge by a committee representing the minority in the Association of Railway Executives, said the Baltimore "Sun," which reported that the committee consisted of J. E. Gorman, President of the Rock Island; Frank Alfred, President of the Pere Marquette, and C. E. Whitehead, President-elect of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas. The "Sun" said:

In a statement on their visit to the White House, the protesting committee said:

"We call on the President to present the criticism of nineteen railroads to the pending Railroad Labor Disputes bill. The Watson-Parker bill, in the opinion of the railroads opposing its passage, is not the 'peace plan' it has been represented to be, nor does it meet the recommendation of President Coolidge in his messages to Congress with respect to protection of public interest. We are convinced that unless the same is amended it will subvert our present rate structure and threaten the steady progress of our ever-improving relations with our employes in terms of each road as the unit of service and self-interest.

#### Public Hostile, Is Claim.

"We have been greatly impressed with the unfavorable reaction of the shipping public in the territory we serve to the suggestion that the carriers' income shall remain subject to public control while wages, the chief element of operating expense, shall, as was aptly said by the chairman of the railroad executives, be left to the uncontrolled agreement of the parties or to casual arbitration tribunals agreed upon by them."

"The bill if enacted without appropriate amendment will be a mistake in public policy which this country will never cease to regret."

The American Farm Bureau and the National Grange, in a protest against the bill, laid before the Senate on May 8 by Senator Curtis, Republican floor leader, said in part:

We want to remind you that the bill is the product of the parties at interest. Neither farmers nor any other users of transportation were consulted in its preparation, or had any change to examine it before it was introduced and hurried to a hearing.

Farmers are slow to get news and act upon it. Before they had any chance to study this proposition or be heard upon it, although we asked for a chance, we were told the hearings could not be kept open until our representatives could discuss it and present their views before the committee of Congress.

The parties who shaped this bill in secret had every opportunity to urge their views before your committee. We have had no hearing, yet none are more deeply affected than we by the operation of this proposal. For you are asked to abolish existing public representation and control over wage awards and agreements without any effective substitute.

A comparison of the labor provisions of the Transportation Act with those in the Watson-Parker bill, was given in these columns March 6, page 1259. The adoption of the bill by the House was noted in the same issue, page 1257.

### Federal Trade Commission Charges Flour Milling Companies with Restricting Competition.

A preliminary report on conditions in the flour milling business was presented to the United States Senate by the Federal Trade Commission on May 7. The inquiry was conducted under a Senate resolution, and the Commission states that its preliminary report "presents in detail extensive documentary evidence already obtained relating to alleged violations of the anti-trust laws by certain corporations, and indicates conscious attempts to evade the said laws." "The complete discussion of the subject and the consideration of the effects of these practices on prices and profits," says the Commission, "are reserved for the final report." The Commission states that "the largest and most active of the companies refusing to permit an examination

of their correspondence were the Washburn-Crosby Co. and Pillsbury Flour Mills Co. Another large company active in such matters, the Kansas Flour Mills Co., permitted an examination of its correspondence, but refused copies to be made of documentary evidence selected." It was stated in Associated Press dispatches from Washington, May 10, that the Department of Justice had that day taken a hand in the investigation with a view to obtaining, through Grand Jury proceedings, if necessary, evidence which certain concerns have refused to divulge to the Commission. The Commission has issued subpoenas to compel the production of certain of the documents called for, but the matter is being contested in the courts by the Millers' National Federation. The Commission's statement of Feb. 7 regarding its preliminary report, follows:

The Federal Trade Commission is sending to the Senate to-day its report dealing with conditions in the flour milling business, in response to Senate Resolution No. 163, 68th Congress, First Session. Summary of the report follows:

Under a resolution of the Senate (S. Res. 163, 68th Congress, First Session) this Commission has been conducting an inquiry into the flour milling and bread baking industries, and this preliminary report on competitive conditions in the flour milling industry is submitted in partial response thereto. The complete discussion of this subject and the consideration of the effects of these practices on prices and profits are reserved for the final report.

The inquiry into competitive conditions has not been completed, because most of the larger flour milling companies which were active in furthering agreements to restrict competition described in this report either refused to permit the examination of their correspondence files touching such competitive practices, or refused to permit copies to be made of specifically described letters relevant to alleged violations of the anti-trust Acts.

The largest and most active of the companies refusing to permit an examination of their correspondence were Washburn Crosby Co. and Pillsbury Flour Mills Co. Another large company active in such matters, the Kansas Flour Mills Co., permitted an examination of its correspondence, but refused to permit copies to be made of the documentary evidence selected.

The national organization of flour millers, known as the Millers' National Federation, and controlled by the larger companies through plural voting, permitted examination of its correspondence, but refused copies to be made of any of more than three hundred letters or other documentary evidence selected.

The Commission has issued subpoenas to compel the production of certain of these documents, but the matter is now being contested in the courts by the Millers' National Federation.

The activities to restrict competition among the flour millers, which are described in this report relate chiefly to the following matters:

(1) Agreements, understandings or co-operation to sell at a profit. This has involved discussions of what margin over the cost of wheat is necessary to insure a profit.

A meeting of millers was held the latter part of November 1923 in Minneapolis, attended by Mr. Bell of Washburn Crosby Co., Mr. Loring of Pillsbury Flour Mills Co., and Mr. Helm of Russell-Miller Milling Co. In a circular letter of Dec. 1 1923 G. M. Palmer, President of the Southern Minnesota Mills, an association, stated in reference to this meeting, regarding cost of milling and selling:

It was suggested that in order to be safe, at least \$1 per barrel over the cost of the wheat should be added in all cases to cover cost of milling and selling, and even this will scarcely cover any margin of profit considering the cost of carrying flour sales and the risk of the feed market, &c.

(2) Exchange of information on selling prices, in order to prevent competitive price cutting. Thus C. L. Bechenbach, a miller, writes to another miller:

The thought is that if a miller was really cutting prices, he would stop it as soon as he found that it was public knowledge.

How it would be stopped is indicated by the following statement in a letter of G. M. Palmer:

The Atkinson Milling Co. has the reputation of being the worst cutters in the business. Do you suppose any influence can be brought to bear upon that concern to refrain from making such prices and of broadcasting their quotations everywhere?

(3) Agreements, understandings or co-operation to fix the elements of selling prices. The millers organized a bureau to advise them on this matter called the Livingston Economic Service, which issued information regarding alleged costs. This information was a cost card containing a hypothetical cost, including factors or profit, or so-called "safety hedge." These costs, as Livingston expressly admitted in 1925, were higher than the prevailing selling prices.

(4) Agreements, understandings or co-operation to fix uniform differentials on prices of flour sold in packages of different sizes or for flour in different containers. These lists were prepared by a committee of the Millers' National Federation and changed from time to time. Thus in the list of April 1 1924 the basis is 98 pounds of flour in a cotton sack, and the differential fixed for 2 pounds in a cotton sack was \$2.60 over this basis. A miller wrote to the Secretary of the Millers' National Federation in 1924:

The package differential sheet is one of the very important steps forward, due to the labors of the Federation. This ground must not be lost, and it would be a catastrophe to have the package differential go into the discard.

That these package differentials were generally observed and included a profit is admitted in correspondence between the millers.

(5) Agreements, understandings or co-operation regarding forward delivery and carrying charges. The correspondence among millers points to an understanding that the period during which forward delivery will be made at current prices should be limited, and that for longer periods a so-called carrying charge, or addition to the price, should be made.

(6) A "Code of Ethics" was adopted by the Millers' National Federation on April 16 1925 which, among other items, includes the following:

Sales of flour should be made for delivery within not to exceed 60 days.

Millers' National Federation package differentials shall be strictly observed. Charges shall be assessed and collected from the buyer in all cases where shipping directions are not received within contract time, at the rate of 1-3c. per barrel per day for flour and 1c. per ton per day for feed for such extended period as may be mutually agreed.

Millers shall not give rebates, premiums, donations or subsidies in the merchandising of their products.

There shall be no bargain-day sales.

After prices have been advanced no sales shall be accepted at previous prices.



This preliminary report presents in detail extensive documentary evidence already obtained relating to alleged violations of the anti-trust laws by certain corporations, and indicates conscious attempts to evade the said laws as shown by the following correspondence:

On Aug. 6 1924 L. H. Pinney, Secretary of the Minnesota Millers' Club, Minneapolis, Minn., wrote to C. V. Topping, Secretary of the Southwestern Millers' League, Kansas City, Mo., in regard to methods of fixing prices, as follows:

"I am seeking information regarding method of advising your members regarding prices for local territory put out by your club—how obtained and disseminated. I enclose herewith copy of letter I am sending to members. The directors make the price and they think, should I be called upon by the Department of Justice to explain we would be in a predicament. I would be pleased to have a copy of your rules and by-laws. Any suggestions you have to offer would be appreciated. This is confidential.

On Aug. 8 1924 Mr. Topping replied, explaining the method of fixing prices in the Southwestern States, as follows:

"I am in receipt of yours of the 6th, and in reply: all States in the League territory are handled separately.

Group meetings are held every week and business generally discussed. Where your business is confined strictly to your Minneapolis Club, I would suggest, and it is working very satisfactorily in other States, that you take a representative mill, say Pillsbury Flour Mills in Minneapolis, and use their quotations as a basis. Let them advise you of the changes and you send this information to the members of your club. Use blank stationery, and I would not put any name to the quotations, just let it appear as a regular market letter.

"This can be understood among your members and there need be nothing attached to it that would in any way involve anybody.

I think you would have considerable of a task to convince the Department of Justice of your innocence.

One of the very important features is as little information in writing as possible.

Certain data regarding the flour milling companies' costs and profits are shown for 1923 and 1924, before the agreement and understandings for co-operation were perfected in 1925, together with similar data previously collected for earlier years. For 47 identical companies with a capital employed aggregating more than \$70,000,000 in each year, and an average annual output exceeding 20,000,000 barrels of flour, the average profits from 1919 to 1924 was 9.7%, and for the years 1923 and 1924 it was 7.8% and 6.9%, respectively. The rate of return on the companies' investment (capital stock and surplus) was naturally higher, namely 11.2% for the period 1919 to 1924, and 8.6% and 8.9%, respectively for the years 1923 and 1924.

The final conclusions of the Commission are reserved in order to consider also the important documentary evidence called for by the Commission under subpoena, but refused by the millers.

### J. F. Bell, of Washburn Crosby Co., Says Federal Trade Commission's Report Does Injustice to Milling Trade.

James F. Bell, President of Washburn Crosby Co., when his attention was called to the quotation from the Federal Trade Commission report to the Senate, said that he had not seen the text of the report, but the press notices of it show a most unfair and mistaken view is being taken by the Federal Trade Commission and a view that would do great injustice to all the milling trade. He therefore believes when the full text is available it will appear that the preliminary notices do not reflect the full views of the Commission. The Washburn Crosby Co. in a statement reporting this on May 8 further stated:

So far as restricting competition or any unfair trade practices are concerned, he said that the flour milling industry of this country has been for years, and is to-day, perhaps the most highly competitive of any industry in the country, as might be expected when it is realized that the milling industry in this country is more than twice the consumptive demand.

He said further that as far as he knew, and that was unqualifiedly true of Washburn Crosby Co., no miller has refused any information to the Federal Trade Commission to which the latter were legally entitled, but on the contrary, the millers at large, including his company, have always answered freely the inquiries of the Commission and have co-operated with them in compiling the statistics they have requested up to the time that the Commission refused to properly interpret sound and generally accepted accounting procedure, the basis of which is in use by the industry as a whole and approved by the Internal Revenue Department and other departments of the Government.

### New York State Housing Bill Signed by Governor Smith—State Housing Bank Dropped.

The Republican housing bill, passed by the New York State Legislature in the closing days of the session in April, was signed by Governor Smith on May 10. The measure to which the Governor affixed his signature is the Republican substitute which displaced the bill sponsored by the State Housing Commission and endorsed by the Governor. Republican opposition to the State Housing Bank proposed in the Commission's bill, forced the Governor on April 7 to abandon his bank proposal, and to accept the Republican bill as the most that could be had at the session in the way of housing legislation. In signing the Republican measure on May 10, Governor Smith said: "This legislation is not perfect, nor do I believe we have said the last word on the subject, but honest effort on the part of all those connected with it will soon demonstrate in what direction further aid is needed." The following is the Governor's memorandum accompanying the bill:

Approving this bill marks the first step in a seven years' struggle to effect a permanent and constructive solution of the fundamental housing program, I would only repeat history were I to recall the many efforts made each year of my administration beginning in 1919, when I first called attention to the housing shortage and the housing problem, to secure some definite program that promised permanent relief. There is no doubt in my mind that we

moved forward when the present housing commission was created and it is largely due to their studies that I was finally convinced of the method to be pursued to secure a supply of low cost housing to replace old tenement areas and my recommendations have thus far resulted in the enactment of the bill now before me.

Certain aspects of the recent history of housing legislation may well be emphasized at this time. Every one concerned has become convinced that the building of homes for families in the low and moderate income groups must be done on a large scale to be economically practicable. This necessitates access to large areas of land.

Next in importance is the financing of such construction with money secured at low rates of interest. This must apply to first mortgages and to investment or equity money as well. The most satisfactory way to secure money for this type of housing is to encourage the investment of money in housing operations for limited and not for speculative returns. Being agreed on these fundamental principles, the extent to which these needs are to be met at the present time caused the differences in the two plans considered by the Legislature.

The bill introduced by the Housing Commission presented a financial plan that would have facilitated the borrowing at a minimum rate of interest all the money both for mortgage and equity purposes necessary for such operations. In fact the Housing Commission bill presented a complete program under State supervision but our old friend, Mr. Politics, put his nose in the door and the majority party in control of the Legislature conceived it to be their duty to have a bill that they called their own, although left to themselves they initiated nothing and the Housing Commission's bill was referred to as a Socialistic move. Of course, nobody took that seriously, not even the men who said it.

However, the bill as finally enacted leaves some of the financial problems in doubt, but in its main features it recognizes as I had originally suggested, the limited dividend companies as the basic element, giving to them under rigid regulation by a State housing board, the right to condemn land for large-scale operations such as are necessary to achieve cheap construction. Rents are regulated and limited. Public aid to these projects is in the form of tax exemptions, positive as to certain kinds of State taxes and permissive in the case of local taxation. Federal tax exemptions for these securities is in doubt, but is to be sought through Congressional Act.

The Housing Board, which the bill creates, has broad powers of regulation and control over the companies operating under the Act, and has other responsibilities of study and planning that should prove vitally important in making progress in city planning and general housing development.

We must make a beginning in the attack on the entrenched system of constructing housing for speculative purposes only, and having reached the conclusion, as evidenced by this bill, that the State has a responsibility in the matter, earnest co-operation between the State and local agencies who can aid in practical ways and those who can and will finance such undertakings should soon establish results.

This legislation is not perfect, nor do I believe we have said the last word on the subject, but honest effort on the part of all those connected with its operation will soon demonstrate in what direction further aid is needed.

In approving this bill I do so with the sincere hope that it may prove the beginning of a lasting movement to wipe out of our State those blots upon civilization, the old, dilapidated, dark, unsanitary, unsafe tenement houses that long since became unfit for human habitation and certainly are no place for future citizens of New York to grow in.

The bill was passed without a dissenting vote by the State Senate on April 21; the Assembly passed the bill on April 22 by a vote of 122 to 19. The measure was sponsored by Senator Nicoll and Assemblyman Hofstadter, Republicans. In recording the signing of the bill by Governor Smith on May 10 the New York "Times" stated:

The approved bill provides for net returns not to exceed 6%, on the capital invested to the limited dividend corporations, and gives the State Housing Board power to regulate rents and operations of such concerns. In eliminating the Housing Bank, which under the Commission bill would have held title to all properties acquired by such corporations for housing purposes, the Republicans maintained that the Housing Commission plan would have had the effect ultimately of involving the State financially in such quasi-public building operations, where the real cure for the situation demanded encouragement of private capital to come forward and supply the needed relief.

As was indicated in our issue of Feb. 27 (page 1124), the proposal for the creation of a State Housing Bank in furtherance of the plans of relief, was embodied in the annual message of Governor Smith to the Legislature in January, reference to which was made in these columns Jan. 16, page 302. Bills to carry out the Governor's program were introduced on Feb. 22 by Senator Bernard Downing and Assemblyman Maurice Bloch, Democratic floor leaders in the Senate and Assembly. In yielding on April 7 to Republican pressure for the abandonment of the State Housing Bank the Governor said:

The salient feature of the State Housing Commission bill is the vesting of title to public housing properties in a proposed State Housing Bank. The Republicans served notice at the very outset of our gathering today that they would not stand for that. Therefore, the bill, in the form it is likely to be passed, is not a compromise bill. It is the Republican bill with whatever changes counsel for the Housing Commission can induce the Republicans to accept in order to make it a better bill.

This statement by the Governor followed a conference in Albany which he had with Republican legislators and others interested in the housing problem. The conference was suggested by the Governor in a message to the Legislature on April 1, in which he cited the differences between the Downing-Bloch bill embodying the Governor's housing program, and the Nicoll-Hofstadter bill. The Republican bill was introduced in the Senate and Assembly on March 26. On March 30 the Judiciary Committee of the Assembly killed several measures urged by Gov. Smith, including two bills which would have carried out the Governor's housing proposals. As to the Committee's action we quote the following from the New York "Times" Albany dispatch:

Both housing bills were sponsored by Assemblyman Bloch, Democratic leader of the Assembly. The first bill voted on in the Judiciary Committee was the original housing measure, which resulted in a tie, 5 to 5. Then the housing bill, as amended to meet the objections raised by some of its opponents, was voted upon and killed by a vote of 8 to 4. All the Democratic members of the committee voted for both the original and the amended housing bills.

The Bloch resolution asked for a constitutional amendment, under which a State Housing Board, a State Housing Bank and limited dividend corporations would be created for relief of the housing in large cities.

Regarding the conference on April 7 at which the Governor yielded to the demands for the Republican bill, the New York "Times" advices from Albany stated:

Thomas C. Desmond, a director and consulting engineer of the City Housing Corporation, one of two already existing limited dividend corporations engaged in providing housing facilities under private auspices, was among the hundred persons who gathered in the Executive Chamber. In expressing his views toward the end of the proceedings he said:

Republicans do object to the State Housing Bank. It means State socialism. I say Republicans in this State will never help to put anything like that through. I may just as well say to you now that you had better cut this out.

I attended a dinner last night to Senator Wadsworth at which there were present a great many Republicans and a great many business men. Man after man came up to me and expressed his opinion on housing legislation. "You men may go to Albany and yield on a lot of things for the sake of harmony and getting somewhere, but you must not yield on the proposition to put the title to housing properties in the State," was the substance of what they all told me. "We will not stand for it," they said. "It brings the State Government into socialism."

The Governor smiled a wry smile. For a moment he said nothing. Then he found words.

#### *The Governor's Retort*

Your speech, he said, turning to Mr. Desmond, is more enlightening than any of the discussion of fine constitutional points that has gone before. If Senator Wadsworth says no, that settles it. We cannot have the bank. That's out. No use of beating around any longer. The Constitution is one thing, but the boss is another.

The Nicoll-Hofstadter bill, it was pointed out in the New York "World" Albany dispatch April 7, differed from the Downing-Bloch bills in the following particulars:

Eliminate State housing bank, which under the Democratic plan would be empowered to condemn city tenements and their land and issue bonds for building new dwellings.

Gives the right of condemnation to limited dividend corporations instead of the housing bank.

Substitutes direct mortgages for housing bank bonds.

Leaves private capital to provide for the building of new dwellings, instead of the housing bank bond method of financing.

On April 8 a statement was issued by Senator Nicoll indicating amendments agreed on at a conference on April 7 between Republican members of the Legislature and representatives of the State Housing Committee. The New York "Herald-Tribune" of April 9 pointed out that:

Although the conferees at first decided on limiting the authorized housing corporations to a dividend return of 7% this was later changed to 6% as suggested by Governor Smith. The account also stated public and private corporations were both restricted to a maximum rental charge of \$12.50 a month a room. The public corporation is defined as one given the right of condemnation after agreement to hold the housing project a public necessity in perpetuity and the private corporation is one operating without the right of condemnation, but under certain tax concessions.

The following is Senator Nicoll's statement of April 8:

The housing bill in its present form and as it probably will be presented and passed, is the original Nicoll-Hofstadter bill with certain amendments. These amendments are as follows:

The elimination of the bi-partisan character of the board by leaving the Governor free to appoint whoever he wishes as members of the Housing Board.

Rents that the private limited dividend corporations were permitted to charge for accommodations are specifically restricted to the maximum rates prescribed for the public limited dividend corporations in the bill.

Realizing that if the law had been in existence ten years ago, every corporation organized under it would have been bankrupt today, due to the changed economic conditions, provision was made for increased rentals by the State Board of Housing, subject, however, to review by the courts in the event that the economic changes in the future should make the operation of corporations organized under the bill impossible at the rentals fixed.

While the general provisions in regard to foreclosure were permitted to stand, all restrictions on foreclosure proceedings were removed in the case of institutions under the supervision of the Bank and Insurance departments of the State, as the conferees thought that there could be no possibility of abuse in permitting such institutions to enjoy the usual rights of foreclosure.

The increase of the right of dividend was discussed by the conferees, and they agreed to accept the judgment of Governor Smith on this point and retain the dividend limitation of 6%, as originally fixed in the bills.

Among the proposals discussed and rejected was the one to increase the rate of dividend to 8%, as recommended by Walter Stabler, Controller of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, or compromising on 7%.

Proposals designed to commit the State to landlordism, or any proposition involving its credit, were also rejected.

Other suggestions looking toward the vesting of title of the properties acquired in some State agency were likewise rejected.

The bill as amended presents an earnest effort to improve housing conditions, as stated by the special counsel at the hearing on the Downing-Bloch bill and repeated by the Governor. It must be realized that any measure of this character must, in the nature of

things, be experimental. We feel that the measure as presented goes as far as the State of New York has a right to go without further experience in its actual operation.

The provisions of the Downing-Bloch bill were given in our issue of Feb. 27 (page 1124), wherein we also gave the message of Gov. Smith on the housing problem. The Governor's message of April 1 contrasting the features of the Democratic and Republican bills, follows:

State of New York,  
Executive Chamber,

Albany, April 1, 1926.

To the Legislature:

There are now pending before your honorable bodies two proposals for a "State housing law." One prepared by the Commission on Housing and Regional Planning, the other the Nicoll-Hofstadter bill (Senate, introductory No. 1,370, printed No. 1,626). Both measures recite the imperative necessity of securing relief for conditions in congested tenement districts and adopt as basic essential: first, the use of the power of condemnation in order that large parcels of land may be acquired at reasonable prices and existing unsanitary buildings demolished; second, the use of tax exemption as a means of borrowing money at low rates of interest; and, third, limited dividend companies as means for the construction, operation and management of housing projects.

In both plans, two-thirds of the money is to be raised on tax-exempt first liens at an interest rate not over 5% and one-third on dividends not exceeding 6%. I am satisfied that the commission's bill meets the purposes which are to be met. Its fundamental principles are sound and will stand the test of constitutionality. It may be open to improvement in details of language or in the machinery it creates.

Examination of the substitute bill (the Nicoll-Hofstadter bill) convinces me, however, that it contains in it vital defects which go to the very functioning of the machinery, that it will fail to accomplish the purposes which the bill itself sets forth, and goes far beyond the scope of regulation of private property which the State should undertake at this time.

In the recitals, the substitute bill says that the conditions to which I called your attention "constitute a public emergency," but the whole machinery rests upon the theory that real estate acquired by a private corporation can be "deemed to be dedicated to the public utility in perpetuity." I do not see how an emergency can be continued in perpetuity.

Next it declares that what are essentially private stock corporations shall be "agencies and instrumentalities of the State." The instrumentality of the State set up in the commission bill is one made up of public officials. But in the Substitute bill the managers are elected by stockholders. How can the State declare what is essentially a private corporation to be an instrumentality of the State? or what is here called a "public corporation"? A corporation is not made public by merely calling it such. Even if it could do so constitutionally, why should the State turn over to an essentially private corporation functions which ought to be controlled by public officials responsible to the people and not to private stockholders?

The purpose of calling these private companies instrumentalities of the State is, of course, to make them exempt from Federal taxation. This is an important feature of both bills in reducing the cost of financing. I am satisfied that on this point the substitute bill as now drawn will fail. In the commission bill, since the title is retained in a State instrumentality, the tax exemption feature rests upon clear constitutional grounds, but all basis for Federal exemption vanishes when title goes into a private stock corporation.

Moreover, the substitute bill treats real estate as dedicated to a public use in perpetuity, raises it to the dignity of a public utility like a railroad company and puts it under continuous public regulation. All limited dividend companies, whether public or private, in the proposed act become subject to public regulation and cannot transfer or sell any of their property except as a railroad does; that is, with the approval of the State regulatory body. Again, under the provisions of the substitute bill surpluses which the so-called public limited dividend companies accumulate are to be paid "into the general fund of the State." Under the commission bill nothing goes into the Treasury of the State. Surpluses all go toward reducing rents or building up reserves to protect bondholders. Under the substitute bill the State becomes a partner in the success of these limited dividend companies. The more surplus they accumulate the more there will be to go into the State Treasury.

Under the commission's bill, at the end of the process of carrying out the project, the State is free to adopt any policy it chooses. Under the substitute bill the State is committed to regulation of real estate in perpetuity. However, if the theory of regulation of the property as a public utility should be denounced by the courts, I see no reason why under the machinery of the substitute bill large plottages could not be gotten into private hands, and we should then be in the position of placing in the hands of private owners valuable real estate for which they alone would determine the rentals.

Both bills seek to accomplish the same purpose. The substitute bill enters a new field of constitutional law, the treatment of privately owned real estate as a public utility subject to regulation by a State agency. The bill attempts to make what is essentially a private corporation an instrumentality of the State by calling it "public," and, indeed, adopts the policy of putting all limited dividend companies under State regulation. At least one lending institution has already indicated its willingness to lend on the basis of the State's control of the title of the property through an instrumentality of its own and has expressed grave fears of the consequences if title should ever get into private hands. Under the substitute bill I can find nothing which would induce private capital either to lend its money on prior lien securities or to invest in such limited dividend companies.

The substitute bill grants the power of eminent domain to a private corporation and substitutes regulation of doubtful constitutionality for control through ownership in a State instrumentality. In short, the substitute bill holds out a promise which it cannot fulfill and introduces new dangers.

I have asked the special counsel for the commission to make an analysis for me of the substitute bill and a comparison of its provisions with those of the commission's bill. I append herewith his report and opinion.

I would suggest that progress may be made by conference. It seems to me that since both measures agree upon the facts and the necessities



of the situation, there ought to be produced out of both bills a measure free from the difficulties I have outlined above.

(Signed) ALFRED E. SMITH.

### New York's New Housing Law Praised by Leaders.

The following is from the New York "Times" of May 12:

Harold Riegelman, Chairman of the Special Housing Committee of the Republican County Committee, praised yesterday the House bill signed by Governor Smith as a "new, a liberal and splendid departure in governmental policy and should open the way for intelligent action, ultimately achieving an elimination of city slums."

Mr. Riegelman said he regretted the assertion by the Governor that politics had dictated an elimination of the State Housing Bank and State ownership from the measure. He said the bill was drawn by the Republicans to save a splendid effort from failure, and declared that the law was an achievement "large enough to yield credit to all who played a constructive part in it."

He said the public now looked to Governor Smith to appoint a public-spirited Housing Board to administer the law, and that the co-operation of the city administration was needed to make it successful through local tax exemption.

Alexander M. Bing, President of the City Housing Corporation, a limited-dividend company which has built homes for 650 families, said he was "in a general way" in favor of the bill, which he called a "step in the right direction."

"It won't do a thing, however, unless local tax exemption is granted," he said. "If that is done a reasonable amount of building will be done."

Mr. Bing said he thought the provision of the bill limiting mortgage money to 5% was "unwise," because, he explained, it would be difficult to get money at that rate for operations outside of Manhattan and that sometimes it would be difficult to get it at that rate even for Manhattan.

Andrew J. Thomas, architect, designer of the Metropolitan, Bayonne and Rockefeller low-priced apartments, said he considered the measure "75% perfect," in that it provided a basis for experimental housing projects out of which something greater would grow.

"Governor Smith did wonderfully well in getting as much as the law permits," he said. The Legislature's admission that housing is a concern of the State is a step forward. The early stages of building homes for working men under this law will be slow, but they will show what further legislation must be enacted to promote healthful housing where it is most needed."

### Report of New York Commission on Housing and Regional Planning—Conditions Worse than Before War.

The signing by Governor Smith this week of the State Housing bill (to which reference is made in another item in this issue) serves to recall the report of the Commission on Housing and Regional Planning transmitted to the New York Legislature by the Governor before its adjournment last year. This report indicated that housing conditions in New York for those in moderate circumstances are worse to-day than before the war. The report stated that while approximately 85,000 suites have been provided by new construction, "the 50,000 new tenement suites rent for upwards of \$15 per room per month and are beyond the rent-paying ability of two-thirds of the population." Observing that commercial enterprise cannot build adequate apartments to-day to rent for less than \$12 50 per room per month, the report stated that "the average family in old-law houses cannot afford more than \$7"; this discrepancy, it said, "is so great that any program to adequately house these people must embrace economies in every element of both current expenses and capital cost." According to the report, "commercial enterprise functions on a 9% basis. Lower interest rates are fundamental to any solution of the housing problem. Money must be available at 6% if all families are to be decently housed. Public credit alone can supply funds at low rates of interest for sufficiently large operations to influence general housing conditions." The report summarized as follows the results of the housing investigation conducted by the Commission during the year. The Commission found that:

#### *Housing in New York City.*

In the past year approximately 85,000 suites have been provided by new construction.

The 50,000 new tenement suites rent for upwards of \$15 per room per month and are beyond the rent-paying ability of two-thirds of the population.

Vacancies in apartments have increased from an average of 0.80% in 1924 to 2.23 in 1925. Most of these vacancies are in higher rental apartments. In new-law tenements the vacancies are more than half the pre-war ratio of 1916. In old-law tenements they are about one-quarter. New-law vacancies to-day are 2.69%. In 1916 they were 4.03. Old-law vacancies to-day are 1.81. In 1916 they were 6.52.

Rents are still increasing in apartments built before the war.

Conditions in the tenements are worse to-day than before the war because of depreciation of the properties. Landlords make no repairs. Many old-law tenements, heretofore obsolescent, have been rejuvenated for another life span. Their disappearance, though long desired, has been greatly retarded by the housing shortage.

In spite of the fact that 29,000 apartments in old-law tenements have been destroyed since 1916, the same number of apartments in such houses are occupied as in 1916.

Commercial enterprise cannot build adequate apartments to-day to rent for less than \$12 50 per room per month. The average family in old-law houses cannot afford more than \$7.

This discrepancy is so great that any program to adequately house these people must embrace economies in every element of both current expenses and capital cost. Current expenses include interest, taxes, amortization and maintenance charges.

Interest charges are one-half of the current expenses.

Commercial enterprise is paying an average of about 9% for its funds, because of the high interest rates on junior mortgages.

Houses wholly financed at 6% can be built on low cost and to rent at about \$9 per room per month.

Tax-exemption on the buildings and money at 6% would make it possible to reduce this rent to \$7 50, if all savings were conserved to the tenant.

Limited-dividend companies and co-operative associations are the only housing organizations now operating on a 6% basis on the entire capital investment.

They are a negligible factor in housing because they cannot get adequate capital.

Such funds will only be made available in significant amounts by the use of public credit.

Building costs representing the principal capital cost, may be reduced by the elimination of waste.

Seasonal operation of the construction industries is costly and almost entirely unnecessary.

Such irregular operation will be improved by general recognition of the possibility of regular production. The State can aid by planning its building operations for present slack seasons with a consequent saving in cost to the State.

The brick industry, an important member of the materials group, was studied as typical of others. It is over-equipped to meet present demands. Its methods of production are antiquated. Only by co-ordination production can the industry eliminate waste.

The chief element of site cost in newly developing areas is the cost of public improvements. These are wastefully installed, and utilized to-day.

By careful planning land development may take place without material increase in cost to provide open spaces that are entirely lacking in commercial construction to-day.

#### *Regional Planning.*

Regional and city planning are essential to a permanent solution of the housing problem in its relation to industry, transit and urban growth.

With the aid of the Commission, municipal and county officials of two important economic regions, the Niagara Frontier Region and the Capital District Region have already organized for regional planning.

Municipal and county officials in other important economic regions of the State have requested assistance of the Commission looking toward similar action.

Co-operative action by municipal and county Governments for regional planning will require legislative sanction.

As was noted in our issue of April 18 1925 (page 1972), Gov. Smith signed a bill permitting the establishment of regional planning boards by counties, cities, towns or villages in the State. Commenting on the report, Clarence S. Stein, Chairman of the Commission, pointed out that the latter "recommended the extension of State credit not as a panacea—since there is no panacea—not as the sole way of solving the housing problem, but as an important factor in the cost reduction of housing." Mr. Stein added:

There are two ways of solving the housing problem in New York City. One is to raise, by some magic, the income of two-thirds of the families of the city to a minimum of \$3,500 per annum. The other is to build houses to rent within their present incomes. The housing problem will not be materially changed until adequate homes are available at a monthly rental of \$9 per room or less.

This is possible. But to approximate it, housing capital must be available at an interest of 6% or less for the whole operation. The average prevailing interest rate on new construction is about 10%, owing to the high charges for second and third mortgages. It is only by means of public credit that sufficient funds can be made available at the lower rates. This does not mean that the State is to build houses. It is State credit, not State construction.

This was one of the conclusions which the Commission of Housing and Regional Planning arrived at in its analysis of the cost factors that enter into housing. In order to approach the problem comprehensively the Commission studied the most important factors involved in housing. "To determine where economies may be effected," said Mr. Stein, "the Commission of Housing and Regional Planning analyzed the methods of financing housing, of building costs, of urban land costs, of group planning, etc. After thorough analysis of the various factors the Commission concluded that cost reduction in any one item alone would avail little. Economies must be effected simultaneously in every step in the production of houses." Mr. Stein continued:

In our inquiry into the methods of effecting important economies in building costs, we examined the organization of the building and the building materials industry. Our report shows the possibility of cost reduction through eliminating seasonal operation and through improved methods of manufacture and distribution.

In its study of building costs the Commission's report touched but lightly on the question of labor costs, for, contrary to general belief, labor costs do not form a very large proportion of capital costs. The question involved there is one of productivity, not of absolute wages.

"But a mere saving in building cost is no cure-all for the housing problem," the Commission concluded. "Every item in current expenses and capital cost must be reduced effectively. In studying the sources of housing capital the Commission found that there is plenty of first mortgage money available at 6%. But this is offered for only half of the total building operation. I said before that money at 6% for the entire capital cost is absolutely necessary for the building of low cost homes for families with small incomes. This would represent a saving of at least one-third the present rates."

The Commission found that out of each month's rent approximately 54% goes for interest charges. The interest

rate is the most important charge and it is the largest. "If this were reduced," said Mr. Stein, "from an average of 8% on the total investment to 6% reduction in rent of more than 10% would be made possible."

The prevailing average interest rate is, in fact, 10%. The Commission studied several types of operation and found that the same buildings on the same land could be rented at \$9 22 per room per month if the interest rate were 6%, which now, financed at 10%, required a monthly rental of \$12 31 per room. A lower interest rate than 6%, say four, would make it possible to rent these same apartments at \$7 73 per room per month. It is, however, imperative that a reasonable saving should be effected in each factor that goes into housing if families now inadequately housed are to be accommodated at rentals within their means. Mr. Stein went on to say:

It must not be forgotten that families in old-law tenements are now paying an average of \$7 per room per month. This rent must be approximated if these families are to be accommodated in more adequate homes. It is frequently thought that new construction is of indirect benefit to this group in that it gives them an opportunity to move upward into the houses vacated by those better off. That this process has not worked effectively is seen in the fact that the old-law tenements have been more intensively used. In spite of the fact that 29,000 apartments in old-law tenements have been destroyed or converted to other uses since 1916, there are as many apartments occupied to-day in such houses as there were in 1916.

Another fact to be borne in mind is that two-thirds of the city's population have less than \$500 a year to spend on rent. This allows for a maximum of \$10 50 per room per month for a four-room apartment. Does the new construction come within their rent-paying ability? Quite obviously not, for the 50,000 new tenement suites in the city rent for upwards of \$15 per room per month.

The housing of the lower-income families has never been profitable. Limited dividend companies and co-operative associations are the two types of housing organizations which to-day furnish houses for this group. Their scope, however, is very limited because they cannot obtain sufficient money at 6%. Money at low rates of interest would expand their scope. Such funds can be provided only through public credit.

From the Commission's report we take the following:

The past year has witnessed an unusual increase of residential construction. The largest number of suites has been provided in tenement houses in which there was a net increase of 51,380 apartments. Due to the fact that in the three boroughs of the Bronx, Queens and Richmond a record is kept not of completed buildings but only of permits issued, it is impossible to state the exact number of suites added in one and two-family houses. The Commission of Housing and Regional Planning estimates this increase at about 33,500. For the city as a whole the total net increase is about 85,000 suites. The years 1922, 1923 and 1924 have all been years of great building activity. The first two, while not as notable as 1924, helped to alleviate the marked physical shortage of accommodations that arose due to inactivity in residential construction from 1917 through the post-war period.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York publishes a rent index based on May 1924 that shows a somewhat greater increase. It has the great advantage of considering separately apartments renting for less than \$15 per room in 1920 and those renting for \$15 to \$30 per room. Class "B" apartments, those renting for \$15 to \$30, advanced more rapidly than in the cheaper apartments until October 1921. In January 1922 these rents began to fall from an index of 175 to 163 in October 1924. Rents in cheaper apartments have continued to rise until in October 1924 they stand at an index of 191.

The refinement of classification leads one to regard the Federal Reserve index as more useful in studying the present conditions of the housing. The data are collected from a varying number of large operators—always more than 10 and so far never more than 18. Each man submits figures that he regards as typical of his properties, usually two to four apartments. The increase in rents over 1914 is 91% to October 1924, according to the Federal Reserve figure. The Bureau of Labor Statistics shows an increase of 67.1%. But at this point the significant feature is not the difference in the relative advance shown by the two series, but that both indicate that rents are still rising.

The Commission made a survey of rentals in one of the blocks studied last year. The results are not presented as more than indicative of what is occurring in the tenements. No rent reductions are being made. On the whole the rent of old tenants who are protected by the rent laws has not been increased. But new tenants are still forced to pay higher rentals and the average rental therefore advances each year. Thus three-room apartments in which the largest turnover in the sample occurred rented for an average of \$17 per month to October 1923 and for \$18 03 in January 1925.

From March 1916 until April 1920 there was a steady increase in the number of families living in old-law tenements despite the fact that the number of buildings decreased. From April 1920 until January 1924 there was a decline in the number of these families, but there were still 10,500 more than in 1916. The survey of January 1925 indicates that we have at last returned to the conditions of 1916. To-day there are 461 fewer occupied apartments than in 1916. What formerly represented only a starting point in an unplanned program of improvement, for nine years has been a goal to achieve!

Still worse, if we may accept the common verdict of the Tenement House Department, "housing progress in New York City has been set back twenty-five years." By this is meant that the increased demand for old-law houses has required a new investment to rehabilitate them. This investment has not made heretofore indecent housing adequate. It has brought the house to a standard that meets the requirements of the law—not for new construction but for those shells already built in 1901 that could be improved but never brought up to the new standard. But this very act of investment has revived the determination of owners to hold such houses in use. Officials of the Tenement House Department believe that it will be 25 years before such investments have been wiped out and the houses become so obsolete that the old trend will be resumed with full force.

During the post-war period housing conditions became acute. For a short period even the well-to-do found it difficult to secure shelter. There was a physical shortage of homes that led to a downward pressure as higher income groups bid for quarters that had hitherto been occupied by less favorably situated groups. As usual, the pressure became most severe on those least well able to pay. But for all economic classes the housing problem was serious, arising for groups for whom shelter had always been provided. At present the problem consists in the fact that no new construction has been or can be made available for the lower income groups who constitute the majority of the population and that in those old houses which they may

occupy a severe strain has been set up by the peculiarity of the rent structures. The "spot" price for such apartments is so high as gravely to menace the standard of life of large sections of the population.

But underlying all this is a permanent problem. At all times and in all places private enterprise has been unable to supply adequate housing to meet the needs of the underlying population. In New York City the first official statement of the inadequate character of the housing of these economically less fortunate groups dates back to 1842. Periodically thereafter investigations have been conducted by official and unofficial bodies, all of which find the same or similar conditions continuing.

In dealing with the housing problem, whether it be the "normal" problem or the "emergency" situation, social policy has usually been restrictive. Although the rent laws did not inhibit new building enterprise as was pessimistically predicted by many—the record of the years 1922, 1923 and 1924 is ample proof that they were wrong—by no stretch of the imagination can the rent laws be regarded as an incentive to new construction. Rent laws meet the temporary problem, not the permanent one. Some exception to the generalization above should be made in favor of tax-exemption which did much to break the deadlock in 1921, although the benefits of exemption pass to the builder rather than to the ultimate consumer. In facing the permanent problem the Legislature set up a tenement house law in 1867 and has frequently amended it since. These laws are intended to prevent the erection of tenements below certain standards. Such laws do not serve as an incentive to new construction. Furthermore, the standards must always be set low enough to allow private enterprise still to find a profit in housing at least the upper strata of the lower income groups. Otherwise they will inhibit construction for all but the well-to-do.

The Commission recognizes the permanent character of the problem. There can be no doubt of the need of restrictive legislation. But the problem must be dealt with constructively as well. Therefore, the Commission has considered the continuous, as well as the temporary problems and has sought to make an analysis that will allow of constructive application to the permanent problem, the provision of adequate homes to persons of low income.

The problem is fundamentally that of providing adequate housing at low cost.

Although construction between \$10 and \$15 is still needed, it cannot be said that the housing problem will be materially changed until adequate buildings are available at \$9 or less.

Thus any rate of interest higher than 6% is impossible in the case assumed, if the buildings are to affect the housing problem. For any great improvement money must be available at either 3% or 4% on 100% of the capital expenditure. Six per cent money is furnished to-day in small amounts by limited-dividend companies. Money at the lower rates can be made available in significant amounts in the present money market only through public credit. But while a demand for 3% or even 4% funds may sound extreme, there is nothing in a 6% return that suggests charity. No business man willingly operates on a 6% basis. But a 6% return on invested funds is considered excellent; in fact, in the present market any return greater than 6% signifies as a rule that the security possesses speculative qualities.

#### Deaths of Judge Alton B. Parker and B. B. Odell, Former Governor of New York.

The deaths of two prominent New Yorkers occurred this week—Benjamin B. Odell, former Governor of the State, who died at his home in Newburgh, N. Y., on May 9, and Alton B. Parker, former Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals and candidate for President on the Democratic ticket in 1904. Judge Parker died on May 10 in his automobile in Central Park while on his way to his country home at Esopus, N. Y. He had been suffering from a cold for several days and had been under the care of a physician; his wife and a nurse were with him when he was stricken. Judge Parker was born seventy-four years ago. The directors of the New York County Lawyers' Association on May 11 adopted the following tribute to his memory:

*Resolved*, That the sudden death yesterday of Hon. Alton Brooks Parker, this Association's second President, has brought to each of us a deep sense of sorrow, of loss and of profound sympathy with his family. A modest, kindly gentleman, the successes he achieved, the honors showered upon him, in no degree lessened his cordiality to all fortunate enough to meet him. Especially upon the bench he won not only approval of his ability, but affection by what Lord Bacon rates as an essential part of justice, patience in listening; and by a courtesy that encouraged many a young lawyer in his first tremulous appearance in court, for he was not that ill-tuned cymbal, an overspeaking Judge cutting evidence or counsel too short and preventing information by questions, though pertinent. Of gracious presence, urbane and considerate, he made even the loser feel that he had fairly presented his cause.

Born in 1852, graduated as Bachelor of Laws at Albany in 1873, Surrogate of Ulster County within four years thereafter, recipient of the degree of Doctor of Laws from four institutions, two of them Canadian; President of the State and American Bar associations, space scarcely permits even a catalogue of his distinctions. Having sat as a Justice of the Supreme Court of this State, in Trial, Special and General Terms, and in the Appellate Division, he went to the Court of Appeals well equipped and became its Chief Justice, an exalted position that he resigned in 1904 to accept the Democratic nomination for President of the United States. The party platform being silent upon the currency issue then agitating the country, Judge Parker refused to run except as a hard money candidate. Criticized by some as impolitic, he won, for his courage and honesty, applause from both partisans and opponents who could admire the Roman spirit.

"Tis not in mortals to command success,  
But we'll do more, Sempronius. We'll deserve it."

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the association convey to Judge Parker's family this expression of our affection and esteem; that it be entered in the minutes of this meeting, and that the officers and members of the board be appointed a committee to attend the funeral.

The funerals of Judge Parker and former Governor Odell were held on the same day, May 12. The latter had served as Governor of the State for two terms—from 1901 to 1905. He had previously (in 1894 and again in 1896) been elected a member of Congress—Associated Press dispatches from Newburgh in their account of his activities, said:



Mr. Odell was a powerful factor in the Republican Party for forty years. As chairman of the Republican State Committee and as a lieutenant of Thomas C. Platt, the State leader, he attained an intimate knowledge of political affairs which his friends said had seldom been equaled. The influence he exerted in political affairs extended far beyond his own active career and he was freely consulted in the Presidential campaign of 1924.

Mr. Odell's outstanding accomplishment as Governor was the abolition of the direct State tax. Seeking to put the Government on a business-like basis, he cut duplications in the functions of State officials and commissions, pioneered in the development of good roads, and increased the sums apportioned to the rural schools. During his first term he labored to reduce the cost of Government and to increase its revenues from indirect taxation. He was able to lower the State tax by obtaining the passage of measures taxing capital stock, surplus and undivided profits of trust companies, and the surplus and undivided earnings of savings banks; and finally, in his second term, abolished the direct State levy entirely.

Mr. Odell's business activities centered around the public utilities of his home community. Foreseeing the possibilities of electricity as early as 1888, he became interested in the Newburgh Light & Power Company and three years later organized the Haverstraw Electric Light Company. In 1905 he took over control of the Newburgh Electric Railroad.

Other interests included the Central Hudson Steamboat Company, the Highland National Bank and several local companies and business organizations. For several years he controlled the Newburgh "Journal," which he sold to the "News" in 1917 and which was merged with the latter.

Mr. Odell was born in January 1854.

#### Declaration of Principles Adopted at National Foreign Trade Convention.

The National Foreign Trade Convention held at Charleston, S. C., on April 28, 29 and 30, made two records, according to O. K. Davis, Secretary of the National Foreign Trade Council, which will stand for some time to come; it got the largest response from the local community of any convention ever held by the Council, thus putting Charleston on the map as a foreign trade city of the future, and brought to the meeting delegates from more foreign countries than ever before—seventeen, not counting Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Philippines. The outstanding new development was the appearance of leading business men representing the foreign trade interests of the Dominion of Canada, from the Pacific to the Atlantic coasts, who turned the second general session of the convention into Canada Day and for the first time in the National Foreign Trade Council's history staffed a general session with foreign spokesmen. The high quality of Canada's participation is evident from the fact that the Presidents of the Toronto, Montreal and Victoria Boards of Trade were among the speakers and delegates from Vancouver and Ottawa Chambers of Commerce, from the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways, the Royal Bank of Canada, the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the Bank of Montreal and the Department of Trade and Commerce of the Dominion Government, were among the other spokesmen of the Canadian business community who attended the convention.

With the decision to hold next year's foreign trade convention in Detroit, the opportunity of developing still further this good understanding across the border has already begun to awaken interest, it is stated, and the most substantial Canadian business delegation that has ever attended a convention in the United States is expected to attend the fourteenth National Foreign Trade Convention next June. As at Charleston this year, the discussion will turn on concrete issues proper to a non-political, strictly business convention, and the practical opportunity for co-operation in the large field of foreign trade problems common to both countries is expected to stimulate a new element of mutual understanding among the practical business leaders who came together so successfully on a common platform at Charleston. Over five hundred delegates attended the Charleston convention from the South, while 36 States and 19 countries were represented, including Great Britain, Canada, Ireland, South Africa, Australia, Mexico, Cuba, Colombia, Panama, Brazil, Germany, France, Belgium, Greece, Russia, Egypt, India, Japan, China and the Philippines.

Another stage by which the convention marked the foreign trade community's growth in this country was the recognition of the fact, recorded in the final declaration, that our leading competitors in world trade are the leading purchasers of our products, and the consequent recommendation that trade with these countries be extended as the best and most normal safeguard of business amity in the world. The declaration also called attention to the fact that to-day, in marked contrast to 1914, we are no longer experimenting in foreign trade but are recognized by our competitors as actually setting the standard in trade practice and technique, and the closing speech of the convention, that of C. C. Martin, Credit Manager of the National Paper & Type Co. set forth concrete instances of foreign

appraisal of American methods from which the common opinion was substantiated from scores of authoritative and dispassionate sources abroad.

The outstanding addresses at the convention included Henry M. Robinson's examination of Germany's ability to pay and his hopeful summary of the condition of France and her prospects of restoring her currency to par, Fred I. Kent's demonstration of the key value of imports in foreign trade, the dual paper on liberal and conservative credits by E. B. Filsinger and D. W. Fernhout, credit managers of Lawrence & Co., and of the International Manning Abrasive Co., which will be published and circulated after the convention by the National Foreign Trade Council as the most comprehensive statement now available of credit conditions for the American foreign trader. The address of James A. Farrell, Chairman of the Council, on "The Foreign Trade Outlook," gave the keynote to the convention by showing that it is with our keenest competitors we do the most trade. Mr. Farrell called special attention to the fact that 40% of our exports is now composed of items each contributing less than 1% of the total. This widespread dispersal of our export interests safeguards the prosperity and advance of our foreign trade and marks an immense growth in our foreign trade foundation from the time, only a few years ago, when the greater proportion of our foreign trade was made up of a few leading commodities and raw materials. A classification of the 1,014 delegates attending this year's convention shows that the largest number, 144, came from the railroad and transportation industries; that manufacturers were next with 98 delegates, the bankers third with 90, and the iron and steel industries fourth with 72. There were 81 representatives of Chambers of Commerce and trade organizations and more than 60 representatives of Government services, including 22 chiefs of sections from the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, the largest delegation ever sent to a convention by the Department of Commerce. The following telegrams were exchanged during the convention between President Coolidge and Mr. Farrell:

To James A. Farrell, Chairman, National Foreign Trade Convention, Charleston, S. C.:

Please present my greetings to the delegates assembled for the 13th annual convention of the National Foreign Trade Council. We realize that a country enjoys good times to the extent that business is prosperous. Business prosperity depends in no small degree on the amount of our foreign trade. An important requisite for such trade is the existence of amicable international relations. Your organization has done much along these lines, while increasing good-will for our products. May your efforts in this direction continue to be increasingly successful.

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

Charleston, S. C., April 30 1926.

To Hon. Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States, Washington, D. C.:

The thirteenth National Foreign Trade Convention, attended by over a thousand delegates from thirty-six States and fifteen foreign countries, including fifty delegates from Canada, cordially appreciates your message of encouragement and sympathy. Its gathering at Charleston, where it meets for the first time on the South Atlantic Coast, justifies your judgment of the prosperity of international trade conditions by the success that has attended its sessions. Five hundred of our delegates came from south of the Mason and Dixon line and open up a new foreign trade area of enterprise. We also send you a message of international fraternity from fifty Canadian delegates who for the first time have taken over a general session of a National Foreign Trade Convention and have laid the foundation for better co-operation in trade conditions across the invisible border and for the increasing development and prosperity represented by the billion and a half dollar trade between Canada and the United States.

JAMES A. FARRELL, Chairman,  
National Foreign Trade Convention.  
Washington, D. C., April 30 1926.

To James A. Farrell, Chairman National Foreign Trade Convention, Charleston, S. C.:

The President wishes me to acknowledge receipt of your telegram and to thank you and your fellow delegates from the United States and Canada for the cordial expressions contained therein.

EVERETT SANDERS, Secretary to the President.

The following declaration of principles was adopted at the convention:

The foreign trade of the United States for the calendar year 1925, measured by value and volume, was the largest of any normal year. It exceeded in value that of 1924 by more than \$900,000,000 and in volume by more than a million and a half tons. The increase of exports was 6.9%, and the increase of imports was 17.1%. This change has been accentuated in the first three months of this year. We should, however, recognize that imports of materials not readily produced here, are necessary, and tend to increase foreign buying, and assist our exports in finding ready markets.

World trade has nearly recovered the volume it reached in 1913, and this year it should attain pre-war basis. The loss of normal growth of international trade during twelve years is one measure of the cost of the war.

This convention welcomes the participation in its sessions by the British Dominions, and especially by our northern neighbor, who for more than a century of unbroken friendship has been one of our great suppliers as well as one of our best customers. The vast and growing trade between Canada and the United States is a striking proof of the value of such friendly relationship and an unanswerable argument for the spirit of co-operation in developing trade.

The countries which are our leading competitors in world trade, Great Britain, Canada, France, Belgium, Germany and Japan, are the largest pur-

chasers of our products, manufactured as well as crude. This shows that increasing activity of other nations in general trade result in increased purchases from us.

American foreign trade is in a firmer position than ever before, for our trade practice has been so improved that our competitors recognize it as standard in world commerce. We have reached the stage of expanded interest and participation which tends to diminish the risk of the whole because of wider distribution. The number of foreign traders grows as the volume of trade increases.

This situation calls for continued vigilance and activity. There are many ways in which further improvement may be made. Certain matters relating to trade procedure are wholly within the control of the traders themselves. Others call for Congressional action. The American people are convinced that the maintenance of a merchant marine privately owned and operated, is essential to both our commerce and national defense. The chief agency for the accomplishment of this purpose is the support of American ships by American importers and exporters.

Despite the continued world-wide depression in the shipping business, more ships are now operating under the American flag and a larger proportion of our cargo is carried in American bottoms than at any time in the last sixty years. The surplus tonnage of all nations is gradually decreasing, through natural causes, and the volume of world commerce is steadily increasing so that the shipping industry is slowly approaching a point where the supply of tonnage will more nearly approximate cargo opportunities.

The enactment by Congress of the tax revision bill, approved on Feb. 25 has given encouragement to international as well as domestic enterprise. Especially to be commended is the relief of Americans resident abroad from tax upon incomes earned in the country of residence.

The great expansion of the re-export element of world trade during the last year demonstrates more strongly than ever the need for foreign trade zones in our ports, as our shipping and our foreign traders suffer severely from this handicap. Our share in the totals of international trade of the world last year was 18%, but our share of the world's re-export trade was less than 3%.

A measure of much importance to our foreign trade, which is now pending in the House of Representatives, is the bill to repeal the provisions of existing law which block the negotiation of a permanent parcels post convention with Cuba. This measure should be promptly enacted so that American manufacturers generally could be assured of permanent access to this Cuban market on a footing of equality with Europe.

In view of the experience of the past year and in view of the change in the trade figures, we feel constrained to reiterate the statement made by the Twelfth National Foreign Trade Convention which met at Seattle, Wash., in June 1925.

"In the flotation in this market of foreign loans, our bankers have opportunity to be of substantial service to American foreign trade. The present situation calls for the exercise of constant care and prudence, lest American capital be devoted to uses detrimental rather than helpful to American enterprise. It is of the utmost importance that our bankers, when negotiating foreign loans, should always have regard to the furtherance of American trade and they should, as far as practicable, provide for the expenditures of the proceeds in this country."

The progress made in the adjustment of inter-Allied debts during the last year will ultimately prove of great benefit in the stabilization of foreign trade.

The importance of our national consumption of imports of raw materials emphasizes the necessity of developing increased production of such supplies wherever possible in order to insure reasonable prices.

Realizing that the free flow of commerce, domestic and foreign, is essential in maintaining satisfactory relations between the seller and the buyer, we commend the interest of the Department of Commerce in opposing Governmental controls of raw materials.

We urge the prompt enactment of the bill now pending in Congress, the purpose of which is to place the trade promotion service of the Department of Commerce upon the basis of permanent career and the maintenance of its personnel within the civil service as at present.

#### Average Earnings of Utility Holding Companies— Analysis by John Nickerson & Co.

The average net profit of the underlying operating companies comprising nineteen of the largest electric light and power systems in the United States is \$35.50 for each \$100 of gross income, according to a comparative analysis recently prepared by John Nickerson & Co. of New York. The analysis is designed to show the proportionate distribution of the gross earnings of such companies between the underlying operating companies and the parent company. From the \$35.50 average net earnings the interest and dividend requirements of the operating companies absorbs \$20, leaving a balance applicable to the operating company of \$15.50. To this is added 80 cents of non-operating income, which gives the holding companies an average of \$16.30 from each \$100 of gross earned by their subsidiaries. The analysis also compares the total amount of securities outstanding in relation to gross earnings. An average for all nineteen companies shows \$337 of securities of subsidiaries held by outsiders for every \$100 of subsidiary gross earnings. The percentage earned on this capitalization averaged 10.55%. The capitalization of the holding company for each \$100 of gross earnings (taking common stock at market prices on April 1 1926) was \$235, on which earnings averaged 6.93%. Total capitalization of subsidiary and holding companies is shown as \$572, on which earnings averaged 6.21%.

#### Report on New York Moneyed Capital Tax Law Adopted by New York Chamber of Commerce.

A report endorsing the Nicoll-Robinson bill changing the method of bank taxation in New York State was presented to the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York on May 6 by its Committee on Taxation and was unanimously

accepted by the Chamber. The signing of the bill by Gov. Smith was referred to in these columns April 10, page 1996. The report adopted by the Chamber follows:

#### Report Upon Changes in New York's Law Taxing "Moneyed Capital." To the Chamber of Commerce:

Your Committee on Taxation has no report calling for action by this body, but it desires to call the attention of members to the Nicoll-Robinson bill, which was signed by Governor Smith on April 11, and which goes into effect Jan. 1 1927. This new law, by repealing the 1% ad valorem tax on bank shares and substituting a 4½% income tax, represents a very important step in tax legislation. It is expected, not only to do away with the controversies which have existed in this State in recent years over taxing "moneyed capital" in competition with national banks, but also to eliminate unjust discrimination which national and other banking institutions have long felt the tax laws imposed upon them.

A Federal law has always protected national banks from being taxed higher than State institutions or other competing "moneyed capital." This law (Section 5219 U. S. Revised Statutes) contemplated but one method of taxation, namely, the assessment of shares as personal property. Congress, however, amended the law March 4 of this year, so that States which have modified the old general property tax system by adopting income or classified property taxes, may tax national banks in accordance with these new methods. Under the amendment, States may still tax under the old ad valorem method; or they may tax the net income of national banks, provided the tax is not at a higher rate than the tax on the net income of other financial corporations, or higher than on the net income of mercantile, manufacturing or business corporations. The Nicoll-Robinson law takes advantage of this amendment and establishes a tax on net income.

For many years banks in New York State have been taxed under statutes enacted in 1901, Chapter 550 of the New York Laws. By this measure shares of stock in State and National banks and banking associations were made subject to a tax of 1% upon their assessed value, the value of each share being assessed by adding together the capital stock, surplus and undivided profits of the bank, and dividing the sum thus obtained by the number of outstanding shares.

Banks were thus taxed upon the book value of the shares of stock, and this law worked satisfactorily so far as legality was concerned. Banking institutions, however, complained that the tax was excessive. When it is realized that only the more prosperous banks earn over 6 or 7% upon the book value of the stock, the magnitude of this 1% tax is apparent. Furthermore, the tax is often confiscatory. Having no relation to earnings, it frequently must be paid out of capital. This Chamber took cognizance of this situation in 1901, when a report was adopted pointing out that banks in this State were "being taxed unmercifully," and that in doing so enterprise was being interfered with and money made dear.

The harmony between State laws and Federal statutes came to an end in 1919, when New York State passed the personal income tax law. By this legislation the net income of individuals was taxed at rates ranging from 1 to 3% and intangible personal property, such as money, bonds, &c., was exempted from the personal property tax on principal value, the income therefrom being included in estimating taxable net income. But the bank share tax of 1% was retained, while the dividends of these shares were made taxable as part of net income. The new taxes at once resulted in litigation under the Federal statutes as discriminatory against national banks; and the tax on bank shares was held illegal.

To meet the court decision and to make the tax equal on all "moneyed capital" in competition with national banks, the Walker-Donahue "moneyed capital" tax law (Chapter 897) was enacted in 1923. This law, in order to retain the ad valorem tax of 1% on national and State bank shares, placed a tax of 1% on all "moneyed capital" coming into competition with the business of national banks.

The Walker-Donahue law was upheld in the courts in March of this year. It, however, has now been repealed by the Nicoll-Robinson measure. This measure also repealed the statute of 1901. Tax experts and economists have long held the view that an income tax should be substituted for the ad valorem law, and that banking companies should not be taxed any higher than manufacturing or other business concerns. The new law accomplishes all this.

Governor Smith, when signing the Nicoll-Robinson bill, stated that in placing it upon the statute books a forward step had been taken in the development of an orderly tax system; and that "tax laws should not be judged solely by the number of dollars they will bring into the treasury of the Government, but rather by the measure of fairness and equality." Your committee heartily endorses this view.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES BROWN, *Chairman*

ALBERT A. TILNEY

WILLIAM E. PECK

ACOSTA NICHOLS

ANDREW V. STOUT

WILLIS D. WOOD

FREDERICK H. ECKER, *President.*

CHARLES T. GWYNNE,

*Executive Vice-President.*

Attest:

JERE D. TAMBLYN, *Secretary.*

New York, May 6 1926.

#### Community Trusts Organized in Fifty-Seven Cities— Largest Fund Held by Boston Organization.

Tabulated responses to a questionnaire sent out by Frank J. Parsons, 55 Cedar Street, Chairman of the Committee on Community Trusts of the Trust Companies Division, American Bankers Association, show that community trusts are now organized in 56 American cities, with an additional one in Honolulu. The largest immediately available fund—\$4,400,000—is held by the Boston organization. The largest prospective funds—represented by provisions in various wills that will eventually produce approximately \$100,000,000—are pledged to the Cleveland Foundation. A feature of recent operation has been the use of the Community Trust plan in several cities for the administration of real estate. James A. Patten, the Chicago grain operator, has directed a grant of \$1,500,000 worth of Cook County land through the Chicago Community Trust. A tract near Peoria is being made into a recreation centre by the Peoria Com-



munity Trust. The New York Community Trust announces the acquisition of "Sunnyside Park," two and a half acres in Long Island City, from the City Housing Corporation. In thirty-two of the fifty-seven cities where community trusts are located the "multiple trustee plan" prevails, various banking institutions in each city having co-operatively qualified to act as financial representatives of the local trust. A total of 147 banks and trust companies are now trustees of community trusts. Ten of these are in Manhattan and Brooklyn.

#### New York Community Trust Acquires Recreation Tract in Long Island City.

The New York Community Trust announces that two and a half acres of land, equipped with tennis courts, ball fields and children's play apparatus, fronting on Barnett Avenue, 48th and 50th streets, Long Island City, have been permanently set aside for community purposes by the City Housing Corporation, a limited dividend company. Title to the land has been conveyed by it to the Title Guarantee & Trust Co., a trustee of the Community Trust. The recreation tract will be known as "Sunnyside Park," and is dedicated primarily to the use of the residents of Sunnyside Gardens, the community being built by the City Housing Corporation in the vicinity of the Long Island end of the Queensboro bridge. It is stated that in thus placing in trust the title to land to be held as park property, the company is acting on the belief that permanent provision of garden and play space is a necessary part of every residential community. Since its organization in 1924, the company has completed homes for 600 families. Alexander M. Bing is President. The Community Trust's announcement in the matter May 7 says:

The immediate management of the recreation plot is vested in a park committee, composed of residents of the neighborhood. Provision is made for the transfer of this supervisory function, if it should become desirable, to the Distribution Committee of the Community Trust. If a proffer of the property to the city as municipal park land should be deemed wise hereafter, the Community Trust committee is empowered to make the tender.

In accordance with the Community Trust program of avoiding the influence of the "dead hand," the trust agreement defining the objects of the grant gives wide discretionary authority to the Distribution Committee of the trust to adapt the use of the property to changing and unforeseen conditions of the future.

This is the first instance in which the Community Trust has been utilized in New York in connection with the administration of real estate dedicated to public purposes. The form of conveyance was devised by William Greenough of 120 Broadway, Lewis M. Isaacs of 475 Fifth Avenue and George L. Allin of 165 Broadway, counsel, respectively, for the Community Trust, the City Housing Corporation and the Title Guarantee & Trust Co.

#### Alden H. Little Elected Executive Secretary of Investment Bankers' Association Succeeding Late F. R. Fenton.

Alden H. Little of St. Louis has been elected Executive Secretary of the Investment Bankers Association of America succeeding Frederick R. Fenton who died April 17 in Los Angeles while on a speaking tour to groups of the Association. Mr. Fenton has been Secretary of the organization since it was founded in 1912. An item regarding his death appeared in our issue of May 8, page 2600.

Mr. Little, who is President of the St. Louis investment house of Little & Moore, Inc., will sever his connection with this firm, which he founded, and will give all his time to the Association. An Executive Secretary he becomes Managing Director in correlating the work of the Association's nineteen committees throughout its seventeen geographic groups in the United States and Canada. The Association consists of 636 member houses which maintain more than 1,200 investment banking offices in the United States and Canada. Mr. Little was born in St. Louis in 1881, and is a graduate of Cornell University. He has been in the bond business since leaving College and has served as a member of the Board of Governors and Chairman of the Municipal Committee of the Investment Bankers Association.

Kelton E. White of G. H. Walker and Co. of St. Louis has been named to succeed Mr. Little as a member of the Association's Board of Governors.

#### Franklin Trust Company of Philadelphia to Open Branch at the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition.

A modern bank in full operation is one of the features of the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition, according to C. Addison Harris Jr., President of the Franklin Trust Co., who has just announced that his company will open an office on the grounds of the Sesqui-Centennial. The trust company plans to erect a building of its own, the size to be approximately 60 by 30 feet, of Colonial architecture, on a site opposite the

Pennsylvania State and Educational buildings. The new office will be open until midnight daily and is designed to include a ladies department, where their women depositors will have a special teller in attendance to serve them. Flood lights will illuminate the building at night and a display of the latest money-counting devices and bank machinery will be exhibited. The public will be enabled to view these machines in operation through bullet-proof glass which will entirely cover one end of the building. In addition, the building will have spacious verandas for the use of depositors and guests. A unique form of bank administration will be inaugurated at this office. The management will be under a committee of the Franklin Trust Co. officials, of which H. Ennis Jones is the Chairman. The committee includes A. B. Dauphinee, Edward Stonehill, E. S. Conro, H. Earle Jarden, J. H. Fernan and Samuel Vance Jr. President Harris said that his company considers it the patriotic duty of every Philadelphia institution to assist in celebrating the 150th anniversary of the birth of the nation, and the Franklin Trust Co. appreciates the honor of having been chosen to represent the banking fraternity of Philadelphia at the Exposition.

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

The New York Stock Exchange membership of Edward C. McDonnell was reported posted for transfer this week to John C. Collingwood, the consideration being stated as \$135,000. This is the same as the last preceding sale. The membership of Gerald M. Livingston was reported sold to Earl E. T. Smith for a nominal consideration.

The New York Curb Market membership of Jesse L. Livermore was reported sold this week, the purchase price not being announced, although it is understood to be around \$25,000. This is the same as the last preceding sale. The purchaser is reported to be Donald Stuart Pouch.

Bank notes of four different banking institutions, each signed by John McHugh as President, constitute one of the interesting exhibits in the collection of money of the world now on display at the Park Avenue branch of the Chase National Bank, to which reference was made in our issue of May 8, page 2602. Mr. McHugh, now President of the newly consolidated Chase Bank, is one of the few men who have held the presidential office in four different financial institutions. After eight years in railroad work in Canada, Mr. McHugh decided to engage permanently in banking in this country. He became officially connected with the Iowa State National Bank of Sioux City in 1898 and rose to the presidency of that institution. One of the bank notes on exhibition is No. 1 of the series of 1902 issued by this bank and bears his name. While in Sioux City he effected a consolidation of four banks and was elected President of the enlarged institution which took the name of the First National Bank of Sioux City. In 1915 he came to New York as Senior Vice-President of the Mechanics & Metals National Bank and was elected President on Jan. 18 1922. Upon the consolidation of the Mechanics & Metals National Bank with the Chase National Bank, Mr. McHugh was elected President of the combined institution, and, once again, for the fourth time, was called upon to sign his name to the bank note issued by a bank of which he was President.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of the Bank of New York & Trust Co. this week, Allen Wardwell, member of the firm of Davis, Polk, Wardwell, Gardiner & Reed, was elected a trustee to fill a vacancy in the board.

John Hagy Davis, retired banker and broker, died at his home in New York City on May 7. Mr. Davis, who had been a member of the Stock Exchange for more than 50 years, was head of the banking house of John H. Davis & Co., of 10 Wall Street, which in 1920 was succeeded by the new partnership of Billings, Olcott & Winsmore. Mr. Davis was identified with the latter as a special partner until 1924, when he transferred his seat to his son, John E. Davis, of the Billings, Olcott & Co., successor to Billings, Olcott & Winsmore. Mr. Davis was connected with various railroads, public utility and manufacturing concerns. He also maintained extensive European connections for many years.

The Hamilton National Bank of this city opened on May 8 its new office in Washington Heights at 181st Street and Wadsworth Avenue. At the same time the bank formally opened the new building for its office in Queens Village,

Long Island. The main office of the bank is in the Bush Terminal Building on West 42d Street. The proposed opening of the new offices was referred to in these columns April 10, page 1998.

Duncan Struthers, a member of the bond house of Wood, Struthers & Co., New York City, died suddenly on May 9. While Mr. Struthers had been a member of the New York Stock Exchange for the past seventeen years, his principal business interest was in the bond market and he had personal supervision of all securities purchased by his firm for distribution. He was widely and favorably known for his profound knowledge of the better-type railroad bonds, and was a singularly good judge of the bond market. He was a member of the New York Stock Exchange Luncheon Club and the Downtown Association of this city.

The Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co. announced on May 14 the election of Charles I. Dearden, as an Assistant Vice-President of the company. Mr. Dearden, who will assume his duties on May 17, has engaged in banking in New York since 1910. He will be in the company's General Co-ordinating Office at 233 Broadway.

P. A. Rowley, Vice-President of the Bank of the Manhattan Co. of New York, announced the opening on May 10 of two new offices. One of the new branches is located at 27 Eighth Street, Woodside, of which M. Lauria is the Manager, and the other at 188-03 Central Avenue, St. Albans, of which C. P. Lowerre is the Manager.

The enlarged and remodeled building of the Flatbush office of the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., at Flatbush Avenue and Linden Boulevard, Brooklyn, was opened on May 5, with a reception from 5 o'clock to 10. Lewis E. Pierson, Chairman of the Irving-Columbia Board; Harry E. Ward, President; J. Sperry Kane, Vice-President in charge of the Flatbush office, members of the Flatbush Office Advisory Board, and a number of other officers of the company took part in receiving the guests. This office (which was founded as the Flatbush Trust Co. in 1899) is the oldest banking institution in Flatbush. Its building was erected in 1905. As remodeled, it has a frontage of 82 feet on Flatbush Avenue and a depth of 100 feet. Addition and rearrangement of space have made it possible to place all operating departments on the ground floor. The main banking room has been increased 2,500 square feet in size, with a space of 1,200 square feet for customers. Among the improvements are seven new service windows (making nineteen in all), a special room for the convenience of women customers, enlarged officers' quarters, a conference room and more commodious space for the safe deposit department. The officers of the Flatbush office, in addition to Mr. Kane, are Franklin Schenck, Assistant Vice-President, and Leonard F. Mayr, Assistant Secretary. Mr. Pierson and Mr. Kane are on the Advisory Board of the office, which also includes: F. A. M. Burrell, of Brooklyn; Isaac E. Chapman, Vice-President of the Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corporation; Warren Cruikshank, President of the Cruikshank Co.; Walter M. Gladding, of Brooklyn; Orrin R. Judd, Vice-President; Henry D. Lott, President of the Flatbush Water Works Co.; D. Irving Mead, President of the South Brooklyn Savings Institution; A. W. Schmidt, Treasurer of the Ridgewood Park Realty Co., and Arthur H. Strong, builder.

Purchase of a controlling interest in the Italian Discount & Trust Co. of this city by an Italian-American group of which Raymond W. Alley, of the law firm of Alley & Geer, New York, is a member, was announced this week. The purchase was made from the Banca Nazionale di Credito, one of the largest banks in Italy, with headquarters in Milan. The main office of the Italian Discount & Trust Co. is at Broadway and Walker Street, and it maintains branches in Harlem and in the Bronx. The institution has a combined capital and surplus of more than \$1,600,000, with deposits in excess of \$12,000,000. Emmanuel Gerli is Chairman of the Board of Directors; Luigi Berizzi, President, and Giovanni Girardon, Executive Vice-President. Mr. Alley, who has been the bank's attorney for a number of years, was quoted in the New York "Times" of May 8 as saying in regard to the acquisition of the bank:

Purchase of the controlling stock of the Italian Discount & Trust Co. was made on behalf of a large number of my friends and associates, including all the present directors and officers of the bank. No changes are contemplated in the personnel or directorate, except that the latter body will soon be increased to admit the participation of certain large American interests.

The Italian Discount & Trust Co. and the Banca Nazionale di Credito have entered into a contract for the continuance of business with each other for a long period of years. The Italian business heretofore carried on by the bank will be continued and encouraged, but at the same time special efforts will be put forth to develop a larger participation in the strictly American banking business.

Walter S. Coburn, President of the Glastonbury Knitting Co., of Glastonbury, Conn., has been elected a director of the First National Bank of Hartford, to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of his brother, Howitt Coburn Jr.

The Providence "Journal" of May 13 stated that the Board of Bank Incorporation at a hearing the previous day had granted the Industrial Trust Co. of Providence permission to operate the National Exchange Bank, which was recently consolidated with the Industrial, as a branch to be known as the National Exchange branch. A special meeting of the stockholders of the National Exchange Bank is to be held on June 3 for the purpose of voting upon the question of placing the institution in liquidation.

The Trust Co. of New Jersey at Jersey City, N. J., plans to increase its capital from \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000. The stockholders will meet on May 17 to approve the plans for this increase. The enlarged capital will become effective July 6 1926. The new stock will be issued at \$250 per \$100 share.

Stock of the Southwark National Bank, Philadelphia, was placed on an annual dividend basis of 18% May 4 (according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of May 5) when the directors voted a semi-annual payment of 9%. Previously the rate had been 16% yearly. The sum of \$100,000 was added to surplus, raising the total of that account to \$850,000.

At the meeting of the board of directors of the Philadelphia-Girard National Bank of Philadelphia on April 20, George Horace Lorimer, Editor of the "Saturday Evening Post" and a director of the Curtis Publishing Co., was elected a director of the institution.

A. Atwater Kent, President of the Atwater Kent Manufacturing Company, has been elected a director of the Central National Bank of Philadelphia to fill a vacancy.

The proposed increase from \$200,000 to \$300,000 in the capital of the Security Savings & Commercial Bank of Washington, D. C., noted in these columns in our issue of May 1, became effective May 6, according to the Washington "Post" of that date. The bank now has a combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$612,500. Deposits of the institution on April 12, the last call of the Comptroller of the Currency, it is stated, were \$4,886,900.

The Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh has added \$500,000 to its surplus, which makes the total surplus \$7,500,000. This amount now equals the \$7,500,000 capital stock of the bank.

John L. Fleharty, President of the Pearl Street Savings & Trust Co. of Cleveland, died suddenly of heart failure in that city on May 9. Mr. Fleharty fell dead from his horse while riding in West Park Boulevard. The deceased banker was born in Cleveland 49 years ago. He began his career as a lawyer, eventually organizing the law firm of Fleharty, Corlett & Landfear, but subsequently entered the service of the Clark Avenue Savings & Trust Co. while continuing with the firm. Later he withdrew from the partnership. About four years ago, upon the consolidation of the Clark Avenue Savings & Trust Co., the Home Savings & Trust Co. and the Pearl Street Savings & Trust Co. under the name of the last mentioned institution, Mr. Fleharty became a Vice-President of the consolidated organization and in January 1925 was elected President, the position he held at the time of his death. He was a member of the Bankers' Club of Cleveland, the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce and the Cleveland Chamber of Industry.

At meetings of the respective directors of the two institutions, held on May 5, J. Wachenheimer, President of the Commercial National Bank of Peoria, Ill., was elected President of both the Dime Savings & Trust Co. and the Title & Trust Co. of Peoria. An amalgamation of these three institutions—the Commercial National Bank, the Dime Savings & Trust Co. and the Title & Trust Co.—became effective on Jan. 1 under which each institution will continue to retain, it is understood, its corporate identity. Mr. Wachenheimer succeeds as President the late George W.



Curtiss, whose death occurred in February last. Mr. Curtiss also held the office of Chairman of the Board, but after his death it was decided to separate the offices of Chairman of the Board and President and John E. Keene, heretofore Senior Vice-President of the companies, was elected Chairman of the Board and the office of President was left vacant for the time being. A complete list of the officers of the Dime Savings & Trust Co. and the Title & Trust Co. follows: John E. Keene, Chairman of the Board; J. Wachenheimer, President; George J. Jobst and Albert Sihring, Vice-Presidents; Theo B. Wissing, Cashier; Earl J. Ruhaak and Geo. P. Martens, Assistant Cashiers; John W. McDowell, Treasurer; Jos. P. Durkin, Secretary; Henry W. Hulteen, Assistant Secretary; Clifton W. Frazier, Trust Officer, and Jay T. Hunter, General Counsel.

Officers of the Commercial National Bank are: J. Wachenheimer, President; William Hazzard, Vice-President, and Cashier; W. J. Coleman and J. F. O'Connor and C. H. Goldstein, Assistant Cashiers.

A handsome 14-story building is in course of erection at Adams and Liberty streets at a cost of \$1,500,000 as a home for the three institutions. The proposed unification of interests of these banks was reported in our issue of Nov. 21 1925, page 2486.

That Roy C. Shaneberger, President of Board of Works of Indianapolis, had acquired a controlling interest in the Marion County State Bank of that city, through the purchase of 220 shares of its stock from Mayor John L. Duvall, was reported in the Indianapolis "News" of April 23. Mayor Duvall retains 50 shares of the stock. He, with others, founded the institution in 1912 and heretofore was Chairman of the board of directors. The bank is capitalized at \$50,000, with surplus and undivided profits of \$36,141, and according to a recent report, it is said, has total resources of \$1,421,912. Under the new regime, it is understood, there will be no change in the bank's personnel. Clyde E. Robinson is President, with E. W. Hughes, Cashier, and W. A. Barney, Assistant Cashier. Mr. Shaneberger, who is head of the Progress Laundry Co., is a director of the Fletcher-American National Bank of Indianapolis.

W. J. Klingenberg, the organizer and until a short time ago President of the Sheridan Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, died suddenly at his home in that city on April 16. Mr. Klingenberg, who was widely known in Chicago banking circles, was a pioneer in developing the uptown business district of the city. He was Chairman of the Board of the Capital State Savings Bank and a director of Loren, Miller & Co. of Chicago. His early banking experience was gained in the First National Bank of Chicago, with which he was connected for eighteen years. Mr. Klingenberg was 49 years of age.

The directors of the Liberty National Bank of Kansas City, Mo., on May 1 announced the election of T. T. Cook as Vice-President.

A union of the Merchants' National Bank of Omaha and the Omaha National Bank, both institutions capitalized at \$1,000,000, was effected on May 5 under the title of the latter, according to the Omaha "Bee" of May 6. Deposits of the consolidated bank total, it is understood, approximately \$36,000,000 and its loans \$23,000,000. Under the terms of the consolidation Fred. P. Hamilton, former President of the Merchants' National Bank, and B. H. Miele, formerly a Vice-President, have become Vice-Presidents of the enlarged bank, while J. P. Lee, heretofore one of the Assistant Cashiers of the Merchants' National, has been given a similar office with the consolidated bank. The directorate of the Omaha National Bank, it is understood, will be enlarged in the near future to include all the former directors of the Merchants' National Bank. Walter W. Head continues as President of the enlarged Omaha National Bank.

Charles F. Zukoski Jr., formerly of St. Louis, Mo., was recently elected a Vice-President and Trust Officer of the First National Bank of Birmingham, Ala., and assumed his new duties on April 12. He succeeds K. W. Berry, who has been promoted to the commercial department of the bank. Mr. Zukoski, who is a Harvard graduate, has practiced law for the last five years in St. Louis, specializing in the administration of estates, trusts, etc., etc. Mr. Berry joined the bank in 1919, since which time he has organized the trust department and the bond department.

"Sixty Years" is the title of an attractive booklet just recently put out by the First National Bank of Chattanooga, outlining its banking service to the community from November 1865 to November 1925. The booklet, which is profusely illustrated, is dedicated to the thirteen men, who in 1865, when Chattanooga was but a village with unpaved streets, visioned a city and had the faith in the future and the courage to found the institution. From the first the growth of Chattanooga and the growth of the First National Bank have been synonymous. Commencing business with a capital of \$200,000, the bank in its statement as of Nov. 2 1925, showed a combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$2,558,248; deposits of \$18,869,479 and total resources of \$22,548,767. J. P. Hoskins is the present head of the institution.

The United States Court of Appeals in Richmond on April 13 reversed the decision of the Eastern North Carolina District Court under which William B. Cooper, the former Chairman of the Board of the defunct Commercial National Bank of Wilmington, N. C., was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment; a new trial of the case was ordered. Mr. Cooper, who is a former Lieutenant-Governor of North Carolina, together with his brother, Thomas E. Cooper, the former President of the defunct bank, was found "guilty" on Feb. 14 1925 on four counts of an indictment growing out of the bank's failure in December 1922 and received a sentence of eighteen months on each count, the sentences to run concurrently. His brother Thomas was sentenced to three years on each count, to run concurrently. The latter did not enter an appeal. According to newspaper advices from Richmond on April 13, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the decision of the lower court on the ground that the entries truthfully represented the facts and that the trial court judge was in error in charging the jury that it was of no consequence whether the money was withdrawn or paid to discount other indebtedness. Our last reference to the affairs of the Commercial National Bank of Wilmington, N. C., appeared in the "Chronicle" of March 14 1925, page 1921.

On April 8 a charter was issued by the Comptroller of the Currency for the Commercial National Bank of Santa Maria, Cal., capitalized at \$100,000. A. B. Bigler is President of the new bank and L. R. Peck, Cashier.

A press dispatch from San Francisco on April 10 to the "Wall Street Journal" stated that the Commercial National Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, would offer 10,000 shares of stock at \$225 a share to present stockholders, adding \$1,000,000 of the proceeds to capital and \$1,250,000 to surplus; and that the Bank of America, Los Angeles, would also offer its stockholders 10,000 shares of stock at \$200 a share, adding \$1,000,000 to capital and \$1,000,000 to surplus. Both institutions are controlled by the Americommercial Corporation, a subsidiary of the Bancitaly Corporation.

We have recently received the condensed report of the Banque Nationale de Credit of Paris, one of the important French banks. The statement, which is dated Dec. 31 1925, shows assets of 4,116,959,453 francs, of which cash on hand and in Banque de France and Treasury and due by banks and bankers amounted to 824,397,772 francs. Other principal items going to make up the resources were French Government Treasury bills and bills on hand, 2,062,862,165 francs; debtors in current account, 465,613,425 francs; loans, 388,702,640 francs, and customers' liability on acceptances, 143,195,809 francs. On the debit side of the report deposits were shown as 3,463,456,995 francs; acceptances and creditors by acceptance, 143,195,809 francs, and combined capital and reserves, of 356,564,049 francs. Rene Boudon is President and Andre Vincent Vice-President.

#### THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Except for a moderate upward movement toward the latter part of the week, during which the oil issues manifested a brief period of improvement, the general trend of the stock market has been toward lower levels. Trading has been on a very moderate scale, the most noteworthy feature of the week being the sharp attack on the shares of Nash Motors that developed during the forenoon on Thursday,

during which time more than 180,000 shares changed hands. The market was remarkably quiet during the two-hour session on Saturday, the total sales receding to the lowest level for a similar period since Oct. 10. Motor stocks moved into the foreground early in the day, the greatest activity centring around Nash Motors and General Motors, though the net advances were considerably less than a point. The market moved sharply downward on Monday and some of the motor issues were badly hit, particularly General Motors, which slipped back to 124 1/4 at its low for the day and Mack Trucks, which declined more than a point to 111. United States Rubber made a new low for the year as it moved under 55, and General Electric receded nearly three points to 311 1/4. Railroad shares also joined the downward movement, Atlantic Coast Line recording a further loss of 4 points to 192, followed by Chesapeake & Ohio and Erie 1st pref. The monthly tonnage report of the United States Steel Corp. indicated a decrease of 511,959 tons in orders during April. The report had a depressing effect on the steel shares. The trend was uneven on Tuesday, though there were some rallies toward the close of the session. Motors were under pressure. General Motors receded 5 points and Jordan and Dodge Bros. A stock declined to lower levels. Radio Corp. com. moved against the trend and closed with a net gain of 5 points. United States Rubber continued its downward movement and established a new low at 54 1/2. Railroad shares were somewhat higher, but industrial issues made little or no progress. The market was a mixed affair on Wednesday, early gains being followed by sharp reactions, which in turn were followed by rallies during the final hour. The largest gains were made in the high priced stocks such as General Electric, Du Pont and General Motors. Railway shares were in strong demand at improving prices, Balt. & Ohio, Kansas City Southern, and Ches. & Ohio moving forward a point or more. New York Central also was unusually strong. The outstanding feature of the trading on Thursday was the sharp attack on the Nash Motors, the total sales reaching the enormous total of 180,600 shares traded in during the session. The avalanche of selling forced the stock down to 52, but it quickly rallied and closed at 54 1/2, scoring a net gain of 1 1/2 points. Otherwise the only notable movements occurred in the oil shares, Union Oil of California rising two points followed by Marland Oil, which was up over a point at its high for the day. The market continued its sagging tendency during the greater part of the session on Friday, though there were brief intervals of activity and strength in a few special issues. The announcement made after the close of business on Thursday that the directors of General Motors had declared an extra dividend of \$4 a share on the common stock had little or no effect on the motor group and most of the stocks in this class moved steadily downward. In the late afternoon oil shares improved somewhat, Marland Oil making a net gain of 1 1/2 points and Atlantic Refining advancing 2 points to 116 3/4. The final tone was weak.

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

Week ending May 14.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad &c. Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bds.	United States Bonds.
Saturday	354,130	\$3,337,000	\$2,494,000	\$447,500
Monday	1,187,668	5,432,000	3,317,500	531,850
Tuesday	756,376	8,187,000	2,426,000	1,307,900
Wednesday	969,652	8,790,500	3,441,000	814,550
Thursday	911,218	7,784,000	2,290,500	912,700
Friday	850,200	5,905,000	1,833,000	1,052,000
Total	5,029,244	\$39,435,500	\$15,802,000	\$5,06,500

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week ending May 14.		Jan. 1 to May 14.	
	1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Stocks—No. shares	5,029,244	8,265,972	167,922,579	155,972,550
Bonds.				
Government bonds	\$5,066,500	\$4,542,300	\$117,404,950	\$153,559,110
State & foreign bonds	15,802,000	17,168,000	239,306,850	255,915,800
Railroad & misc. bonds	39,435,500	54,109,750	870,226,700	1,062,599,750
Total bonds	\$60,304,000	\$75,820,050	\$1,226,938,500	\$1,472,074,660

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week ending May 14.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	9,832	\$18,000	7,076	\$20,800	917	\$14,100
Monday	21,393	63,350	15,642	53,000	1,303	26,600
Tuesday	15,624	100,500	10,095	53,300	2,204	23,200
Wednesday	19,999	32,150	13,838	32,000	1,496	35,000
Thursday	25,290	64,000	6,768	15,900	867	18,100
Friday	11,215	45,000	7,002	26,000	782	16,000
Total	103,353	\$323,000	60,421	\$201,000	7,569	\$133,000
Prév. week revised	87,752	\$142,900	110,237	\$228,100	14,210	\$144,100

THE CURB MARKET.

An easier tone prevailed generally in the Curb Market this week, with trading extremely dull. Prices advanced sharply on the news of the settlement of the strike in Great Britain, but turned reactionary and lost most of the improvement. Oil shares seemed to have done better than the rest of the list, although here also the volume of business has been very small. Continental O.I advanced from 20 7/8 to 21 3/8 and reacted to 20 1/2 and closed to-day at 20 3/4. Humble Oil Refining sold up from 63 1/4 to 64 3/4, the close to-day being at 64. Standard Oil (Indiana), after loss of about half a point to 63 1/4, advanced to 64 7/8 and sold finally at 64. Gibson Oil was heavily traded in and after an advance of a point to 7 1/2, dropped to 4 5/8 and recovered finally to 6. There was little change in the industrials, fluctuations being within narrow limits. American Rayon Products lost about two points to 20 1/2 but recovered to 23. American Seating Co., on few transactions, rose from 265 to 310. Ford Motor of Canada was off from 509 to 490. Glen Alden Coal fell from 161 1/4 to 156, recovered to 164 and sold finally at 162. General Electric new stock was fairly active and weakened from 79 1/8 to 77 3/4, recovered to 79 3/4 and reacted finally to 79 1/2. Utility issues changed only fractionally for the most part. Electric Bond & Share securities sold down from 67 1/4 to 65 1/4 and closed to-day at 66.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET.

Week ending May 14.	STOCKS (No. Shares).			BONDS (Par Value)	
	Ind. & Mis.	Oil.	Mining.	Domestic.	For'n Govt.
Saturday	28,390	100,910	15,700	\$743,000	\$284,000
Monday	58,557	115,245	44,100	875,000	310,000
Tuesday	110,000	144,100	78,000	1,080,000	333,000
Wednesday	62,000	172,720	166,500	962,000	276,000
Thursday	90,070	103,920	181,010	1,055,000	255,000
Friday	103,100	109,300	90,200	1,011,000	150,000
Total	452,117	746,195	473,510	\$5,726,000	\$1,608,000

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings the present week will show a decrease as compared with a year ago, but as the ratio of loss is so small, it may be changed into a small increase when the final returns are received. 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 15) bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will fall 0.6% behind those for the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$9,395,136,390, against \$9,449,705,702 for the same week in 1925. At this centre there is a decrease for the five days of 1.5%. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended May 15.	1926.	1925.	Per Cent.
New York	\$4,192,000,000	\$4,256,726,375	-1.5
Chicago	613,427,953	591,364,843	+3.7
Philadelphia	450,000,000	458,000,000	-1.8
Boston	393,000,000	359,000,000	+9.5
Kansas City	110,291,948	105,830,513	+4.2
St. Louis	131,700,000	128,001,000	+2.9
San Francisco	152,011,000	150,668,000	+0.9
Los Angeles	147,994,228	137,655,000	+7.5
Pittsburgh	157,892,228	134,053,002	+17.8
Detroit	145,748,590	142,454,750	+2.3
Cleveland	101,539,820	103,909,447	-2.3
Baltimore	97,876,610	89,875,707	+8.9
New Orleans	58,343,111	52,604,930	+10.9
Total 13 cities, 5 days	\$6,751,825,260	\$6,710,143,567	+0.6
Other cities, 5 days	1,077,455,065	1,067,021,580	+1.0
Total all cities, 5 days	\$7,829,280,325	\$7,777,165,147	+0.7
All cities, 1 day	1,565,856,065	1,672,540,555	-6.4
Total all cities for week	\$9,395,136,390	\$9,449,705,702	-0.6

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 May 8. For that week there is an increase of 7.2%, the 1926 aggregate of the clearings being \$10,511,478,308 and the 1925 aggregate \$9,824,247,168. Outside of New York City the increase is 16.5%, the bank exchanges at this centre recording a gain of only 0.8%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the Boston Reserve District the totals are larger by 29.6%, in the Philadelphia Reserve District by 5.0%, but in the New York Reserve District (including this city) by only 0.8%. For the Cleveland Re-



serve District there is an increase of 3.2%, for the Richmond Reserve District of 6.7% and for the Atlanta Reserve District of 10.7%. The Chicago Reserve District has a gain of 12.7%, the St. Louis Reserve District of 12.6% and the Minneapolis Reserve District of 3.1%. In the Kansas City Reserve District the totals are larger by 1.8%, in the Dallas Reserve District by 11.4% and in the San Francisco Reserve District by 11.9%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week Ended May 8.	1926.	1925.	Inc. or Dec.	1924.	1923.
<b>Federal Reserve Districts.</b>					
1st Boston.....12 cities	594,157,960	458,598,591	+29.6	437,616,888	429,041,966
2nd New York.....11 "	6,128,174,786	6,076,173,352	+0.8	4,599,755,692	4,190,766,243
3rd Philadelphia.....10 "	595,649,277	567,002,969	+5.0	485,533,750	494,826,064
4th Cleveland.....8 "	386,998,923	375,001,471	+3.2	328,517,732	378,919,106
5th Richmond.....6 "	214,450,631	200,981,836	+6.7	176,964,961	174,815,329
6th Atlanta.....13 "	236,662,883	189,289,026	+10.8	184,293,613	176,477,572
7th Chicago.....20 "	1,142,320,841	1,013,884,227	+12.7	852,204,902	889,136,034
8th St. Louis.....7 "	228,205,542	202,662,004	+12.6	198,029,439	169,179,642
9th Minneapolis.....8 "	123,776,076	120,057,003	+3.1	107,083,434	114,830,664
10th Kansas City.....12 "	248,549,957	244,203,290	+1.8	217,461,118	233,504,664
11th Dallas.....12 "	72,940,324	65,475,328	+11.4	56,401,151	50,531,429
12th San Francisco.....17 "	539,587,998	482,160,994	+11.9	411,809,468	435,964,378
<b>Grand total.....129 cities</b>	<b>10,511,478,308</b>	<b>9,824,247,168</b>	<b>+7.2</b>	<b>8,055,559,505</b>	<b>7,637,993,109</b>
<b>Outside New York City.....</b>	<b>4,502,048,056</b>	<b>3,861,966,697</b>	<b>+16.5</b>	<b>3,557,001,972</b>	<b>3,505,357,345</b>
<b>Canada.....29 cities</b>	<b>409,151,262</b>	<b>384,949,311</b>	<b>+6.3</b>	<b>371,406,977</b>	<b>373,412,264</b>

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

Clearings at—	Week Ended May 8.				
	1926.	1925.	Inc. or Dec.	1924.	1923.
<b>First Federal Reserve District—Boston</b>					
Me.—Bangor.....	856,627	777,908	+10.1	842,855	811,273
Portland.....	4,545,942	3,655,215	+24.4	2,848,123	3,492,294
Mass.—Boston.....	536,000,000	404,000,000	+32.7	392,000,000	381,000,000
Fall River.....	1,958,850	2,387,769	-18.0	1,898,335	2,509,540
Holyoke.....	a	a	a	a	a
Lowell.....	1,169,434	1,263,865	-7.5	1,254,000	1,590,160
Lynn.....	a	a	a	a	a
New Bedford.....	1,409,620	1,582,402	-10.9	1,189,966	1,700,332
Springfield.....	6,070,475	6,015,987	+0.9	5,390,102	5,642,961
Worcester.....	4,577,663	4,255,474	+7.6	3,618,000	4,056,000
Conn.—Hartford.....	16,088,708	14,585,839	+10.3	11,945,432	10,230,205
New Haven.....	2,022,712	7,365,635	-2.2	6,406,642	6,884,958
R. I.—Providence.....	13,477,400	11,730,600	+14.9	9,362,800	10,306,500
N. H.—Manchester.....	800,529	977,843	-18.1	800,683	931,088
<b>Total (12 cities)</b>	<b>594,157,960</b>	<b>458,598,591</b>	<b>+29.5</b>	<b>437,616,888</b>	<b>429,155,271</b>
<b>Second Federal Reserve District—New York</b>					
N. Y.—Albany.....	7,554,853	6,282,987	+20.2	5,932,091	5,833,726
Binghamton.....	1,837,900	1,182,300	+13.2	1,023,900	1,256,200
Buffalo.....	46,975,709	49,325,063	-4.8	42,626,825	43,975,361
Elmira.....	1,141,748	994,687	+14.8	784,955	774,001
Jamestown.....	61,428,591	1,526,635	-6.4	1,250,848	1,305,900
New York.....	6,009,430,253	5,962,280,471	+0.8	4,498,557,533	4,072,635,764
Rochester.....	12,815,686	13,449,819	-4.7	11,193,549	11,129,166
Syracuse.....	7,649,103	5,879,749	+30.1	5,248,203	4,841,056
Conn.—Stamford.....	4,569,737	3,613,909	+26.4	3,805,476	3,106,375
N. J.—Montclair.....	905,755	583,755	+55.2	556,513	517,094
Northwestern N. J.....	34,365,452	31,053,977	+10.7	28,775,799	45,391,591
<b>Total (11 cities)</b>	<b>6,128,174,786</b>	<b>6,076,173,352</b>	<b>+0.8</b>	<b>4,599,755,692</b>	<b>4,190,766,243</b>
<b>Third Federal Reserve District—Philadelphia</b>					
Pa.—Allentown.....	1,915,296	1,545,799	+23.9	1,484,804	1,673,905
Bethlehem.....	4,807,834	4,541,415	+5.9	3,770,988	4,815,674
Chester.....	1,435,740	1,899,279	-24.4	1,099,229	1,198,540
Lancaster.....	2,286,181	2,996,635	-23.7	2,118,220	3,022,794
Philadelphia.....	560,000,000	533,000,000	+5.1	456,000,000	464,000,000
Reading.....	4,996,902	4,111,243	+21.5	3,653,119	3,906,067
Seranton.....	6,525,106	6,484,001	+0.6	5,691,713	5,731,492
Wilkes-Barre.....	4,571,680	4,445,581	+2.8	4,239,654	3,418,644
York.....	2,362,106	2,209,170	+7.0	1,756,427	1,740,254
N. J.—Trenton.....	8,748,438	5,769,846	+17.0	5,219,596	5,318,784
Del.—Wilmington.....	a	a	a	a	a
<b>Total (10 cities)</b>	<b>595,649,277</b>	<b>567,002,969</b>	<b>+5.0</b>	<b>485,533,750</b>	<b>494,826,064</b>
<b>Fourth Federal Reserve District—Cleveland</b>					
Ohio—Akron.....	5,424,000	5,640,000	-3.8	6,550,000	7,665,000
Canton.....	4,197,847	3,746,407	+12.0	4,127,483	5,132,166
Cincinnati.....	72,759,264	68,747,171	+5.8	58,690,864	64,675,133
Cleveland.....	113,006,782	110,951,940	+1.8	92,260,306	115,260,055
Columbus.....	16,789,000	15,532,000	+8.1	13,027,800	17,745,200
Dayton.....	a	a	a	a	a
Lima.....	a	a	a	a	a
Mansfield.....	41,864,523	2,018,009	-7.6	1,840,238	1,836,829
Springfield.....	a	a	a	a	a
Toledo.....	a	a	a	a	a
Youngstown.....	4,817,032	5,281,688	-8.8	4,229,835	3,828,101
Pa.—Erie.....	a	a	a	a	a
Pittsburgh.....	168,140,475	163,084,256	+3.1	147,791,206	162,776,622
<b>Total (8 cities)</b>	<b>386,998,923</b>	<b>375,001,471</b>	<b>+3.2</b>	<b>328,517,732</b>	<b>378,919,106</b>
<b>Fifth Federal Reserve District—Richmond</b>					
W. Va.—Hunt-on.....	1,626,006	1,767,497	-8.0	2,026,731	2,073,316
Va.—Norfolk.....	49,306,066	8,423,392	+11.5	8,407,992	6,935,108
Richmond.....	48,972,000	52,850,000	-7.3	44,958,000	45,234,000
S. C.—Charleston.....	2,082,347	2,217,372	-6.1	1,923,215	2,004,783
Md.—Baltimore.....	123,494,268	106,670,944	+15.8	95,235,023	94,942,697
D. C.—Washington.....	28,879,944	29,052,631	-0.6	24,414,000	23,625,425
<b>Total (6 cities)</b>	<b>214,450,631</b>	<b>200,981,836</b>	<b>+6.7</b>	<b>176,964,961</b>	<b>174,815,329</b>
<b>Sixth Federal Reserve District—Atlanta</b>					
Tenn.—Chatt'g'.....	47,581,075	7,854,213	+3.5	6,089,063	6,756,075
Knoxville.....	3,500,000	3,200,000	+9.4	3,195,072	3,321,378
Nashville.....	21,616,986	20,187,074	+7.1	19,067,244	20,980,711
Ga.—Atlanta.....	62,541,281	60,307,060	+3.7	51,449,382	51,007,400
Augusta.....	2,132,717	1,746,279	+22.1	1,817,994	2,000,000
Macon.....	2,130,686	1,710,566	+24.5	1,302,732	1,371,785
Savannah.....	a	a	a	a	a
Fla.—Jack'ville.....	31,959,463	21,459,832	+48.9	15,613,226	13,838,619
Miami.....	14,911,466	18,289,026	-22.6	4,055,682	a
Ala.—Birm'ham.....	25,740,273	24,630,286	+4.5	27,419,846	24,431,094
Mobile.....	2,202,594	1,963,301	+12.2	1,715,990	a
Miss.—Jackson.....	1,659,000	1,510,000	+9.9	1,157,908	a
Vicksburg.....	423,440	457,000	-7.3	519,023	385,272
La.—New Orleans.....	60,263,902	50,498,366	+19.3	50,296,451	51,224,657
<b>Total (13 cities)</b>	<b>236,662,883</b>	<b>213,813,003</b>	<b>+10.7</b>	<b>184,293,613</b>	<b>176,477,572</b>

Clearings at—	Week Ending April 24.				
	1926.	1925.	Inc. or Dec.	1924.	1923.
<b>Seventh Federal Reserve District—Chicago</b>					
Mich.—Adrian.....	261,741	228,801	+14.4	236,931	265,222
Ann Arbor.....	1,183,540	940,432	+25.8	851,490	839,642
Detroit.....	165,782,791	153,052,356	+8.3	145,348,815	122,336,622
Grand Rapids.....	8,776,297	7,933,821	+10.6	6,722,296	6,861,354
Lansing.....	2,880,300	2,841,279	+1.4	2,413,718	2,245,000
Ind.—Ft. Wayne.....	3,047,440	2,892,461	+5.3	2,725,020	2,752,937
Indianapolis.....	22,980,000	17,720,000	+29.7	15,918,000	22,470,000
South Bend.....	3,465,000	3,159,700	+9.7	2,583,000	2,709,800
Terre Haute.....	5,182,728	5,156,084	+0.5	5,885,419	7,242,268
Wis.—Milwaukee.....	47,544,970	42,644,201	+11.5	39,116,788	41,793,622
Iowa—Ced. Rap.....	2,970,731	2,760,767	+7.6	2,282,483	2,431,358
Des Moines.....	12,847,592	12,960,709	-0.9	11,252,667	11,133,441
Sioux City.....	7,496,645	7,177,037	+4.5	6,472,498	6,715,921
Waterloo.....	1,484,145	1,385,667	+7.1	1,773,403	1,489,907
Ill.—Bloom'gton.....	1,709,335	1,385,524	+23.4	1,519,661	1,426,804
Chicago.....	839,569,941	739,526,980	+13.5	592,758,264	645,107,091
Danville.....	a	a	a	a	a
Decatur.....	1,421,669	1,401,493	+1.4	1,262,511	1,340,419
Peoria.....	6,355,895	4,891,838	+29.9	4,937,150	4,640,978
Rockford.....	4,141,156	3,076,445	+34.16	2,680,498	2,620,234
Springfield.....	3,218,835	2,748,632	+17.1	2,463,290	2,713,174
<b>Total (20 cities)</b>	<b>1,142,320,841</b>	<b>1,013,884,227</b>	<b>+12.7</b>	<b>852,204,902</b>	<b>889,136,034</b>
<b>Eighth Federal Reserve District—St. Louis</b>					
Ind.—Evansville.....	6,078,967	6,282,528	-3.3	5,501,988	5,369,427
Mo.—St. Louis.....	152,300,000	133,300,000	+14.2	131,700,000	a
Ky.—Louisville.....	32,446,552	30,735,586	+5.6	29,694,564	30,480,240
Owensboro.....	402,720	379,191	+6.2	448,952	431,384
Tenn.—Memphis.....	21,378,712	18,652,235	+14.6	17,810,592	18,966,202
Ark.—Lit. Rock.....	13,069,985	11,183,801	+16.8	11,107,904	9,945,484
Ill.—Jacksonville.....	477,941	459,697	+4.0	382,640	384,879
Quincy.....	2,053,665	1,668,966	+23.0	1,382,979	1,602,026
<b>Total (8 cities)</b>	<b>228,208,542</b>	<b>202,662,004</b>	<b>+12.6</b>	<b>198,029,439</b>	<b>69,179,642</b>
<b>Ninth Federal Reserve District—Minneapolis</b>					
Minn.—Duluth.....	47,690,403	8,024,276	-4.2	5,859,843	5,591,928
Minneapolis.....	77,938,041	75,793,386	+2.8	64,052,487	67,932,649
St. Paul.....	31,505,152	29,581,069	+6.5	31,669,906	34,430,927
No. Dak.—Fargo.....	1,882,098	1,842,171	+2.2	1,536,285	2,043,257
S. D.—Aberdeen.....	1,575,380	1,416,114	+11.2	1,138,586	1,252,

**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 28 1925:

**GOLD.**

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes on the 21st inst., amounted to £145,073,005, as compared with £145,133,665 on the previous Wednesday.

Gold to the value of £500,000 was available in the market this week, the bulk of which was taken for the Continent. Indian requirements were small.

On this day twelve months ago a general licence was granted by the Treasury to the Bank of England for the export of gold from its coffers, at the same time fixing the coinage price of gold (77s-10½d per standard ounce) as the figure at which it was bound to sell gold against legal tender. This was a preliminary to the removal of the restrictions upon gold exports, which expired at the close of last year. The year that has elapsed has shown the powerful financial position occupied by this country.

We specify from week to week the effect which the re-opening of the gold market has had upon the Bank of England reserves. Though a net withdrawal of £9,650,000 has taken place during the year, this movement is trifling compared with the substantial advantages that have accrued. London has again proved to be the centre for financing the commerce of countries overseas. International trade bills again flow to London for finance as was the custom before the Great War.

Whether the reduction in the number of unemployed and the improvement in trade, reported in certain quarters, can be attributed to this cause may not be clear, but there is no doubt that the reduction of 14% in the price level has been much assisted by the restoration of sterling to the gold level; moreover the grievance held in India that the relation of the rupee was to sterling and not gold, has lost weight.

The action of returning to an effective gold standard conveyed other implications to the world. It showed the deliberate intention of Great Britain to return, notwithstanding the cost involved, to the only known system of safe currency which can restore confidence to commerce and offer a sure foothold for the discharge of financial obligations as between nations.

As will be seen by the following table, there have been no movements of gold to and from the Bank of England during the week with the exception of today:

	April 22.	April 23.	April 24.	April 26.	April 27.	April 28.
Received	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Withdrawn	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	£6,000

The withdrawal today, £6,000, was in the form of sovereigns, destined for Holland.

This is the smallest movement in any week since the resumption of an effective gold standard.

The net influx since Jan. 1 1926 is now £1,945,000.

United Kingdom imports and exports of gold during the week ending the 21st inst. were:

<b>Imports</b>		<b>Exports</b>	
British South Africa	£758,161	Germany	£128,913
Other countries	500	Netherlands	15,365
		France	12,350
		Argentina	20,000
		British India	31,750
		Straits Settlements	16,600
		Ceylon	22,500
		Other countries	508
<b>Total</b>	<b>£758,661</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£247,986</b>

The following figures (in lacs of rupees) show India's foreign trade figures for March 1926:

Imports of merchandise on private account	22.30
Exports, including re-exports of merchandise on private account	37.90
Net imports of gold	4.79
Net imports of silver	1.01
Net imports of currency notes	10
Total visible Balance of Trade (in favour of India)	10.10
Net Balance on Remittance of Funds (against India)	4

**SILVER.**

Following a fresh fall in prices on the 22nd inst. (bringing quotations to a point lower than for nearly ten years) the silver market showed some reaction and China, whence sales had been freely forthcoming, turned a buyer, and, aided by other bear covering, prices advanced by substantial fractions to 29¾d. and 29 11-16d. for cash and forward deliveries on the 26th inst. Yesterday, the impetus of the market proved to be spent, China became a seller on balance and a fall of ¼d. in the quotations was recorded for both positions. America had been a more active seller but hung back at yesterday's drop.

United Kingdom imports and exports of silver during the week ending the 21st inst. were:

<b>Imports</b>		<b>Exports</b>	
Netherlands	£33,854	France	£56,512
United States of America	77,965	British India	299,300
Other countries	14,807	Other countries	4,228
<b>Total</b>	<b>£126,626</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£360,040</b>

**INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.**

(In lacs of rupees.)	Apr. 7.	Apr. 15.	Apr. 22.
Notes in circulation	18996	18858	18787
Silver coin and bullion in India	8454	8416	8444
Silver coin and bullion out of India	-----	-----	-----
Gold coin and bullion in India	2232	2232	2232
Gold coin and bullion out of India	-----	-----	-----
Securities (Indian Government)	5711	5711	5711
Securities (British Government)	2599	2499	2400

No silver coinage was reported during the week ending the 22nd inst.

The stock in Shanghai on the 24th inst. consisted of about 58,300,000 ounces in sycee, 67,000,000 dollars, and 9,470 silver bars, as compared with about 58,800,000 ounces in sycee, 67,700,000 dollars, and 7,630 silver bars on the 17th inst.

Quotations—	—Bar Silver, Per Oz.	Std.—	Bar Gold.
	Cash.	2 Mos.	Per Oz. Fine.
April 22	29 3-16d.	29 ½d.	84s. 11 ½d.
23	29 7-16d.	29 ¾d.	84s. 11 ½d.
24	29 ¾d.	29 9-16d.	84s. 11 ½d.
26	29 ¾d.	29 11-16d.	84s. 11d.
27	29 ¾d.	29 7-16d.	84s. 11 ½d.
28	29 9-16d.	29 7-16d.	84s. 11 ½d.
Average	29.510d.	29.437d.	84s. 11.4d.

The silver quotations today for cash and two months' delivery are respectively 5-16d. and 3-16d. above those fixed a week ago.

**ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.**

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

	London,	May 8.	May 10.	May 11.	May 12.	May 13.	May 14.
Week Ended May 14—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	
Silver, per oz.	30 3-16	30 7-16	30 ¾	30 5-16	30 1-16	30 3-16	
Gold, per fine ounce	84.11 ½	84.11 ½	84.11 ½	84.11 ½	84.11 ½	84.11 ½	
Consols, 2½ per cents	54	54 ¾	54 ¾	54 ¾	54 ¾	55	
British, 5 per cents	99 ½	99 ½	100	100	100	100 ½	
British, 4½ per cents	93 ¾	93 ¾	94	94	94	94	
French Rentes (in Paris), fr.	47.20	46.60	46.90	Holiday	Holiday	46.25	
French War Loan (in Paris), fr.	55.75	55.65	55.85	Holiday	Holiday	54.70	

The price of silver in New York on the same day has been:

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (ets.):						
Foreign	65 ¼	65 ¼	65 ¾	65 ¾	65	65 ¼

**Commercial and Miscellaneous News**

**Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.**—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange May 8 to May 14, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.		Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.	
		Low.	High.	Low.	High.			
Am Vitripled Prod, pref.	90	90	90	10	90	Apr	94 ½	Jan
Am Wind Glass Mach.	100	68	68	25	68	May	80	Jan
Preferred	100	87 ¾	87 ¾	20	81 ½	May	91 ½	Jan
Arkansas Nat Gas, com.	10	6 ½	6 ½	2,370	5 ½	Feb	7	Jan
Bank of Pittsb N A	50	178	179	45	141	Feb	180	May
Birmingham Fire Ins.	50	93	93	10	91	Mar	93	May
Blaw-Knox Co	25	50	52	155	45	Mar	56	Jan
Byers (A M) Co, pref.	100	100	100	50	98	Apr	100	Jan
Carnegie Metals	10	17	17	50	16	Jan	21	Feb
Ceylonian Oil	10	13 ¾	14	20	12 ½	Apr	17	Jan
Globe Ins Co	50	125	125	5	125	May	125	May
Harb-Walk Refrac, com	100	141 ½	141 ½	33	141 ½	May	150	Feb
Houston Gulf Gas	5	6 ½	6 ½	1,575	5 ½	Apr	10	Feb
Indep Brewing com.	50	2 ½	2 ½	60	2 ½	Jan	6 ¾	Mar
Preferred	50	6	6	175	5 ½	Feb	8	Feb
Lone Star Gas	2	5 31 ¾	31 ¾	768	30	Apr	56 ½	Jan
Nat Fireproofing com.	50	12	12	25	12	May	18 ½	Feb
Preferred	50	32 ½	33	375	32 ½	May	39	Feb
Ohio Fuel Corp	25	33 ¾	34	1,757	33	Apr	36 ½	Jan
Oklahoma Natural Gas	25	29	29 ½	384	28	Mar	34	Jan
Pittsburgh Brew com.	50	3 ½	3 ½	10	3	Jan	7	Mar
Preferred	50	12	12	275	11	Jan	15	Feb
Pittsburgh Plate Glass	100	282	282	35	273	Mar	310	Jan
Pittsburgh Trust Co	100	220	220	10	220	Feb	225	Jan
Salt Creek Con Oil	100	8 ½	8 ½	200	8	Apr	10	Feb
San Toy Mining	1	3c	3c	5,800	3c	Jan	4c	Jan
Stand Sanit Mfg com.	25	100	102	641	100	May	118 ¾	Jan
U S Glass	25	16	17	210	16	May	19 ¾	Jan
Westhouse Air Brake	50	109 ½	109 ½	45	106	Mar	127 ¾	Feb
West Penn Rys pref.	100	92 ¾	92 ¾	10	90 ½	Jan	92 ¾	May

\* No par value.  
Note.—Sold last week and not reported: 18 Bank of Pittsburgh N. A. at 180; 10 Pittsburgh Trust Co. at 225; 50 Standard Sanitary Mfg. Co. pref. at 115 ¼ ex-div.; \$2,000 Pitts. McKeesport & Connellsville 5s of 1931 at 96 ¼.

**BANK NOTES—CHANGES IN TOTALS OF AND IN DEPOSITED BONDS, &c.**—We give below tables which show all the monthly changes in national bank notes and in bonds and legal tenders on deposit therefor:

	Amt. Bds. on Deposit to Secure Circulation for—		National Bank Circulation Afloat on—		
	National Bank Notes.	Fed. Res. Bank Notes.	Bonds.	Legal Tenders.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
April 30 1926	665,686,140	---	661,664,478	42,519,201	704,183,679
Mar. 31 1926	665,568,140	---	661,016,470	44,211,319	705,227,789
Feb. 27 1926	665,235,640	---	661,244,347	45,059,372	706,303,719
Jan. 31 1926	665,363,590	---	661,298,333	45,050,979	706,349,312
Dec. 31 1925	666,273,130	---	662,538,487	46,194,204	710,556,427
Nov. 31 1925	660,087,630	---	662,622,888	48,127,556	710,750,444
Oct. 31 1925	666,185,130	---	662,538,487	51,264,261	713,802,744
Sept. 30 1925	665,542,630	---	661,380,320	56,543,569	717,923,889
Aug. 31 1925	665,810,130	---	662,186,052	61,476,914	723,662,997
July 31 1925	665,227,130	---	660,341,413	66,214,271	726,555,684
June 30 1925	665,061,330	---	660,501,393	72,864,681	733,366,074
May 31 1925	665,502,880	---	661,293,895	78,275,574	739,569,469
April 30 1925	666,010,330	---	661,397,558	88,028,261	747,425,819
Mar. 31 1925	665,608,330	---	661,613,281	93,597,406	755,210,687
Feb. 28 1925	666,943,330	---	663,324,911	100,532,366	763,857,277
Jan. 31 1925	725,171,780	---	722,092,263	47,748,139	769,840,402
Dec. 30 1924	731,613,630	---	727,175,641	44,871,176	772,046,817
Nov. 30 1924	737,635,790	---	733,995,581	40,152,976	774,148,557
Oct. 31 1924	739,842,890	---	735,602,435	38,679,189	774,281,624
Sept. 30 1924	741,239,890	---	736,557,660	39,269,184	775,826,844
Aug. 30 1924	742,462,390	---	737,141,058	40,052,136	777,193,194
July 31 1924	746,611,640	---	740,549,740	36,537,849	777,087,589
June 30 1924	750,858,930	---	744,953,710	33,058,069	778,011,779
May 31 1924	750,113,430	545,900	745,029,518	32,460,609	777,490,127

\$5,808,578 Federal Reserve bank notes outstanding April 30 1926 secured by lawful money, against \$7,653,193 April 30 1925.

The following shows the amount of each class of United States bonds and certificates on deposit to secure Federal Reserve bank notes and national bank notes on April 30:

Bonds on Deposit April 30 1926.	U. S. Bonds Held April 30 1926 to Secure—		
	On Deposit to Secure Federal Reserve Bank Notes.	On Deposit to Secure National Bank Notes.	Total Held.
	\$	\$	\$
2s. U. S. Consols of 1930	---	591,319,400	591,319,400
2s. U. S. Panama of 1936	---	48,609,420	48,609,420
2s. U. S. Panama of 1938	---	25,757,320	25,757,320
<b>Totals</b>	---	<b>665,686,140</b>	<b>665,686,140</b>

The following shows the amount of national bank notes afloat and the amount of legal tender deposits April 1 1926 and May 1 1926 and their increase or decrease during the month of April:



National Bank Notes—Total Afloat—
Amount afloat April 1 1926.....\$705,227,789
Net decrease during April.....1,044,110
Amount of bank notes afloat May 1 1926.....\$704,183,679
Legal-Tender Notes—
Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes April 1 1926.....\$44,211,319
Net amount of bank notes retired in April.....1,692,118
Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes May 1 1926.....\$42,519,201

FOREIGN TRADE OF NEW YORK—MONTHLY STATEMENT.

Table with columns: Month, Merchandise Movement at New York (Imports, Exports), Customs Receipts at New York (Imports, Exports). Rows include July, August, September, October, November, December, January, February, March, and Total.

Movement of gold and silver for the nine months:

Table with columns: Month, Gold Movement at New York (Imports, Exports), Silver—New York (Imports, Exports). Rows include July, August, September, October, November, December, January, February, March, and Total.

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

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED.

Table listing applications to organize banks, including date, bank name, location, and capital amount.

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE APPROVED.

Table listing approved applications to organize banks, including date, bank name, location, and capital amount.

APPLICATION TO CONVERT APPROVED.

Table listing approved applications to convert banks, including date, bank name, location, and capital amount.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Table listing issued charters for banks, including date, bank name, location, and capital amount.

CHANGE OF TITLES.

Table listing changes of titles for banks, including date, bank name, location, and capital amount.

CHANGE OF TITLE AND LOCATION.

Table listing changes of title and location for banks, including date, bank name, location, and capital amount.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

Table listing voluntary liquidations of banks, including date, bank name, location, and capital amount.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston and Philadelphia on Wednesday of this week:

By Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York:

Table listing securities sold by Adrian H. Muller & Sons, including shares and stocks of various companies.

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table listing securities sold by R. L. Day & Co., including shares and stocks of various companies.

By Wise, Hobbs, & Arnold, Boston:

Table listing securities sold by Wise, Hobbs, & Arnold, including shares and stocks of various companies.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing securities sold by Barnes & Lofland, including shares and stocks of various companies.

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

Table listing securities sold by A. J. Wright & Co., including shares and stocks of various companies.

DIVIDENDS.

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

The dividends announced this week are:

Table listing dividends for various companies, including name of company, percentage, when payable, and books closed.



Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.	Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
<b>Public Utilities.</b>				<b>Railroads (Steam).</b>			
Amer. Superpower, com. A. & B. (quar.)	*30c.	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 1	Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe, com. (qu.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
First preferred (quar.)	*\$1.50	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 1	Atlanta & West Point	4	June 30	Holders of rec. June 30
Amer. Telegraph & Cable (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 31	Atlantic Coast Line RR., common	3 1/4	July 10	Holders of rec. June 15
Baton Rouge Elec. Co., com. (quar.)	62 1/2 c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 14	Common (extra)	1 1/4	July 10	Holders of rec. June 15
Preferred series A (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 14	Baltimore & Ohio, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 17
Central Indiana Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20	Preferred (quar.)	1	June 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 17
Continental Gas Elec., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	June 1	*Holders of rec. June 20	Canadian Pacific, com. (quar.)	2 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 1
Georgia Ry. & Elec., common (quar.)	2	May 20	Holders of rec. May 10	Catawba, preferred stocks	*\$1.25	May 22	Holders of rec. May 13
Hackensack Water, common	*75c.	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 22	Central RR. of N. J. (quar.)	2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 4
Preferred	*87 1/2 c.	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 22	Chesapeake & Ohio, preferred	3 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 8
Laclede Gas Light, common	*2	June 15	*Holders of rec. June 1	Chicago Burlington & Quincy	*5	June 25	*Holders of rec. June 10
Preferred	*2 1/4	June 15	*Holders of rec. June 1	Cleveland & Pittsburgh, gu. (qu.)	87 1/2 c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 19
Middle West Utilities, prior lien (quar.)	*2	June 15	*Holders of rec. June 1	Special guaranteed (quar.)	50c.	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 19
Municipal Service (quar.)	25c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15	Colorado & Southern, first preferred	*2 1/4	June 21	Holders of rec. May 28
Nebraska Power, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15	Delaware & Hudson Co. (quar.)	2 1/4	May 27	Holders of rec. May 13
North Amer. Utility Sec., 1st pref. (qu.)	\$1.50	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1	Georgia Southern & Fla., 1st & 2d pref.	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
First pref. allotment cts. (quar.)	\$1.50	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1	Illinois Central, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 7
North Carolina Public Serv., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15	Internat. Rys. of Cent. Am., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Philadelphia Elec. Co. (quar.)	*50c.	June 15	*Holders of rec. May 15	Louisville & Nashville	3	Aug. 10	Holders of rec. July 15
Philadelphia Suburban Water, pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15	Maine Central, preferred	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Portland Electric Power, 2d pref. (quar.)	50c.	July 1	Holders of rec. May 15	New Orleans Texas & Mexico, com. (qu.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 21
Radio Corp. of Amer., pref. (quar.)	87 1/2 c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 1	N. Y. Chicago & St. Louis, com. (qu.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Standard Gas & Electric, com. (quar.)	*75c.	July 25	*Holders of rec. June 30	Common (from non-operating income)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Common (payable in common stock)	*71-100	July 25	*Holders of rec. June 30	Preferred series A (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Common (payable in common stock)	*71-200	Oct. 25	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30	Norfolk & Western, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	June 19	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Common (payable in common stock)	*71-200	Jan 25 '27	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Norfolk & Western, adj. pref. (quar.)	1	May 19	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Utility Shares Corp., partic. pref. (qu.)	30c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 14	Pennsylvania Railroad (quar.)	75c.	July 31	Holders of rec. May 15
Washington Ry. & El. com. & pf. (qu.)	*1 1/4	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 15	Pittsb. & West Virginia, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
				Common (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 15 '27
				Pittsb. Youngs & Asht., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20
				Reading Company, 1st pref. (quar.)	50c.	June 10	Holders of rec. May 24
				St. Louis-San Francisco, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Aug. 2	Holders of rec. July 15
				Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
				Wabash, preferred A (quar.)	1 1/4	May 25	Holders of rec. Apr. 17
				Western Railway of Alabama	4	June 30	Holders of rec. June 30
<b>Miscellaneous.</b>				<b>Public Utilities.</b>			
Abbott's Alderney Dairies, common	\$1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15	American Electric Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 15	Holders of rec. May 5
American Chicle, prior pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Aug. 2	Holders of rec. July 22
American Railway Express (quar.)	\$1.50	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15	American Power & Light, com. (quar.)	50c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
American Rayon Products (quar.)	50c.	May 29	Holders of rec. May 20	Common (payable in common stock)	71-100	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Amer. Rolling Mill, com. (quar.)	50c.	July 15	Holders of rec. June 30	American Superpower, partic. pfd. (qu.)	50c.	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 23
Common (pay in com. stock)	75	July 15	Holders of rec. July 1	Amer. Water Wks. & Elec., com. (qu.)	30c.	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15	7% first preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1
Amer. Sugar Refg., common (quar.)	1 1/4	July 2	Holders of rec. June 1	Associated Gas & Elec., \$6 pref. (quar.)	*\$1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	July 2	Holders of rec. June 1	\$6 1/2 pref. (quar.)	*\$1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Atlas Powder, common (quar.)	\$1	June 10	Holders of rec. May 28	Beloit Water, Gas & Electric, pref. (qu.)	*1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 25
Belgo-Canadian Paper, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	July 2	Holders of rec. June 5	Blackstone Valley Gas & Elec., com. (qu.)	*\$1.25	June 1	Holders of rec. May 14
Boston Wharf	*3	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 1	Preferred	3	June 1	Holders of rec. May 14
Bristol Mfg. Co. (quar.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10	Brazilian Tr., Lt. & Pow., com. (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Burns Bros., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 15	Brooklyn City RR. (quar.)	20c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Carter (William) Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	June 15	Holders of rec. May 15	Brooklyn Edison Co. (quar.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 14
City Ice & Fuel (Cleveland) (quar.)	50c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 12	Central Rapids Mfg. & Power (quar.)	3	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Continental Can, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15	Cent. Ark. Ry. & Light, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Converse Rubber Shoe, common (qu.)	2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15	Central Illinois Pub. Serv., pref. (quar.)	*\$1.50	July 15	*Holders of rec. June 30
Dartmouth Mfg., common (quar.)	*2	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 10	Cent. & Southwest Utilities			
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 10	Preferred & prior lien stock (quar.)	\$1.75	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Eastman Kodak, common (quar.)	\$1.25	July 1	Holders of rec. May 29	Chicago Rapid Transit (monthly)	65c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 18
Common (extra)	75c.	July 1	Holders of rec. May 29	Cleveland Elec. Illum., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. May 29	Columbia Gas & Elec., com. (quar.)	\$1.25	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Ely-Walker Dry Goods, com. (quar.)	31 1/2 c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 21	Seven per cent pref. series A (quar.)	1 1/4	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Emporium Corporation (quar.)	50c.	June 24	Holders of rec. June 1	Community Ry. & Lt., 2nd pref. (quar.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 22
Essex Company	\$3	June 1	Holders of rec. May 11	Connecticut Pw. & Ltg., com. & pft. (qu.)	1 1/4	May 15	Holders of rec. June 15
Famous Players-Lasky Corp., com. (qu.)	\$2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15	Consol. Gas, E. L. & P., com. (quar.)	62 1/2 c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Federal Mining & Smelt., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	June 15	*Holders of rec. May 25	Series A preferred (quar.)	2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Foundation Co. (quar.)	\$2	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1	Series B preferred (quar.)	2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
General Motors Corp., com. (quar.)	\$1.75	June 12	Holders of rec. May 24	Series C preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Common (extra)	\$0.75	July 1	Holders of rec. May 24	Series D preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Seven per cent pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Aug. 2	Holders of rec. July 5	Series E preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Six per cent debentures, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Aug. 2	Holders of rec. July 5	Consolidated Gas, N. Y., com. (quar.)	*\$1.25	June 15	Holders of rec. May 11
Six per cent pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Aug. 2	Holders of rec. July 5	Consumers Power, 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Gildden Company, com. (quar.)	50c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 16	6.6% preferred (quar.)	1.65	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 16	7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15	6% preferred (monthly)	50c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Hood Rubber (quar.)	*\$1	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 19	6% preferred (monthly)	50c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Hood Rubber Products, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 20	6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Imperial Oil, Ltd. (quar.)	25c.	June 1	Holders of coup. No. 610	6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
India Tire & R., new no par com. (No. 1)	*62 1/2 c.	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 22	Duquesne Light Co., first pref. (quar.)	2 1/4	June 15	Holders of rec. May 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 22	Eastern Shore Gas & Elec., pref. (quar.)	2 1/4	June 15	Holders of rec. May 15
Indiana Flooring, com. (quar.)	37 1/2 c.	May 20	May 11 to May 15	Empire Gas & Fuel, pref. (quar.)	66 2-3 c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 1
Internat. Securities Trust, com. (quar.)	\$1.05	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15	Federal Light & Traction, com. (quar.)	20c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15	Common (payable in common stock)	1/15c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
6 1/2% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15	Havana Elec. Ry., L. & P., com. & pref.	3	May 15	Apr. 22 to May 20
Kuppenheim (B.) & Co., common	*\$1	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 24	Havana Electric & Utilities, 1st pref.	\$3	May 17	Holders of rec. Apr. 21
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 24	Jamalca Public Service, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	July 2	Holders of rec. June 12
Loblaw Groceries Co. (Can.), com. (qu.)	25c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17	Kentucky Utilities, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 20	Holders of rec. Apr. 24
Prior preference (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17	Laclede Gas & Elec., prior lien pref. (qu.)	*1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Second preferred (quar.)	3	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17	Louisville Gas & Elec., class A & B (qu.)	43 1/2 c.	June 25	Holders of rec. May 31
Mahoning Investment (quar.)	\$1.50	June 1	Holders of rec. May 26	Massachusetts Gas Cos., preferred	2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 31
Massey-Harris Co., Ltd., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 15	Holders of rec. May 10	Middle West Utilities, common (quar.)	\$1.50	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Medart (Fred) Co., com. (quar.)	50c.	May 15	Holders of rec. May 4	Montreal L. H. & P. (monthly)	*2	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Mengel Company, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 31	Montreal Water & Power, consol. (quar.)	2	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Metro. Paving Bralec, com. (quar.)	2	June 1	May 16 to May 31	Preferred (quar.)	50c.	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Montgomery Ward & Co., class A (qu.)	*\$1.75	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 19	National Power & Light, com. (quar.)	10c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 12
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 19	Norfolk Railway & Light	75c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Montreal Cottons, common (quar.)	*1 1/4	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31	North American Edison Co., pref. (qu.)	\$1.50	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31	Northwest Utilities, preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
National Sugar Refining (quar.)	1 1/4	July 2	Holders of rec. June 7	Ohio Edison, 6% pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Newmarket Mfg. (quar.)	1 1/4	May 15	Holders of rec. May 11	6.6% preferred (quar.)	\$1.65	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Niagara Share Co. (No. 1)	*20c.	July 15	*Holders of rec. June 30	7% preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Ogilvie Flour Mills, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20	6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Onyx Hosiery, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 21	Oklahoma Gas & Electric, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	June 15	Holders of rec. May 29
Pender (David) Grocery Co., class A (qu.)	87 1/2 c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 14	Pacific Gas & Electric, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corp., pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 21	Pacific Lighting, common (quar.)	4	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Polar Wave I. & F., class A (quar.)	62 1/2 c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Purity Bakeries, class A (quar.)	*75c.	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 15	Pennsylvania Gas & Elec., com. A (qu.)	*37 1/2 c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 15	Southern California Edison, com. (quar.)	2	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Reid Ice Cream Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20	Southern Canada Power, com. (quar.)	1	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Slims Petroleum	*50c.	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 25	Southern Colorado Power, class A (quar.)	50c.	May 25	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Solar Refining	*5	June 15	*Holders of rec. May 7	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	June 15	Holders of rec. May 29
Soule Mill (quar.)	2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 7	Southwestern Power & Light, pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Speer Mfg., pref. (quar.)	2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 21	Standard Gas & Electric, pref. (quar.)	2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 29
Standard Oil of Nebraska	*\$1.25	June 21	*Holders of rec. May 24	Tampa Electric Co., no par com. (qu.)	50c.	May 15	Holders of rec. May 3
New stock, \$25 par (extra)	*25c.	June 21	*Holders of rec. May 24	Tennessee Elec. Power, 6% 1st pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Standard Oil (Ohio), com. (quar.)	2 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. May 28	Seven per cent first preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Sun Oil (quar.)	25c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 25	7.2% first preferred (quar.)	1.80	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Taunton and New Bedford Copper (quar.)	*\$1.50	May 29	*Holders of rec. May 15	Six per cent first preferred (monthly)	5		



Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.	Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
<b>Miscellaneous (Continued).</b>				<b>Miscellaneous (Continued).</b>			
Amer. Elec. Corp., class A (No. 1) (qu.)	1 1/2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 5	General Cigar, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 22a
Amer. & European Secur., pref. (No. 1)	\$2	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30	Debutante preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 24a
American Felt, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 19	General Outdoor Adv., class A (quar.)	\$1	May 15	Holders of rec. May 5a
American Hardware Corp. (quar.)	*1	July 1	Holders of rec. June 16	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 5
Quarterly	*1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 16	General Petroleum, common (quar.)	75c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 15a
Quarterly	*1	Jan 1 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 16	Gillette Safety Razor (quar.)	75c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 1a
Amer. Home Products (monthly)	20c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17a	Extra	25c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 1a
Amer.-La France Fire Eng., com. (qu.)	25c.	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1a	C. G. Spring Top Bumper, common (quar.)	10c.	May 15	May 9 to May 16
Amer. Laundry Machinery, com. (qu.)	75c.	June 1	May 23 to June 1	Common (extra)	5c.	May 15	May 9 to May 16
American Linseed, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 18a	Common (in com. stk. on each 10 shs.)	72-10	May 15	Holders of rec. May 8
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17a	Common (in com. stk. on each 10 shs.)	73-10	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 7
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan 3 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 17a	Common (in com. stk. on each 10 shs.)	72-10	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 8
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr 1 '27	Holders of rec. Mar. 18 '27a	Common (in com. stk. on each 10 shs.)	73-10	Feb 15 '27	Holders of rec. Feb. 8 '27
American Manufacturing, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 17	Globe Democrat Publishing, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a
Common (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17	Globe Wernicke Co., common (quar.)	1 1/2	June 10	Holders of rec. May 31a
Common (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 17	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 15	Holders of rec. June 30a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 17	Goodrich (B. F.) Co., com. (quar.)	\$1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 17	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 17	Gossard (H. W.) Co., com. (monthly)	33-1-3c	July 1	Holders of rec. May 21
American Metal, com. (quar.)	\$1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a	Gould Coupler, class A (quar.)	50c.	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 21a	Great Lakes Dredge & Dock (quar.)	2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 7
American Multigraph, com. (quar.)	40c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a	Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Amer. Radiator, com. (quar.)	\$1	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a	Group No. 1 Oil Corp. (monthly)	2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1a	Monthly	\$250	June 10	Holders of rec. June 1
Amer. Smelting & Refin., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 7a	Guenter Publisher, pref. (quar.)	2 1/2	May 16	Holders of rec. July 1
Amer. Soda Fountain (quar.)	1 1/2	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a	Preferred (acct. accumulated divs.)	h2 1/2	May 16	Holders of rec. Apr. 16
American Stores Corporation (quar.)	50c.	July 1	June 16 to July 1	Preferred (quar.)	2 1/2	Aug. 16	Holders of rec. July 16
Quarterly	50c.	Oct. 1	Sept. 16 to Oct. 1	Preferred (acct. accumulated divs.)	h2 1/2	Aug. 16	Holders of rec. July 16
Amer. Tobacco, com. & com. B (quar.)	\$2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a	Preferred (quar.)	2 1/2	Nov. 16	Holders of rec. Oct. 16
Anaconda Copper Mining (quar.)	75c.	May 24	Apr. 18 to May 19	Preferred (acct. accumulated divs.)	h2 1/2	Nov. 16	Holders of rec. Oct. 16
Artloom Corporation, com. (quar.)	75c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 19a	Gulf States Steel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Assoc. Dry Good, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 1a	Harblson-Walker Refract., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan 27 '27	Holders of rec. May 7
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. May 1a	Hartmann Corp. (quar.)	6 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 21a
Babcock & Wilcox (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20a	Hart, Schaff, & Marx, Inc., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 19a
Quarterly	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Hayes Wheel, common (quar.)	75c.	May 29	Holders of rec. May 15a
Quarterly	1 1/2	Jan 27 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 25a
Quarterly	1 1/2	Apr 1 '27	Holders of rec. Mar. 20 '27a	Hazeltine Corporation (quar.)	25c.	May 24	Holders of rec. May 4
Balaban & Katz, common (monthly)	25c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a	Hecla Mining (quar.)	50c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 15a
Common (monthly)	25c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 19a	Hercules Powder, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	May 15	May 6 to May 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 19a	Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett Co. (mthly.)	35c.	May 28	Holders of rec. May 21
Beacon Mfg., preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1a	Monthly	35c.	June 25	Holders of rec. June 18
Beacon Oil, pref. (quar.)	\$1.875	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1	Extra	20c.	June 25	Holders of rec. June 18
Beech-Nut Packing, common (quar.)	60c.	July 10	Holders of rec. June 25a	Higbee Company, second pref. (quar.)	2	June 1	May 21 to June 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 15	Holders of rec. July 1a	Hollander & Sons (Inc.), common (qu.)	62 1/2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1
Bethlehem Steel, 7 1/2% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 1	Hollinger Consol. Gold Mines	1 1/2	May 20	Holders of rec. May 4
Eight per cent pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 10	Holmes Manufacturing, com. & pf. (qu.)	\$1.50	May 15	Holders of rec. May 15a
Betty O'Neal Mines	15c.	May 29	Holders of rec. May 22	Homestead Mining (monthly)	50c.	May 25	Holders of rec. May 20a
Big Lake Oil (monthly)	*20	May 15	Holders of rec. May 8a	Hosack Cotton Mills, pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	May 15	Holders of rec. May 5a
Bond & Mortgage Guarantee (quar.)	4	May 15	Holders of rec. May 15a	Horn & Hardart of N. Y., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 11
Borden Co., common (quar.)	\$1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a	Household Products (quar.)	75c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17a
Common (extra)	25c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a	Illinois Brick (quar.)	2.4	July 15	Holders of rec. July 3
Botany Consol. Mills, class A (quar.)	\$1	May 15	Holders of rec. May 5a	Quarterly	2.4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 4
Brill Corporation, pref. (No. 1)	(w)	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15	Independent Oil & Gas (quar.)	25c.	July 19	Holders of rec. June 28a
British Columbia Fish & Packing (quar.)	1 1/2	June 10	Holders of rec. May 31	Indiana Pipe Line (quar.)	\$1	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 16
Quarterly	1 1/2	Sept. 10	Holders of rec. Aug. 31	Extra	\$1	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 16
Quarterly	1 1/2	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Ingersoll-Rand Co., com. (quar.)	75c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a
Brown Shoe, com. (quar.)	50c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a	Inland Steel, com. (quar.)	62 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Buckeye Pipe Line (quar.)	\$1	June 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 24	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Bucyrus Co. of Amer. and pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 19	International Rubber (No. 1)	1 1/2	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a
Burns Bros., com. class A (quar.)	\$2.50	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a	Internat. Agricultural Corp., pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 15a
Common, class B (quar.)	50c.	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a	Internat. Combustion Engineering (qu.)	50c.	May 31	Holders of rec. May 20a
Butler Brothers (quar.)	60c.	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a	Internat. Harvester, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a
Cabot Manufacturing (quar.)	1 1/2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 31a	International Shoe, com. (quar.)	\$1.50	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
California Packing Corp. 1 stock dividend	*100%	Subject	to stockholders meet. May 18	Common (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Quarterly	\$2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31a	Interstate Iron & Steel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	May 21 to May 31
California Petroleum, com. (quar.)	50c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a	Preferred (account accum. dividends)	h3 1/2	June 1	May 21 to May 31
Canada Cement, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30	Intertype Corp., common (quar.)	25c.	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1a
Canada Dry Ginger Ale				Jaeger Machine (quar.)	62 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 21a
Stock dividend (quar.)	e1 1/2	July 15	Holders of rec. July 1	Jewel Tea, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 17a
Stock dividend (quar.)	e1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1	Pref. (account accumulated dividends)	h2 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 17a
Stock dividend (quar.)	e1 1/2	Jan 15 '27	Holders of rec. Jan 1 '27	Jones & Laughlin Steel, com. (quar.)	1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Canadian Car & Fdy., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 10	Holders of rec. June 25	Kaufman Dept. Stores, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 21a
Canadian Converters, Ltd. (quar.)	1 1/2	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Casell Co. of Amer. (Del.) (quar.)	1 1/2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 7	Kinney (G. R.) Co., Inc., com. (quar.)	\$1	July 1	Holders of rec. June 19
Casey & Hedges Co., common (quar.)	2 1/2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1a	Preferred (quar.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 21a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1a	Kirby Lumber (quar.)	1 1/2	June 10	June 1 to June 10
Centrifugal Pipe Corporation (quar.)	25c.	May 25	Holders of rec. May 18a	Quarterly	1 1/2	Sept. 10	Sept. 1 to Sept. 10
Century Ribbon Mills, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a	Quarterly	1 1/2	Dec. 10	Dec. 1 to Dec. 10
Chicago Mill & Lumber (quar.)	1	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 27a	Kroger Grocery & Baking, com. (quar.)	50c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Chicago Yellow Cab (monthly)	33-1-3c	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a	Common (payable in common stock)	75	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Childs Co., \$100 par common (quar.)	3	June 10	Holders of rec. May 28a	Laclede-Christy Clay Prod., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 21
No par value common (quar.)	60c.	June 10	Holders of rec. May 28a	Lanston Monotype Machine (quar.)	1 1/2	May 31	Holders of rec. May 21a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 10	Holders of rec. May 28a	Lehigh Coal & Navigation (quar.)	\$1	May 29	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a
Chile Copper Co. (quar.)	62 1/2	June 28	Holders of rec. June 2a	Lehn & Fink Products Co. (quar.)	75c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17a
Chrysler Corp., pref. (quar.)	\$2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15	Liggett & Myers Tob., com. & com. B (qu.)	75c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17a
Preferred (quar.)	\$2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Lima Locomotive Works (quar.)	\$1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Preferred (quar.)	\$2	Jan 3 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Lord & Taylor, first preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17a
Cincinnati Tobacco Warehouse (quar.)	\$1	May 15	Holders of rec. May 8a	Louisiana Oil Refining, 6 1/2% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1
Cities Service Co., common (monthly)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15	Ludlow Mfg. Associates (quar.)	\$2.50	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Preferred and preferred B (monthly)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15	Mahattan Shirt, common (quar.)	37 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17
Coca-Cola Co., common (quar.)	\$1.75	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a	Martin-Parry Corp. (quar.)	50c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Preferred	3 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a	May Department Stores, com. (quar.)	\$1.25	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Cohn-Hall-Marx Co., com. (quar.)	70c.	July 5	Holders of rec. July 5	Common (quar.)	\$1.25	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 16a
Colonial Steel, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 1	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Colorado Fuel & Iron, pref. (quar.)	2	May 25	Holders of rec. May 10a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Commercial Solvents, class A (quar.)	\$1	July 1	Holders of rec. July 1a	Maytag Co. (quar.)	50c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Preferred (quar.)	2	July 1	Holders of rec. July 1a	Quarterly	50c.	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15a
Consolidated Cigar Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a	Quarterly	50c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Continental Can, Inc., common (quar.)	\$1.25	May 15	Holders of rec. May 5a	McCroly Stores, common (quar.)	1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a
Continental Oil (quar.)	*25c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 15	Common (payable in common stock)	1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a
Converse Rubber Shoe, pref.	3 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a	Class B (payable in class B stock)	1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a
Cunco Press (quar.)	\$1	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20a
Cushman's Sons, Inc., com. (quar.)	75c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a	McIntyre Porcupine Mines, Ltd. (qu.)	25c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a	Mercantile Stores, Inc., common	\$1	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Davis Mills (quar.)	1 1/2	June 26	Holders of rec. June 12a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Decker (Alfred) & Cohn, Inc., com. (qu.)	50c.	June 15	Holders of rec. June 5a	Merrimack Mfg. Co., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 3
Common (extra)	50c.	June 15	Holders of rec. June 5a	Miami Copper Co. (quar.)	25c.	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a	Mid-Continent Petrol., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Deere & Co., preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a	Miller Rubber, preferred (quar.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10
Preferred (account accum. dividend.)	h 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a	Mohawk Mining (quar.)	\$1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 1
Diamond Match (quar.)	2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 29a	Motor Wheel Corp., pref. (quar.)	2	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a
Dominion Bridge, Ltd. (quar.)	1	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30	Munsingwear, Inc. (quar.)	75c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 18a
Dow Chemical, common (quar.)	\$1	May 15	Holders of rec. May 5a	National Biscuit, common (quar.)	\$1	July 15	Holders of rec. June 30a
Preferred	1 1/2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 5a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	May 29	Holders of rec. May 14a
Eagle-Picher Lead, common (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a				



Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
<b>Miscellaneous (Concluded).</b>			
Oppenheim, Collins & Co., common (qu.)	75c.	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 29a
Orpheum Circuit, common (monthly)	162-3	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a
Common (monthly)	162-3	July 1	Holders of rec. June 19a
Preferred (quar.)	2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Oils Elevator, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 15	Holders of rec. June 30a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan 5 '27	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Oberman Cushion Tire, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 18
Owens Bottle, com. (quar.)	75c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Pathe Exchange, Inc., pref. (quar.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 11
Peabody Coal, pref. (monthly)	58c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a
Preferred (monthly)	58c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 19a
Penmans, Ltd., com. (quar.)	2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 5
Phillips-Jones Corp., common (quar.)	\$1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a
Phoenix Hosiery, 1st & 2d pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17a
Plek (Albert), Barth & Co., pref. A (qu.)	43 3/4c.	May 15	Apr. 24 to May 14
Pines Winterfront Co., A & B (quar.)	50c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Pittsburgh Steel, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Plymouth Oil (monthly)	*50c.	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 22
Extra	*50c.	May 31	*Holders of rec. May 15
Pressed Steel, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 29a
Procter & Gamble, com. (quar.)	\$1.25	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 24a
Producers Oil Corp. of America, pf. (qu.)	2	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a
Pro-phy-lac-tic Brush, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1
Pullman Company (quar.)	2	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a
Pure Oil, com. (quar.)	37 1/2c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a
Extra	12 1/2c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a
Quaker Oats, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	May 29	Holders of rec. June 1
Quisset Mill, common (quar.)	82	May 15	Holders of rec. May 5
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. Mary's Mineral Land	\$2	May 18	Holders of rec. Apr. 17a
Savage Arms, common (quar.)	\$1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
First preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 15
Second preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	May 15	*Holders of rec. May 1
Second preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Aug. 16	*Holders of rec. Aug. 2
Schulte Retail Stores, common (quar.)	f 2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Preferred (quar.)	2	July 1	Holders of rec. Jun 15a
Scotten, Dillon Co. (quar.)	3	May 15	May 8 to May 16
Shaffer Oil & Refining, pref.	1 1/2	July 26	Holders of rec. June 30
Shawmut Manufacturing, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 21a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 21a
Shell Union Oil, pref. ser. "A" (quar.)	5 1/2	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a
Sherwin-Williams Co., com. (quar.)	2	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a
Common (extra)	1	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Sherwin Williams Co., Can., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15
Simon (Franklin) & Co., pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	June 1	Holders of rec. May 19a
Sinclair Consol. Oil, preferred (quar.)	2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1a
Skelly Oil (quar.)	50c.	June 15	Holders of rec. June 14a
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 1/2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1
Spalding (A. G. & Bros., 1st pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Spear & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Standard Oil of Calif. (Del. Corp.) (qu.)	50c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 22a
Standard Oil (Indiana) (quar.)	62 1/2c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 17a
Extra	25c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 17a
Standard Oil of New York (quar.)	35c.	June 15	May 16 to May 26
Standard Oil (Ohio), preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Standard Sanitary Mfg., com. (quar.)	\$1.25	May 20	Holders of rec. May 6
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	May 20	Holders of rec. May 6
Steel Products Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20
Stewart-Warner Speedometer (quar.)	\$1.50	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Studebaker Corp., com. (quar.)	\$1.25	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a
Superior Steel Corporation, com.	50c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Swan-Finch Oil Corp., pref.	\$1.75	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a
Taber Mill (quar.)	*\$1.50	May 15	*Holders of rec. May 10
Thompson (J.R.) Co., com. (monthly)	30c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 23a
Tide-Water Oil, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a
Timken Roller Bearing (quar.)	75c.	June 5	Holders of rec. May 19a
Extra	25c.	June 5	Holders of rec. May 19a
Tobacco Products Corp., Class A (quar.)	1 1/2	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 27a
Union-Buffalo Mills, 1st pref.	3 1/2	May 15	May 9 to May 16
Second preferred	2 1/2	May 15	May 9 to May 16
Union Tank Car, common (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a
United Biscuit, class A (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	May 11
United Drug, com. (quar.)	\$2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
U. S. Cast Iron Pipe & Fdy., com. (qu.)	2 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1a
Common (quar.)	2 1/2	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Common (quar.)	2 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
U. S. Hoffman Mach'y, com. (quar.)	75c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a
Common (extra)	25c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a
U. S. Rubber, 1st pref. (quar.)	2	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a
U. S. Steel Corporation, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 29	June 2 to June 3
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	May 29	May 4
U. S. Stores, prior pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders c'rec. May 17
Vezoum Oil (quar.)	50c.	June 19	Holders of rec. May 29
Extra	75c.	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1a
Van Ralite Co., 1st preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 18a
Vivandou (V. Inc., pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Aug. 2	Holders of rec. July 15
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Ward Baking, class A (No. 1)	*\$2	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 15
Weber & Heilbronner, common (quar.)	\$1	June 30	Holders of rec. June 16a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 14a
Welch Grape Juice, com. (quar.)	25c.	May 31	Holders of rec. May 20
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	May 31	Holders of rec. May 20
Western Grocers, Ltd., Can., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31
White (J. G.) & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
White (J. G.) Engineering, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
White (J. G.) Mgt. Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a
Whitman Mills (quar.)	*\$1.50	May 15	*Holders of rec. May 4
Will & Baumer Candle, com. (quar.)	25c.	May 15	Holders of rec. May 3a
Williams Oil-O-Matte Heating (qu.)	37 1/2c.	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1
Woolworth (F. W.) Co., common (quar.)	\$1	June 1	May 2 to May 19
Wright Aeronautical Corp.	25c.	May 29	Holders of rec. May 14a
Wrigley (Wm.) Jr. & Co. (monthly)	25c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a
Monthly	25c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 19a

\* From unofficial sources. †The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice. ‡The New York Curb Market Association has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice.

a Transfer books not closed for this dividend. d Correction. e Payable in stock. f Payable in common stock. g Payable in scrip. h On account of accumulated dividends. m Payable in preferred stock.

l Payable in common and common B stock, respectively. No fractional shares to be issued, cash being paid instead, such cash being at the rate of the bid price at close of business May 10, of if such bid price be fractional then at the even price below.

n Two months dividend at ratio of 7% p. a. for period Feb. 1 to Mar. 31 1926.

o Less 11c. per share for corporation income tax.

p Transfer books close from May 15 to May 31, both inclusive.

q 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 May 8. 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	New Capital		Profits		Loans, Discounts, Investments, &c.		Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Depositaries.	Net Demand Deposits.	Time Deposits.	Bank Circulation.
	Nat'l. State, Tr. Cos.	Apr. 12, Mar. 25	Apr. 12, Mar. 25	Apr. 12, Mar. 25	Apr. 12, Mar. 25	Apr. 12, Mar. 25					
Members of Fed. Reserve Bank of N. Y. & Trust Co.	4,000	12,905	76,372	490	7,655	55,927	8,097	---	---	---	---
Bk of Manhattan	10,000	14,965	159,660	2,964	17,811	139,659	25,795	---	---	---	---
Bank of America	6,500	5,258	80,101	1,815	11,595	87,218	5,422	---	---	---	---
National City	50,000	65,624	601,895	5,056	62,083	*609,573	96,007	83	---	---	---
Chemical Nat.	4,500	18,310	131,249	1,256	15,055	114,070	3,508	347	---	---	---
Am Ex-Pac Nat	7,500	12,963	144,886	2,023	17,513	131,520	10,210	4,933	---	---	---
Nat Bk of Com	25,000	41,528	378,086	684	40,911	312,575	11,668	---	---	---	---
Chat Ph NB&T	13,500	12,834	217,516	2,452	24,004	170,902	40,587	5,979	---	---	---
Hanover Nat.	5,000	25,677	123,668	514	14,204	107,075	---	---	---	---	---
Corn Exchange	10,000	14,799	206,103	6,900	25,006	181,385	31,679	---	---	---	---
National Park	10,000	24,114	164,633	828	17,016	129,277	8,235	3,507	---	---	---
Bowly & East Rlv	3,000	3,151	52,594	1,521	5,242	36,146	15,979	992	---	---	---
First National	10,000	72,737	322,426	571	23,763	179,915	12,462	4,857	---	---	---
Irving Bk-Coll Tr	17,500	14,017	293,286	2,598	35,975	269,976	28,735	---	---	---	---
Continental	1,000	1,198	8,071	141	1,028	6,433	430	---	---	---	---
Chase National	40,000	39,152	568,793	7,018	68,614	*531,957	34,021	1,530	---	---	---
Fifth Avenue	500	3,031	25,614	778	3,383	24,771	---	---	---	---	---
Commonwealth	800	1,320	14,320	544	1,623	10,255	5,336	---	---	---	---
Garfield Nat'l.	1,000	1,788	17,080	416	2,431	16,934	225	---	---	---	---
Seaboard Nat'l.	6,000	10,104	121,311	1,016	15,104	115,258	2,296	47	---	---	---
Bankers Trust	20,000	31,707	342,825	755	37,487	*305,109	42,855	---	---	---	---
U S Mgt & Tr.	3,000	4,915	66,381	727	7,797	60,481	5,218	---	---	---	---
Guaranty Trust	25,000	22,588	418,972	1,297	46,285	*399,124	52,741	---	---	---	---
Fidelity-Inter Tr	4,000	3,174	42,471	849	4,869	37,367	3,965	---	---	---	---
New York Trust	10,000	20,312	186,400	559	20,692	150,889	22,856	---	---	---	---
Farmers L & Tr	10,000	18,963	145,691	452	14,740	*110,730	22,666	---	---	---	---
Equitable Trust	23,000	14,439	277,029	1,524	31,625	*293,549	29,978	---	---	---	---
<b>Total of averages</b>	<b>320,000</b>	<b>511,583</b>	<b>5,187,430</b>	<b>45,748</b>	<b>573,411</b>	<b>c4,254,834</b>	<b>520,971</b>	<b>22,275</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>Totals, actual condition</b>	<b>May 8</b>	<b>513,871</b>	<b>47,066,596</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>c4,228,155</b>	<b>519,414</b>	<b>22,293</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>Totals, actual condition</b>	<b>May 15</b>	<b>247,523</b>	<b>43,939,606</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>c4,331,126</b>	<b>522,891</b>	<b>22,306</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>Totals, actual condition</b>	<b>Apr. 24</b>	<b>507,561</b>	<b>45,902,555</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>c4,218,996</b>	<b>515,099</b>	<b>22,261</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>State Banks Not Members of Fed'l Res'v Bank.</b>											
Greenwich Bank	1,000	2,600	24,062	2,013	2,046	22,931	2,070	---	---	---	---
State Bank	5,000	5,324	107,599	4,929	2,266	38,945	64,807	---	---	---	---
<b>Total of averages</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>7,925</b>	<b>131,661</b>	<b>6,942</b>	<b>4,312</b>	<b>61,876</b>	<b>66,877</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>		



**Actual Figures.**

	Cash Reserve in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories	Total Reserve.	a Reserve Required.	Surplus Reserve.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Members Federal Reserve Bank	7,006,000	596,260,000	596,260,000	565,242,570	31,017,430
State banks*	2,544,000	4,741,000	11,747,000	11,138,040	608,960
Trust companies*		6,826,000	9,370,000	9,245,550	124,450
<b>Total May 8</b>	<b>9,550,000</b>	<b>607,827,000</b>	<b>617,377,000</b>	<b>585,626,160</b>	<b>31,750,840</b>
Total May 1	9,324,000	618,558,000	627,882,000	599,820,350	28,061,650
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

\* 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: May 8, \$15,582,420; May 1, \$15,686,730; Apr. 24, \$15,452,970; Apr. 17, \$15,064,770 Apr. 10, \$15,388,410.

**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.)

	May 8.	Differences from Previous Week.
Loans and investments	\$1,231,657,800	Inc. \$2,858,100
Gold	4,801,100	Inc. 195,600
Currency notes	24,448,000	Inc. 402,000
Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York	102,347,600	Dec. 1,051,400
Time deposits	1,284,898,800	Inc. 4,187,200
Deposits eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories and from other banks and trust companies in N. Y. City, exchange, & U. S. depositories	1,207,485,700	Inc. 6,274,100
Reserve on deposits	175,487,800	Dec. 3,224,400
Percentage of reserve, 20.1%		

**RESERVE.**

	State Banks	Trust Companies
Cash in vault	\$38,188,300	\$93,405,600
Deposits in banks and trust cos.	12,078,800	31,815,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$50,267,100</b>	<b>\$125,220,700</b>

\* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on May 8 was \$102,347,600.

**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.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Jan. 9	6,713,047,300	5,770,909,300	95,988,600	764,899,000
Jan. 16	6,614,199,500	5,711,092,600	90,893,800	762,604,500
Jan. 23	6,557,007,300	5,657,830,000	87,033,900	746,110,700
Jan. 30	6,538,928,200	5,628,105,200	87,174,800	732,989,600
Feb. 6	6,583,367,000	5,669,834,300	84,220,500	740,775,600
Feb. 13	6,551,072,500	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	726,793,200
Mar. 20	6,559,263,300	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	5,616,040,500	79,710,300	765,192,600
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	85,830,000	723,682,400
Apr. 24	6,461,079,100	5,513,745,200	83,366,600	722,786,600
May 1	6,593,194,700	5,576,964,000	83,980,500	731,028,700
May 8	6,641,815,800	5,586,188,700	84,575,100	730,815,500

**New York City Non-Member Banks and Trust Companies.**—The following are the returns to the Clearing House by clearing non-member institutions and which are not included in the "Clearing House Returns" in the foregoing:

**RETURN OF NON-MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE.**

(Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers [000] omitted.)

CLEARING NON-MEMBERS.	Capital.	Net Profits.	Loans, Discounts, Investments, &c.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Depositories.	Net Demand Deposits.	Net Time Deposits.
Members of Fed'l Reserve Bank	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,867	13,389	60	1,080	7,140	3,863
Grace Nat Bank	1,000	1,867	13,389	60	1,080	7,140	3,863
State Banks	200	616	9,052	781	388	6,460	2,784
Not Members of the Federal Reserve Bank	1,200	2,967	32,600	3,096	1,915	26,354	5,066
Bank of Wash. Hts.							
Colonial Bank							
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>3,583</b>	<b>41,652</b>	<b>3,877</b>	<b>2,303</b>	<b>32,814</b>	<b>7,850</b>
Trust Company							
Not Member of the Federal Reserve Bank							
Mech Tr, Bayonne	500	589	9,564	324	155	3,110	6,024
<b>Total</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>9,564</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>3,110</b>	<b>6,024</b>
<b>Grand aggregate</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>6,040</b>	<b>64,605</b>	<b>4,261</b>	<b>3,538</b>	<b>43,064</b>	<b>17,737</b>
Comparison with prev. week			+95	-277	+372	-1,351	-66
Gr'd agr., May 1	2,900	6,040	64,510	4,538	3,166	44,415	17,803
Gr'd agr., Apr. 24	2,900	6,040	64,235	4,427	3,283	43,670	17,728
Gr'd agr., Apr. 17	2,900	6,029	63,721	4,531	3,192	44,219	17,650
Gr'd agr., Apr. 10	2,900	6,029	62,297	4,306	3,666	42,054	17,611

a United States deposits deducted, \$124,000.  
 Bills payable, rediscounts acceptances, and other liabilities, \$1,854,000.  
 Excess reserve \$345,500 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.**

	May 12 1926.	Changes from previous week.	May 5 1926.	April 28 1926.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Capital	69,500,000	Unchanged	69,500,000	69,500,000
Surplus and profits	93,768,000	Unchanged	93,768,000	93,752,000
Loans, disc'ts & invest.	1,052,795,000	Inc. 14,324,000	1,038,471,000	1,031,054,000
Individual deposits	682,672,000	Dec. 12,268,000	694,940,000	679,624,000
Due to banks	140,313,000	Dec. 6,553,000	146,866,000	144,893,000
Time deposits	233,216,000	Inc. 5,271,000	227,945,000	224,816,000
United States deposits	34,976,000	Dec. 1,833,000	36,809,000	35,609,000
Exch's for Cl'g House	34,398,000	Dec. 9,245,000	43,643,000	35,096,000
Due from other banks	84,174,000	Dec. 10,355,000	94,529,000	85,448,000
Res'v in legal depos.	80,407,000	Dec. 637,000	81,044,000	80,079,000
Cash in bank	10,244,000	Inc. 81,000	10,143,000	10,336,000
Res'v excess in F.R. Bk	482,000	Dec. 184,000	666,000	653,000

**Philadelphia Banks.**—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending May 8, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve System the reserve required is 10% on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with legal depositories" and "Cash in vaults."

Two Ciphers (00) omitted.	Week Ended May 8 1926.			May 1 1926.	Apr. 24 1926.
	Members of F.R. System	Trust Companies	1926 Total.		
Capital	\$44,775.0	\$5,900.0	\$49,775.0	\$49,775.0	\$49,775.0
Surplus and profits	131,612.0	17,405.0	149,017.0	149,017.0	149,017.0
Loans, disc'ts & invests	872,839.0	50,233.0	923,072.0	924,341.0	920,223.0
Exchanges for Clear. House	34,321.0	514.0	34,835.0	38,288.0	34,765.0
Due from banks	111,923.0	19.0	111,942.0	113,203.0	115,150.0
Bank deposits	145,270.0	835.0	146,105.0	144,291.0	142,534.0
Individual deposits	607,396.0	32,047.0	639,443.0	640,164.0	640,167.0
Time deposits	130,713.0	2,142.0	132,855.0	133,654.0	132,751.0
Total deposits	883,379.0	35,024.0	918,403.0	918,109.0	915,452.0
Res'v with legal depos.		4,839.0	4,839.0	4,707.0	5,233.0
Reserve with F. R. Bank	66,773.0		66,773.0	65,518.0	65,873.0
Cash in vault *	10,016.0	1,407.0	11,423.0	11,211.0	11,598.0
Total reserve & cash held	76,789.0	6,246.0	83,035.0	81,436.0	82,704.0
Reserve required	66,312.0	4,959.0	71,271.0	71,037.0	71,128.0
Excess res. & cash in vault	10,477.0	1,287.0	11,764.0	10,399.0	11,576.0

\* 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 May 12 1926 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Resources—	May 12 1926.	May 5 1926.	May 13 1925.
	\$	\$	\$
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent	368,595,000	328,700,000	356,393,000
Gold redemp. fund with U. S. Treasury	8,962,000	10,290,000	7,675,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	377,557,000	338,990,000	364,068,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	212,398,000	221,236,000	193,549,000
Gold and gold certificates held by bank	367,651,000	365,716,000	335,095,000
<b>Total gold reserves</b>	<b>957,608,000</b>	<b>925,942,000</b>	<b>892,712,000</b>
Reserves other than gold	44,426,000	42,355,000	33,679,000
<b>Total reserves</b>	<b>1,002,034,000</b>	<b>968,297,000</b>	<b>926,391,000</b>
Non-reserve cash	17,261,000	15,831,000	16,966,000
Bills discounted—			
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	84,204,000	138,038,000	44,744,000
Other bills discounted	22,841,000	28,138,000	27,765,000
<b>Total bills discounted</b>	<b>107,045,000</b>	<b>166,176,000</b>	<b>72,509,000</b>
Bills bought in open market	70,181,000	58,257,000	89,572,000
U. S. Government securities—			
Bonds	11,762,000	11,762,000	11,085,000
Treasury notes	39,562,000	41,463,000	99,090,000
Certificates of indebtedness	25,825,000	27,545,000	2,222,000
<b>Total U. S. Government securities</b>	<b>77,149,000</b>	<b>80,770,000</b>	<b>112,397,000</b>
Foreign loans on gold	2,028,000	2,055,000	2,835,000
<b>Total bills and securities (See Note)</b>	<b>256,403,000</b>	<b>307,258,000</b>	<b>277,313,000</b>
Due from foreign banks (See Note)	778,000	686,000	640,000
Uncollected items	169,243,000	150,376,000	175,483,000
Bank premises	16,714,000	16,714,000	16,710,000
All other resources	5,538,000	5,446,000	6,344,000
<b>Total resources</b>	<b>1,467,969,000</b>	<b>1,464,608,000</b>	<b>1,419,847,000</b>
<b>Liabilities—</b>			
Fed'l Reserve notes in actual circulation	367,812,000	369,322,000	334,064,000
Deposits—Member bank, reserve acct.	843,694,000	851,821,000	836,242,000
Government	5,649,000	4,046,000	4,347,000
Foreign bank (See Note)	1,599,000	1,872,000	4,188,000
Other deposits	10,396,000	12,742,000	11,471,000
<b>Total deposits</b>	<b>861,338,000</b>	<b>870,481,000</b>	<b>856,248,000</b>
Deferred availability items	140,463,000	126,658,000	135,773,000
Capital paid in	35,223,000	35,190,000	31,523,000
Surplus	59,964,000	59,964,000	58,749,000
All other liabilities	3,169,000	2,993,000	3,490,000
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,467,969,000</b>	<b>1,464,608,000</b>	<b>1,419,847,000</b>
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and Fed'l Res'v note liabilities combined	81.5%	78.1%	77.8%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	17,553,000	17,126,000	11,036,000

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, May 13, 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 2727, 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 MAY 12, 1926.

	May 12 1926.	May 5 1926.	April 28 1926.	April 21 1926.	April 14 1926.	April 7 1926.	Mar. 31 1926.	Mar. 24 1926.	May 13 1925.
<b>RESOURCES.</b>									
Gold with Federal Reserve agents	1,471,677,000	1,414,141,000	1,437,742,000	1,498,448,000	1,385,430,000	1,384,531,000	1,361,723,000	1,404,307,000	1,581,014,000
Gold redemption fund with U. S. Treas.	46,657,000	45,892,000	52,247,000	53,429,000	52,815,000	47,741,000	48,754,000	58,086,000	47,968,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	1,518,334,000	1,460,033,000	1,489,989,000	1,551,877,000	1,438,245,000	1,432,272,000	1,410,477,000	1,462,393,000	1,628,982,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	640,954,000	700,106,000	691,418,000	617,881,000	715,880,000	730,247,000	751,935,000	713,203,000	614,266,000
Gold and gold certificates held by banks	638,292,000	632,397,000	615,686,000	625,469,000	627,663,000	620,827,000	604,461,000	618,885,000	610,267,000
<b>Total gold reserves</b>	<b>2,803,580,000</b>	<b>2,792,536,000</b>	<b>2,797,093,000</b>	<b>2,795,227,000</b>	<b>2,781,788,000</b>	<b>2,783,346,000</b>	<b>2,766,873,000</b>	<b>2,794,481,000</b>	<b>2,853,515,000</b>
Reserves other than gold	163,159,000	158,045,000	156,983,000	155,243,000	157,017,000	150,305,000	152,973,000	155,295,000	140,721,000
<b>Total reserves</b>	<b>2,966,739,000</b>	<b>2,950,581,000</b>	<b>2,954,076,000</b>	<b>2,950,470,000</b>	<b>2,938,805,000</b>	<b>2,933,651,000</b>	<b>2,919,846,000</b>	<b>2,949,776,000</b>	<b>2,994,236,000</b>
Non-reserve cash	60,486,000	57,198,000	57,937,000	60,768,000	62,838,000	61,484,000	62,078,000	66,102,000	56,366,000
<b>Bills discounted:</b>									
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	251,674,000	302,280,000	275,223,000	208,834,000	334,735,000	290,169,000	311,487,000	340,564,000	161,263,000
Other bills discounted	224,740,000	244,901,000	238,445,000	240,830,000	242,549,000	288,383,000	320,904,000	276,983,000	177,459,000
<b>Total bills discounted</b>	<b>476,414,000</b>	<b>547,181,000</b>	<b>513,668,000</b>	<b>449,670,000</b>	<b>577,284,000</b>	<b>578,552,000</b>	<b>632,391,000</b>	<b>617,547,000</b>	<b>338,722,000</b>
Bills bought in open market	228,162,000	213,384,000	199,017,000	229,474,000	274,058,000	229,773,000	249,633,000	252,228,000	282,986,000
<b>U. S. Government securities:</b>									
Bonds	100,923,000	99,092,000	98,008,000	98,681,000	94,136,000	74,997,000	70,054,000	63,877,000	85,377,000
Treasury notes	163,223,000	162,513,000	150,684,000	149,999,000	143,465,000	134,897,000	131,644,000	121,308,000	270,988,000
Certificates of indebtedness	132,116,000	133,721,000	140,121,000	139,993,000	139,415,000	132,135,000	128,139,000	123,016,000	23,612,000
<b>Total U. S. Government securities</b>	<b>396,262,000</b>	<b>395,326,000</b>	<b>388,813,000</b>	<b>388,583,000</b>	<b>377,016,000</b>	<b>342,029,000</b>	<b>329,837,000</b>	<b>308,201,000</b>	<b>379,977,000</b>
Other securities (see note)	4,635,000	4,635,000	4,635,000	4,635,000	5,185,000	5,185,000	5,185,000	3,810,000	1,400,000
Foreign loans on gold	7,401,000	7,500,000	8,100,000	8,700,000	8,700,000	8,800,000	8,491,000	8,010,000	10,500,000
<b>Total bills and securities (see note)</b>	<b>1,112,874,000</b>	<b>1,168,026,000</b>	<b>1,114,233,000</b>	<b>1,081,062,000</b>	<b>1,242,243,000</b>	<b>1,164,339,000</b>	<b>1,225,537,000</b>	<b>1,189,796,000</b>	<b>1,013,585,000</b>
Due from foreign banks (see note)	778,000	686,000	660,000	644,000	643,000	643,000	643,000	643,000	640,000
Uncollected items	690,879,000	644,473,000	638,910,000	711,618,000	768,248,000	635,145,000	620,294,000	635,857,000	690,032,000
Bank premises	59,651,000	59,554,000	59,537,000	59,519,000	59,481,000	59,480,000	59,441,000	59,406,000	59,498,000
All other resources	16,804,000	16,831,000	16,231,000	15,780,000	16,201,000	15,040,000	14,759,000	14,732,000	22,581,000
<b>Total resources</b>	<b>4,908,211,000</b>	<b>4,897,349,000</b>	<b>4,841,584,000</b>	<b>4,879,859,000</b>	<b>5,088,459,000</b>	<b>4,869,782,000</b>	<b>4,902,598,000</b>	<b>4,916,312,000</b>	<b>4,836,938,000</b>
<b>LIABILITIES.</b>									
F. R. notes in actual circulation	1,675,535,000	1,672,016,000	1,661,982,000	1,662,284,000	1,681,096,000	1,652,878,000	1,656,482,000	1,658,996,000	1,676,204,000
<b>Deposits:</b>									
Member banks—reserve account	2,193,512,000	2,230,801,000	2,202,831,000	2,171,145,000	2,283,222,000	2,191,635,000	2,215,243,000	2,218,007,000	2,153,999,000
Government	27,484,000	27,785,000	16,412,000	23,828,000	43,280,000	60,580,000	85,813,000	68,892,000	19,532,000
Foreign bank (see note)	4,955,000	5,227,000	5,009,000	4,494,000	4,576,000	7,954,000	5,399,000	8,420,000	6,479,000
Other deposits	19,733,000	22,225,000	17,874,000	20,283,000	16,074,000	18,298,000	16,897,000	18,313,000	20,200,000
<b>Total deposits</b>	<b>2,245,684,000</b>	<b>2,286,038,000</b>	<b>2,242,126,000</b>	<b>2,219,750,000</b>	<b>2,347,152,000</b>	<b>2,278,467,000</b>	<b>2,323,352,000</b>	<b>2,313,632,000</b>	<b>2,200,030,000</b>
Deferred availability items	627,899,000	581,175,000	579,167,000	640,652,000	703,600,000	582,779,000	567,879,000	588,910,000	614,531,000
Capital paid in	122,408,000	122,186,000	122,129,000	121,452,000	120,898,000	120,455,000	120,427,000	120,404,000	115,270,000
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
All other liabilities	16,375,000	15,624,000	15,870,000	15,411,000	15,403,000	14,893,000	14,148,000	14,060,000	13,066,000
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>4,908,211,000</b>	<b>4,897,349,000</b>	<b>4,841,584,000</b>	<b>4,879,859,000</b>	<b>5,088,459,000</b>	<b>4,869,782,000</b>	<b>4,902,598,000</b>	<b>4,916,312,000</b>	<b>4,836,938,000</b>
Ratio of gold reserves to deposits and F. R. note liabilities combined	71.4%	70.5%	71.6%	72.0%	68.9%	70.8%	69.5%	70.3%	73.6%
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	75.7%	74.5%	75.7%	76.0%	73.0%	74.6%	73.4%	74.3%	77.2%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	64,735,000	65,509,000	66,568,000	67,696,000	68,202,000	68,172,000	69,161,000	71,016,000	42,828,000
<b>Distribution by Maturities—</b>									
1-15 days bills bought in open market	136,092,000	126,997,000	86,409,000	97,220,000	132,730,000	97,117,000	117,659,000	110,540,000	124,639,000
1-15 days bills discounted	340,706,000	406,382,000	381,970,000	312,567,000	436,193,000	430,712,000	473,606,000	488,050,000	231,963,000
1-15 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	1,120,000	1,720,000	-----	-----	13,000	36,000	10,000	2,884,000	567,000
1-15 days municipal warrants	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
16-30 days bills bought in open market	36,946,000	36,959,000	56,093,000	60,606,000	57,559,000	52,615,000	52,635,000	61,546,000	60,242,000
16-30 days bills discounted	32,237,000	33,955,000	30,154,000	32,320,000	33,897,000	34,987,000	37,181,000	31,386,000	25,208,000
16-30 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	4,689,000	4,689,000	-----	4,689,000	200,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
16-30 days municipal warrants	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
31-60 days bills bought in open market	42,420,000	33,098,000	38,275,000	42,702,000	54,633,000	51,824,000	52,287,000	52,619,000	63,048,000
31-60 days bills discounted	51,145,000	55,749,000	51,743,000	54,093,000	56,491,000	59,119,000	65,230,000	51,259,000	38,253,000
31-60 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	52,527,000	55,168,000	63,036,000	60,703,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
31-60 days municipal warrants	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
61-90 days bills bought in open market	10,019,000	12,669,000	14,192,000	24,230,000	24,268,000	24,807,000	23,327,000	22,744,000	30,761,000
61-90 days bills discounted	26,983,000	27,379,000	28,445,000	31,560,000	33,156,000	37,770,000	41,319,000	35,345,000	19,853,000
61-90 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	-----	-----	-----	2,251,000	66,863,000	62,991,000	59,418,000	25,203,000	-----
61-90 days municipal warrants	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Over 90 days bills bought in open market	2,685,000	3,661,000	4,048,000	4,716,000	4,868,000	3,410,000	3,725,000	4,779,000	4,296,000
Over 90 days bills discounted	25,343,000	23,716,000	21,356,000	19,130,000	17,547,000	15,964,000	15,055,000	13,507,000	23,445,000
Over 90 days certif. of indebtedness	73,780,000	72,144,000	72,085,000	72,260,000	72,339,000	69,108,000	68,711,000	94,929,000	23,045,000
Over 90 days municipal warrants	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>F. R. notes received from Comptroller</b>	<b>2,837,464,000</b>	<b>2,848,364,000</b>	<b>2,856,089,000</b>	<b>2,859,710,000</b>	<b>2,832,211,000</b>	<b>2,802,474,000</b>	<b>2,809,809,000</b>	<b>2,807,701,000</b>	<b>2,979,174,000</b>
<b>F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent</b>	<b>839,157,000</b>	<b>847,386,000</b>	<b>855,082,000</b>	<b>853,871,000</b>	<b>830,057,000</b>	<b>843,261,000</b>	<b>843,108,000</b>	<b>827,637,000</b>	<b>993,098,000</b>
<b>Issued to Federal Reserve Banks</b>	<b>1,998,307,000</b>	<b>2,000,978,000</b>	<b>2,001,007,000</b>	<b>2,005,839,000</b>	<b>2,002,154,000</b>	<b>1,959,213,000</b>	<b>1,966,703,000</b>	<b>1,980,064,000</b>	<b>1,986,076,000</b>
<b>How Secured—</b>									
By gold and gold certificates	305,054,000	303,554,000	318,953,000	309,253,000	309,653,000	309,393,000	311,743,000	310,498,000	282,316,000
Gold redemption fund	106,175,000	104,790,000	99,441,000	100,600,000	110,457,000	99,051,000	104,805,000	105,606,000	108,400,000
Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board	1,060,448,000	1,005,797,000	1,019,348,000	1,088,595,000	965,320,000	976,087,000	945,175,000	988,203,000	1,190,298,000
By eligible paper	632,765,000	736,862,000	688,773,000	648,512,000	822,806,000	778,000,000	838,769,000	827,811,000	589,468,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,154,442,000</b>	<b>2,151,003,000</b>	<b>2,126,515,000</b>	<b>2,146,960,000</b>	<b>2,208,236,000</b>	<b>2,161,557,000</b>	<b>2,200,492,000</b>	<b>2,232,118,000</b>	<b>2,170,482,000</b>

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



RESOURCES (Concluded)— Two Ciphers (00) omitted.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other securities			3,575.0			560.0			500.0				4,635.0
Foreign loans on gold	562.0	2,028.0	703.0	792.0	392.0	296.0	1,014.0	318.0	237.0	289.0	259.0	511.0	7,401.0
Total bills and securities	63,514.0	256,403.0	84,109.0	123,012.0	59,607.0	57,689.0	137,246.0	57,345.0	41,625.0	66,073.0	50,760.0	115,491.0	1,112,874.0
Due from foreign banks		778.0											778.0
Uncollected items	67,399.0	169,243.0	61,463.0	63,823.0	56,656.0	31,846.0	85,451.0	34,657.0	14,221.0	40,583.0	25,136.0	40,401.0	690,879.0
Bank premises	4,068.0	16,714.0	1,555.0	7,409.0	2,364.0	2,814.0	7,933.0	4,111.0	2,943.0	4,654.0	1,793.0	3,290.0	59,651.0
All other resources	96.0	5,538.0	418.0	7,409.0	315.0	1,077.0	1,494.0	512.0	2,150.0	632.0	404.0	3,227.0	16,804.0
<b>Total resources</b>	<b>378,208.0</b>	<b>1,467,969.0</b>	<b>369,584.0</b>	<b>478,006.0</b>	<b>209,942.0</b>	<b>306,398.0</b>	<b>633,001.0</b>	<b>171,711.0</b>	<b>139,108.0</b>	<b>199,908.0</b>	<b>131,479.0</b>	<b>422,987.0</b>	<b>4,908,211.0</b>
<b>LIABILITIES.</b>													
F. R. notes in actual circulation	140,060.0	367,812.0	142,891.0	198,854.0	72,756.0	186,802.0	183,216.0	37,404.0	62,666.0	62,010.0	35,506.0	185,558.0	1,675,535.0
Deposits:													
Member bank—reserve acc't.	143,891.0	843,694.0	133,697.0	179,547.0	64,627.0	74,007.0	319,546.0	81,689.0	49,568.0	85,192.0	55,337.0	162,717.0	2,193,512.0
Government	1,987.0	5,649.0	2,698.0	2,189.0	1,021.0	1,645.0	4,797.0	1,560.0	2,047.0	1,687.0	1,263.0	941.0	27,484.0
Foreign bank	351.0	1,599.0	439.0	495.0	245.0	185.0	633.0	199.0	148.0	180.0	162.0	319.0	4,955.0
Other deposits	110.0	10,396.0	220.0	1,069.0	171.0	87.0	820.0	323.0	207.0	116.0	46.0	6,168.0	19,733.0
Total deposits	146,339.0	861,338.0	137,054.0	183,300.0	66,064.0	75,924.0	325,796.0	83,771.0	51,970.0	87,175.0	56,808.0	170,145.0	2,245,684.0
Deferred availability items	65,247.0	140,463.0	55,336.0	57,968.0	52,093.0	29,139.0	74,570.0	34,797.0	12,484.0	36,608.0	26,511.0	41,683.0	627,899.0
Capital paid in	8,772.0	35,223.0	12,129.0	13,487.0	6,066.0	4,940.0	16,418.0	5,274.0	3,149.0	4,262.0	4,299.0	8,389.0	122,408.0
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	770.0	3,169.0	710.0	1,503.0	1,044.0	893.0	2,388.0	895.0	1,248.0	874.0	740.0	2,141.0	16,375.0
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>378,208.0</b>	<b>1,467,969.0</b>	<b>369,584.0</b>	<b>478,006.0</b>	<b>209,942.0</b>	<b>306,398.0</b>	<b>633,001.0</b>	<b>171,711.0</b>	<b>139,108.0</b>	<b>199,908.0</b>	<b>131,479.0</b>	<b>422,987.0</b>	<b>4,908,211.0</b>
<b>Memoranda.</b>													
Reserve ratio (per cent)	83.5	81.5	78.8	73.2	62.6	79.3	76.2	58.7	67.0	57.5	55.0	72.4	75.7
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	4,939.0	17,553.0	6,174.0	6,954.0	3,444.0	2,600.0	8,903.0	2,794.0	2,080.0	2,535.0	2,275.0	4,484.0	64,735.0
F. R. notes on hand (notes rec'd from F. R. Agent less notes in circulation)	15,982.0	142,251.0	28,538.0	14,436.0	15,086.0	29,912.0	22,612.0	5,359.0	4,731.0	5,669.0	5,853.0	32,343.0	322,772.0

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE ACCOUNTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 12 1926.

Federal Reserve Agent at—	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
(Two Ciphers (00) Omitted.)													
F. R. notes rec'd from Comptroller	203,892.0	764,503.0	210,869.0	267,220.0	119,882.0	267,704.0	408,665.0	64,943.0	85,280.0	114,249.0	54,396.0	275,881.0	2,837,464.0
F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent	47,850.0	254,440.0	39,440.0	53,930.0	32,040.0	60,990.0	202,837.0	22,180.0	17,863.0	46,570.0	13,037.0	57,980.0	839,157.0
F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bank	156,042.0	610,063.0	171,429.0	213,290.0	87,842.0	216,714.0	205,828.0	42,763.0	67,397.0	67,679.0	41,359.0	217,901.0	1,998,307.0
Collateral held as security for F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bk.:													
Gold and gold certificates	35,300.0	171,698.0	400.0	8,780.0	25,655.0	13,238.0		8,045.0	13,212.0		18,726.0	10,000.0	305,054.0
Gold redemption fund	14,905.0	25,897.0	11,132.0	13,147.0	4,263.0	7,564.0	3,587.0	1,558.0	2,187.0	2,812.0	3,472.0	15,651.0	106,175.0
Gold fund—F. R. Board	79,000.0	171,000.0	112,497.0	150,000.0	13,500.0	144,500.0	145,645.0	8,500.0	34,000.0	41,360.0	3,500.0	156,946.0	1,060,448.0
Eligible paper	45,663.0	167,472.0	50,088.0	84,534.0	47,379.0	52,366.0	76,253.0	28,639.0	20,983.0	27,925.0	17,129.0	64,334.0	682,765.0
<b>Total collateral</b>	<b>174,868.0</b>	<b>536,067.0</b>	<b>174,117.0</b>	<b>256,461.0</b>	<b>90,797.0</b>	<b>217,668.0</b>	<b>225,485.0</b>	<b>46,742.0</b>	<b>70,382.0</b>	<b>72,097.0</b>	<b>42,827.0</b>	<b>246,931.0</b>	<b>2,154,442.0</b>

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 705 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 2727.

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business MAY 5 1926. (Three ciphers (000) omitted.)

Federal Reserve District.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
Number of reporting banks	39	97	52	75	68	36	99	33	24	67	49	66	705
Loans and discounts, gross:													
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations	\$ 8,583	\$ 62,117	\$ 11,972	\$ 19,711	\$ 4,640	\$ 6,032	\$ 27,369	\$ 12,181	\$ 2,542	\$ 3,685	\$ 2,990	\$ 10,479	\$ 172,301
Secured by stocks and bonds	327,306	2,294,363	404,208	544,657	138,881	104,160	786,941	201,331	61,059	97,742	73,966	284,368	5,318,982
All other loans and discounts	648,724	2,727,970	375,501	779,128	381,462	401,163	1,263,494	312,895	168,969	318,750	231,407	905,998	8,513,461
Total loans and discounts	982,613	5,084,450	791,681	1,343,496	524,983	511,355	2,077,804	526,407	232,570	420,177	308,363	1,200,845	14,004,744
Investments:													
U. S. Government securities	156,602	1,021,258	102,952	281,859	66,642	43,646	311,150	59,992	71,037	112,355	53,611	258,153	2,539,257
Other bonds, stocks and securities	238,693	1,191,927	252,963	344,498	62,446	56,998	439,222	107,187	43,388	81,244	24,157	212,485	3,055,208
Total investments	395,295	2,213,185	355,915	626,357	129,088	100,644	750,372	167,179	114,425	193,599	77,768	470,638	5,594,465
Total loans and investments	1,377,908	7,297,635	1,147,596	1,969,853	654,071	611,999	2,828,176	693,586	346,995	613,776	386,131	1,671,483	19,599,209
Reserve balances with F. R. Bank:													
Cash in vault	97,759	751,383	84,946	119,565	41,174	41,733	255,664	49,764	23,171	53,814	29,141	109,607	1,657,721
Net demand deposits	20,503	79,302	15,920	30,768	13,295	11,159	49,192	8,090	5,852	12,015	9,720	20,936	276,752
Time deposits	890,222	5,626,078	778,334	1,016,719	365,155	350,001	1,746,402	412,601	213,919	472,713	264,111	745,459	12,881,714
Government deposits	417,110	1,249,170	227,607	804,769	206,042	221,151	1,034,993	215,643	108,294	146,433	100,489	830,507	5,562,208
Bills pay. & redisc. with F. R. Bk.:	37,309	46,041	28,199	28,337	8,947	11,399	20,763	7,819	4,039	7,974	6,968	23,952	231,747
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations	1,615	122,538	5,418	19,349	5,425	2,207	25,429	5,790	2,830	3,555	1,194	26,796	222,146
All other	4,059	18,488	6,159	8,893	11,091	16,679	16,679	7,833	1,297	8,748	1,477	18,079	121,490
Total borrowings from F. R. Bank	5,674	141,026	11,577	28,242	16,516	18,894	42,108	13,623	4,127	12,303	4,671	44,875	343,636
Bankers' balances of reporting member banks in F. R. Bank cities:													
Due to banks	135,463	1,109,224	187,024	47,545	31,899	18,855	402,844	88,392	50,347	94,174	27,220	84,222	2,277,209
Due from banks	39,798	101,200	75,707	27,585	16,274	14,882	173,945	30,682	21,077	48,317	22,402	47,334	619,203

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.		
	May 5 1926.	April 28 1926.	May 6 1925.	May 5 1926.	April 28 1926.	May 6 1925.	May 5 1926.	April 28 1926.	May 6 1925.
Number of reporting banks	705	706	736	59	59	65	46	46	46
Loans and discounts, gross:									
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations	\$ 172,301,000	\$ 163,749,000	\$ 193,354,000	\$ 57,233,000	\$ 52,313,000	\$ 71,488,000	\$ 21,105,000	\$ 16,421,000	\$ 23,637,000
Secured by stocks and bonds	5,318,982,000	5,289,965,000	4,875,929,000	2,008,062,000	1,986,592,000	1,993,543,000	581,318,000	585,556,000	538,895,000
All other loans and discounts	8,513,461,000	8,495,157,000	8,115,969,000	2,401,540,000	2,370,143,000	2,236,694,000	697,113,000	694,167,000	699,601,000
Total loans and discounts	14,004,744,000	13,948,871,000	13,185,252,000	4,466,835,000	4,409,048,000	4,301,725,000	1,299,536,000	1,296,144,000	1,262,133,000
Investments:									
U. S. Gov't securities	2,539,257,000	2,533,270,000							

# Bankers' Gazette

Wall Street, Friday Night, May 14 1926.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 2760.

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 May 14.	Sales for Week.	Range for Week.		Range Since Jan. 1.					
		Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.				
<b>Railroads.</b>	Par.	Shares	\$ per share.	\$ per share.	\$ per share.	\$ per share.			
Buff & Susquehanna	100	62	May 11	62	May 11	61	Mar 65	Feb	
Morris & Essex	50	8	80 1/4	May 12	80 1/4	May 12	79 1/4	Jan 81	Mar
Nat Rys Mex 1st pf	100	100	5 1/2	May 12	5 1/2	May 12	4 3/4	Apr 8 3/4	Jan
N Y & Harlem	50	10	195	May 11	195	May 11	175	Apr 205	Jan
N Y Rys cfs stamped	50	30	285	May 11	295	May 11	285	Apr 295	May
N Y State Rys pref	100	100	43	May 12	43	May 12	43	May 50 1/4	Jan
Reading Rys	100	1,200	17	May 10	17 1/2	May 8	16 1/4	Mar 22 1/4	Feb
Rensselaer & Saratoga	100	15	124 1/4	May 8	124 1/4	May 8	122	Feb 124 1/4	May
<b>Industrial &amp; Misc.</b>									
Abraham & Straus pf	100	200	107	May 8	107 1/2	May 8	104 1/4	Mar 108	Mar
Albany Pref Wrp Pap Co	100	300	27	May 12	27	May 12	27	May 27 1/2	May
Alliance Realty	100	100	50	May 14	50	May 14	48 1/4	Apr 50	Mar
Amerada Corp	100	7,000	25	May 10	25 1/2	May 8	24 1/4	Mar 26 1/4	Apr
Am Chicle Pr pf cts	100	100	89	May 11	89	May 11	87	Apr 90	May
Am Home Products	100	2,200	25 1/2	May 11	25 1/2	May 8	25 1/4	May 26 1/4	Apr
Am Piano pref	100	300	93 1/4	May 14	95	May 10	93 1/4	Mar 98	Jan
Am Power & Light	100	2,400	52 1/4	May 14	53 1/2	May 13	52 1/4	Mar 53 1/2	May
American Snuff pref	100	100	100	May 12	100	May 12	100	Jan 102 1/2	Mar
Auto Sales	50	100	4 1/4	May 11	4 1/4	May 11	4 1/4	Jan 4 1/4	Feb
Barnet Leather	100	200	40	May 12	41	May 10	40	May 57 1/4	Jan
Bayulk Bros 1st pf	100	100	98	May 10	98	May 10	98	May 100 1/2	Feb
Com Credit 1st pf (6)	100	400	91	May 10	91	May 10	91	May 99 1/2	Feb
Congress Cigar	100	300	40 1/4	May 14	40 1/4	May 14	40 1/4	Mar 43 1/4	Apr
Durham Hosiery	50	1,100	10	May 14	11	May 14	8	Mar 19	Feb
Eisenlohr & Bros	25	800	12 1/2	May 11	12 1/2	May 8	12	Mar 20 1/2	Feb
Elec Auto-Lite	100	400	63 1/2	May 12	64 1/2	May 12	61 1/4	Mar 82 1/4	Feb
Electric Boat	100	2,000	4 1/2	May 11	4 1/2	May 8	4	Mar 8 1/4	Feb
Elec Refrigeration	100	6,500	64 1/2	May 10	65 1/2	May 12	63	Mar 67 1/2	Apr
Elk Horn Coal Corp	100	500	9	May 14	9 1/4	May 14	9	Feb 12 1/4	Feb
Equit Office Bldg pf	100	300	100 1/4	May 14	101 1/4	May 14	100	Apr 101 1/4	May
First Nat Pic 1st pf	100	200	98	May 14	98 1/4	May 13	97 1/4	Apr 97 1/4	Feb
Fisk Rub 1st pf stpd	100	1,200	79 1/4	May 11	80 1/4	May 11	78 1/4	Apr 84 1/4	Mar
1st pref conv	100	100	96 1/4	May 13	96 1/4	May 13	95	Apr 107	Mar
Gulf States St 1st pf	100	400	109	May 14	109 1/4	May 11	105 1/2	Jan 109 1/4	May
Intercontinental Rub	100	2,700	13 1/2	May 10	14 1/4	May 12	13 1/2	May 21 1/4	Feb
Lago Oil & Transp Corp	100	23,600	19 1/4	May 10	19 1/4	May 14	19 1/4	May 19 1/4	May
Lambert Co cts	100	3,500	40	May 10	41 1/4	May 12	39 1/4	May 42 1/4	May
Life Savers	100	1,000	18	May 8	18	May 8	17 1/4	May 21 1/4	Feb
Mack Truck 2nd Paid	100	100	104	May 10	104	May 10	102	Apr 104	May
Mallinson & Co pref	100	100	73 1/4	May 14	73 1/4	May 14	73 1/4	Mar 78 1/4	Jan
Manati Sugar	100	400	35	May 10	35	May 10	27	Apr 50 1/4	Jan
Miller Rubber	100	1,200	33	May 12	34 1/4	May 10	33	May 44 1/4	Feb
Montana Power pref	100	100	118	May 10	118	May 10	112 1/2	Jan 119 1/4	Jan
N Y Canners new pref	100	100	84	May 12	84	May 12	84	Apr 89 1/4	Jan
NagLock & Ont Pwp	100	500	79	May 10	79	May 10	79	Jan 99 1/4	Mar
Norwalk T & Rub pref	100	100	109	May 10	109	May 10	109	Jan 109 1/4	Mar
Oil Well Supply pref	100	200	105	May 12	105	May 12	104 1/4	Apr 107	Feb
Omnibus Corp	100	14,500	14 1/4	May 8	14 1/4	May 12	14 1/4	Mar 22 1/4	Feb
Preferred	100	100	92	May 10	92	May 10	90 1/4	Apr 98 1/4	Feb
Panhandle P & R pf	100	400	87	May 13	90	May 8	51	Jan 90	May
Pub Ser of N J pref	100	400	98	May 13	99 1/4	May 14	96 1/4	Apr 100 1/4	Jan
Reid Ice Cream pref	100	100	99	May 13	99	May 13	95 1/4	Mar 100	Jan
Southern Dairies cl A	100	2,100	46	May 14	47 1/4	May 12	43	Mar 52	Apr
Class B	100	13,500	29 1/4	Mar 10	30 1/4	May 12	22	Mar 31	Apr
Spalding Bros 1st pref	100	100	103 1/4	May 14	103 1/4	May 14	101	Jan 105	Mar
Stand Oil of Calif new	100	4,700	52 1/4	May 14	53 1/4	May 13	52 1/4	May 4 1/4	Feb
Thompson (J R) Co	25	200	43	May 13	43 1/4	May 14	42 1/4	May 48 1/4	Mar
Un Carbide & Carbon	100	7,300	79 1/4	May 10	81 1/4	May 13	77 1/4	Mar 86 1/4	Jan
U S Express	100	100	3 1/4	May 13	3 1/4	May 13	3 1/4	Mar 4	Jan
Vick Chemical	100	500	45	May 14	45 1/4	May 13	44 1/4	Apr 51 1/4	Feb
Vulcan Detling pref	100	100	88	May 13	88	May 13	88	Apr 95	Mar
Vivandou pref	100	100	100 1/4	May 13	100 1/4	May 13	94 1/4	Jan 103 1/4	Feb
Wells Fargo & Co	100	200	4 1/4	May 14	4 1/4	May 14	3 1/4	Jan 4 1/4	May
Westinghouse 1st pref	100	100	80	May 14	80	May 14	80	Jan 87 1/4	Feb
Wilson & Co new	100	300	8	May 14	8 1/4	May 10	8	May 9	Apr
A new	100	500	15 1/4	May 14	16 1/4	May 13	15 1/4	May 17 1/4	May
Preferred new	100	200	43 1/4	May 14	43 1/4	May 14	43 1/4	May 45 1/4	Apr

\* No par value.

## New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

Banks—N Y		Banks.		Trust Cos.	
Bid	Ask	Bid	Ask	Bid	Ask
America	360	Hamilton	192 199	New York	---
Amer Ex Pac	425 432	Hanover	1040 1060	American	---
Amer Union	208 215	Harriman	540 570	Bank of N Y	597 605
Bowery East R	370 380	Manhattan	225 230	& Trust Co	605 610
Broadway Cen	335 375	Mutual	600	Bankers Trust	610 625
Bronx Boro	1250 1350	Nat American	180 200	Bronx Co Tr	310 325
Bronx Nat	420 440	National City	592 598	Central Union	820 840
Bryant Park	210 240	New Neth	265 275	County	225 250
Butch & Drov	170 180	Park	492 500	Empire	340 347
Capitol Nat	215 230	Penn Exch	124 134	Equitable Tr	263 268
Cent Mercan	275 285	Port Morris	215	Farm L & Tr	495 505
Chase	420 425	Public	525 535	Fidelity Trust	282 287
Chatt Phenix	---	Seaboard	600 610	Fulton	385 410
Nat Bk & Tr	338 343	Seventh	175 185	Guaranty Tr	354 359
Chelsea Exch	222 228	Standard	600 650	Irving Bank	---
Chemical	740 760	State	575 600	Columbia Tr	310 314
Colonial	550	Trade	157 162	Lawyers Tr	---
Commerce	367 370	United	215 230	Manufacturer	495 502
Com'wealth	300 310	United States	295 300	Mutual (West	---
Continental	270 280	Wash'n Hts	650 800	chester)	175 200
Corn Exch	545 555	Brooklyn	---	N Y Trust	495 502
Cosmop'tan	220 245	Coney Island	250 300	Title Gu & Tr	390 400
Fifth Avenue	2100 2400	First	375	U S Mtg & Tr	1710 1740
First	2550 2600	Mechanics	325 332	United States	---
Franklin	170 190	Montauk	305 320	Westches Tr	---
Garfield	365 375	Municipal	285 290	Brooklyn	710 725
Globe Exch	200 240	Nassau	350 360	Kings County	1900 2100
Grace	325	People's	580	M'dwoud	260 275
Greenwich	525 560	Queensboro	200	---	---

\* Banks marked (\*) are State banks (t) New stock. (x) Ex-dividend

## New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

All prices dollars per share		Mtg Bond		Realty Assoc	
Bid	Ask	Bid	Ask	Bid	Ask
Alliance R'ty	40 1/2	170	147	212	217
Amer Surety	170 175	Nat Surety	130 215	(Bklyn) com	88 92
Bond & M G	310 315	N Y Title &	---	1st pref	86 90
Lawyers Mtge	262 267	Mortgage	445 455	2d pref	---
Lawyers Title	---	U S Casualty	310 330	Westchester	---
& Guarantee	292 299	---	---	Title & Tr	495

(t) New Stock.

## Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Maturity.	Int. Rate.	Bid.	Asked.	Maturity.	Int. Rate.	Bid.	Asked.
Sept 15 1926	4 1/4 %	100 1/2	100 1/4	June 15 1926	3 1/4 %	99 1/2	100 1/2
June 15 1926	3 %	99 1/2	100	Dec 15 1927	4 1/4 %	101 1/2	101 1/2
Dec 15 1926	3 1/4 %	100 1/4	100 1/4	Mar 15 1927	4 1/4 %	101	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.	May 8.	May 10	May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14
<b>First Liberty Loan</b> (High 100 3/4, Low 100 1/4, Close 100 1/2)	100 3/4	100 2/4	100 2/4	100 2/4	100 2/4	100 2/4
3 1/2 % bonds of 1932-47 (First 3 1/4)	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4
Converted 4 1/2 % bonds of 1932-47 (First 4 1/4)	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4
Total sales in \$1,000 units	4	86	9	8	186	5
<b>Second Liberty Loan</b> (High 102 1/4, Low 102 1/4, Close 102 1/4)	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4
4 1/2 % bonds of 1927-42 (Second 4 1/4)	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4
Converted 4 1/2 % bonds of 1927-42 (Second 4 1/4)	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4
Total sales in \$1,000 units	8	6	140	7	12	8
<b>Third Liberty Loan</b> (High 101 1/2, Low 101 1/2, Close 101 1/2)	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
4 1/2 % bonds of 1923 (Third 4 1/4)	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Converted 4 1/2 % bonds of 1923 (Third 4 1/4)	101					



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Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads, Par); PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1926; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925. Includes stock names like Ann Arbor, Atch Tepeka & Santa Fe, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices. \* Ex-dividend. \* Ex-rights.



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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and price ranges for various stock categories.

Main table of stock prices under 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for 'Sales for the Week', 'Shares', 'Lowest', and 'Highest' prices.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. a-Rights. s-Ex-dividend.



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## HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Saturday, May 8.	Monday, May 10.	Tuesday, May 11.	Wednesday, May 12.	Thursday, May 13.	Friday, May 14.
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share
23 1/8 23 1/8	22 3/4 23 1/8	24 24	25 1/4 25 1/4	26 26	25 26
90 90	*88 89 1/2	*89 90	89 1/2 90	90 90	89 3/4 92 1/2
*100 1/2 102	*100 1/2 102	*100 1/2 102	102 102	*101 102	*101 102
*4 7/8 5	*4 7/8 5	*4 7/8 5	*4 7/8 5	*4 7/8 5	*4 7/8 5
23 23	22 1/2 22 3/4	22 3/4 22 3/4	22 3/4 22 3/4	22 3/4 22 3/4	22 1/2 23
12 1/4 12 1/4	11 3/4 12 1/4	11 3/4 12 1/4	11 3/4 12 1/4	11 3/4 12 1/4	11 1/4 11 1/2
*31 33 1/2	31 33	33 34 1/4	33 1/2 33 1/2	33 33	*33 33 3/8
128 1/2 128 1/2	126 127 1/2	127 127 1/2	127 1/4 127 1/4	128 128	*128 128 3/4
32 1/2 32 3/4	32 32	32 1/2 32 3/4	32 1/2 32 3/4	32 1/2 32 3/4	32 1/2 32 3/4
*11 1/2 17 1/8	*11 1/2 13 1/4	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2
*68 58 1/2	*58 58 1/2	*58 58 1/2	58 58 1/2	58 58 1/2	*58 60
*14 14 1/8	14 1/8 14 1/8	14 1/4 14 1/4	*11 1/2 14 7/8	*14 1/4 14 1/4	14 1/4 14 1/2
*80 81 1/2	79 1/8 81 1/2	80 1/4 80 1/4	81 1/2 82	82 82 1/2	81 1/4 81 1/4
103 103	*102 104 1/2	*103 104 1/2	104 1/2 104 1/2	104 1/2 104 1/2	104 1/2 104 1/2
8 1/2 8 1/2	8 1/2 8 1/2	8 1/2 8 1/2	8 1/2 8 1/2	8 1/2 8 1/2	8 1/2 8 1/2
45 45 3/8	45 3/8 45 1/2	45 1/2 45 3/8	45 3/8 45 1/2	46 1/2 46 1/2	46 46 3/8
13 13 1/4	13 13	12 7/8 12 7/8	13 13	*12 13	13 13
*85 87 5/8	*85 87 5/8	85 85	*84 85 1/2	*83 85 1/2	*83 87 1/2
62 62 1/2	62 1/2 62	62 62	62 62 1/2	62 62 1/2	62 62 1/2
40 40	40 40	40 40	40 40	39 1/2 39 1/2	39 39 1/4
*100 102 1/2	102 102	*102 102 1/2	*100 102	102 102	*101 102
14 1/2 14 1/2	14 14 1/2	13 3/4 14 1/4	14 14	13 1/4 13 1/4	13 14
30 3/8 31 1/4	30 3/8 31 1/4	30 3/8 31 1/4	30 3/8 31 1/4	30 3/8 31 1/4	30 3/8 31 1/4
*111 112 1/2	112 112	112 113 1/4	113 113 1/4	113 113 1/4	113 113 1/4
48 1/2 48 1/2	48 1/2 48 1/2	48 1/2 48 1/2	48 1/2 48 1/2	48 1/2 48 1/2	48 1/2 48 1/2
*32 32 3/8	32 1/2 32 3/8	32 1/2 32 3/8	32 1/2 32 3/8	32 1/2 32 3/8	32 1/2 32 3/8
10 21 1/2	*10 21 1/2	*10 21 1/2	*10 21 1/2	*10 21 1/2	*10 21 1/2
*42 42 1/2	*42 42 1/2	*42 42 1/2	*42 42 1/2	*42 42 1/2	*42 42 1/2
30 3/8 31 1/2	29 3/8 30 3/8	30 3/8 31 1/2	30 3/8 31 1/2	30 3/8 31 1/2	30 3/8 31 1/2
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For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fourth page preceding.

Table with columns for dates (Saturday May 8 to Friday May 14), High and Low Sale Prices per share, and a list of stocks with their respective prices and shares. Includes sub-sections for 'HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.' and 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE'.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. \* Ex-dividend. a Ex-new rights. n No par. d New stock issued on basis of 3 shares for each share of old stock.



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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales for the Week.	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE	PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 1926. On basis of 100-share lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925.	
Saturday, May 8.	Monday, May 10.	Tuesday, May 11.	Wednesday, May 12.	Thursday, May 13.	Friday, May 14.			Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Week.	Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share
217 223 1/2	212 22	214 21 3/4	214 22	214 22	214 21 3/4	2,400	Motion Picture.....No par	19 Jan 26	21 1/2 Feb 15	19 1/2 Dec	20 1/2 Dec
388 39	381 38 3/4	383 38	371 35 3/8	38 38	37 3/4	4,300	Motor Meter A.....No par	36 Mar 30	53 1/2 Feb 10	40 Nov	44 1/2 Oct
25 25	24 1/2 24 1/2	24 1/2 24 1/2	24 1/2 25	24 1/2 25	24 1/2 24 3/4	2,300	Motor Wheel.....No par	34 Mar 30	37 1/2 Feb 15	18 Apr	35 June
12 15	12 15	12 15	12 14 1/2	12 14 1/2	14 14	1,000	Mullins Body Corp.....No par	12 Mar 17	19 1/2 Feb 1	15 Aug	21 1/2 Feb
35 36	36 36	35 1/2 36	35 1/2 36	35 1/2 36	35 1/2 36	4,600	Murray Body.....No par	34 1/2 Apr 8	38 Jan 2	30 1/2 Dec	39 Dec
52 52 3/4	52 53 1/4	52 1/2 53 1/2	52 1/2 53 1/2	52 55 1/2	53 1/4 54 1/4	292,100	Nash Motors Co.....No par	3 May 8	15 1/2 Feb 20	5 1/2 Dec	42 1/2 Mar
9 9	8 1/2 9	8 3/8 9	8 3/8 9	8 3/8 9	8 3/8 9	100	Nash Motors Co. pref.....100	52 Mar 24	66 Feb 23	193 1/2 Jan	488 Oct
83 1/2 83 3/4	82 1/4 83 3/8	82 3/4 84	83 84 1/4	83 84 1/4	83 1/4 83 1/2	5,500	National Acme stamped.....100	106 1/2 Jan 4	106 1/2 Jan 4	103 1/2 Jan	107 July
130 1/2 132 1/2	130 132	130 132	130 132	130 132	130 132	100	National Biscuit.....25	8 1/2 Apr 12	12 1/2 Jan 9	4 1/4 Mar	7 1/2 Dec
41 1/2 42	41 1/2 41 5/8	41 1/2 41 5/8	41 1/2 41 5/8	41 1/2 41 5/8	41 1/2 41 5/8	10,100	National Biscuit.....100	7 1/4 Jan 8	9 3/4 Jan 29	65 Apr	79 Dec
22 23	22 22 1/2	23 23	22 1/2 22 1/2	22 1/2 23 1/2	22 1/2 25	1,300	Nat Cash Register A w l No par	126 Jan 27	131 1/2 Apr 28	123 1/2 Mar	125 1/2 May
75 76 1/2	75 76 1/2	75 76 1/2	75 76 1/2	75 76 1/2	75 76 1/2	100	Nat Cash Register A w l No par	39 1/2 Apr 15	54 Jan 5	50 Dec	47 1/2 Dec
61 61	60 3/4 61 1/2	61 61 1/4	61 1/4 61 1/2	60 3/4 61	60 3/4 60 3/4	2,700	Nat Dairy Prod tem cts No par	53 Apr 14	80 Jan 2	49 1/2 Dec	84 1/2 Oct
26 26 1/4	25 1/2 26	25 1/2 26	25 1/2 26	25 1/2 26	25 1/2 26	400	Nat Dairy Prod tem cts No par	25 1/2 Apr 21	42 1/2 Jan 7	38 1/2 Jan	41 1/2 May
91 95	91 95	91 95	91 95	91 95	91 95	100	Nat Dairy Prod tem cts No par	91 Apr 16	97 Jan 7	97 Jan	102 Apr
15 15 1/4	15 1/2 16	16 16 1/2	16 16 1/2	15 1/2 16	15 1/2 15 1/2	2,100	Nat Distill Products.....No par	15 Mar 14	34 Jan 4	29 1/2 Dec	43 1/2 Oct
40 1/2 40 1/2	40 1/2 41 1/2	41 1/4 41 1/2	41 1/4 41 1/2	41 1/4 41 1/2	41 1/4 41 1/2	900	Nat Distill Prod pt tem cts No par	38 May 7	7 3/8 Jan 4	52 1/2 Jan	51 Oct
26 28	26 26	25 25 1/2	25 1/2 25 1/2	25 25	24 1/2 24 1/2	1,100	Nat Enam & Stamping.....100	24 1/2 May 14	40 1/2 Jan 2	25 Apr	41 1/2 Dec
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146 146 1/2	145 1/2 145 1/2	146 146	146 146	146 146	146 146	800	National Lead.....100	138 Apr 15	178 1/2 Jan 5	138 1/2 Apr	174 1/2 Nov
117 1/4 119	117 1/4 119	117 1/4 119	117 1/4 119	118 118 1/2	117 1/4 117 3/4	200	Nat Pref.....100	118 Jan 16	118 1/2 Apr 29	114 1/2 Sept	119 Sept
189 183 1/2	181 1/2 19	187 1/2 19	217 1/2 19 1/2	18 1/2 18 3/4	18 1/2 18 3/4	11,300	Nat Pref & Lt cts.....No par	18 1/2 Mar 2	33 1/2 Jan 21	54 1/2 Dec	54 1/2 Dec
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40 40	39 40	39 40	39 40	39 40	39 40	1,100	Nevada Consol Copper.....5	11 1/2 Mar 30	14 Feb 15	11 1/4 Apr	16 1/2 Jan
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36 37 1/2	35 1/2 36 1/2	35 3/8 36 3/8	35 3/8 36 3/8	35 3/8 36 3/8	35 3/8 36 3/8	1,500	NY Class A.....No par	55 1/4 Jan 6	60 1/2 May 14	50 Sept	67 Jan
33 1/2 35	34 1/2 36	34 1/2 36	34 1/2 36	34 1/2 36	34 1/2 36	5,000	NY Cannery temp cts No par	32 Apr 12	84 1/2 Jan 29	31 1/2 Mar	81 1/2 Dec
69 70 3/4	69 71	69 71	69 71	69 71	69 71	100	NY Dock.....100	32 1/2 Mar 30	45 1/2 Feb 5	18 Mar	45 1/2 Nov
28 1/4	28 1/4	28 1/4	28 1/4	28 1/4	28 1/4	700	NY Dock.....100	69 May 13	74 Feb 5	52 1/2 Jan	76 Dec
46 1/4	46 1/4	46 1/4	46 1/4	46 1/4	46 1/4	1,400	NY Steam 1st pref.....No par	99 1/4 Apr 13	103 Apr 28	97 Jan	102 June
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30 32 1/2	30 1/4 30 1/4	30 31 3/4	30 1/4 31 3/4	30 1/4 31 3/4	30 3/8 30 3/8	300	Nunnally Co (The).....No par	13 1/2 Mar 1	17 1/2 Jan 7	8 Jan	15 1/2 Nov
33 1/2 35	34 1/2 36	34 1/2 36	34 1/2 36	34 1/2 36	34 1/2 36	300	Oil Well Supply.....25	30 1/4 Apr 26	36 Feb 5	33 1/2 Dec	33 Nov
33 1/2 35	34 1/2 36	34 1/2 36	34 1/2 36	34 1/2 36	34 1/2 36	100	Ontario Silver Min new No par	10 Jan 8	10 1/2 Jan 14	5 1/2 Jan	11 Oct
95 97 1/2	95 97 1/2	95 97 1/2	95 97 1/2	95 97 1/2	95 97 1/2	100	Onyx Hosiery.....No par	31 1/2 Feb 2	36 Jan 12	33 Jan	39 Dec
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29 1/2 29 3/4	29 1/2 29 3/4	29 1/2 29 3/4	29 1/2 29 3/4	29 1/2 29 3/4	29 1/2 29 3/4	1,000	Orpheum Circuit, Inc.....1	47 Jan 12	60 1/2 Mar 11	41 1/2 Sept	53 Dec
104 105	104 105	104 105	104 105	104 105	104 105	100	Orpheum Circuit, Inc.....1	27 1/2 Mar 25	30 1/2 Apr 9	25 1/2 Jan	32 1/2 July
113 1/2 113 1/2	112 1/2 114	112 1/2 114	112 1/2 114	112 1/2 114	112 1/2 114	300	Otis Elevator (k).....50	101 Jan 13	105 Apr 21	98 Jan	107 Sept
89 90	88 88 1/2	87 3/4 88 1/2	87 1/2 88 1/2	87 1/2 88 1/2	87 1/2 88 1/2	3,100	Otis Steel.....No par	81 1/2 May 10	14 1/2 Jan 19	8 Mar	15 1/2 Aug
59 1/2 60	59 59 1/4	59 60	59 1/2 59 1/2	59 1/2 59 1/2	58 1/2 58 1/2	400	Otis Steel.....No par	87 1/2 Mar 30	107 1/2 Feb 17	50 1/4 Mar	57 1/2 Aug
46 1/2 49	47 49	47 49	47 49	47 49	47 1/2 47 1/2	1,200	Owens Bottle.....25	53 1/2 Mar 29	65 1/2 Feb 8	42 1/2 Mar	69 1/2 Nov
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33 1/2 34	33 1/2 34	33 1/2 34	33 1/2 34	33 1/2 34	33 1/2 34	7,500	Pacific Oil.....No par	11 1/2 May 13	8 1/2 Feb 13	5 1/2 Aug	7 1/2 Dec
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64 1/2 65 1/4	64 1/2 65 1/4	64 64	63 1/2 64	63 1/2 64	63 1/2 64	1,300	Pan-Amer Petr & Trans.....50	56 1/2 Mar 31	76 1/2 Jan 4	50 1/2 Sept	58 1/2 Mar
38 1/2 38 3/4	38 39 1/2	38 38 1/2	38 1/2 38 3/4	38 38 1/2	38 38 1/2	19,700	Do Class B.....50	56 1/2 Mar 31	78 1/2 Jan 2	60 1/2 Aug	84 1/2 Mar
16 1/2 16 3/4	16 1/2 16 3/4	16 1/2 16 3/4	16 1/2 16 3/4	16 1/2 16 3/4	16 1/2 16 3/4	21,800	Pan-Am West Petrol B.....No par	34 Mar 1	46 Jan 2	37 1/2 Oct	49 1/2 Dec
21 21 1/2	21 21	20 1/2 21	20 1/2 21	20 1/2 21	20 1/2 21	51,900	Panhandle Prod & Ref. No par	4 1/2 Jan 21	19 1/2 May 14	2 1/4 Aug	6 1/2 Dec
6 6 1/2	6 6	6 6 1/2	6 6 1/2	6 6 1/2	6 6 1/2	4,600	Park & Tilford tem cts No par	19 1/2 Apr 13	28 1/2 Jan 4	25 Sept	35 1/2 Jan
49 50	49 49	48 1/2 49	49 49 1/2	48 1/2 49 1/2	49 49	500	Pathe Exchange A.....No par	47 Apr 20	83 Jan 7	70 Nov	90 1/2 Oct
19 1/2 20 1/4	19 1/2 20 1/4	19 1/2 20 1/4	20 20	20 20 1/4	20 1/4 20 3/4	300	Penick & Ford.....No par	16 1/2 Jan 28	21 1/2 Apr 29	17 Dec	28 Apr
9 10	9 10	9 10	9 10	9 10	9 10	100	Penn Coal & Coke.....50	10 May 5	17 Feb 8	12 1/4 Apr	26 1/2 Jan
120 120	118 119	118 119	119 119 1/2	118 1/2 118 3/4	118 1/2 118 3/4	15,500	Penn-Seaboard St vtc No par	1 1/4 May 13	2 1/4 Jan 8	1 Aug	3 Jan
72 1/2 74	72 1/2 73 3/8	73 1/2 73 3/8	73 1/2 73 3/8	73 1/2 73 3/8	73 1/2 73 3/8	1,000	Phila's G L & C (Chic).....100	117 Jan 4	130 Feb 11	112 Jan	123 Oct
49 1/2 50	49 1/2 50	49 1/2 50	49 1/2 50	49 1/2 50	49 1/2 50	16,700	Philadelphia Co (Pittsb).....50	59 1/2 Mar 2	76 1/2 Apr 8	51 1/2 Mar	67 1/2 Dec
38 1/2 39	37 1/2 38 1/2	38 38 1/2	38 1/2 38 1/2	38 1/2 38 1/2	37 1/2 38 1/2	4,300	Phila 6% preferred.....50	47 1/2 Jan 4	50 1/2 Mar 30	45 1/2 Jan	49 July
37 40	37 41	36 38 1/2	36 38 1/2	37 40	37 37 1/2	200	Phila & Read C & I.....No par	36 1/4 Apr 14	48 1/2 Feb 13	37 1/2 May	52 1/2 Jan
48 52	48 52	48 52	48 52	48 52	48 52	200	Certificates of Int.....No par	37 1/2 May 14	46 1/2 Jan 11	38 July	50 1/2 Jan
17 1/2 19	17 1/2 17 1/2	17 1/2 17 1/2	17								



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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, May 8; Monday, May 10; Tuesday, May 11; Wednesday, May 12; Thursday, May 13; Friday, May 14); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan 1 1926; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. \* Ex-dividend. \* Ex-rights.







Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Interest Period, Price (Friday, May 14), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other details. The table is split into two main sections: 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended May 14.' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended May 14.' with sub-columns for Bid, Ask, Low, High, No., and Range.

a Due Jan. b Due Feb. c Due May. d Due Oct. e Due Dec. s Option sale.



Main table containing bond listings with columns for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended May 14.', 'Price Friday, May 14.', 'Week's Range or Last Sale', 'Range Since Jan. 1', and 'Bonds Sold'. Includes sub-sections for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended May 14.' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended May 14.' with various bond titles and prices.

a Due Jan b Due July c Due Oct \* Out on sale.







Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended May 14, Interest Period, Price Friday, May 14, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries for Central Steel, Chicago Rys, Chile Copper, etc.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended May 14, Interest Period, Price Friday, May 14, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries for Kings County El, Stamped guar, Kinney (G B) & Co, etc.

d Due May. # Option sale.



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All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "f."

Table with columns: BOND, Interest Period, Price Friday, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like 'Pressed Steel Car conv g 5s...', 'Prod & Ref s f 8s...', 'Pub Serv Corp of N J...', etc.

Table with columns: Standard Oil Stocks, Railroad Equipments, Public Utilities, Tobacco Stocks, Rubber Stocks, Sugar Stocks, Indus. & Miscellaneous. Includes entries like 'Anglo-Amer Oil vot st...', 'Atlantic Refining...', 'Borne Strymer Co...', etc.

\* Per share. † No par value. b Basis. d Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. f New stock. / Flat price. k Last sale. n Nominal. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. z Ex-50% stock dividend. \$ Sale price. r Canadian quotation.



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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.							Sales for the Week.	STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE		Range Since Jan. 1 1926.		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1925.					
Saturday, May 8.	Monday, May 10.	Tuesday, May 11.	Wednesday, May 12.	Thursday, May 13.	Friday, May 14.			Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest				
*170	*169 1/2	*169 1/2	168 1/4	168 1/4	*168	170	50	Boston & Albany	100	159	Jan 9	175	Feb 13	155	Feb	164 1/4	Jan
78	77 1/2	78	78 1/2	79 1/2	79	80	78 1/2	78 3/4	575	77	May 3	82 1/2	Jan 11	75 1/4	Mar	86	Jan
98	96	96	96	96	*97				15	89	Feb 27	102	Mar 20	92	Jan	104 1/4	Dec
*2118	*2118	*2118	*2118	*2118	*2118	118 1/2			27	115 1/2	Jan 16	122	Jan 7	109	Mar	130	Dec
102 1/4	102 1/4	104	104	103	103	103 1/2			27	98 1/2	Jan 9	112	Jan 2	94	Mar	116	Dec
49 1/2	48 3/4	50	49	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	3,614			35	Mar 30	50	May 8	10	Apr	49 1/2	Dec
*42	*46	*46	*46	*46	*45					32	Apr 14	47 1/2	Jan 6	11 1/2	Apr	46	Dec
*67	*68	69	70 1/4	70 1/4	*70 1/2	74			48	59	Apr 15	71 1/2	May 13	17	Apr	65	Dec
98	98	98	100	100	*96	100			133	84	Apr 15	100	May 11	29	Apr	87 1/2	Dec
*83	*82	*85	90	82	*82					74	Apr 15	85	Feb 20	25	Apr	79 1/2	Dec
*126	*130	135	*130	135	*130	135				105	Jan 29	130	May 6	33 1/2	Apr	116	Dec
97	97 1/2	97 1/2	98	98	*98	98 1/2			154	94	Apr 16	98 1/2	Jan 4	96	Dec	99	Nov
*178	*178	*178	*178	*178	*178	53				225	Mar 19	182	Jan 26	167	Feb	180	May
53	53	54	53	53	*53	54				51	Apr 22	61	Jan 6	26	Sept	62 1/2	Nov
*60	*60 1/4	62 1/2	*60	62 1/2	*60	62 1/2				59 1/2	Apr 29	71	Jan 2	60	July	73	Dec
*56	59	58	58	58	*56	58			100	56	May 6	69	Jan 13	51	Aug	70	Dec
*40 3/4	42	41	*40 1/4	42	42	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	120	40	Apr 29	49 1/4	Jan 26	35	Sept	50	Dec
*56	56	56	*56	*56	*55				10	50	Feb 10	60	Feb 3	23	May	56	Dec
*34 1/2	35	34 3/4	34 3/4	35 1/2	36 3/8	36 3/8			110	31 3/8	Mar 30	45 1/4	Jan 4	28	Mar	46 1/2	Dec
84 1/2	84 1/2	*84 1/4	86	*84 1/4	86	*84 1/4	86		110	81	Apr 8	88	Jan 6	70	Feb	90	Dec
*120 1/2	*121	*121	*121	*121	*121				25	120	Apr 22	124	Mar 18	100	Jan	125	Oct
*113 1/2	*113 1/2	*113 1/2	*113 1/2	*113 1/2	*113 1/2	116			9	111	Jan 6	120	Jan 29	96	Jan	113	Oct
*100 1/2	*100 1/2	*100 1/2	*99 3/4	*100	*100	100			9	99 3/4	Mar 12	103 1/4	Feb 4	87	Feb	101	Dec
4	4	4	4	4	4	4			655	3 1/4	Mar 29	5	Jan 7	2 1/2	Mar	5	Dec
*24 1/2	*24	25	*24	25	*24	25	24 1/2	24 1/2	725	21 1/2	Mar 3	25	May 7	16 1/2	Mar	24 1/2	Dec
144 3/4	144 1/4	145	144 3/4	145	144	144 3/4	143 1/2	144 3/4	977	141	Mar 30	150 3/4	Feb 15	130 3/4	Jan	145	Dec
54	54	54 1/4	54	54	54	54	53 1/2	54	48	50	Apr 20	71	Jan 2	61 1/2	May	87	Aug
75	75	75	75	75	75	75			48	73 1/2	Jan 27	78	Feb 23	70 1/4	May	86 1/4	Aug
*18	*18	21	*18	21	*18	21				20	Jan 16	21 1/2	Jan 23	14	Jan	16	Aug
*55	*55 1/2	55	55	57	*55	57			95	52	Apr 17	63 1/4	Jan 19	52 1/2	Jan	58	Oct
*10	11	10 3/4	10	11	*10	11			20	9 1/2	Apr 27	17 1/4	Jan 2	9 1/2	Aug	21	Dec
*14 1/2	*14 1/2	15 1/2	*14 1/2	15 1/2	*14	15			148	14 1/2	May 11	20 1/2	Jan 14				
84	84	84	83 1/2	84	*83 1/2	83 1/2			148	83 1/2	May 11	98 1/2	Jan 26	97 1/2	Nov	109 1/2	Oct
*109	*109	*109	*109	*109	*109				105	105 1/2	Jan 25	109	Apr 28	103	Jan	108 1/4	Aug
57	57 1/4	*57 1/2	60	*57	58	58			105	57	May 8	68 1/2	Feb 1	28 1/4	Jan	74	Oct
*112	*112	*112	*112	*112	*112				104	104	Jan 5	112	Jan 26	99	June	100	Dec
*2 1/2	*2 1/2	*2 1/2	*2 1/2	*2 1/2	*2 1/2	2 1/2			235	2	Mar 31	3 1/2	Jan 21	1 1/2	Apr	6 1/2	Sept
*3 3/4	4	4	4	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	5	3 1/2	Mar 8	4 1/2	Jan 19	3	July	6 1/2	Jan
*60	*59 1/2	60	*59 1/2	60	*59	60			225	57	Apr 15	88 1/2	Jan 22	42	Mar	89 1/2	Dec
*41	42	41	42	42	*41 1/2	43			240	38 3/4	Apr 15	45	Jan 6	35	Jan	46 1/4	Oct
*92	95	92	95	92	95	92			25	95	Apr 22	99 1/2	Jan 9	89	Jan	100	July
22 1/2	22 1/2	22	22 1/4	21	22	21	22 1/2	22 1/2	215	20	Mar 31	26	Feb 6	18	Aug	23 1/2	Sept
217 1/4	217 1/4	217	218	218	218	219	218	219	148	207	Jan 15	250	Feb 11	200	Jan	213	May
*1 1/2	*1 1/2	*1 1/2	*1 1/2	*1 1/2	*1 1/2	2			1	1	Mar 16	2 1/2	Jan 8	2	Dec	5 1/4	Oct
*15	*15	17	*16 1/2	17	*16 1/2	16 1/2			10	15	Apr 26	25 1/2	Feb 25	17	Oct	38	Jan
*11 1/2	*11 1/2	12	12	12	*12 3/4	14			70	11 1/2	Apr 12	17	Jan 22				
35	35	34 3/4	34 3/4	34 3/4	34 3/4	34 3/4	34 1/2	34 3/4	230	34 1/2	Jan 27	40 3/4	Jan 12	32 3/4	Aug	43	July
93 1/4	92	93	93	93 1/4	93 1/4	93 1/4	92	93 1/4	1,981	88 1/2	Mar 30	113 1/2	Feb 6	67 1/2	Jan	115 1/2	Dec
10	10	10	10	10	10	10			40	10	May 6	12 1/2	Feb 11	11	May	15 1/2	June
60	60	60	59 1/2	60	59 1/2	60	58	59	350	58	Apr 16	68 3/4	Feb 4	52	May	72	Oct
*10	*10	10 1/2	*10	10 1/2	*10	10 1/2			200	66 1/2	Jan 7	68 1/4	Feb 5	52 1/2	Jan	60	Oct
*25	*25	25	25	25	*25	25			10	25	Mar 24	25	Mar 24	25	Dec	2	Jan
*94 1/4	*94 1/4	*94 1/4	*94 1/4	*94 1/4	*94 1/4				15	50	Mar 3	55	Jan 5	10	Dec	10 1/2	Jan
7 1/2	7 1/2	7 3/4	7 3/4	*7 1/4	7 3/4	7 3/4			233	7 1/2	Apr 15	9 1/4	Jan 9	8 1/2	Jan	9 1/2	Nov
*10 1/2	11	10 3/4	10 3/4	10 1/2	10 3/4	10 3/4	10 1/2	10 1/2	145	10	May 11	12 1/2	Jan 18	11 1/4	Jan	13 1/2	Jan
*80	80 1/2	80	80	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/4	80 1/2	201	80	Apr 20	86 1/2	Feb 26	68	Feb	85	Dec
67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	68	68	68 1/4	68			126	65	Jan 6	70 1/2	Feb 20	63 1/2	Jan	70	Oct
*109	*108	109	*105	109	109	109			5	105	Jan 24	110	May 1	167	Jan	197	Oct
9 3/4	9 3/4	9	9	9	9	9 1/2			245	7 3/4	Apr 22	10 3/4	Jan 7	7 1/4	Sept	16 1/4	Jan
*93	95	93	93	93	93	93	93	93	203	89	Apr 9	96	Jan 4	87 1/2	Jan	96 1/4	Nov
2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	203	2 1/2	May 4	4 1/2	Jan 5	3 3/4	Dec	6 1/4	Jan
*22 1/2	23 1/2	22	22 1/2	22	22	21			5	15 1/2	Jan 9	28 1/4	Feb 19	11	Dec	17	Dec
*50	60	50	50	40	50	50			1,125	20	Jan 2	95	Apr 29	10	Dec	2	June
*7 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/4	10 1/4	*7 1/2	10	10			20	8	Feb 25	10 1/2	Jan 6	5 1/4	Apr	12	Sept
*98	99	98	98	98	98	98			432	96	Mar 2	100	Jan 6	2 1/2	Dec	11	Feb
*4	*4	4	2	2	*2 1/2	2 1/2			65	2	May 11	8	Feb 8				
*20	*20	20	15	15	*15	20			30	15	May 11	28	Jan 29	20	Dec	55	Jan
114	114 1/2	114	114 1/2	114	114 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2	768	110 3/4	Apr 1	118 3/4	Feb 17	99	Apr	122 1/2	Nov
*92	93 3/4	*92	93 3/4	*92	93 3/4	*92	93 3/4		5	89	Feb 15	96	Feb 25	90	Sept	100	May
*19	20	*19	19 3/4	*19	20	19			1	20	Apr 13	27	Feb 25	20	May	28	May
*40	41	40	40	39	40	38	38	38	335	36	Apr 24	55	Jan 2	50	Dec	8 1/2	Jan
16	16	16 1/4	16	16 1/4	*16	16 1/4	16	16	380	15	Feb 8	17	Jan 12	15 1/4	Aug	18	Apr
*1																	

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange May 8 to May 14, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Amer Tel & Tel 4s, At G & W I S L 5s, Boston Elevated 4s, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, May 8 to May 14, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Abbotte Al Dairy, Amer Elec Pow Co pref, American Stores, etc.

\* No par value.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange May 8 to May 14, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Adams Royalty Co, All American Radio, Am Pub Util, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Cent Pub Serv (Del), Central S W 7% pref, Prior lien preferred, Warrants, etc.

\* No par value.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange May 8 to May 14, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Armstrong-Cator 8% pf, Amer Wholesale pref, Arundel Corp new stk, etc.



Stocks (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.			
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.		
Century Trust.....50	113 3/4	113 3/4	113 3/4	30	155	Apr	182	Feb
Ches & Po Tel of Balt p100	28	28	29	5	110 1/2	Jan	113 3/4	Mar
Commercial Credit.....25	25	25	25	611	28	May	46 3/4	Jan
Preferred.....25	25	25	25	46	24	Apr	26 3/4	Jan
Preferred B.....25	25	25	25	40	24 1/2	Apr	27 1/2	Jan
Rights 6% pref.....100	91 1/4	91 1/4	91 1/4	14	91 1/4	May	99	Feb
Consol Gas E L & Pow.....50	48 3/4	49 1/4	50	30	45	Jan	57 1/2	Feb
6 1/2% preferred.....100	110 3/4	110 3/4	110 3/4	52	108 1/4	Mar	110 3/4	May
8% preferred.....100	127 1/4	127 1/4	127 1/4	50	124	Jan	128 3/4	Feb
Consolidation Coal.....100	37 1/2	38	38	51	36	Mar	53	Feb
Dellon Tire & Rubber.....100	5 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	1,550	5 3/4	Apr	6 1/2	May
East Roll Mill new stock.....31	31	31	31	29	30 1/2	Apr	48	Feb
Equitable Trust Co.....25	70	70	70	62	62 1/2	Jan	75	Feb
Fidelity & Deposit.....50	118	118	118	25	117 1/2	Mar	124	Feb
Finance Service, Class A 10	20	20	20	200	20	Mar	21 1/2	Feb
Hare & Chase pref.....50	90 3/4	91	91	15	90	Mar	92	Mar
Lorraine Pet Co., 1c. shares	50	50	50	100	40	Feb	50	Mar
Manufacturers Finance.....25	53	53	53	75	53	May	68 1/2	Feb
1st preferred.....25	21	21 1/4	21 1/4	103	20 3/4	Apr	23	Jan
2d preferred.....25	22	23	23	295	21 1/2	Apr	24 1/2	Feb
Trust preferred.....25	20 1/2	21	21	390	20	Mar	23	Jan
Maryland Casualty Co.....25	95	94 1/4	95	305	94 1/4	May	102	Jan
Merch & Miners, new.....92	42	42	44	406	42	Apr	53 1/2	Feb
Monon Vall Trac, pref.....25	21 1/4	21	22	171	20	Apr	23 1/2	Apr
Mortgage & Accept com.....50	12	12	12	20	12	May	23 1/4	Jan
Preferred.....50	40 1/4	40 1/4	40 1/4	25	40	May	46	Feb
Mt V-Woodb Mills v r 100	10 1/2	11	11	50	10 1/2	May	16 1/2	Jan
New Amster'dm Gas Co. 10	50	50	50	264	49	Mar	56 1/2	Jan
Northern Central.....50	81	81	81	25	78 1/4	Jan	81 1/4	Jan
Standard Gas Equip.....100	98	98	98	60	98	May	100 1/4	Mar
United Ry & Electric.....50	17 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/4	439	17	Jan	19 1/2	Mar
U S Fidelity & Guar.....50	196	197 3/4	197 3/4	27	187	Mar	219 1/4	Jan
Wash Balt & Annap pf.....50	23	23	23	62	22 1/2	May	25 1/2	Jan
West Md Diary, Inc com.....50	118	118 1/4	118 1/4	50	94	Jan	118 1/4	Mar
Preferred.....50	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	54	52 1/2	Mar	54 1/4	Jan

**Cincinnati Stock Exchange.**—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange May 8 to May 14, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.		
			Low.	High.		Low.	High.	
Am Laundry Mach, com.25	114	114	115	481	108	Mar	145 1/4	Mar
Preferred.....100	125	125	125	3	124	Feb	125	Apr
American Products, com.....25	49	49	50	214	24 1/4	Mar	27 1/4	Mar
Amer Rolling Mill, com.25	100	109 1/2	110 1/2	2,117	47 3/4	Mar	59	Feb
Preferred.....100	110	109 1/2	110 1/2	213	109 1/2	May	111	Mar
Amer Seed Mach, pref.100	66	66	66	30	66	May	75	Feb
American Thermos, com.....100	15	15 1/2	15 1/2	60	15	May	20	Mar
Preferred.....100	40	41 1/4	41 1/4	56	40	May	44	Mar
Buckeye Incubator.....100	32	32 1/4	32 1/4	12	30	Jan	33 1/2	Feb
Carey (Phillip), com.100	175	175 1/2	175 1/2	20	175	Apr	181	Apr
Preferred.....100	111	111	111	12	110	Mar	115	Mar
Champ Coated Pap, pf.100	111	111	111	11	108	Feb	111	Feb
Champ Fibre, pref.....100	105	105	105	5	103	Mar	105 1/2	Apr
Churngold Corporation.....50	55 1/4	57	57	180	53 1/4	Apr	78	Feb
City Ice & Fuel.....100	24 1/4	24 1/4	24 1/4	13	23 1/4	Apr	25 1/4	Jan
Cooper Corp, new pref.100	101 1/2	102	102	9	100	Mar	103	Apr
Dalton Add Mach, com.100	63	67	67	108	62	Apr	71 1/2	Feb
Eagle-Picher Lead, com.20	27 1/2	27 1/2	28	1,184	26 1/4	Mar	33 1/2	Feb
Preferred.....100	113	113	113	30	110	May	113	May
Formica Insulation.....100	23	23	23	50	20	Apr	27	Mar
Grant Tire.....34	34	34	34	10	23 1/4	Jan	39	Mar
Gibson Art, com.....38	37 1/2	38	38	120	36 1/2	Feb	40	Mar
Globe Wernicke, com.100	95	95	95	40	92 3/4	Mar	96	Mar
Gruen Watch, com.....39	39	39	39	15	26 1/4	Jan	41	Mar
Preferred.....100	106	106 1/2	106 1/2	32	103 1/2	Jan	106 1/2	May
Hatfield-Reliance, pref.100	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4	115	101	Apr	103	Apr
Johnston Paint, pref.....100	99	100	100	20	98	Jan	102 1/2	Feb
Kalmo.....20	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	15	100 1/4	Apr	103	Apr
Participating.....100	42 1/4	42 1/4	42 1/4	245	42 1/4	Apr	43 1/4	Apr
Kodol Radio, pref.....20	20 1/4	20 1/4	20 1/4	20	20 1/4	Jan	21 1/4	Feb
Kroger, com.....123	118 1/4	123	123	2,384	104 3/4	May	121 1/2	Apr
New preferred.....100	111	110 1/2	111 1/2	107	110	Mar	112 1/2	Feb
Paragon Refining, com.25	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105	6 1/2	May	9 1/2	Jan
Procter & Gamble, com.20	151 1/2	155	155	837	139 1/2	Jan	160	Jan
6% preferred.....100	112 1/2	113	113	141	110 3/4	Jan	116 1/2	Apr
Pure Oil, 6% preferred.100	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	17	85 1/2	Jan	110 1/2	Feb
8% preferred.....100	108	108	108	6	105 1/2	Jan	110 1/2	Feb
Putnam Candy, pref.....100	100	100	100	5	99	Jan	100	Mar
Richardson, com.....145	145	145	145	25	140	May	158	Feb
Preferred.....100	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	10	105	Jan	107 1/2	May
U S Can, pref.....100	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	500	99	Mar	103 1/4	Feb
U S Playing Card.....20	136 1/4	137 1/4	137 1/4	55	137	Apr	145	Feb
U S Print & Litho, com.100	85	85	85	51	81	Jan	94	Feb
Preferred.....100	99	99	99	5	99	Jan	100	Feb
U S Shoe, com.....5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	81	5 1/2	May	8 1/2	Feb
Wuriltzer, 7% pref.....100	110	110	110	1	107	Jan	110	May
8% preferred.....100	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	20	105	Mar	106 1/2	Mar

\* No par value.

**St. Louis Stock Exchange.**—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange May 8 to May 14, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.		
			Low.	High.		Low.	High.	
Bank Stocks—								
Nat'l Bank of Comm'ce.100	170	170	170	50	155	Jan	171	Feb
Trust Co Stocks—								
Mercantile Trust.....100	420	420	420	5	410	Jan	425	Mar
Mississippi Valley Trust 100	298	298	298	5	267	Jan	298	May
Street Railway Stocks—								
St Louis Pub Serv, com.....18 1/2	17 3/4	18 1/2	18 1/2	3,740	17 1/4	May	18 1/2	May
Miscellaneous Stocks—								
Amer Credit Indemnity.25	52	52 1/2	52 1/2	40	50	Mar	55	Jan
Boyd-Welsh Shoe.....37 1/2	37 3/4	38	38	350	36	Apr	44 1/2	Feb
Brown Shoe, com.....100	30	31 1/4	31 1/4	684	30	May	44 1/2	Feb
Chicago Ry Equip, pref.25	25	25	25	191	25	May	26	Mar
Cruden-Martin, com.100	102	102	102	14	101	Apr	104	Mar
Ely & Walker D G, com.25	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	380	28 1/2	May	33 1/2	Jan
Second preferred.....100	87	87	87	85	87	May	90	Apr
Fulton Iron Works, com.....20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	100	20 1/2	May	36 1/2	Feb
Preferred.....100	96	96	96	20	94	May	99 3/4	Feb
Huttig & D Goods.....100	32 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	105	32 1/2	May	44	Feb
Hydr Press Brick, com.100	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	15	3 1/4	Apr	6 1/2	Feb
Preferred.....100	85 1/2	86	86	80	85	Apr	97 1/2	Jan
Indep Packing, com.....25 1/2	25 1/2	26	26	35	25 1/2	May	29 1/2	Feb
International Shoe, com.....140	141	141	141	569	135	May	175 1/4	Jan
Preferred.....100	109	109	110	50	109	May	113 1/4	Jan
Johansen Shoe.....30	30	30	30	120	30	May	45	Jan
Johnson-S & S Shoe.....50	50	50	50	75	50	May	98 1/2	Jan
Laclede Steel Co.....151 1/2	151 1/2	151 1/2	151 1/2	25	148	Apr	151 1/2	May
Mo-Ills Stores, pref.....100	105 1/4	105 1/4	105 1/4	30	104	May	110	Feb
Missouri Portl'd Cement.25	54	54	56 1/4	350	48 1/4	Mar	57 1/4	May
National Candy, com.100	75	75	75	20	70	Apr	92	Feb
Pedigo-Weber Shoe.....28 1/2	28 1/2	30	30	55	28 1/2	May	39	Jan
Polar Wave I & F "A".....33	33	33	33	100	32	Apr	37 1/2	Feb
Rice-Six Dry Goods, com.....21 1/2	22	22	22	180	21 1/2	Mar	25 1/2	Feb
Second preferred.....100	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	15	100	Apr	102 1/2	Jan
Scruggs-V-B D G, com.100	25 1/4	25 1/4	25 1/4	425	25	May	30	Feb
Sheffield Steel, com.....24 1/4	24 1/4	25	25	195	24	May	29 1/2	May
Sieloff Packing, com.....18	18	18	18	25	18	May	22	Jan
South Acid & Sulph, com.....44	44	44	45	44	44	May	52 1/2	Feb
Southwest Bell Tel, pf.100	113	113 1/4	113 1/4	105	112 1/4	Apr	114 1/4	Mar
St Louis Amusement "A".....50	50	52	52	305	46	Apr	59 1/4	Jan
St Louis Car, pref.....94	94	94	94	20	90	Apr	97	Jan
Wagner Electric, com.....22	22	23 1/2	23 1/2	823	20	Mar	34 1/4	Jan
Wagner Elec Corp, pref.100	69 1/2	69 1/2	71	85	69 1/2	May	85	Jan
Walthe Co, com.....42 1/4	42 1/4	42 1/4	42 1/4	295	40	Apr	44 1/4	Apr
Preferred.....100	105	105	105	25	104	Apr	106	Mar
Mining Stocks—								
Consol Lead & Zinc Co.....23	23	23 1/2	23 1/2	105	23	May	28	Mar
Street Railway Bonds—								
E St Louis & Sub Co 5s 1932	84 1/2	84	84 1/2	\$3,000	83 1/4	Jan	85	Mar
St L & Sub Ry P M 5s '23	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	5,000	79 3/4	Apr	85	Mar
Gen mtge 5s ct'd dep.1923	81	81 1/2	81 1/2	56,000	79 3/4	Apr	91 1/2	Feb
United Railways 4s.....1934	77	77 1/2	77 1/2	15,000	75	Jan	78 3/4	Apr
Miscellaneous Bonds—								
Kinloch Long Dist 5s.1929	100	100	100	2,000	99 1/4	Apr	100	May
Houston Oil Co & Texas 6 1/2s.....1935	100	100	100	13,000	100	May	100	May

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**Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.**—For this week's record of transactions on the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange see page 2762.

**New York Curb Market.**—Below is a record of the transactions in the New York Curb Market from May 8 to May 14, 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.

Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.		
			Low.	High.		Low.	High.	
Indus. & Miscellaneous.								

Stocks (Concluded) 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.					
Brown & Will Tob. cl A. 10	15	15	15	100	15	May	Nor Ont Lt & Pr com. 100	73 1/2	73 1/2	100	45	Mar	74	Apr	
Bucyrus Co. com. 100	195	193	200	548	179	Jan	Nor States P Corp com. 100	99 1/2	95 1/2	5,100	38 1/2	May	138 1/2	Jan	
Preferred. 100	100	105	105	25	100	Jan	Preferred. 100	102	101	102	150	99 1/2	Apr	102 1/2	May
Buff Nlag & E Pow com. 27	27	27	27 1/2	1,300	23 1/2	Mar	Pacific Steel Boiler. 100	11	11	11 1/2	600	11	Apr	16 1/2	Feb
BurroughsAddMach. pf. 100	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	100	105 1/2	Apr	Class B. 25 1/2	43	43	200	42 1/2	Apr	50 1/2	Jan	
Can Dry Ginger Ale. 47 1/2	47 1/2	49	49	6,900	40 1/4	Jan	Penn Oil Securities Corp. 7	7	7	2,200	7	May	7 1/2	May	
Celluloid Co com. 100	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	3,000	1 1/2	Jan	Penna Pow & Lt pref. 100	105 1/2	105 1/2	100	104 1/2	Jan	106 1/2	Mar	
Cent States Elec. 8% pf. 100	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	200	90	Jan	Penna Water & Power. 100	139	140 1/2	230	138 1/2	Mar	174	Jan	
Central Steel com. 100	65	65	65	200	60	Jan	Peoples Drug Stores. Inc. 25	25	25 1/2	400	20	Mar	34 1/2	Mar	
Centrifugal Pipe Corp. 16 1/2	16 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	2,500	16 1/2	Apr	Philadelphia Elec com. 25	45	45	300	40	Mar	67	Jan	
Chic Nipple Mfg Cl A. 50	43	42 1/2	43	1,500	42	Feb	Pick (Albert) Barth & Co	10 1/2	10 1/2	5,100	10	Apr	10 1/2	May	
Class B. 50	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	600	25 1/2	Apr	Common vot tr etc. 1	10 1/2	10 1/2	200	36	Feb	48	Feb	
Cities Service com. 20	240 1/4	40 1/4	41 1/4	11,900	37 1/2	Feb	Pillsbury Flour Mills. 50	36	37	300	36	Feb	12	Feb	
Preferred. 100	285	84 1/2	85 1/2	2,600	82 1/2	Apr	Power Securities com. 6	52 1/2	52 1/2	200	51	Mar	60 1/2	Feb	
Preferred B. 100	27 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	200	7 1/2	Feb	Pratt & Lambert, Inc. 20	154 1/2	154 1/2	30	142 1/2	Jan	163	Jan	
Preferred BB. 100	27 1/2	74	74	200	74	Mar	Procter & Gamble com. 20	43 1/2	43 1/2	100	42	Feb	43 1/2	Feb	
Collins & Alkman Co com. 33 1/2	33 1/2	34	34	1,000	32 1/2	Mar	Penguin Sound P & L com. 100	47 1/2	47 1/2	500	45	Mar	60 1/2	Jan	
Preferred (7%). 100	97 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	800	95 1/2	Apr	Purty Bakeries Class A. 25	39 1/2	40 1/4	800	35	Mar	42	Jan	
Colombian Syndicate. 2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	11,800	2	Mar	Class B. 25	28	28 1/2	300	24	Mar	39 1/2	Jan	
Comwealth-Edison Co 100	139 1/2	139 1/2	139 1/2	20	137	Mar	Preferred. 100	96	97	100	91	Mar	97	May	
Commonwealth Power Corp. 33 1/2	33 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	2,600	29	Mar	Rand-Kardex Bu new w. l. 100	38 1/2	39 1/2	1,100	34 1/2	Apr	48	Jan	
Preferred. 100	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	100	82	Mar	Rem Notal Typew. com. A 20	32 1/2	32 1/2	200	30 1/2	Mar	52 1/2	Jan	
Warrants. 100	38	38	38 1/2	100	30 1/2	Mar	Reo Motor Car. 10	19 1/2	19 1/2	500	19 1/2	Apr	25 1/2	Jan	
Consol Dairy Products. 3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	500	3 1/4	Apr	Repub Motor Truck v t c. 2	5 1/2	5 1/2	200	5 1/2	May	16 1/2	Feb	
Consol Gas, E L & P Balt com. 49 1/2	49 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	1,900	44 1/2	Jan	Richmond Radiator com. 2	16 1/2	16 1/2	900	15	Jan	23	Jan	
Consol Laundries, w. l. 22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	4,200	22	Mar	Rickenbacker Motor. 3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	4,600	3 1/2	Apr	9 1/2	Jan	
Continental Baking, com. A. 79 1/2	79 1/2	80	80	1,600	65	Mar	Royal Bkg Powd pref. 100	47	47 1/2	300	47	May	90	Jan	
Common B. 11 1/2	11 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	11,200	10 1/4	Mar	St Regis Paper, com. 100	115 1/2	115 1/2	10	115 1/2	May	115 1/2	Jan	
8% preferred. 100	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	1,900	86 1/2	Mar	Savanna Sugar pref. 100	22 1/2	21	22 1/2	400	15 1/2	Mar	30 1/2	Jan
Continental Tobacco. 12	11 1/2	12	12	1,000	11 1/4	Mar	Servel Corporation A. 25	20 1/2	20 1/2	600	16 1/2	Mar	23 1/2	Mar	
Copeland Products Inc. Class A without warr'ts. 17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	200	17	Apr	Sherwin Williams Co com. 25	39	39	100	35	Feb	43	Feb	
Cuban Tobacco v t c. 52	60	60	60	200	52	May	Sierra Pac Elec Co. 100	27 1/2	27 1/2	800	23	Mar	28 1/2	Jan	
Cumco Press com. 31 1/2	29	31	31	1,400	26	Feb	Singer Manufacturing. 100	304	300	340	295	May	385	Jan	
Curtiss Aero. & M. com. 16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	800	15 1/2	May	Singer Mfg Ltd. 1	5	5	200	5	May	9	Jan	
De Forest Radio Corp. 2	2	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,400	1 1/2	Apr	Snia Viscosa, ord. (200 lre) Dep'rects Chas Nat Bank	116	12	12	800	12	May	13 1/2	Apr
Denver Transit, 7% pf. 30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	100	30 1/2	May	Ecu Calif Edison com. 100	116	116	350	115 1/2	Mar	142	Jan	
Dinkler Hotels Co. Class A with purch warr'ts. 20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	200	20	Mar	New common. 25	28 1/2	28 1/2	2,100	28 1/2	May	28 1/2	Feb	
Doehler Die Casting. 12	12	13	13	500	12 1/2	Mar	6% pref series B. 100	40 1/2	40 1/2	500	37	Apr	49	Jan	
Dresdner Bank, Amer shs. 101	101	101	101	50	101	May	Southern Cities Utile. 100	22 1/2	23 1/2	800	22	Mar	27 1/2	Feb	
Dubliner Condenser & Rad. 6	6	6 1/2	6 1/2	400	4 1/2	Apr	Southern G & P Class A. 25	26 1/2	25 1/2	4,900	21 1/2	Mar	46 1/2	Jan	
Dunhill International. 19	19	19	19	600	18	Mar	8' eastern Pr & Lt. com. 6 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	200	59	Mar	66 1/2	Apr	
Durant Motors, Inc. 5 1/2	5 1/2	6	6	3,200	5 1/2	Mar	Participating preferred. 3 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	1,100	7	Mar	15 1/2	Feb	
Duz Co class A. 10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	600	9 1/2	May	Warrants to pur com stk. 8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	1,100	7	Mar	15 1/2	Feb	
Eastern Rolling Mill, com. 31	31	31	31	100	29	Apr	Southwest Bell Tel pref 100	113	113 1/2	100	111 1/2	Jan	114	Mar	
Eltzson Schild Co. com. 4	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	400	33	Mar	Standard Pow & Lt cl A. 25	17 1/2	17 1/2	100	17 1/2	Jan	24	Feb	
Elec Bond & Share, pf. 100 107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	330	104 1/2	Jan	Stand Publishing Cl A. 25	14	14	2,100	14	Apr	19	Feb	
Elec Bond & Share Sec. 66	65 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	4,000	56 1/2	Mar	Standard Tank Car. com. 9 1/2	9	9 1/2	1,500	6 1/2	Apr	14 1/2	Jan	
Elec Investors without warr. 34	33 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	1,800	30 1/2	Mar	Stromberg-Carlis Tel Mfg. 2	34	34	200	28	Mar	38	Apr	
Empire Power Corp. 23 1/2	21	22	22	500	21	May	Stutz Motor Car. 25 1/2	25 1/2	27 1/2	1,800	19 1/2	Mar	37 1/2	Jan	
Engineers Public Serv com. 23 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	1,300	21 1/2	Apr	Superheater Co. 114 1/2	148	148	25	132	Apr	145	Apr	
Preferred, full paid. 101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	100	97	Mar	Swift & Co. 100	114 1/2	114 1/2	250	110	Apr	116 1/2	Feb	
Preferred (70% paid). 101	100	101 1/2	101 1/2	800	95 1/2	Mar	Swift International. 10	15 1/2	15 1/2	2,300	13 1/2	May	22 1/2	Jan	
Preferred 7%. 90 1/2	89 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	1,800	85	Apr	Tanna Electric new. 100	66 1/2	63 1/2	1,000	55 1/2	Apr	66 1/2	May	
Estey-Welte Corp class A. 27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	2,100	24	Jan	Thompson (RE) Radio v t c. 1	1 1/2	1 1/2	4,200	1 1/2	Mar	5 1/2	Jan	
Fageol Motors Co. com. 11	5 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	1,600	4 1/2	Mar	Thinken-Detroit Axle. 10	9 1/2	9 1/2	600	8 1/2	Mar	11 1/2	Jan	
Federal Motor Truck. 40	39 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	800	32	Mar	Tobacco Prod Exp Corp. 3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	200	3 1/2	May	4 1/2	Jan	
Federated Metals. 17	17	17	17	300	15	Apr	Trans-Lux Day Pict Screen Class A com. 7 1/2	7 1/2	8	3,400	7 1/2	Apr	14	Jan	
Film Inspection Mach. 4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	200	4 1/2	Apr	Trumbull Steel. com. 25	10	10	500	8 1/2	Jan	13 1/2	Feb	
Firestone T. & R. 7% pf. 100 98	97 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	120	97 1/2	Apr	Truscon Steel. 10	23 1/2	23 1/2	100	22	Mar	30 1/2	Jan	
Ford Motor Co of Can. 100 490	502	502	502	130	440	Apr	Tubize Artif Silk Cl B. 170	165	170	190	161	Apr	240	Mar	
Forhan Co. class A. 15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	100	13 1/2	Mar	Tullip Cup Corp com. 17 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	100	12 1/2	May	15 1/2	Mar	
Foundation Co. Foreign shares Class A. 18	17 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	2,100	16 1/2	Mar	Tung Sol Lamp Wks cl A. 27 1/2	25 1/2	27 1/2	3,000	23	Mar	44 1/2	Feb	
Fox Theatres. Cl A. com. 22	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	1,300	19 1/2	Mar	United Elec Coal Cos v t c. 50	96	95 1/2	4,000	84	Mar	144 1/2	Jan	
Franklin (H H) Mfg com. 21 1/2	21 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	500	20 1/2	Mar	United Gas Improv't. A. new. 14	13 1/2	14 1/2	11,300	12 1/2	May	28	Feb	
Freed-Elsemann Radio. 5 1/2	5 1/2	6	6	3,100	3 1/2	Mar	United Profit Sharing. 1	11 1/2	11 1/2	600	11	Jan	14 1/2	Jan	
Freshman (Chas) Co. 22 1/2	21 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	15,600	17 1/2	Jan	U S Dairy Prod class B. 17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	100	14	May	22 1/2	Jan	
Garwell Co. com. 57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	50	57 1/2	Apr	U S Light & Heat com. 10	20 1/2	21 1/2	600	16	Mar	25 1/2	Apr	
General Baking class A. 50 1/2	50 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	6,000	44 1/2	Apr	Preferred. 10	6 1/2	6 1/2	2,100	5 1/2	Mar	7 1/2	Feb	
Class B. 5 1/2	5 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	7,500	5 1/2	Mar	U S Rubber Reclaiming. 10	14 1/2	15	200	13 1/2	Mar	21 1/2	Feb	
General Elec new w. l. 78 1/2	78 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	72,200	78 1/2	May	U S Stores Corp class A. 14	16	16	200	10	Apr	27	Jan	
General Fireproofing com. 44	44	44	44	100	40	Mar	Class B. 5	6	6	300	5	May	14	Jan	
Gen'l Gas & El of Del B. 33	33	33	33	100	28	Apr	Universal Pictures. 33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	1,000	29 1/2	Apr	6 1/2	Feb	
Gen'l Ice Cream Corp. 47	47	47	47	100	47	May	Utility								



Other Oil Stocks (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.	Price.	Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Low.	High.
Atlantic Lobos Oil, pref. . . . .	3 1/4	3 3/4	3 1/4	3 3/4	400	3 1/4	3 1/2	May	4 1/2	Feb					
Barnsdall Corp. . . . .			125	125	5	125	125	May							
Beacon Oil Co com . . . . .	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	900	14 1/2	14 1/2	May	19 1/2	Jan					
Cardinal Petroleum Corp 10 . . . . .	72c	68c	74c	74c	3,000	68c	74c	May	3 1/2	Feb					
Carib Syndicate . . . . .	12 1/2	12 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	9,200	9 1/4	12 1/2	May	22 1/2	Feb					
Consolidated Royalties . . . . .	11 1/2	9	9 1/2	11 1/2	1,000	8 1/2	10 1/2	Feb	10 1/2	Feb					
Creole Syndicate . . . . .	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	3,800	10	11 1/2	Mar	15 1/2	Jan					
Crown Cent Refrig. Corp. . . . .	2	2	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,600	1 1/2	2 1/2	Mar	7 1/2	Jan					
Derby Oil & Refg. com. . . . .	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	600	1 1/2	1 1/2	May	3 1/2	Jan					
Preferred . . . . .	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	8,700	88c	Mar	3 1/2	Feb						
Euelid Oil . . . . .	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	185,700	95c	Mar	7 1/2	May						
Gibson Oil Corp . . . . .	84 1/2	84	85	85	2,000	82	Apr	93 1/2	Jan						
Gulf Oil Corp of Pa. . . . .	31 1/2	31 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	31,400	28 1/2	31 1/2	Mar	37 1/2	Jan					
International Petroleum . . . . .	3 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	500	2 1/2	3 1/2	Jan	3 1/2	Feb					
Kirby Petroleum . . . . .	18	18	19 1/2	19 1/2	29,100	16 1/2	19 1/2	Feb	25 1/2	Feb					
Lago Oil & T Corp of A. . . . .	8 1/2	8 1/2	9 1/4	9 1/4	5,200	6 1/4	9 1/4	Apr	12 1/2	Feb					
Leonard Oil Developm't. 25 . . . . .	20 1/2	20 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	1,100	20 1/4	21 1/2	May	25 1/2	Feb					
Lion Oil & Refining . . . . .	80c	80c	80c	80c	200	71c	80c	1 1/2	Jan						
Livingston Petroleum . . . . .	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	900	1 1/2	2 1/2	Jan	2 1/2	Mar					
Margay Oil Corp . . . . .	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	6,600	8 1/2	Mar	5 1/2	Feb						
Mexican Panuco Oil . . . . .	10	9	9c	9c	2,000	8c	Apr	12c	Jan						
Mexico Oil Corp . . . . .	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	2,400	1 1/2	1 1/2	Mar	2 1/2	Apr					
Mountain & Gulf Oil . . . . .	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	3,200	23	Apr	26	Jan						
Mountain Producers . . . . .	150	150	150	150	10	131	Apr	159	Feb						
National Fuel Gas . . . . .	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	800	5 1/2	Mar	6 1/2	Jan						
New Bradford Oil . . . . .	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	200	8	Mar	17	Jan						
New York Oil . . . . .	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	200	8 1/4	Apr	12 1/2	Feb						
North Cent Texas Oil . . . . .	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	100	33	Mar	36	Jan						
Ohio Fuel Corporation . . . . .	70c	70c	74c	74c	2,200	70c	Apr	2 1/2	Feb						
Peer Oil Corp . . . . .	19c	19c	19 1/2	19 1/2	100	18 1/2	Mar	22 1/2	Feb						
Pennock Oil Corp . . . . .	28	25 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	500	6 1/4	Feb	29 1/2	Apr						
Red Bank Oil . . . . .	21 1/2	20 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	700	14 1/2	Jan	24 1/2	Feb						
Reiter-Foster Oil Corp . . . . .	29c	24c	29c	29c	5,000	20c	Apr	60c	Jan						
Royal-Can Oil Syndicate . . . . .	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	800	4 1/2	Apr	7 1/2	Jan						
Ryan Consol Petroleum . . . . .	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	1,500	28 1/2	Apr	36	Jan						
Salt Creek Oil . . . . .	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	900	8	Apr	10	Feb						
Salt Creek Producers . . . . .	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	1,500	28 1/2	Apr	36	Jan						
Savoy Oil . . . . .	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	100	1 1/2	Feb	2 1/2	Apr						
Texas Osage non-voting . . . . .	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	300	8 1/4	May	9	Jan						
Tide Water Assoc. Oil . . . . .	23 1/2	23	24	24	6,800	21	Apr	27	Mar						
Preferred . . . . .	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	1,100	97 1/2	Mar	99 1/2	Mar						
Venezuelan Petroleum . . . . .	6 1/2	5 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	41,400	4 1/2	Jan	7 1/2	Mar						
Wilcox Oil & Gas new . . . . .	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	300	22	Mar	27 1/2	Apr						
Woodley Petroleum Co. . . . .	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	200	5 1/4	Jan	6 1/2	Mar						
"Y" Oil & Gas . . . . .	28c	20c	31c	31c	179,000	5c	Jan	35c	May						

Mining Stocks.		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.	Price.	Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Low.	High.
Arizona Globe Copper . . . . .	1	9c	9c	9c	2,000	9c	9c	May	21c	Feb					
Calaveras Copper . . . . .	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	200	1 1/2	Apr	4	Jan						
Carnegie Metals . . . . .	10	17	17 1/2	17 1/2	1,000	17	May	21 1/2	Feb						
Chief Consol Mining . . . . .	1	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	100	1 1/2	Jan	3	Mar						
Consol Copper Mines . . . . .	1	2 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	12,600	1 1/2	Apr	3 1/2	May						
Cons Nevada Utah Corp. 3 . . . . .	1	3c	3c	3c	1,000	3c	May	6c	Mar						
Cresson Con G M & M . . . . .	1	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	900	2 1/4	Mar	2 1/2	Jan						
Divide Extension . . . . .	1	6c	6c	6c	1,000	3c	Feb	7c	Mar						
Engineer Gold Mines Ltd. 5 . . . . .	12	12	13	13	1,200	11	Mar	18 1/2	Feb						
Eureka Croesus . . . . .	1	5c	5c	5c	36,000	3c	Apr	7c	Jan						
First Thought Gold Min. 1 . . . . .	1	5c	5c	5c	1,000	5c	Mar	10c	Jan						
Forty-nine Mining Co. . . . .	1	12c	10c	13c	10,000	5c	Feb	19c	Apr						
Golden Centre Mines . . . . .	5	2 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	13,200	1	Mar	2 1/2	Jan						
Goldfield Consol Mines . . . . .	1	9c	8c	10c	15,000	4c	Apr	10c	Apr						
Goldfield Florence . . . . .	1	10c	10c	10c	2,000	8c	Apr	18c	Feb						
Hawthorne Mines, Inc. . . . .	1	27c	16c	32c	389,000	12c	Apr	32c	Feb						
Hecla Mining . . . . .	25c	16 1/2	16 1/2	17c	800	15 1/2	Mar	19 1/2	Mar						
Hollinger Consol G M . . . . .	5	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	300	17 1/2	Jan	19 1/2	Feb						
Jerome Verde Devel. . . . .	50c	55c	55c	55c	1,000	75c	May	1 1/2	Feb						
Kumbo Extension Mining . . . . .	1	5c	5c	5c	1,000	1c	Apr	5c	May						
Kay Copper Co. . . . .	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	18,600	1 1/2	May	2 1/2	Mar						
Kerr Lake . . . . .	5	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	400	1	Jan	1 1/2	Feb						
Mason Valley Mines . . . . .	5	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	600	1 1/2	Jan	2 1/2	Feb						
National Tin Corp. . . . .	50c	4c	4c	4c	1,000	4c	Mar	7c	Jan						
New Cornelia Copper . . . . .	5	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	100	19	Mar	21 1/2	Feb						
New Jersey Zinc . . . . .	100	190	191	191	120	180	Jan	210	Jan						
Newmont Mining Corp. 10 . . . . .	52	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	2,800	4 1/2	Jan	5 1/2	Feb						
Nipissing Mines . . . . .	5	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	3,000	15 1/2	Mar	18 1/2	Feb						
Noranda Mines Ltd. . . . .	1	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	4,200	7c	Mar	7 1/2	Jan						
Ohio Copper . . . . .	1	56c	60c	60c	4,200	47c	Mar	53c	Feb						
Parmac-Poreupine Min. . . . .	1	25c	30c	30c	9,000	20c	Mar	35c	Feb						
Plymouth Lead Mines . . . . .	1	10c	10c	10c	1,000	8c	Jan	28c	Mar						
Premier Gold Min. Ltd. . . . .	1	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	4,700	2 1/2	Apr	2 1/2	Mar						
Reorg Div Annex. Min. 10c . . . . .	1	10c	11c	11c	9,000	6c	Apr	11c	May						
San Toy Mining Co. . . . .	1	3c	3c	3c	1,000	3c	Mar	4c	Jan						
South Amer Gold & Plat. 1 . . . . .	1	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	200	3 1/2	Feb	5 1/2	Feb						
Spearhead Gold Mining . . . . .	1	4c	3c	4c	12,000	2c	Feb	5c	Jan						
Teck Hughes . . . . .	1	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	13,300	2 1/2	Jan	3 1/2	Feb						
Tonopah Belmont Devel. 1 . . . . .	1	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	1,200	2 1/2	Apr	4 1/2	Jan						
Tonopah Extension . . . . .	1	57c	55c	75c	29,500	8c	May	1 1/2	Jan						

**Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.**—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the first week of May. The table covers 11 roads and shows 2.73% increase over the same week last year.

First Week of May.	1926.	1925.	Increase.	Decrease.
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh	\$ 331,543	\$ 273,127	\$ 58,416	
Canadian National	4,520,343	4,303,754	216,589	
Canadian Pacific	3,088,000	2,880,000	208,000	
Great Northern	1,792,000	2,005,371		213,371
Georgia & Florida	32,300	28,600	3,700	
Minneapolis & St. Louis	252,225	236,230	15,995	
Mobile & Ohio	363,689	354,742	8,947	
St. Louis San Francisco	1,662,315	1,701,544		39,229
St. Louis Southwestern	428,400	430,037		1,637
Southern Ry System	3,881,825	3,702,313	179,512	
Texas Pacific	596,769	580,399	16,370	
Total (11 roads)	16,949,409	16,496,117	707,529	254,237
Net increase (2.73%)			453,292	

In the table which follows we also complete our summary of the earnings for the fourth week of April:

Fourth Week of April.	1926.	1925.	Increase.	Decrease.
Previously reported (10 roads)	\$ 22,285,342	\$ 21,203,898	\$ 1,269,567	\$ 188,123
Duluth So Shore & Atl.	130,664	144,265		13,601
Georgia & Florida	43,400	33,607	9,793	
Mineral Range	8,093	15,090		6,997
Nevada California & Oregon	6,845	6,196	649	
Western Maryland	589,089	488,804	100,285	
Total (15 roads)	23,063,433	21,891,860	1,380,294	208,721
Net increase (5.34%)			1,171,573	

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

Week.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Increase or Decrease.	%
1st week Feb. (15 roads)	17,503,007	16,641,621	+861,386	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. (15 roads)	17,678,425	16,549,262	+1,129,163	6.88
2d week Apr. (14 roads)	17,043,787	15,953,491	+1,090,296	6.83
3d week Apr. (15 roads)	17,401,207	16,231,233	+1,169,974	7.21
4th week Apr. (15 roads)	23,063,433	21,891,860	+1,171,573	5.34
1st week May (11 roads)	16,949,409	16,496,117	+453,292	2.73

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

Month	Gross Earnings.			Net Earnings.		
	1925.	1924.	Increase or Decrease.	1925.	1924.	Increase or Decrease.
April	\$ 472,591,665	\$ 474,287,768	-1,696,103	\$ 102,861,475	\$ 97,471,685	+5,389,790
May	487,664,385	476,549,801	+11,114,584	112,859,524	96,054,494	+16,805,030
June	506,002,036	464,774,329	+41,227,707	130,837,324	101,487,318	+29,350,006
July	521,538,604	480,943,003	+40,595,601	139,606,752	111,786,887	+27,819,865
Aug.	554,559,318	507,537,554	+47,021,764	166,558,666	134,737,211	+31,821,455
Sept.	564,443,591	540,063,587	+24,380,004	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	148,167,616	131,381,847	+16,775,769
Dec.	523,041,764	504,446,580	+18,595,184	134,445,634	124,090,958	+10,354,676
1926.		1925.		1926.	1925.	
Jan.	480,062,657	484,022,695	-3,960,038	102,270,877	101,323,883	+946,994
Feb.	459,227,310	454,198,055	+5,029,255	99,480,650	99,518,658	-38,008
Mar.	528,906,183	485,236,559	+43,669,624	133,642,754	109,081,102	+24,561,652

Note.—Percentage of increase or decrease in net for above months has been: 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.; March, 22.50% inc.

In April the length of road covered was 236,664 miles in 1925, against 236,045 miles in 1924; in May, 236,663 miles against 236,098 miles; in June, 236,779 miles, against 236,357 miles; in July, 236,762 miles, against 236,525 miles; in August, 236,750 miles, against 236,546 miles; in September, 236,752 miles, against 236,587 miles; in October, 236,724 miles, against 236,564 miles; in November, 236,726 miles, against 235,917 miles; in December, 236,959 miles, against 236,057 miles; in January 1926, 236,944 miles, against 236,599 miles in 1925; in February, 236,839 miles, against 236,529 miles; in March, 236,774 miles, against 236,500 miles.

**Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Net Earnings.**—The following table gives the returns of ELECTRIC railway and other public utility gross and net earnings with charges and surplus reported this week:

Companies.	Gross Earnings.	Net after Taxes.	Fixed Charges.	Balance, Surplus.
Adirondack Power & Light Corp	Apr '26 747,343	284,476	172,547	\$111,929
12 mos ended Apr '26	8,631,061	3,357,965	1,891,032	\$1,466,933
Boston Elevated Railway	Mar '26 *3,185,310	827,224	665,451	\$161,773
	*3,031,904	878,706	666,750	\$211,956

\* Includes other income. b After rentals.

**New York City Street Railways.**

Companies—	Gross Revenue.	*Net Revenue.	Fixed Charges.	Net Corp. Income.
Brooklyn City	Feb 26 852,936	124,669	46,610	78,059
	25 884,698	160,476	42,751	117,725
2 mos ended Feb 28	25 1,834,741	303,203	94,050	209,162
	25 1,831,958	289,430	92,536	196,894
Brooklyn Heights (Receiver)	Feb 26 1,676	7,684	57,954	-50,230
	25 1,560	7,142	57,954	-50,812
2 mos ended Feb 28	25 3,236	15,225	115,908	-100,643
	25 3,135	14,370	115,908	-101,538
Bklyn Queens Co & Feb '26	190,081	21,423	57,369	-35,946
Subsids	25 200,813	32,355	53,591	-21,236
2 mos ended Feb 28 '26	414,367	78,213	114,179	-35,966
	425 416,242	48,796	105,483	-56,687

Companies—	Gross Revenue.	*Net Revenue.	Fixed Charges.	Net Corp. Income.
Coney Island & Brooklyn	Feb '26 192,713	28,219	32,448	-4,229
	'25 196,160	32,125	32,275	-9,150
2 mos ended Feb 28 '26	413,359	81,631	64,901	16,730
	'25 405,313	43,605	62,323	-18,718
Coney Island & Gravesend	Feb '26 4,800	-4,220	13,531	-17,751
	'25 4,965	-1,077	13,515	-14,592
2 mos ended Feb 28 '26	10,509	-5,474	27,036	-32,510
	'25 10,048	-3,503	27,039	-30,542
Nassau Electric	Feb '26 397,670	-19,351	96,751	-116,102
	'25 433,674	54,708	94,920	-40,212
2 mos ended Feb 28 '26	879,235	50,073	191,856	-141,783
	'25 893,822	116,098	186,944	-70,846
South Brooklyn	Feb '26 94,787	23,154	25,782	-2,628
	'25 93,699	19,192	25,308	-6,116
2 mos ended Feb 28 '26	183,204	30,642	49,252	-18,610
	'25 198,330	44,431	50,613	-6,182
Manhattan Bridge 3c Line	Feb '26 17,216	-34	334	-368
	'25 19,346	286	297	-11
2 mos ended Feb 28 '26	36,461	830	668	162
	'25 39,950	-81	593	-674
Interboro R T Subway Division	Feb '26 3,531,651	1,649,115	1,121,642	527,473
	'25 3,249,793	1,422,113	1,076,398	345,715
2 mos ended Feb 28 '26	7,280,990	3,458,923	2,243,438	1,215,485
	'25 6,906,199	3,115,195	2,153,630	961,565
Elevated Divis'n	Feb '26 1,439,058	378,271	702,857	-324,586
	'25 1,455,202	337,106	688,748	-351,642
2 mos ended Feb 28 '26	2,985,150	727,478	1,405,938	-678,460
	'25 3,063,142	701,407	1,378,126	-676,755
New York Rap Corp	Feb '26 2,512,788	755,961	499,433	256,528
	'25 2,404,275	787,834	494,340	293,494
2 mos ended Feb 28 '26	5,189,750	1,517,763	998,900	518,863
	'25 5,035,783	1,536,824	988,855	547,969
Third Ave Ry System	Feb '26 1,042,611	152,151	222,989	-70,838
	'25 1,079,107	158,379	225,584	-67,205
2 mos ended Feb 28 '26	2,252,919	358,778	445,744	-86,966
	'25 2,223,743	311,259	450,481	-139,222
New York Rys	Feb '26 483,421	46,718	72,228	-25,510
	'25 563,154	105,000	211,290	-106,290
2 mos ended Feb 28 '26	1,071,528	135,687	144,876	-9,189
	'25 1,135,569	182,747	451,579	-268,512
Eighth Avenue	Feb '26 64,732	-28,210	2,175	-30,385
	'25 78,733	-11,005	1,937	-12,942
2 mos end Feb 28 '26	147,923	-47,488	4,425	-51,913
	'25 158,668	-47,263	4,165	-51,528
Ninth Avenue	Feb '26 30,953	-16,124	4,236	-20,360
	'25 34,131	-13,108	4,126	-17,234
2 mos end Feb 28 '26	74,179	-18,855	8,302	-27,487
	'25 68,200	-37,742	8,301	-46,043
N Y & Harlem	Feb '26 84,737	95,740	50,165	45,575
	'25 103,209	104,210	49,539	54,671
2 mos end Feb 28 '26	193,884	203,472	101,171	102,301
	'25 212,377	205,175	99,676	105,499
Second Avenue (Receiver)	Feb '26 67,223	-10,847	17,433	-28,280
	'25 75,076	-20,080	17,402	-19,482
2 mos end Feb 28 '26	187,000	-3,963	34,866	-38,829
	'25 148,606	-13,548	34,935	-48,483
N Y & Queens (Receiver)	Feb '26 49,319	-5,050	24,072	-29,122
	'25 60,655	9,713	25,068	-15,355
2 mos end Feb 28 '26	111,362	1,194	47,930	-46,736
	'25 126,437	11,856	49,644	-37,788
Steinway Rys (Receiver)	Feb '26 55,350	-633	3,641	-4,494
	'25 12,389	2,359	4,152	-1,793
2 mos end Feb 28 '26	119,142	4,298	8,309	-4,011
	'25 72,956	2,809	8,787	-6,872
Long Island Elec (Receiver)	Feb '26 25,698	2,410	3,905	-1,495
	'25 30,153	4,124	3,689	435
2 mos end Feb 28 '26	57,066	10,512	8,055	2,457
	'25 61,594	5,150	7,375	-2,225
New York & Long Island (Receiver)	Feb '26 22,572	-8,041	5,075	-13,116
	'25 32,444	1,772	6,667	-4,895
2 mos end Feb 28 '26	61,253	-4,738	10,985	-15,723
	'25 66,721	349	13,414	-13,065
Ocean Electric	Feb '26 12,201	-1,699	2,395	-4,094
	'25 15,636	-2,030	3,082	-5,112
2 mos end Feb 28 '26	27,278	-2,091	5,361	-7,452
	'25 30,783	-4,894	6,061	-10,955
Manhattan & Queens (Receiver)	Feb '26 25,948	-1,901	9,152	-11,053
	'25 29,953	5,750	9,704	-3,954
2 mos end Feb 28 '26	61,036	5,575	18,867	-13,292
	'25 60,276	8,100	19,487	-11,387
Richmond Light & RR Co	Feb '26 50,967	-4,580	12,069	-16,649
	'25 94,126	-13,899	14,200	-23,099
2 mos end Feb 28 '26	106,302	-7,895	23,562	-31,457
	'25 160,502	-16,385	25,080	-41,465



latter falling from \$776,916,391 at the end of 1924 to \$696,501,507 at the end of 1925. It also reduced its proportion of bonds to total capitalization from 71.82% on Dec. 31 1924, to 64.51% on Dec. 31 1925.

The Central is one of the country's few billion dollar corporations. Its total capitalization at the end of 1925 was \$1,084,156,592 an increase for the year of \$1,929,901.

President Patrick E. Crowley further states in substance: **Revenues, Tonnage and Passengers.**—The total operating revenues were \$385,994,505, an increase of \$16,387,575. Freight revenue was \$240,115,347, an increase of \$12,756,337.

The increase in tons handled was 5,871,922, of which coal, coke and iron ore account for 3,526,310, and clay, gravel, sand and stone for 1,053,853 tons. A falling off in the movement of anthracite coal due to strike conditions was more than offset by an increased tonnage of bituminous coal and coke.

Passenger revenue was \$96,759,667, an increase of \$779,342. Interline passengers carried decreased 32,725 and local passengers 1,136,192, while commutation passengers increased 1,221,151.

Mail revenue decreased \$167,027. This decrease was largely due to the falling of in traffic incident to the increase in postal rates on second and fourth class mail and to the taking over by the government of terminal service heretofore performed by the company.

Express revenue increased \$1,416,055, the result of an increase in traffic and an increase in rates effective March 1 1925. Other revenues from transportation increased \$1,071,124, the principal items being milk, switching and water transfers.

Incidental and joint facility revenues increased \$531,744, the principal item of increase being rents of buildings and other properties, \$506,761. Of this increase \$385,000 is due to the inclusion in this account for 1925 of certain rents which were placed in another account in 1924, and the balance represents, in the main, additional rent revenue from stores and booths at the Grand Central Terminal.

**Operating Expenses.**—Operating expenses were \$290,440,958, an increase of \$10,470,795 over 1924.

Expense for maintenance of way and structures increased \$6,333,952. A full year's maintenance of the Hudson River Connecting RR. and its extensive yards at Selkirk, N. Y., and charges for property retired at other points incident to the construction of these facilities contributed largely to this increase. Other items of increase were attributable to enlarged facilities; maintenance charges in connection with the electrification of that part of the Putnam Division between Sedgwick Ave., N. Y. City and Yonkers; increased tonnage of rail laid and higher prices for ties; charges account grade crossing elimination, track changes and station improvements; and removal of snow after the heavy storms early in 1925.

Expense for maintenance of equipment increased \$2,000,974. Heavy work on a larger number of locomotives and the shopping of more freight cars caused a substantial increase in the charges to the repair accounts. Passenger cars received less extensive repairs than in 1924 and there was a marked decrease in charges for freight car retirements. Depreciation upon equipment increased \$1,250,367 as the result of the larger investment.

Transportation expenses decreased \$477,354. In charges for fuel there was a decrease of \$2,291,261. There was an increase of \$1,813,907 in the other transportation expenses largely attributable to this additional traffic handled.

General expenses increased \$1,790,156. This increase was almost entirely due to the charging to the year's expenses of the total amount estimated to be required for the payment of allowances to employees retired under the pension plan in 1925 during the continuance of such allowances, such charges being accrued in a pension reserve which at the end of the year amounted to \$1,765,117.

**Railway Tax Accruals.**—Railway tax accruals were \$25,343,923, an increase of \$2,054,353. The increase in Federal taxes is in those on income and on capital stock due to the larger net income earned in 1925 and to additional capital stock issued.

In 1924 there were customs duties on equipment crossing the Canadian border. There were no charges of this character in 1925, which accounts for the decrease in Canadian taxes. The increases in State taxes are attributable, in part, to new property, but in many cases to higher assessments and rates. The largest increases were in New York and New Jersey, those in the latter State being almost entirely the result of higher assessments.

**Non-operating Income.**—Miscellaneous rent income increased \$209,650. This is attributable to revenue from new buildings in the Grand Central Terminal zone and to additional or increased rentals at many other points.

Income from miscellaneous non-operating physical property decreased \$313,837, mainly due to the reclassification of certain properties under which income from the same which was included in this account in 1924 was carried to another account in 1925.

Profit from separately operated properties decreased \$149,705 as the result of the smaller amount received account of operation of the Pittsburgh McKeesport & Youghiogheny RR.

Dividend income increased \$929,546 notwithstanding the inclusion in 1924 of a liquidation dividend of \$828,322 received upon dissolution of the Western Transit Co. There was increased dividend income from Michigan Central RR. and Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Ry. amounting to \$1,586,168 and a net increase of \$171,700 in dividends received from numerous other companies.

Income from funded securities and accounts increased \$142,134 largely due to interest on U. S. Treasury bonds purchased during the year. Income from unfunded securities and accounts increased \$488,547, the result of interest on larger bank balances on deposit and on advances made during the year.

**Deductions from Gross Income.**—Rent for leased roads increased \$1,051,885, largely as the result of the lease of the Hudson River Connecting RR. The rental under that lease consists of a dividend of 6% upon the capital stock of the lessor, all of which is owned by this company, and interest upon advances made to the lessor by this company on capital account.

Interest on funded debt decreased \$5,507,027. This was almost entirely due to the conversion into stock of the company's 6% debentures of 1915.

**Employees' Subscription to Capital Stock.**—On Jan. 7 1925, the company offered to those in its employ or in the employ of any of its controlled companies the opportunity to subscribe for a limited number of shares of the capital stock of the company at \$110 per share, to be paid for in monthly installments by deductions from the payrolls; each employee being entitled to subscribe for one share for each \$200 of his annual rate of pay, with a limit of 20 shares. Under this offering, 41,570 employees subscribed for an aggregate of 66,000 shares of stock. Upon these subscriptions, which exceeded the number of shares available, 68,747 shares were allotted.

On Nov. 2 1925, the company made a supplementary offering of its stock at \$115 per share, to enable those who had subscribed under the offering of Jan. 7 for a greater number of shares than had been allotted to them to subscribe for additional shares up to the amount by which their former subscriptions had exceeded the number of shares allotted thereon. Under this offering, 14,864 shares were subscribed for and allotted.

Only a few of the employees who subscribed for stock under the above offerings are included in the statement of stockholders following, since the subscribers do not become stockholders of record until the stock has been paid for in full.

**Stockholders.**—The following table shows the growth in the number of stockholders from 1915:

Date—	Total		In U. S.—		Abroad—	
	Number.	Average Holding.	Number.	Average Holding.	Number.	Average Holding.
Dec. 31 1915	25,042	100	22,270	104	2,772	64
Dec. 31 1919	30,445	82	30,180	82	265	67
Dec. 31 1921	34,328	83	33,824	73	504	70
Dec. 31 1923	34,946	77	33,502	77	444	70
Dec. 31 1924	36,282	84	35,856	84	426	66
Dec. 31 1925	40,660	94	40,238	94½	422	64

**West Side Improvements—New York City.**—The 1924 report contained a statement showing that the company had done under the Acts of the Legislature of the State of New York passed in 1923 and 1924 making it unlawful to operate any railroad within the greater New York and cities adjoining after Jan. 1 1926, with any motive power except electricity.

At the time that report was printed the Transit Commission, on the company's application for elimination of grade crossings, had taken action by making an order for elimination of the grade crossings at or near Manhattanville and also at Dyckman Street, such order, however, not being effective unless and until the Legislature should make the necessary appropriation for the State's share of the expense. At that time it was not thought there was any State money available but on or about Sept. 1 1925,

money for a portion of the State's share being found available the order was made effective for the elimination of nine grade crossings at or near Manhattanville, plans therefor were approved and that work is being carried out. The Transit Commission also made an order on May 19 1925, directing the elimination of the grade crossing at Moshulu Avenue on the main line of the Putnam Division.

On the company's application to the P. S. Commission to prescribe the method of electrification as required by the Act that Commission has made several orders:

On Feb. 20 1925, it approved plans for the electrification of the Port Morris Branch;

On April 30 1925, it approved plans for electrifying the Yonkers Branch;

On Aug. 8 1925, it approved the Diesel electric locomotive for the Putnam Division main line;

On Nov. 12 1925, it approved plans for electrifying with 3rd rail as far south as 60th St. yard and the Diesel electric locomotive south of 60th St. yard.

At the time of printing this report the Yonkers (Getty Square) Branch has been electrified and is in operation; the electrification of the Port Morris Branch is very nearly completed; and in the yards and sidings on the Hudson and Harlem Electric Divisions electrification is well under way. Seven freight switching electric locomotives have been ordered and delivery is expected about April 1 1926. Two road freight electric locomotives have been ordered and delivery is expected about May 1 1926.

Inasmuch as under the Acts of the Legislature the operation by steam locomotives on and after Jan. 1 1926, would be unlawful and might subject the company to fines and penalties the company commenced an action in the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York on Dec. 28 1925, against the officers in any way charged with the duty of enforcing such a law, seeking to restrain them from taking any action with respect thereto and asking a temporary stay. Such stay was granted and the return day for argument on the merits was fixed as of Jan. 8 1926. By consent of all parties the date of hearing was postponed until Feb. 26. It is hoped that the Legislature will enact appropriate legislation to enable the necessary changes to be made in proper order and on some reasonable basis.

**Advances to Traction Lines.**—During the year there was advanced to The New York & Harlem RR. in connection with the operation of its traction lines in New York City, the sum of \$205,000, making the total advances for this purpose to Dec. 31 1925, \$1,312,000. There was advanced to New York State Rys. on its demand notes \$1,475,000 and to Schenectady Railway, also on demand notes, \$233,150.

**Advances to The Hudson River Connecting Railroad Corp.**—Additional advances of \$3,975,000 for construction purposes were made to The Hudson River Connecting RR. Corp. during the year, making a total to Dec. 31 1925, of \$23,635,000.

**OPERATING STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.**

[Including Boston & Albany RR. and the Ohio Central Lines.]

	1925.	1924.	1923.
Miles operated	6,931	6,920	6,980
Passengers carried	69,169,940	69,117,706	70,598,415
Pass. carried one mile	3,168,122,188	3,122,307,544	3,193,533,249
Rev. per pass. per mile	3.05 cts.	3.07 cts.	3.09 cts.
Pass. rev. per train mile	\$3.30	\$3.36	\$3.55
Tons carried (revenue)	111,223,698	105,351,776	132,576,120
Rev. tons carried 1 mile	22,463,486,692	21,095,677,532	26,321,574,650
Revenue per ton per mile	1.069 cts.	1.077 cts.	1.040 cts.
Freight rev. per train mile	\$8.50	\$8.20	\$8.42
Operating revenue per mile	\$55,694	\$53,578	\$61,112

**INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.**

[Including Boston & Albany RR. and Ohio Central Lines.]

Revenues—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Freight	240,115,347	227,359,010	273,654,981
Passenger	96,759,666	95,980,325	98,670,197
Mail	8,719,884	8,886,897	8,637,980
Express	13,152,774	11,736,720	13,181,581
Milk, switching, &c.	14,735,808	13,664,682	13,626,937
Dining cars, storage	12,511,046	11,979,302	13,263,107
Total oper. revenues	385,994,505	369,606,930	421,034,784
Operating Expenses—			
Maint. of way & struct.	52,783,990	46,450,039	50,571,833
Maint. of equipment	81,218,765	79,217,792	107,465,790
Traffic expenses	4,580,401	4,272,507	4,011,470
Transportation expenses	134,274,256	134,751,609	149,009,762
Miscellaneous operations	5,230,613	4,790,264	4,681,220
General expenses	12,352,933	10,487,953	10,177,164
Total oper. expenses	290,440,958	279,970,163	325,917,241
Net operating revenues	95,553,546	89,636,767	95,117,543
Per cent of exp. to rev.	(75.24)	(75.75)	(77.41)

Note.—For other income, deductions from income, dividend payments, balance sheet items, &c., see "Reports and Documents" on a subsequent page—Ed.—V. 122, p. 2489, 2325, 1466.

**Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad.**

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

The remarks of President C. E. Schaff, together with comparative income account and balance sheet and other tables, will be found under "Reports and Documents" on subsequent pages. A comparative income account was published in V. 122, p. 1754, and a comparative balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1925 was published in V. 122, p. 1913.

**COMMODITIES CARRIED FOR YEARS ENDED DEC. 31.**

(All in Tons.)	Agriculture.	Animals.	Mines.	Forests.	Mfrs., &c.
1925	2,431,236	489,401	3,406,091	522,917	5,851,826
1924	2,398,899	570,705	3,221,205	673,312	5,213,993
1923	1,943,514	619,067	2,965,940	653,725	5,048,986
1922	1,896,923	516,412	3,100,068	673,443	4,659,761
1921	2,472,928	438,274	2,265,018	656,272	4,837,827
1920	2,293,846	552,512	3,871,630	844,611	5,789,868
1919	2,463,314	719,028	4,837,662	975,020	4,313,923
1918	2,685,712	704,985	4,510,078	897,862	4,077,230
1917	2,329,886	693,115	4,624,013	944,994	4,218,965

**GENERAL STATISTICS FOR YEARS ENDING DEC. 31.**

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Average miles operated	3,189	3,193	3,360	3,737
Passengers carried	2,373,819	3,041,445	3,530,823	3,918,058
Pass. carried one mile	279,287,233	311,585,006	335,121,955	319,262,865
Revenue pass. per mile	3.34 cts.	3.36 cts.	3.37 cts.	3.43 cts.
Revenue ton carried	12,701,471	11,978,114	11,231,232	10,845,547
do 1 mile (000 omit)	3,317,094	3,068,947	2,789,306	2,546,598
Rev. per ton per mile	1.32 cts.	1.38 cts.	1.43 cts.	1.54 cts.
Rev. per mile of road	\$18,031	\$17,948	\$16,664	\$14,725

—V. 122, p. 2325, 2187.

**The New York Chicago & St. Louis Railroad Co.**

(Third Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

This company, formerly a part of the Vanderbilt System, passed in July 1916 under the control of Cleveland interests, who bought the holdings of the New York Central RR., O. P. Van Sweringen becoming Chairman of the Board. The present company was formed in 1923 as a consolidation of the New York Chicago & St. Louis RR., Chicago & State Line RR., Toledo St. Louis & Western RR., Lake Erie & Western RR., and Fort Wayne Cincinnati & Louisville RR.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission on March 2 last rejected the application of the Van Sweringen interests for authority to unify under control of the New York Chicago & St. Louis Ry. (the proposed new company) the present



New York Chicago & St. Louis, Erie, Pere Marquette, Hocking Valley and Chesapeake & Ohio roads. The full text of the Commission's report will be found in our issue of March 6 under "Current Events and Discussions," on pages 1249-1254.

The report for the fiscal year ended Dec. 31, signed by Chairman O. P. Van Sweringen and President J. J. Bernet, will be found on subsequent pages of this issue, together with a comparative income account and general balance sheet as of Dec. 31, 1925.

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Passengers carried.....	634,493	757,587	911,959	915,149
Pass. carried one mile.....	64,250,971	66,950,033	77,325,679	68,898,401
Rate per pass. per mile.....	3.03 cts.	3.13 cts.	3.07 cts.	3.08 cts.
Revenue freight (tons).....	23,138,067	22,332,761	25,034,211	21,089,006
Rev. fgt. (tons) 1 mile.....	502,341,600	487,949,000	526,037,800	453,741,623
Rate per ton per mile.....	1.011 cts.	1.024 cts.	1.004 cts.	1.035 cts.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Road & equip't.....	196,864,858	192,385,742	192,385,742
Leased line lmpt.....	84,090	67,870	67,870
Investments.....	19,406,184	19,484,799	113,388,000
Sinking fund.....	160	341,060	2,990,084
Depos. in lieu of property sold.....	33,920	6,000	1,497,008
Misc. phys. prop.....	736,264	750,176	1,052,146
Cash.....	4,090,780	3,953,108	1,075,263
Inventories.....	4,381,087	4,672,328	2,000
Agents and conductors bal.....	532,825	582,955	1,974,744
Special deposits.....	1,497,008	1,331,727	1,876,440
Traffic, &c., bal.....	1,695,409	1,745,531	802,667
Int., div., loans & bills receiv.....	455,590	584,579	275,440
Drafts & depos.....	2,099,000	2,500,000	709,260
Other assets.....	152,205	236,180	358,270
Misc. accounts.....	1,152,553	1,100,009	3,210,688
Deferred assets.....	33,719	34,643	3,496,759
Disc. on funded debt.....	3,099,108	2,793,574	10,433,715
Other unadj. deb.....	27,268,820	27,452,444	48,639,324
Total.....	273,583,579	260,022,726	273,583,579
	V. 122, p. 2647, 1606.		260,022,726

Standard Gas & Electric Co.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

The remarks of President John J. O'Brien, together with the income account, balance sheet and various statistical tables, will be found under "Reports and Documents" on subsequent pages of this issue.

INCOME AND PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENTS FOR YEARS ENDED DEC. 31.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Income Credits—				
Int. on bonds owned.....	\$320,297	\$342,345	\$424,594	\$553,223
Int. on notes & acc'ts rec.....	1,771,495	1,074,086	639,372	218,462
Divs. on pref. and com. stocks owned—Public utility cos., Byllesby Eng'g Co. and Management Corp., &c.....	3,911,533	3,911,471	3,593,512	3,092,891
Profits from syndicate participations.....			401,246	
Net prof. on secur. sold.....	1,266,793	770,629	137,467	895,126
Total.....	\$7,270,117	\$6,098,532	\$5,196,190	\$4,759,702
Gen. exps & taxes.....	144,447	117,272	92,765	107,576
Int. on funded debt.....	900,000	1,939,107	1,969,420	1,769,068
Miscellaneous interest.....	500,884	278,183	193,176	71,636
Net income.....	\$5,724,785	\$3,763,970	\$2,940,830	\$2,811,423
7% prior pref. div.....	1,105,369	410,306		
8% cum. pref. div.....	1,320,000	1,305,992	1,297,711	1,074,965
6% non-cum. div.....	60,000	45,000		
Common dividends.....	x1,953,366	796,033	397,501	
Amort. of dt. dis. & exp.....				350,000
Surplus for year.....	\$1,286,051	\$1,206,639	\$1,245,618	\$1,386,458
Previous surplus.....	7,556,968	6,350,329	5,104,711	3,718,253
Surplus Dec. 31.....	\$8,843,019	\$7,556,968	\$6,350,329	\$5,104,711

\* No charge has been made herein for amortization of debt discount and expense applicable to the years ended Dec. 31 1925, 1924 and 1923, the total unamortized debt discount and expense having been charged in 1925 against the common capital stock, and in 1924 and 1923 against the capital reserve arising from the exchange of shares of common capital stock without par value for shares of par value, as reflected in the accompanying balance sheet. x Including interest on bonds converted into common stock.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Securities owned.....	79,328,046	71,972,296	18,000,000
Sinking funds.....		687	12,500,000
Securities owned—			1,000,000
Pledged.....	1,334,408		8% cum. pfd. stk. 16,500,000
Secur. purch. for acct of advs. to subs.....	1,198,805		Common stock.. b21,971,764
Cash.....	1,808,384	1,001,219	20-year 6% gold notes.....15,000,000
Cash deposit for bond interest.....		310,817	Conv. 6½s. 1933.....3,253,500
Notes receivable.....		117,450	Conv. 6½s. 1954.....9,563,600
Acct's receivable:			Notes payable.....1,961,500
Subsidiary cos.....	7,443,139	1,465,094	Acct's payable.....7,385,803
Sundry debtors.....	351,647	142,428	Divs. acer. cap. stk. 1,009,726
Accr. int. & divs.....	506,513	538,969	Miscel. reserves.....100,086
Office furn. & fixt.....		1	Capital reserves.....a3,992,804
Deferred charges.....	44,267	19,139	Surplus.....8,843,019
			Tot. (each side) 92,015,210
			75,568,101

a Capital reserve (1) arising from exchange of 212,000 shares of common stock without par value, for 212,000 shares of \$50 par value, \$10,600,000; less discount and expense on bonds, notes and capital stock, \$9,758,183; \$841,817; (2) arising from exchange of 90,693 shares of common stock without par value for convertible 6½% gold debenture bonds, \$3,150,988; total, \$3,992,804.

Note.—The company was contingently liable at Dec. 31 1925 as guarantor of the principal and interest of the 1st mtge. conv. 6% sinking fund gold bonds of Shaffer Oil & Ref. Co., of which \$5,142,200 par value were then outstanding, and on account of notes endorsed guaranteed or discounted for various subsidiary and affiliated companies in the amount of \$3,200,000.—V. 122, p. 2331, 2044.

Northern States Power Co. of Delaware & Subsidiaries.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

The remarks of President John J. O'Brien, together with the income account and balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1925, will be found under "Reports and Documents" on subsequent pages of this issue.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross Earnings—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Electric Department.....	\$19,080,733	\$17,420,097	\$13,684,365	\$12,144,909
Gas Department.....	1,507,191	1,444,226	714,870	671,557
Steam Department.....	693,331	727,050	667,270	639,055
Street Railway Dept.....	356,231	496,857	333,919	341,204
Telep. and Water Depts.....	107,382	93,981	89,366	85,194
Total gross earnings.....	\$21,744,869	\$20,227,211	\$15,489,791	\$13,881,919
Operating expenses.....	\$8,361,024	\$7,767,606	\$6,686,994	\$6,037,793
Maintenance.....	1,481,637	1,411,452	992,253	919,782
Taxes.....	1,644,933	1,630,837	1,229,552	1,143,247
Withdrawals from tax & equalization oper. res.....	Cr 337,000			
Net earnings.....	\$10,594,275	\$9,417,316	\$6,580,992	\$5,781,092
Interest charges (net).....	4,595,498	4,243,524	2,345,292	2,311,432
Net income.....	a\$5,998,777	a\$5,173,792	\$4,235,699	\$3,469,660
Preferred stock dividends.....	3,398,853	2,899,442	2,161,775	1,841,534
Common stock dividends.....	b1,294,156	614,307	493,600	493,600
Approp'n for deprec'n.....	1,100,000	1,000,000	650,000	550,000
Amort. of debt disc. & exp.....			350,000	325,000
Balance, surplus.....	\$205,768	\$660,043	\$580,324	\$259,526
Surplus Jan. 1.....	3,083,601	2,423,558	1,843,234	1,583,707
Total surplus Dec. 31.....	\$3,289,368	\$3,083,601	\$2,423,558	\$1,843,234

a The company on its books has charged against capital surplus arising from appraisal the unamortized bond discount and expense at Dec. 31, and accordingly no charge has been made above for the portion of such discount and expense applicable to the years 1924 and 1925.

CONSOLIDATED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
a1925.	1924.	a1925.	1924.
Plant, property, & frans, &c.....	195,318,566	156,721,785	7% cum. pf. stk. 49,180,400
Stock disc. & exp.....	5,466,638	6,120,255	Class A com. stk. x17,658,200
Sinking funds & other deposits.....	459,299	23,447	Class B com. stk. 5,000,000
Investments.....			7% cum. pf. stk. of Nor. States Pow. Co. of Wis. in hands of public.....4,397,600
Stocks & bonds of other cos., ass'ns, &c.....	413,192	139,074	Capital stock of subs. in hands of public, pref. 4,279,630
Bal. of unamort. disc't and exp. since Dec. 31 1924.....	56,343		Funded debt.....109,230,874
Prepd. ins. & int.....	138,096	99,405	Notes payable.....4,376,342
Rate investigation expenses.....	193,087	216,004	Amount due on prop. purchase commitments.....14,467,849
Exp. & adv. on purch. of prop.....	86,715	57,611	Acc'ts payable.....1,023,193
Undistrib. expen. in connection with water power, dams, &c.....	164,160		Accrued interest.....1,194,932
Misc. def'd and unadj. items.....	191,188	182,767	Accr. pref. stock dividends.....873,428
Cash.....	13,245,067	2,898,435	Com. stock divs. payable.....444,324
Cash depos. for bond interest.....	120,614	134,413	Consumers' and other deposits.....449,357
Cash depos. for future constr.....	3,065,000		Sundry curr. liab.....104,009
Notes receivable.....	56,680	266,369	Deprec'n (retirement) reserve.....15,078,161
Acct's receivable.....	2,591,935	2,034,519	Misc. reserves.....88,765
Unbilled gas and electricity.....	833,388	741,689	Contrib. for line extensions.....151,844
Receiv'le on sale of pref. stock.....	769,876	564,144	Capital surplus arising from appraisal of properties.....332,843
Due from affil'd cos. on open account.....	4,278,975		Surp. on books of companies acq'd at date of acquisition thereof.....628,299
Materials & supp.....	2,754,547	2,380,630	Earned surplus.....3,289,368
Total.....	230,203,365	171,580,547	Total.....230,203,365

a After giving effect to the acquisition as of Dec. 31 1925 of the physical property and other assets and the assumption of the liabilities and preferred stock of the St. Paul Gas Light Co. and its affiliated companies. x Represented by 500,000 shares of no par value. y Exclusive of 99,950 shares deposited with trustee of the convertible 6½% gold notes to provide for the conversion of these notes and of 48,000 shares held in the treasury of the company.—V. 122, p. 2652, 2496.

Pure Oil Co. & Subsidiaries.

(12th Annual Report—Year Ended March 31 1926.)

The remarks of President Henry M. Dawes, together with income account and balance sheet as of March 31 1926, will be found in the advertising columns of this issue.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDED MARCH 31.

	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.
Gross earnings.....	\$118,715,184	\$104,397,303	\$87,432,424	\$69,153,736
Costs & oper. expenses.....	96,726,230	y84,441,313	y68,250,558	y57,693,197
Operating income.....	\$21,988,954	\$19,955,991	\$19,181,866	\$11,460,538
Non-operating profits.....		2,812,772		
Total income.....	\$24,801,726	\$19,955,991	\$19,181,866	\$11,460,538
Federal taxes.....	x2,391,932	255,083		
Interest on notes, &c.....	1,144,654	1,671,019	906,259	247,672
Amort. disc. on ser. notes.....				834,034
Depletion, &c.....	8,342,837	7,477,029	3,775,379	3,036,844
Depreciation.....			2,824,729	2,331,633
Preferred divs. (cash).....	1,670,505	1,668,890	1,667,693	1,427,755
Common divs. (cash).....	(6½)493,516	(6)4,263,591	(6½)454,885	(8)5,162,839
Surplus.....	\$6,314,281	\$4,620,378	\$5,462,921	\$1,580,238
Previous surplus.....	53,128,541	49,279,739	44,806,300	46,414,482
Total surplus.....	\$59,442,822	\$53,900,117	\$50,269,230	\$44,834,244
Surplus adjustments.....	48,077	771,577	989,491	27,935
Profit & loss surplus.....	\$59,500,899	\$53,128,541	\$49,279,739	\$44,806,309
x Including other taxes. y Includes taxes.				

BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Prop. equip., &c.....	184,374,270	178,246,438	Preferred stock.....23,000,000
Other investm'ts.....	4,049,261	2,987,927	Common stock.....75,959,250
Stock in treasury.....	316,000	316,000	Preferred stock of Moore Oil Co.....800,000
Marketable secs.....	250,000	19,331	Funded debt.....10,430,000
Cash.....	3,140,021	3,198,614	Acct's payable.....2,724,629
Acct's receivable.....	5,116,977	5,192,619	Notes payable.....4,350,000
Notes & trust acceptances rec.....	738,824	456,427	Accrued taxes.....1,252,605
Finished oils.....	5,716,077	8,055,506	Accr. insur. res.....215,992
Crude oils.....	10,014,127	14,088,371	Dep'r. & depl. res.....40,403,351
Materials & supp.....	3,871,669	3,578,591	Other reserves.....49,766
Deferred charges.....	1,333,089	1,670,123	Profit & loss, sur.....53,128,541
Total.....	218,920,315	217,809,948	Total.....218,920,315

—V. 122, p. 2512, 1182.



**General Motors Corporation.**

(Results for Quarter Ended March 31 1926.)

Commenting upon the financial statement of General Motors for the quarter ended March 31 1926, Alfred P. Sloan Jr., President, says:

Net earnings for the quarter ended March 31 1926 were \$40,644,577, compared with \$18,903,489 for the corresponding period of 1925. There is included therein \$5,789,761, which is the corporation's proportion of the earnings of subsidiary operations not consolidated but accruing to General Motors Corp. in excess of dividends received. There results, therefore, \$34,854,816 reflected directly in General Motors consolidated income account and balance sheet.

After paying the regular quarterly dividends on preferred and debenture stocks requiring \$1,910,635 for the quarter from the net earnings of \$40,644,577, there remained \$38,733,942, equal to \$7 50 per share of common stock, a new high record for the corporation. Excluding General Motors share of the equity earned by subsidiary operations not included General Motors in consolidated statement and mentioned above, there remained \$32,944,18 earned on common stock, or \$6 38 per share, which in turn is included in General Motors earnings statement. These earnings established a new record of earnings for any quarter in the history of the corporation of any year.

A comparison of sales and earnings for the current quarter, as compared with the corresponding periods of 1925 and 1924, may be summarized as follows:

**First Quarter—**

	1926.	1925.	1924.
General Motors sales to dealers	281,449 cars	155,432 cars	215,550 cars
Dealers' sales to users	224,616 cars	135,883 cars	140,786 cars
Net earnings (after taxes)	\$40,644,577	\$18,903,489	\$22,728,462
Amount earned on common stock	\$38,733,942	\$16,993,129	\$20,997,393
Earned per share on common stock	\$7 50	\$3 29	\$4 07

Dealers' sales to users were 224,616 cars, compared with 135,883 for the corresponding period of 1925, an increase of 65.4%, and with 140,786 for the first quarter of 1924, an increase of 56.7%. This constitutes a new record of dealers sales to users for the first quarter, while the corporation's sales to dealers, 281,449 cars, established a new record for any quarter of any year. The corporation enters the second quarter of the year, which is the period of heaviest retail demand, with dealers' stocks ultra-conservative when measured by the trend of retail sales.

This record volume of business in the opinion of the corporation, is public recognition of the great value that General Motors is offering in all of its cars at this time.

Sales of the Pontiac, exhibited for the first time in January at the automobile show, amounted to well over 10,000 cars in the first quarter, and would have been larger if production could have been increased rapidly enough to meet the demand. This constitutes a record for the industry for the first three months sales following the introduction of a new car. Oldsmobile sales were 93% more than in the first quarter of last year. Chevrolet sales set a new high quarterly record; and also a new high monthly record with the sales of 66,475 cars in March. Chevrolet is now averaging more than 3,000 cars a day. Buick sold more cars in the first quarter than any other maker of six-cylinder cars, which considering the high average retail value per car, represents a remarkable merchandising achievement. In addition to introducing Pontiac, the new car, the Oakland division increased the sales of Oakland cars 96% over the first quarter of last year. Cadillac operated at the highest rate in its history, and in the first quarter increased sales by 75% over last year.

The corporation will adhere strictly to its established policy of building a car for every purse and purpose, with quality at all times foremost, and having the greatest value in each price class that the great purchasing power, large financial resources, engineering skill, manufacturing ability and world-wide distributing organization, make possible.

Cash in banks, Government securities, temporary loans and marketable securities, at March 31 1926, amounted to \$136,899,249. Sight drafts were \$21,333,846; inventories, \$116,898,143; total current assets, \$304,787,340; current liabilities, \$98,524,499. This leaves an excess of current assets over current liabilities of \$206,262,841, which compares with \$181,826,881 as of Dec. 31 1925, an increase of \$24,435,960.

**CONDENSED CONSOL. INCOME ACCOUNT, 3 MOS. ENDED MAR. 31**

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Sales of cars & trucks units	\$	\$	\$	\$
Retail deliveries by dealers to users	224,616	135,883	140,786	139,696
General Motors sales to dealers	281,449	155,432	215,550	176,258
Net sales—value	\$235,858,294	\$143,971,744	\$178,046,259	\$158,662,560
Profit from oper. & investments, after all exp. incident thereto, but before deprec'n of real estate plants and equipment	\$48,671,945	\$26,315,502	\$28,261,034	\$27,532,965
Prov. for depr'n of real estate, plants & equip.	4,213,483	4,259,971	3,986,641	3,560,223
Net profit from operation & investments	\$44,458,462	\$22,055,531	\$24,274,394	\$23,972,741
Less—				
Prov. for empl. bonus	\$1,769,000	\$604,000	\$653,000	\$1,194,000
Amt. due Managers Sec. Co.	1,769,000	604,000	653,000	1,194,000
Empl. sav. & inv. fund	763,531	586,385	636,026	466,173
Spec. pay't to empl. under stock sub. plan	32,952	18,100	—	—
Interest on notes payable	—	—	152,615	165,037
Fed'l & for'n inc. taxes	5,059,000	2,228,000	2,625,000	2,670,000
Net income	\$35,064,979	\$18,015,046	\$19,554,753	\$19,477,532
Gen. Motl Corp. propor. of net income	\$34,854,816	\$17,811,239	\$19,400,956	\$19,406,123
Deb. div. at rate of 7%	—	—	576,303	547,377
Deb. div. at rate of 6%	45,903	44,184	912,015	911,965
7% pref. stock dividends	1,833,262	1,831,343	—	—
Pref. divs. at rate of 6%	31,470	34,833	242,751	242,581
Total dividends	\$1,910,635	\$1,910,360	\$1,731,069	\$1,701,924
Amt. earned on com. stk.	\$32,944,181	\$15,900,879	\$17,669,887	\$17,704,199
Earned per sh. on com. stk.	\$7 50	\$3 29	\$4 07	\$3 43

\*Adding Gen. Mot. Corp equity in the undivided profits of Fisher Body Corp. (60%), Gen. Motors Accep. Corp. (100%), Yellow Truck & Coach Mfg. Co. (57%) and Ethyl Gasoline Corp. (50%), the amt. earned on the common stock is—

**SURPLUS ACCOUNT.**

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Surp. at begin. period	119,020,473	82,110,929	120,699,300	89,936,863
Add'n arising from excess over \$10 per share of no par value com. stock issued for empl. bonus	—	—	—	354,308
Amt. earned on com. stk. as per income account	32,944,181	15,900,879	17,669,887	17,704,199
Total	151,964,654	98,011,808	138,369,187	107,995,370
Less—Cash divs. paid on common stock	9,032,271	9,771,802	6,193,074	6,154,468
Surp. at end of period	142,932,383	90,270,006	132,176,113	101,840,902

x In recapitalizing common stock issued under charter amendments adopted in June 1924, \$51,615,990 of surplus account was capitalized, thus reducing surplus account and increasing common stock account by this amount. y In 1926 \$1 75 per share; in 1925, \$1 50; in 1924 and 1923, 3% per share.

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET.**

Mar. 31 '26.		Dec. 31 '25.		Mar. 31 '26.		Dec. 31 '25.	
Assets—				Liabilities			
Real est., plants & equipment	290,370,705	287,268,287	7% pref. stock	104,827,000	104,619,200		
Cash	106,600,977	108,290,770	6% pref. stock	2,059,100	2,175,700		
U. S. Govt. sec.	25,128,273	25,141,318	6% debent. stock	3,029,900	3,121,100		
Temp. loans & market secur.	5,170,000	11,710,000	Common stock	258,079,950	258,079,950		
Sight drafts and C. O. D. items	21,333,846	8,195,348	Accts. payable	50,970,175	44,829,849		
Notes receivable	2,351,755	2,764,005	Taxes, pay-rolls, &c., accrued	30,891,328	23,657,819		
Accts. receiv. & trade accept.	25,862,831	20,817,404	U. S. & for'n taxes	15,389,125	13,912,000		
Inventories	116,898,143	112,091,659	Accrued divs.	1,273,871	1,214,873		
Prepaid expenses	1,441,515	1,858,584	Extra div. on common stock	—	25,427,672		
Inv. in affil. & miscell. cos.	86,811,516	86,183,747	Res. for deprec.	94,328,179	91,625,429		
Gen. Mot. stks. held in treas.	8,370,358	11,963,578	Res. for empl. invest. fund	623,495	1,853,460		
Deferred expen.	4,008,495	5,119,838	Sundry cont. res.	8,394,716	8,305,946		
Good-will, patents, &c.	22,374,079	22,382,127	Res. for bonus to employees	1,769,000	3,981,382		
Total	716,722,493	703,786,665	Int. of minority stkhldrs. in sub	2,154,271	1,961,818		
			Surplus	142,932,383	119,020,473		
Total	716,722,493	703,786,665	Total	716,722,493	703,786,665		

x In 1926, 27,531 shares common stock, \$3,191,614; 47,924 shares 7% pref., \$5,178,744. y Represented by 5,161,599 shares of no par value—V. 122, p. 2508, 2199.

**Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey) and Affiliated Cos.**

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

**CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.**

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Total gross earnings	\$1,122,682,611	\$409,995,806	\$367,334,410	\$328,286,827
Incl. from oth. sources	22,837,893	9,785,430	8,490,245	10,435,764
Total gross income	1,145,520,504	419,781,236	375,824,655	338,722,591
General expenses	972,693,627	10,608,199	8,689,777	7,772,530
Costs & oper. charges	377,642,143	340,306,941	305,792,577	—
Res. for inc. taxes on 1925 earnings	13,188,618	—	—	—
General taxes	Not shown	970,964	1,148,080	862,718
Depreciation	48,406,904	10,292,977	10,172,876	11,407,025
Consol. net earnings	111,231,355	20,266,952	15,506,981	12,887,740
Proportion of earnings of affil. cos. aft. Fed. tax	Not shown	60,749,618	40,788,300	33,354,695
Total income	111,231,355	81,016,570	56,295,282	46,242,436
Pref. divs. (7% per ann.)	13,998,103	13,998,103	13,998,103	13,855,205
Common divs.	(4%) 20,395,991	(4) 20,181,570	(4) 20,013,718	(20) 198,42485
Balance, surplus	76,837,261	46,836,897	22,283,461	12,544,746
Previous surplus	278,260,966	231,424,069	209,140,608	594,525,562
Stk. div. on com. (400%)	—	—	—	397,929,700
Inc. tax payments, &c., adjust. prior years	5,873,345	—	—	—
Prof. & loss surp., incl. res. for annuities	349,224,882	278,260,966	231,424,069	209,140,608

x Gross income from operations with all departmental transactions eliminated. y Includes depletion. z Including inter-company transactions, but excluding all interdepartmental transactions. a Net income from miscellaneous sources, including int. and divs. from corporations not consolidated.—V. 122, p. 1624, 1324.

**St. Louis Southwestern Railway Co.**

(35th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

Chairman Edwin Gould reports in brief:

**Investment in Road and Equipment.**—Expenditures made for additions and betterments during the year under review, after allowing for retirement of equipment, amounted to \$1,968,466.

**Capital Stock and Dividends.**—No change was made in the capital stock issued and outstanding during the period covered by this report. The directors declared the regular dividend of 5% on the preferred capital stock during the year 1925, which was paid from surplus.

**Funded Debt.**—The amount of funded debt, outstanding in hands of the public, was increased during the year in the sum of \$400,000.

**The Kansas City Southern Stock Interest.**—In the annual report for 1924, it was announced that the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry. had acquired a substantial interest in the capital stock of the St. Louis Southwestern Ry. This interest was disposed of by that company to the Kansas City Southern Ry. At the meeting of the board of directors held on Oct. 30 1925, Marcus L. Bell, J. E. Gorman and N. L. Amster resigned and were replaced by L. F. Loree, Paul Rosenthal and E. Roland Harriman.

President Daniel Upthegrove, St. Louis, March 15, wrote in substance:

**Operating Revenues.**—Railway operating revenues for 1925 amounted to \$26,132,262, a decrease of \$194,028, or 0.74%, made up of an increase in freight revenue of \$310,050, a decrease in passenger revenue of \$431,985, and decrease in other revenues of \$72,094. Freight revenue for the year amounted to \$22,093,551, compared with \$21,783,500 for 1924; \$24,596,070 for 1923; \$22,297,231 for 1922 and \$20,837,819 for 1921.

There was a substantial decrease in the tonnage of coal, crushed rock and gravel, offset by an increase in the tonnage of products of manufactures, resulting in a slight decrease in the total tonnage of all commodities. There was no increase or decrease in the general level of rates.

Freight revenue per train-mile increased from \$7 71 to \$7 92; revenue per mile of road increased from \$12,258 51 to \$12,623 30. There was an increase in the number of ton-miles per train-mile from 503.54 in 1924 to 528.63 in 1925, an increase of 4.98%.

The decrease in passenger revenue for the year just ended was approximately the same as the decrease shown in 1924, and was caused by loss of local traffic which has been diverted to buses and privately owned automobiles operating on good roads in the territory served by these lines. The continued effect of this competition can be looked for in 1926. The number of revenue passengers decrease from 2,062,574 to 1,572,466. There was, however, an increase in the average haul from 41.47 miles to 47.52 miles, which further shows that the loss is in local traffic, and that the long-haul passengers continued to use steam service.

Despite the decrease in passenger traffic, it was not possible to decrease the passenger-train miles which furnished practically the same amount of service as during 1924.

The continued losses in passenger revenue have been a matter of concern. In endeavoring to offset these losses, plans have been considered for competing for long-haul passenger business. However, in order to do this, it would be necessary to make large expenditures for additional equipment and maintain an expensive service with doubtful results. The purchase of additional motor cars for use on branch lines, and perhaps on some parts of main line, where traffic will permit, is under consideration. The cost of operating motor cars is approximately one-half that of steam trains.

**Operating Expenses.**—Operating expenses for 1925 amounted to \$19,925,858, compared with \$20,027,914, a decrease of \$102,056, or 0.51%. This was made up of a decrease of \$234,468 in transportation expenses, amounting to 3.02%, an increase in maintenance of way and structures, \$393,906, or 9.31%, and a decrease in maintenance of equipment, \$373,762, or 6.36%, and small changes in the other general accounts.

The total miles of all freight-train cars increased from 106,861,267 to 114,182,755 at the same time that freight-train car repairs decreased from \$2,127,458 to \$1,783,651. This is reflected in a decreased cost per mile in freight-train car repairs from 1.99c. to 1.56c. per car-mile. The economy of retiring old light capacity cars and adding modern steel underframe equipment is reflected in these figures. Maintenance of equipment has been charged with the voluntary retirement of 1,549 freight and work-train cars during the current year. Other economies in maintenance of equipment, due to new shop machinery, and increased efficiency, have been

affected. Freight-train miles decreased from 2,668,276 to 2,650,781, while the number of revenue ton-miles increased from 1,423,436,363 to 1,474,751,588.

Net revenue from railway operations decreased from \$6,298,376 to \$6,206,403, a reduction of \$91,973, or 1.46%.

Net railway operating income increased from \$4,741,011 to \$4,817,854, an increase of \$76,842, or 1.62%. This is the figure used to measure return on the investment for purposes of the Transportation Act. Net income, after all charges, increased from \$2,365,162 to \$2,379,292, a difference of \$14,130, or 0.60%. After application of \$32,098 to the purchase of 1st consol. mtge. bonds for sinking fund, there was transferred to profit and loss on income balance of \$2,347,193.

Taxes.—Railway tax accruals decreased \$114,502, or 8.90%. Agricultural and Industrial.—A severe drought caused a shortage in the cotton crop on the lines west of Corsicana, Texas, and heavy rains damaged the quality of the crop on the northern lines.

The rice farmers in Arkansas up until Oct. 1 had every prospect of the most profitable crop for the past five years, but excessive rains throughout the harvesting season not only made the crop expensive to harvest, but also caused a reduction of 5 to 10% in the amount of the crop, for which an excellent price was received.

The production of fruit and truck crops in east Texas was exceptionally good. 2,341 cars of fruit were handled in 1925, compared with 1,757 for the year 1924.

The Agricultural Department has co-operated with colleges, farm bureaus, U. S. Department of Agriculture, chambers of commerce and other organizations in their efforts to improve agricultural conditions. A state-wide contest was inaugurated by local interests in Texas for "More Cotton on Fewer Acres." Seventeen counties in Texas served by our lines produced more cotton than last year.

Orchard demonstration trains were operated in the peach-growing sections along the lines in East Texas and Arkansas, as a result of which there will be a large increase in the planting of peach trees. Farm exhibits were also collected and shown at five of the major fairs in our territory. The Texas Power & Light Co. has located the first 40,000-kilowatt unit of a power plant on our line at Trinidad, Texas, and will use for fuel powdered lignite, of which there is an abundant supply. This power company will be able to furnish electric power at a price that should be attractive to various manufacturing industries.

Federal Valuation.—No date has yet been fixed for hearing of protest of St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Lines against the valuation of their property as of June 30 1915, since the cancellation announced in previous annual report. The Bureau of Valuation is at present engaged in a reappraisal of all of the owned land, which will be completed during 1926.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Average miles operated.	1,750	1,777	1,776	1,776
Operations—				
Passengers carried	1,572,466	2,062,574	2,433,811	2,097,603
Passengers carried 1 mile	74,730.752	85,539.372	98,671.589	77,734.942
Rate per pass. per mile	3.33 cts.	3.41 cts.	3.44 cts.	3.46 cts.
Tons freight moved	5,848,720	5,901,480	6,365,897	5,353,997
do do 1 mile	147,475.588	142,343.363	169,779.155	155,504.954
Rate per ton per mile	1.50 cts.	1.53 cts.	1.45 cts.	1.45 cts.
Earnings per pass. train m.	\$1,356.51	\$1,554.54	\$1,751.71	\$1,581.17
Earnings per frt. train m.	\$7,919.55	\$7,705.99	\$7,393.93	\$7,350.06
Gross earnings per mile.	\$14,931	\$14,815	\$16,641	\$14,730

CLASSIFICATION OF REVENUE TONNAGE FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Cottonseed & products, except oil	290,529	247,391	222,473	172,765
Other agric. products	757,793	803,509	894,211	771,067
Products of animals	63,748	72,973	70,156	63,766
Bituminous coal	242,295	342,533	368,033	299,752
Clay, gravel, sand & stone	737,335	875,343	716,749	443,706
Crude petroleum, &c.	240,772	276,271	365,844	403,415
Other mineral products	98,276	101,164	179,738	152,602
Products of forests	1,573,562	1,545,320	1,803,183	1,423,045
Refined petroleum, &c.	525,090	403,766	501,381	485,165
Other mfd. products	1,312,319	1,233,210	1,334,129	1,138,714
Total	5,848,720	5,901,480	6,365,897	5,353,997

The usual comparative income account was given in V. 122, p. 2642.

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET (ENTIRE SYSTEM) DEC. 31.

	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Road and equipment	121,195,617	119,236,625	Common stock	16,356,100
Inv. in affil. cos.	1,700,955	1,710,492	Preferred stock	19,893,650
Other invest'mts.	9,379,872	7,976,310	Bonds (see 'Ry. & Ind.' Comp.)	68,741,750
Misc. invest'mts.	866,576	803,573	Accts. & wages	2,385,009
Cash	2,400,054	4,725,073	Traffic, &c., bal.	329,278
Special deposits	670,123	670,995	Int. & divs. due	665,523
Agents and conductors' bals.	195,585	132,042	Miscell. accts.	169,434
Traffic, &c., bal.	423,112	450,660	Int., &c., acc'r.	300,060
Loans & bills rec.	8,643	27,501	Taxes accrued	734,769
Miscell. accts.	848,302	859,145	Prem. on fd. dt.	7,626
Int. & divs. rec.	34,714	40,918	Accrued deprec.	5,940,552
Mat'l & supplies	4,266,393	3,597,841	Oth. unadj. accts.	757,361
Oth. curr. assets	75,191	132,101	Other def. liabil.	19,560
Work. fd. advs.	19,578	16,434	Add'ns to prop. thru. income	16,720,180
Oth. def. assets	12	12	Sink. fund res'v.	1,001,755
Oth. unadj. deb.	627,509	639,933	Misc. fund res'v.	70,914
			Oth. app'ro. sur.	26,149
			Profit and loss	8,595,274
Total	142,712,242	141,019,657	Total	142,712,242

—V. 122, p. 2647, 2642.

International Railways of Central America.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT—YEARS ENDED DEC. 31.

	1925.	1924.	1923.
Railway operating revenues	\$6,097,012	\$5,120,571	\$4,271,923
Railway operating expenses	3,677,562	2,816,024	2,392,198
Railway tax accruals	242,150	209,672	137,092
Railway operating income	\$2,177,299	\$2,094,874	\$1,742,633
Net income from miscellaneous oper.	187,696	83,722	49,028
Non-operating income	97,261	20,082	38,610
Gross income	\$2,462,255	\$2,198,679	\$1,830,271
Interest on bonds and notes	\$848,897	\$789,031	\$798,440
Amortization of discount	7,504	7,504	7,504
Income applicable to Occidental RR., minority interest	57	49	578
Net income	\$1,605,797	\$1,402,094	\$1,050,979
Sinking fund res'v. payments	\$44,333	\$29,333	
Dividends, preferred stock	500,000	500,000	x500,000
Balance, surplus	\$1,061,464	\$872,761	\$550,979
Previous surplus	1,717,995	1,017,976	1,279,568
Profit on sale of securities	1,064		
Ins. reserve discontinued, as all properties are now covered by ins. policies			82,441
Total	\$2,780,523	\$1,890,737	\$1,912,988
Deduct unexting. disc. on securities	20,012	20,012	20,012
Sinking fund res. amt. at Dec. 31 1923	100,000	52,730	
Res. against invest. in subsidiaries	100,000	100,000	
Loss on sale of securities	15,945		
Miscellaneous adjustments	129,976		
Back divs. on pref. stock (8 1/4%), discharged in 13-year 6% notes			875,000
Balance at credit—Dec. 31	\$2,514,590	\$1,717,995	\$1,017,976
x Of this amount, \$250,000 (or 2 1/2%) was paid in 13-year 6% dividend notes and \$250,000 (2 1/2%) in cash.			

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Road and equipment	62,308,687	59,327,513	Common stock	30,000,000
Inv. in affil. cos.	1,000,103	964,675	Preferred stock	10,000,000
Other investments	177,838	148,138	Govt. grants	4,319,463
Sinking fund	139,349	87,201	Funded debt	17,657,112
Cash	1,447,310	2,107,384	Loans & bills pay.	2,335,784
Loans & bills rec.	251,867		Traff., &c., bal. pay.	581
Special deposits	36,062		Mortgage payable	
Interest and divs. receivable	34,166		Notes payable	25,000
Traffic, &c., bal.	54,389		Accts. & wages pay.	536,360
Agts. & conduc.	117,734	181,113	Int. & divs. mat'd	123,524
Remit. in trans.	63,145	156,843	Interest accrued	168,808
Mat'l's & suppl.	1,628,106	690,721	Due from Guate. mala. z.	1,275,000
Miscell. accounts	344,596	573,078	Min. Int. Occ. RR.	547
Govt. of Guatem'a	2,587,944	2,397,522	Invest. reserve	339,544
Other def. assets	230,174	290,336	Tax liability	216,657
Disct. on fund. dt.	1,218,359	709,246	Accrued deprec'n.	1,979,942
Rent & insurance	44,920		Int. due fr. Guat.	389,420
Other unadj. deb.	1,301,261	465,089	Other unadj. cred.	312,578
			Deferred liabilities	676,748
			Profit and loss	2,653,939
Total	72,986,010	68,098,861	Total	72,986,010

Notes.—a The International Rys. Co. of Central America is entitled to receive the following subvention not mentioned in above balance sheet: From the Govt. of Guatemala, \$7,500 U. S. gold per kilometer for approximately 90 kilometers. b The company is constructing 193 miles of additional railway and for this purpose has entered into contracts for construction and material payable over an estimated period of 3 years from Dec. 31 1925.

c Contingent Liability.—Guarantee of principal of 350 shares preferred stock of the Guatemala Tramway, Light & Power Co. at \$100 per share, on liquidation or dissolution of that company, in addition to guarantee of dividends thereon at the rate of 6% per annum.

d The company has agreed to purchase \$12,500 par value of 8% treasury certificates of El Salvador each month during 1926 and 1927.—V. 122, p. 2647, 477.

Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry. Co.

(9th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Miles of road operated	511.60	511.60	511.60	511.60
Revenue tons carried	17,749,467	15,231,932	15,359,467	10,212,795
Revenue ton miles	16,463,321.100	14,764,704.556	15,513,572.255	8,951,712.125
Av. n. et tons per train m.	1.043	977	1,012	893
Av. rev. per ton mile	1.127 cts.	1.110 cts.	1.094 cts.	1.257 cts.
Av. rev. per mile of road	\$36,261	\$32,047	\$33,183	\$22,004
Passengers carried	456,832	624,062	681,865	768,296
Passengers carried 1 mile	17,474,545	21,806,006	23,904,114	24,094,498
Av. rev. per pass. per m.	3.12 cts.	3.12 cts.	3.16 cts.	3.23 cts.
Pass. rev. per mile of rd.	\$1,067	\$1,350	\$1,477	\$0,520
Av. No. pass. per train m.	25.43	28.63	31.71	30.98
Net oper. rev. per m. of rd.	\$11,717	\$7,668	\$8,719	\$3,935
Net oper. rev. per tr. m.	\$2.59	\$1.69	\$1.91	\$1.12

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Operating Income—				
Railway oper. rev.	\$20,395,618	\$18,332,401	\$19,213,669	\$13,179,902
Railway oper. exp.	14,400,990	14,410,273	14,753,220	11,166,554
Net rev. from ry. oper.	\$5,994,629	\$3,922,128	\$4,460,449	\$2,013,348
Railway tax accruals	1,568,458	1,255,606	1,326,809	1,229,557
Uncoll. railway rev.	4,108	4,732	1,915	1,128
Ry. oper. income	\$4,422,062	\$2,661,791	\$3,131,724	\$782,663
Non-Operating Income—				
Rent on equipment	\$61,050	\$50,907	\$46,474	\$20,529
Joint facility rent income	46,174	41,236	40,101	27,940
Inc. from lease of road	6,000	6,000	6,000	a997,035
Miscell. rent income	22,611	19,392	19,509	17,331
Misc. non-op. phy. prop.	10	10	10	55
Inc. from funded sec.	100,279	100,279	100,279	100,279
Inc. from unfunded secs. & accts.	108,624	78,320	45,879	b89,994
Miscellaneous income	4,409	5,637	d204,631	c11,903
Gross income	\$4,771,219	\$2,963,571	\$3,594,566	\$2,047,728
Deductions—				
Hire of freight cars, debt. it. balance	\$46,073	\$294,944	\$371,114	\$279,350
Rent for equipment	13,602	13,036	60,221	86,002
Joint facility rents	104,640	84,465	76,209	66,176
Miscell. rents	164	742	1,529	475
Interest on funded debt.	1,278,881	1,254,247	1,303,701	1,326,315
Int. on unfunded debt.	22,757	21,653	22,224	66,073
Amor. disc. on fund. debt	14,637	11,740	11,740	11,740
Misc. inc. charges	4,185			
Net income	\$3,286,279	\$1,282,744	\$1,747,826	\$211,596
Inv. in rd. & equip.	141,612	78,115	87,149	77,820
Inc. applied to sinking & other reserve funds	30,000	30,000	30,000	25,000
Sur. trans. to prof. & loss	\$3,114,667	\$1,174,629	\$1,630,677	\$108,776

Note.—(a) \$991,035; (b) \$55,000 and (c) \$10,000 additional amounts received in final settlement of accounts with Director-General of Railroads and included in 1922. (d) \$202,547 additional amount received in final settlement with the United States Government for guaranty period operation.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Road	69,814,805	69,549,779	Pr. Lien cap. stk. c	11,882,600
Equipment	18,079,197	15,985,234	Common stock	33,641,300
General	33,768	33,768	Preferred stock	10,344,958
Sinking funds	270,000	240,000	L. E. Div. 1st 5s	2,000,000
Dep. in lieu of mtgd. prop. sold	35,145	34,395	Wheel. Div. 1st 5s	894,000
Misc. phys. prop.	129	129	Ext. & Imp. 1st 5s	409,000
a Inv. in affil. cos.			1st Cons. M. As.	6,870,000
Stock				



W. Va. Ry., \$2,000,000; total, \$2,224,000. (3) Advances to the Wandle Co., \$432,443.

b Pledged as collateral security to funded obligations of the company, except stock owned in the Wandle Co.

c No cumulative dividends have been paid on Prior Lien stock.

d Additions to property through income and surplus, \$1,334,044; funded debt retired through income and surplus, \$190,000, sinking fund reserve \$270,000; total corporate surplus, \$1,794,044.

x The surplus has been temporarily used for additions and betterments to the property and for equipment trust payments.—V. 121, p. 1675.

**American Water-Works & Electric Co., Inc.**  
(12th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

President H. Hobart Porter says in substance:

**Acquisitions.**—The earnings from the following named companies have been included in the income account for 1925 only from the dates of their acquisition, as follows:

Atlantic County Water Co. of New Jersey	April 1 1925
Tintner Manor Water Co.	May 1 1925
Monmouth County Water Co.	July 1 1925
Alton Water Co.	Nov. 1 1925

The Rumson Improvement Co., serving Monmouth County, N. J., and the distribution system supplying part of the Borough of Deal, N. J., were also acquired during 1925.

**Redemption of 8% Pref. Stock, &c.**—On June 23 1925 the stockholders voted to decrease the outstanding capital stock by retiring the entire 100,000 shares of 6% participating preferred stock, and in accordance therewith company called for payment the entire issue of 6% participating preferred stock on Aug. 24 1925 at \$105. For the benefit of the 6% participating preferred stockholders company made an arrangement with a group of bankers whereby such stockholders could, at their option, receive instead of \$105 per share in cash for each share of their 6% participating preferred stock, 1/2 share of 7% cumulative 1st pref. stock, 1/2 share of common stock and \$27 in cash. Over 86% of the 6% participating preferred stockholders took advantage of the offer made under this arrangement and remained stockholders of the company.

**Amalgamation of All Electric Properties.**—Company owned 46,685 shares out of 221,247 shares outstanding of the 7% cum. pref. stock and 165,742 shares, out of 225,000 shares outstanding, of the com. stock of the West Penn Co., the parent company of the West Penn System. During the past few years company has acquired all of the com. stocks of the Potomac Edison Co. and Keystone Power & Light Co., which companies serve a territory contiguous to that of the West Penn System, with the idea of ultimately welding all of these electric systems into a single unit, the advantages of which arrangement are universally recognized.

With this purpose in mind, company on Sept. 10 1925 submitted a plan to the stockholders of the West Penn Co. whereby the 7% cumulative preferred stockholders of that company might exchange their holdings share for share for the 7% cumulative preferred stock (par \$100 per share) of the West Penn Electric Co., a new company to be organized in accordance with such plan, and the common stockholders of the West Penn Co., other than your company, might exchange their holdings and receive for each share of such common stock one share of the class A stock (no par value) of the West Penn Electric Co. (which stock directly follows the 7% cumulative preferred stock of such company) together with 1/2 share of common stock of American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.

In accordance with this plan company has exchanged its 46,685 shares of 7% cumulative preferred stock of the West Penn Co. (par \$100 per share) for an equal number of shares of the same par value of the 7% cumulative preferred stock of West Penn Electric Co., and has also exchanged share for share its 165,742 shares of no par value common stock of the West Penn Co. for the no par value class B stock of the West Penn Electric Co. The class B stock following the class A stock is entitled to dividends up to \$7 per share per annum. In exchange for 75,000 shares (no par value), being all of the issued and outstanding common stock of the Potomac Edison Co.; and 25,000 shares (no par value), being all of the issued and outstanding common stock of Keystone Power & Light Co., and the sum of \$2,000,000 in cash, your company has received 600,000 shares of no par value common stock of the West Penn Electric Co. Your company also receives under the plan six additional shares of common stock of the West Penn Electric Co. for each share of its own common stock issued in connection with the exchange of the common stock of the West Penn Co. for class A stock of the West Penn Electric Co.

This plan was very well received by the stockholders of the West Penn Co. and was declared operative on Dec. 9 1925. It has now been carried out by the transfer of all the assets of the West Penn Co. to the West Penn Electric Co. On March 30 1926 less than 3% of the preferred stock and 1% of the common stock of the West Penn Co. was still held by the public.

**Subsidiary Electric Companies.**—The West Penn Electric Co.—Combined earnings of companies whose stocks were acquired by West Penn Elec. Co.:

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.
Gross earnings	\$31,472,134	\$30,278,238
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	17,641,095	17,705,381
Deductions—Interest and amortization of discount	5,974,657	5,839,984
Preferred dividends of subsidiaries	1,892,158	1,659,602
Minority interests	9,804	10,153
Reserved for renewals, replacements and depletion	2,380,223	2,151,740

Net income.....\$3,574,197 \$2,911,380  
The plant, property and investment account of the companies now controlled by the West Penn Electric Co. shows a net increase during the year of \$9,609,899.

There was an increase in electric consumers during the year of 26,414, due almost entirely to the growth of the properties owned.

The installation of an additional steam turbine unit of 40,000 k.w. capacity at Springdale power station of the West Penn Power Co. was started early in the year, and it is expected that it will be placed in operation during the summer of 1926, increasing the total installation of the station to 160,000 k.w.

Work on the development of hydro-electric power in the Cheat River basin in West Virginia was continued during the year. The dam was completed and the construction of the power house begun. It is hoped that the first unit will be installed and service inaugurated from the new station during 1926.

During the year the Springdale power station was joined with the Colfax power station of the Duquesne Light Co. by the construction of a 132,000 volt steel tower transmission line. An additional 132,000 volt steel tower line was completed from the same station to a point near Greensburg, Pa. Substantial progress was made on the construction of 24 miles of 132,000 volt transmission line extending from Kittanning to Clarion and Ridgway, which line will interconnect the West Penn, the Pennsylvania Public Service Co. and the Keystone Power Corp. systems. In the spring of 1925, 53.45 miles of 66,000 volt transmission line in the Parkersburg and Marietta district were completed. This line effects a connection of this district through lines of the Ohio Power Co. with the Windsor power station of the West Penn Power Co.

Additional improvements included the construction of several miles of 22,000 and 6,900 volt transmission lines in order to give service to a number of communities in the territory served by the West Penn System.

**Subsidiary Water Companies.**

Combined earnings of subsidiary water companies for years ended Dec. 31:	1925.	1924.
Gross earnings	\$9,298,699	\$7,695,882
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	4,328,674	3,583,270
Deductions—Interest and amortization of discount	2,520,396	2,148,883
Reserved for renewals and replacements	481,239	422,593
Preferred dividends	449,528	337,770
Minority interests	62,354	40,795

Proportion applicable to stock holdings of American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.....\$1,456,508 \$1,162,571

The preceding statement of earnings, which includes earnings of the water companies purchased during the year, only from the dates of their acquisition, reflects the steady growth of the communities supplied with water and the effect of the purchases of additional water companies. These new properties increased the total number of consumers by 22,000, which with the 18,000 consumers added to the water properties already owned, make a total of 40,000 new consumers added during 1925. During the year the subsidiary water companies expended for improvements and extensions to their properties the sum of \$4,579,083.

**New Financing.**—In June 1925 company sold \$5,000,000 7% cumulative 1st pref. stock and \$1,000,000 of its common stock, and in Nov. 1925 company sold \$8,000,000 6% gold debentures, series A, the proceeds from

the sale of which were used to reimburse the company for expenditures in connection with the acquisition of the water companies purchased during 1924 and 1925, for financing the cash investment in the West Penn Electric Co., for additional working capital, and for other corporate purposes.

In April 1925 the West Penn Power Co. sold \$6,500,000 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, series E. The proceeds from this sale were used to provide funds for the retirement of \$5,593,000 1st mtge. 6% bonds, series C, for extensions and improvements to the company's property and for other corporate purposes.

In August 1925 the Monongahela West Penn Public Service Co. sold \$13,200,000 1st lien & ref. mtge. 5 1/2% gold bonds, series B, the proceeds from which were used to retire \$6,542,000 series A 6% bonds, and to reimburse the company for expenditures made in the acquisition of properties, for extension and enlargement of its facilities and for other corporate purposes.

In Dec. 1925 the Potomac Edison Co. sold \$2,250,000 1st mtge. & ref. gold bonds, series D, 5 1/2%, the proceeds from which were used to redeem \$787,500 bonds of subsidiary companies, to reimburse the company for expenditures made for additions and betterments to the company's properties and for other corporate purposes.

Company has also continued to obtain part of the funds needed by its subsidiaries for extensions and betterments through the issue and sale of their preferred stocks to patrons and consumers. During the year 1925 a total of \$3,298,700 of subsidiary companies' preferred stocks was sold or subscribed for, of which amount \$2,353,000 was sold by the electric companies and \$945,700 par value by the water companies.

**California Properties.**—The orchard and farming properties which your company owns in Sacramento Valley, Calif., have continued to develop favorably during the past year. Company has been able to dispose of approximately 9,500 acres of undeveloped land which was used primarily for pasturage purposes at a satisfactory figure, the sale being consummated early in the year 1926. The buyers contemplate development of their purchase along lines which should increase the value of real estate in that section.

**Dividends.**—Out of the surplus and net profits of the company quarterly dividends were paid during the year ended Dec. 31 1925 as follows: Four quarterly dividends, each of 1 1/2%, were paid on the 7% cum. 1st pref. stock. Three quarterly dividends, each of 1 1/2%, were paid on the 6% partic. pref. stock, this stock having been called for redemption on Aug. 24 1925. Four quarterly cash dividends, each of 1 1/2%, were paid on the common stock, and a dividend of 5%, in common stock, at par was paid on Sept. 30 1925.

**CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT (INCLUDING SUBSIDIARIES).**

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross oper. earnings	\$41,055,906	\$38,355,679	\$36,380,326	\$25,254,499
Op. exp., taxes & maint.	21,192,333	20,859,862	20,059,908	14,085,480
Federal taxes	804,937	708,838	754,276	447,581
Gross income	\$19,058,635	\$16,786,979	\$15,566,142	\$10,721,439
Int. & amortiz. of disc.	\$8,865,104	\$8,211,449	\$7,175,179	\$5,728,678
Pref. divs. of subsidiaries	3,531,825	2,947,769	2,184,357	1,300,867
Minority interest	511,154	441,404	695,653	409,766
Reserve for renewals, replacements & deprec.	2,863,037	2,575,919	2,186,941	1,541,116
Net income	\$3,317,515	\$2,610,437	\$3,324,012	\$1,741,012
Previous surplus	6,100,348	5,452,437	4,058,332	3,341,180
Other credits	79,685	79,685	79,700	79,685
Total surplus	\$9,497,548	\$8,142,559	\$7,462,044	\$5,161,877
Deduct—				
Credits to savings fund	\$79,685	\$79,685	\$79,685	\$79,685
Disc. & exp. on sale of railway stocks	129,320	178,664	351,990	528,406
Spec. approp. for deprec.	700,000	830,000	925,000	175,000
Sundry adjustments	Cr.117,813	Cr.27,981	165,751	128,285
Applic. to minority int.	Cr.170,135	Cr.201,656	Cr.398,719	Cr.224,798
Divs. paid Amer. Water Works & Elec. Co.—				
First preferred stock	869,472	633,500	585,900	416,967
Participating preferred	320,157	550,000	300,000	—
Common (cash)	638,138	—	—	—
Common (stock)	549,930	—	—	—
Profit & loss surplus	\$6,498,793	\$6,100,348	\$5,452,436	\$4,058,323

**CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT—YEAR ENDED MAR. 31 1926.**

Gross earnings	\$42,241,042
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	22,526,376
Deductions (on the basis that the stocks of West Penn Elec. Co., to be issued under the plan for consolidation, had been outstanding for the entire year)	—
Interest and amortization of discount—Subsidiary companies	8,164,998
American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.	949,135
Preferred dividends of subsidiaries	4,077,370
Minority interests	64,805
Reserved for renewals and replacements	2,956,672
Net income	\$3,501,688

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.**

	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
<b>Assets—</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$
Plant, property & investm'ts	256,734,622	238,875,269		
Temp. invest'ts	—	—		
U.S. bds. pledg'd with trustee	1,579,402	2,371,508		
System secur.	476,316	2,336,438		
Other securities	321,975	1,762,170		
Cash	—	—		
Curr. checking acct. & on h'd	4,379,270	5,861,985		
Held by trustee for construct'n purposes, &c.	819,129	1,460,299		
Sec'd call loans	3,000,000	450,000		
Accounts, notes, &c., receivable	3,934,754	4,373,735		
Materials & sup.	3,455,064	4,049,191		
Due from subsc. to pref. stock of sub. cos.	960,811	866,418		
Disc. on bds. & notes, &c., deferred charges	10,865,675	7,939,661		
Commis. & exp. on sale of cap-ital stock	1,170,689	1,483,486		
<b>Liabilities—</b>				
7% cumul. 1st preferred stock	14,050,000	9,050,000		
6% partic. pref.	—	10,000,000		
Common stock	11,949,350	10,000,000		
Pref. stocks of subs. with pub. Min. shkhdrs.	58,079,195	50,786,327		
Int. in common stock & surplus of sub. cos.	3,426,142	8,159,958		
Collat. trust fs.	12,691,300	13,265,400		
6% debentures	8,000,000	4,362,216		
Fund. debt subs.	139,211,064	133,404,314		
Accts. payable	2,910,070	2,445,828		
Notes payable	2,684,529	2,445,828		
Federal taxes	1,444,533	1,266,434		
Other taxes	1,508,164	1,549,080		
Mat. int. pay.	267,633	233,927		
Acct. int. pay.	2,252,444	1,982,689		
Divs. accrued on pref. stocks	428,931	602,266		
Divs. decl. unpd present. for red.	374,774	—		
6% pt. stk. not present. for red.	148,365	—		
Consumers' dep.	2,946,693	2,501,186		
Oth. def. liabls.	206,233	268,293		
Deferred credits	463,596	308,627		
Res. for deprec., damages, &c.	18,155,897	15,483,267		
Special surplus	—	350,000		
Spec. sav. fund.	461,656	581,901		
General surplus	6,037,137	5,168,447		
Total	287,697,707	271,830,161	Total	287,697,707 271,830,161

V. 122, p. 2490.

**Texas & Pacific Ry. Company.**

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.)

Pres. J. L. Lancaster, Dallas, March 17, wrote in substance:

**Operating Revenues.**—Total operating revenues for 1925 were \$35,272,899, an increase of \$1,488,319 or 4.41% compared with the previous year. Freight revenue was \$26,051,237, an increase of \$2,120,890 or 8.86% over the previous year. Tons of revenue freight handled increased 9.52% and ton miles increased 8.57%. The average rate per ton mile rose slightly being 1.454 cents for the year compared with 1.480 cents in 1924. The principal increases in tonnage handled were in products of agriculture and mines and in manufactured and miscellaneous articles.



Passenger revenue for the year was \$6,558,959, a decrease of \$591,316 or 8.27%, compared with 1924. 1,546,467 passengers were handled, a decrease of 359,391 or 18.86%. The average passenger journey rose to 125.67 miles, compared with 107.28 miles the previous year. Other revenue aggregated \$2,662,703, a decrease of \$41,255, or 1.53%.

**Operating Expenses.**—Operating expenses for the year were \$26,453,802, an increase of \$1,211,478, or 4.80%, compared with the previous year. They consumed 75% of revenues, compared with 74.72% in 1924. Maintenance expenses amounted to \$12,187,975 for the year and consumed 34.55% of revenues. Of this amount \$5,205,646 was for maintaining roadway and structures and \$6,982,328 for equipment.

The standard of maintenance of the property was further raised during the year. 748,287 cross ties were inserted during this year, of which 527,964 were creosoted, compared with 747,057 the previous year, of which 442,918 were creosoted. A total of 108 pile trestle bridges, having an aggregate length of 8,957 feet, were renewed in kind.

Transportation expenses were \$12,363,073, an increase of \$773,959 or 6.68%, compared with 1924, \$659,937 of which was due to increased price of fuel. Such expenses consumed 35.05% of revenues, compared with 34.30% in 1924.

**Taxes.**—Tax accruals for the year were \$1,917,500, compared with \$1,837,500 in 1924, an increase of \$80,000 or 4.35%. Ad valorem taxes increased \$25,457 and Federal taxes increased \$54,543.

**Capital Stock.**—There was no change in the amount of capital stock outstanding. Annual dividend on preferred stock at rate of 5% was declared and paid to holders of record on Dec. 31 1925.

**Funded Debt.**—At the close of the year \$48,186,083 of funded debt was outstanding, compared with \$46,504,913 at the close of 1924, an increase of \$1,681,170.

**Road & Equipment.**—Charges for additions and betterments made to the property during the year aggregated \$8,401,982. Expenditures for improvements to roadway and structures amounted to \$3,829,778.

New equipment and improvements to equipment involved charges to capital account aggregating \$6,107,742. The balance of equipment constituting equipment trust series "GG" contracted for in 1924 was received and placed in service.

Five mountain type passenger locomotives, 10 Texas type freight locomotives, 10 switching locomotives and 750 gondola cars were contracted for during the year at an approximate cost of \$3,310,250. This equipment was financed through equipment trust series "HH," under which \$2,475,000 certificates were issued, the remainder to be provided out of cash. At the close of the year 4 mountain type and 10 Texas type locomotives and the 750 gondolas had been received and placed in service.

**Federal Valuation.**—On May 1 1925, the I.-S. C. Commission served its report setting forth tentative valuation of the property as of June 30 1916. The Commission's findings being unsatisfactory, protest was filed, on which conferences are now being held between representatives of the Commission and the company.

**New Industries.**—During the year, 24 additional industries were located on the line, for which an aggregate of 3.92 miles of track was constructed. Ten industry tracks were rearranged and extended an aggregate of 1,482 feet. \$55,051 was received during the year from rents of miscellaneous property, principally industrial sites, and \$2,644 was received in royalties from oil wells on property of the company.

To develop additional industrial territory in the vicinity of Dallas, 214.30 acres of land were purchased at a cost of \$106,676. This property is held in the name of Eagle Ford Land & Industrial Co., the capital stock of which is owned by the Texas & Pacific Ry.

**Pension System.**—A pension system was inaugurated April 1 1925 and is administered by a Board consisting of five officers of the company. At the close of the year, 53 employees had been retired and pensioned, receiving an average of \$45.78 per month. Three of these have died since the system became effective.

**Group Insurance.**—Under an arrangement with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., a plan of group insurance for employees of the company was put into effect Dec. 1 1925. The plan provides for life, total and permanent disability, accidental death and dismemberment insurance as well as sickness and accident benefits. At the close of the year \$8,650,000 insurance was in effect.

**TONNAGE OF COMMODITIES CARRIED.**

	Forest.	Animal.	Agricultural.	Mfg., &c.	Mines.
1925	1,732,393	261,722	2,303,202	4,176,413	1,876,004
1924	1,732,867	271,598	2,225,767	3,479,122	1,684,905
1923	1,717,805	244,674	2,018,201	3,298,810	1,613,492
1922	1,298,639	204,439	2,005,578	3,017,828	1,206,427
1921	1,080,870	244,742	2,412,320	2,920,115	1,350,938
1920	1,518,736	320,015	2,288,000	3,931,805	1,609,868
1919	1,658,930	416,745	2,182,959	3,233,945	1,878,521
1918	1,409,155	475,227	2,429,317	2,543,928	1,306,125
1917	1,297,592	504,489	2,091,630	2,220,995	1,500,584

**STATISTICS OF OPERATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.**

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Miles operated	1,953	1,953	1,953	1,953
<b>Operation</b>				
Passengers carried	1,546,467	1,905,858	2,282,478	2,469,382
Pass. carried one mile	194,337,787	204,469,805	218,098,487	208,716,654
Rate per pass. per mile	3.37 cts.	3.49 cts.	3.47 cts.	3.48 cts.
Freight (tons)	10,289,434	9,394,609	8,892,982	7,732,902
Tons one mile	17,527,126.6	16,167,222.58	14,199,388.241	13,795,044.935
Av. rate per ton per mile	1.484 cts.	1.480 cts.	1.583 cts.	1.576 cts.
Av. train-load (revenue)	465	450	442	475

The usual comparative income account was published in V. 122, p. 2183, and a comparative balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1925 is already a matter of record in V. 122, p. 2490.—V. 122, p. 2490, 2188, 2183.

**GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS.**

**STEAM RAILROADS.**

**Walton-Parker RR. Labor Disputes Bill Passed by House of Representatives and Senate.**—Abolition of U. S. RR. Labor Board occurs automatically when new law goes into effect upon signing of bill by the President. New bill relies on "mutual agreement" of employers and employees, or failing that, on arbitration (by boards created when both parties consent to arbitrate) or on decision of Mediation Board (5 members appointed by President with consent of Senate) which will intervene when arbitration boards fail. —New York Times, May 12, p. 1.

**City of New York Empowered to Acquire by Purchase Obsolete Traction Properties as Aid to Improve Traffic Conditions.**—Governor Smith signed bill to empower the City of New York to acquire and remove from the streets any street surface railway or elevated railway, to issue stock, bonds or tax notes to defray the cost thereof, and to terminate in such case the franchise for the operation thereof. —Wall St. Journal, May 11, p. 12.

**Car Surplus.**—Class I railroads on April 23 had 286,203 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 1,807 cars over the number reported on April 15. Surplus coal cars in good repair on April 23 totaled 126,959, a decrease of 3,193 within approximately a week while surplus box cars in good repair totaled 113,780, an increase of 6,553 during the same period. Reports also showed 23,750 surplus stock cars, a decrease of 1,436 under the number reported on April 15 while surplus refrigerator cars totaled 13,448, an increase of 103 cars compared with the same previous period.

**Car Shortage.**—Practically no car shortage is being reported. **Repair of Freight Cars.**—Freight cars in need of repair on April 15 totaled 159,643 or 6.9% of the number on line, according to reports filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. This was a decrease of 2,827 cars under the number reported on April 1 at which time there were 162,470 or 7%. It was also a decrease of 30,522 cars compared with the same date last year. Freight cars in need of heavy repair on April 15 totaled 116,981 or 5.1%, a decrease of 1,238 compared with April 1. Freight cars in need of light repair totaled 42,662 or 1.8%, a decrease of 1,589 compared with April 1.

**Abilene & Southern Ry.—Final Valuation.**—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$830,577 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1918.—V. 120, p. 3062.

**Alabama Great Southern RR.—Extra Dividends.**—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 5% on both the common and preferred stocks, in addition to the regular semi-annual dividends of 3½% each on both issues. The common dividends are payable June 28 to holders of record May 24. The preferred dividends are payable Aug. 16 to holders of record July 12. The last previous extra dividend on the common and preferred stocks was ½ of 1% paid in June 1924. This company is controlled by the Southern Railway.—V. 122, p. 2639, 2488.

**Alabama Northern Ry.—Final Valuation.**—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$88,000 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1914.—V. 118, p. 1519.

**Alton & Southern RR.—Tentative Valuation.**—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$1,627,000 on the owned and used properties of the company, as of June 30 1919.—V. 121, p. 1673.

**Astoria North Shore & Willapa Harbor RR.—Denial.**—The I.-S. C. Commission on May 3 denied the application of the company for authority to issue \$50,000 of preferred and \$50,000 of common stock.—V. 121, p. 2034.

**Atlanta Birmingham & Atlantic Ry.—Time Extended.**—The reorganization committee in a notice May 8 to the holders of 15-year 5% income mtge. gold bonds of Atlanta Birmingham & Atlantic Ry., and the holders of 1st mtge. 5% 5-30 gold coupon bonds of Atlantic & Birmingham Ry., announced that the committee has extended the time for the deposit of bonds to the close of business on May 31 1926. After said time no deposits will be received except upon such terms and conditions as the reorganization committee may determine. More than 75% of the aggregate principal amount of bonds of the issues outstanding in the hands of the public have been already deposited and are subject to the plan of reorganization. A decree of foreclosure and sale was made under date of April 30 1926 by the U. S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Northern Division. The reorganization committee, therefore, urges all holders of bonds of either of the issues who have not deposited the same and who desire to participate in the benefits of the plan of reorganization to deposit their bonds promptly.

Holders of income mtge. bonds not heretofore deposited may become parties to the plan by depositing their bonds with Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., 60 Broadway, New York City. Holders of 1st mtge. bonds not heretofore deposited may become parties to the plan by depositing their bonds with Old Colony Trust Co., 17 Court St., Boston, Mass., or Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., 22 William St., New York. (Compare plan in V. 122, p. 1164.)

**Court Deems Immediate Sale Necessary.**—The immediate sale of the road is necessary, Judge Samuel H. Sibley of the Federal Court of the Northern District of Georgia held in an opinion rendered May 12. The opinion followed a request of stockholders, made at the time of Judge Sibley's April 30 order for a foreclosure and sale of the road's properties, that a special master be appointed to investigate the value of the road and to assure a reasonable return from the sale. Judge Sibley's opinion says in part:

"I am satisfied that this road, however skillfully managed, can hardly sustain itself by local traffic, and cannot secure enough traffic to make it permanently profitable, surrounded as it is by strong systems controlling their own business. This has been shown by the entire history of the railroad, as well as by the experiences of this last receivership. Nevertheless, in the hands of a strong system, furnishing traffic to it, its profitability could be greatly enhanced. The great activity of Florida and prosperity in south Georgia have been reflected in better earnings of this railroad during the past year, and there has been brought forward a prospective purchaser. There are now about \$300,000 of taxes and \$3,000,000 of accumulated operating deficits and some \$10,000,000 of mortgages, all claiming and entitled to payment.

"I think the opportunity for a sale ought not to be jeopardized by delay at the suggestion of stockholders only. Their manifest duty, as against their creditors, is to provide some tangible plan for satisfying the debts if they would continue to claim an interest in the corporate property.

"While the railroad property is unique and has met a special protective solicitude from the courts, the fundamental fact cannot be escaped that the rights of creditors are above those of stockholders, and the Court cannot refuse satisfaction to creditors because stockholders are threatened with loss.

"Nothing is now adjudged as to the reasonableness of any bid that may be made or any plan of reorganization that may be proposed to carry out a bid. All that is held is that a sale ought now to be attempted."—V. 122, p. 2646.

**Bingham & Garfield Ry.—Final Valuation.**—The I.-S. C. Commission recently placed a final valuation of \$5,827,183 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1916.—V. 115, p. 1631.

**Boston & Albany RR.—Annual Report.**

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Miles operated	407	404	394	394
Operating revenues	\$32,141,494	\$32,280,373	\$36,687,782	\$32,541,904
Operating expenses	25,445,413	25,811,701	28,826,758	25,375,223
Net revenue	\$6,696,081	\$6,468,672	\$7,861,024	\$7,166,681
Ry. tax accr. & uncoll. rev.	1,664,841	1,641,066	1,631,846	1,545,061
Equip. & joint facil. rents.	1,049,369	1,088,200	1,695,227	1,132,030
Net ry. oper. income	\$3,981,871	\$3,739,406	\$4,533,950	\$4,489,589
Other income	279,529	265,304	211,632	189,723
Gross income	\$4,261,400	\$4,004,710	\$4,745,582	\$4,679,312
Rental of leased lines	\$3,286,956	\$3,200,213	\$3,194,127	\$3,192,534
Int. & misc. charges	234,523	190,649	6,388	8,969
Surplus	\$739,921	\$613,847	\$1,545,068	\$1,477,809

—V. 122, p. 2186.

**Boston & Maine RR.—Application.**

The company applied May 10 to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$13,000,000 7% prior preference stock and \$43,522,000 5% mortgage bonds, pursuant to a plan of reorganization. The proceeds of the stock are to be used during the next three years for the purpose of paying for improvements and additions to be made to the plant and property of the applicant. The bonds are to be issued for the purpose of refunding an equal amount of bonds heretofore issued and now outstanding.

**Court Will Not Review Case.**

An attempt to have the Supreme Court pass on the validity of relations between the New Haven and the Boston & Maine failed May 10 when the Court refused to give permission to Edward F. Brown of Ipswich, Mass., to file an appeal. He had lost in the Federal courts in Massachusetts when he brought suit in behalf of himself and other stockholders of the Boston & Maine, challenging control of that road by the New Haven and a number of individuals.

See Canadian Pacific Ry. below.—V. 122, p. 2646.

**Camden & Atlantic RR.—Stocks Stricken from List.**

Owing to the remaining outstanding common and pref. stocks of the company having been reduced to a very small amount, both these issues were stricken from the list of the Philadelphia Exchange on May 5 1926.—V. 62, p. 605.

**Canadian Pacific Ry.—Approves Lease of Road.**

The stockholders on May 5 approved the lease from the Boston & Maine RR. of the railway of the Connecticut & Passumpsic Rivers RR. from Wells River Junction to Newport, Vt., a distance of 64 miles. A lease was recently agreed upon for a period of 30 years from March 1 1926 at an annual rental of \$246,000. [See also V. 122, p. 1451.]

**Final Valuation of Property in the United States.**

The I.-S. C. Commission recently placed a final valuation of \$750,000 on the owned and used, \$6,319,079 on the used but not owned, and \$9,500 on the owned but not used property of this company in the United States, as of June 30 1916.—V. 122, p. 1753.



Central RR. of New Jersey.—Guaranty.—
The I.-S. C. Commission has certified to the Secretary of the Treasury the payment of \$665,224 to the company in final settlement of the carrier amount from the guarantee of earnings during the six months following the termination of Federal control. This makes a total of \$5,811,655 paid this company.—V. 122, p. 1758.

Chester & Delaware River RR. (Pa.).—Valuation.—
The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$330,000 on the company's property, as of June 30 1917.—V. 118, p. 201.

Chicago & North Western Ry.—Bonds.—
The I.-S. C. Commission on April 24 authorized the company (1) to issue not exceeding \$23,663,000 of gen. mtge. 4 3/4% gold bonds of 1987, said bonds to be sold at not less than par and int.; and (2) to procure authentication and delivery of \$4,225,000 of 1st & ref. mtge. 5% gold bonds to be held by the company until further order of the Commission. See also V. 122, p. 2324, 2321.

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.—Listing.—
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$2,450,000 additional 1st & ref. mtge. 4% gold bonds, making the total amount applied for \$158,922,000.—V. 122, p. 2646, 2489.

Chicago Springfield & St. Louis Ry.—Securities.—
The I.-S. C. Commission on April 22 authorized the company to issue \$25,000 common stock, \$500,000 of 6% non-cumulative pref. stock and \$500,000 of 1st & prior lien mtge. 20-year 6% gold bonds in connection with the acquisition and rehabilitation of certain railroad properties; said stock to be sold at not less than par; \$399,000 of said bonds to be delivered at 92 and the remainder sold at not less than 85 and int.

The report of the Commission says in part:
The applicant was incorp. in Illinois June 15 1925 for the purpose of acquiring and operating a line of railroad which extends from Springfield, in Sangamon County, to Lock Haven, in Jersey County, Ill., a distance of 78.78 miles. This line is a part of the railroad properties formerly owned by the Chicago Peoria & St. Louis RR. Acquisition and operation of the line by the applicant have been authorized by certificate and order dated Dec. 21 1925.

It appears that certain properties of the Chicago Peoria & St. Louis RR. were purchased at judicial sale by Sidney C. Borg, George Norris and Charles H. Jackson, representing a protective committee for holders of securities of that company. Agreements were entered into providing for conveyance to the applicant of the line from Springfield to Lock Haven, including terminal facilities at Springfield, for the sum of \$550,413, payment to be made \$183,333 in cash and \$367,080 in bonds, the latter to be covered by \$399,000 of applicant's 1st & prior lien mtge. 20-year 6% gold bonds, which are to be taken by the committee at 92.

The applicant represents that it will also need funds for the following purposes: Rehabilitation work, \$90,000; equipment, \$160,840; materials and supplies, \$10,410; working capital, \$60,000, and reserves for additional equipment and further rehabilitation work, \$27,517. Including the cash payment of \$183,333, the total cash requirements are \$532,100.

The authorized capital stock of the applicant is \$5,000. Amendment of the charter is contemplated so as to provide for the issue of \$25,000 of common stock (par \$5) and \$500,000 6% non-cumulative pref. stock (par \$100). The applicant proposes to make a prior-lien mtge. of its properties to the Equitable Trust Co., New York, and Samuel Armstrong, as trustees, under date of May 1 1926. The mtge. will authorize the issue of \$750,000 1st & prior lien mtge. 20-year 6% gold bonds to mature May 1 1946.

All of the proposed common stock has been subscribed at par by persons associated in bringing about organization of the applicant. With a view to obtaining the good-will and support of patrons along the line, it is proposed to sell the pref. stock at par to persons located in the territory served by it. It appears that all of the common stock and at least 100 shares of the pref. stock are to be deposited under a voting trust agreement which is to be terminable by action of a majority of the depositors. The purpose of the voting trust is to maintain control of the applicant in such form as to permit prompt action in the event opportunity is afforded for sale, lease or other disposition of the line.

The applicant states that it has been unable to have the sale of the pref. stock underwritten. It is estimated that the cost of securing subscriptions through employment of solicitors will amount to \$13,800, or less than 10% of the aggregate par value of the pref. stock. Other expenses connected with the disposition of this stock, such as interest on loans pending payment of stock subscriptions and clerk hire, are estimated at \$28,200. Reasonable expense in connection with obtaining the subscriptions appears to be a proper organization expense which may be included in the investment accounts of the applicant. Interest on loans obtained by the applicant in anticipation of payment of subscriptions and clerk hire should be paid from revenues of the applicant and are not proper to be capitalized.

No arrangements have been made for the sale of the \$101,000 of bonds which will remain after delivery of \$399,000 of bonds to the committee. It is proposed that these bonds be sold at the best price obtainable, not less than 85 and int., or pledged as security for loans which may be obtained for the purpose of providing part of the cash required by the applicant.—V. 122, p. 210.

Cimarron & Northwestern Ry.—Final Valuation.—
The I.-S. C. Commission recently placed a final valuation of \$226,810 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1916.—V. 117, p. 1235.

Cincinnati Indianapolis & Western RR.—Directors.—
Daniel Willard, President of the Baltimore & Ohio RR.; George M. Shriver, Vice-Pres.; John J. Cornwell, Gen. Counsel, and other officers of the road, have applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to hold directorships on the Cincinnati Indianapolis & Western RR. The Baltimore & Ohio RR. was recently granted permission to acquire control of the latter. See V. 122, p. 2646.

Connecticut & Passumpsic Rivers RR.—Lease.—
See Canadian Pacific Ry. above.—V. 106, p. 395.

Davenport Rock Island & Northwestern Ry.—Value.—
The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$2,793,248 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1918.—V. 107, p. 1384.

Delaware & Hudson Co.—New Member of Board.—
John W. Mettler, President of the Interwoven Stocking Co. of East Millstone, N. J., has been made a member of the board of managers, succeeding Percy R. Pyne, 2d, resigned.—V. 122, p. 2637.

Duluth South Shore & Atlantic Ry.—Annual Report.—
Calendar Years— 1925. 1924. 1923. 1922.
Avgre. mileage operated 590.87 591.30 591.30 591.30
Revenue 3,551,352 3,660,733 3,643,543 2,733,741
Freight 956,827 938,980 899,411 688,551
Iron ore 695,817 583,363 468,162 222,759
Passenger 989,176 1,125,739 1,210,969 1,083,944
Mail 78,606 77,214 77,789 77,913
Express 83,258 96,133 85,206 71,774
Miscellaneous 370,727 365,179 375,532 305,679
Total 5,808,935 5,905,360 5,861,203 4,495,812
Expenses
Maint. of way & struc. 1,023,312 1,008,596 827,019 729,395
Maint. of equipment 956,827 938,980 899,411 688,551
Traffic expenses 82,027 76,302 79,325 80,715
Transportation expenses 2,353,748 2,560,890 2,679,663 2,264,069
Miscellaneous operat'ns 64,873 67,840 69,953 65,972
General expenses 136,814 135,714 141,943 135,079
Transp'n for invest.—Cr. 6,564 1,879 2,387 1,989
Total 4,611,035 4,786,372 4,694,925 3,961,793
Net operating revenue 1,197,900 1,118,988 1,166,277 534,019
Taxes accrued 336,661 367,354 347,636 383,618
Uncollected ry. revenue 134 104 128 306
Operating income 861,105 751,530 818,513 150,094
Non-operating income 162,955 196,217 166,166 56,525
Gross income 1,024,060 947,747 914,678 206,619
Interest, rentals, &c. 1,142,772 1,192,072 1,095,174 933,829
Net deficit 118,712 244,325 180,496 727,209
—V. 120, p. 2265.

Detroit River Tunnel Co.—New Director.—
Charles B. Seger has been elected a director, succeeding Robert F. Lovett.—V. 98, p. 1844.

Florida East Coast Railway.—Listing.—
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$15,000,000 additional 1st & ref. mtge. 5% gold bonds, series "A," due Sept. 1 1974, making the total amount of series "A" bonds applied for \$45,000,000.—V. 122, p. 2487, 2323.

Hampden RR. Corp.—Sale.—
William E. Gilbert, receiver of this road, built about a dozen years ago between Springfield, Mass., and Palmer, but never operated, has advertised the sale to the highest bidder of the real and personal property of the company under authority of Superior Court of Mass. Bids will close at noon June 3 and may be submitted on the property as a whole or in indicated groupings. The road is about 14 miles long. It was designed to connect Springfield with the Central Massachusetts line of the Boston & Maine at Bondsville in the town of Palmer.—V. 114, p. 1179.

Huntington & Broad Top Mtn. RR. & Coal Co.—
The Philadelphia Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$367,500 extended 2d mtge. gold bonds (extended from Feb. 1 1925 to April 1 1940, with interest at the rate of 6% per annum), and \$1,497,000 extended consolidated mtge. gold bonds (extended from March 31 1925 to April 1 1940, with interest at the rate of 5% per annum).—V. 122, p. 1759, 1606.

Kansas City Mexico & Orient RR.—Noteholders File Suit.—Charge Present Owners of Road with Dissipating Property.—
A Kansas City dispatch May 8 had the following: Charging their interests have been dissipated by the American gold noteholders' protective committee and associated officials, a group of holders of Kansas City Mexico & Orient gold notes have filed suit in Circuit Court asking an accounting of the stewardship of the protective committee. The Jackson County Sheriff's office has filed notice of the suit on the Kansas City defendants in the action.

The suit in effect is an attack on the validity of the sale of the railroad to a group headed by W. T. Kemper, who, prior to the sale, was receiver for the property. The plaintiffs charge the defendants unlawfully have acquired control of the Orient property.

Plaintiffs in the action charge that the purchase of the railroad by Clifford Histed, a member of the protective committee, at a foreclosure sale in Wichita, Kan., in 1924 was the result of a conspiracy. The bid Mr. Histed submitted was \$3,000,000 and the sale as ordered by the Federal Court on the foreclosure of a Government loan. Arrangements for renewing the loan then were made by the purchasers.

The railroad now is in the form of a trust estate and the suing noteholders requested that the defendants be restrained from manipulating the property under their control. The Orient trust estate, the petition charges, has been depleted by the defendants to the extent of \$1,335,000.

The plaintiffs stated in their petition that they own \$649,000 of the two-year gold notes issued July 15 1914, to mature April 30 1916, at 6% interest. The issue totaled \$1,640,200.

An appeal taken by the plaintiffs from the order of Judge John C. Pollock of the Federal Court in Kansas City, confirming the sale of the road to Mr. Histed, is still pending.—V. 122, p. 1179.

Kansas City Terminal Ry.—Notes Called.—
The company has elected to redeem on July 15 at 103 and int. all of the outstanding 6% equipment gold notes maturing annually on Jan. 15, from Jan. 15 1927 to Jan. 15 1935 incl. Payment will be made at the Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City.
The company announces that it will purchase any or all of the notes presented for purchase, with the July 15 1926, and all subsequent coupons attached, at the office of the trust company before July 15 1926 at 103 and int. to date of purchase.—V. 122, p. 1165.

Lehigh & New England RR.—Report.—
Calendar Years— 1925. 1924. 1923. 1922.
Total railway oper. revs. \$5,295,382 \$5,413,879 \$5,843,136 \$4,597,073
Total railway oper. exps. 4,071,152 4,138,723 4,468,245 3,664,039
Railway tax accruals 169,597 204,842 224,979 219,424
Uncoll. railway revenues 130 767 98 26
Total railway oper. inc. \$1,054,504 \$1,069,546 \$1,149,814 \$713,584
Non-operating income 162,191 253,698 258,361 171,833
Gross income \$1,216,695 \$1,323,244 \$1,408,175 \$885,417
Joint facility, &c., rents 135,269 119,281 106,427 96,129
Miscell. tax accruals 1,670 866 891 479
Int. on fund. & unfd. debt 375,987 319,256 301,801 308,740
Amort. of disc. on fd. debt 4,543 4,908 5,374 5,829
Misc. income charges 15,579 18,954 17,787 90,405
Income applied to sinking, &c., reserve funds 8,944 9,698 8,910 8,206
Dividends (10%) 680,000 (15) 1020,000 (3) 204,000 (10) 680,000
Balance, sur. def\$5,297 def\$169,717 sur\$762,984 def\$304,013
—V. 120, p. 2939.

Louisiana Western RR.—Tentative Valuation.—
The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$6,472,500 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1918.—V. 113, p. 183.

Mineral Range RR.—Annual Report.—
Calendar Years— 1925. 1924. 1923. 1922.
Avgre. mileage operated 88.09 88.97 92.85 98.36
Freight \$269,545 \$241,504 \$255,439 \$182,050
Copper rock 199,615 209,621 178,297 112,240
Passenger 3,083 2,627 2,891 3,809
Mail 3,840 4,445 3,600 4,390
Express 9,621 9,908 9,964 8,741
Miscellaneous 15,339 16,121 21,943 16,435
Total \$501,043 \$484,227 \$472,133 \$327,665
Expenses
Maint. of way & struc. 74,307 \$99,655 \$93,655 \$95,192
Maint. of equipment 106,980 116,332 90,159 61,085
Traffic expenses 3,950 3,903 4,152 4,120
Transportation expenses 198,935 206,558 213,192 187,239
General expenses 13,180 13,474 14,517 13,533
Transp'n for investment Cr.119 Cr.85 Cr.242 Cr.16
Total \$397,232 \$439,837 \$415,433 \$361,154
Net operating revenue \$103,811 \$44,390 \$56,700 def\$33,489
Taxes accrued 57,238 57,388 52,013 67,110
Uncoll. railway rev 35 56
Operating income \$46,537 def\$12,998 \$4,631 def\$100,599
Other income 53,475 57,416 45,520 25,899
Gross income \$100,013 \$44,478 \$50,151 def\$74,609
Interest, rentals, &c. 99,527 83,681 84,392 87,038
Net income \$486 def\$39,202 def\$34,240 def\$161,648
—V. 120, p. 2265.

Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry.—Equipment Trusts.—
The I.-S. C. Commission on April 24 authorized the company to assume obligation and liability in respect of \$1,020,000 4 1/2% equip. trust certificates, series M, to be issued by the Minneapolis Trust Co. under an agreement to be dated May 1 1926, and to be sold by Pullman Car & Mfg. Corp. at not less than 97.7946 and divs. in connection with the procurement of certain equipment.—V. 122, p. 2647, 2489.

Mississippi River & Bonne Terre Ry.—Final Value.—
The I.-S. C. Commission recently placed a final valuation of \$3,551,550 on the property of the company as of June 30 1914.—V. 120, p. 699.

Montgomery & Erie Ry.—Bonds.—
The I.-S. C. Commission on April 28 authorized the company to extend from May 1 1926 to May 1 1956 the maturity date of \$130,000 1st M. bonds. The report of the Commission says:

The 1st mtge. bonds were issued under a mortgage dated May 1 1866 and matured May 1 1886. They were then extended to May 1 1926 and the interest rate reduced from 7% to 5%. The applicant represents that it has no funds with which to retire the maturing bonds. It, therefore, proposes to extend them for 30 years, offering the present holders thereof the privilege of extension at a 5% interest rate. The applicant has made arrangements with the National Bank of Orange County, N. Y., for the sale and transfer of those bonds the holders of which do not care to extend. In the opinion of the applicant, these bonds can be marketed at par without charge. No contracts or underwriting agreements have been made or are contemplated.

**New Mexico Central Ry.—Final Valuation.**

The I.-S. C. Commission recently placed a final valuation of \$1,365,024 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1916.—V. 121, p. 703.

**Norfolk & Western Ry.—Bonds Sold.**—Guaranty Co. of New York have sold at 93 3/4 and interest, to yield over 4 1/2%, \$6,000,000 divisional first lien and general mortgage 4% bonds (closed mortgage) of 1904, due July 1 1944.

**Company.**—Operates about 2,200 miles of road, its main lines extending from the bituminous coal fields of Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky, westward to Cincinnati and Columbus, O., and eastward to Tidewater at Norfolk, Va. Company has been a pioneer among eastern railroads in the use of powerful locomotives, electrification of mountain lines and other measures for handling economically its heavy traffic.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be applied to reimburse the company for capital expenditures for additions and betterments.

**Security.**—Secured by a direct mortgage lien on about 1,981 miles of road of which about 1,603 miles are main lines and 378 miles branch lines. This includes a first lien on about 338 miles, including the line from Portsmouth, O., into Cincinnati, and a junior lien on about 1,643 miles. The underlying bonds, issued under mortgages now closed except for refunding, are outstanding to an amount of \$60,288,500. Upon the issue of these \$6,000,000 bonds, the aggregate amount of underlying bonds and divisional 1st lien & gen. mtge. bonds outstanding will be \$95,288,500, equivalent to about \$48,100 per mile on the mortgaged mileage.

**Listing.**—Bonds of this issue already outstanding are listed on the New York Stock Exchange and application will be made to list these additional bonds.

**Income Years Ended Dec. 31.**

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Operating revenues	\$105,218,991	\$94,580,674	\$95,591,682	\$90,352,887
Gross income	32,391,083	23,546,593	*23,613,076	19,774,166
Interest charges, &c.	5,826,324	5,303,245	4,824,579	5,219,177
Net income	26,564,759	18,243,348	18,788,497	14,554,989

\* Includes \$2,661,470 received in final adjustment of settlement with U. S. RR. Administration for Federal control period.

**Stock.**—Company has outstanding \$22,992,300 adjustment preferred stock and \$138,034,300 common stock, which at present quoted prices indicate a market equity in excess of \$220,380,000. It has paid dividends on the common stock without interruption for 25 years and at the rate of 6% or more per annum since 1911; dividends paid in 1925 aggregated 8%.

**Listings.**—Bonds of this issue already outstanding are listed on the New York Stock Exchange and application will be made to list these additional bonds.

**Issuance.**—Authorized by the I.-S. C. Commission.—V. 122, p. 2647, 1904.

**Oregon Pacific & Eastern RR.—Final Valuation.**

The I.-S. C. Commission recently placed a final valuation of \$321,117 on the company's property, as of June 30 1917.—V. 105, p. 1618.

**Panhandle & Santa Fe Ry.—Construction of Branch Line.**

The I.-S. C. Commission on April 27 issued a certificate authorizing the company to construct a branch line of railroad from a connection with the existing line at a point about 1 mile west of its station at Panhandle in a general northerly direction a distance of approximately 30 miles, all in Carson and Hutchinson Counties, Tex. The company is controlled by the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. Co. through ownership of all its capital stock except directors' qualifying shares. It owns a line of railroad extending from Amarillo, Tex., northeasterly to the Texas-Oklahoma State Line near Higgins, Tex. It operates this line and in addition lines of railroad extending from Amarillo to Farwell and from Farwell to Sweetwater, Tex., with various branches in the intermediate territory. It also operates a line from the Texas-New Mexico State Line to Pecos, Tex., and a branch line from Shattuck, Okla., to Spearman, Tex. The line from the Texas-Oklahoma State Line near Higgins through Amarillo to Farwell forms a link in one of the Santa Fe's transcontinental routes from the East to the Pacific Coast. The line from Farwell to Sweetwater forms a link in the Santa Fe's transcontinental route from the Gulf and central, eastern and southern Texas on the one hand to California on the other.

The chief purpose of the proposed line is to serve a newly developed oil field. The tributary territory comprises an area of approximately 140 square miles in the northern part of Carson County and approximately 300 square miles in the southern part of Hutchinson County. The area to be served embraces about 269,600 acres of land used for grazing and about 12,000 acres under cultivation.—V. 122, p. 1165.

**Peoria & Pekin Union Ry. Co.—Annual Report.**

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Railway oper. revenue	\$1,869,476	\$1,815,863	\$1,799,359	\$1,803,775
Railway oper. expenses	1,411,642	1,486,244	1,380,771	1,417,178
Net rev. from oper.	\$457,833	\$329,619	\$418,587	\$386,597
Tax accruals & uncollectible railway revenue	240,180	171,180	285,081	192,084
Non-operating income	Cr. 340,674	Cr. 314,728	Cr. 306,085	Cr. 248,194
Deductions	242,314	250,742	218,894	230,381
Net income	\$316,013	\$222,425	\$220,698	\$212,326

—V. 120, p. 2009.

**Puget Sound & Willapa Harbor Ry.—Value.**

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a tentative valuation of \$2,517,650 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1918.—V. 106, p. 2650.

**St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.—New Director.**

Henry Ruhlender has been elected a director succeeding F. C. Wright of Lee, Higginson & Co.—V. 122, p. 2188.

**Sandy River & Rangeley Lakes RR.—Valuation.**

The I.-S. C. Commission recently placed a final valuation of \$1,359,427 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1916.—V. 118, p. 1774.

**Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Co.—Final Valuation.**

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$500,750 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1916.—V. 44, p. 752.

**South San Francisco Belt Ry.—Valuation.**

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$69,498 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1916.—V. 115, p. 1839.

**Southern Pacific Co.—Equipment Trusts.**

The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$5,654,000 4 1/2% equipment trust certificates, to be sold to Kuhn, Loeb & Co. at not less than 97 and the proceeds used to purchase 28 locomotives, 1,100 box cars, 500 gondola cars, 350 stock cars, 300 flat cars, 64 caboose cars and 62 other cars, costing \$8,715,000.—V. 122, p. 2326, 2179.

**Stanley Merrill & Phillips Ry.—Final Valuation.**

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$571,789 on the company's property, as of June 30 1916.—V. 119, p. 943.

**Texas Oklahoma & Eastern RR.—Final Valuation.**

The I.-S. C. Commission recently placed a final valuation of \$511,050 on the owned and used property of the company, as of June 30 1918.—V. 121, p. 837.

**Toledo & Ohio Central Ry.—Annual Report.**

The lines of the Toledo & Ohio Central Ry. and its subsidiaries, viz.: Zanesville & Western Ry., Kanawha & Michigan Ry. and Kanawha & West Virginia RR., were leased as of Jan. 1 1922 to the New York Central

RR. (V. 115, p. 544). The operation of these lines, now known as the Ohio Central Lines, are contained in the annual report of the New York Central RR., which shows the following results:

**Income Account for Calendar Years.**

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Total ry. oper. revenue	\$19,317,307	\$14,719,348	\$20,488,406	\$15,147,004
Total ry. oper. expenses	15,747,158	13,160,326	19,679,486	15,329,888
Net ry. oper. revenue	\$3,570,149	\$1,559,021	\$808,920	def \$182,884
Ry. tax accrued, &c.	944,671	921,470	978,244	1,022,827
Ry. operations income	\$2,625,478	\$637,551	loss \$169,324	loss \$120,571
Equip. rents, net credit	1,008,571	271,855	985,797	245,467
Joint facil. rents, net deb	139,523	125,169	177,123	127,886
Net ry. oper. income	\$1,477,383	\$784,238	\$639,350	\$1,088,130
Non-Operating Income—				
Dividend income	\$447,395	\$447,395	\$447,395	\$447,395
Inc. fr. fund. & unfin. secs.	137,775	142,923	128,953	202,314
Other non-oper. income	19,824	26,148	108,092	24,692
Gross income	\$2,082,378	\$1,400,704	\$1,323,791	def \$413,729
Rent for leased roads	2,963,206	2,994,660	3,016,162	3,151,386
Miscellaneous charges	10,217	11,933	3,377	21,693
Net deficit	\$891,045	\$1,605,297	\$1,695,748	\$3,586,808

—V. 120, p. 2812.

**Terminal Railroad Assn. of St. Louis.—Annual Report.**

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Revenues—				
Switching	12,599,181	12,171,621	12,622,321	10,906,969
Special service train			100,100	13,352
Incidental	935,391	939,792	980,100	859,120
Joint facility—Dr.	367,840	380,603	336,006	302,831
Total ry. oper. revs.	13,166,732	12,730,810	13,266,424	11,476,610
Expenses—				
Maint. of way & struc.	2,298,851	2,318,966	2,009,208	1,658,923
Maint. of equipment	1,115,426	1,112,267	1,021,306	948,715
Traffic	29,444	27,711	28,239	29,548
Transp.—rail line	5,201,275	5,357,813	5,326,539	4,593,644
Miscell. operations	41,510	41,330	41,759	42,314
General	246,528	238,326	241,718	175,689
Total ry. oper. exp.	8,933,033	9,096,414	8,668,770	7,448,834
Net rev. freight ry. oper.	4,233,699	3,634,397	4,597,654	4,027,776
Railway tax accruals	1,273,046	1,069,033	1,311,412	1,198,665
Uncoll. railway revs.	1,372	10,344	1,478	13,841
Railway oper. income	2,959,281	2,555,020	3,284,764	2,815,269
Net rev. fr. misc. oper.	loss \$1,135	loss \$2,567	loss \$3,669	loss \$2,109
Taxes on misc. op. prop.	1,142	1,107	2,311	2,141
Total oper. income	2,927,004	2,521,346	3,246,782	2,781,018
Total non-oper. income	3,617,149	3,388,182	3,187,347	2,951,284
Gross income	6,544,153	5,909,527	6,434,129	5,732,303
Hire of freight cars—deb.	130,384	159,874	199,686	155,338
Rent for locomotives	168,335	171,907	180,547	128,150
Rent for pass. train cars			153	736
Joint facility rents	982,801	904,006	1,059,967	624,493
Rent for leased roads	813,044	812,211	829,342	803,581
Miscellaneous rents	1,054,837	1,053,426	584,324	605,861
Miscell. tax accruals	125,870	142,336	72,633	75,724
Int. on funded debt	1,825,337	1,785,554	1,758,663	1,798,006
Int. on unfunded debt	468	1,808	9,432	497
Amort. of disc. on fd. dt.	22,277	16,922	9,808	10,157
Miscell. income charges	14,169	14,336	14,353	13,586
Inc. appl. to sk., res. fds.	241,771	217,408	212,852	133,964
Income balance	1,164,859	630,637	1,509,370	1,382,208

—V. 121, p. 2748.

**Toledo Peoria & Western Ry.—Sale.**

Edward P. Allen, special master, will sell the road at public auction on June 11 at Peoria. The upset price has been fixed at \$1,000,000.—V. 122, p. 2648.

**Toronto Hamilton & Buffalo Ry.—Earnings.**

Cal. Year—	Gross Revenue	Net after Taxes	Other Income	Charges &c.	Dividends	Balance Surplus.
1925	\$2,821,733	\$617,432	\$223,038	\$243,206	(6%) \$270,750	\$326,514
1924	2,530,475	143,879	286,487	252,091	(6%)	178,275
1923	2,910,527	721,981	323,896	234,509	(6%) 270,750	540,618
1922	2,444,381	450,108	344,532	272,237	(6%) 270,750	251,653
1921	2,677,984	379,838	329,713	374,300	(6%) 270,750	64,501
1920	3,229,726	724,083	250,519	314,401	(6%)	660,200

**Tremont & Gulf Ry.—Construction of Extension.**

The I.-S. C. Commission on April 29 issued a certificate authorizing the company to construct an extension of its railroad from Denkan in a general easterly direction to a point about 4 miles east of Denkan, all in Grant and La Salle Parishes, La.—V. 122, p. 2648.

**Virginia & Carolina Southern RR.—Valuation.**

The I.-S. C. Commission recently placed a tentative valuation of \$659,075 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1918.—V. 118, 909.

**Washington & Choctaw Ry.—Final Valuation.**

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$147,865 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1915.—V. 112, p. 1145.

**Waupaca-Green Bay Ry.—Final Valuation.**

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$114,201 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1916.—V. 105, p. 608.

**White Oak Ry.—Final Valuation.**

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$400,000 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1916.—V. 83, p. 437.

**White River RR. (Vt.)—Final Valuation.**

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$392,223 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1917.—V. 83, p. 753.

**Wichita Falls & Northwestern Ry.—Tentative Valuation.**

The I.-S. C. Commission recently placed a tentative valuation of \$5,664,924 on the wholly owned and used properties of the company, as of June 30 1916.—V. 115, p. 75.

**Wichita Valley RR. (Tex.)—Tentative Valuation.**

The I.-S. C. Commission recently placed a tentative valuation of \$724,200 on the owned and used property and \$3,379,663 on the used but not owned properties of the company as of June 30 1918.—V. 81, p. 1243.

**Willamette Valley & Coast RR.—Final Valuation.**

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$95,033 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1917.—V. 109, p. 372.

**Wiscasset Waterville & Farmington Ry.—Valuation.**

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$501,168 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1916.—V. 121, p. 3001.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES.**

**Alton Gas & Electric Co.—Sale.**

An upset price of \$1,000,000 has been set by Federal Judge Lindley for the sale of the physical properties of the Alton Gas & Electric Co. and the Alton Granite & St. Louis Traction Co., which have been in the hands of a receiver. The sale of the properties was authorized May 4 by Judge Lindley to satisfy a mortgage on the two companies. The lowest prices Judge Lindley authorized on the groups were: \$180,000 for interurban lines, \$270,000 for Alton city lines, \$150,000 for gas properties and \$400,000



for the electric properties. Thomas Gregory, V.-Pres. of the East St. Louis & Suburban Co. is receiver for both concerns.—V. 120, p. 451.

**Alton Granite & St. Louis Traction Co.—Sale.**—  
See Alton Gas & Electric Co. above.

**American Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Called.**—  
All of the outstanding 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds of the North Western Ohio Light Co. (a subsidiary), dated Dec. 1 1915, have been called for payment June 1 at 105 and int. at the State Street Trust Co., trustee, Boston, Mass.—V. 122, p. 1760, 1606.

**American Light & Traction Co.—Earnings.**

Period—	3 Mos. Mar. 31—	12 Mos. Mar. 31—	1925.	1925.
Gas sales (cu. ft.)	8,342,428.600	73,115,877.300	311,593,790.000	276,083,485.000
Electric sales (k. w. hrs.)	24,418,519	19,497,092	90,922,999	76,063,769
Revenue passengers	7,713,024	7,471,871	29,838,521	29,927,620
Earns. stocks, sub. cos.	\$1,420,596	\$1,476,843	\$6,227,755	\$5,745,687
Miscell. earnings	577,313	282,852	1,774,692	1,149,446
Gross earnings	\$1,997,909	\$1,759,695	\$8,002,447	\$6,895,132
Taxes	48,000	37,500	160,500	127,500
Expenses	68,322	55,428	263,192	304,973
Interest and discount	—	30,152	10,051	135,611
Net income	\$1,881,587	\$1,636,614	\$7,568,703	\$6,327,047
Preferred dividends	213,543	213,543	854,172	854,172
Common dividends	1,392,218	564,001	3,218,860	1,511,580
Surplus	\$275,826	\$859,070	\$3,495,671	\$3,961,295
Prev. surplus & res.	17,181,913	13,103,143	13,962,067	10,948,497
Total	\$17,457,739	\$13,962,213	\$17,457,738	\$14,909,792
Stock div. on com. stock	—	146	—	947,725
Total surplus and res.	\$17,457,739	\$13,962,067	\$17,457,738	\$13,962,067

**Comparative Balance Sheet.**

Assets	Mar. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Liabilities	Mar. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.
Investment acct.	35,519,715	36,090,834	Preferred stock	14,236,200	14,236,200
Temporary invest.	18,581,824	1,337,247	Common stock	34,804,200	34,797,600
Earns., sub. cos.	13,855,390	16,445,505	Prem. on com. stk.	1,285,863	1,285,759
Bills receivable	8,257,502	17,979,583	Warrants	49,431	55,831
Accts. receivable	275,939	105,057	Miscellaneous	13,886	11,801
Miscellaneous	35,621	35,031	Accrued taxes	274,939	83,735
Int. & divs. rec.	86,286	16,031	Coupons pay. sub. cos.	—	—
Sub. cos. coup. fds.	71,723	667,992	Bonds pay. sub. cos.	400,000	400,000
Bond fds., sub. cos.	400,000	—	Divs. accrued	1,534,530	751,320
Deferred charges	—	293,182	Contingent reserve	—	190,206
Cash & call loans	11,061,400	7,163,638	Paym't on acct. of contract for sale of St. Paul securs.	—	7,580,137
			Special reserve	18,016,981	3,292,509
			Surplus & reserve	17,457,739	17,181,913
Total	88,145,491	80,135,004	Total	88,145,491	80,135,004

**American Power & Light Co.—Listing.**—  
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 1,648,580 shares common stock (without par value), all of which (including scrip for 747 shares) are outstanding, with authority to add 32,972 shares on official notice of issuance and distribution in payment of a stock dividend already declared; also 193,940 shares on official notice of issuance, making the total applied for 1,875,492 shares (of an authorized issue of 2,300,000 shares). V. 122, p. 2490, 2648.

**American Super-Power Corp.—Divs.—New Director.**—  
The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend on the first preferred stock of \$1 50 a share and a dividend on the common stock of 30c a share, both payable July 1 to holders of record June 1. An initial cash dividend of 30c a share was paid on the common stock on April 1 last. William W. Bodine has been elected a director.—V. 122, p. 881, 346.

**American Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Activities of Broadcasting Department to Be Incorporated as "Broadcasting Co. of America."**

Effective May 15, the radio broadcasting activities heretofore carried on by the radio broadcasting department of the American Telephone & Telegraph under the general designation of WEAf will be incorporated under the name "Broadcasting Co. of America."  
This step has been made desirable by the growth of these activities and by the fact that the problems involved are of a special nature. This corporation, owned entirely by the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., will continue the same general policies as those obtaining heretofore in conducting these activities. The general plan of operation of WEAf and of connecting broadcasting stations throughout the country will be followed as at present for the purpose of broadcasting simultaneously from these stations programs of entertainment, educational matter and other features.—V. 122, p. 2648, 2188.

**Appalachian Electric Power Co.—Transfer Agent.**—  
The Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, has been appointed transfer agent for the 220,316 shares of \$7 preferred stock of no par value. See also V. 122, p. 2490.

**Appalachian Power & Light Co.—Merger Approved.**—  
The stockholders have approved the merger of this company and the Appalachian Power Co. into the Appalachian Electric Power Co. See also V. 122, p. 2491.

**Auburn & Syracuse Electric RR.—Int. Default, &c.**—  
The Protective Committee for the holders of the 1st & ref. mtge. bonds in a circular letter states:

Company is unable to provide funds for the payment of the interest, which was due April 1 1926, on the bonds. The same factors which have made it extremely difficult, and in many cases impossible, for electric railway properties throughout the country to operate profitably during the last five years have worked for a very substantial falling off in the passenger traffic of the company. This has, of course, resulted in decreases in the company's gross earnings. Constant effort has been made to offset these decreases through the introduction of economies of every nature in the operation of the road but nevertheless net earnings have been gradually reduced and are now insufficient to pay the annual interest requirements of the bonds.

Company renders electric railway service in Auburn, N. Y. and between that City and Syracuse, N. Y. The property includes 56.45 miles of track (single track equivalent), 44 passenger cars as well as various sweepers, snow plows, &c. In addition the company owns an amusement park at Owassa Lake, south of Auburn. Franchises where necessary are satisfactory from a business standpoint. The line between Auburn and Syracuse a distance of 27 miles, is located for the most part on private right-of-way.

The problems which have been encountered are fundamental. The rapid construction of hard surface roads and the increasing favor with which the motor bus and the privately owned automobile are being regarded as a mode of transportation have combined to make for a falling off of about 15% in the number of passengers carried in the 5 years ended Dec. 31 1925. The rates of fare have been increased to 7c. in Auburn and to 3c. per mile on the interurban line. Further increases in rates are deemed inadvisable by the management in that they would, in their option, work to produce a decrease in traffic which would offset the increased income.

The gross earnings, net earnings (after operating expenses, maintenances and taxes but before provision for depreciation), and revenue passengers carried for each of the calendar years 1921 to 1925 are officially reported as follows:

Year	Gross Earnings.	Net Earnings.	Revenue Passengers.
1921	\$636,472	\$118,925	3,904,572
1922	583,701	121,139	3,884,721
1923	625,862	116,524	4,137,734
1924	555,440	99,229	3,665,318
1925	509,837	59,575	3,343,573

The annual interest requirement on the bonds, of which there are \$1,752,000 outstanding, is \$87,600.

In an effort to recover at least a portion of the traffic and revenue, the loss of which is directly attributable to the hard surface roads, the company in association with three adjacent railway companies formed a company for the purpose of operating a system of motor buses. Having in mind that the operation of the buses effectually prevents any extensive competition from independent operators it is to the advantage of the company to continue their operation even though the resultant income is nominal.

To summarize, it may be said that the property upon which the bonds are secured is unable under present conditions to earn the bond interest. Notwithstanding increased rates, the inauguration of a bus system and the efforts of the management to bring operating expenses to an irreducible minimum there are constant decreases in passenger traffic and earnings. This is due to the competition, which it is seemingly impossible to regulate or remedy, from motor vehicles. Furthermore, the constant increase in the mileage of hard surface roads and in the number of automobiles in use in the company's territory would seem to indicate that the present unsatisfactory situation will become more acute in the future.

Holders of the bonds are urged to co-operate with the protective committee by sending their bonds immediately to the depository, National Bank of Commerce in New York. See also V. 122, p. 2648.

**Blackstone Valley Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Offered.**—  
Estabrook & Co. and Stone & Webster, Inc., are offering at 100 and int. \$4,000,000 mtge. & coll. trust gold bonds, series A, 5%.

Dated April 1 1926; due April 1 1951. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Principal payable at State Street Trust Co., Boston, trustee. Int. payable A. & O. in Boston, New York and Chicago. Red. as a whole at any time or in part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 105 up to and incl. Oct. 1 1931; thereafter at 104 and incl. Oct. 1 1935; thereafter at 103 to and incl. Oct. 1 1939; thereafter at 102 to and incl. Oct. 1 1943; thereafter at 101 to and incl. Oct. 1 1947; and at 101 less 1/4 of 1% for each year or part thereof thereafter to maturity and with accrued int. in all cases. Company agrees to pay the interest without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%.

**Data From Letter of David Daly, President of Company.**

**Consolidated Capitalization (Outstanding upon completion of present financing.)**

Divisional closed mortgage bonds	\$437,000
1st & gen. mtge. 5s 1939 (closed)	4,533,000
Pawtucket Gas Co. of N. J. bonds and preferred stock	2,390,000
Mtge. & coll. trust gold bonds series "A" 5%, due April 1 1951 (this issue)	4,000,000
6% preferred stock	1,294,200
Common stock (par \$50), paying 10% dividends	x6,496,850
Total, including \$1,299,350 common stock to be offered stockholders	\$19,157,050

**Security.**—Company directly or through its subsidiary Pawtucket Gas Co., does the entire electric lighting, power and gas business in the stone Valley District of Rhode Island, one of the most thickly settled parts of New England. The territory served includes the cities of Pawtucket, Woonsocket and Central Falls and the towns of Cumberland, Lincoln and adjacent, having a total population estimated at over 175,000.

The generating plants of the company have a combined capacity of 51,500 h. p. of which 2,400 h. p. is hydro-electric. The gas plants of the system have a combined daily capacity of 7,250,000 cubic feet.

Company, through its interest in the 40,000 h. p. Montaup Electric development, and in the New England Power Association, has provided for its increasing power requirements with greater economies than would be possible in separate stations.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds of this issue and the proposed issue of common stock will be applied to the retirement of \$2,700,000 coupon notes (paid May 1 1926 at State Street Trust Co., Boston) and \$400,000 of floating indebtedness and to the financing of the 1926 construction program.

**Combined Earnings of Company and Subsidiaries, 12 Mos. End. Dec. 31.**

1924.	1925.	
Gross earning & other income	\$4,672,328	\$5,191,947
Operating expenses, maintenance & taxes	3,081,504	3,128,121
Net income	\$1,590,824	\$2,063,826
Annual int. requirement on all funded debt of Pawtucket Gas Co. of New Jersey	—	*\$105,500
Blackstone Valley Gas & Electric Co. (incl. this issue)	—	447,195
Balance	\$1,511,131	

\* Including dividends on the outstanding Pawtucket Gas Co. of New Jersey preferred stock.

**Management.**—The properties have been under Stone & Webster executive management for 18 years.—V. 122, p. 2326, 1760.

**Central Illinois Light Co.—Report.**

In the income account table for the year 1925 published in V. 122, p. 2491, the amount of taxes listed should read \$273,310 and the operating expenses, \$2,070,236.—V. 122, p. 2491.

**Central Illinois Public Service Co.—Plans Financing.**

The company has applied to the Illinois Commerce Commission for authority to issue at not less than \$75 a share 13,067 shares of common stock of no par value. The proceeds from the sale of this stock will be used in part for the purchase of 6 ice plants in southern Illinois.

The Illinois Commerce Commission has approved the purchase by the company of the municipal electric light plant serving the town of Divernon, Ill.

The company has acquired the municipal electric plant in Brookport, Ill., and the property of the Cambria (Ill.) Light & Power Co. In addition to these properties the company has secured 50-year franchises in the villages of Clay City and Lima, also 10-year street-lighting contracts in the village of Murrayville, Clay City and the city of Harrisburg. At Brookport the company plans to abandon the municipal plant which furnished direct current, and to institute a new service.—V. 122, p. 1307, 1167.

**Central Indiana Power Co.—Acquisition.**

See Indiana Gas Light Co. below.—V. 122, p. 746, 607.

**Columbia Gas & Electric Co.—To Pay Bonds.**

The \$195,500 6% bonds of the Ohio Gas & Electric Co., due June 1, next will be paid off at an office of trustee, American Trust & Savings Bank, Middletown, Ohio.—V. 122, p. 2327, 2189.

**Commonwealth Power Corporation.—Listing.**

The Boston Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 27,557 shares (without par value) additional common stock.—V. 122, p. 2328, 1761.

**Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Company of Baltimore.**

In the May 1 1926 edition of our "Public Utility Compendium," the figures pertaining to this company are set forth under the caption "Earnings" on page 120. The figures under operating expenses for the years 1924 and 1925 include retirement expense (renewals), whereas in the figures for the year 1923 this item is included with fixed charges. In order to present the figures for the year 1923 on the same basis as those for the subsequent years the tabulation should appear as follows:

Year—	Total Revenue.	Operating Expenses.	Fixed Charges.	Dividends.	Surplus.
1925	\$23,092,210	\$14,611,055	\$3,036,391	\$2,348,900	\$3,095,864
1924	21,711,929	14,548,003	3,074,365	2,085,324	2,004,237
1923	22,294,449	14,156,342	3,232,095	1,858,168	3,047,844

See also detailed annual report in our issue of March 13, p. 1483.—V. 122, p. 2649.

**Consolidated Water Power & Paper Co.—To Sell Part of Power Properties.**

See Consolidated Water Power Co. above.—V. 121, p. 1907.

**Consolidated Water Power Co., Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.—Bonds Offered.**—First Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee, and

**First National Bank, Wisconsin Rapids, are offering at 100 and int. \$2,000,000 1st mtge. 5½% gold bonds, series of 1926.**

Dated May 1 1926; due May 1 1946. Interest payable M. & N. at First Wisconsin Trust Co., Milwaukee, trustee, or at office of the First National Bank of Wisconsin Rapids. Callable all or part upon 30 days' notice on any int. date at 103 to and incl. May 1 1932, thereafter at 102 to and incl. May 1 1938, thereafter at 101 to and incl. May 1 1944, and thereafter at par. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%.

**Data from Letter of Stanton W. Mead, President of the Company.**

**Company.**—Formerly the Oneida Power Co., was organized as a public utility in Wisconsin in 1919. Company now owns and operates a hydro-electric development at Stevens Point, Wis., and a transmission line from that point to Wisconsin Rapids. Company will acquire, subject to the approval of the Wisconsin RR. Commission, from the Consolidated Water Power & Paper Co. essentially all of the water power and hydro-electric properties of the latter company, including necessary water and flowage rights, located at Wisconsin Rapids and Biron, and a transmission line from Biron to Wisconsin Rapids.

Upon completion of this financing and the purchase of these properties, the company will own in fee 3 water power properties having a total installed capacity of 34,210 h. p. All the water power developed at Stevens Point is used for the generation of electricity while that at Wisconsin Rapids and Biron is used in part for electric generation and in part for the direct operation of pulp grinding machinery located in the buildings of the Consolidated Water Power Co., but owned and operated by the Consolidated Water Power & Paper Co. The 3 properties are connected by 20½ miles of 44,000-volt transmission lines.

The average annual output of the combined properties for the last four years, converting direct connected power to its equivalent in electric power, is over 94,285,000 kw. hr.

**Business.**—Company will have contracts to supply power to the City of Wisconsin Rapids through its Water Works & Lighting Commission, and to the Consolidated Water Power & Paper Co. The Water Works & Lighting Commission of Wisconsin Rapids does practically all the electric business in that city and through its distributing system serves a population of 8,500 and has 2,704 connected meters.

**Earnings.**—Based upon the power production history of the properties owned by this company and upon past operating experience, the rates under the contracts with the City of Wisconsin Rapids and the Consolidated Water Power & Paper Co. will be sufficient in the opinion of engineers to produce average annual net earnings after operating expenses, maintenance, depreciation and taxes, equal to twice the interest charges upon these bonds. The rates under the contracts will not be excessive, as they will produce gross income which in the opinion of the engineers might reasonably be expected should the power produced be sold at wholesale to other power users.

**Capitalization.**

First mortgage 5½% bonds due May 1 1946 (this issue) ----- \$2,000,000  
Common stock ----- 1,000,000

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used to purchase the Wisconsin Rapids and Biron properties from the Consolidated Water Power & Paper Co.

**Sinking Fund.**—A sinking fund beginning Nov. 1 1927 and annually thereafter will retire by call or purchase 1st mtge. Series of 1926 bonds equal to at least 1½% of the maximum amount of such bonds at any time outstanding. Company may anticipate sinking fund requirements by depositing either cash or bonds with the trustee and receive credit for future years.

**Consumers Light & Power Co. & Affil. Cos.—Report.**

	1925.	1924.
Gross earnings	\$1,099,919	\$1,083,875
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	714,375	708,618
Net earnings	\$385,544	\$375,257
Interest	167,989	173,970
Bal. for retire. res., com. dis., amort. & Sur.	\$217,555	\$201,286

—V. 122, p. 1761.

**Dallas (Tex.) Ry.—Fare Increase in Effect.**

Under the ordinance which went into effect on April 15 last, the new schedule of fares is as follows: 7c. cash (previously 6c.), or 5 tokens for 30c.; 3c. for children between 5 and 12 years old, and 3c. for students between 12 and 17 years.

The new fare ordinance requires that the company raise and expend \$1,450,000 for replacements, improvements and extensions which are specified.—V. 121, p. 1907.

**Detroit Motor Bus Co.—Equip. Trusts Offered.**—Watling, Lerchen & Co., Detroit, are offering at prices to yield from 4½% to 6%, according to maturity, \$500,000 6% equipment trust gold certificates (issued under the Philadelphia plan).

Dated Jan 1 1926—due in semi-annual installments from July 1 1926 to Jan. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000 c\*. Red. at 101 and div. Principal and divs. payable J. & J., out of rentals as received by Guardian Trust Co., Detroit, trustee. Company by endorsement on each certificate guarantees the payment of principal and dividend.

**Company.**—Started operating June 20 1920, putting 8 buses into operation at that time. Since June 1920 the capital structure of the company has grown, and as of Dec. 31 1925 there were outstanding 253,178 shares of stock, representing par value \$2,531,780. Company has no preferred stock or funded debt outstanding other than equipment trusts. At the present time, including the 80 new vehicles involved in the equipment trust, a total of 354 buses are being operated.

**Security and Lease.**—The equipment owned by this equipment trust consists of 80 new single deck buses of the latest type and design. The bodies are of the Gibraltar type, built by the Auto Body Co. of Lansing, Mich. They are mounted on chassis of the 6-wheel type with pneumatic tires. The total cost of equipment is in excess of \$750,000. These certificates are issued in amount of \$500,000, which is less than 66 2-3% of the cost price of the equipment.

	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Net earnings	\$95,182	\$395,488	\$501,462	\$623,301	\$498,790

—V. 122, p. 2492.

**Dry Dock East Broadway & Battery RR.—Committee.**

Default having taken place in the payment of the interest due Jan. 1 1926 on the ref. mtge. income gold bonds, Series C, of the company, the following holders of bonds and representing bondholders have formed a committee for the protection of all bondholders who shall deposit their bonds and coupons with Bankers Trust Co., 14 Wall St., N. Y. City, as depository:

**Committee.**—Nathan Hirsch, Chairman; Charles O. Cornell, S. Jay Jacobs, with H. F. Linder, 50 Broad St., New York, Secretary, and Wollman & Wollman, 20 Broad St., New York, and Theodore L. Waugh, 141 Broadway, New York, counsel; Frank Loeb Schneider Co., Auditor, 1440 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 122, p. 212.

**Duluth-Superior Traction Co.—Earnings.**

	1926.	1925.
Quarters Ended March 31—		
Gross earnings	\$510,105	\$513,194
Operating expenses	402,557	397,448
Net revenue	\$107,548	\$115,745
Fixed charges & taxes	78,203	75,280
Net income	\$29,345	\$40,465

—V. 122, p. 1454, 1308.

**Eastern Massachusetts Street Ry.—Earnings.**

	1925.	1926.
Quarters Ended March 31—		
Railway operating revenue	\$2,568,115	\$2,516,131
Railway operating expenses	1,917,946	1,907,361
Net revenue	\$650,170	\$608,770
Net after taxes	531,732	510,613
Gross income	588,689	567,424
Net income	277,204	241,262
Dividends paid	434,091	432,600
Net deficit	\$156,887	\$191,338

—V. 122, p. 1761, 882.

**Elizabethtown Water Co. Consolidated.—Sale.**

Negotiations for the purchase of the distributing system of the above company were completed last month by the sub-committee of the Elizabeth (N. J.) Water Committee. For the last few months conferences have been in progress.

If the general committee approves the report the next step will be to recommend to the City Council that steps be taken to purchase the system for a fixed price or by condemnation proceedings.—V. 121, p. 1460.

**Engineers Public Service Co. (& Subs.).—Balance Sheet.**

**Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition Feb. 28 1926.**

[This statement is based on Feb. 28 1926 balance sheets of subsidiaries as now constituted but takes into consideration cash expended and securities issued by Engineers Public Service Co. to acquire subsidiary common stocks owned or controlled on April 12 1926.]

Assets	Liabilities
Property, plant, &c. .... \$115,348,694	Prof. stock of subsidis. .... \$19,576,700
Agreement to underwrite allotment cdfs. for pref. & common stock ..... 3,384,000	Prem. on pref. stock ..... 24,378
Cash ..... 4,902,501	Bonds of subsidiaries ..... 44,104,500
Notes receivable ..... 42,902	Coupon notes ..... 4,267,500
Accounts receivable ..... 1,762,208	Unpaid but unacwrnted Bal. on allotment price of allotment cdfs. .... 3,384,000
Materials & supplies ..... 1,608,726	Notes payable ..... 1,576,719
Prepayments ..... 407,109	Accounts payable ..... 861,741
Miscell. investments ..... 517,995	Acts. not yet due ..... 1,980,178
Sinking funds ..... 2,871,597	Retirement reserve ..... 8,938,465
Special deposits ..... 44,191	Operating reserves ..... 248,397
Unamort. debt discount & expense ..... 2,205,246	Unadjusted credits ..... 639,594
Unadjusted debits ..... 719,777	Bal. of assets for com. stock of subs. in hands of public ..... 1,328,265
Total (each side) .... \$133,814,946	Balance of assets ..... 46,884,509

The assets and liabilities of Norfolk Ry. & Light Co., the property of which is leased by Virginia Electric & Power Co. for 99 years from 1906, are not included in the above statement.

It includes \$2,175,000 bonds of Virginia Ry. & Power Co., \$620,000 bonds of Norfolk & Portsmouth Traction Co. and \$75,000 bonds of Savannah Electric Co., held in sinking funds, uncancelled. Showing book value for 265,171 preferred shares and 777,979 common shares, both without par value. It also includes balance for shares of City Gas Co. of Norfolk common owned by Virginia Electric & Power Co. and Norfolk Ry. & Light Co. (the property of which is leased by Virginia Electric & Power Co.).

As of April 12 1926 company owned 98% of the common stock of Virginia Electric & Power Co., all of the common stock of the Key West Electric Co., 96% of the common stock of Eastern Texas Electric Co., 86% of the common stock of El Paso Electric Co. and 93% of the common stock of Savannah Electric & Power Co.—V. 122, p. 2649.

**Fifth Avenue Coach Co.—May Buy N. Y. Railways.**

The company, it was reported May 7, was negotiating for the purchase of the majority stock holdings of the New York Railways Corp.—V. 121, p. 1569.

**Fitkin Utilities, Inc.—Acquires Plants.**

The corporation last week announced the purchase of electric and ice plants in Southern Missouri and Northeastern Arkansas, including properties at Steele and Campbell, Mo., and Luxora and Osceola, Ark. All the companies are in an area served by the Arkansas-Missouri Power Co., a Fitkin property, with which the new acquisitions will be connected. Operating of the ice plants will be under the direction of the General Engineering & Management Corp., the Fitkin operating company.—V. 122, p. 2493.

**Great Western Power Co.—Proposed Acquisition.**

According to Vice-President J. B. Black the company has applied to the California RR. Commission for permission to purchase all the outstanding common stock of Napa Valley Electric Co. This acquisition will add to the Great Western Power system the towns of St. Helena, Oak Knoll and Rutherford and contiguous territory, all lying in the Napa Valley. At the present time the Napa company's consumers number 1,085, and the connected load is 1,870 kilowatts. Gross revenue from the sale of electric energy and gas during the year 1925 amounted to \$66,797. Total assets of the Napa company as of Dec. 31 1925 totaled \$230,709, and the amount in surplus account was \$49,096 as of that date.—V. 122, p. 1608.

**Havana Electric Ry., Light & Power Co.—Ann. Report.**

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings	\$15,309,372	\$14,357,901	\$13,458,064	\$12,910,707
Oper. expenses & taxes	8,067,311	7,433,585	6,571,341	6,308,968
Net income	\$7,242,061	\$6,924,316	\$6,886,723	\$6,601,739
Miscellaneous income	409,692	339,686	396,270	189,053
Total net income	\$7,651,753	\$7,264,002	\$7,282,993	\$6,790,792
Fixed charges	1,063,957	1,088,950	1,117,166	1,087,008
Preferred divs. (6%)	1,258,634	1,258,602	1,258,607	1,258,613
Common divs. (6%)	896,728	986,612	986,619	896,649
Deprec. & counting. res.	3,467,511	3,240,638	3,350,368	2,900,000
Amort. of disc. & prov. for sink funds, &c.	380,576			
Balance, surplus	\$584,346	\$779,200	\$660,233	\$648,522

—V. 122, p. 2328, 748.

**Illinois Power & Light Corp.—To Reclassify Pref. Stock.**

A special meeting of stockholders has been called for July 14 for the purpose of approving a change in the dividend rate upon the unused 70,000 shares of the preferred stock from 7% to 6% per annum. The proposed issue of 6% preferred stock will have the same rights, privileges, preferences and restrictions as the present issue of 7% cumulative preferred shares, the only difference being in the rate of yield.

In the notice to stockholders, Clement Studabaker, Jr., President, said: "The officers and directors believe that in the interests of the present holders of preferred stock of the corporation and of the corporation itself, advantage should be taken of the improved conditions which make it possible to dispose of a 6% preferred stock on a satisfactory basis and to discontinue financing through the sale of the 7% stock."—V. 122, p. 2322, 2190.

**Indiana Gas Light Co.—New Control.**

The sale of the controlling interest in the above company, which has plants in several Northern Indiana towns, was recently made to the Central Indiana Power Co., an Insull corporation.—V. 95, p. 1749.

**Indianapolis Power & Light Corp.—Bonds Sold.**

West & Co., Pynchon & Co., Federal Securities Corp., John Nickerson & Co., W. S. Hammons & Co., Union Trust Co. and the Indiana National Bank, Indianapolis, have sold at 98 and int., to yield over 6¼%, \$10,000,000 1st coll. trust gold bonds, series A 6%.

Dated May 1 1926—due May 1 1936. Principal and int. (M. & N.) payable at Chase National Bank, New York, trustee; interest also payable at Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. Denom. \$1,000 c\*, \$500 and \$100. Red. all or part on any int. date on or before May 1 1927 at 104; thereafter on or before May 1 1928 at 103; thereafter on or before May 1 1930 at 102½; thereafter on or before May 1 1932 at 102; thereafter on or before May 1 1934 at 101½; thereafter on or before May 1 1935 at 101; thereafter until maturity at 100 plus int. in each case. Interest payable without deduction for Federal income tax up to 2%. Penna., Calif. and Conn. 4 mills taxes, Maryland 4½ mills tax, Mass. 6% income tax on interest, New Hampshire 3% income tax on interest, and any similar tax hereafter imposed by Maine not exceeding 4½ mills personal property tax or 6% income tax, refundable.

**Data from Letter of Walter C. Marmon, President of the Corporation.**

**Corporation.**—Organized in Delaware May 4 1926. Will own approximately 71.43% of the capital stock of Indianapolis Light & Heat Co. The latter company serves the City of Indianapolis, Ind., as well as its suburbs and 15 neighboring towns and villages, with power and light, and also furnishes steam heat to 241 customers in the downtown business district of Indianapolis. The territory served covers over 390 square miles with an estimated population in excess of 450,000. The properties include two modern and efficient generating stations with a total station capacity



of 84,000 k.w., a downtown distribution system entirely in underground conduits, and approximately 1,120 miles of transmission and distribution lines serving outlying territory.

**Capitalization.** Authorized. Outstanding.  
 1st collateral trust gold bonds, series A, 6%----- \* \$10,000,000  
 \$7 dividend first preferred stock (no par)----- 100,000 shs. 40,000 shs.  
 \$7 dividend second preferred stock (no par)----- 53,000 shs. 37,753 shs.  
 Common stock (no par)----- 250,000 shs. 120,000 shs.  
 \* Issuance of additional bonds restricted by provisions of trust indenture.

**Security.**—Secured by pledge with the trustee of approximately 71.43% of the outstanding capital stock of Indianapolis Light & Heat Co.

**Earnings of Indianapolis Light & Heat Co.**

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross operating revenue	\$4,967,454	\$4,685,237	\$4,505,313
* Oper. exp., maint., renewals & replacements, & taxes (other than Fed.)	2,585,134	2,555,430	2,417,334
Net operating income	\$2,382,320	\$2,129,807	\$2,087,979
Non-operating income	47,440	28,020	87,820
Total	\$2,429,760	\$2,157,827	\$2,135,799
Interest	202,407	210,579	206,247
Miscellaneous deductions	775	1,023	802
Net avail. for Fed. taxes & divs.	\$2,226,578	\$1,946,225	\$1,928,750
71.43% of above	\$1,590,445		

\* Adjusted to include 8% of gross operating revenue for maintenance and 5% for renewals and replacements, in accordance with requirements of the trust indenture.

The 71.43% of the net earnings above shown, being the proportion of the capital stock of Indianapolis Light & Heat Co. owned by Indianapolis Power & Light Corp., for the year ended Dec. 31 1925 is \$1,590,445, equivalent to approximately 2-2/3 times the interest requirements of \$600,000 on this issue of bonds, series A. The similar percentage of the average of the net earnings, as shown above, for the past three calendar years was equivalent to over 2.4 times such interest requirements.—V. 122, p. 2650.

**International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.—Executive Committee.**

At the annual meeting of the directors, the retiring officers were re-elected. The following executive committee of the board of directors was elected: Hernand Behn, Sothenes Behn, John E. Berwind, Allen C. Hoyt, Russell C. Leffingwell, John L. Merrill, Henry B. Orde and Wolcott H. Pitkin.—V. 122, p. 2650.

**Iowa Power & Light Co.—Bonds Offered.**—E. H. Rollins & Sons, Harris, Forbes & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Spencer Trask & Co. and Marshall Field, Gloré, Ward & Co. are offering \$3,000,000 1st mtge. gold bonds, Series "B," 5 1/2%, at 99 and int., to yield over 5.55%.

Dated May 1 1926; due May 1 1956. Red. all or part on 60 days' notice on any int. date up to and incl. Nov. 1 1946, at 105 and int., with successive reductions in redemption price on each May 1 thereafter of 1/2 of 1%. Int. (M. & N.) payable in Chicago or New York. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee, and M. H. MacLean, co-trustee. Company agrees to pay int. without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2% and to reimburse the holders of these bonds, if requested within 60 days after payment, for the Conn., Penn., and Calif. 4 mills and the Dist. of Col. 5 mills taxes, and for the Maryland securities tax not exceeding 4 1/2 mills per \$1 per annum, and for the Mass. income tax on the net. not exceeding 6% of such int. per annum.

**Data from Letter of Pres. Clement Studebaker Jr., Dated May 13.**

**Company.**—Organized in Iowa. Is controlled (through ownership of all its common stock) by the Des Moines Electric Light Co., a subsidiary of Illinois Power & Light Corp., and has practically completed construction on the Des Moines River, just southeast of the City of Des Moines, of a modern 60,300 k.v.a. steam electric generating station and transmission lines connecting the new power plant with the distribution system of the Des Moines Electric Light Co. in Des Moines, transmission lines running to Oskaloosa and other important cities depending upon this plant for electric power. The two generating units are in commercial operation, the first of which, with transmission lines, having commenced Sept. 15 1925. The water supply, coal handling and storage facilities are designed for an ultimate installation of 166,200 k.v.a. Iowa Power & Light Co. has leased the new power plant and lines for a period of 50 years to the Des Moines Electric Light Co., which operates the electric utilities in Des Moines, Oskaloosa and other communities in central Iowa.

**Terms of Lease.**—The terms of the lease provide for monthly rental payments which will constitute an operating charge of the Des Moines Electric Light Co. All rights and rentals under the lease have been assigned to the trustees under the mortgage securing the 1st mtge. bonds. Des Moines Electric Light Co. assumes all cost of operation under the lease, including that of maintenance, and is required to make payment of general property taxes and insurance on the leased property.

**Acquisition.**—Iowa Power & Light Co. has acquired and now owns the electric utility systems and property formerly operated by the Adel Light & Power Co. and the Marion County Electric Co. which were connected with and received current from the lines of the Iowa Power & Light Co. and Des Moines Electric Light Co.

**Capitalization upon Completion of Present Financing.**  
 Common stock (\$10 par value, fully paid)----- \$800,000  
 First preferred stock, 7% cumulative----- 3,000,000  
 First mortgage gold bonds, Series "A," 6%----- 2,000,000  
 First mortgage gold bonds Series "B," 5 1/2% (this issue)----- 3,000,000

**Earnings.**—The rental to be paid to the Iowa Power & Light Co. is at a fixed rate of 12% per annum of the cost of the new plant and new transmission lines, which is approximately \$6,780,000. This rental may be adjusted at the end of 30 years, subject to conservative restrictions in the lease. The rental will amount to approximately \$13,600 per annum. Net operating earnings for 12 months ended Mar. 31 1926 of the electric properties purchased and not leased were more than \$135,000. The combined annual rental and earnings of \$948,600 are over 3 times the annual interest on all bonds to be outstanding. Surplus earnings of the Iowa Power & Light Co. after preferred dividends will be available for the payment of dividends upon the common stock held by the Des Moines Electric Light Co.

The combined gross earnings for the year ended March 31 1926 of the Des Moines Electric Light Co. properties were \$3,276,457; net earnings (after operating expenses, maintenance and local taxes) were \$1,667,075. Substantial economies in operation, resulting from the use of the new plant, with the latest improved types of equipment, will save the Des Moines Electric Light Co. a considerable part of the rentals which it is to pay and make available additional energy for sale to the growing territory served. See also V. 120, p. 3186.

**Iroquois Gas Corp.—Stock Increased.**

The company has filed a certificate at Albany, N. Y., increasing its authorized capital stock from \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000.—V. 121, p. 3131

**Jamaica Central RR.—To Operate Old Trolleys.**

The Jamaica Central RR. has been organized to operate the lines of the Long Island Electric Ry. in southern Queens. The new company is composed of the interests of the company which purchased the Long Island Electric lines recently for \$115,000 at foreclosure sale. H. Purshae Williams is to be President of the new concern.

The lines to be operated by the new company are understood to be: The route from Jamaica to Far Rockaway, that portion of the old Jamaica to East New York route which is still running as far as Ozone Park, and the Jamaica to Hollis line. Fares are to continue under the present zone system, with a rate of 5 cents for each zone, according to the understanding. (Brooklyn "Daily Eagle.")

**Lowell (Mass.) Gas Light Co.—Transfer Agent.**

The Union National Bank, Lowell, Mass., has been appointed transfer agent for the company's capital stock.—V. 120, p. 2012.

**Milwaukee Electric Ry. & Light Co.—Listing.**

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$5,000,000 additional ref. & 1st mtge. gold bonds, 5% Series B, due June 1 1961, upon official notice that the bonds have been issued in substitution for and in place of \$5,000,000 ref. & 1st mtge. gold bonds, 6% Series C, due Sept. 1 1953, making the total amount of ref. & 1st mtge. gold bonds, Series B, applied for to date \$20,500,000.

**Comparative Income Account for Month and 12 Months Ended March 31.**

	Month of March—	12 Mos. End. Mar. 31—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Operating revenues	\$2,317,648	\$2,057,376	\$2,437,736	\$2,568,923	\$2,568,923
Operating expenses	1,368,775	1,258,420	1,476,568	1,936,713	1,936,713
Taxes	189,495	179,136	2,192,454	1,860,953	1,860,953
Net oper. revenues	\$759,378	\$619,820	\$7,919,714	\$6,769,257	\$6,769,257
Non-oper. revenues	25,968	24,625	357,872	244,514	244,514
Gross income	\$785,346	\$644,445	\$8,277,586	\$7,013,771	\$7,013,771
Int. on funded debt	177,785	205,210	2,405,648	2,447,717	2,447,717
Amort. of bond discount	15,071	15,296	167,513	165,207	165,207
Other interest charges	13,416	Cr. 740	18,732	Cr. 79,040	Cr. 79,040
Bal. for depreciation, divs. and surplus	\$579,074	\$424,679	\$5,685,692	\$4,479,887	\$4,479,887
Depreciation reserve	\$205,276	\$174,888	\$2,365,856	\$2,133,906	\$2,133,906

**Middlesex & Boston Street Ry.—Report.**

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Passenger revenue	\$1,120,137	\$1,154,845	\$1,235,876
Miscellaneous revenue	43,493	30,586	30,102
Total revenue	\$1,163,630	\$1,185,431	\$1,265,978
Operating expenses	978,986	x1,032,982	x1,137,641
Taxes	14,897	15,587	24,435
Interest on funded debt, &c.	169,548	169,135	172,277

Balance, surplus, \$198 def. \$32,273 def. \$68,375  
 x Including depreciation.

**Earnings for Quarters Ending March 31—**

	1926.	1925.
Passenger revenue	\$299,831	\$289,460
Miscellaneous revenue	9,146	7,735
Total revenue	\$308,977	\$297,195
Operating expenses	243,397	232,836
Taxes and interest	46,267	46,540
Surplus	\$19,318	\$17,819

—V. 121, p. 2402.

**Mississippi Power Co.—Bonds Offered.**—Harris, Forbes & Co., and Colvin & Burr, Inc., are offering at 95 and interest, yielding over 5.33%, \$1,750,000 first and refunding mtge. gold bonds, 5% series, due 1955 (see description in V. 121, p. 979).

**Data from Letter of B. E. Eaton, President of the Company.**

**Company.**—A subsidiary of Southeastern Power & Light Co., was organized in Maine for the purpose of developing water power and distributing and selling hydro-electric power. Supplies electric service to a population estimated at over 100,000, in 29 cities and towns, including most of the important communities in the eastern half of the State of Mississippi from the Gulf coast to the Tennessee border. In addition transportation service is rendered in two of these communities and gas service in two. Almost 80% of gross earnings for the 12 months ended March 31 1926 were derived from sales of electricity.

**Development and Interconnection.**—The new 110,000 volt transmission line connecting Meridian, Laurel and Hattiesburg with the lines of the Alabama Power Co. has been placed in operation and these communities are now being supplied with hydro-electric power. Work is being actively carried forward on other parts of the extensive transmission system, upon completion of which all the company's present isolated steam plants will be held in reserve and power to meet current demands purchased at wholesale prices from the Alabama Power Co.'s large hydro-electric plants.

**Earnings Twelve Months Ended March 31 1926.**

Gross earnings, including other income	\$1,996,405
Operating expense, maintenance and taxes	1,058,159
Net earnings	\$938,246
Annual int. on mtge. bonds with public, including this issue	330,750

Balance \$607,496  
**Capitalization—** Authorized. Outstanding.  
 Common stock (no par)----- 400,000 shs. 400,000 shs.  
 2d pref. stock (div. \$6 p. a. non-cum.) (no par)----- 20,000 shs. 5,000 shs.  
 1st pref. stock (div. \$7 p. a. cum.) (no par)----- 100,000 shs. 25,000 shs.  
 First & ref. mtge. 5s, 1955 (incl. this offering)----- x \$5,750,000  
 Underlying divisional bonds----- Closed 778,400  
 x Limited by the conservative restrictions of the mortgage.  
**Control.**—The entire common stock, except directors' qualifying shares, is owned by Southeastern Power & Light Co.—V. 122, p. 2329, 883.

**Mississippi Valley Power Co.—Report.**

12 Months Ended Dec. 31—	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross earnings	\$1,262,722	\$1,207,069	\$1,159,945
Oper. exp., maint. & taxes	919,396	904,699	822,574
Net earnings	\$343,327	\$302,370	\$337,371
Interest	335,660	322,465	303,209

Bal. for retirement res., divs., amortization & surplus \$7,667 def. \$20,095 \$34,162  
 —V. 120, p. 2012.

**Montana-Dakota Power Co.—Bonds Offered.**—Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., Minneapolis, and Second Ward Securities Co., Milwaukee, are offering at 99 3/4 and int., to yield about 5.60%, \$1,500,000 1st mtge. 5 1/2% gold bonds.

Dated April 1 1926; due April 1 1945. Int. payable A. & O. at Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., Minneapolis, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Callable, all or part, on any int. date upon 30 days' notice at par and a premium of 1/2 of 1% for each 6 months of unexpired maturity. Company covenants to pay interest without deduction for Federal income tax not in excess of 2%.

**Issuance.**—Approved by the Board of Railroad Commissioners of the State of North Dakota.

**Data from Letter of C. C. Yawkey, President of the Company**

**Company.**—Company with its subsidiary, the Eastern Montana Light & Power Co., owns and operates 4 modern steam generating stations having an installed capacity of 6,000 h.p., together with 334 miles of transmission lines, and has under construction 166 miles of additional transmission lines. Electric light and power is being distributed at retail to 35 towns in North Dakota and Montana. Upon completion of the transmission system, all properties will be interconnected and service will be available to approximately 25 more towns. Light and power is furnished the city of Williston, N. D., at wholesale. Steam heating service is also supplied in the city of Glendive, Mont. Company is a consolidation of the Jennison Light & Power Co., Scooby Utility Co., Plentywood Electric Co., United Power Co., Listrad Power Co., Williston Light, Heat & Coal Co. and a number of other properties operating in eastern Montana and western North Dakota. Practically the entire net revenue for the 12-month period ending March 31 1926 was derived from the sale of electric light and power.

**Security.**—Secured by a direct 1st mtge. on the entire properties owned by the company on April 1 1926, subject to a \$47,520 encumbrance on a small portion of the property. As additional security all of the common stock of the Eastern Montana Light & Power Co., together with a lease of its properties to this company, will be pledged with the trustee. Proceeds of \$500,000 of these bonds will also be deposited with the trustee and used to reimburse the company for not in excess of 80% of cost of permanent additions to its properties against which no further bonds can be issued.

**Earnings 12 Months Ended March 31 1926, Before Deprec'n & Fed'l Taxes.**  
 Gross earnings (of mortgaged property)----- \$379,354  
 Operating expenses, taxes and maintenance----- 249,155

Net earnings	\$130,199
Income from leased property	22,118
Total net earnings	\$152,316

Net earnings available for interest charges for the 3 months ended Mar. 31 1926 amount to \$58,143. Such earnings for this quarter are at the annual rate of approximately \$232,000, which is more than 2½ times annual interest requirements of these bonds.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstand'g.
1st mortgage 5½% 3-year gold bonds (this issue)---	a	\$1,500,000
Preferred stock (par \$100)-----	\$1,000,000	244,300
Common stock (no par value)-----	25,000 shs.	633,700

**Limited by restrictions of the mortgage.**  
**Purpose.**—Proceeds from \$1,000,000 bonds of this issue will be used in part for payment of properties recently acquired in this consolidation and in part to reimburse the company for improvements to all properties heretofore made. Proceeds from balance of this issue are to be held by the trustee and paid out against engineer's certificates for construction of transmission lines and other permanent additions now under way costing in excess of \$600,000.

**Directors.**—C. C. Yawkey, Ben Alexander, Brown Katzenbach, H. L. Geisse, A. P. Woodson, Wausau, Wis., and R. M. Heskett, Minneapolis, Minn.

**Municipal Service Co.—Notes Called.**—All of the outstanding 6% serial coupon notes due Dec. 1 1926, 1927 and 1928 have been called for payment June 1 next at 101 and int. at the Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lives, &c., Philadelphia, Pa.—V. 122, p. 2192

**National Power & Light Co.—Balance Sheet.**

Feb. 28 '26, Dec. 31 '25.		Feb. 28 '26, Dec. 31 '25.	
<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Investments	46,558,983	Cap. stk. (no par)x46,291,744	36,941,744
Cash & call loans	---	7% Income bonds	8,417,100
receivable	6,037,984	Dividends declared	497,651
Notes & loans rec.	5,614,634	Notes & P's pay'ble	2,397,000
Acc'ts receivable	294,220	Acc'ts payable	156,315
Deferred debits	10,285	Unpaid interest	197,414
		Reserve	264,867
		Surplus	2,690,996
			2,780,294

x Shares of stock outstanding Feb. 28 1926: \$7 preferred stock, 140,298; common stock, 2,544,150.—V. 122, p. 2329, 1456.

**New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co.—Rights.**

At an adjourned meeting of the shareholders held on May 3, it was voted, with the approval of the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Utilities, to increase the capital stock by the issue of 30,528 shares. At a meeting of the directors the price at which the stock should be issued was fixed at \$55 per share. The Department has approved the issue and the price under date of May 1 1926.

Each shareholder of record on May 3 has the right to subscribe on or before June 5 for one new share for each six shares now held. Payments for subscriptions are called as follows: June 5, \$15 per share; July 20, \$15 per share; Aug. 20, \$15 per share, and Sept. 20, \$10 per share. Payments in full may be made at any time in advance of the dates of installments at the company's office. Certificates of stock will be issued as of Oct. 1 1926. Interest at the rate of 5% per annum will be allowed on all payments for subscriptions to Oct. 1 1926 and 6% per annum will be charged on all overdue payments to Jan. 1 1927. After Jan. 1 1927 the rate of interest on overdue payments will be at 8% per annum.—V. 122, p. 2652.

**New England Fuel & Transportation Co.—Sub. Co. Stk.**

The Mystic Iron Works, a subsidiary, has increased its capitalization from \$4,000,000 to \$4,500,000. The 5,000 new shares are to be issued for cash at par (\$100 per share).—V. 122, p. 2192.

**New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Bonds Sold.**

J. P. Morgan & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Kidder, Peabody & Co., First National Bank, National City Co. (New York), Bankers Trust Co., Guaranty Co. of New York, Harris, Forbes & Co., and Lee, Higginson & Co., have sold at 94½ and interest, to yield over 4.80%, \$40,000,000 first mtge. 4½% gold bonds, series B.

Dated May 1 1926; due May 1 1961. Not redeemable before 1958. Interest payable M. & N. in New York City or in Boston. Denom. c\*\$1,000, \$500 and \$100, and r\*\$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. Redeemable in whole but not in part, upon 60 days' notice, on May 1 1958, or on any interest date thereafter, at 100 and int. First National Bank of Boston, trustee.

**Legal Investment.**—In the opinion of counsel, these bonds are a legal investment for savings banks in Mass., Rhode Island, Maine, Vermont and Connecticut.

**Data from Letter of Matt B. Jones, President of the Company.**

**Property.**—Company, with its subsidiary and connecting companies, provides telephone service throughout Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and Rhode Island and serves a population estimated at 6,500,000. The book cost of the company's real estate, buildings and telephone plant, which cost is considerably less than their present value, was over \$219,000,000 on March 31 1926. Other assets amounted to over \$250,000,000, whereas the total funded debt, including this issue, will be only \$86,820,000.

**Security.**—A first lien on all the real estate and other property, other than securities now or hereafter owned by the company in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, subject only to a mortgage of \$820,000 on a specific parcel of real estate.

**Purpose of Issue.**—Proceeds to the extent of about \$27,000,000 will be used to repay advances obtained from the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. for the extension and improvement of the company's telephone system. The remainder of the proceeds will be used for the further expansion and improvement of the company's telephone system.

**Earnings Years Ended December 31.**

	Gross Revenues.	Net Avail. for Interest Charges.	*Interest	Net Income.
1921	\$37,312,788	\$6,998,844	\$1,012,449	\$5,986,395
1922	42,320,747	8,152,617	1,959,449	6,193,168
1923	45,027,835	5,841,497	2,647,294	3,194,203
1924	48,418,279	7,240,676	3,508,373	3,732,303
1925	55,064,421	8,677,208	4,755,988	3,921,220

\* Including interest on advances from the American Tel. & Tel. Co.  
 During the period of five years net earnings available for interest have averaged over 2½ times interest charges. The net earnings available for interest in 1925 were more than twice the annual interest requirements on the funded debt of the company as it will be outstanding after the issue of these bonds.

**Rates.**—Substantial increases in rate schedules throughout the company's territory became effective during the latter part of 1925 and have been clearly reflected in the company's earnings for the first quarter of 1926. Net earnings for the quarter amounted to \$3,232,146, and were at the rate of more than three times the interest requirements on the company's total funded debt, including the present issue of bonds.

**Equity.**—Company has outstanding capital stock (including installments) in the amount of \$110,495,327, of which about 61% is owned by the American Telep. & Teleg. Co. Dividends on the stock as outstanding from time to time have been paid at the rate of not less than 6% per annum since 1898. The present dividend rate is 8% per annum.

**Listing.**—Application will be made to list the bonds on the New York and Boston stock exchanges.—V. 122, p. 2652, 1026.

**New York & Harlem RR.—Committee Seeks Proxies.**

A stockholders' committee composed of Ernest Sturm, William D. Scholle and Edwin Thorn has sent out letters to stockholders asking for proxies to represent the minority stockholders at the next annual meeting which will be held May 18. The letter says in part:

"The sale of the street railway line [to Charles L. Craig V. 122, p. 2496] was approved at the stockholders' meeting held on April 23, in accordance with the notice heretofore sent to all stockholders. The Central's favorable votes assured this result, and it was idle for the committee to take any position on the proposition. The disposition of the avails of such sale was not determined at that meeting. The committee was represented at the meeting and expressed the view that this money should be paid to the 'Harlem' stockholders.

"The use to which these avails shall be put, the real estate situation, the relationship under the lease and other allied matters make it desirable that the minority 'Harlem' stockholders should remain firmly banded together as we always have been since the formation of your committee, to the end

that the interests of the minority stockholders should be guarded and protected."—V. 122, p. 2496.

**New York Westchester & Boston Ry.—Notes Called.**—Certain 6% collateral trust notes, aggregating \$25,000, have been called for payment June 1 at 101 and interest at the National Bank of Commerce, 31 Nassau St., New York City.—V. 122, p. 2192.

**North American Edison Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.**

	—Quar. Ended Mar. 31—	—12 Mos. Mar. 31—
	1926.	1925.
Gross earnings	\$21,610,053	\$11,128,601
Oper. exp., maint. & tax.	12,345,053	11,413,266
		\$75,036,241
		44,551,656
		\$67,090,242
		41,009,616
Net income from oper.	\$9,265,000	\$7,715,335
Interest charges	2,375,906	2,413,400
Prof. divs. of subsids.	963,312	720,136
Minority interests	399,682	373,957
Depreciation reserves	2,158,185	1,912,308
		\$30,484,585
		8,986,403
		3,095,195
		1,238,217
		7,642,456
		\$26,080,626
		8,406,581
		2,479,651
		1,161,745
		6,704,818
Bal. for divs. & surp.	\$3,367,915	\$2,295,535
		\$9,522,313
		\$7,327,830

—V. 122, p. 2330, 1611.

**North American Light & Power Co.—Preferred Stock Offered.**

Henry D. Lindsley & Co., Inc. and Gorrell & Co. are offering at 99 and div. to yield over 7.05% \$1,400,000 7% cumul. pref. stock. This offering does not represent new financing by the company.

Dividends payable Q-J. Red. all or part on any div. date on 60 days' notice at 105 and divs. Transfer agent, Office of the company, Chicago. Under the Revenue Act of 1926 dividends on this stock are exempt from the normal Federal income tax and for individuals whose net income is \$10,000 or less they are exempt from all Federal income taxes. When owned by a corporation, dividends on this stock are exempt from all Federal income taxes.

**Company.**—A holding and management company organized in Maine in 1915. Owns the entire capital stock of the North American Light & Power Corp., which in turn controls the Illinois Power & Light Corp. and the Missouri Power & Light Co. Company through its subsidiaries operates electric light and power, traction, gas, heat, ice and water properties which serve a population of over 1,350,000 in over 520 municipalities in the states of Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas.

The power and light properties of the company include electric generating stations with an aggregate capacity of 375,960 h.p., with an additional capacity of 77,180 h.p. under construction. Co. owns 2,800 miles of high tension transmission lines and 4,000 miles of distributing lines serving 266,893 customers. About 75% of the net earnings are derived from the power and light properties. The gas properties include artificial gas plants with an aggregate daily capacity of 29,180,000 cubic feet and 1,050 miles of gas mains serving serving 89,547 customers. The electric railway properties consist of 550 miles of main trunk line and 235 miles of city track.

**Consolidated Earnings of Company and Subsidiary Companies.**

	1925.	1924.
Gross earnings	\$34,722,402	\$32,291,584
Inter-company items	2,566,845	1,984,273
Balance	\$32,155,557	\$30,307,310
Expenses & taxes	20,517,122	20,172,473
Balance	\$11,638,435	\$10,134,837
Other income	905,389	834,684
Total net earnings	\$12,543,824	\$10,969,521
Interest, amortiz., divs. on pref. stocks of subs., &c	8,773,824	7,814,308
Reserve for depreciation, &c	2,089,516	2,080,155
Dividends on 7% preferred stock (this issue)	301,491	298,743
Surplus earnings after preferred dividends	\$1,178,991	\$776,314

**Capitalization.**

Coll. gold notes and debentures due 1926, 1927 and 1929	\$450,000	x\$450,000
7% cumulative preferred stock (this issue)	5,000,000	4,307,800
Common stock (par \$5)	1,000,000	1,000,000
* Of this amount \$25,000 mature May 15 1926.—V. 121, p. 1909.		

**Northwestern Elevated RR., Chicago.—Tenders.**

The Central Union Trust Co., trustee, 80 Broadway, New York City, will until May 17 receive bids for the sale to it of first mortgage 5% bonds, dated Sept. 1 1911, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$37,553, at a price not exceeding 102 and interest.—V. 121, p. 1228.

**Omnibus Corporation.—Annual Report.**

**Consolidated Income Account (Omnibus Corp.) Years Ended Dec. 31.**

	1925.	1924.
Chicago Motor Coach Co.: Net profit for year	\$518,379	\$400,764
Omnibus Corp.: Dividends on investments	351,618	172,172
Interest received	13,746	4,295
Total income	\$883,744	\$577,232
Corporate expenses	60,312	5,608
Interest paid	---	17,486
Taxes	16,608	---
Gray Line Motor Tours Co.—Loss for year	13,813	---

Consolidated net profit for year \$793,011 \$554,138  
 Previous surplus 574,290 107,741  
 Surplus arising from appreciation of buildings 417,599

Total surplus \$1,367,301 \$1,079,478  
 Sundry adjustments 5,745 38,738  
 Dividends on preferred stock paid & accrued 707,448 466,450

Surplus Dec. 31 \$654,109 \$574,290  
 —V. 122, p. 1763, 884.

**People's Light & Power Corp.—Acquisitions.**

See Wisconsin Hydro-Electric Co., Inc., below.

**Penn-Ohio Edison Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.**

Bonbright & Co., Inc., Eastman, Dillon & Co., Harper & Turner and W. C. Langley & Co. are offering at 96 and div., to yield about 7.30%, \$1,500,000 7% cumulative prior preference (a. & d.) stock.

Dividends payable Q-M. Red., as a whole, on any div. date upon not less than 30 days' notice at 110 and divs. Transfer agents, Provident Trust Co. of Philadelphia and Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, registrars, Fidelity Trust Co., Philadelphia, and New York Trust Co., New York. Exempt from present normal Federal income tax. Company has agreed to refund from its surplus to holders residing in Penna. the Penna. 4-mill tax on application within 60 days after payment.

**Data from Letter of R. P. Stevens, President of the Company.**

**Company.**—Controls a group of companies supplying the entire electric power, light and railway services in an important industrial district of eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania. The population of the territory served, which includes the cities of Youngstown and Salem, O., and Sharon, New Castle and Farrell, Pa., is estimated at over 410,000. More than 90% of the net earnings is derived from electric power and light business.

The principal subsidiary companies are: (a) The Pennsylvania-Ohio Power & Light Co., (b) The Pennsylvania-Ohio Electric Co., (c) Pennsylvania Power Co., (d) Ohio River Edison Co., (e) Pittsburgh District Electric Co. The physical properties of the controlled companies at the present time have a total aggregate generating capacity of 193,540 h.p., and there are 438 miles of high-tension transmission lines and 1,909 miles of distributing lines. The railways division has a total of 178 miles of track, 75 miles of which are interurban trackage and 103 miles of which are city trackage. The equipment includes 284 cars, of which 8 cars are freight carriers. There is in addition a valuable auxiliary bus system totaling 90 buses.



Consol. Statement of Earnings (incl. Sub. Cos.) 12 Mos. Ended Mar. 31 1926.

Gross earnings	\$1,493,442
Operating expenses and taxes	6,797,344
Net earnings	\$4,696,098
Interest and dividends on securities of subsids. held by public and fixed charges of Penn-Ohio Edison Co.	*3,070,998
Balance avail. for divs. of co. for depreciation, &c.	\$1,625,100
Annual dividends on prior preference stock	435,190

\*Not including dividends paid on Pennsylvania-Ohio Electric Co. pref. stock now owned by Penn-Ohio Edison Co.

Capitalization to Be Outstanding (After Present Financing).

6% gold debentures, series A, due 1950	\$6,000,000
6% gold notes, held by a subsidiary	5,000,000
7% cumulative prior preference stock (incl. this issue)	6,217,000
6% cumulative preferred stock (no par value)	51,914 shs.
Common stock (no par value)	344,459 shs.

There are in addition 120,000 option warrants now outstanding, each of which entitles the holder to purchase one share of common stock at \$25 per share at any time up to and including Nov. 1 1935.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will reimburse the company for moneys advanced by it to its subsidiaries for expenditures in connection with present additions and extensions to plants and properties.

**Control.**—The 51,914 shares of no par value pref. stock and 344,459 shares of no par value common stock are all owned by Republic Ry. & Light Co.—V. 122, p. 2330.

**Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.—Acquisition.**—The company in its publication, "Service Talks," says in part: The company has taken over complete ownership and control of the Yellow Cab Co. of Philadelphia, by payment in full of \$3,000,000 to the Yellow Taxi Corp. of New York, which held the entire stock. Funds secured from the recent sale of P. R. T. 7% preferred stock were used in making the purchase. \$18,000,000 of this issue has been authorized by the City Council of Philadelphia and \$13,000,000 has already been subscribed for by P. R. T. car-riders. The \$5,000,000 additional preferred stock authorized will be later offered for sale to P. R. T. car-riders, as the steps for which the entire issue was authorized approach consummation.

These steps include besides the taxicab purchase, various extensions and improvements to the transit system, notably the Sesqui extensions now under construction, and the three crosstown feeders to the Broad Street subway, which are awaiting paving and other similar improvements; building and improving motor bus garages, car houses and power stations; purchasing the Frankford Tacony & Holmesburg Ry.; retiring certain senior securities, and replacing in P. R. T. treasury moneys temporarily taken from reserves for improvements and extensions.—V. 122, p. 2330.

**Public Service Co. of Colorado.—Acquisition.**—The municipal lighting plant at Brush, Colo., will be sold to the above company for \$96,800 as the result of a public vote on April 6.—V. 122, p. 348.

**San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.—Report.**

12 Mos. End. Dec. 31—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings	\$5,381,701	\$4,710,808	\$3,802,599	\$3,771,527
Oper. exp., maint. & tax.	3,120,934	2,784,961	2,299,361	2,517,213
Interest	633,537	565,365	445,826	338,367
Preferred dividends	440,475	422,336	334,741	227,226

Bal. for retirement res., com. divs., amort. & sur.	\$1,186,755	\$938,146	\$722,672	\$688,721
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—V. 122, p. 1764.

**Standard Gas & Electric Co.—Special Dividend.**—The directors on May 14 declared the regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents a share on the common stock, payable July 25 to holders of record June 30 and, in addition, a special dividend of \$1 a share, payable in common stock as follows: 50c. on July 25 to holders of record June 30; 25c. on Oct. 25 to holders of record Sept. 30, and 25c. on Jan. 25 1927 to holders of record Dec. 31 1926. The special dividend will be on a basis of 1-50 share for each share of common stock now outstanding.

In a letter being sent to the stockholders announcing this special dividend President John J. O'Brien calls attention to the strong financial position of the company and its operated companies as shown in the annual report for 1925 (see under "Financial Reports" on a preceding page), and says: "After payment of all dividend charges for the year 1925, the company placed \$1,286,051 in surplus account, making the total surplus on Dec. 31 1925 \$8,843,019. Current earnings of the operated utility properties and Shafter Oil & Refining Co. are showing substantial increases over the corresponding period of 1925, and the directors now feel that the earning power of the company, and its strong financial reserve position, warrant distribution of a special dividend to the common shareholders at this time."—V. 122, p. 2331.

**Utica Gas & Electric Co.—To Change Capitalization.**—The stockholders will vote May 28 (a) on reducing the authorized 7% cum. pref. stock from \$8,000,000 to \$6,000,000, par \$100; (b) on changing the authorized common stock from 40,000 shares, par \$100, to 400,000 shares of no par value (10 shares of the latter to be issued in exchange for each share now held, and (c) on approving an authorized issue of 100,000 shares of \$6 cum. pref. stock without par value (red. all or part at \$105 and divs. upon 30 days' written notice).—V. 122, p. 2654.

**Utility Shares Corp.—Preferred Dividend No. 2.**—The directors have declared a second quarterly dividend of 30c. per share on the participating preferred stock, payable June 1 to holders of record May 14. An initial dividend of like amount was paid on March 1 last.—V. 122, p. 1028.

**West Chester (Pa.) Street Railway (and Subs.).—Annual Report.**—The annual report for 1925, signed by Pres. Charles B. Cooke, Jr. affords the following:

**Subsidiary Companies.**—(a) Railway, Light & Power: Chester County Traction Co., Chestern Valley Electric Light, Heat & Power Co., Coatesville Electric Light, Heat & Power Co.; (b) Motor Bus: Peoples Transportation Corp., West Chester Transportation Co., Reading-Pottstown Bus Co.

**Progress.**—During 1925 company made splendid progress in the development of its combined railway and motor bus system, the latter of which is owned and operated through company's subsidiary, peoples Transportation Corp. The combined system is now well known as The Chester Valley Lines.

**Ownership of all Important Bus Lines.**—It will be recalled that in order to expand the territory and earning power of company, and to eliminate possibilities of competition from independent bus lines, it acquired ownership and control, either by direct application to the Commission or by purchase, of all important bus routes in its immediate and contiguous territory. Control of motor bus routes required to establish a unified and profitable motor bus service was completed Jan. 1 1925, through the purchase of the West Chester Transportation Co. Company thus acquired, in addition to desirable bus privileges enjoyed by West Chester Transportation Co., a fleet of 14 motor buses together with a large brick and steel terminal building well located in West Chester for centralization of bus maintenance and operation.

**Purchase of Reading-Pottstown Bus Line.**—The only additional route taken over in 1925 was that between Pottstown, Spring City and Royersford, but in Jan. 1926, a contract was made, to purchase all of the stock of the Reading-Pottstown Bus Co. operating between Pottstown and Reading, Pa.

**New Through Service.**—Acquisition of these routes will give companies a continuous motor bus route between Norristown and Reading, a distance of 42 miles through a most active section of the Schuylkill Valley with tributary terminal population of about 150,000 in the Reading district, added to the 20,000 population tributary to the former terminus at Pottstown. It will also permit of "through" bus service between Reading, Pa., and Wilmington, Dela., via Pottstown and West Chester.

**Survey of Kelly, Cooke & Co.**—Following acquisition of the West Chester Transportation Co. company directed the engineering firm of Kelly, Cooke & Co. to make a complete survey of its motor bus system as then operated,

and to work out a plan for the unified and co-ordinated operation of company's various motor bus lines with such consolidation and rerouting thereof as would permit of maximum economies in the cost of operation, and which at the same time would produce desirable increases in revenue by service adjustments better to meet the traffic requirements of the territory.

**Unified Operation.**—Acting under these instructions, the Engineers made extensive traffic and operating surveys beginning in the early spring and extending into the early autumn, and worked out a unified plan of bus operation which was adopted by company and made effective Sept. 27 1925. This resulted in immediate and substantial economies and effected a decided improvement in the bus income account beginning with the month of October.

**Increases in Revenue.**—As a result of methods used to increase traffic on the bus system, substantial increases in revenue were obtained all through the year, these being equivalent to an increase in the business at a rate of about \$100,000 per annum obtained in the first 12 months, in 9 of which bus operations were handicapped by insufficient equipment and lack of co-ordination between schedules of the various bus lines, which are now worked out and in effect.

Compared with the year just passed, operations during the year 1926 should be under decidedly more favorable conditions, and undoubtedly should produce substantial increases in company's net income over and above that resulting from 1925 operations.

**Equipment.**—As a result of extensive studies made of available types of modern motor bus equipment, arrangements were made during 1925 to equip the system with a standard fleet of coaches built by the Yellow Truck & Coach Manufacturing Co. New equipment purchases from this company during the past year includes 8 Type Z-29 passenger and 15 Type X-21 passenger coaches, all of standard design and construction.

**New Financing.**—In order to secure additional working capital and to retire indebtedness incurred in connection with the acquisition, development and equipment of the motor bus system, the stockholders authorized an increase in capitalization of \$250,000, in the form of 7% participating cumulative pref. stock, of which a substantial part has already been sold.

**Customer Ownership.**—In line with modern utility practice, investors in the territory along the companies' railway and bus lines are being given the first chance to purchase this stock.

**Funded Debt.**—While the three years ended Dec. 31 1925, represent the most notable period of company's history, considering the growth of assets and earning power, the company's funded debt has remained almost stationary. Since 1922 total funded debt has only increased 7 1/2% from \$1,000,000 to \$1,075,000 (including \$24,000 of 5% bonds in company's treasury).

**Consolidated Income Account Year Ended Dec. 31 1925**  
(After giving effect to present financing.)

Operating revenues, \$435,195; operating expenses, a\$344,497;	
operating income	\$90,698
Other income	28,869
Gross income available for bond interest	\$119,567
Interest on bonds: (a) \$838,000 1st mtge 6s, \$41,900; (b) \$213,000 1st lien & coll. tr. 6s, b\$12,780	54,680
Interest on floating debt	6,000

Balance applicable to reserves, dividends and surplus	\$58,887
Dividends on \$250,000 7% particip. cum. pref. stock	17,500

a Includes taxes other than Federal income taxes. b Includes interest on 6% bonds in treasury, proceeds from sale of which are to be applied to liquidation of floating debt.

**Financial Results.**—In considering the above results it should be borne in mind that they were obtained during a period of 12 months, in 9 of which motor bus operations, which yielded more than half of the gross revenues, were burdened with extraordinary costs of operation, since eliminated as a result of consolidating the various bus lines into a unified system on Sept. 27 1925.

We wish to draw the attention of our readers to the fact that this company is not now and never has been in receivership. The company should not be confused with the Westchester Street RR. of White Plains, N. Y., a subsidiary of the New York, New Haven & Hartford RR. The earnings statement of the White Plains road, in receivership for the past several years, through error, as noted by us last week, appeared under the West Chester (Pa.) Street Ry. in our "Public Utility Compendium" of May 1 1926, p. 119, and we are glad now to be able to give in detail the correct statement of the company for the calendar year. See also V. 122, p. 2654.

**Western United Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Ready.**—Definitive 1st mtge. Series "A" 5 1/2% bonds are now exchangeable for temporary bonds at the office of the Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago, trustee, or at the office of the Chase National Bank, 57 Broadway, N. Y. City. (For offering of bonds see V. 122, p. 483).—V. 122, p. 1313.

**Wisconsin Hydro-Electric Co., Inc.—Sale.**—H. H. Henley, Vice-President of the W. B. Foshay Co., on May 3 said: "The W. B. Foshay Co. has purchased the electric utility properties of the Wisconsin Hydro-Electric Co. and the electric properties of the Municipal Power Corp., which together serve 40 towns in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Hydro-Electric Co. recently let a contract for the building of a 2,000 h.p. hydro plant in addition to its present hydro plant near Spooner, Wis. It is the intention of the Foshay company immediately to interconnect these two groups.

"The Foshay company also has purchased the electric utility properties of the Ilwaco (Wash.) Light & Power Co., Willapa (Wash.) Power Co., Alturas (Calif.) Light & Power Co., Mendocino (Calif.) Light & Power Co., Henderson (Minn.) Light & Power Co. and Viborg (Minn.) Public Service Co.; also the gas properties of the Bemidji (Minn.) Gas Co. and the Crookston (Minn.) Gas Co.

"Control of all of these utility companies just purchased, and the properties of the Hurley (Wis.) Municipal Water Supply Co., will be owned by the People's Light & Power Corp., which will either directly or through its subsidiaries serve with either water, gas or electricity 58 cities and towns in 6 States, with a total population of 75,000. Total physical properties of the utilities owned and operated will exceed \$3,000,000."—V. 119, p. 343.

**Wisconsin Power & Light Co.—Acquisitions.**—Announcement was recently made of the acquisition of the New Gas Light Co. of Janesville, Wis., by the above company. At the same time plans were announced to consolidate the operation of the electric and gas properties in Janesville.

The company recently acquired the entire capital stock of the Delton Electric Co., serving Delton and the territory adjoining Mirror Lake from the company's transmission line between Delton and Kilbourn, W.—V. 122, p. 1612, 1028.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

**Refined Sugar Prices.**—On May 10 the following advances in price were announced: American, 10 pts. to 5.60c.; Federal, 20 pts. to 5.40c.; McCahan and National, 10 pts. each to 5.60c. and Arbuckle, 5 pts. to 5.50c. On May 11 Arbuckle advanced a further 10 pts. to 5.60c. and Reverse, 10 pts. to 5.60c.

**Shoe Workers of Brooklyn and Long Island, New York, on Strike.**—7,000 reported out by President J. A. Grady, Joint Council of American Shoe Workers' Protective Union, but officials of Shoe Manufacturers' Board of Trade report 4,000 out. Broken contracts regarding stoppage of work, the cause. "Times," May 13, p. 20.

**Lead Price Reduced.**—American Smelting & Refining Co. reduces price 10 pts. to 7.75c. per lb. "New York Times," May 12, p. 38.

**Chicago Plaster Strike for Wage Increase of \$2 Per Day.**—2,000 out if new wage scale of \$14 per day is not signed by May 14. "Evening Post," May 8, page 6.

**Fish Purchasing Corporation Dissolved by Decree Signed by Federal Judge Julian W. Mack For Violation of Anti-Trust Act.** "Times," May 13, p. 27.

**Matters covered in "Chronicle" May 8:** (a) Striking fur workers in New York hail "with joy inspiring display of unity" of British strikers, p. 2580. (b) New York unions vote sympathy to British, p. 2580. (c) President Green of American Federation of Labor hopes for immediate settlement of



British strike to avert "dire consequences" threatened—Says issues become obscured in sympathetic strike, p. 2580. (d) Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America in message to British miners express hope for success of their struggles, p. 2581. (e) Illinois mine workers pledge moral and financial assistance to British strikers, p. 2581. (f) Reports to New York Stock Exchange show brokers' loans outstanding on April 30 of \$2,835,718,509—Drop in month of \$164,377,658, p. 2584. (g) Annual report of President Simmons of New York Stock Exchange—Compilation of statistical information, p. 2585. (h) New York Stock Exchange to establish new department for inactive securities—Report of committee, p. 2586. (i) Thomas B. Maloney, former President of the Consolidated Stock Exchange, suspended from the organization for one year—Annual election of officers to take place May 10, p. 2586. (j) New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange to advance trading period to aid European trading, p. 2586. (k) Professor Ripley of Harvard University again warns of dangers in issuance of non-voting stock, p. 2587. (l) Public Utility Commission of New Jersey declines to approve non-voting stock of Delaware & New Jersey Transportation Co., p. 2587. (m) California Supreme Court upholds state law permitting issuance of non-par value stock, p. 2587.

**Acadia Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.—Reorg. Plan.**—Shareholders of the company, meeting in Glasgow, Scotland, April 29 unanimously agreed to plans for re-organization of the company. The company goes into voluntary liquidation to reduce its capital from \$5,000,000 to \$3,000,000. The preference holders of the present stock will receive 75% of the new issue of preference stock, and the present holders of the ordinary shares will receive 25% of the ordinary stock of the new company. It is proposed to have a first mortgage bond issue of \$2,500,000 and a general bond issue of \$750,000.

The re-adjustment of the finances of the company will put it in a position where the liquid assets will give \$550,000 working capital. The name of the company is not to be changed but hereafter it will do business under a Nova Scotia charter rather than a British charter as heretofore. See also V. 122, p. 2332.

**Ahumada Lead Co.—Earnings.**—  
Quarters Ended March 31—  
Gross receipts ..... 1926. 1925.  
\$1,142,420 \$918,490  
Net income after depreciation, taxes & other chgs. 363,837 \$422,646  
x Includes \$122,648 profit on lead sold prior to March 31 1925, but undelivered at that date.—V. 122, p. 1458, 1314.

**Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., Inc.—Earnings, &c.**—  
Sales Billed—  
Month of—  
1926. 1925.  
January ..... \$2,442,826 \$2,419,833 \$260,689 \$276,836  
February ..... 2,417,870 2,413,802 277,131 281,455  
March ..... 2,467,322 2,297,317 290,581 288,762  
Total ..... \$7,328,018 \$7,130,952 \$828,401 \$847,053  
Dividends on preferred stock ..... 288,703 288,703

Balance available for common ..... \$539,699 \$558,351  
Unfilled orders on hand as of March 31 1926 amounted to \$10,787,000 against \$10,146,675 at March 31 1925.

The bookings for the current quarter aggregated \$7,967,818 compared with \$7,153,599 for same period a year ago, an increase of \$814,219 or over 11%. Bookings for the month of April 1926 totaled \$2,993,000.—V. 122, p. 2195, 2180.

**Alpine Montan Steel Corp., Austria.—Shipments.**—This corporation, according to F. J. Iisman & Co., had a total of \$975,000 of outgoing invoices in April and a total of \$4,377,000 for the first 4 months of 1926. At the end of April there were at work in the company's plants 8,242 miners and 5,445 mill hands.—V. 122, p. 1458.

**American Locomotive Co.—Listing.**—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after May 13 of \$13,500,000 additional pref. stock (auth., \$38,500,000) and 270,000 shares of common stock without par value (auth., 770,000 shares), making the total amounts applied for \$38,500,000 of pref. stock and 770,000 shares of common stock. The additional stocks will be issued under the plan to acquire all the property and assets of Railway Steel-Spring Co.—V. 122, p. 2655, 2332.

**American Pneumatic Service Co.—Earnings.**—  
Quarters Ended March 31—  
Consol. net inc. after deprec., int., &c., but bef. Fed. tax \$82,659 \$75,831  
As of March 31 1926, the consolidated balance sheet showed current assets of \$2,891,546 and current liabilities of \$506,435.

**Earnings of the Lamson Co. (a Subsidiary).**—  
Quarters Ended March 30—  
Sales ..... 1926. 1925.  
\$734,866 \$845,073  
Net earnings after all charges except taxes ..... \$100,285 \$92,477  
Balance sheet as of March 30 1926, showed current assets of \$2,799,796 against current liabilities of \$134,263.

Unfilled orders at the end of March amounted to \$764,297, compared with \$815,766 at the end of March 1925 and \$950,654 as of Jan. 1 1926. Hollis French (of the firm of Hollis French & Allen Hubbard, consulting engineers), and William A. Copeland (Pres. General Shoe Machinery Co.) have been elected directors.—V. 122, p. 2046, 1920.

**American Rolling Mill Co.—5% Stock Dividend.**—The directors have declared a 5% stock dividend on the common stock, payable July 15 to holders of record July 1, and the regular quarterly cash dividends of 50c. a share on the common stock, payable July 15 to holders of record June 30 and of 1 1/4% on the preferred stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 15. A stock dividend of the same amount was paid in July of 1924 and 1925.—V. 122, p. 1766, 1173.

**Anglo American Corp. of South Africa, Ltd.—Report.**—  
Quarter Ended March 31 1926—  
Working revenue ..... \$396,179 \$378,460 \$220,140  
Working costs ..... 228,009 198,895 134,611  
Working profit ..... \$168,170 \$179,565 \$85,529  
—V. 122, p. 2333, 1920.

**Anglo-Chilean Consolidated Nitrate Corp.**—The company announces that because of the progress on the Coya Norte construction in Chile, the new plant, covering over 45 acres, will be ready for operation this fall. During the past year only the former English property, consisting of three plants of 150,000 tons combined capacity and 60 square miles of nitrate deposits, was operated. When the new plant, with its potential capacity of 350,000 tons, is completed, the company will begin to mine its Coya Norte property also, which has an approximately equal nitrate content, utilizing the new Guggenheim extraction process. (See also V. 121, p. 2042.)—V. 122, p. 1767.

**Atlantic Ice & Coal Co., Atlanta, Ga.—New Plants.**—The "Manufacturers Record" says: The company is completing an expansion program in Florida, Georgia and Alabama involving the expenditure of about \$2,000,000. At Tampa a \$500,000 plant is about 85% complete; at Brookwood, Ga., a 450,000\$ plant is 50% finished; at Montgomery, Ala., a \$360,000 plant was completed in 1924 and a \$500,000 plant was put in operation last year at Fort Valley, Ga. The company also has a plant known as the West End Station at Atlanta, Ga., with a daily capacity of 300 tons of ice and an ice storage capacity of 15,000 tons. The Montgomery (Ala.) plant has an ice-making capacity of 200 tons daily and a large storage space. The Fort Valley (Ga.) plant No. 2 has an ice storage capacity of 40,000 tons and can produce 200 tons of ice daily. The Tampa plant has a daily ice-making capacity of 200 tons. The plant at Brookwood, Ga., will have a daily ice-making capacity of 200 tons and a storage capacity of 15,000 tons. The Atlanta company was incorporated in Jan. 1925, and succeeded the Atlantic Ice & Coal Corp. There are branches in 26 cities and towns of Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama and Florida, with 34 ice-making plants having a daily machine capacity of 4,200 tons and 220,000 tons ice storage capacity, 8 modern cold storage plants with 3,000,000 cu. ft. of storage space, and 21 cold yards. The original capitalization was \$8,000,000. The present maximum authorized capitalization is \$25,000,000.—V. 121, p. 3134.

**Atlantic Gulf & West Indies SS. Lines.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.**

	1925.	1924.		1925.	1924.
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$
Ships & equip., shore prop. equip. in terminals, &c.	458,970,867	44,783,063	Common stock	7,978,320	14,963,400
Investments	3,920,892	4,957,662	Preferred stock	13,742,900	13,742,900
Cash in hands of trustees	85,352	36,786	Stocks of sub. cos.	158,875	403,364
Goodwill, franch. &c.	12,202,937	18,950,186	Coll. trust bonds	13,000,000	13,000,000
Inventories	329,718	248,337	1st 58 of sub. cos.	5,813,600	6,093,000
Accts. receivable	3,584,109	2,422,560	Pref. sink. fund 7s	1,950,000	2,340,000
Miscell. securities	231,005	516,012	Marine equip. 7s	2,132,000	2,399,000
Cash	1,880,085	1,627,496	Pref. mtge. 6% bds	720,000	1,080,000
Cash for coupon payable	391,325	390,200	Open voyage acct.	4,080,500	580,000
Insurance fund due	1,572,745	-----	Long term notes payable	1,495,000	-----
Open voyage ac- counts, &c.	1,848,156	1,156,377	Accounts payable	3,383,225	1,655,883
			Accrued interest	292,697	176,882
			Notes payable	391,325	390,200
			Coupons payable	3,022,900	579,233
			Res'v arising from reduction in par of common stock	8,978,040	-----
			Sundry reserves	619,390	403,292
			Profit and loss	15,805,756	17,281,525
Total (each side)	\$5,017,193	75,088,680			

Investments in and advances to Atlantic Gulf Oil Corp., and Colombia syndicate, \$3,757,070, other associated cos. 163,823. b Issued 199,458 shares of no par value Dec. 31 1925, against shares of \$100 par value Dec. 31 1924. c After deducting \$6,257,100 in treasury. d Authorized, \$15,000,000; issued, \$13,000,000. x Fleet in commission at value based on appraisal Dec. 1918, plus cost of additions since (net), \$72,826,625; vessels under construction, \$1,802,268 terminal property and equity, \$10,353,934; less reserve for depreciation of \$26,011,961. A comparative income account was published in V. 122, p. 2656.

**Barnet Leather Co., Inc.—Earnings.**—  
Three Months Ended March 31—  
Net earnings from operation ..... 1926. 1925. 1924.  
\$75,035 \$68,448 \$17,384  
Dividends on preferred stock ..... 17,500 26,250 26,250  
Net for period ..... \$57,535 \$42,198 def. \$8,866  
Surplus as of Jan. 1 ..... 822,337 523,542 433,452  
Adjustments applicable to prior years ..... 865 4,037 112,224

Surplus as of March 31 ..... \$880,737 \$569,777 \$536,811  
x After deducting charges for maintenance and repairs to plants, depreciation and estimated amount of Federal and State taxes, &c.  
Note.—The result is subject to adjustment at the end of the year when accounts are finally audited and to change incident to income tax rulings.—V. 122, p. 1767, 1614.

**Bayuk Cigars, Inc.—New Directors.**—The stockholders at the annual meeting on May 5 increased the number of directors to nine with provision for a further increase up to 15. Harry P. Wurman, A. Joseph Newman and Jerome J. Rothschild were added to the board.—V. 122, p. 2334.

**Berkey & Gay Furniture Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.—Bonds Offered.**—Peabody, Houghteling & Co. are offering at prices to yield from 5 1/4 to 6%, according to maturity, \$1,500,000 1st mtge. 6% serial gold bonds.

Dated May 15 1926; due serially May 15 1927-1941. Principal and int. (M. & N.) payable at Michigan Trust Co., Grand Rapids, Mich., trustee, or at Peabody, Houghteling & Co., Chicago, Ill. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. x Red. on 60 days' notice on any int. date at 103 1/2% and int. up to and incl. May 15 1931; thereafter at 102 1/2% and int. up to and incl. May 15 1936, and thereafter on or before Nov. 15 1940 at par and int. plus a premium of 1/2% for each year of unexpired term of the bonds so redeemed. Company agrees to refund the Mass. income tax not in excess of 6%, the Penna. 4 mills' tax and the Kentucky 5 mills' tax. Int. payable without deduction for the normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Legal for Michigan savings banks.

**Pref. Stock Offered.**—The same bankers are also offering at 99 and div. \$1,100,000 7% cum. prior pref. (a.&d.) stock. Free of present Federal normal income tax. Divs. payable Q-F. Red., all or part, on any div. date at 105 and divs. Transfer agent, Michigan Trust Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.; registrar, Grand Rapids Trust Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Sinking Fund.**—For the purpose of retiring the prior pref. stock, company will pay into a sinking fund annually, beginning in 1928, a sum of money equal to 10% of the net earnings of the company after deductions of prior income charges and the divs. on such stock, but in any event not less than 3% of the greatest amount of such stock at any time issued and outstanding. Company may purchase and tender shares of such stock to the sinking fund at their par value in lieu of cash.

**Capitalization.**—  
Authorized. Issued.  
First mortgage 6% serial gold bonds ..... \$2,500,000 \$1,500,000  
7% cumulative prior preferred stock ..... 2,000,000 1,100,000  
8% cumulative preferred stock ..... 2,000,000 1,100,000  
Common stock (no par value) ..... 100,000 shs. 40,000 shs.

**Data From Letter of E. A. Wallace, President of the Company.**—Company.—Will be incorporated in Michigan to succeed to the business of the present Berkey & Gay Furniture Co., Wallace Furniture Co. and Grand Rapids Upholstering Co. The business was established in Grand Rapids, Mich., more than 70 years ago and is generally conceded to be foremost in the production of quality furniture in the United States. The list of Berkey & Gay customers includes substantially all of the leading retailers of high grade furniture in the United States and Canada, a few of whom are named in the accompanying letter.

**Earnings.**—The consolidated earnings of the associated companies: Berkey & Gay Furniture Co., Wallace Furniture Co. and Grand Rapids Upholstering Co., for the seven years ended Dec. 31 1925, as certified by Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., accountants, have been as follows:

Years.	Profits Before Deprec., Interest and Fed. Taxes.	Profits (After Deprec.) Avail. for Prior Preferred and Fed. Tax.	Profits Available for Dividends.
1919	\$792,200	\$727,622	\$551,543
1920	459,644	388,212	257,953
1921	381,258	288,263	171,497
1922	684,067	577,031	421,282
1923	589,014	478,068	335,679
1924	419,438	306,534	187,302
1925	626,369	502,322	356,658
Annual average	\$564,570	\$466,864	\$325,988

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used to retire funded indebtedness, to construct additions to the company's properties, for additional working capital and for other corporate purposes.—V. 122, p. 1768.

**Bethlehem Steel Corp.—Definitive Stock Certificates.**—It is announced that interim receipts in respect of 7% preferred stock may still be surrendered at the Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, to be exchanged for definitive stock certificates (see also V. 122, p. 1174).—V. 122, p. 2334, 2196.

**Black & Decker Mfg. Co.—Bonds Called—Acquisition.**—All of the outstanding 1st mtge. sinking fund 8% convertible gold bonds dated Dec. 1 1920 have been called for redemption June 1 at 103 1/2% and int. at the Maryland Trust Co., successor trustee, Baltimore, Md. The company recently purchased the patents and plant of the Marschke Mfg. Co. of Indianapolis. The former manufactures portable electric tools and the latter a line of grinders. The products of the two companies form a complete line, supplementing each other. Products will be sold through the Black & Decker organization.—V. 120, p. 2405.

**Bohemia Mining Co.—Pays Liquidating Dividend.**—At the final stockholders' meeting held at the office of the company, 85 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass., on May 5 1926, it was voted to distribute to each stockholder of record May 15 1926 \$2 10 per share.



Each holder of stock standing in other than his or her own name should present certificates immediately for transfer, to the Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., transfer agents, 100 Franklin St., Boston, Mass., in order to receive dissolution check.

**Boss Manufacturing Co., Kewanee, Ill.—Stocks Sold.**—Blake Brothers & Co., Boston and Howe, Quisenberry & Co., Inc., Chicago have sold \$1,135,000 7% cum. pref. stock (par \$100) at 99½ and div., to yield 7.04% and \$1,114,200 common stock (par \$100) at 152½ per sh. The above amounts were purchased from individuals and do not involve new financing in behalf of the company.

Preferred stock is pref. as to assets over common stock and no dividends may be paid on the common if there be any default in preferred dividends or other preferred stock provisions. Pref. stock shall have equal voting rights with the common stock. Pref. stock is red., in whole or in part as follows: During calendar year 1926 at \$101 per share; 1927 at \$102.50 per share; 1928 at \$105 per share; 1929 at 107.50 per share; 1930 and subsequently at \$110 per share and divs. in each case.

**Data From Letter of Pres. P. A. Waller, Kewanee, Ill., May 10.**  
**Company.**—Incorp. in Illinois, May 15 1893, and with the exception of a small initial investment, has grown to its present size entirely out of earnings. Principal business of company is the manufacture and distribution of low-priced work gloves and mittens, which comprise over 98% of the total sales at the present time. Company operates 15 factories strategically located at Kewanee, Peoria and Monmouth, Ill.; Fort Wayne, Bluffton, Lebanon and Crawfordsville, Ind.; Toledo, Defiance, Findlay and Bluffton, O.; Cedar Rapids, Ia.; Kansas City Mo., and Brooklyn, N. Y. The Boss line of more than 500 different numbers is marketed to the wholesale trade. Company has over 5,000 active accounts and credit losses during the last five years have averaged only 1-36 of 1% per annum. In 1925 the company produced and marketed over 50,000,000 pairs of work gloves and mittens of types which are essential in all indoor and outdoor work.

**Earnings.**—The average annual net earnings of the company for the 11 fiscal years ended Nov. 30 1925, were \$703,413, which after deducting Federal taxes at the 1926 rate, were equivalent to \$48.67 per share of preferred stock, or more than 6 times preferred dividend requirements. After allowing for the dividend on this pref. stock, the average earnings were equivalent to \$20.83 per share of common stock. During the 11 year period, the company paid cash dividends averaging \$236,380 annually and in addition, stock dividends which aggregated \$750,000. The average annual net earnings for the 7 post war years on the same basis amounted to approximately \$485,753.

**Condensed Balance Sheet as of Nov. 30 1925.**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Land, buildings, mach., &c.	\$578,461	Capital stock	\$2,500,000
Cash	630,912	Accounts payable	135,510
Demand loans & acsr. interest	853,187	Notes pay. & acsr. wages	33,188
Life insurance policies	128,908	Reserve for Fed., &c., taxes	94,000
Accounts & notes receivable	831,582	Dividend payable Jan. 1926	250,000
Inventories	2,004,371	Reserve for contingencies	200,000
Deferred charges	32,168	Surplus	1,865,444
Investments	18,550		
Total	\$5,078,142	Total	\$5,078,142

**Booth Fisheries Co.—Plan Operative.**—The plan of readjustment, according to Chicago advices, has been declared effective. See plan in V. 122, p. 1315, 1768, 1921.

**Briggs Mfg. Co., Detroit.—Changes in Personnel.**—John H. French has been elected president, succeeding Walter O. Briggs, who has been elected chairman. Other officers elected are: H. C. Maise, 1st Vice-President; M. L. Briggs, 2nd Vice-President; O. Pegau, Vice-President in charge of manufacturing; W. F. Connolly, Treasurer; H. W. Griffith, Secretary.—V. 122, p. 2502.

**Bristol Mfg. Corp.—Omits Extra Dividend.**—The directors have declared the usual quarterly dividend of \$2 per share, payable June 1 to holders of record May 10. In the previous five quarters, extra distributions of 1% each were paid in addition to the regular distribution of 2%.

Frank Nield has been elected to succeed his father, the late John Nield, as Gen. Mgr. of the company. J. Henry Herring has been elected a director, succeeding John Nield.—V. 121, p. 843.

**Brown Shoe Co., St. Louis.—Sales Gain.**—President John A. Bush says: "Sales of shoes in the first quarter of 1926 showed a gain of 8% over the corresponding quarter a year ago. Inventories are slightly larger but rapidly approaching the level of last year. Profit margins are considerably closer."—V. 122, p. 754, 614.

**(Edward G.) Budd Mfg. Co.—Acquisition.**—The company has acquired 49% of the capital stock of the Ambi-Budd Presswerke, G. M. B. H., Berlin, Germany, recently formed as an affiliated organization with the officials of the Ambi Co., Berlin. The new company is capitalized at 7,500,000 m. and plans to utilize a fund of 5,000,000 m. for the construction of several plants to manufacture automobile bodies and automobile accessories. It is proposed to have the initial plant ready for service in the fall. Edward G. Budd and Hugh L. Adams of the American organization will be active in the new company.—V. 122, p. 1768.

**Burns Bros. (Coal).—New Chairman.**—William T. Payne of Wilkes-Barre has been elected Chairman of the board of directors to succeed the late S. M. Williams. Mr. Payne is President of the East Boston Coal Co. and Vice-President of the Second National Bank of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—V. 122, p. 888.

**Butte & Superior Mining Co.—Quarterly Report.**—The 46th quarterly report, covering the first quarter of 1926, shows:

Zinc Operations—	1st Qr. '26.	4th Qr. '25.	1st Qr. '25.
Zinc ore produced (tons)	79,228	71,272	70,839
Average silver content (oz.)	4.00	3.91	4.64
Average zinc content (%)	10.24	9.59	10.74
Total silver in ore (oz.)	317,412	278,864	328,667
Total zinc in ore (lbs.)	16,229,388	13,670,666	15,209,412
Copper Operations—	1st Qr. '26.	4th Qr. '25.	1st Qr. '25.
Copper ore produced (tons)	31,813	36,416	44,154
Average silver content (oz.)	6.04	5.77	6.38
Average copper content (%)	3.91	3.66	4.28
Total silver in ore (oz.)	191,999	209,989	281,558
Total copper in ore (lbs.)	2,485,773	2,666,972	3,775,906

**Financial Results for Stated Periods.**

	1st Qr. '26.	4th Qr. '25.	1st Qr. '25.
Net value of zinc ore	\$590,946	\$546,367	\$600,196
Net value of copper ore	246,626	274,597	387,918
Miscellaneous income	11,021	11,304	11,170
Operating costs	\$848,593	\$832,268	\$959,284
Depreciation, reserve for taxes, &c.	686,273	670,205	645,714
	37,766	34,465	51,141
Net to surplus	\$124,555	\$127,598	\$262,429

Note.—No provision has been made in the above figures for depletion.

**Average Metal Prices Used in Estimating Income.**

	1st Qr. '26.	4th Qr. '25.	1st Qr. '25.
Silver, per ounce	66.66c.	69.71c.	68.23c.
Zinc, per pound	7.38c.	8.5c.	7.5c.
Copper, per pound	13.89c.	14.18c.	14.39c.

A distribution of 50 cents per share was made on March 31 1926 to stockholders of record at the close of business March 15 1925. [Signed, D. O. Jackling, President.]—V. 122, p. 2643, 1316.

**California Petroleum Corp.—Listing.**—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$2,500,000 additional (auth., \$60,000,000) common stock, par \$25 on official notice of issuance, making the total amount applied for \$47,800,450. The 100,000 additional shares of the common stock will be issued in consideration of the acquisition of the property and business of California Gasoline Corp.—V. 122, p. 2047, 1768.

**California Packing Corp.—Annual Report.**

Years Ending Feb.—	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.
*Profits before taxes	\$5,745,541	\$5,630,519	\$4,479,221	\$5,172,879
Income from investments	269,309	519,960	840,129	995,504
Net profit	\$6,014,850	\$6,150,479	\$5,319,350	\$6,168,383
Common dividend	3,163,602	2,920,248	2,830,248	2,830,248

Balance, surplus—\$2,851,248 \$3,230,231 \$2,489,102 \$3,338,135  
 \* After charges and taxes.

**Consolidated Balance Sheet Feb. 28.**

Assets—		Liabilities—		
1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.	
Land, buildings, mach. & eq., &c.	16,830,868	15,643,584	Capital stock	21,694,486
Inv. in other cos.	9,800,765	9,064,261	Accounts payable	2,867,421
Inventories	10,433,387	10,474,989	Dividends declared	973,416
Adv. to growers	1,225,634	1,133,477	Federal tax pro-	825,000
Notes & accts. rec.	6,569,191	5,563,217	Surplus	25,380,816
Cash	5,172,531	5,035,879		975,000
Deferred charges	1,708,760	1,335,492	Tot. (each side)	51,741,139
				48,750,902

x Land and buildings, machinery, equipment and ranches, \$25,035,872; less reserve for depreciation, \$3,205,004. y Represented by 486,708 shares of stock of no par value.—V. 122, p. 2657.

**Canadian Manhasset Cotton Co., Ltd.—Bds. Called.**—Notice is given that the company will redeem all of the outstanding 8% 1st mtge. bonds on July 1 at 105 and int. Bondholders are informed that they may receive payment for their bonds at the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co., Providence, R. I., at any time on or before July 1 at 105 and int. to date of surrender. See also V. 122, p. 1769.

**Caracas Sugar Co. of Cuba.—Production.**—A despatch from Boston states that the company has completed grinding with an outturn of 244,280 bags, which compares with an estimate of 285,000 bags and an actual production of 300,443 bags in the 1924-25 season and 313,330 bags in the 1923-24 season.—V. 121, p. 3007.

**Caulder's Creameries, Ltd.—Acquisitions.**—This corporation whose head office is in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, has been organized in Canada with an authorized capital of \$600,000 7% cum. partic. pref. stock and \$200,000 common stock, both par \$10.

This company has been organized with the object of taking over Western Creameries Ltd., which company operated 10 branches, principally in Northern Saskatchewan and also the Saskatchewan Creamery & Ice Cream Co. Ltd. (V. 120, p. 2280), which operated 12 branches in Southern Saskatchewan. The Western Creameries Ltd. was taken over by Caulder's Creameries, Ltd. on Jan. 1 1926, and an equal amount of the common stock in the new company was issued to the holders of common in Western Creameries Ltd. Caulder's Creameries, Ltd. took over Saskatchewan Creamery & Ice Cream Co. Ltd. on April 1 1926, the new company assuming all outstanding liabilities of both the other companies.

The net profit earned by the combined companies during 1925 was \$92,013.

**Combined Balance Sheet—Jan. 1 1926.**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1926.	1925.	1926.	1925.
Current assets	\$309,587	Preferred stock	\$311,000
Real estate, prop. &c.	1,108,573	Common stock	200,000
Prep. charges to operations	7,962	Current liabilities	153,347
Goodwill	1	Agreem'ts & mtges., payable	198,023
		Reserves for water, &c.	5,208
		Funded debt	500,000
		Res. for int. & pref. divs. pay	27,491
Total (each side)	\$1,426,123	Surplus	31,054
x Including bank loans.			

The board of directors of the new company is composed of: J. A. Caulder (Pres. & Gen. Mgr.); R. Swift Hodson (Vice-Pres.); Thos. Miller (Pres. of the Times Co. Ltd.); George Barr, Pres. of the Barr Lumber Co. Ltd.; L. J. Brazziel (Pres. of the Brazziel Lumber Co.); W. R. Brodie, H. D. Stephen, W. J. Redmond, O. W. Andreasen, James Priel, Ivan Byers, and L. G. Calder.

**Chandler-Cleveland Motors Corp.—Production.**—Shipments during April were 2,900 cars, against a total during the first quarter of approximately 5,000.—V. 122, p. 1922.

**Chrysler Corporation.—Balance Sheet.**

Assets—		Liabilities—		
Mar. 31'26.	Dec. 31'25.	Mar. 31'26.	Dec. 31'25.	
Land, bldgs., ma-		Invested capital	56,259,940	
chin'a'y & equip.	22,548,519	20,163,130	Funded debt	1,951,000
Good-will	25,000,000	25,000,000	Accts. payable	12,800,207
Cash	5,240,265	4,643,101	Prov. for Fed. tax.	1,848,537
Marketable secur.	10,173,126	13,391,590	Acrr. int., tax, &c.	274,368
Car ship'ts against			Divs. payable	2,467,932
Notes of L drafts	5,841,010	3,212,997	Dealers' & distrib.	
Notes receivable	3,697,998	1,439,436	deposits	275,114
Custs & dealers' accts., less allow.	777,316	1,233,260	Reserves	1,943,154
Due fr. Can. Govt. for duty refunds	129,799		Surplus approp. for repurch. Maxwell	
Inventories	17,117,815	14,812,835	A stock	2,090,000
Other assets	1,088,563	430,036	Sur. approp. for pref. divs.	1,312,080
Deferred	1,165,177	1,276,113	Unapprop. surplus	11,557,207
Total	92,779,588	85,602,497	Total	92,779,588

x Represented by 216,668 no par preferred A shares and 2,685,686 no par common shares. a After deducting reserve for depreciation.—V. 122, p. 2657, 1922.

**Clinchfield Coal Corp.—Earnings.**

	1926.	1925.	1924.
Net earnings	\$173,704	\$208,331	\$267,944
Fixed charges	24,663	21,918	25,485
Federal taxes	22,356	27,961	36,368
Net income	\$126,684	\$158,450	\$206,091
Sinking fund preferred stock	13,697	12,349	10,761
Preferred dividend	20,146	20,308	21,013
Surplus	\$92,841	\$125,793	\$174,317

—V. 122, p. 1922, 486.

**Columbia Tire Corp., Portland, Ore.—Bonds Offered.**—Lumbermen's Trust Co., Bank, Portland, Ore., are offering at prices to yield from 6 to 7%, according to maturity, \$250,000 1st (closed) mtge. 7% serial gold bonds.

Dated April 1 1926; due April 1 1927-36. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable at banking quarters of the Lumbermen's Trust Co., Portland, Ore., trustee. Callable all or part, but if in part in inverse numerical order upon 30 days' notice at 105 and int. if called during 1926, the premium decreasing ½ of 1% for each succeeding year. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2% per annum.

**Company.**—Incorp. in 1921. Is engaged in the manufacture and sale of automobile and truck tires and tubes of standard types and sizes and also in the manufacture of the "Lewis Shock Eraser," a new type of shock absorber. Company's plant is located on a factory site of approximately 8 acres in the North Portland manufacturing district. This plant, which was completed in 1923, is a modern, reinforced concrete building, 2 stories in height and covers 40,000 sq. ft. of floor space. Corporation distributes under its nationally well known trade mark C. T. C. all standard types and sizes of automobile and truck tires and tubes. The increasing demand for the company's manufactured products is probably best evidenced by orders which the company now has on its books from the Ford Motor Co. for supplying their Portland branch with automobile tires and tubes for local consumption. Since its first full year of operation in 1924 the company has enjoyed a steadily increasing business. Total sales for 1924 amounted to \$685,894 while for 1925 sales were \$844,460. 1926 sales are expected to be in excess of all previous years.

**Earnings.**—After depreciation and Federal taxes amounting to \$40,499, net earnings for the year 1925 were \$91,585 or nearly 5½ times the maximum interest requirements on this issue of bonds. Such earnings, after depreciation and Federal taxes, for the 2 year period ending Dec. 31 1925 averaged \$60,132 per year or nearly 3.45 times such charges.

**Sinking Fund.**—During the life of this loan the company covenants that it will declare no dividends on its common shares unless an equivalent amount of money equal to such dividend payments is deposited with the trustee as sinking fund to be used for the purchase of these bonds in the open market at not to exceed the call price, if obtainable, or for the redemption of bonds in inverse numerical order at the call price. In addition to this sinking fund provision, this loan will be retired in serial maturities beginning April 1 1927.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used for the retirement of floating indebtedness, plant improvement and additions necessitated by the company's rapidly growing business and for other corporate purposes.

**Continental Oil Co.—Forms New Subsidiary.**

This company, which recently acquired the Texhoma Oil & Refining Co., has incorporated its pipe line department as a separate unit under the name of **Texhoma Pipe Line Co.**—V. 122, p. 2504.

**Converse Rubber Shoe Co.—Sales—Earnings.**

Years End, Mar. 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Sales	\$4,835,928	\$3,928,305	\$4,995,296	\$4,470,646

Preliminary figures indicate net profits after taxes and interest but before depreciation of \$438,000 for the year ending March 31 1926.—V. 122, p. 487.

**Crestshire Apartments, Philadelphia, Pa.—Bonds Offered.**—The F. H. Smith Co. are offering, to yield 6¾% for all maturities, \$400,000 1st mtge. 6¾% coupon gold bonds.

The bonds are dated April 15 1926, and will mature serially from 1928 to 1936, reducing the mortgage to \$240,000 before the final maturity. The property at completion has been appraised at \$750,000 by Alfred R. Smith, of Alfred R. Smith & Co., realtors, Philadelphia, Pa., and at \$775,033 by Joseph Eckard, real estate appraiser, Philadelphia, Pa. The normal Fed. income tax up to 2%, and any State tax or District of Columbia tax up to 5 mills will be refunded.

Secured by a closed first mortgage on the land and building, which in addition is a first lien in effect on the earnings, of the Crestshire Apartments, Greene, Horter and Upsal Streets, Germantown, Philadelphia.

The issue is the direct obligation of the Bellmore Apartment Co., owner of the property, the officers of which are Joseph P. McMahon, President, and R. M. Pearce, Sec.-Treas., both of Philadelphia.

**Crystal Oil Refining Corp.—Equip. Trusts Offered.**

Bank of North America & Trust Co. and Janney & Co., Philadelphia are offering at prices to yield from 4½% to 6% according to maturity \$500,000 6% equip. trust certificates. Issued under the Phila. plan.

Dated May 15 1926; due serially in quarterly installments from Aug 15 1926, to and incl. May 15 1932. Dividends payable Q. & D. Denom. \$1,000 c\*. Principal and dividends payable at the Bank of North America and Trust Co., of Philadelphia, trustee. Red. all or part at 101 and divs. on any div. date, without 30 days' notice. Dividends payable without deduction of normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%.

**Security.**—Coats & Burchard Co. have appraised the 607 steel tank cars of 8,000 and 10,000 gallons capacity, title to which will be vested in the trustee for the benefit of the holders of certificates, at \$920,877, or over 184% of the face amount of this issue. The equipment will be leased to the corporation at a rental sufficient to pay the principal of these certificates and dividend warrants and other charges as they come due.—V. 122, p. 2658, 2048.

**Delancey-Clinton Commercial Buildings & Theatres, New York City.—Bonds Ready.**

Permanent 1st mtge. 6½% serial gold bonds to replace the interim certificate receipts of the American Bond & Mortgage Co. are now ready for delivery at the offices of the latter, 345 Madison Ave., N. Y. City. For offering see V. 122, p. 355.

**Dominion Stores, Ltd.—April Sales.**

1926—April—	1925—Increase.	1926—4 Mos.—	1925—Increase.
\$1,171,227	\$880,541	\$290,686	\$4,445,984
		\$3,487,356	\$958,628

The company announced the addition of 10 new stores to its chain, bringing the total to 399, as compared with 372 a year ago. The new stores were in operation as of May 1 1926.

Sales for March 1926 were \$1,143,981, compared with \$901,493 for March 1925.—V. 122, p. 2336, 2048.

**Dunlop Rubber Co., Ltd.—Borrowing Powers Increased.**

At the annual meeting held April 27, the shareholders agreed to an increase in the borrowing powers of the board of directors to £11,000,000 and an increase in the directors' fees. The latter resolution placed fees at not to exceed £13,000 annually. Sir Eric Geddes, chairman, explained that it was not the intention of the board to create further prior charges but that it was imperative that it have power to borrow money on a temporary basis to finance the business period of 10 new when sales of goods are necessarily less in comparison to production.—V. 122, p. 219.

**(E. I.) du Pont de Nemours Powder Co.—Dissolution.**

The stockholders on May 10 approved a plan of dissolution of the company.

The plan provides for the retirement on June 1 next of the outstanding 4½% 30-year gold bonds, due June 1 1936, at 110 and int., the retirement of the 5% cumulative preferred stock at par and the payment of \$10.60 per share for each outstanding share of com. stock, par \$10.—V. 122, p. 2659.

**Eastman Kodak Co.—Extra Dividend of 75 Cents.**

An extra dividend of 75c. a share has been declared on the common stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25, both payable July 1 to holders of record May 29. An extra of like amount was paid on the common stock in each of the previous nine quarters.

**Modifies Injunction Decree—New Decree Cites Disposal of Certain Properties.**

The decree of dissolution and injunction entered on Feb. 1 1921, against the company was modified May 13 when Judge Hazel of the U. S. District Court for the Western District of New York signed a new decree in the case.

This case, which was a suit against the company under the anti-trust laws, was won by the Government several years ago. The decree directed the respondent to sell the Premo camera, Century-Folmer and Schwing business and certain brands of dry plates and printing-out paper. The plates and paper interests were sold to the Defender Photo & Supply Co., Inc., of Rochester in 1924.

The decree signed May 13 recites that the company has entered into a contract with Clark Williams & Co. of 160 Broadway, N. Y. City, for sale of the Premo and Century-Folmer and Schwing departments of its business, including a factory in Rochester and modifies the other decrees to the extent that, although the Premo camera business is transferred title is not passed to the factory in which this business has heretofore been carried on, nor does the purchaser take such machinery as remains in the Premo factory.

The decree also recites that Clark, Williams & Co. proposes to organize a corporation to take title to the properties purchased and to continue the manufacture of the several lines of cameras and accessories which are the subject of sale.—V. 122, p. 2185, 890.

**Eastern Steamship Lines, Inc.—Earnings.**

Period—	Month of March—	3 Mos.—	March 31—
	1926.	1925.	1925.
Operating revenues	\$772,524	\$758,912	\$2,068,042
Total income	44,880	38,231	def70,282
Total deductions	62,556	70,152	188,416
Deficit	\$17,676	\$31,921	\$258,698

—V. 122, p. 2659, 889.

**Eaton Land Co., Detroit.—Bonds Offered.**—Watling, Lerchen & Co., Detroit, are offering at 100 and int. \$525,000 6% 1st mtge. serial gold bonds.

Dated May 1 1926; due serially 1928-1938. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at office of Security Trust Co., Detroit, trustee, without deduction for the normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Redeemable on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 102 and interest.

**Security.**—Secured by a first mortgage upon a block of property in Detroit known as the Eaton Land Co. Subdivision No. 1, situated north of the Michigan Central RR. tracks, and facing Mt. Elliott Ave. and Charles St. The property is composed of 341 lots on 99 of which houses have been built and sold on land contracts. The unpaid balances on these contracts amount to \$438,144. In addition to these, there are 40 houses now completed or to be completed within 30 days, whose sales value is \$197,058. Unsold lots remaining in the subdivision have a sale value, based upon sales already made, amounting to \$440,250. This gives a total value of \$1,075,452, or more than twice the amount of this loan.

**Elk Horn Coal Corporation.—Quarterly Statement.**—The earnings statement for the three months ended March 31 1926 will be found in the advertising section on a preceding page.—V. 122, p. 2198.

**Fairbanks Co.—Earnings Quarters Ended March 31.**

	1926.	1925.	1924.
Gross profit	\$365,092	\$355,177	\$333,008
Operating expenses	217,728	223,848	251,861
Profit	\$147,364	\$131,329	\$81,157
Interest, depreciation, &c.	71,321	80,214	98,279
Net profit	\$76,044	\$51,115	loss\$17,122

—V. 122, p. 1177.

**Fine Arts Building, Inc.—Bonds Offered.**—Hunter, Dulin & Co.; Alvin H. Frank & Co., and M. H. Lewis & Co., Los Angeles, are offering at 100 and int., \$600,000 1st mtge. leasehold serial 6½% gold bonds.

Dated Dec. 1 1925; due Dec. 1 1940. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Int. payable J. & D. at Union Bank & Trust Co., Los Angeles, trustee. Callable all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 103 and int. up to and incl. Nov. 30 1935 and at 102 thereafter. Company agrees to pay the normal income tax up to 2%.

**Organization.**—Company was incorporated in August 1925 for the purpose of acquiring, owning and improving the leasehold estate at the northeast corner of W. 7th and Lebanon Sts., Los Angeles, the principal stockholders of which will be the Edwards & Wilbey Co., well-known operators and large property owners. The property has a frontage of approximately 86 ft. on 7th and extends along Lebanon for approximately 118 ft., the latter being a 30-ft. street running one block north from 7th between Flower and Figueroa.

**Security.**—Bonds will constitute a first closed mortgage on the leasehold estate covering this property together with the class A height limit 12-story and basement, steel frame, fireproof store and studio building now under construction thereon.

**Earnings.**—Earnings are estimated approximately as follows: Ground floor stores and basement, \$65,640; second to twelfth floors, less 10% for vacancies, \$163,143; total, \$228,783. Expense, incl. ground rents, insurance and operating charges, \$102,400; net income, \$126,383; annual interest on this bond issue at 6½%, \$39,000.

**Firemen's Insurance Co. of Newark, N. J.—Stock Inc.** The stockholders will vote May 28 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000, par \$50.—V. 121, p. 713.

**First National Stores, Inc. (Boston).—Sales.**

Period Ended May 1—	1926—4 Weeks—	1925—	1926—4 Mos.—	1925—
Sales	\$4,542,000	\$4,171,134	\$18,896,818	\$17,208,720

—V. 122, p. 2198.

**Forve-Pettebone Co.—Bonds Offered.**—Blyth, Witter & Co. and Toole, Tietzen & Co., Los Angeles are offering at 100 and int. \$800,000 1st (closed) mtge. 6½% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated April 1 1926; due April 1 1941. Principal and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Pacific-Southwest Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Red. on any int. date on 30 days' notice, at 103½ and int. up to and incl. Oct. 1 1939, and thereafter at par and int. Interest payable without deduction for the present normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Exempt from personal property tax in California.

**Company.**—Organized in 1901 for the purpose of operating a general lighting fixture business in Los Angeles, and has been in continuous and successful operation since that date.

**Security.**—Bonds will be the direct obligation of the company and will be secured by first closed mortgage on 4 parcels of real property owned in fee, located in the City of Los Angeles, California. Appraisals of above property show a total security value of \$1,418,375, making this issue less than a 57% loan.

**Foundation Co. (Including Sub. Cos.).—Earnings.**

3 Mos. End, Mar. 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross earnings	\$369,183	\$282,800	\$286,756	205,437
Exp., charges, & taxes	288,605	287,577	259,128	192,590
Net income	\$80,578	\$35,223	\$27,628	\$12,847

—V. 122, p. 1771, 356.

**Franklin Mining Co.—Suspend Operations.**

A recent despatch from Houghton, Mich. states that the company has suspended work in its exploratory shaft in the Kearsage lode, owned in part by lack of funds. The shaft was sunk 400 feet and a drift was driven south on the 400-foot level a distance of 560 feet. It is stated that there was copper in the vein throughout but not in commercial quantity and that the rock was looking a little better in the drift when work was stopped.—V. 122, p. 98.

**Galena-Signal Oil Corp.—Suit.**

A suit for \$1,000,000 has been brought against the company by Walter O. Martin of Boston to recover for alleged breach of contract. The suit, which has been filed in Suffolk (Mass.) Superior Court, alleges that Martin entered into an agreement last August with the oil company for joint operation of the Mirolloid Corp. Martin alleges that the company was to pay him \$190,000 for advances made by him to the Mirolloid Corp. and to advance \$1,000,000 to push the sales and advertising of the concern. In return he was to obtain 100% control of the stock, which he says he did. The complainant says the oil company has advanced only \$20,000 and has placed its manager in charge of the corporation, but refused further to perform its contract.—V. 122, p. 2199.

**General Electric Co.—Change in Stock Approved.**—The stockholders on May 11 approved a plan to change the 1,850,000 shares of authorized common stock, par \$100 each, into 7,400,000 shares of common stock without par value. Each common stockholder will receive four shares of the new no par stock for each share of present holdings.

The directors propose to pay on July 15 a quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share in cash on the new common stock, and an annual dividend of \$1 per share in special 6% stock (such stock dividend taking the place of the stock dividend paid in October of each of the last four years). Under this plan the old common stock will receive \$12 a share per annum in cash and \$4 a share in special 6% stock, compared with the previous annual rate of \$8 a share in cash and 5% in special 6% stock.

Myron F. Westover, Secretary has been elected a director, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of E. R. Stettinius.—V. 122, p. 2337, 2199.

**General Motors Corp.—To Pay Extra Dividend of \$4 per Share on Common Stock—Offer Made to Minority Stock-**



**holders of Fisher Body Corp.**—The directors on May 13 declared an extra dividend of \$4 per share and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the common stock and the regular quarterly dividends of 1 1/2% on the 6% preferred and debenture stocks and of 1 3/4% on the 7% preferred stock. The extra common dividend is payable July 2 and the regular common dividend June 12, both to holders of record May 24. The preferred and debenture dividends are payable Aug. 2 to holders of record July 5.

The directors are offering to stockholders of the Fisher Body Corp. a plan for the acquisition of the minority interest in the latter on the basis of two-thirds of a share of General Motors common for each share of Fisher Body stock. President Alfred P. Sloane says:

Officers of the corporation were directed to make an offer to purchase entire the properties of the Fisher Body Corp., in which General Motors Corp. now owns a 60% interest. The offer takes the form of paying for the assets of Fisher Body in common stock of General Motors Corp. on a basis that will result in each share of Fisher Body receiving two-thirds of a share of General Motors common. This will require an authorization of 638,400 shares of new common stock, and will result in a total of 5,800,000 common shares then outstanding. The common stock so issued will not carry the dividend declared at to-day's meeting, but will carry all subsequent dividends. The offer has been informally approved by the directors of the Fisher Body Corp. and will be formally acted upon at a special meeting of that board, to be called immediately, and at a meeting of the stockholders of Fisher Body to be called forthwith.

Cash and marketable securities of the General Motors Corp. at the present time are in excess of \$160,000,000, and there are no debts of any kind or description other than current accounts payable. Earnings for the first quarter were the largest of any quarter in the corporation's history. Notwithstanding that March broke all records in earnings, April exceeded March by a substantial amount. Retail sales for the month of April amounted to 136,643 cars, likewise the largest month that the corporations' dealers ever enjoyed.

The board feels that the common stockholders are entitled to a special distribution at this time, in view of the very satisfactory earnings and strong financial position of the corporation.

**Over 5,000,000 Cars Sold by Co.—**

The company has issued the following statement: In the 12 months ended May 8 1926, General Motors produced and sold 1,002,285 cars and trucks, exceeding all previous records by a wide margin. When the value is considered this undoubtedly sets a new record sales volume for the automobile industry.

It is further interesting to note that on Saturday, May 8, General Motors sold its 5 millionth car. It took over 9 years to sell the first million cars, but it required only 12 months to sell the last million cars.

Sales of the car divisions by calendar years follow—

Year	No. Cars.	Year	No. Cars.	Year	No. Cars.
1910	39,300	1916	146,185	1923	798,555
1911	35,752	1917	203,119	1924	587,341
1912	49,696	1918	205,326	1925	835,902
1913	57,270	1919	391,738	1926x	421,300
1914	61,584	1920	393,075		
1915	102,388	1921	214,799		
		1922	456,763		
				Total	5,000,093

**General Refractories Co.—Balance Sheet.—**

Assets—		Liabilities—			
Mar. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.	Mar. 31 '26.	Dec. 31 '25.		
R'l est., bldgs., &c.	15,322,433	15,338,383	Capital surplus	15,007,526	14,804,178
Patents, at cost	10,500	10,500	M. due Dec. 30 '26	75,000	75,000
Cash	197,337	226,419	1st mtge. 6s. 1952	3,807,500	3,807,500
Bills receivable	238,013	185,014	Bills payable	750,000	850,000
Accts. receivable	1,352,462	1,369,326	Accts. payable	322,183	147,982
Inventories	2,713,831	2,509,725	Accrued accounts	211,131	258,278
Accrued interest	6,957	9,154	Div. payable	112,500	112,500
Loans & advances	19,117	5,067	Res. for Fed. Inc. tax	158,089	146,887
Forge Run RR. stk.	42,000	-----	Rental due sub. RR	36,350	35,300
Employees' mtges.	3,490	-----			
Misc. investments	27,791	95,887			
Deferred accounts	546,185	547,992			
Dep. with trustee	158	158			

x Capital stock of no par value: Authorized and outstanding, 225,000 shares.—V. 122, p. 2660.

**Glen Alden Coal Co.—Defers Dividend Action.—**

The directors have deferred action on the semi-annual dividend of \$3.50 a share, until the June meeting. Semi-annual distributions of this amount were paid on June 20 and Dec. 21 1925.—V. 122, p. 1034.

**Globe Grain & Milling Co.—Debentures Offered.—**Citizens National Bank, H. S. Boone & Co., Mitcham, Tully & Co. and M. H. Lewis & Co. are offering at 99 1/4 and int., to yield 6.15%, \$1,500,000 6% S. F. gold debentures.

Dated Jan. 1 1926; due July 1 1932. Interest payable J. & J. at Citizens Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, trustee, without deduction for the normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Red. on any int. date after 60 days' notice at 102 1/2 and int. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*.

**Data from Letter of Will E. Keller, President of the Company.**

**Company.**—Incorp. in California in 1902. Company, however, had its inception in the McDonald Company, organized in Los Angeles in 1892. Company manufactures flour, cereals, cattle and chicken feed, which are sold under the well-known trade name of "Globe A1" products. Company's business has shown a consistent growth and to-day occupies a pre-eminent position in its field, being by far the largest distributor of flour and similar products in Southern California. Flour mills are located in Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Colton and Sacramento, Calif., and Ogden, Utah; also feed mills, warehouses and distributing stations in many other cities. Company owns a controlling interest in the Globe Cotton Oil Mills, which company is engaged in the refining of cotton seed oil for the manufacture of salad and cooking oil and hydrogenated cottonseed oil, lard substitute.

**Net Sales and Net Earnings, After All Expenses and Depreciation, but Before Federal Taxes and Non-Recurring Interest Charges.**

Year.	Net Sales.	Net Inc.	Year.	Net Sales.	Net Inc.
1922	\$14,812,910	\$697,475	1924	\$15,121,282	\$737,441
1923	14,843,600	772,607	1925	20,897,022	528,896

The average net income, therefore, has been \$684,104, or 7.6 times the interest charges of \$90,000 on this issue.

**Sinking Fund.**—Company agrees to set aside 10% of its net earnings, but not to exceed \$100,000 annually, as a sinking fund to retire these debentures. This money shall be paid to the trustee annually within 60 days after the close of the company's fiscal year, to be used by the trustee to purchase such debentures in the open market up to par and accrued interest. All debentures so purchased or otherwise paid at any time shall be cancelled and not reissued.—V. 122, p. 2049.

**Gotham Silk Hosiery Co., Inc.—Shipments.—**

Vice-President R. E. Tilles says: "Shipments since Jan. 1 through April 30 1926, representing the first four months of the year, have been at the rate of 40.5% ahead of the first four months of 1925. Since May 1 1926 to last Saturday, May 8, our shipments show 58% increase over the same period of last year. Our increase in production this year will not permit so high a percentage of increase in shipments even though we have been running on an overtime basis since January. Orders for immediate shipment are now at a record rate."—V. 122, p. 1462.

**(W. T.) Grant Co. (Mass.)—April Sales.—**

1926—April—1925.	Increase.	1926—4 Mos.—1925.	Increase.
\$2,552,514	\$2,328,708	\$8,875,410	\$7,952,579
	\$223,806		\$922,831

—V. 122, p. 2660, 2200.

**Grasselli Chemical Co.—To Build New Plant.—**

The purchase of 80 acres of land and the lease of 50 more acres in Greenup County, W. Va., for the erection of a proposed \$4,000,000 chemical plant, near Ashland, has been concluded by the above company.—V. 122, p. 1177.

**Guild Theatre Co., Inc.—Trustee.—**

The Central Union Trust Co. of New York has been appointed trustee for \$675,000 6% real estate cumulative income bonds, due May 1 1948.

**Haytian Corp. of America.—Earnings.—**

Nine Months Ended March 31—	1926.	1925.
Net earnings	\$134,790	\$116,246

—V. 121, p. 2528.

**Hess Steel Corp., Baltimore.—Sale of Plant.—**

The Rustless Iron Corp. of America, Inc., Baltimore, recently formed with a capital of \$500,000, has purchased the plant of the Hess Steel Corp. near Orangeville, Baltimore, and will begin immediate operation for the production of rustless iron and stainless steel. Alwyn H. Wild is Pres., Roland Wild, V. Pres., and George C. Scoble, Sec. & Treas. of the Rustless corporation. ("Iron Age.")—V. 111, p. 594.

**Holly Northern Sugar Co.—Bonds Offered.—**

Federal Securities Corp., Lane, Roloson & Co., Inc., Chicago, and Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc., Minneapolis, are offering at prices to yield from 5 1/2 to 7%, according to maturity, \$1,500,000 1st (closed) mtge. 6 1/2% serial gold bonds.

Dated May 1 1926, due serially May 1 1927-1936. Int. payable M. & N. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Red. all or part on any int. date in reverse order of maturity and number on 60 days' notice at 100% and int., plus a premium of 1/2% for each year of fraction thereof between date of redemption and date of maturity, such premium in no event to exceed 2%. Prin. and int. payable at Standard Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Illinois, trustee, Ward C. Castle, Chicago, co-trustee. Int. payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%. Company will refund the Penn. and Conn. 4 mills taxes, Maryland 4 1/2 mills tax, District of Columbia and Kentucky 5 mills taxes, Calif. tax not exceeding in the aggregate 5 mills on the principal amount, Mich. 5 mills exemption tax, Mass. 6% income tax and Minn. 3 mills moneys and credits tax.

**Data from Letter of A. E. Carlton, President of Corporation.**

**Company.**—Lessor to Holly Sugar Corp. Will own a 2,000 ton beet sugar factory now under construction at Torrington, Wyo. This plant will be a modern, efficient and complete operating unit, with an estimated annual output of approximately 45,000,000 pounds of standard granulated sugar. It is favorably located with respect to raw materials, supplies and markets for its output.

**Security.**—These bonds will be a direct obligation of the company and will be secured by a closed first mortgage on all of the fixed property of the company now or hereafter owned. Appraisals by two independent engineers show values, upon completion, of \$2,500,000 and \$2,791,000, respectively. Holly Sugar Corp. guarantees completion of the plant, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances other than this issue and the lease.

**Lease.**—Holly Sugar Corp. will operate the property under a lease which will extend beyond the life of these bonds and which will be non-cancellable except in the event of the acquisition of the property by Holly Sugar Corp. and the payment or redemption by it of the bonds secured by this mortgage. Terms of the lease will provide for rentals to be paid to the trustee sufficient to meet, when due, all installments of interest on and maturing principal of these bonds, and for the payment of all taxes and corporate expenses of the lessor company by Holly Sugar Corp. These rental payments are, in the opinion of counsel, a direct operating charge of Holly Sugar Corp.

**Holly Sugar Corp.**—Is one of the largest beet sugar producers in the industry. Upon completion of the Torrington plant, Holly Sugar Corp., together with its subsidiary and affiliated companies, will own and operate 9 modern plants located in very desirable beet-growing localities, with an estimated annual production of approximately 225,000,000 pounds of standard granulated sugar.

**Income of Lessee.**—Certified audits of Holly Sugar Corp. show net income after all operating charges, including depreciation, but before bond interest and Federal taxes, at an average annual rate of \$1,080,882 for the 9 1/2 years ending Sept. 30 1925. For the 3 1/2 and 1 1/2 year periods ended on that date such net income was at the rate of \$979,786 and \$1,005,393 per annum, respectively. The maximum annual interest charge on this issue will be \$97,500 and the maximum annual requirement for interest and maturing principal will be \$226,000.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds of these bonds will be used to complete the plant at Torrington, Wyo., the balance of the amount necessary being deposited by Holly Sugar Corp. with the trustee simultaneously with the issuance of these bonds.

**Holly Sugar Corp.—Leases Property, &c.—**

See Holly Northern Sugar Co. above.—V. 122, p. 1773.

**India Tire & Rubber Co.—6 1/2 Cent Dividend on New Common Stock.—**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 6 1/2 c. a share on the new no par common stock, placing the issue on a \$2.50 a share annual basis. This is equal to \$12.50 a share per annum on the old common stock of \$100 par value, which received \$8 per year and which was exchanged on a basis of one old share for five new. The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4 c. on the pref. stock. Both dividends are payable July 1 to holders of record June 22.—V. 122, p. 2339.

**Indiana Limestone Co., Bedford, Ind.—Bonds Offered.**

—Bankers Trust Co., Otis & Co., Cleveland Trust Co. and Illinois Merchants Trust Co. are offering at 99 and int. to yield over 6.10% \$15,000,000 15-year 1st (closed) mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated May 1 1926; due May 1 1941. Principal and int. (M. & N.) payable at Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland, trustee, or at Bankers Trust Co., New York without deduction for Federal normal income tax not exceeding 2%. Company will refund any Penn., Conn., Calif. or Kansas personal property tax not in excess of 4 mills, any Maryland securities tax not in excess of 4 1/2 mills, any Kentucky or District of Columbia personal property tax not in excess of 5 mills, the Michigan exemption tax not in excess of 5 mills, any Virginia personal property tax not in excess of 5 1/2 mills, and any Mass. income tax not to exceed 6% per annum. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Red. all or part or for sinking fund on any int. date on 30 days' notice at par and int. plus a premium at following rates: 5% up to and incl. May 1 1928; 4 1/2% up to and incl. May 1 1929; 4% up to and incl. May 1 1930; 3 1/2% up to and incl. May 1 1931; 3% up to and incl. May 1 1932; 2 1/2% up to and incl. May 1 1933; and 2% thereafter prior to maturity.

**Data from Letter of Pres. A. E. Dickinson Bedford Ind., May 7.**

**Company.**—Has been organized in Indiana to acquire certain of the properties of 24 of the leading companies engaged in the business of quarrying and (or) milling Indiana limestone. Properties of the following companies are to be acquired: Indiana Quarries Co., Monroe County Oolitic Stone Co., Struble Cut Stone Co., Imperial Stone Co., Consolidated Stone Co., Interstate Cut Stone Co., W. McMillan & Son, Clear Creek Quarries Co., Furst-Kerber Cut Stone Co., John A. Rowe Cut Stone Co., Star Stone Co., C. D. Donato Cut Stone Co., National Stone Co., Bowman-King Stone Co., Crescent Stone Co., United Indiana Stone Co., Mathers Stone Co., Shea & Donnelly Co., J. Hoadley & Sons Co., Inc., Doyle Stone Co., Inc., Hoadley Stone Co., Hoosier Cut Stone Co., Hunter Valley Stone Co., Brooks Cut Stone Co.

The plants and quarries are all located in the Indiana Limestone district in and around Bedford and Bloomington, Ind. In this district is found the chief known deposit of limestone in the United States used for building construction. Approximately 38% of all building stone produced in the United States is Indiana limestone, and about 75% of all limestone produced for building stone in this country is quarried in the Bedford-Bloomington district.

Company will own in fee approximately 1,652 acres and will lease an additional 40 acres of proven stone land. Engineers who have appraised these lands estimate that at least \$26 acres can be advantageously developed. The depth of the limestone deposits suitable for building purposes varies from 40 ft. to 70 ft. Based on a depth of but 40 ft., the engineers estimate that there are over 1,439,000,000 cu. ft. of stone contained in the



826 acres and, after allowing for losses of 60% incident to quarrying, channelling and drilling, that there is a total of 575,688,960 cu. ft. of stone which may be recovered in marketable shapes and sizes. This is sufficient for more than 70 years' operations at the present rate of production and shipments, or should production be increased by 40%, for more than 50 years' operations.

**Security.**—Direct obligation of company and secured by a first (closed) mortgage upon all the fixed assets about to be acquired, including quarry lands, mill and farm lands, buildings, machinery, equipment, &c. Coats & Burchard Co. have appraised the quarry lands as of March 25 1926 at \$30,000,000, based on their estimate of the stone which may be recovered in marketable shapes and sizes, and the buildings, machinery, equipment, mill and farm lands at \$9,301,957. The properties to be mortgaged, appraised and unappraised, total \$39,389,555, or \$2,625 for each \$1,000 bond of this issue.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st (closed) mtge. 6% s. f. gold bonds (this iss.)	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000
10-year 7% s. f. gold debentures	5,000,000	a5,000,000
7% cumulative preferred stock	10,000,000	a5,000,000
Common stock (no par value)	1,600,000 shs.	1,500,000 shs.

**Earnings.**—The consolidated net earnings of the companies, properties and assets of which are to be acquired, available for interest, after adjustment for salaries now to be eliminated, but before depreciation, depletion and Federal taxes, have averaged \$3,504,747 annually for the 3 years ended Dec. 31 1925, which is equivalent to 3.89 times maximum annual interest requirements of this issue of 1st mtge. bonds, and 3.18 times combined maximum annual interest charges and minimum fixed sinking fund on this issue. For the year ended Dec. 31 1925 such earnings were \$3,108,016, or 3.45 times maximum annual interest requirements on the 1st mtge. bonds and 2.82 times combined interest and minimum sinking fund requirements on this issue.

**Sinking Fund.**—Indenture will provide for a sinking fund for retirement of 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds at not to exceed the prevailing redemption price, as follows: (a) An amount equivalent to 2 1/2% per cu. ft. of stone shipped by the company commencing May 1 1926, payable monthly, but in no event an amount less than \$200,000 annually. (b) The first \$200,000 or part thereof remaining out of annual net earnings after all charges and after deducting Federal taxes, the sum of \$100,000 (being the fixed annual sinking fund on the 10-year 7% sinking fund gold debentures already underwritten) and provision for prof. stock dividends, all as defined in the indenture. After this payment has been set aside annually for retirement of 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds, there shall be deducted from annual net earnings, as so defined, the sum of \$250,000, or part thereof available, to be used for retirement of the debentures. This sinking fund based on annual net earnings shall commence with and be payable out of the earnings for the fiscal year ending Nov. 30 1927. After the retirement of the debentures, the total amount of \$450,000, or such part thereof as may be available, as above provided, shall be set aside for retirement of 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds. (c) An amount, payable semi-annually, equal to the interest upon the bonds theretofore retired.

Such sinking fund payments may be in cash or in 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds taken at cost, but not exceeding the prevailing redemption price, cash payments to be applied by the trustee to redemption of 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds whenever the cash sum in the sinking fund shall be \$50,000 or more.

The indenture under which the 10-year 7% gold debentures are to be issued will provide for a fixed annual sinking fund of \$100,000 in addition to payments based on net earnings as described above.

It is calculated that at the present rate of shipments and earnings the sinking funds should retire approximately 80% of the 10-year 7% gold debentures and approximately two-thirds of the 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds by their respective maturities.

**Management.**—The active management of the company will be in the hands of A. E. Dickinson, Pres. & Gen. Mgr. of the Consolidated Stone Co., as Pres., and C. W. Walters, Pres. of Indiana Quarries Co. and Pres. of Cleveland Stone Co., as Chairman of the executive committee, together with various other officials of the present operating companies.

Consolidated Balance Sheet December 31 1925 (After Present Financing)	
Assets—	Liabilities—
Cash	Notes payable
U. S. Government securities	Accounts payable
Marketable Securities	Accrued taxes, wages, int., &c
Notes receivable	Res. for Federal taxes
Accounts rec., less res.	1st mtge. 6s
Inventories	10-Year 7% debs
Fixed assets	Reserve for contingencies
Other assets	7% Preferred stock
Deferred charges	Com. stock (represented by 1,500,000 shs. of no par value) and surplus
Total	Total

—V. 122, p. 2661.

**Industrial Rayon Corp.—New President—Offer Made Class B Stockholders.**

Bertrand R. Clarke, former Vice-President of the Tubize Artificial Silk Co., has been elected President of the Industrial Rayon Corp., and its subsidiary, the Industrial Fibre Corp. of America, to succeed Walter W. Birge. Mr. Birge will continue as a director.

"It is the plan of the new management," Mr. Clarke said, "to acquire all the outstanding securities of the present subsidiaries of the corporation, the Industrial Fibre Corp. of America, the Industrial Fibre Co. and the Fibre Throwing & Dyeing Co. The owners of class B stock of the parent company have agreed to exchange their holdings, share for share, for class A stock, thus leaving only one class with full voting rights. The entire accounting end of the business will be moved to Cleveland, but the executive and sales departments will remain in New York City, in new quarters at 200 Madison Ave."

At the recent meeting of the corporation, in addition to the election of Mr. Clarke, directors were chosen as follows: Samuel Ungerleider, Henry Beckerman, F. H. Ginn, J. Arthur House, Hiram Rivitz, F. K. Rupprecht, W. W. Birge, Richard E. Dwight, Oscar Gubelman, John Nash McCullough and Bertrand R. Clarke.—V. 122, p. 1035.

**International Harvester Co.—Stock for Employees.**

The stockholders on May 13 approved a recommendation of the board of directors to authorize an additional \$10,000,000 of preferred stock to carry on the stock ownership and investment plan for employees. When the stock ownership plan for employees was adopted May 29 1924, the stockholders authorized the issuance of \$15,000,000 preferred stock, all of which has been subscribed for by employees.—V. 122, p. 1756.

**International Mercantile Marine Co.—British Strike Delays White Star Sale—Negotiations Temporarily Suspended.**

President P. A. S. Franklin, returning from England May 11, said the general strike in that country made it useless to continue for the present the negotiations and discussions regarding the proposed sale of shares of the Ocean Steam Navigation Co. Therefore, it was decided to hold the entire matter in abeyance. President Franklin said in part:

"If anything should be concluded, it will be with the object of building up and strengthening the White Star Line with additional net tonnage and otherwise. International Mercantile Marine will act as agents in the United States and Canada for the White Star Line, and will operate the remaining services of the company, handling the business throughout this continent just as in the past, and developing from time to time in other directions as opportunities offer."

Mr. Franklin declined to discuss terms of the offer and whom Morgan, Grenfell & Co. represent. Furness, Withy & Co., he said, was the only important shipping interest actually represented in the syndicate at present.

H. C. Blackiston, managing director of the Furness-Withy Co. in the United States, who also returned, said, regarding the sale of the White Star Line:

"Furness-Withy is the only shipping interest in this syndicate. The other interests in it are banking and otherwise. These negotiations had reached a tentative state when they were called off by strike developments. It will probably be a month or six weeks before they can be resumed."

"It was the purpose to allow the White Star Line to remain in the same operating hands as at present. The line would be operated by the Oceanic Steam Navigation Co. in England, acting as agents, and by the International Mercantile Marine Co. in the United States as agents. The syndicate would have nothing to do with the physical operation of the property at all."

—V. 122, p. 2509.

**International Securities Trust of America.—Common Stock Placed on a \$4 20 Annual Dividend Basis.**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.05 per share on the common stock, no par value, payable June 1 to holders of record May 15. On March 1 last, the company paid a quarterly dividend of 95 cents per share on the Common stock (compare V. 122, p. 892).—V. 122, p. 2200.

**Iron Cap Copper Co.—Initial Pref. Div.—Earnings.**

An initial quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% (15 cents per share) has been declared on the 6% non-cumul. pref. stock, par \$10, payable May 15 to holders of record May 10 (see V. 122, p. 358).

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross income	\$767,197	\$786,070	\$978,795	\$894,529
Transportation, smelting, market & milling exp.	455,504	684,873	771,700	695,143
Taxes	7,595	21,167	27,512	26,571
Int. & disc. on bonds	32,014	34,014	39,326	42,000
Admin. & litigation exp.	31,744	36,351	37,955	46,386
Deprec. & depletion	94,479	229,224	245,825	240,789
Net income	\$145,861 loss	\$219,559 loss	\$143,524 loss	\$156,340

Income	1926.	1925.
Income	\$106,117	\$186,479
Expenses	73,932	133,934

Operating profit—\$32,185 \$52,545  
The company for first quarter of 1926 shows production of 821,933 pounds of copper and 32,472 ounces of silver and 22.15 oz. of gold.—V. 122, p. 1179, 892.

**Jewel Tea Co., Inc.—Sales.**

First 16 Weeks of—	1926.	1925.	Increase.
Sales	\$4,505,841	\$4,342,265	\$163,576
Average number of sales routes	1,065	1,029	36

**Kelsey Wheel Co., Inc.—Complaint Dismissed.**

The Federal Trade Commission has dismissed its complaint against this company and others. This action was taken by the commission upon recommendation of its chief counsel. The complaint charged the respondents with combining and cooperating together to maintain and enhance prices and suppress competition in the distribution and sale of automobile wheels and wheel parts.

Respondents named in the complaint with the Kelsey company are Jacob Mattern & Sons, Inc., N. Y. City; Standard Tire & Rubber Co., Boston; Johnson Wheel Co., Phila.; R. W. Norris & Sons Co., Baltimore; Motor Rim & Wheel Manufacturing Co., Chicago; Motor Rim Manufacturers' Co., Cleveland and Keaton Tire & Rubber Co., San Francisco and Los Angeles, California; Portland, Oregon and Seattle, Wash.—V. 122, p. 2339.

**Kirby Lumber Co.—Decreases Capital Stock.**

The company has filed a certificate at Austin, Tex., decreasing its authorized capital stock from \$10,000,000 to \$5,000,000.—V. 122, p. 1036.

**Knox Hat Co., Inc.—Earnings, &c.**

Sales in 1925 totaled \$5,847,555, an increase of 11.8% over those of 1924 and 241.8% over those reported in 1915.

Net earnings after interest, Federal taxes, depreciation and all other charges were \$462,918 or 5.86 times dividend requirements on the 7% cumul. prior pref. stock.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.			
Assets	1925.	1924.	Liabilities
Plant & equip.	\$1,410,954	\$1,442,812	Capital stock
Trade marks, good-will, &c.	1,110,083	1,110,083	Mtge. bonds 6 1/2%
Cash	192,800	153,503	Mtge. on Dunlap factory
Accts. receivable	683,669	660,167	Accounts payable
Inventories	1,391,230	1,277,626	Accrued liabilities
Deferred charges	135,603	223,973	Res. for Fed. taxes
Investments	130,921	107,589	Equity of minority
Other curr. assets	29,236	34,844	Int. in sub. co.
Treas. stk. (empl.)	58,331		Profit on treas. stk
			Surplus
Total	\$5,142,827	\$5,010,597	Total

—V. 122, p. 2201.

**(S. S.) Kresge Co.—April Sales.**

1926—April—1925.	Increase.	1926—4 Mos.—1925.	Increase.
\$8,590,985	\$8,150,225	\$439,760	\$32,010,137

It is announced that the company has opened 17 new stores this year, including 6 in April, making a total of 322 now in operation.—V. 122, p. 2339, 2052.

**(S. H.) Kress & Co.—April Sales.**

1926—April—1925.	Increase.	1926—4 Mos.—1925.	Increase.
\$3,764,219	\$3,412,057	\$352,162	\$13,934,258

—V. 122, p. 2052, 1320.

**Lago Oil & Transport Corp.—Listing.**

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 3,929,555 shares of common stock (auth. 4,000,000 shares) on official notice of issuance in exchange for the present outstanding certificates, with authority to add temporary certificates for not exceeding 70,435 additional shares on official notice of issuance in exchange for scrip representing said stock or in exchange for stock of Lago Petroleum Corp. upon the basis of one of such additional shares for each two shares of Lago Petroleum Corp. exchanged, making the total amount applied for 4,000,000 shares.

Corporation was organized in Delaware Nov. 10 1925, with an authorized common stock of 3,000,000 shares of class A stock and 1,000,000 shares of class B stock without par value. By amendment of the charter which became effective May 3 1926, the classifications of stock were eliminated and the entire issue of 4,000,000 shares of authorized stock became all common stock, all of one class and all with full and equal voting rights. Corporation is a holding company and has the right to hold securities of all kinds and to carry on the business of prospecting, developing, producing, refining, transporting and marketing petroleum and its products. Up to and including April 23 1926, corporation had acquired 3,859,386 shares, without par value, of the stock of Lago Petroleum Corp. (Del.), 25,000 shares of the preferred stock of Lago Oil & Transport Co., Ltd. (Can.), 5,100 shares of the ordinary shares of stock of Lago Oil & Transport Co., Ltd. (being 51% of its issued and outstanding ordinary shares) and \$7,000,000 in cash, and in connection therewith 3,929,563 shares of its stock and scrip for 130 shares of its stock have been issued and are outstanding and 70,307 shares are reserved for issuance in exchange for 140,614 shares of stock of Lago Petroleum Corp. on the basis of one share of Lago Oil & Transport Corp. for two shares of Lago Petroleum Corp.

**Pro-Forma Consolidated Balance Sheet (Corporation and Subsidiaries).**

Assets	Liabilities
Properties	Capital stock outstanding (3,929,693 shares, no par value, at stated value of \$10 per share)
Excess capital stock of corporation	Minority interest in controlled companies
Inventories	Miscellaneous accounts payable
Accounts receivable	Reserve for Federal taxes
Cash	Total
Deferred charges	Total

The above consolidated balance sheet has been prepared on the following basis: Balance sheets of the subsidiary companies as of Dec. 31 1925, after giving effect to the issued capital stock of the Lago Oil & Transport Corp. as of April 17 1926.

\* Attention is called to the item in the foregoing consolidated balance sheet reading as follows: "Excess of capital stock of Lago Oil & Transport Corp. based on a capital value of that stock of \$10 per share, over book



value of net assets of companies included in consolidation, \$11,373,501 83. This item represents a part of the value to be attributed, for the purposes of this balance sheet, to the common stock of the Lago Oil & Transport Co., Ltd. Reference to the balance sheet of that company will show net assets in excess of the preferred stock to the amount of about \$1,000,000. The value of the common stock of that company in addition thereto is based upon two factors: (a) A long-term contract entitling said company to large and continuous supply of oil at an advantageous price. (b) Constantly increasing net earnings, amounting during the period of 14 months ended Dec. 31 1925 to over \$1,200,000, of which about \$930,000 was earned during the last 6 months of the period.—V. 122, p. 2662.

**Lago Petroleum Corp.—Earnings.—**

*Profit and Loss Account by Periods, from Commencement of Operations.*

	Year End. 11 Mos. End. Dec. 31 '25.	11 Mos. End. Dec. 31 '24.
Sales of crude oil (net).....	\$3,312,486	\$311,990
Production and field expenses.....	837,355	155,872
Provision for depletion and depreciation.....	762,994	139,113
Increase in oil inventory.....		Cr. 16,978
General and administrative expense.....	226,694	111,478
Amortiz. of expenses in connection with agreements.....	27,245	18,139
Profit.....	\$1,458,197	def\$95,634
Miscellaneous interest expense (net).....	Cr. 22,067	Dr. 6,927
Net profit before taxes.....	\$1,480,264	def\$102,561
Provisions for taxes.....	150,000	
Balance, surplus.....	\$1,330,264	\$102,561

—V. 122, p. 2201.

**Lanston Monotype Machine Co.—Annual Report.—**

Years Ending Feb.—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net earnings.....	\$895,115	\$707,059	\$715,531	\$614,091
Previous surplus.....	4,735,185	4,877,868	4,677,791	4,550,396
Total.....	\$5,630,300	\$5,584,927	\$5,393,322	\$5,164,487
Taxes.....	66,544	80,760	85,913	76,856
Dividends (6%).....	360,000	360,000	360,000	360,000
Obsolete mach. writ. off.....	43,369	42,445	69,541	49,840
Depreciation.....	368,889	366,537		
Pats., &c., written off.....	90,740			
P. & L. surplus.....	\$4,700,756	\$4,735,185	\$4,877,868	\$4,677,791

V. 122, p. 1775.

**La Salle Tank Car Corp.—Equip. Tr. Clfs. Called.—**  
All of the outstanding equipment trust gold certificates, dated Dec. 1 1922 and maturing after June 1 1926, have been called for payment June 1 at 102½ and int. at the Union Trust Co., Chicago, Ill.—V. 115, p. 2801; V. 112, p. 1872.

**(Louis K.) Liggett Co.—Sales.—**

*Period End. April 30—* 1926—*Month—* 1925. 1926—*4 Mos.—* 1925.  
Sales..... \$4,279,000 \$3,446,000 \$16,250,000 \$13,353,000  
It is stated that the company now has 356 stores in operation in 36 States.—V. 122, p. 2052, 1463.

**Loew's Incorporated.—Debenture Issue Approved.—**

The stockholders on May 10 ratified the recent issue of \$15,000,000 15-year 6% sinking fund gold debentures with stock purchase warrants attached, and approved an amendment to the charter in connection with the stock purchase warrants. (See also offering of debentures in V. 122, p. 2202.)

Pres. Marcus Loew recently said in substance: "Our earnings for the year should run around \$3,000,000 or about \$7.50 a share. Next year should be a big movie year with us and the year following should be even larger. The picture Ben Hur cost \$8,000,000, but I expect to get that out of it. The Big Parade, which cost us a great deal less than Ben Hur, should give us a net about same as Ben Hur, or around \$8,000,000. Including the money that we have just derived from the sale of our debentures, we now have around \$20,000,000 in cash. As the company prospers we intend to be more liberal in the matter of dividends, but increases will always be in the form of extras, because I do not intend to increase the \$2 rate."—See also V. 122, p. 2663, 2510.

**Manning, Bowman & Co., Meriden, Conn.—Stocks Sold.—**Prince & Whately and Bodell & Co. have sold 40,000 shares class A stock (no par) and 8,000 shares class B stock (no par) at a price of \$22 per share and divs. on the A stock, which is to be accompanied by a bonus of 20% of B stock.

Class A stock is preferred and participating as to assets and dividends; preferred dividends thereon at the rate of \$1.50 per share per annum are cumulative from April 1 1926, subject thereto, class B stock is entitled to cumulative dividends at the same rate and thereafter shares of both classes participate without distinction. On liquidation class A shares first receive \$35 per share and divs., then class B shares receive the same amount per share and any balance is distributable to both classes, share and share alike. Class A stock is red. all or part at \$35 per share and divs., on any div. date upon 60 days' notice; any shares called for red. may be converted at the option of the holder into class B stock share for share within the 60 days before and during the day set for redemption. Class B stock has sole voting power except that class A stock also votes while any default exists in the payment of four quarterly cumulative divs. thereon. Transfer agent, Riverside Trust Co., Registrar, the Travelers Bank & Trust Co., Hartford, Conn.

**Capitalization—**  
Class A stock (participating & preferred)..... 64,000 shs. 64,000 shs.  
Class B stock (no par value)..... \*128,000 shs. 64,000 shs.  
\*The unissued class B stock is reserved for conversion of the class A stock.

**Data From Letter of Pres. R. P. Tracy, Meriden, Conn., April 16.**  
*Company.*—Has been organized in Delaware to purchase the assets and business of Manning, Bowman & Co. of Connecticut, which is to be dissolved. The business was started in 1859 and incorp. in 1864 with an authorized capital of \$10,000. The original business was the manufacture of tin tea and coffee pots, later extending to Britannia ware and silver plated hollow ware. New lines which were later introduced included granite iron ware for tea and coffee pots, sugar bowls, &c., and nickel plating was done under a patented process. Company was the pioneer in the manufacture of coffee percolators in this country, having patents dating back to 1876, later manufacturing alcohol coffee percolators and similar products and more recently a complete line of electrical percolators and heating appliances and the Hotakold line of vacuum bottles, carafes, &c. Company's total business has grown steadily and there has been an unbroken dividend record of over 25 years, including stock dividends aggregating \$400,000.

**Earnings.**—The average net earnings for the past three years and the net earnings for 1925 after all charges, including Federal taxes, were as follows:

	Amount per share on new class A stock (per ann.)
Average for 3 years ending Dec. 31 1925.....	\$161,751
One year ending Dec. 31 1925.....	144,735

Earnings in 1924 and 1925 were smaller than in 1923 as a result of heavy expenditures for development work the results of which are now being reflected in increased business and increased earnings. The orders received during the first two months of 1926 showed an increase of 88% over those received during the same months of 1925.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be applied towards purchase of assets of old company.

**Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1925 (Giving Effect to Reorganization).**

Assets—	Liabilities—
Total current assets.....	Capital and surplus.....
Total fixed assets.....	Total current liabilities.....
Deferred assets.....	
Total.....	Total.....

**Mercantile Acceptance Corp. of Calif.—Notes Offered.**  
—Bradford, Kimball & Co., San Francisco, are offering at

prices to yield from 6% to 6½%, according to maturity, \$300,000 collateral trust 6½% gold notes.

Dated May 15 1926; due quarterly Aug. 1926-Nov. 1927. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Principal and quarterly interest coupons, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%, payable at American Bank, San Francisco, trustee. Callable all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 101 and int. in reverse order of maturity.

**Corporation.**—A Delaware corporation organized in 1923. Is successfully engaged in the purchase of receivables arising from distribution and sale of standard motor cars. The growth of the business is best attested by the fact that its purchases were less than \$500,000 in 1924 and were in excess of \$1,000,000 in 1925.

**Capitalization—**

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
6½% collateral trust notes (this issue).....	\$300,000	\$300,000
8% cumulative preferred stock (par \$10).....	500,000	113,190
Class A common stock (par \$10).....	450,000	122,980
Class B common stock (par \$10).....	50,000	50,000

**Security.**—Notes are a direct obligation of the company, secured by a collateral trust indenture under which company deposits with the trustee conditional sales contracts arising from retail sales only of motor cars of specific makes, the unpaid principal of which aggregates not less than 133% of the principal par value of notes at any time issued and outstanding.

**Earnings.**—Net earnings for the year 1925 available for interest charges and Federal taxes after all operating expenses, including ample provision for credit losses, exceed 2½ times the interest charges on this note issue. For the three months' period ending March 31 1926 the net earnings as compared with similar period in 1925 show an increase of 250%. Net earnings for 1926 are estimated conservatively to exceed four times interest requirements on the average aggregate amount of this issue outstanding during this year.

**Merchants & Manufacturers Securities Co., Chicago.**

**—Pref. Stock Offered.**—A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., and Bauer, Pond & Vivian are offering at 98½ and div. \$1,000,000 7% prior pref. stock (with stock purchase warrants).

Cumulative dividends on the prior preferred stock will be payable Q.-J. Transfer agents, Foreman Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, and Guaranty Trust Co., New York. Registrars, First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, and Chase National Bank, New York.

**Capitalization—**

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Prior preferred stock (par \$100).....	\$4,000,000	\$1,000,000
Participating preferred stock (par \$25).....	4,000,000	1,733,000
Common stock (par \$25).....	80,000	80,000

**Data from Letter of Arthur Greene, President of the Company.**

**Company.**—Business consists of the purchase of commercial open accounts, notes, acceptances, drafts, and installment obligations, all of which are substantially secured. Motor lien obligations to the extent of less than 27% of the total paper carried, are likewise purchased. This is a business which is supplemental to the usual financing done by commercial banks. The purchase of the obligations in which the company deals is financed out of capital, and from borrowings from a number of leading banks in New York, Chicago and other cities. The total bank lines of credit are currently in excess of \$6,500,000, and consistently exceed actual borrowings by a considerable amount. Company extends credit to more than 90 separate classes of industry, and broad diversification of risk results. In order to facilitate the handling of its Eastern business, the company in June 1925 organized the Merchants & Manufacturers Securities Trust, N. Y. City, which it owns. The gross business transacted by the company is currently at a rate in excess of \$25,000,000 per year.

**Earnings & Operations.**—A summary of the operations of the company for the fiscal years ended March 31 adjusted by adding to earnings the interest actually paid to banks, which would have been available had bank loans been reduced by the amount of the additional capital now provided for, without providing for increased taxes or giving effect to additional profits incident to increase in gross business, is as follows:

Year Ended—	Actual Net Earnings after Taxes.	Net Earnings Ad used to Give Effect to Present Financing.	Times Prior Dividend Earned
March 31 1924.....	\$95,425 48	\$169,800 48	2.43
March 31 1925.....	122,994 33	197,369 33	2.82
March 31 1926.....	205,294 44	279,138 19	3.99

**Dividend Record.**—Dividends have been paid on all outstanding classes of stock of the company continuously since 1919, the year of inception of the company. This continuous dividend record extends over the period of generally unfavorable business conditions of 1920 and 1921. The dividends on the two junior classes of stock have been on an ascending scale, and at no time has any reduction in dividends been effected. Each of said junior classes of stock is currently receiving annual dividends at the rate of \$2.50 in cash and 4% in stock.

**Warrants to Purchase Participating Preferred Stock.**—Each share of prior pref. stock will be accompanied by a detached warrant, entitling the warrant holder to subscribe for one share of partic. pref. stock of the company at \$37 per share up to April 15 1927, \$39 per share up to April 15 1928, and \$41 per share up to and including April 15 1929.

**Purpose of Financing.**—Proceeds of the present financing will be added to working funds, and the capital thus provided can be advantageously used in caring for additional desirable business offered to the company. An issue of \$155,550 of pref. stock, now outstanding, callable at par, has been called for redemption and a portion of the proceeds of the present financing will be utilized to accomplish this.—V. 122, p. 1775.

**Midvale Co. (& Sub.).—Annual Report.—**

**Calendar Years—**

	1925.	1924.
Sales.....	\$6,163,752	\$5,411,185
Cost.....	5,445,614	5,015,717
Manufacturing profit.....	\$718,138	\$395,468
Other income.....	90,285	73,003
Total income.....	\$808,423	\$468,471
Deduct—Provision for depreciation.....	414,266	277,609
Net profit.....	\$394,156	\$190,861
Previous surplus.....	527,066	336,265
Profit and loss surplus.....	\$921,222	\$527,066

—V. 120, p. 1594.

**Mid-Continent Petroleum Corp.—Earnings.—**

**Quarter Ended March 31—**

	1926.	1925.
Operating profit.....	\$3,264,282	\$4,063,874
Dry holes & abandoned wells.....	178,340	202,247
Interest, &c.....	231,682	171,737

Net income before deprec. depl. & Fed. taxes..... \$2,854,259 \$3,694,890

**Comparative Balance Sheet.**

Assets—	Dec. 31 '25	Mar. 31 '25	Liabilities—	Dec. 31 '25	Mar. 31 '25
Oil reserves.....	a36,641,336	38,736,146	7% preferred stock.....	6,574,740	6,717,605
Apprec. of oil res.....		b7,518,309	Common stock.....	d40,879,230	40,886,640
Ref., plants, pipe lines, &c.....	c14,976,844	16,142,178	1st mtg. 6½%.....	11,762,000	12,425,000
Investments.....	1,370,106	1,945,325	Leasehold pur.oblig.	952,500	1,902,960
U. S. Treas. certifs.....	2,049,687		Accounts payable.....	1,430,490	2,024,326
Loans sec. by N. Y. Stock Exchange collateral.....	2,000,000		Adv. pay. on sales contracts.....		266,382
Cash with sink. fd. agents.....	1,924		Accr. int. & gen. tax.....	790,450	536,031
Cash.....	7,198,064	4,783,762	Federal taxes.....	453,027	40,000
Accts. & notes rec.....	3,471,843	2,410,412	Leaseh'd pur.oblig. mat. Mar. 25 '26		947,000
Ref'd & crude oils.....	5,573,894	7,987,594	Rentals, accr. divs. on pref. stk., &c.....	79,807	56,146
Mat'l & supplies.....	3,078,755	2,034,026	Surplus.....	13,898,275	18,525,889
Prep. exp., disc., &c.....	1,405,062	1,823,227			
Total.....	77,767,520	83,380,979	Total.....	77,767,520	83,380,979

a Less reserve for depletion and depreciation; also undeveloped leaseholds and intangibles. b Less reserve for depletion based on appreciation.

c After deducting \$16,007,761 reserve for depreciation. d Represented by 1,357,415 1/2 shares of no par value.

The income account for the calendar year 1925 was given in V. 122, p. 1926. Recent dispatches from Tulsa, Okla., state that the corporation has purchased the holdings of the Jomack Oil Co., comprising 6,000 acres of leases and 5,000 acres of fee land, in Oklahoma and Arkansas, with royalties and operating interests, netting 797 barrels daily. V. 122, p. 1926.

Mohawk Mining Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1925, 1924, 1923, 1922). Rows include Sales, Cost of sales, Profit on sales, Other income, Total income, Previous surplus, Apprec. realiz. dur'g yr., Prof. on prop. dispos. of, Collec. of old accts., Transf. from conting. res, Excess of val. pd. on shs., Total surplus, Contingency reserve, Tax., adjustments, &c., Res. for doubtful accts., Depreciation, Depletion, Dividends, Profit & loss, surplus.

Moon Motor Car Co.—Quarterly Earns.—

Table with 4 columns: 3 Mos. End. Mar. 31 (1926, 1925, 1924). Rows include Net sales, Cost of sales, Operating profit, Miscellaneous earnings, Total income, Federal taxes, Net income.

Shipments Increase.—

Secretary Stanley Moon says: "Shipments of Moon and Diana cars at the end of the first quarter of the year ending March 31 total 50% more than all cars exported in 1925. Orders on hand for April and May shipments show promise of more records broken and the additions of newly appointed distributors in Venezuela, Yucatan, Spain, Germany, France and Switzerland add materially to our optimism."—V. 122, p. 2340.

Mother Lode Coalition Mines Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1925, 1924, 1923, 1922). Rows include Operating revenue, Operating costs, Other income, Taxes, Interest, &c., Balance, surplus, Previous deficit, Total surplus, Deprec. & depletion, Debit bal. Dec. 31.

Motion Picture Capital Corp.—Debentures Sold.—

Watson & White announce that the \$2,000,000 5-year 6% convertible debentures offered at 99 and int. have been oversubscribed. The principal of these debentures will be convertible into common stock at any time up to maturity or in the event of redemption at any time up to 10 days prior to the redemption date as follows: Until April 1 1927 into common stock taken at a valuation of \$27 50 per share; until April 1 1928 into common stock taken at a valuation of \$30 per share; until April 1 1929 into common stock taken at a valuation of \$32 50 per share; until April 1 1930 into common stock taken at a valuation of \$35 per share; until April 1 1931 into common stock taken at a valuation of \$37 50 per share.

Capitalization March 31 1926— Authorized. Issued. 8% cumulative preferred stock (par \$25) \$625,000 \$613,400 Common stock (no par value) x200,000 shs. 175,462 shs. x The company on April 29 filed a certificate at Dover, Del., increasing its authorized common stock (no par value) from 200,000 shares to 300,000 shares. See also V. 122, p. 2664.

Moto Meter Co., Inc.—Quarterly Report.—

Table with 3 columns: 3 Months Ended March 31 (1926, 1925). Rows include Operating profit, Depreciation, Provision for Federal taxes, Net income, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Dividends on old common stock, Dividends on new Class A common stock, Dividends on new Class B common stock, Profit and loss surplus.

Comparative Balance Sheet March 31.

Table with 4 columns: Assets (1926, 1925), Liabilities (1926, 1925). Rows include Real est. & bldgs., Plants & equip., Pat. rights & trade marks, Cash, Notes, trade accts & accts receiv., Inventories, Investments, Def'd charges, Total, Common stock, Divs. payable, Accts payable, Accruals, Res. for Federal taxes, &c., Surplus.

x Comprises 200,000 Class "A" common shares and 200,000 Class "B" —V. 122, p. 2665, 2052.

Motor Wheel Corp.—Balance Sheet.—

Table with 4 columns: Mar. 31'26, Dec. 31'25, Mar. 31'26, Dec. 31'25. Rows include Land, bldgs., machinery, &c., Cash, &c., Customers' notes, Accts receiv., Inventories, Capital stock of other cos., &c., Prepaid taxes, ins., bond disct., &c., Preferred stock, Common stock, Notes payable, Accts payable, Acct'd taxes, royalties & int., Est. Fed. inc. tax, Res. for cont., &c., Profit and loss, Total (each side).

z Less reserve, deferred installment real estate and miscellaneous accounts. y Represented by 550,000 shares of no par value.—V. 122, p. 2665, 1321.

Mullins Body Corp.—Report—3 Mos. End. March 31.—

Table with 4 columns: 1926, 1925, 1924, 1923. Rows include Gross profit, Admin., sell. & gen. exp., Int. & discount (net), Net profit, Miscellaneous income, Total, Surplus Jan. 1, Adj. of ins. written off, Amort. of absol. equip., Federal taxes, Deduct adjustments, Dividends paid, Surplus March 31.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Table with 4 columns: Mar. 31'26, Dec. 31'25, Mar. 31'26, Dec. 31'25. Rows include Assets (Real est., plant, &c., Pref. stk., Pats. & good-will, Cash, Mtgs. receivable, Accts receivable, Notes receivable, Mdse. inventory, Invest. (at cost), Accounts rec. from officers & empl. on stock subsc., &c., Deferred charges), Liabilities (8% cum. pref. stk., Common stock, Notes payable, Accts pay. & acc., Accrued taxes, Res. for disc on pref. stk. purch., Surplus), Total.

Total—\$4,923,206 \$4,258,435 Total—\$4,923,206 \$4,258,435 x Common stock, no par value, 100,000 shares, declared in accordance with the laws of New York State.—V. 122, p. 760.

Nash Motors Co.—Business Ahead of Last Year.—

E. H. McCarty, General Sales Manager of the Nash Motors Co. and the Ajax Motors Co., says: "The past month showed a gain in Nash business of 70.9% over April a year ago. This figure includes sales of the Nash-built Ajax. Exclusive of Ajax the percentage of increase was 35%. April also marked the 20th consecutive month, with a single exception, that Nash business has shown an increase over the corresponding month of the previous year. The one month when this record was not maintained was November, when the output was arbitrarily halted to bring out the "enclosed car" motor.

"Our total shipments for the first four months, January, February, March and April, constitute 57.7% of our entire shipments during 1925, which was our biggest year. Comparing this same four-month period with the corresponding period of a year ago reveals a gain in Nash shipments of 89.4%."—V. 122, p. 2053.

National Acme Co., Cleveland, Ohio.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Year (1925, 1924, 1923, 1922). Rows include Net sales, Cost of goods sold, Admin., sales & exp., Other deductions, Balance, Other income, Net profit.

The surplus account Dec. 31 1925 follows: Balance Dec. 31 1924, \$8,424,279; net profit for oper. year 1925, \$573,402; discounts on bonds pur. & retired, \$61,292; abatement on real & personal prop. taxes, \$3,313; reserves provided Dec. 31 1924, \$500,000; total, \$9,596,287. Deductions: Final adj. of the book value of company's Cleveland plant inventory, \$530,051; loss on sale of company's Montreal plant & equip., \$79,547; expense of unused plants, \$31,742; moving exp., &c. in conn. with abandonment of unused plants, \$20,833; provision for general contingencies, \$200,000; reduction in value of good-will, \$5,499,999; total, \$6,362,173. Profit and loss surplus, Dec. 31 1925, \$3,234,114.

Earnings for Quarter Ended March 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1926, 1925, 1924, 1923. Rows include Net inc. aft. int. & depr., Total.

National Carbon Co. (Inc.)—Acquisition.—

Vice-President P. P. Huffard recently announced the acquisition by this company of the plant, inventory and good-will of the Corliss Carbon Co. of Bradford, Pa., makers of industrial carbon brushes and other carbon products. J. F. Kerlin, President of the Corliss company, became a Vice-President of the National Carbon Co., in charge of the sales of all carbon products.—V. 122, p. 2203.

National Cloak & Suit Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Period Ended Apr. 30 (1926—Month, 1925—Month, 1926—4 Mos., 1925—4 Mos.). Rows include Net sales.

National Dairy Products Corp.—To Increase Stock.—

The stockholders will vote May 28 on increasing the authorized common stock (no par value) from 1,000,000 shares to 2,000,000 shares. The additional stock, it is stated, will be used for the acquisition of new properties, expansion, &c.—V. 122, p. 2203.

National Distillers Products Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Quarters Ended March 31 (1926, 1925). Rows include Earnings from operation, Interest & discount, Profit before deprec., Fed. tax & amort. of brands, trademarks, &c.

National Fire Proofing Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Table with 4 columns: Assets (1925, 1924), Liabilities (1925, 1924). Rows include Property & equip., Good-will, Inv. in assoc. cos., Sink fund for bds., Mortgage notes, Notes & accts. rec., Notes & accts. rec. (less reserve), Notes & accts. rec. from assoc. cos., Misc. bonds & stks., Cash, Deferred charges, Total, Preferred stock, Common stock, 1st mtge. bonds, Lyle Clay Co. 1st 6s, Mtge. payable on clay lands, Notes payable, Accounts payable, Bond int. accrued, Fed. income tax, Divs. decl. & pay., Due associated cos., Reserve for deprec., Surplus.

Total—18,464,997 18,398,661 Total—18,464,997 18,398,661 The income account for 1925 was given in V. 122, p. 1037.

National Tea Co., Chicago.—Sales.—

Table with 4 columns: Period End. Apr. 30 (1926—Month, 1925—Month, 1926—4 Mos., 1925—4 Mos.). Rows include Sales.

National Tube Co.—Changes in Personnel.—

Taylor Alderdice, newly elected President of the company, recently announced the following changes in personnel: P. C. Patterson succeeds Mr. Alderdice as Vice-President in charge of operation; Gilbert P. McNiff, formerly assistant to Vice-President, becomes Assistant Vice-President.—V. 120, p. 94.



**Natomas Co. of California.—Annual Report.—**

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Returns fr. gold dredging	\$1,397,337	\$1,384,901	\$1,576,591	\$1,644,527
Oper. exp., incl. taxes, insurance & rentals	920,397	965,810	1,101,929	1,187,126
Operating income	\$476,940	\$419,091	\$474,662	\$457,401
Other income	325,491	472,027	623,392	622,521
Gross income	\$802,430	\$891,118	\$1,098,054	\$1,079,922
Bond interest, &c.	825,536	841,874	856,832	850,484
Depreciation	x347,296	225,433	115,717	274,731
Exhaust. of mineral area			470,550	570,113
Net loss for year	\$370,402	\$176,190	\$345,045	\$615,406

x Depreciation, \$128,694; exhaustion of mineral area, \$216,449; prospecting expenditures, \$7,597; loss on sale and abandonment of capital assets, \$832; less profit on sale of investments of \$6,277.—V. 120, p. 1595.

**Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co.—Transfer Agent.—**  
The Old Colony Trust Co., 17 Court St., Boston, Mass., has been appointed transfer agent for the capital stock of the above company.—V. 122, p. 622.

**Nevada Consolidated Copper Co.—67th Quar. Report.—**  
The report covering the first quarter of 1926 shows:

	Net Lbs. Copper Produced.	Aver. M'thly Production.
Quarter ended March 31 1926	19,548,813	6,516,271
Quarter ended Dec. 31 1925	19,555,262	6,518,421

A total of 704,956 tons dry weight of Nevada Consolidated ore, averaging 1.30% copper, was milled. Ruth mine direct smelting ore amounting to 5,972 tons, of an average grade of 3.67% copper, was shipped to the smelter. There was also treated at the concentrator, in addition to the ores milled, 331,950 tons dry weight of pit strippings, of .68% average copper content. No customs ore was treated during the quarter.

The average recovery at the concentrator was 92.01% of the copper contained in the Nevada Consolidated ore, or 23.96 pounds of copper per ton of ore milled, as compared with an average recovery of 91.99%, or 27.01 pounds of copper per ton of ore, averaging 1.47% copper, treated during the preceding quarterly period. The milling of pit strippings resulted in an average recovery of 82.14%, corresponding to 11.22 pounds of copper per ton of this material treated, as compared with a recovery of 81.22%, or 11.18 pounds of copper per ton milled during the previous quarter. The cost of treating this low grade material, the copper content of which exists in the form of sulphides, averaged 10.11 cents per net pound of copper recovered, this cost including due proportion of charges for depreciation and fixed and general expenses and of credits for precious metals and miscellaneous earnings.

The cost per pound of net copper produced from all sources, including charges for depreciation of plant and equipment and all fixed and general expenses, and after crediting gold and silver and miscellaneous earnings, was 10.50 cents, as compared with a cost of 10.15 cents per pound, similarly computed, for the previous quarter.

**Financial Statement of Operations.**

	1st Quar. '26.	4th Quar. '25.
Operating gain from copper production	\$627,042	\$683,870
Gold and silver and miscellaneous earnings	219,166	290,768
Nevada Northern Railway Company dividend	75,000	75,000
Total income	\$921,208	\$1,049,639
Plant and equipment depreciation	172,662	167,863
To surplus	\$748,545	\$881,776

A quarterly distribution of 25 cents per share, amounting in the aggregate to \$499,864.25, was made to stockholders on March 31 1926. Signed by D. C. Jackling, Pres. and C. B. Lakenan, Gen. Manager.]—V. 122, p. 2645, 2510.

**New England Oil Refining Co.—Listing.—**  
There have been added to the Boston Stock Exchange list 15,835 additional shares share trust certificates common stock (without par value), these shares being issued as compensation to certain specified officers and employees of the company.—V. 122, p. 2665.

**New River Co.—Annual Report.—**

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Net profit for year	\$161,723	loss\$372,145	\$591,586	\$497,964
Closing sink, fund res'ves			17,738	
Federal tax adjustment			2,635	
Balance, surplus	\$161,723	def\$273,145	\$611,960	\$497,964
Previous surplus	1,173,192	1,658,148	1,597,911	1,578,970
Total surplus	\$1,334,915	\$1,286,003	\$2,209,871	\$2,076,934
Preferred dividends		(1½)110,216	(7½)551,077	(6)440,862
Change in min. interests	Dr.362	Dr.2,596	Dr.645	
Sundry adjustments				38,161
Profit and loss surplus	\$1,334,554	\$1,173,192	\$1,658,148	\$1,597,911

—V. 121, p. 1234.

**New York Evening Journal, Inc.—Bonds Called.—**  
The company has called for redemption on June 1 next, at 104 and int., \$2,500,000 1st mtge. & collat. trust 6¼% serial coupon gold bonds dated Dec. 1 1925 (Nos. 20,201 to 22,700 incl.). Holders may present bonds for payment at any time prior to June 1 at the office of S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., New York, and receive 104 and int. to date of presentation.—V. 122, p. 1181.

**New York Transfer Co.—New Rates Authorized.—**  
The New York P. S. Commission on May 6 authorized this company and the Westcott Express Co. to charge new rates in the New York zone, effective May 17. For some articles the cost of transportation was increased, while for others it was decreased. The charge for carrying a trunk has been raised from \$1 to \$1.15, while the rate on a hand-bag has been reduced from 80c. to 75c. The companies stated that under the old rates they were losing money and would have to stop operation.—V. 114, p. 1542.

**North Butte Mining Co.—Annual Report.—**

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Income from copper, silver and gold	\$269,322	\$105,298	\$1,494,842	\$1,772,004
Income from miscell.	1,121	1,892		
Total income	\$270,444	\$107,190	\$1,494,842	\$1,772,004
Deduct:				
Mining and development			\$977,530	\$983,378
Freight on ore			27,671	30,711
Concentration, smelting, freight, ref. & sell. exp.			568,550	619,026
General exp. and taxes	45,736	42,663	93,533	129,794
Leasing contract	208,139			
Lessors' ore contract		68,891		
Arizona expense		150,047		
Shutdown expense	11,988	12,910	20,213	
Deficit	sur.\$4,581	\$167,322	\$192,655	sur\$9,094

No mining was done by the company during 1924 and the mines will remain closed down until there is a decided advance in the price of copper metal.—V. 122, p. 2341.

**North Packing & Provision Co., Somerville, Mass.—Balance Sheet Jan. 2 1926.**

Assets—	Liabilities—
Real estate, bldgs., mach., &c.	Capital stock
Cash	Accounts and bills payable
Accounts receivable	First mortgage 5s, 1945
Inventory	*Reserves
Investments	*Surplus
Total	Total

\* All taxes deducted.—V. 99, p. 1601.

**Oceanic Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.—Earnings.—**

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Profit after deprec'n and incl. int. on inv., &c.	x£556,920	£781,232	£610,704	£1,448,899
Debtenture interest	49,743	54,378	57,373	68,947
General interest	30,923	29,843	49,634	57,155
Income tax	32,445	60,259	125,530	221,488
Depreciation	See x	See x	See x	512,723
Miscellaneous	6,576	18,825	4,075	1,500
Reserves		125,000		
Dividends	(5%)250,000	(7½)375,000	(5)250,000	(12½)625,000

Balance, surplus—£187,234 £117,927 £124,092 def£37,914  
x Profit for 1923, 1924 and 1925 is after providing for depreciation and including amount brought forward from last year, interest on investments, transfer fees, &c.

This company is known as the White Star Line. Its entire £5,000,000 capital stock is owned by the International Mercantile Marine Co. Negotiations for sale of control to British interests are now under discussion.—V. 120, p. 3200.

**Oil Well Supply Co. (& Subs.)—Balance Sheet.—**

*Consolidated Balance Sheet as at December 31 1925.*

Assets—	Liabilities—
Property, plant, & equipment, less depreciation	Preferred stock
Cash	Common stock
Cash with trustee	First mtge. 6% serial bonds
Liberty bonds	Acc'ts paybl., incl. acer. exp.
Notes & acc'ts rec., less res'ves	Bal. due to officers & empl., &c.
Inventories	Prov. for Fed'l. &c., taxes
Prepaid expenses	Sinking fund installments
Balances due from employees	Dividends payable
Investments	Reserve for contingencies
Deferred charges	Surplus
Total	Total

The income account for 1925 was given in V. 122, p. 2054.

**Outlet Co., Providence, R. I.—Annual Report.—**

*Results for Fiscal Year Ended Jan. 31 1926.*

Gross sales, including sales of leased departments	\$11,217,195
Net sales	\$10,336,990
Cost of sales	7,143,274
Gross profit on sales	\$3,193,716
Gross income from leased departments	144,824
Total gross profit	\$3,338,541
Operating expenses	2,245,352
Net operating profit	\$1,093,189
Other income—less other deductions	60,782
Provision for Federal taxes (estimated)	141,000
Net profit	\$1,012,970
Balance Feb. 1 1925	3,002,020
Adjustment of Federal tax reserve, \$40,000; sundry adjustments, \$4,602	44,602
Total	\$4,059,592
Deduct—Div. on old com. stock of J. Samuels & Bro., Inc., paid June 1 1925	420,000
Dividends on new 1st pref. stock (3½%)	122,500
Dividends on new 2d pref. stock (3%)	15,000
Common stock and surplus Jan. 31 1926	\$3,502,093

—V. 122, p. 2054.

**Pacific Coast Co. (& Subs.)—Annual Report.—**

Period—	Calendar Years—	6 Mos. End.	Year End.	
	1925.	1924.	Dec. 31 '25. June 30 '23.	
Gross earnings	\$5,793,632	\$5,670,372	\$2,679,770	\$6,021,516
Oper. expenses, &c.	5,092,591	4,979,385	2,393,975	5,580,461
Taxes	170,205	163,258	108,506	188,172
Net earnings	\$530,835	\$527,729	\$177,289	\$252,883
Other income	24,635	25,483	9,255	16,908
Total net income	\$555,470	\$553,212	\$186,544	\$269,791
Deduct:				
Interest on bonds	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$250,000
Interest on notes	1,650	4,950	3,300	9,900
Accrued discount	18,481			
General interest (net)		13,322	20,579	50,214
Div. on first preferred—(5%)76,250		(2½)38,125		
Div. on 2d preferred—(1%)40,000				
Balance, surplus	\$169,089	\$246,815	\$37,664	def\$40,323

**Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.**

Assets—	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Property account	18,221,459	20,125,630	1,525,000	1,525,000
Prop. purch. under contract	458,797	974,601	4,000,000	4,000,000
Trust ac't, bal. of steamship pay't.	3,268,296		7,000,000	7,000,000
Cash	488,707	662,680	5,000,000	5,000,000
Bonds & stocks of domestic corps.	20,231	445,629	Serial notes	55,000
Accrued interest	26,349	6,621	Mtge. notes assum., real estate	100,483
Notes receivable	84,158	47,577	Unm. install. prop. pur. und. contr.	464,123
Install. sales contr.	98,431	421,705	Accounts payable	359,790
Acc'ts receivable	967,579	957,608	Net trade bills	8,955
Coal, lumber and mdse. invent'ies	603,350	465,769	Unred'd coupons	1,595
Mine & RR. suppl.	281,413	267,465	Accrued interest	20,833
Other assets	338,178	269,591	Acer. taxes & ins.	122,810
Acc'ts betw. cos.	106	489	Hospital fund	19,034
Total (each side)	24,857,059	24,645,366	Res. for deprec.	3,217,059
			Other reserves	57,017
			Outst'g coup. and div. checks	17,328
			Miscell. accounts	45,872
			Surplus	2,897,155

—V. 121, p. 2284.

**Paige-Detroit Motor Car Co. (& Subs.)—Bal. Sheet.—**

*Mar. 31 '26. Dec. 31 '25.*

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Plant & equip'm't.	6,277,583	6,194,104	7% preferred stock	2,195,800	2,195,800
Cash	876,956	1,359,470	Com. stk. & surp.	9,130,822	9,001,202
Collec., drafts rec.	2,734,721	389,942	Notes payable	2,038,614	28,804
Market sec., cost.	715,996	715,996	Accounts payable	4,981,347	3,066,540
Notes receivable	363,212	292,420	Divs. declared	339,301	342,840
Accts. receivable	1,091,806	659,382	Accrued liabilities, incl. tax res.	916,319	560,622
Sundry receivables	172,403	228,022	6½% serial gold debent. notes	1,000,000	1,000,000
Inventories	7,918,347	5,570,745	Oper. reserves	367,827	152,125
Investments	158,629	161,059			
Def. & prep. chgs.	464,401	577,095			
Prof. stock purch. for redemption.	195,975	190,610			
Total	20,970,029	16,347,842	Total	20,970,029	16,347,842

\* Equity of common stockholders, 676,474 shares of no par value.—V. 122, p. 2666, 2511.

**Pan American Western Petroleum Co. (& Subs.)—**

*Income Account for Quarter Ended March 31 1926.*

Gross earnings	\$5,424,647
Operating expenses	4,062,617
Other expenses, interest, &c.	551,994
Net profit before depreciation and depletion	\$810,036

No account is taken in the above statement of \$2,194,187 appreciation in value on oil placed in storage at cost during this period. Nor is there taken into account appreciation in value on the more than \$13,000,000 worth of oil put into storage prior to the beginning of this year and still carried at cost.—V. 122, p. 2204.

**Pacific Oil Co.—Stock Exchange Ruling—Earnings.—**

The Committee on Securities of the New York Stock Exchange on May 13 ruled that transactions in the capital stock of the company be ex-the distribution of one share of Standard Oil Co. of California (Del.) capital stock. (See below).

Period—	—3 Mos. End. Dec. 31—	—Year Ended Dec. 31—	—Year Ended Dec. 31—	—Year Ended Dec. 31—
	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Gross earnings	\$8,593,425	\$6,439,503	\$32,914,024	\$23,448,932
Oper. expenses & taxes	4,045,354	3,079,422	15,516,127	10,982,489
Operating profit	\$4,548,071	\$3,360,081	\$17,397,898	\$12,466,443
Other income	1,049,148	1,042,397	3,435,670	3,230,978
Gross income	\$5,597,219	\$4,402,478	\$20,833,567	\$15,697,421
Depreciation & depletion	814,788	830,136	3,166,385	3,133,850
Tax reserves	417,478	160,692	1,209,171	669,805

Surplus \$4,364,952 \$3,411,650 \$16,458,012 \$11,893,766  
 a Includes dividends of \$1.75 per share on the stock of the Associated Oil Co.; dividends of \$1.30 a share on stock of Milley-Kock Oil Co.; also \$40 per share paid Dec. 28 1925 on stock of Associated Supply Co.—V. 122, p. 1777, 1621.

**Paragon Refining Co. (& Subs.).—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31, '25.**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$107,160	Preferred stock	\$1,375,300
Accts. rec.—less reserve	294,635	Common stock	8,000,000
Notes & accept. rec.—less res.	7,871	Car trust certificates	300,000
Inventories	1,256,608	Mtge. notes and lease pay	98,175
Other assets	22,336	Notes payable	390,000
Fixed assets	3,703,992	Accounts payable	251,734
Prepaid accounts, &c.	64,988	Accrued accounts	80,658
Goodwill	956,097	Coupon liability	16,271
Deficit	4,102,146	Miscell. reserves	3,796
Total	\$10,515,933	Total	\$10,515,933

The income account was given in V. 122, p. 1777.

**Peer Oil Corp. (& Subs.).—Annual Report.—**

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.
Net sales	\$540,806	\$456,417
Operating expenses	190,942	\$359,678
Depreciation and depletion	—	174,325
Operating profits	\$349,864	loss \$77,586
Other income	20,207	19,293
Total income	\$370,071	loss \$58,293
General and admin. expenses, incl. taxes	134,638	—
Interest	88,634	197,398

Net profit— x\$146,799 loss\$255,691  
 x Before depreciation and depletion. y Includes general and admin. expenses, &c.—V. 121, p. 1355.

**(David) Pender Grocery Co.—Net Sales, &c.—**

Period Ended April 30—	1926—Month—1925.	1926—4 Mos.—1925.
Net sales	\$841,216	\$625,925
	\$3,240,795	\$2,490,547

This company now has 263 stores in its chain covering practically all of North Carolina and Tidewater Virginia. A special booklet has been prepared by Colvin & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, presenting the history, scope and policies of the Pender organization.

The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 87 1/2¢ a share on the class A stock, payable June 1 to holders of record May 14.—V. 122, p. 2205.

**Penn Seaboard Steel Corp.—To Increase Capital.—**

The stockholders will vote May 20 on increasing the authorized capital stock from 3,000,000 shares to 3,500,000 shares, no par value.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Net sales	\$2,061,105	\$2,309,549	\$4,387,771	—
Cost of sales	2,119,327	2,500,115	4,209,103	—
Gross profit	loss \$58,222	loss\$190,566	\$178,668	def\$177,200
Other income	8,003	16,992	20,846	—
Total income	loss \$50,218	loss\$173,574	\$199,514	def\$177,200
Interest	32,194	156,229	232,522	333,248
Idle plant expense	—	—	86,279	214,277
Deficit	\$82,413	\$329,803	\$119,287	\$729,725

—V. 121, p. 2666.

**Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Corp.—Earnings. (Incl. Subs.).**

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Mined tonnage sold (net)	2,521,113	2,396,758	2,503,882	1,416,504
Net sales	\$5,652,013	\$5,959,581	\$8,428,034	\$5,384,826
Selling & shipping exps.	198,614	217,940	217,763	214,203
Cost and expenses	a5,882,055	a6,120,943	a7,392,737	4,533,710
Total colliery earnings	loss\$428,656	loss\$379,302	\$817,533	\$636,913
Miscell. oper. income	70,544	76,475	77,458	38,047
Net coal earnings	loss\$358,112	loss\$302,827	\$894,991	\$674,960
Deprec. & depletion	289,700	292,402	283,217	58,671
Net colliery earnings	loss\$647,812	loss\$595,229	\$611,774	\$616,288
Purchased coal & coke net earnings	—	—	—	27,254
Real estate operations	Cr.15,204	Dr.10,285	Dr.27,438	Dr.45,775
Total oper. income	loss\$632,608	loss\$605,514	\$584,336	\$597,768
Miscell. income, net	x165,075	180,279	239,967	198,656
Total income	def\$467,533	def\$425,235	\$824,303	\$796,424
Amortization of leases	—	—	—	104,514
Federal taxes	—	—	82,599	82,334
Advanced royalties	—	—	—	98,768
Less undiv. earnings of sub. companies, &c.	—	—	—	13,878
Dividends paid (8%)	—	—	690,424	493,560
Balance, surplus	def\$467,533	def\$425,234	\$51,280	\$3,360

a Costs and expenses in 1925, 1924 and 1923 include prepaid royalties. x Including proportionate earnings of subsidiary companies before depreciation.—V. 122, p. 2511.

**Phelps Dodge Corp. (& Subs.).—Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—**

	1925.	1924.		1925.	1924.
<b>Assets—</b>	\$	\$	<b>Liabilities—</b>	\$	\$
Mines & claims	161,405,838	161,411,817	Capital stock	50,000,000	50,000,000
Bldgs. & plants	35,703,669	36,775,471	Deferred stock	1,540,446	1,540,446
Inventories	2,435,728	9,992,111	Accts. payable	7,036,399	16,116,206
Investments	916,790	3,765,236	Divs. payable	500,000	500,000
Merchandise (P. D. M. Co.)	995,453	1,182,638	Depr. & depl. res	86,923,580	78,028,550
Metals & ores on hand	3,989,049	4,024,897	Surplus	77,784,852	80,938,533
Market secur.	3,308,984	—			
Accts. receivable	7,183,842	7,820,706			
Cash	2,003,568	2,150,350			
Stripp'g & prep. expenses	5,842,356	—			
Total	\$216,530	\$227,785,277	Total (ea. side)	\$223,785,277	\$227,123,235

\* \$316,530 outstanding preference stock of Arizona Copper Co., Ltd., to be retired prior to Sept. 30 1926.

A comparative income account was published in V. 122, p. 2054.

**Pet Milk Co. (& Subs.).—Annual Report.—**

Statement of Surplus and Undivided Profits, Year Ended December 31 1925	
Surplus as at Dec. 31 1924	\$986,090
Net profits for year 1925	1,072,013
Total	\$2,058,102
Dividends paid on preferred stock	78,750
Dividends paid on common stock	590,400
Surplus adjustments	Dr143,108

Surplus and undivided profits, Dec. 31 1925—\$1,245,845  
 —V. 122, p. 1465.

**(The) Philip Schuyler (Corp.), Albany, N. Y.—Bonds Offered.—**

Public Service Bankers Corp., New York are offering at 100 and int. to yield 6% for all maturities other than 1929, 1930 and 1931 which are offered to yield 5 3/4% \$575,000 6% 1st mtge. serial gold bond certificates. Principal and interest guaranteed jointly by Maryland Casualty Co., Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Co. and New Jersey Fidelity & Plate Glass Insurance Co.

Dated March 15 1926: due serially March 1929-1941. Red. in reverse order of maturities on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 103 up to 1931, at 102 from 1931 to 1936 and at 101 thereafter and accrued int. Interest payable without deduction for any Federal income tax not in excess of 2%.

Property, &c.—The property is situated in the best residential part of the City of Albany. The land has a frontage of 143.21 ft. on Willett St. and 99.09 ft. on Hudson Ave. The building will be constructed of stone and brick in accordance with plans and specifications designed by W. F. McCullough, Architect. It will be a 6-story and basement fire-proof elevator apartment house of the efficiency type. The land and building has been appraised at \$865,000.

Legal Investments.—On the basis of present values, upon completion of the building, these certificates will be legal for the investment of trustees, estate and guardians in New York State.

Income.—Estimated gross annual rental, \$135,720; estimated operating expenses, taxes, repairs and allowance for vacancies, \$35,440; net annual income, \$100,280.

**Phoenix Iron Co., Phoenixville, Pa.—Bonds Offered.—**

Drexel & Co., Phila., are offering at 98 1/2 and int., to yield about 6 1/8%, \$1,000,000 1st (closed) mtge. sinking fund 6% gold bonds.

Dated May 1 1926: due May 1 1946. Int. payable M. & N. at Pennsylvania Co. for Ins. and Granting Annuities, Phila., trustee. Red., all or part and for the sinking fund, on any int. date on not less than 30 days' notice at a premium of 7 1/4% to and incl. Nov. 1 1931; said premium to be reduced by 1/2 of 1% commencing May 1 1932, with a like additional reduction commencing May 1 of each year thereafter; in each case plus int. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Company will pay int. without deduction for the normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2% per annum and for any Penna. State tax not exceeding \$4 annually per \$1,000 bond.

**Data from Letter of Samuel J. Reeves, President of the Company.**

Company.—Incorp. in 1855. Is among the pioneers in the iron and steel industry in the United States, being the direct successor of a rolling mill built in 1783 on the site now occupied by the company. It is engaged in the manufacture of steel structural shapes and flats, and the manufacture of iron and steel castings for bridge and building construction. Plant is located at Phoenixville, Pa.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used in part to retire unfunded obligations and in part to complete additions and improvements which are expected to effect substantial economies in the cost of manufacture and to increase materially the capacity of the plant.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage will provide for an annual cumulative sinking fund, commencing Sept. 1 1928, calculated to retire all of these bonds by maturity.

**Earnings Applicable to Payment of Interest, After All Expenses, Depreciation and Taxes (Except Federal Taxes), Years Ended Oct. 31.**

1917	\$2,494,046	1920	\$41,900	1923	\$102,074
1918	901,329	1921	def\$38,094	1924	240,974
1919	162,668	1922	def\$90,277	1925	46,880
Earnings, as above, for the 12 months ended March 31 1926—\$169,862					

**Balance Sheet as of April 1 1926 (After Financing).**

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Current assets	\$3,288,679	Current liabilities	\$905,072
Property accounts	*4,107,918	1st mtge. 6s (this issue)	1,000,000
Other assets	314,588	7% preferred stock	800,000
		Common stock	700,000
Total (each side)	\$7,711,185	Surplus	4,306,113

\*Plant and real estate valued Oct. 1 1925 by Day & Zimmermann, Inc., at \$7,649,603 on the basis of reproduction cost less depreciation.—V. 117, p. 216.

**Pickering Lumber Co., Kansas City, Mo.—Bonds Offered.—**

Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Chicago, are offering at par and int., \$7,500,000, 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds, series A.

Dated May 1 1926; due May 1 1946. Interest payable M. & N. at office of Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., in Chicago and New York, without deduction for Federal income taxes not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 c\*. Callable as a whole, but not in part, at any time upon 60 days' notice, at 105 and interest, and for sinking fund purposes the bonds will be callable at any time upon 30 days' notice at 101 and interest. Company agrees to reimburse the holders of these bonds if requested within 60 days after payment for the Pennsylvania 4 mills tax.

**Data from Letter of Pres. W. A. Pickering, Kansas City, Mo., May 3.**

Company.—Incorp. in Delaware. Has acquired all the assets of W. R. Pickering Lumber Co. and those of its subsidiaries, including Standard Lumber Co. of Standard and Sonora, Calif., and all the assets of the Pickering Land & Timber Co., both of which companies were organized by W. R. and W. A. Pickering, the former company in 1894 with less than \$60,000 paid-in capital and the latter in 1905. From the small beginning the constituent companies have consistently grown until now their annual sales exceed \$11,000,000, their business being the manufacture and sale of Southern yellow pine and hardwoods, California white and sugar pine lumber and timber, and the manufacture of doors and sash, and other millwork products. The single ownership will now constitute a self-contained unit from the ownership of raw materials through to the wholesale and retail sales of the products.

The property owned by the company includes 428,426 acres of land, 3,938,409,000 feet of timber, consisting of upwards of 350,000,000 feet of Southern yellow pine and 3,500,000,000 feet of California white and sugar pine; lumber manufacturing plants at Pickering, La., Haslam, Tex., Standard, Calif., Macdoel, Calif., Tuolumne, Calif., with a combined capacity of 1,000,000 feet of lumber per day; a sash and door manufacturing plant at Sonora, Calif., with a capacity of 400,000 doors a year; and 51 retail yards, operated by the company, in the States of Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. It also owns 227 miles of railroad, 900 cars, 33 locomotives, machine shops, terminals, 7 general merchandising stores, 818 dwellings, 16 hotels, also restaurants, hospitals, &c.

Purpose.—Proceeds of these bonds will be used towards the payment of existing timber liens and for additional working capital.

Security.—Secured by a direct first mortgage on unencumbered standing timber having an independently appraised value equal to not less than 100%, and a direct mortgage on additional assets similarly appraised sufficient to make the aggregate security under the mortgage not less than 200% of the principal amount of bonds outstanding under the mortgage. Company covenants to maintain at all times the above ratios and to not encumber the Southern timber now owned otherwise than by subjecting it to the lien of this mortgage. The property aggregating a minimum value of \$15,000,000 now or presently to be subjected to the lien of the mortgage includes over two billion feet of unencumbered standing timber, having a value, as independently appraised, of \$11,345,000.



**Sinking Fund.**—Company will pay into a sinking fund 40% of the appraised value of the timber cut or sold from Southern lands, if any, under the mortgage, and 60% of the appraised value from lands under the mortgage in all other States. Prior to Nov. 1 1929, the funds in such sinking fund may be applied to the payment of interest on bonds secured by the mortgage. After Nov. 1 1929, the funds in said sinking fund shall be used to pay and discharge existing prior liens on property subjected to the lien of the mortgage, for the retirement of bonds secured by the mortgage, and the balance, if any, to pay interest on bonds secured by the mortgage under the restrictions stated in the mortgage; provided, however, that regardless of the funds so accumulated the company covenants to cancel, either by purchase or redemption, on or before Nov. 1 of each of the years, the following principal amount of Series A bonds: 1929-31, \$150,000; 1932-34, \$225,000; 1935-37, \$375,000; 1938-39, \$525,000; 1940-45, \$600,000; and on or before May 1 1946, \$600,000.

**Consolidated Earnings of Constituent Properties for Calendar Years.**

	Earn. before Depl'n. &c.	Depletion & Deprec'n.	Federal Taxes.	Net Avail. for Int.
1925	\$2,321,868	\$1,113,651	\$63,164	\$1,145,053
1924	1,990,470	1,063,543	45,847	881,080
1923	3,083,553	1,223,293	144,482	1,715,779
1922	2,169,421	845,044	74,243	1,250,134
Average	\$2,391,328	\$1,061,383	\$81,934	\$1,248,011

The maximum annual interest on the funded debt to be presently outstanding required \$978,053.  
The above earnings are figured after charging to the cost of production the cost of the timber cut and used and a sufficient charge, based on the available timber supply or on the physical life of the plant, to allow for the return of the capital invested in the mills and plants. Therefore, entirely independent of earnings, large cash funds are accumulated annually. The above statement shows that in addition to the average net earnings of \$1,248,011 available for interest after all charges, there was accumulated an annual average fund of \$1,061,382 available for the payment of bond principal and interest.

**Control and Management.**—All of the capital stock of the company, except directors' qualifying shares, is owned by the same interests who owned the stock of W. R. Pickering Lumber Co. and Pickering Land & Timber Co., and no change is contemplated in the control or in the management.

**Balance Sheet December 31 1925 (After This Financing).**

Assets	Liabilities
Land and timber	
Plants, railroads, yards, equipment, &c.	\$17,718,579
Other real estate and improvements	\$6,188,681
Cash	1,073,334
Liberty bonds and bank stocks	2,559,952
Notes receivable	34,345
Accounts receivable	49,140
Inventories	1,220,310
Supplies	3,814,341
Prepaid insurance, &c.	185,642
Due from officers and stockholders	95,490
Deferred charges	399,366
	435,481
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$33,774,660</b>

Liabilities	Total
Capital stock	\$7,500,000
First mortgage 6s. 1946	7,500,000
Timber purchase 6% contract, due serially to 1933	3,663,388
Real estate 5 1/2% mortgage, 1928	150,000
Notes payable	19,000
Accounts payable	324,051
Accrued interest	95
Accrued taxes, local and Federal	130,337
Surplus arising from revaluation	9,488,269
Undistributed earnings	4,999,521
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$33,774,661</b>

a At March 1 1913 value plus subsequent purchases at cost, except timber under the first mortgage which is included at appraised value.  
b After depreciation of \$3,249,256.—V. 122, p. 2666.

**Pierce Oil Corp.—New Directors—No Action Taken on Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation.**  
O. B. Mitcham and Irvin Untermeyer have been elected directors, succeeding Samuel Untermeyer and S. C. Munoz.  
No action was taken on the proposed amendments to the certificate of incorporation owing to the lack of sufficient proxies at the meeting.—See also V. 122, p. 2511.

**Piggly Wiggly Corp.—To Pay Accumulated Dividends.**  
Pres. C. D. Smith, in a letter to the pref. stock holders, says in part: "On Feb. 16 1925 a dividend of \$16 per share was declared on the pref. stock, covering the period beginning April 1 1923 and ending April 1 1925, and payable to stockholders of record on April 1 1925. The payment of this dividend was enjoined by a decision was recently rendered by the Court of Appeals of Tennessee upholding the declaration of the dividend and since no appeal has been taken and the time for such appeal has expired, the corporation will on May 25 1926 mail checks covering this dividend to the stockholders of record on April 1 1925, unless the stock has been sold and an assignment of these dividends given the purchaser and this assignment filed with the corporation or its transfer agent and registrar, the Bank of Commerce & Tr. Co., Mem., Tenn. on or before May 20 1926."  
The directors have now declared a dividend of \$8 per share on the pref. stock, covering the period beginning April 1 1925 and ending April 1 1926, payable on May 25 1926 to stockholders of record on May 20 1926.—V. 122, p. 1777.

**Pipe Line Statistics.—Total Oil Deliveries (in Barrels).**  
C. H. Pforzheimer & Co., N. Y., specialists in Standard Oil securities, have compiled the following statistics:

Regular and Other Deliveries in Month and 3 Months Ended March 31.	1926—Mar.	1925—Mar.	1924—3 Mos.	1923—3 Mos.
Buckeye Pipe Line	2,359,820	2,731,026	6,996,372	7,957,589
Cumberland Pipe Line	280,444	356,590	791,462	956,801
Eureka Pipe Line	925,069	936,068	2,383,156	2,356,460
Illinois Pipe Line	997,973	1,286,213	2,815,904	2,964,103
Indiana Pipe Line	2,110,181	2,200,487	6,043,421	6,281,433
National Transit	818,814	1,054,435	2,125,046	2,654,710
New York Transit	579,234	551,009	1,813,470	2,084,228
Northern Pipe Line	299,982	235,272	586,501	551,353
Southern Pipe Line	764,284	1,113,159	2,432,976	3,511,610
South West Penn Pipe Line	865,306	836,787	2,423,430	2,203,914

**Pittsburgh Coal Co.—Annual Report.**

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross receipts	\$33,832,177	\$44,025,345	\$63,069,472	\$34,268,650
Profits, after all expenses	\$1,564,604	\$3,885,401	\$11,358,556	\$6,381,676
Depletion coal lands, etc.	434,617	974,527	1,509,847	516,597
Deprec'n plant & equip.	1,069,352	1,831,241	1,792,569	1,358,349
Interest paid & accrued	630,204	746,055	746,978	791,778
Min. int. in subs.	90,365			
<b>Net profits</b>	<b>loss \$1,266,940</b>	<b>\$333,577</b>	<b>\$7,309,162</b>	<b>\$3,714,953</b>
Federal taxes	19,651	787,660	394,608	340,208
Prof. dividends (6%)	2,100,000	2,100,000	2,100,000	2,100,000
Common dividends		(3%) 965,076	(4) 1,286,768	(3 1/2) 1,125,922
Undivided profits—def.	\$3,386,591	def \$3,519,159	\$3,527,786	\$148,823
Earned surplus	14,918,573	19,701,975	23,281,492	29,320,714

**Port Alfred Pulp & Paper Corp.—Pref. Stock Sold.**  
Wood, Gundy & Co., Ltd., Montreal have sold at 99 per share and div. (with bonus of 1-10 share of no par value common stock) \$1,000,000 7% cumul. red. pref. (a. & d.) shares (par \$100).  
Preferred as to capital and dividends. Dividends payable Q-M. Red. all or part on any div. date on 30 days' notice at 110 and div.

**Company.**—Incorp. under the laws of the Province of Quebec. Owns and operates mill properties at Port Alfred, P. Q., now in course of extension to include substantial newsprint production. Company's plant comprises a well balanced and complete sulphite pulp mill, modern in design and equipment, and so constructed as to permit of extensions with minimum expenditure. Properties have been maintained in efficient operating condition. There is now nearing completion, in recently erected concrete buildings, the installation of two newsprint machines and complementary equipment. There is also being installed a fifth sulphite mill digester. Upon completion of the second newsprint machine (in June 1926) the plant will have rated annual production for sale of 67,500 tons newsprint paper and 50,000 tons high-grade sulphite pulp. Construction is under way for the installation of third and fourth newsprint machines, one of which, it is expected, will be ready for operation by Oct. 15 1926, and the other by Dec. 15 1926. With the completed plant in operation, rated annual production for sale will be 135,000 tons newsprint paper and 34,000 tons sulphite pulp.

**Capitalization.**

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st mtg. 6 1/2s. due 1943	\$15,000,000	a \$5,042,250
6% serial notes, due \$120,000 annually, June 1926-1930	600,000	b 600,000
7% cumul. red. pref. shares	6,000,000	c 2,020,000
Common shares (no par value)	60,000 shs.	60,000 shs.

a Including \$1,175,000 bonds issued to finance new construction. A further \$825,000 6% bonds have been issued. b Secured by \$600,000 income debentures, the authorized amount of which is \$3,000,000. c Includes \$1,020,000 preferred shares issued to finance new construction, for which purpose a further \$980,000 has been issued since Dec. 31. Including the \$1,000,000 now being offered, the amount of preferred shares outstanding will be \$4,000,000.  
**Earnings.**—Net earnings of the company for the 12 months ended Dec. 31 1925, after operating expenses, including maintenance and repairs, and after provision for interest on funded debt then outstanding, available for preferred dividends, depreciation and income taxes, were \$479,054, equal to over 3 1/2 times annual dividends on preferred shares then outstanding. After provision for interest on present funded debt, these earnings were equal to over 1 1/2 times annual dividends on the \$4,000,000 preferred shares. During this period, the company manufactured sulphite pulp only and received no revenues from capital expenditures on the extensions.

On completion of the fourth newsprint machine, it is conservatively estimated that the company's annual net earnings, available for preferred dividends and income taxes, will be \$1,348,700, equal to over 6 1/2 times annual dividends on the \$4,000,000 preferred shares. These net earnings are after operating expenses, maintenance and repairs, depreciation, depletion and interest on funded debt to be then outstanding, and, after provision for preferred dividends, will be equal to over \$26 per share on the 60,000 common shares of no par value, subject to income taxes.—V. 122, p. 492.

**(Thomas G.) Plant Co.—Consol. Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.**

	1925.	1924.		1925.	1924.
<b>Assets</b>			<b>Liabilities</b>		
Real estate (net)	\$34,473	\$26,661	First pref. stock (outstanding)	2,299,900	2,288,000
Mach., equip., &c.	644,198	628,928	Cash & receivables	156,500	156,500
Cash & receivables	1,102,937	1,281,243	1st pref. in treas.	2,425,450	2,425,450
Merch'se inventory	2,245,600	2,534,356	2d preferred	x1,000	1,000
Prepaid charges	84,984		Common stock	1,540,305	1,952,996
Sundry assets and treas. stock	333,123	216,546	Notes & accrs. pay. & accrued items	8,277	21,072
Goodwill, pats., &c.	1,271,100	1,272,300	Surplus		
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,431,433</b>	<b>6,845,019</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,431,433</b>	<b>6,845,019</b>

x 100,000 shares of no par value.—V. 121, p. 1919.

**(Charles W.) Poulson & Sons Carpet Co., Inc.**  
The Baltimore Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$600,000 1st mtg. 6 1/2% 15-year bonds dated March 15 1926, due March 15 1941. Company was incorporated March 4 1926 in Delaware for the purpose of manufacture and sale of carpets, rugs, and floor coverings. Capital consists in addition to the above bonds, of \$800,000 1st pref. stock, 12,500 shares no par value class A common stock and 100,000 shares no par value class B common stock.—V. 122, p. 1777.

**Pressed Steel Car Co.—Loses Claim.**  
The U. S. Court of Claims on May 10 rejected the company's claim for \$3,678,000 and decided the company owed the Government \$358,090 for overpayments on a war contract for the U. S. Shipping Board.—V. 122, p. 2512, 1466.

**Price Bros. & Co., Ltd.—Earnings.**

Years Ended Feb.—	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.
Net profit	\$4,263,190	\$3,128,125	\$3,408,966
Interest	786,096	600,000	551,515
Depletion and Depreciation	1,199,604	1,189,364	1,142,013
Cost of rest., Kenogami Mill	482,369		
Preferred dividends (6 1/2%)	455,000		
Common dividends (2%)	853,664	853,664	853,664
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$486,457</b>	<b>\$485,097</b>	<b>\$561,774</b>
Previous surplus	1,573,038	1,568,318	706,544
Refinancing (Dr.)	137,500	480,377	
<b>Profit and loss surplus</b>	<b>\$1,921,995</b>	<b>\$1,573,038</b>	<b>\$1,568,318</b>

—V. 122, p. 2205.  
**Pro-phy-lac-tic Brush Co.—Annual Report.**  
Calendar Years—

	1925.	1924.
Operating profit	\$598,727	\$404,133
Other income	100,806	86,091
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$699,534</b>	<b>\$490,224</b>
Tax insurance, depreciation, &c.	176,123	156,121
<b>Net available for dividends</b>	<b>\$523,411</b>	<b>\$334,103</b>

During 1925 company paid in cash on the pref. and common stock dividend of \$351,123. Regular quarterly dividends of 50 cents per share (\$2 per annum) were paid on the common stock throughout 1925 in addition to extra dividends of \$1 25 per share out of 1925 earnings.—V. 122, p. 1466.

**Prudence Co., Inc.—New Bond Issue.**  
The Central Union Trust Co. of New York has been appointed trustee for an issue of \$15,000,000 guaranteed collateral trust 5 1/2% gold bonds, due May 1 1961.—V. 119, p. 1405.

**Pyrene Manufacturing Co.—Annual Report.**

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Profit for year	x\$318,894	x\$230,413	y\$209,572	123,225
Federal taxes				10,694
Add 1/2 ass't of U. S. taxes in full to Jan. 1 1920				92,240
Dividends paid (10%)	146,316	146,316	146,316	146,316
<b>Balance, surplus</b>	<b>\$172,578</b>	<b>\$84,097</b>	<b>\$63,256</b>	<b>def \$126,205</b>
Profit and loss surplus	1,884,029	\$1,711,451	\$1,647,906	\$1,584,649
x Profit after reserve for U. S. income taxes amounting to \$43,823 in 1925 and \$27,790 in 1924. y Subject to U. S. income taxes (which amounted to \$20,552, as shown in 1924 report).				

**Balance Sheet Dec. 31.**

	1925.	1924.		1925.	1924.
<b>Assets</b>			<b>Liabilities</b>		
Real est. & equip.	\$936,576	\$887,460	Capital stock	\$1,463,160	\$1,463,160
Cash	247,408	194,355	Purchase money mortgages	171,428	228,571
Investments	413,513	413,396	Notes payable	200,000	150,000
Accts. & notes rec.	973,297	824,816	Accounts payable	42,545	82,195
Inventory	470,923	476,664	Deprec'n reserve	167,943	155,711
Pat'ts. trade marks and good-will	1,002,450	1,002,450	U. S. inc. tax res.	43,823	27,790
			Other reserve	71,239	20,264
<b>Tot. (each side)</b>	<b>\$4,044,169</b>	<b>\$3,799,142</b>	<b>Surplus</b>	<b>1,884,029</b>	<b>1,711,451</b>

—V. 120, p. 3201.  
**Quincy Market Cold Storage & Warehouse Co.—Bonds Sold.**—Brown Brothers & Co. and Blake Brothers &

Co., Boston, have sold at 100 and int. \$1,500,000 1st mtge. 20-year 5½% gold bonds (T Wharf Loan).

Dated May 1 1926: due May 1 1946. Int. payable M. & N. without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2% at Brown Brothers & Co., Boston, New York and Phila. Denom. \$1,000 c\*. Beginning May 1 1931 and annually thereafter up to and incl. May 1 1945, there will be retired and cancelled by purchase or call and red. bonds in the principal amount of \$25,000 and 1-2-3% of any bonds issued in excess of \$1,500,000. Red., all or part, for the required annual retirement of bonds on any int. date upon 60 days' notice at 102 and int. Exempt from Mass. income tax. Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, trustee.

Data from Letter of Charles H. Farnsworth, President of the Co.

Company.—Incorp. in 1881. Owns or controls in Boston about 23,000,000 cu. ft. of storage space, of which about 13,000,000 cu. ft. is cooled storage and about 10,000,000 cu. ft. is general storage. Company supplies refrigeration by pipe lines to approximately 1,200 boxes of customers in the market district.

Security.—Bonds will be secured, in the opinion of counsel, by a direct first mortgage on the T Wharf property of the company taxable as real estate, located on Atlantic Ave., Boston, with an assessed value of \$2,261,000, containing about 138,910 sq. ft. of land and a modern sprinklered cold storage warehouse of 2,500,000 cu. ft. capacity, with wharf and railroad siding, a refrigerating plant of 1,000 h.p. capacity and a 10-story office and commercial building. The T Wharf property is suited to operation as an independent unit.

	Authorized.	Outstand'g.
T Wharf Loan (this issue).....	\$2,000,000	\$1,500,000
Quincy Market realty 5s, 1964.....	(closed)	1,529,000
Real estate mortgages.....		550,000
5% cumulative preferred stock.....	1,750,000	1,750,000
Common stock.....	3,500,000	3,500,000

Earnings.—Average annual consolidated net earnings of the company and subsidiaries, after allowing for maintenance and depreciation, available for interest and Federal taxes, for the 7 years ended March 31 1926, amounted to \$531,035, or more than 3½ times average interest paid in that period, and during no year of that period were such annual earnings less than twice the annual interest requirements as they will be on completion of the present financing except for the year ended March 31 1926, when such interest requirements were earned more than 1½ times. That year was the most unfavorable for storage companies in the last 25 years. Prospects for the current year indicate improvement.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be applied, so far as required, to the retirement of the present mortgage on the T Wharf property. The balance of the proceeds the company expects to use toward the cost of construction of a larger power plant on the T Wharf property and for general corporate purposes.—V. 121, p. 850.

**Quissett Mill.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—**

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Real est. & mach. ....	\$2,264,141	\$2,254,500	Common stock.....	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Cash, receivables.....			Preferred stock.....	305,000	305,000
and investments 1,731,471	1,976,133	Accounts payable.....	37,003	40,851	
Inventory.....	849,791	731,655	Reserve for taxes.....	80,181	150,000
			Res'v for deprec'n 1,629,002	1,579,002	
Total (each side) ..	\$4,845,405	\$4,966,288	Profit and loss.....	794,233	891,435

Railway Steel Spring Co.—Stock Exchange Ruling.—The Committee on Securities of the New York Stock Exchange rules that the stock of the company shall not be quoted except the distribution of 2-3 of a share of American Locomotive common stock for each share of Railway Spring common on May 14, and not until further notice, and that all deliveries after May 14 must be accompanied by a due bill. (See also V. 122, p. 1777.)—V. 122, p. 2666.

**Ray Consolidated Copper Co.—50th Quar. Report.—**

The report for the first quarter of 1926 shows:

	Net Lbs. Copper Produced.	Avg. Monthly Production.
First quarter of 1926.....	35,679,157	11,893,052
Fourth quarter of 1925.....	36,050,783	12,016,928

During the quarter a total of 1,553,100 tons of ore, averaging 1.38% copper, was treated at the mills, as compared with a total of 1,561,000 tons, averaging 1.40% copper, concentrated in the preceding quarter. This is equivalent to a daily average of 17,257 tons in the current quarter, as against 16,967 tons per day in the fourth quarter of 1925.

The average mill recovery was 85.80% of the copper contained in the ore milled, corresponding to 23.76 lbs. of copper per ton of ore treated, compared to the recovery of 83.19% and 23.37 lbs. of copper per ton of ore in the previous quarter.

The net cost per pound of copper produced, after crediting gold and silver and miscellaneous earnings, was 10.20c., as compared to a cost of 10.78c. in the quarter ended Dec. 31 1925. These costs include all operating and general charges of every kind, except depreciation and reserve for Federal taxes.

**Financial Statement of Operations.**

	1st Quar '26	4th Quar '25
Operating profit from copper production.....	\$1,255,915	\$1,204,973
Miscell. income, incl. value of precious metals.....	97,988	100,224
Total operating income.....	\$1,353,903	\$1,305,197
Depreciation.....	240,000	209,097
Net income.....	\$1,113,903	\$1,096,101

A distribution to stockholders of 25c. per share, aggregating \$769,295, was made on April 30, to be considered as applicable to the first quarterly period. Signed by Sherwood Aldrich, President, and D. C. Jackling, Director of Operations.—V. 122, p. 2666, 2512.

**Rheinell Union, Germany.—Listing.—**

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$25,000,000 20-year 7% sinking fund mortgage gold bonds (with and without non-detachable stock purchase warrants), dated Jan. 1 1926, due Jan. 1 1946. See also V. 122, p. 623, 895, 2666.

**Richmond Radiator Co., New York.—Annual Report.—**

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.
Net before Federal taxes.....	\$600,535	\$390,580
Profit for year.....	\$525,468	\$341,757
Previous surplus.....	562,680	354,771
Total surplus.....	\$1,088,148	\$696,528
Adj. of divs. pay. in 1925 (V. 121, p. 2764).....	8,517	
Dividends on preferred stock.....		133,848
Profit and loss surplus Dec. 31.....	\$1,079,631	\$562,680

**Balance Sheet December 31.**

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Plant, equip., &c. \$1,391,271	\$1,234,025	Preferred stock.....	\$3,279,937	\$1,529,683	
Pats. & goodwill.....	1,231,204	2,462,410	Common stock.....	2,857,447	
Inv. in & adv. to No. Un. Real. Co. ....	39,340	40,931	Notes payable.....	200,000	
Cash.....	208,283	166,685	Accounts payable.....	196,143	169,101
Accts., notes & r. acc. rec. (less res.).....	871,890	695,606	Dividends payable.....	35,368	135,848
Due from empl. on subs. to pref. stk.....	25,644		Reserve for taxes.....	78,420	51,835
Inventories.....	847,955	860,122	Surplus.....	1,079,630	562,680
Deferred charges.....	53,908	44,815	Total (each side) ..	\$4,669,500	\$5,504,594

a Represented by 47,250 shares of pref. stock and 62,999 shares of common stock, all of no par value.—V. 122, p. 1039.

**Ross Stores, Inc., N. Y.—Sales.—**

Period Ended Apr. 30:	1926—Month—1925.	1926—3 Mos.—1925.
Sales.....	\$541,743	\$492,323
	\$1,397,792	\$1,140,306

The company operates a chain of 17 department stores and plans to open two additional stores within 30 days.—V. 122, p. 1466, 1183.

**Royal Dutch (Petroleum) Co.—Final Dividend.—**

The directors have declared a final dividend for 1925 of 13% on the ordinary shares, making a total for the year of 23%, as compared with 23% in 1924 and 25% in 1923.

Further announcement as to the rate of the dividend and date of payment will be given by the Equitable Trust Co. of New York at a later date.—V. 122, p. 226.

**Safety Car Heating & Lighting Co.—Annual Report.—**

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Net profits.....	x\$2,559,615	\$1,732,806	\$1,954,761	\$1,579,388
Depreciation, &c.....	593,133	611,703	709,530	642,945
Federal taxes.....	200,000	75,000	190,000	137,600
Dividends.....	986,200	788,960	641,030	591,720

Surplus..... \$780,282 \$257,143 \$414,201 \$207,123  
x Of which \$605,099 represents profit on settlement of litigation, &c., and sale of Jersey City plant.

**Consolidated Balance Sheet as of December 31.**

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Real estate, machinery, &c.....	\$9,717,640	\$11,221,476	Capital stock.....	9,862,000	9,862,000
Inventories.....	1,617,719	1,736,290	Accounts payable.....	213,325	251,913
Mtge. receivable.....	300,000		Reserve for taxes & contingencies.....	251,653	243,571
Bills receivable.....	535,900		Surplus.....	4,420,580	5,212,825
Accts. receivable.....	1,124,170	1,110,531			
Securities.....	32,511	26,312			
Cash.....	604,346	920,573			
Time loans & notes receivable.....	1,329,900				
Prepaid items.....	21,270	19,227	Total (each side) ..	14,747,559	15,570,309

x After deducting depreciation of \$5,147,567 and other reserves of \$500,000.—V. 121, p. 2888.

**Salt Creek Consolidated Oil Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.**

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Oil lands & leases.....	\$15,358,809	\$16,109,913	Capital stock.....	12,863,000	12,822,800
Field inv. & equip.....	1,474,702	1,626,056	Notes payable.....		131,895
Cash.....	265,244	207,501	Accts payable.....	146,716	124,968
Notes receivable.....	13,750	23,750	Divs. payable.....	199,240	197,491
Accts. receivable.....	304,178	116,283	Contracts payable.....	243,700	713,086
U.S. Lib. bds. & Stks.....	100,229	97,353	Surplus.....	4,130,359	4,337,764
Deferred assets.....	100,004	181,019	Res. for conting.....	33,871	33,871
Total.....	17,616,917	18,361,876	Total.....	17,616,917	18,361,876

a After deducting \$5,444,996 reserve for depletion. b After deducting \$4,463,153 reserve for depreciation.—V. 120, p. 1214.

**Saskatchewan Creamery & Ice Cream Co., Ltd.—**

See Caulder's Creameries, Ltd., above.—V. 120, p. 2280.

**(B. F.) Schlesinger & Sons, Inc.—Sales.—**

Month of April—	1926.	1925.	Increase.
Sales.....	\$1,110,000	\$897,000	\$213,000

This chain of stores has shown the following monthly increases for 1926 over the corresponding months of 1925: Jan., 3%; Feb., 15%; March, 24%; April, 23.75%.—V. 121, p. 2286

**(Bernard) Schwartz Cigar Co.—Earnings.—**

The company reports net earnings for the three months ended March 31 1926 of \$62,873. This brings profits for the nine months ended March 31 1926 to \$243,502, compared with \$157,846 for the corresponding period last year. The balance sheet as of March 31 1926 shows current assets of \$1,130,206 and current liabilities of \$152,252.—V. 121, p. 3017.

**Seneca Copper Mining Co.—Earnings.—**

Income Account for Quarter Ended March 31 1926.	
Gross and miscellaneous income.....	\$171,637
Operating and administrative expenses.....	201,884
Accrued bond interest.....	24,533
Deficit.....	\$54,780

In first three months of 1926 the first full quarter that the company has worked for some time. No. 1 shaft shipped to mill 29,842 tons of copper rock and No. 2 shaft 28,232 tons. The company is employing 280 men at the mine and shipments to mill are averaging about 1,100 tons a day, or 50% of present capacity. Company produced 1,222,810 pounds of copper in the first quarter, a yield of 21.05 pounds of copper per ton of ore stamped, as during the quarter the mill treated 58,074 tons of copper rock.—V. 122, p. 1927.

**(Isaac) Silver & Brothers Co., Inc.—April Sales.—**

1926—April—1925.	Increase.	1926—4 Mos.—1925.	Increase.
\$406,901	\$382,532	\$1,235,922	\$1,106,248

—V. 122, p. 2055, 1466.

**Silver Dyke Mining Co.—Tenders.—**

The National Shawmut Bank of Boston, trustee, will, until May 20, receive bids for the sale of 1% gold notes, dated June 1 1923, due June 1 1928, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$58,284.—V. 121, p. 2417.

**Simms Petroleum Co.—Earnings.—**

Quar. End. Mar. 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross income.....	\$1,719,740	\$2,598,326	\$1,954,496	\$1,463,379
Expense, and int., &c.....	830,526	636,495	553,605	479,125
Federal tax.....		100,000		
Development expense.....	255,753	409,393	186,001	255,625
Deprec., depletion, &c.....	507,733	427,498	422,703	332,552
Net income.....	\$125,728	\$1,024,940	\$792,187	\$397,077

Commenting on the quarterly report, Edward T. Moore, Pres., said: "Earnings before depletion, depreciation, abandonment and development were \$889,213, or \$130 a share. Net income after all charges amounted to \$126,728, or 18c. a share. These earnings do not include appreciation on unsold inventory oil.

"Net production for the first quarter of 1926 averaged 9,197 barrels daily, which largely represents settled production, compared with 13,750 barrels in the first quarter of 1925, when considerable flush production was obtained in the Wortham field. Development operations in the first quarter in new districts were disappointing, wells completed being for the most part small wells on proven locations. Unsatisfactory conditions in the market for refined products prevailed during the quarter. Production at the present writing is running somewhat better than the average for the first quarter, with prospects of still further increase, and marketing conditions for refined products are greatly improved."—V. 22, p. 1600.

**Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp.—To Call Bonds.—**

The directors on May 12 voted to apply part of this year's current earnings to the redemption of outstanding bonds. As an initial step, the corporation will call for redemption on July 31 1926, at 103 and int., \$2,500,000 of its 1st lien collat. 6% bonds, series "C," with uncanceled stock purchase warrants attached. The corporation will also call for redemption on July 16 1926, at par and int., all bonds of this series now outstanding the appertaining stock purchase warrants to which have been exercised. In addition, the corporation will until further notice purchase at par and int., at its executive offices, 45 Nassau St., N. Y. City any bonds of this series the appertaining stock purchase warrants to which have been exercised.—V. 122, p. 2644.

**Sinclair Pipe Line Co.—Annual Report.—**

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.
Operating revenue.....	\$16,368,786	\$14,017,661
Operating, general and administrative expenses.....	6,130,344	5,731,858
Operating income.....	\$10,238,441	\$8,285,803
Other income.....	199,899	106,683
Total income.....	\$10,438,340	\$8,392,486
Depreciation.....	5,623,385	4,608,624
Interest, discount and Federal taxes.....	1,950,088	1,280,543
Dividends paid.....	1,965,908	
Balance, surplus.....	\$898,959	\$2,503,319
Profit and loss surplus.....	7,598,235	6,678,815



Balance Sheet December 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Real estate, lines, equip., &c.	76,129,479	Capital stock	28,084,400
Specific funds	756,966	20-yr. 5% s.f.g. bds.	23,503,000
Cash	838,119	Depr. & amort. res.	22,329,753
Acc'ts. receivable	1,412,704	Insurance reserve	497,135
Inventories	3,255,678	Other reserves	445,637
Deferred charges	1,654,986	Deferred credits	2,844
		Notes payable	5,600,000
		Accounts payable	407,193
		Acct. int., tax, &c.	1,119,729
		Earned surplus	7,598,235
Tot. (each side)	\$4,047,933		\$4,306,733

—V. 120, p. 3326.

Skelly Oil Co.—Earnings.

Quar. End. March 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gross earnings	\$5,420,584	\$4,205,709	\$4,085,457	\$5,378,348
Exp., gen. taxes, &c.	2,776,586	2,148,693	1,659,432	2,872,213
Interest and discount	162,656	256,266	221,891	163,516
Depletion & depreciation	1,183,050	1,050,616	1,300,222	Not given

Net inc. bef. Fed. taxes \$1,298,292 \$750,134 \$903,912 \$2,342,619  
 Commenting on the report, Pres. William G. Skelly said: "While the report is very satisfactory much larger earnings are indicated during the second quarter. Refined prices are higher and the trend is decidedly upward. There is a more active demand for gasoline and other refined products than is customary at this season of the year. The industry as a whole is in excellent condition; in fact, it is more stabilized than at any time in the past six years."

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
x Prop., plant & equipment	53,516,757	Capital stock	23,083,990
Inv. & adv. to affil. companies	597,896	Stock sub. cos. not held	197,928
Other investments	1,223	Depr. & depl. res.	22,206,705
Adv. for leases, &c.	640,166	1st mtg. bonds	2,195,000
Specific funds	50,596	Conv. gold notes	4,275,500
Empl. stk. subscr.	188,532	Pur. mon. oblig.	244,131
Adv. off. & empl.	100,620	Oblig. pay. in oil	1,197,946
Cash	1,467,515	Bills & acct. pay.	2,384,751
yBills & acct. rec.	1,628,621	Acct. int., tax, &c.	429,220
zBonds & securs.	1,350,000	Unad. credits & sundry earns. in suspense	17,046
Inventories	3,502,102	Surplus	5,858,130
Deferred charges	394,849		2,536,751
Total	\$63,438,877	Total	\$63,438,877

x Leaseholds, oil and gas producing property, pipe lines, tank cars, refineries, casinghead plants, service stations, &c. y Notes, acceptances and accounts receivable, less reserve. z U. S. Government securities and Federal Land Bank bonds at par.—V. 122, p. 1927.

Southern Dairies, Inc.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 20,000 additional shares of Class A common stock without par value, and 10,000 additional shares of Class B stock without par value, making the total amounts applied for 130,000 shares Class A stock and 235,000 shares Class B stock. The 20,000 shares of Class A stock were authorized to be issued for cash and the sale thereof has been contracted for. As part consideration for the sale option has been given purchaser of Class A stock to purchase 10,000 shares of Class B stock for cash on or before Oct. 1 1926. The issue and sale of the shares of Class A and Class B stock were authorized by the directors April 27 1926. Cash acquired from proceeds of sale of 20,000 shares of Class A stock and 10,000 shares of Class B stock will be used to provide additional working capital for the company.

Statement of Earnings, Years Ended Dec. 31 (Co. and Sub. Cos.).

	1925.	1924.	1923.
Gallons ice cream	4,227,425	3,627,180	3,661,495
Net sales	\$8,256,841	\$6,353,348	\$5,975,430
Total income	\$1,414,322	\$658,441	\$488,643
Depreciation	317,751	253,480	173,964
Interest paid	193,512	57,210	57,143
Federal tax	(est.) 360,000	21,674	41,724

Net earnings \$843,059 \$326,076 \$215,811  
 \* Earnings amounting to \$164,938 included in 1925 due to profit at Palm Beach Creamery Co. prior to consolidation.—V. 122, p. 2667, 2056.

Southern Phosphate Corporation.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross profit	\$38,521	\$207,013	\$141,776	\$147,330
Gen. & admin. expenses	52,689	47,931	61,843	55,768
Net earnings	loss \$14,167	\$159,082	\$79,933	\$91,562
Other income	15,250	9,591	7,451	48,542
Total income	\$1,083	\$168,673	\$87,384	\$140,105
Int., cap. stock tax, &c.	44,478	20,964	29,365	19,593
Shutdown expense	19,253	25,113	29,733	38,475
Deprec., deplet., obsol. & surplus adjust.	193,900	204,799	195,147	198,966
Balance, deficit	\$256,548	\$82,203	\$166,861	\$116,930

—V. 120, p. 1892.

Southern Pipe Line Co.—Capital Distribution of \$40 per Share Authorized.

The directors have authorized the payment of \$40 per share from the capital stock reduction account, and checks will be mailed with the new certificates having a par value of \$50 per share, which, it is expected, will be ready for mailing on or about June 25 1926. The transfer books of the new issue will not be open until Aug. 2 1926.

No transfer of stock having a par value of \$100 per share will be made after June 1 and no further dividends will be paid on such stock. The stockholders on May 5 voted to reduce the capital stock from \$10,000,000 to \$5,000,000 and to change the par value of the shares of stock from \$100 to \$50 per share. See V. 122, p. 2667.

(A. G.) Spalding & Bros.—Report for Quar. End. Mar. 31.

(Subject to Adjustment at Close of Fiscal Year.)				
	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Sales, net on discount, returns & allowances	4,365,362	4,170,840	4,328,502	4,809,673
Mfg. cost of sales	2,721,018	2,685,921	2,806,143	3,122,560
Adm., adv. & sell. exp.	1,471,944	1,260,288	1,305,060	1,128,441
Deprec., plant & equip.	132,158	141,118	119,869	109,169
Royalties	14,110	475	720	11,302
Net operating profit	26,131	83,037	96,709	438,202
Other income	58,758	41,729	32,663	39,964
Total income	84,889	124,767	129,372	478,166
Less interest paid	42,967	20,174	42,539	27,973
Reserve for Fed'l taxes	6,000	14,000	9,800	65,000
Net pofit for quarter	35,922	90,593	77,033	385,193
Unapprop. surp. Dec. 31	2,790,838	2,628,217	2,422,146	1,894,210
Total	2,826,760	2,718,810	2,499,179	2,279,403
Dividends paid:				
General (com.) stock	118,778	119,544	93,834	70,693
1st pref. 7% stock	74,944	76,508	78,364	81,395
2d pref. 8% stock	19,990	20,000	20,000	20,000
Prov. for sinking fund, 1st pref. stock	37,500	37,500	37,500	37,500
Balance of unapprop. surplus March 3	2,575,549	2,465,258	2,269,482	2,069,815

—V. 122, p. 1779.

(C. G.) Spring & Bumper Co.—10% Stock Dividend, &c.

Pres. Christian G. May writes: "In addition to the 10c. per share regular and 5c. per share extra quarterly cash dividend on the common stock, as declared by the directors on April 16 (V. 122, p. 2542), it was decided by the directors at a special meeting held to-day (May 4) to distribute a greater proportion of the earnings to the stockholders. A stock dividend payable over the coming year of one share for every 10 shares of common now outstanding was declared. This is equivalent to a 10% stock dividend and is payable as follows: Beginning May 8, 2-10 of one share for every 10 shares; on the quarterly dividend due Aug. 15, 3-10 of one share for every 10 shares; on the quarterly dividend due Nov. 15, 2-10 of one share for every 10 shares; and on the quarterly dividend due Feb. 15 1927, 3-10 of one share for every 10 shares of common stock outstanding.

"Sales for the first 8 months of the fiscal year beginning Sept. 1 1925 amounted to approximately \$3,000,000, compared to \$2,350,000 for the first 8 months of the previous fiscal year. Earnings are on the same improved basis as sales, in spite of the fact that selling prices are much lower. The above maintenance of increased earnings are the result of much lowered costs. Orders on the books and prospects for the balance of the fiscal year would indicate total earnings per share for the year equal to if not greater than last year.

"It is the policy of the board of directors to distribute to the stockholders a larger percentage of the earnings than heretofore. This is made possible by the improved financial condition as a result of steady earnings for the past 4½ years."—V. 122, p. 2667.

Standard Milling Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$5,341,200 6% non-cumulative preferred stock (par \$100), which have been issued in lieu of an equal amount of 5% non-cumulative preferred stock of the same class, with authority to add \$1,146,800 6% non-cumulative preferred stock upon official notice of issuance in exchange for an equal amount of said 5% non-cumulative preferred stock, now in the hands of the public, making the total amount applied for \$6,488,000. See also V. 122, p. 2667.

Standard Oil Co. (California)—Consolidation With Pacific Oil Co. Completed.

President K. R. Kingsbury, May 12, says: "The consolidation of this company and the Pacific Oil Co. has been completed, and the consolidated corporation, the Standard Oil Co. of California, is now distributing its stock to stockholders of Standard Oil Co. (California), upon receipt from the latter of the old company certificates. Dividend number one of Standard Oil Co. of California has been declared (V. 122, p. 2668), payable to its stockholders of record May 22 1926. Stockholders of the old company who do not deposit their certificates and obtain certificates of the new company can receive no dividends until this is done. The old company will pay no further dividends, as its assets have all been transferred to the new company.

Stockholders who have not deposited their stock are again requested to turn in their old company certificates at once to the Equitable Trust Co. of New York, at New York or Chicago, or to Anglo-California Trust Co., San Francisco, and receive their stock in Standard Oil Co. of California."—V. 122, p. 2183.

Standard Oil Co. of California (Del.)—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 13,016,434 shares of capital stock without par value (auth. 15,000,000 shares), upon official notice of issuance to the stockholders of Standard Oil Co. of California of permanent certificates for 9,516,434 shares, and upon official notice of issuance to the stockholders of Pacific Oil Co. (Del.) of permanent certificates for 3,500,000 shares.

Company was organized in Delaware Jan. 27 1926 in perpetuity to acquire all of the properties, business and good will (except non-transferable assets to be operated for the benefit of the company) of the Standard Oil Co. (Calif.), including stock on hand and ownership in subsidiary corporations, and to acquire all of the lands and oil producing properties and leases owned by the Pacific Oil Co. (Del.), also certain contracts for the purchase and sale of petroleum and petroleum products, together with a one-third interest in the Associated Pipe Line Co. (being the total holding by the Pacific Oil Co.). This company assumes all of the liabilities of Standard Oil Co. (Calif.) but has not assumed the liabilities of Pacific Oil Co. existing as of Dec. 31 '25. At a special meeting held Mar. 26 1926, the board of directors authorized the issuance of 13,016,434 shares of capital stock without nominal or par value. In payment for the above properties, the company is issuing 9,516,434 fully paid shares of its capital stock to the stockholders of Standard Oil Co. (Calif.) of record Mar. 29 1926, being an issue share for share of their stock of that corporation then outstanding, and is issuing 3,500,000 shares of its fully paid capital stock to the Pacific Oil Co. for distribution to its stockholders of record Mar. 29 1926, share for share for the stock then outstanding of said Pacific Oil Co.

The delivery of the 9,516,434 shares of the company's capital stock to the stockholders of Standard Oil Co. (Calif.) under the terms of a permit of the Corporation Commissioner of the State of California, is made conditional upon the surrender for cancellation of the certificates of capital stock of the California corporation and certificates of the corporation will be delivered only as, when and in the amounts that the stock of said California corporation is surrendered for such cancellation.

By virtue of the ownership by Standard Oil Co. (Calif.) of 414,000 shares of the capital stock of the Pacific Oil Co., which become an asset of this company, 414,000 shares of this company's stock distributable to stockholders of Pacific Oil Co. will remain unissued or treasury stock (as the directors may elect) of this corporation.

Earnings of Properties Consolidated (Standard Oil Co. (Calif.) and Properties Acquired from Pacific Oil Co.)

	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings	\$63,645,006	\$55,931,026	\$47,517,206	\$54,629,986
Deprec'n and depletion	16,475,293	16,634,591	15,050,581	15,947,581
Income and profits tax	3,540,418	3,689,806	1,147,116	1,709,304
Net profit	\$43,629,295	\$35,606,629	\$31,319,509	\$36,973,055

Consolidated Balance Sheet as of Jan. 1 1926.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Properties, plant & equip.	\$429,334,272	Capital stock	\$315,060,850
Cash	14,827,199	aNotes payable	20,933,334
Marketable securities	15,742,161	Accounts payable	8,596,484
Accounts receivable	16,895,755	Income tax liability	2,365,000
Inventories—Oil	68,639,858	Other current liabilities	743,025
Materials and supplies	7,978,189	Deferred credits	366,635
Other current assets	160,232	General insurance reserve	10,000,000
Prepaid charges	1,520,665	Res. for employees' benefits	2,000,000
Inv. in non-affil. companies	5,546,780	Reserve for contingencies	1,750,000
Inv. in affiliated companies	4,624,347	Other reserves	b6,177,395
Special trust funds	1,085,000	Surplus (incl. earned surplus predecessor co. of \$28,614,820 18)	199,079,492
Deferred charges	717,666		
Total	\$567,072,114	Total liabilities	\$567,072,114

a Entire outstanding 5% gold notes to be retired Aug. 1 1926 with premium and interest. b Div. Standard Oil Co. (Calif.) stock March 15 1926 \$4,758,217; equivalent obligation to Pacific Oil Co. pursuant to contract, \$1,419,178. c 12,602,434 shares to be distributed May 10 1926. d After deducting \$127,765,632 depreciation.—V. 122, p. 2668.

Standard Oil Co. (Ind.)—Answers Monopoly Charges Brought by Attorney-General of Missouri—Denies Illegal Acts.

Emphatic denial that the company at any time violated the anti-trust or any other laws of the State of Missouri, or ever entered into agreement with several companies to restrain trade or establish a monopoly in the petroleum industry, is made in an answer filed with the Supreme Court of Missouri in answer to the proceedings instituted by the Attorney-General of Missouri to have the company ousted from the State.

The information filed by State Attorney-General North T. Gentry, alleges that the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, the Texas Co., the White Eagle Oil & Refining Co. and the Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky "had entered into agreements that were in violation of the anti-trust laws of the State of Missouri since June 28 1913."

The case dates back to March 1909, when the Supreme Court of Missouri rendered a judgment ousting the companies from Missouri on the ground they had established a monopoly in that State. The writ of ouster was suspended in 1913, and the companies were authorized to continue business on condition that they observe the anti-trust and other laws of the State.

In Sept. 1924 the charge was again made that the companies had violated the anti-trust laws. A year later, a commissioner was appointed to take

evidence in the case, but this was never done owing to a change in Attorney-Generals in Missouri. After Attorney-General Gentry was appointed, the Supreme Court dismissed the 1924 case and Mr. Gentry brought the present action in the nature of a quo warrant proceeding.

In declaring that no monopoly or restraint of trade existed in Missouri, the company declares:

While in 1913 the company had practically no competition in the State of Missouri, it now has more than 900 competitors actually competing with it in that State. Competition has increased in Missouri, and, in fact, in the entire country, to an extent never equalled in any other industry in the nation. Among these competitors are the Texas Co., the Sinclair Consolidated Oil Co., the National Refining Co., the White Eagle Oil & Refining Co. and many other concerns with large financial resources. In view of this competition, while the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana is selling more petroleum products in Missouri than it did in 1913, the percentage of its business has decreased and the percentage of its competitors' business during that period has increased constantly.

The agreements of which the Attorney-General complains were made for the purpose of settling litigation pending and threatened over patented processes based upon a discovery by the company of what is known as the "Burton Cracking Process." This makes it possible to obtain double the amount of motor fuel from a barrel of crude oil than was possible without the process.

After the company had established the process in its own refineries in 1913 and 1914, a shortage of motor fuel became imminent because of the increased demand brought on by the development of the automobile and all types of internal combustion engines. The company, although it had the sole right to use of the process, realize that the shortage of motor fuel would become serious and decided upon a policy of permitting other refiners to employ it for a reasonable royalty. By the carrying out of this decision, the company opened up and made competition possible. It voluntarily enlarged the trade opportunities of its competitors, instead of reserving all the benefits of its patents exclusively to itself, which it could lawfully have done. It has contributed to the constancy and sufficiency of the motor fuel supply through the channels of trade, thus preventing a shortage of motor fuel, not only in Missouri but also in the entire United States.—V. 122, p. 2205, 2668.

**Standard Oil Co. of Nebraska.—Extra Div. of 2%.**—The directors on May 13 declared an extra dividend of 2% in addition to the usual semi-annual dividend of 5%, both payable June 21 to holders of record May 24. These are the first dividends on the new capital stock, par \$25, which was recently issued in exchange for the old \$100 par value stock on a four for one basis. On May 6 the company paid a 50% stock dividend on the old capitalization, and in Dec. 1925 an extra cash dividend of 10% in addition to the regular semi-annual cash dividend of 5%. (For record of dividends paid on the old capital stock, see V. 121, p. 2287.)—V. 122, p. 2205.

**Standard Oil Co. of New York.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.**

1925.		1924.	
\$		\$	
<b>Assets—</b>			
Real est., mach. and vessels.....	317,432,886	139,065,498	
Inv. in oth. cos.....	2,772,401	132,992,528	
Inventories.....	148,990,600	100,338,500	
Cash.....	23,918,787	6,031,763	
Accts. & notes receivable.....	37,505,635	24,482,414	
U. S. Govt. sec's			
Deferred assets.....	2,340,552	3,300,911	
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>532,960,861</b>	<b>406,211,604</b>	
<b>Liabilities—</b>			
Capital stock.....	286,481,600	227,535,300	
7% ser. gold deb			
6 1/2% gold deb.	20,000,000	20,000,000	
4 1/2% gold deb.	15,000,000		
Deferred credits	2,170,993	2,176,954	
Accts. payable.....	32,284,949	23,858,078	
Reserves.....	10,695,925	11,329,025	
Taxes payable.....	7,364,492	4,991,051	
Surplus.....	158,963,802	116,321,195	
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>532,960,861</b>	<b>406,211,604</b>	

A comparative income account was published in V. 122, p. 2668.

**Standard Screw Co.—Annual Report.**

1925.		1924.		1923.		1922.	
Calendar Years—							
Net profit after deprec. ....	\$357,937	\$115,630	\$434,504	\$236,465			
Prof. div. "A" (6%) .....	49,548	49,548	49,548	49,548			
Common dividend. (11 1/4%) ..	684,250	(12)714,000	(12)714,000	(20)700,000			
Balance, surplus.....	def\$375,861	def\$647,918	def\$329,044	def\$513,083			
Previous surplus.....	3,054,815	3,420,791	3,749,835	6,712,918			
Res. returned to surplus.....		281,941					
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,678,954</b>	<b>\$3,054,815</b>	<b>\$3,420,791</b>	<b>\$6,199,835</b>			
Stock dividend.....				(70)2450,000			
<b>Profit &amp; loss, surplus.....</b>	<b>\$2,678,954</b>	<b>\$3,054,815</b>	<b>\$3,420,791</b>	<b>\$3,749,835</b>			

**Balance Sheet December 31.**

1925.		1924.	
\$		\$	
<b>Assets—</b>			
Plant & equipm't.....	4,729,271	4,565,283	
Govt. bonds, etc., securities.....	3,479,107	4,025,624	
Inventories.....	927,994	1,235,967	
Accts. receivable.....	710,967	537,258	
Cash.....	351,148	548,134	
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>10,198,487</b>	<b>10,912,267</b>	
<b>Liabilities—</b>			
Preferred stock.....	\$25,800	\$25,800	
Common stock.....	5,950,000	5,950,000	
Accts. payable.....	180,360	110,863	
Dividends payable.....	173,524	203,274	
Res. for taxes.....	150,250	67,515	
Res. rehab. & contingencies.....	239,599	700,000	
Surplus.....	2,678,954	3,054,815	
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>10,198,487</b>	<b>10,912,267</b>	

x After deducting depreciation of \$3,328,968.—V. 120, p. 1758.

**Standard Textile Products Co. (Including Mobile Cotton Mills).—Annual Report.**

1925.		1924.		1923.		1922.	
Calendar Years—							
Net sales.....	\$22,401,467	\$19,916,615	\$23,134,984	\$17,423,381			
Cost of sales.....	20,325,065	17,883,735	20,332,392	14,759,624			
Admin. & general exp.....	516,768	522,052	530,115	797,382			
Operating income.....	\$1,559,633	\$1,510,829	\$2,272,477	\$1,866,375			
Other income.....	79,195	73,916	75,233	26,887			
Gross income.....	\$1,638,828	\$1,584,745	\$2,347,710	\$1,893,262			
Interest.....	660,450	677,761	682,559	645,056			
Depreciation.....	272,744	264,033	381,080	318,532			
Federal taxes.....			78,000				
Preferred dividends.....		315,000	629,970	565,461			
Balance, surplus.....	x\$705,633	\$327,950	\$576,101	\$364,212			
x Previous surplus, \$3,104,190; balance for year 1925, \$705,634; total, \$3,809,824; less good-will charged off, \$790,660; additional depreciation, \$300,000; surplus Dec. 31 1925, \$2,719,164.—V. 122, p. 103.							

**Superior Oil Corp.—Annual Report.**

1925.		1924.		1923.		1922.	
Calendar Years—							
Gross income.....	\$1,293,317	\$1,375,799	\$1,359,146	\$1,869,398			
Operating expenses, &c.....	627,737	334,218	548,163	684,371			
Abandoned leases & unproven acreage written off.....	226,640		213,111	194,371			
Gen. & admin. expenses.....	192,978	215,296	213,111	1,935,530			
Depletion.....	478,404	606,688	813,996	606,477			
Depreciation.....	503,419	569,628	475,739				
Net loss.....	\$737,862	\$350,032	\$691,863	\$754,352			
<b>Results for Quarter Ended March 31.</b>							
3 Mos. End. Mar. 31—	1925.	1924.	1924.	1923.			
Gross income.....	\$255,688	\$356,388	\$361,103	\$513,640			
Expenses, &c.....	231,270	227,373	189,988	185,894			
Depreciation.....	102,956	132,256	96,806	123,997			
Depletion.....	104,261	120,636	160,679	231,911			
Deficit.....	\$182,798	\$123,877	\$86,370	\$28,162			

**Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.**

1925.		1924.		1925.		1924.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
<b>Assets—</b>				<b>Liabilities—</b>			
Leaseholds, plant & equipment.....	4,787,547	5,247,856		Capital stock.....	98,308,215	8,257,815	
Organization exp.....		103,295		Funded debt.....	690,200	714,200	
Bond disc. & exp.....	43,414	56,249		Notes payable.....	100,000		
Cash.....	192,190	458,599		Accts. payable.....	42,993	130,278	
Bills receivable.....	4,750	476		Accr. tax., int., &c	53,486	49,246	
Accts. rec., less res	94,831	143,072					
Bills & accts. rec. (sec.).....	433,798	330,756					
Inventories.....	527,782	538,205					
Transp. rev. rec.....	2,130	872					
Deferred items.....	21,118	26,081					
Deficit.....	3,087,336	2,246,178		Total (each side).....	9,194,896	9,151,540	

x Producing properties, \$6,923,361, less res. for depreciation, \$5,242,055; physical property, well, tank, car and pipe line equipment, \$5,322,127; less depreciation, \$3,054,777; refinery property at cost, \$337,766; undeveloped acreage, \$548,686; land in fee, \$4,840,619; total foregoings, \$4,840,619; less balance due on purchase of certain properties payable as oil is recovered, \$53,072. y 102,238 shares of no par value.—V. 122, p. 1040.

**Stover Manufacturing & Engine Co.—Annual Report.**

1925.		1924.		1923.		1922.	
Calendar Years—							
x Gross profit on sales.....	\$422,908	\$318,048	\$322,724	\$352,468			
Other income.....			26,926	25,673			
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$422,908</b>	<b>\$318,048</b>	<b>\$349,650</b>	<b>\$378,141</b>			
Selling, gen. &c., exp.....	261,570	265,926	313,295	311,118			
Interest charges.....	4,600	17,655					
Est. Fed. income tax.....	22,099						
Net profit for year.....	\$134,639	\$34,466	\$36,355	\$67,023			
Tot. P. & L. sur. Dec. 31	\$1,120,337	\$1,151,286	\$1,189,030	\$1,228,749			
x After deducting all manufacturing expenses, maintenance, depreciation (of \$96,565 in 1925 and \$94,997 in 1924), property taxes, &c.—V. 120, p. 1893.							

**Tennessee Copper & Chemical Corp.—Consol. Report.**

(Including Tennessee Copper Co., Southern Agricultural Chemical Corp. and Southern Agricultural Tank Line.)

1925.		1924.		1923.		1922.	
Calendar Years—							
Sales.....	\$8,242,700	\$6,431,558	\$5,947,651	\$3,948,886			
Miscellaneous income.....	443,732	327,515	347,052	398,109			
Gross income.....	\$8,686,523	\$6,759,073	\$6,294,703	\$4,346,995			
Operating expenses.....	7,169,355	5,979,687	4,931,007	3,414,705			
Miscellaneous expenses.....	303,802	237,424	234,456	225,243			
Botanical.....	63,789	42,860	53,315	60,865			
Depreciation.....	339,328	385,752	298,780	308,761			
Dividends.....	402,349	203,873	607,946				
Balance, surplus.....	\$417,900	def\$90,523	\$169,198	\$337,421			
Total profit & loss, surp.	\$1,919,425	\$1,470,536	\$1,561,058	\$1,505,277			

The company recently acquired the plant and good will of the Calumet Fertilizer Co. located at New Albany, Ind. This is a modern plant, formerly owned by a subsidiary of Wilson & Co., packers. A new corporation, the Calumet Fertilizer Corp., has been formed to operate the plant as a subsidiary of the Tennessee company.—V. 121, p. 2171.

**Texas & Pacific Coal & Oil Co.—Earnings.**

1925.		1924.		1923.		1922.	
Calendar Years—							
3 Months Ended March 31—							
Gross income.....	\$1,729,575	\$1,313,799	\$1,491,058	\$1,491,058			
Expenses.....	1,029,680	823,448	891,250				
Operating profit.....	\$700,078	\$490,351	\$599,808				
Other income.....	120,790	44,190	29,880				
Total income.....	\$820,867	\$534,541	\$629,688				
Deductions.....	46,345	41,415	48,014				
Net income before deprec. & deple.	\$774,522	\$493,126	\$581,674				

—V. 122, p. 2206, 2513.

**Tide Water Oil Co.—Subsidiary Constructs New Distribution Plant in New Jersey.**

The Tide Water Oil Sales Corp., a subsidiary, announces the completion of a new distribution plant at Woodbury, near Camden, N. J., in anticipation of expanding business in this territory. Last week the company announced the opening of a new district office in Minneapolis to serve the Northwest.

The Woodbury plant consists of a warehouse, one storage tank for lubricating oil, two tanks for gasoline, a garage and office buildings.

**Increased Export Sales of Tide Water Branded Products.**

Gains ranging from 10 to 25% for various lines of its branded products were reported by the Tide Water Oil Co. which this week released figures revealing how its 1925 export business had increased over 1924. The company's export sales for 1925 were between \$8,000,000 and \$9,000,000. These figures do not, of course, include export sales of Associated Oil Co., which with Tide Water was recently consolidated into the \$240,000,000 Tide Water Associated Oil Co. The announcement further states:

"Sales of Veedol, Tide Water's branded motor oil, increased approximately 25% compared with 1924; industrial oils gained the same figure, while sales of gasoline and refined oil were approximately 10% larger. This export business has been wholly built up since 1918. Prior to that year exports consisted of unbranded bulk products, sold on a competitive basis. Tide Water now has 61 distributors in the foreign field, reaching the most remote parts of the world. There is a Tide Water distributor in Iceland and another in Punta Arenas, at the southern tip of the Argentine. There are eight distributing points in Australia and New Zealand, six in the South Sea Islands, and a number in Africa."—V. 122, p. 2668.

**Trumbull Steel Co.—Quarterly Report.**

**Income Account for Quarter Ended March 31 1926.**

Profit from oper. after deducting all mfg., selling & gen. exp.	\$1,053,770
Other income (net).....	26,417
<b>Total profit.....</b>	<b>\$1,080,187</b>
Depreciation on plant and equipment.....	210,000
Interest expense, including amortization of bond discount.....	316,667
<b>Net profit.....</b>	<b>\$553,520</b>
Amount earned on com. stock, per share, 1st quarter 1926.....	\$ 659
Book value of com. stock, per share, March 31 1926.....	\$32,63
Times preferred dividend earned, 1st quarter 1926.....	3.163

**Comparative Balance Sheet.**

Mar. 31 '26.		Dec. 31 '25.		Mar. 31 '26.		Dec. 31 '25.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
<b>Assets—</b>				<b>Liabilities—</b>			
Permanent assets.....	34,965,943	35,079,749		7% cum. pref. stk.	9,998,700	9,998,700	
Cash.....	1,903,808	606,595		Com. stk. & surp.	18,731,303	18,177,782	
U. S. Govt. sec. & accrued interest	1,010,937	1,001,583					



**Underwood Typewriter Co.—Earnings.—**

3 Mos. End. Mar. 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net earnings	\$966,366	\$1,121,643	\$810,497	\$814,691
Other net income	103,472	94,831	95,452	95,934

Depreciation	\$1,069,839	\$1,216,475	\$905,949	\$910,625
Reserve for Federal tax	135,000	144,000	64,020	68,236

Net profits—\$870,260 1925. \$1,011,842 1924. x\$841,929 1923. x\$842,389 1922.  
 x Subject to deduction for Federal income tax.  
 The directors have declared two regular quarterly dividends of \$1 each on the common and two regular quarterly dividends of 1 1/4% each on the preferred stock, payable July 1 and Oct. 1 to holders of record June 5 and Sept. 4, respectively. Compare V. 122, p. 1185.

**United Alloy Steel Corp. (& Subs.).—Annual Report.—**

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Manufacturing profits	\$6,077,177	\$2,629,061	\$5,365,421	\$4,334,557
Income—stks., bds., &c.	85,197	94,642	97,593	50,138
Miscellaneous	194,385	360,614	430,094	57,877
Interest earned	-----	-----	-----	93,227

Total profits	\$6,356,761	\$3,084,317	\$5,893,109	\$5,035,799
Taxes (not incl. Federal)	\$362,573	\$363,819	\$395,641	\$241,641
Interest paid	63,286	150,651	235,469	90,602
Miscellaneous	226,942	261,294	346,453	425,831
Depreciation	1,624,973	1,494,299	1,493,179	1,276,117
Prov. for est. Fed. taxes	500,000	100,413	350,000	-----
Operating contingencies	350,000	-----	-----	-----
Employees' insurance	100,000	-----	-----	-----

Net profit	\$3,128,985	\$713,840	\$3,072,366	\$3,001,607
Prev. surplus (capital)	27,500,195	27,417,355	26,755,989	25,205,382
Total surplus	\$30,629,180	\$28,131,195	\$9,848,355	\$28,206,989
Preferred dividends	231,000	231,000	231,000	231,000
Common dividends	400,000	400,000	2,200,000	1,200,000
Per share	(50 cts.)	(50 cts.)	(\$2 3/4)	(\$1 1/2)

Total capital surplus \$29,998,181 1925. \$27,500,195 1924. \$27,417,355 1923. \$26,775,989 1922.  
 —V. 122, p. 2513.

**United Cigar Stores Co. of America.—Declares a 2% Cash and a 1 1/4% Stock Dividend on Common Stock.—**  
 The directors have declared a cash dividend of 2%, and a stock dividend of 1 1/4% on the common stock, both payable June 30 to holders of record June 10. Like amounts were paid on the common stock in each of the eight previous quarters.

In addition the directors announced the election of Charles F. Noyes as a member of the board. Mr. Noyes is President of the Denison Realty Corp., and a director of several other important real estate firms of New York.—V. 122, p. 2669.

**United Fruit Co., Boston.—New No Par Value Stock Put on a \$4 Annual Dividend Basis.—**The directors on May 11 declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the outstanding 2,500,000 shares of capital stock, no par value, payable July 1 to holders of record June 5. This is equivalent to \$2 50 per sh. on the old 1,000,000 shares of stock, par \$100, which were outstanding prior to the split up on a 2 1/2 for 1 basis. The company on April 1 last paid an extra dividend of \$2 per share on the old capitalization in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$2 50 per share.—V. 122, p. 2206, 2070.

**United States Gypsum Co.—Extra Dividend of \$1.—**The directors on May 12 declared an extra dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, par \$20, in addition to the regular quarterly dividends of 1 1/4% on the preferred stock and 40 cents per share on the common stock. The extra dividend is payable May 31 to holders of record May 22, and the usual quarterly dividends are payable June 30 to holders of record June 15.

Extra distributions made on the common stock in 1925 were as follows: June, \$1 in cash; Sept., \$1 in cash, and Dec. 31, \$2 in cash and 15% in stock; no extras were paid in March 1925 or 1926.—V. 122, p. 1780.

**U. S. Industrial Alcohol.—Annual Report.—**

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Net earnings	\$2,687,057	\$3,903,571	\$3,892,923	\$1,686,643
Bond interest (sub. cos.)	-----	-----	1,531	3,779
Interest on notes, &c.	140,119	110,115	188,852	250,790
Reserved for Fed'l taxes	379,686	492,432	448,418	-----
Loss on sale of bonds	-----	-----	-----	-----

Dividends—	-----	-----	-----	-----
Pf. U. S. Ind. A. Co. (7%)	420,000	420,000	420,000	420,000
Pf. Cuba Dis. Co. (7%)	128,562	128,562	128,562	128,562
Balance, surplus	\$1,618,689	\$2,752,462	\$2,705,560	\$883,511
Profit and loss surplus	x17,590,870	16,600,509	13,848,047	11,142,487
x After deducting claims paid for Boston tank accident occurring in 1919.	-----	-----	-----	-----

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Properties owned	45,372,437	44,899,389	24,000,000	24,000,000
Cash	990,428	1,825,192	6,000,000	6,000,000
Acc'ts & bills rec.	2,883,774	3,485,361	-----	-----
Merchandise, ma-	-----	-----	-----	-----
terials & supplies	5,512,926	3,655,563	1,836,600	1,836,600
Prepaid ins. taxes, &c.	631,510	429,849	961,502	1,103,030
	-----	-----	500,000	-----
	-----	-----	3,852,700	4,061,181
	-----	-----	379,686	492,432
	-----	-----	105,000	105,000
	-----	-----	164,718	96,602
	-----	-----	17,590,870	16,600,509
Total (each side)	55,391,077	54,295,356	-----	-----

—V. 120, p. 1758.

**U. S. Realty & Improvement Co.—Annual Report.—**

Years Ended Apr. 30—	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.	1922-23.
Income from investm'ts:	-----	-----	-----	-----
Real est. net oper. inc.	2,268,731	2,435,491	2,486,449	2,491,242
Less interest on mort-	-----	-----	-----	-----
gages thereon:	561,417	639,275	601,146	611,321
Net from said invest.	1,707,315	1,796,216	1,885,302	1,879,921
Other investments	2,124,397	1,767,989	1,190,148	711,374
Bldg., contract profit	2,146,111	1,552,774	1,305,053	1,239,634
Real estate profits	a482,799	a139,825	110,811	416,060
Miscellaneous	180,517	-----	-----	355,407

Total income	6,641,139	5,256,804	4,491,315	4,602,395
Deductions—	-----	-----	-----	-----
Gen. & corp. exp., Fed. tax res., deprec., &c.	d1,219,200	b1,032,716	{1,019,232	897,288
Int. on debent. bonds.	-----	-----	{106,513	369,416
Int. on pref. stock sub-	-----	-----	-----	-----
scriptions & expenses.	-----	-----	-----	192,216
Preferred dividends	2,823	270,961	707,122	-----
Common dividends	e2,347,738	(8)1,144,982	(10)1616,280	(3)484,884
Balance, surplus	3,071,378	2,808,145	1,042,167	2,658,591

a Incl. profit on sale of securities. b General & corp. expenses, incl. int. on 5% debenture bonds and provision for all Federal and State taxes and

deprec. on bldgs. and equip. therein. c On common stock—2% on June 15 1925, 2% Sept. 15 1925 and 2 1/4% Dec. 15 1925. On no par common stock, \$1 per share March 15 1926. In addition to the cash divs. paid, the co. distributed out of surplus on July 1 1925 a stock div. of 10% amounting to \$2,414,800. d Not incl. int. on debentures in year 1925-26. e Incl. U. S. Realty & Imp. Co., Geo. A. Fuller Co. and Trinity Bldgs. Corp. of N. Y. y Incl. companies under x and Plaza Operating Co. z Incl. companies under x and y and Geo. A. Fuller Co., Ltd., of Canada, Plaza Annex Corp. and Lawyers Bldg. Corp., Boston.—V. 122, p. 1040, 896.

**United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Co. (& Subs.).—Annual Report for Calendar Years.—**

Net earnings	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.
Other income	x\$7,989,995	x\$6,902,806	y\$4,726,864	y\$5,112,584
Total income	\$7,989,995	\$6,902,806	\$4,726,864	\$5,112,584
Interest on funded debt	801,382	730,393	-----	626,330
Deprec. & reserve funds	2,785,665	2,572,466	1,711,483	1,610,447
Federal taxes & reserves	x	x	337,291	617,291
Additional reserves	1,500,000	1,800,000	500,000	1,600,000
Prof. dividends (7%)	1,702,234	1,702,225	1,702,225	1,702,225
Common dividends	1,097,234	-----	-----	-----

Balance, surplus—\$103,488 1925. \$97,721 1924. \$475,865 1923. \$208,993 1922.  
 Profit and loss—\$17,421,005 1925. \$17,317,516 1924. \$17,219,795 1923. \$16,743,930 1922.  
 x Net earnings after charging cost of production, selling exp., res. for Federal taxes, &c. y Before Federal taxes.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Property investm't account	x58,972,454	59,367,683	Common stock	y17,555,887	17,555,887
Options and other deferred charges	1,860,736	1,574,543	Preferred stock	x24,317,775	24,317,775
Inventories	12,438,111	12,772,781	Cap. stock of sub. cos. not held	1,842,300	2,114,058
Stocks and bonds	1,429,167	2,667,699	10-yr. 5 1/4% g. notes	8,000,000	-----
Notes receivable & loans	116,419	271,522	10-year 6% notes	8,001,500	12,000,000
Accts. receivable	2,368,370	2,572,610	Bonds of sub. cos.	121,400	140,400
Cash	7,715,909	1,769,122	Notes payable	-----	1,500,000
	-----	-----	Accts. payable, &c.	1,890,575	1,675,821
	-----	-----	Drafts in transit	849,868	429,324
	-----	-----	Reserve for taxes, interest, &c.	1,883,834	1,701,817
	-----	-----	Dividends declared	732,781	425,556
	-----	-----	Res'v for contin.	2,284,241	1,817,803
	-----	-----	Profit & loss acct.	17,421,004	17,317,517
Total (each side)	84,901,170	80,995,958			

x Property and investment account as at Dec. 31 1924, \$79,695,717; less adjustments of \$4,924,658; balance, \$74,771,058; additions during year, \$4,240,516; total, \$79,011,574; deduct reserves for depreciation, depletion and amortization, \$20,039,120; capital assets at net book values, \$58,972,454. y Including \$137 scrip. z Including \$275 scrip.—V. 122, p. 104.

**United States Steel Corp.—Unfilled Orders.—** See under "Indications of Business Activity" on a preceding page.—V. 122, p. 2514, 2484.

**Universal Chain Theatres Corp.—Earnings.—** The company reports for 16 weeks ended April 3 1926 net earnings of \$246,945 after charges but before Federal taxes.—V. 122, p. 2669, 896.

**Universal Pipe & Radiator Co.—Annual Report.—**

Calendar Years—	1925.	1924.
Total earnings	\$873,400	\$1,333,447
Provision for int., taxes, deprec. & depletion, &c.	617,468	607,077
Dividends paid on preferred stock	457,317	349,326
Balance surplus	def\$201,386	\$377,044
x After deducting cost of operation, incl. repairs and maint. and upkeep expen. of sales and general offices.	-----	-----

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1925.	1924.	Liabilities—	1925.	1924.
Patents & good-will	6,169,694	6,144,195	7% cum. pref. stk.	6,763,914	6,394,081
Land, bldgs., plants, equip. & mineral rights	8,437,037	5,576,327	Common stock	x10,311,577	5,087,393
Def. charges	258,196	295,071	Bonds & mtges. of subsidiaries	2,642,900	2,251,000
Miscell. invest.	14,901	134,451	Accts. & bills pay.	321,797	2,571,890
Cash with trustee of sinking fund	1,360	934	Res. for accy. int. taxes & conting.	-----	218,639
Inventories	2,411,765	3,240,138	&c.	-----	360,851
Accts. receivable	1,414,140	-----	Profit & loss, sur.	119,941	377,044
Bills receivable	48,202	1,336,519			
Cash	1,623,470	314,534	Total (each side)	20,378,769	17,042,169

a Represented by 291,817 no par shares and scrip.—V. 122, p. 104.

**Utah Copper Co.—72d Quarterly Report.—**

The report covering the first quarter of 1926 shows:

Production—	Net Lbs. Copper Produced	Average Monthly Production
1926—Quarter ended March 31	53,472,436	17,824,125
1925—Quarter ended Dec. 31	53,446,623	17,815,541

During the quarter the Arthur Plant treated 1,441,500 dry tons of ore and the Magna Plant 1,669,600 dry tons, a total for both plants of 3,111,100. The average grade of ore treated at the mills was 1.01% copper, and the average mill recovery of copper in the form of concentrates was 88.72% of that contained in the ore, as compared with .99% copper and 88.24% recovery, respectively, for the previous quarter.

The average cost per pound of net copper produced, including depreciation of plant and equipment and all fixed and general expenses, and after crediting gold, silver and miscellaneous earnings, was 8.9 cents, as compared with 8.6 cents for the preceding quarter, computed on the same basis.

**Financial Results of the Company's Operations.**

Net profit from copper production	1st Quar. '26.	4th Quar. '25.
Miscellaneous income, incl. gold and silver	\$2,519,419	\$2,812,490
Bingham & Garfield Ry. dividend	583,014	651,737
Nevada Consolidated Copper Co. dividend	75,000	75,000
Total income	3,433,558	\$3,789,352
Depreciation	303,701	311,648
Surplus	\$3,129,858	\$3,477,703

A quarterly distribution to stockholders of \$1 25 per share was made on March 31 and amounted to \$2,030,612. The total capping removed during the quarter was 1,924,875 cubic yards, as compared with 1,969,900 cubic yards for the previous quarter. The ore delivery department transported a total of 3,304,542 tons of ore, being an average of 36,717 tons per diem, as compared with 3,338,864 tons total and 36,292 tons daily average, respectively, for the previous quarter. The Bingham & Garfield Ry. transported a total of 400,963 tons of commercial freight, or an average of 4,455 tons per diem.—V. 122, p. 2645, 2070.

**Ward Food Products Corp.—Dissolution.—** The Department of Justice has received a certified copy of the order of the State Tax Commission of Maryland, under date of April 23, dissolving the Ward Food Products Corp. See also V. 122, p. 2070, 1780.

**Victor Talking Machine Co.—Annual Report.—**

Earnings for Calendar Year 1925.

Result from the year's operations	\$931,358
Previous surplus	5,008,724
Appreciation on investments	1,344,374
Total surplus	\$7,284,456
Dividends paid	697,847
Extraordinary amounts written off	x5,390,865
Provision for depreciation	1,072,746
Credit balance Dec. 31 1925	\$122,999
x Incidental to the disposal of old type instruments and records, also un-	
applied factory overhead due to decreased output during transition period.	

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

1925.		1924.		1925.		1924.	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Plants, mach., &c.	13,533,486	14,037,865	Preferred stock	6,900	6,900		
Pat. & ter'y rts.	1	1	Common stock	34,886,300	34,886,300		
Matrics	1	1	Accounts payable	1,997,301			
Investments	6,520,684	5,101,724	Payable on call on shs. of affil. cos.	3,092,767	5,652,625		
Trust funds (cash & investments)	167,110	167,110	Surplus	122,999	5,008,724		
Deferred charges	355,075	479,098					
Inventory	7,890,896	13,495,117					
Notes & acc'ts rec.	4,741,173	5,538,519					
Marketable secur.	3,203,315	4,711,355					
Cash	3,694,527	2,023,761					
			Total (each side)	40,106,268	45,554,550		

a Includes the remaining amount payable on call on subscription to capital stock of the Gramophone Co., Ltd. (£637,500 converted at the prevailing rate of exchange as of Dec. 31, also includes provision for income taxes.

The company announces that the month just closed was the largest April in its history in total volume of business. The announcement further states: Not only was it a record-breaking April but it is also the biggest month thus far in 1926, despite the fact that in former years what was considered the seasonal slackening of sales began at about this season. Heavy orders are distributed throughout the United States. Goods being delivered on these heavy orders are going to the buying public rather than to surplus stocks in warehouses of jobbers and dealers. So steady have been the demands for the new instruments introduced by the company last Fall that neither jobbers nor dealers have been able to accumulate stocks.—V. 122, p. 625.

Wanner Malleable Castings Co.—Report.—

The company reports a loss for the year ended Dec. 31 1925 before depreciation, interest, amortization of deferred charges and obsolescence, of \$98,697, which included drop in value of inventory and work in progress. Total net loss for the year 1925 after all charges was \$163,859.—V. 122, p. 1469.

Wells Fargo & Co.—\$2 Liquidating Dividend.—

The directors have authorized a cash dividend of \$2 per share in liquidation out of capital assets, payable June 1 to holders of record May 25. On June 10 1925, the company paid a cash dividend of \$8 per share in liquidation and a dividend of 1-30 of a share of American Railway Express Co. stock of \$100 par value, for each share of Wells Fargo stock. V. 121, p. 215.

Weston Electrical Instrument Corp.—Annual Report.—

Results For Year Ended December 31 1925.	
Earnings after deducting cost to manufacture, repairs, depreciation, selling and administrative expenses	\$791,037
Other deductions, less other income	56,242
Federal income tax	87,864
Net profit for year	\$646,931
Capital and surplus Jan. 1 1925	\$2,044,391
Additional 50,000 shares common stock issue	750,000
Total	\$3,441,322
Dividends paid on Class "A" stock	201,000
Extraordinary charges, net (not applicable to current operations)	98,290

Balance, represented by 100,000 shares of Class "A" and 150,000 shares of common	
	\$3,142,031

Income Account for Quarter Ended March 31 1926.	
Net after depreciation and expenses	\$245,561
Other income	2,055

Total income	\$247,616
Federal taxes	32,257
Class A dividends	50,000
Surplus	\$165,359
Capital and surplus March 31 1926	3,307,390

—V. 122, p. 1469.

White Eagle Oil & Refining Co.—Sales.—

Period End, April 30—	1926—Month—	1925.	1926—4 Mos.—	1925.
Sales through own stations (no. of gallons)	6,461,000	6,019,000	22,374,000	20,585,000
Tank car shipments (no. of cars)	1,466	1,273	4,677	4,394

—V. 122, p. 2344.

Wickwire Spencer Steel Co. (& Subs.).—Annual Report.

Results for Year Ended Dec. 31 1925.	
Profit from oper. after deduction for sell., adm. & gen. exps.	\$1,873,118
Other income	92,171
Total income	\$1,965,290
Other deductions	408,877
Interest on funded debt	1,474,523
Depreciation	430,079
Loss for year	\$348,189

Consolidated Balance Sheet December 31.					
1925.		1924.			
Assets—		Liabilities—			
Cash	272,280	1,542,668	Cap. stk. & surp.	68,508,062	9,891,589
Acc'ts & notes rec.	2,364,593	2,106,415	Acc'ts pay. & ac- cruals	1,647,008	1,434,547
Inventories	7,555,517	7,275,098	Mtgs. payable	23,000	23,000
U. S. Govt. secur.	46,962	46,962	Deferred liability	1,500,000	1,500,000
Inv. in mining cos.	1,074,697	1,057,698	7% bds. W. S. S. Co.	10,844,500	10,673,000
Misc. rec. & invs.	98,177	117,521	7% bds. W. S. S. Corp.	1,834,500	2,006,000
Plant account, less depreciation	21,693,328	22,437,968	10-yr. 7 1/2% notes	1,520,000	1,641,500
Deferred charges	429,412	484,727	1st 7s. A. W. F. Corp.	1,350,000	1,450,000
			5-yr. 7% Cl. "A" notes	2,515,000	2,515,000
			5-yr. 6% Cl. "B" notes	3,639,340	3,639,420
			Res., contin., &c.	106,597	295,000
Total	33,488,008	35,069,056	Total	33,488,008	35,069,056

a For purchase of Goddard works of Spencer Wire Co. b Applicable to 958,750 shares of common stock of no par value.—V. 122, p. 2514.

Willys-Overland Co.—Earnings—Outlook—New Director.—

At the annual meeting Pres. John N. Willys said: General conditions warrant great confidence in the automobile industry in general and greater confidence in the future of the company. Earnings for the first four months, after all charges except Federal taxes, were in excess of \$3,250,000, or an equivalent of the entire year's dividend requirements on the 7% preferred stock and a balance of 78 cents a share upon the 2,527,000 shares of common stock. Of this total March contributed \$1,233,826 and April over \$2,000,000.

Based on current sales, production and unfilled orders, May is certain to show a still further increase, with an estimated net of \$2,500,000. By the end of May Willys-Overland will have earned all interest and dividend charges and a balance of over \$1 75 a share on the common stock. There is every reason to expect that the second quarter will result in record-breaking net earnings for the company, exceeding the previous record, \$7,284,115, of the second quarter of 1925.

Willys-Knight sales and production are making new records every day. Production has no v reached the record-breaking figure of 550 Willys-Knight cars daily, which is about double the best Willys-Knight production last year. Willys-Knight sales for the current quarter alone will exceed 30,000 cars, or 60% of the total 52,000 Willys-Knight sales for the entire year of 1925, which was, up to that time, a record. The company will cash in handsomely this year on its faith in the intrinsic value of the Knight engine. The Overland six-cylinder production has shown an increase every month this year and sales for May will be the largest in the history of the company.

Prior to last year the company was handicapped on account of having only four-cylinder motor cars. In Jan. 1925 a program providing for the

complete modernization of its product and of its manufacturing facilities was determined upon, which, on account of its scope, necessarily involved an extended period to complete. The completion of this gigantic program, which it was thought would require at least two years, will be seen before the end of this quarter. While carrying out this program we have successfully maintained manufacturing operations and this represents an achievement which we believe has never been equaled in the industry.

Now we stand in the enviable position of having Willys-Knight production capacity doubled as compared with last year and a total capacity for all models 50% higher than last year. Along with the increased capacity we have made improvements in manufacturing that have resulted in greatly reduced costs. This complete revamping of the entire line of cars has at times caused temporary breaks in production, which is the reason for a somewhat erratic earning power. With the completion of this program the production curve is straightening out, extraordinary engineering and development expenses have ceased, and earnings are being stabilized at a higher level.

Results for First Quarter— 1926. 1925.  
Net profits after all charges, but before Fed. taxes— \$1,233,826 \$3,171,466  
The decline in earnings in Jan. and Feb. of the first quarter was caused by the gap in production incident to the discontinuance of two models and the time necessary to bring into production the new Willys-Knight six-cylinder model 70, now the biggest selling model which we produce.

Sales in all the chief centres continue highly satisfactory. The New York branch alone reports April sales of over 2,000 cars, of which more than 1,100 were Willys-Knights. The company continues to maintain its strong financial condition. It is entirely free from bank debt, and its cash balance is approximately \$10,000,000. The July 15 sinking fund requirements on the 6 1/2% bond issue, amounting to \$1,000,000, have already been purchased and paid for.

L. A. Miller has been elected a director to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Joseph P. Cotton.—V. 122, p. 2184, 764.

Wright Aeronautical Corp.—Earnings.—

Quar. End, Mar. 31—	1926.	1925.	1924.
Net earn. after taxes	\$200,081	\$157,638	\$65,179

—V. 122, p. 1801.

Yellow Taxi Corp. (& Subs.).—Annual Report.—

Calendar Year—		1925.		1924.	
Earnings for year		\$330,420	\$619,988		

The company recently sold the entire capital stock of the Yellow Cab Co. of Phila., including real estate holdings in Phila. to the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co. for \$3,000,000 payable on or before July 1, next in cash.

Consolidated Balance Sheet, Dec. 31.					
1925.		1924.			
Assets—		Liabilities—			
Property account	\$5,352,657	\$5,463,805	Capital stock	\$5,527,582	\$5,194,978
Cash	150,578	118,576	1st m. on property	407,500	112,500
Investments	57,817	4,510	1st mtge. 6 1/2%	356,000	374,500
Acc'ts & notes rec.	155,109	95,001	Equipment notes	987,115	511,030
Emp'ees' stk. clubs	202,185	172,785	Notes payable	35,000	433,627
Accrued interest	6,669	6,669	Accounts payable	465,119	443,627
Inventories	494,790	351,321	Accrued liabilities	200,378	322,579
Due on inst. policies	68,771	68,771	Unclaimed wages	17,715	12,674
Deposits for bonds	21,378	21,464	Acer. bond & int.	21,378	21,464
Sec. for indem. bds	437,761	302,529	Def'd income	3,657	1,677
Claim against ins. company	207,279	-----	Res. for personal injury, &c.	217,704	178,270
Prepaid rents, ins., taxes, &c.	381,251	257,681			
Goodwill, leases, & organiz. exp. &c.	478,342	490,456			
Deferred expenses	51,728	-----			
			Total (each side)	\$7,939,152	\$7,405,299

a Paid in value, \$4,328,118; surplus, \$1,199,465; represented by 389,400 shares of common stock without par value, in hands of the public.

Sale of Philadelphia Co. See Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co. under "Public Utilities" above.—V. 122, p. 2076, 1191.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Paine, Webber & Co. are distributing an insurance stock bulletin containing an analysis of the Travelers Insurance Co., which shows the growth in capital, assets, reserves and income, together with the dividend record from 1901 to 1925.

—Carroll H. Little and Roger B. Wooten, formerly associated with I. B. Tigrett & Co., bankers, announce the formation of a partnership for the purpose of conducting a general municipal bond business under the firm name of Little, Wooten & Co., with offices at Jackson, Tenn.

—The Seaboard National Bank of the City of New York has been appointed Trustee under Indenture dated April 1 1926 securing \$1,000,000 First (Closed) Mortgage 6 1/2% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds of Rochester Button Company.

—The First National Corp. of Boston, 100 Broadway, New York, has prepared for distribution its May investment list, presenting a widely diversified selection of securities.

—Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co. has been appointed trustee of an authorized issue of \$2,500,000 par value collateral trust notes of the Electric Finance Corporation.

—Otis & Company have prepared for distribution an analytical table showing the comparative positions of the common stocks of fourteen iron and steel companies.

—A. A. Housman-Gwathmey & Co. announce the opening of a Chicago office in the Illinois Merchants Bank Building with Frank M. Murphy as manager.

—Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery, accountants and auditors, announce the opening of an office in the Industrial Bldg., 1060 Broad St., Newark, N. J., under the management of R. B. Tomlins.

—True, Webber & Co., Chicago, announce that Edwin W. Flumey, formerly with the Lake State Bank, has become associated with them in their wholesale department.

—Thompson Ross & Co., Inc., Chicago, announce that Ralph R. Johnson, formerly with the Rogers Park National Bank, has become associated with them in their Sales Department.

—Herbert C. Heller & Co., Inc., 60 Wall Street, New York, dealers in Tax Exempt Securities, have moved their offices to larger quarters on the eighth floor.

—Stone & Webster, Inc., have just issued a 16-page booklet containing complete and comprehensive financial and statistical information regarding Engineers Public Service Co. and subsidiary companies.

—Holman, Watson & Rapp, members Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Land Title Building, Philadelphia, announce that Frederick Carles has become associated with them.

—Grace Securities Corp., Richmond, Va., have opened an investment department to conduct a general investment business under the management of John C. Hogen.

—Cecil P. Young, formerly with Post & Flagg, has resumed business for his own account and will have an office with Coombe, Kerr & Pratt, 100 Broadway, New York, where he will conduct a general bond brokerage business.

—An analysis of the Hudson & Manhattan Railroad Co. is contained in the fortnightly comment issued for free distribution by the New York Stock Exchange firm of Fenner & Beane.



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### THE NEW YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO THE STOCKHOLDERS—FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEC. 31 1925.

To the Stockholders of

The New York Central Railroad Company:

The Board of Directors herewith submits its report for the year ended December 31 1925, with statements showing the income account and the financial condition of the company.

#### THE YEAR'S BUSINESS.

During 1925 the company moved 111,223,698 tons of revenue freight, an increase over 1924 of 5,871,922 tons. Revenue passengers carried were 69,169,940, an increase over 1924 of 52,234. There was no congestion upon the company's lines during the year and traffic was moved expeditiously. The company's power and equipment were at all times adequate to handle the business offered.

#### INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR.

Including the Boston and Albany Railroad and the Ohio Central Lines.

	Year Ended Dec. 31 1925. 6,930.60 miles operated.	Year Ended Dec. 31 1924. 6,920.19 miles operated.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-). +10.41 miles
<b>Operating Income—</b>			
Railway operations:			
Railway operating revenues	385,994,504 80	369,606,930 30	+16,387,574 50
Railway operating expenses	290,440,958 36	279,970,163 07	+10,470,795 29
Net revenue from railway operations	95,553,546 44	89,636,767 23	+5,916,669 21
Percentage of expenses to revenues	(75.24)	(75.75)	—(0.51)
Railway tax accruals	25,343,923 06	23,289,539 96	+2,054,383 10
Uncollectible railway revenues	217,275 70	179,340 19	+37,935 51
Railway operating income	69,992,347 68	66,167,887 08	+3,824,460 60
Equipment rents, net debit	5,079,852 17	4,602,563 79	+477,288 38
Joint facility rents, net credit	3,008,054 29	3,069,751 04	—61,696 75
Net railway operating income	67,920,549 80	64,635,074 33	+3,285,475 47
Miscellaneous Operations—			
Revenues	973,831 25	1,133,610 80	—159,779 55
Expenses and taxes	883,456 30	970,598 42	—87,142 12
Miscellaneous operating income	90,374 95	163,012 38	—72,637 43
Total operating income	68,010,924 75	64,798,086 71	+3,212,838 04
<b>Non-Operating Income—</b>			
Income from lease of road	116,288 84	107,058 93	+9,229 91
Miscellaneous rent income	2,704,564 40	2,494,913 91	+209,650 49
Miscellaneous non-operating physical property	550,109 64	863,946 53	—313,836 89
Separately operated properties—profit	1,148,287 87	1,297,992 66	—149,704 79
Dividend income	15,318,324 68	14,388,778 33	+929,546 35
Income from funded securities and accounts	3,215,800 83	3,073,666 85	+142,133 98
Income from unfunded securities and accounts	2,137,074 43	1,648,527 33	+488,547 10
Income from sinking and other reserve funds	130,599 21	127,312 22	+3,286 99
Miscellaneous income	98,045 40	121,020 09	—22,974 69
Total non-operating income	25,419,095 30	24,123,216 85	+1,295,878 45
Gross income	93,430,020 05	88,921,303 56	+4,508,716 49
<b>Deductions from Gross Income—</b>			
Rent for leased roads	14,079,484 88	13,027,600 30	+1,051,884 58
Miscellaneous rents	886,011 84	978,209 44	—92,197 60
Miscellaneous tax accruals	202,302 93	306,560 43	—104,257 50
Separately operated properties—loss	14,701 21	14,979 27	—278 06
Interest on funded debt	28,684,284 15	34,191,311 47	—5,507,027 32
Interest on unfunded debt	142,209 50	223,687 00	—81,477 50
Amortization of discount on funded debt	550,075 45	656,764 34	—106,688 89
Maintenance of investment organization	5,471 58	5,315 65	+155 93
Miscellaneous income charges	238,254 94	269,475 74	—31,220 80
Total deductions from gross income	44,802,796 48	49,670,903 64	—4,868,107 16
Net income	48,627,223 57	39,250,399 92	+9,376,823 65
<b>Disposition of Net Income—</b>			
Dividends declared (7% each year)	26,732,833 39	20,728,835 39	+6,003,998 00
Sinking and other reserve funds	125,465 17	122,103 53	+3,361 64
Investment in physical property	652 47	-----	+652 47
Total appropriations of income	26,858,951 03	20,850,938 92	+6,008,012 11
Surplus for the year carried to profit and loss	21,768,272 54	18,399,461 00	+3,368,811 54

#### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Balance to credit of profit and loss, December 31 1924	\$138,313,447 33
<b>Additions:</b>	
Surplus for the year 1925	\$21,768,272 54
Profit on property sold	66,479 72
Sundry adjustments (net), unrefundable overcharges and uncollectible bills	821,664 99
	22,656,417 25
	\$160,969,864 58

<b>Deductions:</b>	
Surplus appropriated for investment in physical property	\$157,594 04
Depreciation prior to July 1 1907 on equipment retired during year	884,476 26
Loss on property retired	739,090 24
Debt discount extinguished through surplus	1,411,755 24
	3,192,915 78

Balance to credit of profit and loss, December 31 1925—\$157,776,948 80

#### NET INCOME BEFORE DIVIDENDS AND OTHER APPROPRIATIONS.

The net income of the company was \$48,627,223 57, an increase of \$9,376,823 65, and amounted to 12.69% upon the capital stock outstanding at the end of the year.

#### DIVIDENDS.

Date Declared.	Date Payable.	Rate Per Cent.	Amount.
March 11 1925	May 1 1925	1 3/4	\$6,611,982 91
June 10 1925	August 1 1925	1 3/4	6,706,948 41
September 9 1925	November 2 1925	1 3/4	6,706,950 16
December 9 1925	February 1 1926	1 3/4	6,706,951 91
Total		7	\$26,732,833 39

#### SURPLUS.

After charges for dividends aggregating \$26,732,833 39 and other appropriations amounting to \$126,117 64, there remained a surplus for the year of \$21,768,272 54, which was carried to the credit of profit and loss. At the end of the year the total corporate surplus was \$159,892,920 66.

#### PROPERTY INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS.

The changes in the property investment accounts for the year, as shown in detail in this [pamphlet] report, were:

Road, increase	\$12,226,472 11
Equipment, increase	8,111,331 17
Miscellaneous physical property, decrease	1,922,991 11
Improvements on leased railway property, increase	4,798,172 49
a net total increase of	\$23,212,984 66

#### INCREASE OF CAPITAL STOCK.

The capital stock of the company in the hands of the public on December 31 1924 was \$304,836,835. This amount was increased during 1925 to the extent of \$78,421,400 by the issue of 762,400 shares, at 105, in exchange for \$76,241,500 of its 20-year 6% convertible debentures of 1915 and \$3,810,500 in cash, and by the issue and sale of 21,814 additional shares (including 2,520 shares theretofore held in its treasury), making the amount in the hands of the public on December 31 1925 \$383,258,235.

#### CHANGES IN THE COMPANY'S CAPITAL STRUCTURE.

The following table shows changes in the ratio of capital stock to total capitalization since the organization of the company:

Date.	Capital Stock.	Funded Debt.	Total Capitalization.	Ratio of Capital Stock to Total Capitalization.
Jan. 1 1915	\$249,590,460	\$591,446,508	\$841,036,968	29.68%
Dec. 31 1915	249,590,460	681,240,153	930,830,613	26.81%
Dec. 31 1916	249,590,460	672,929,007	922,519,467	27.06%
Dec. 31 1917	249,849,360	690,665,086	940,514,446	26.57%
Dec. 31 1918	249,849,360	688,297,201	938,146,561	26.63%
Dec. 31 1919	249,849,360	671,666,782	921,516,142	27.11%
Dec. 31 1920	249,849,360	748,366,477	998,215,837	25.03%
Dec. 31 1921	249,849,360	739,592,969	989,442,329	25.25%
Dec. 31 1922	268,233,920	762,956,287	1,031,190,207	26.01%
Dec. 31 1923	268,233,375	769,979,489	1,038,202,864	25.84%
Dec. 31 1924	304,836,835	776,916,391	1,081,753,226	28.18%
Dec. 31 1925	383,258,235	696,501,507	1,079,759,742	35.49%

#### TERMINATION OF NEW YORK CENTRAL LINES EQUIPMENT TRUST OF 1910.

The New York Central Lines Equipment Trust of 1910 having expired on January 1 1925, the title to the equipment was transferred by the Trustee to the several railroad companies, parties to the trust, in proportion to the amount of the cost thereof paid by each company, respectively. This company's share of the equipment so transferred from trust to railroad owned consisted of 113 locomotives, 104 passenger-train cars, 17,258 freight-train cars and 246 work-train cars.

#### NEW YORK CENTRAL LINES EQUIPMENT TRUST OF 1925.

This trust was established by agreement dated May 15 1925, to which The New York Central Railroad Company, The Michigan Central Railroad Company and The Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago and St. Louis Railway Company are parties. Under the trust a total of \$22,500,000 of 4 1/2% equipment trust certificates are issuable, of which there were issued during the year \$10,530,000, maturing in equal





teed by this company and the other proprietors of the Terminals Company under the guaranty agreement dated July 17 1923.

During the year additional ordinances required for the construction of the Terminal have been passed by the Council of the City of Cleveland. Progress has been made in the acquisition of land and in the excavation for the station area. The construction of foundations, retaining walls and bridges is proceeding.

**BUFFALO TERMINAL IMPROVEMENT.**

Contract has been made with the Grade Crossing and Terminal Commission of Buffalo providing for a new main passenger station to be located at the junction of Curtiss and Lovejoy streets. Work will proceed in the early part of 1926. That new station will be the main station for all New York Central service at Buffalo. The contract also provides, subject to a supplemental agreement to be negotiated in further detail, for a downtown station in the vicinity of Main and Washington streets to serve the Niagara Branch and at which certain New York State trains may originate and terminate, and for the removal of the existing tracks from the surface of the Terrace and Church Street and relocation thereof in a portion of the abandoned Erie Canal to be obtained from the City and on other property to be acquired.

**AUTOMATIC TRAIN CONTROL.**

Orders of the Interstate Commerce Commission require automatic train control devices to be installed upon two divisions of this company's road and upon two divisions of the Boston and Albany Railroad by July 18 1926. Accordingly, under date of August 5 1925, a contract was made with the General Railway Signal Company for the purchase from it of the materials necessary for the installation of that company's intermittent inductive auto-manual device upon the four divisions. Experimental installations of other devices upon a 20-mile section of the Mohawk division and upon a 20-mile section of the Boston and Albany Railroad have been removed.

**CONTAINER CAR SERVICE.**

The company has been experimenting for several years with the use of container cars for certain classes of traffic. This container car service has been used to a considerable extent in the transportation of high class merchandise between New York and Buffalo and certain intermediate cities, and also in the handling of building brick. The service has proved satisfactory and is receiving increasing support from shippers. The company has been enabled through the inauguration of this service to compete with water carriage in the movement of building brick from Hudson River points to New York City.

**NEW INDUSTRIES.**

Two hundred and ninety-seven new industries were located on the company's lines during the year and 75 industries largely increased their facilities. It is expected that a large additional traffic will be secured from these sources.

**PURCHASE OF BONDS OF FORT WAYNE UNION RAILWAY COMPANY.**

The company purchased during the year, at par and accrued interest, \$34,000 principal amount of the Fort Wayne Union Railway Company's general mortgage 6% bonds, series A, due September 1 1974, being one-fourth of a total of \$136,000 of such bonds issued by that company to pay the balance of the initial cost of construction and taken by its proprietor companies in proportion to stock ownership.

**SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE NEW YORK NEW HAVEN AND HARTFORD RAILROAD COMPANY BONDS.**

The company subscribed for and purchased at par \$227,000, principal amount, of The New York New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company's fifteen-year secured 6% bonds, dated April 1 1925.

**ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL STOCK OF THE MAHONING COAL RAILROAD COMPANY.**

The company acquired during the year 402 shares of preferred stock of The Mahoning Coal Railroad Company, making a total of 9,560 shares of preferred stock now held by it. The proportion of preferred stock now held is 72.27%; of common stock 59.64%; and of total stock outstanding 63.51%.

**ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL STOCK OF THE MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY.**

The company acquired during the year 1,410 shares of capital stock of The Michigan Central Railroad Company, making its holdings on December 31 1925 179,077 shares, or 95.58% of the total outstanding.

**EXCHANGE OF CAPITAL STOCK OF THE MOHAWK VALLEY COMPANY.**

On July 2 1925 the stockholders of The Mohawk Valley Company authorized an issue of 750,000 shares of stock without par value to be exchanged for the 75,000 shares outstanding, par value \$100 each. Under this arrangement this company's holdings are now 511,430 shares instead of 51,143.

**STOCK DIVIDEND FROM THE TORONTO HAMILTON AND BUFFALO RAILWAY COMPANY.**

The company received during the year certificates for 3,353-2/10 shares, being its proportion of a 20% stock dividend declared by the Board of Directors of The Toronto Hamilton and Buffalo Railway Company December 9 1925, making total shares owned 20,119-2/10.

For the Board of Directors,  
P. E. CROWLEY, *President.*

**THE NEW YORK CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS RAILROAD COMPANY**

**THIRD ANNUAL REPORT—YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1925.**

To the Stockholders of

The New York Chicago and St. Louis Railroad Company:

The Board of Directors herewith submits its report for the year ended December 31 1925.

The authorized capital stock of the company is \$105,500,000, of which \$78,967,900 was authorized to be issued in exchange for stocks of the constituent companies. On December 31 1925 the status of the capital stock was as follows:

Issued and outstanding:		
Common	\$30,336,244	
Preferred	25,822,821	
		\$56,159,065
Issued and held in Treasury:		
Common	\$15,795,456	
Preferred	6,843,379	
		22,638,835
To be issued for stocks of constituent companies:		
Common	\$116,200	
Preferred	53,800	
		170,000
Total capital stock at December 31 1925		\$78,967,900
The funded debt outstanding at December 31 1924 was		\$110,330,000
It was decreased during the calendar year by retirement of:		
Equipment Trust Certificates of 1916	\$110,000	
Engine Trust Certificates of 1916	30,000	
Equipment Trust Certificates of 1917	229,000	
Equipment Trust Certificates of Jan. 15 1920	43,200	
Freight Car Equipment Notes of 1920	78,800	
U. S. Government Loan Notes, Series 1921	46,000	
Equipment Trust Certificates of 1922	34,000	
Second Equipment Trust Certificates of 1922	225,000	
Equipment Trust Certificates of 1923	285,000	
Equipment Trust Certificates of 1924	191,000	
Serial Notes to New York Central Railroad	130,000	
Prior Lien Bonds	9,575,000	
First Mortgage Bonds	105,000	
		11,082,000
		\$99,248,000
It was increased during the calendar year by issuance of:		
Refunding Mortgage Bonds	9,575,000	
		\$108,823,000

Under Finance Docket No. 4843 the Inter-State Commerce Commission granted authority during the year to issue and sell Refunding Mortgage Bonds (Series B), par value \$9,575,000, to provide funds for the refundment of Toledo St. Louis and Western Railroad Company Prior Lien Bonds, which matured July 1 1925, and to issue and pledge under the Refunding Mortgage the remainder (par value \$10,000,000) of the authorized issue of Toledo St. Louis and Western Railroad Company First Mortgage Bonds.

The usual financial and statistical statements are appended.

The Board takes pleasure in acknowledging the fidelity, efficiency and united efforts displayed by your officers and employees in the discharge of their duties during the year.

For the Board of Directors,  
J. J. BERNET,  
*President.*

O. P. VAN SWERINGEN,  
*Chairman of the Board.*

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.**

Credit balance December 31 1924	\$45,793,113 32
Balance transferred from Income Account	\$2,979,639 40
Profit on road and equipment sold	1,222 48
Discount on bonds purchased and retired	6,570 65
Unrefundable overcharges	7,941 71
Donations	20,403 01
Miscellaneous credits, and adjustments	9,097 01
	3,024,874 26
Loss on retired road and equipment	\$89,798 99
Surplus appropriated for investment in physical property	20,403 01
Debt discount extinguished through surplus	5,000 00
Premium on equipment trust certificates purchased and retired	1,870 00
Miscellaneous debits	61,591 85
	178,663 85
Credit balance December 31 1925	\$48,639,323 73

## INCOME ACCOUNT.

Operating Income—		1925.	1924.	Deductions from Gross Income—		1925.	1924.
Railway operating revenues	-----	\$54,670,916 66	\$53,992,434 88	Hire of freight cars—Debit balance	-----	\$1,425,808 59	\$1,147,559 78
Railway operating expenses	-----	39,604,200 57	40,276,955 85	Rent for locomotives	-----	12,059 88	28,164 82
Net revenue from railway operations	-----	\$15,066,716 09	\$13,715,479 03	Rent for passenger-train cars	-----	24,522 15	77,043 15
Railway tax accruals	-----	\$2,965,517 71	\$2,737,032 51	Rent for work equipment	-----	8,028 48	5,054 39
Uncollectible railway revenues	-----	7,907 20	18,730 02	Joint facility rents	-----	409,135 35	374,890 93
	-----	\$2,973,424 91	\$2,755,762 53	Rent for leased roads	-----	3,316 64	11,690 25
Railway operating income	-----	\$12,093,291 18	\$10,959,716 50	Miscellaneous rents	-----	111,694 08	97,583 94
Non-operating Income—				Miscellaneous tax accruals	-----	4,003 12	6,387 86
Rent from locomotives	-----	\$92,468 03	\$22,328 36	Interest on funded debt	-----	5,120,395 60	4,669,257 35
Rent from passenger-train cars	-----	25,012 53	22,256 40	Interest on unfunded debt	-----	279,761 77	269,895 87
Rent from work equipment	-----	19,528 84	19,755 57	Amortization of discount on funded debt	-----	95,919 55	71,047 08
Joint facility rent income	-----	241,661 14	198,291 78	Miscellaneous income charges	-----	60,036 38	51,406 07
Miscellaneous rent income	-----	153,175 86	144,274 51	Total deductions from gross income	-----	\$7,554,681 59	\$6,809,981 49
Miscellaneous non-operating physical property	-----	23,908 80	25,918 56	Net income	-----	\$6,445,807 25	\$5,869,246 95
Dividend income	-----	1,157,775 00	994,860 00	Disposition of Net Income—			
Income from funded securities	-----	31,363 17	39,722 50	Income applied to sinking funds	-----	\$98,429 35	\$98,184 40
Income from unfunded securities and accounts	-----	156,158 64	246,318 33	Dividend appropriations of income	-----	3,367,738 50	3,361,774 50
Income from sinking and other reserve funds	-----	425 00	425 00	Total sinking fund and dividend appropriations	-----	\$3,466,167 85	\$3,459,958 90
Miscellaneous income	-----	5,720 65	5,360 93	Income balance transferred to profit and loss account	-----	\$2,979,639 40	\$2,409,288 05
Total non-operating income	-----	\$1,907,196 66	\$1,719,511 94				
Gross income	-----	\$14,000,488 84	\$12,679,228 44				

## GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 1925.

## ASSETS.

Investments—			
Investment in road and equipment:			
Road	-----	\$150,658,599 36	
Equipment	-----	45,682,832 46	
General expenditures	-----	523,425 72	
Improvements on leased railway property	-----		\$196,864,857 54
Sinking fund for equipment trust certificates	-----		84,000 27
Deposits in lieu of mortgaged property sold	-----		159 50
Miscellaneous physical property	-----		33,920 00
Investments in affiliated companies:			736,263 85
Stocks	-----	\$18,798,451 85	
Bonds	-----	552,601 00	
Advances	-----	14,400 00	
Other investments:			19,365,452 85
Stocks	-----	\$500 00	
Bonds	-----	291 57	
Notes	-----	36,800 00	
Miscellaneous	-----	3,140 00	
			40,731 57
			\$217,125,475 58
Current Assets—			
Cash	-----	\$4,090,779 70	
Time drafts and deposits	-----	2,099,000 00	
Special deposits	-----	1,497,007 75	
Loans and bills receivable	-----	517 60	
Traffic and car service balances receivable	-----	1,695,408 61	
Net balance receivable from agents and conductors	-----	1,152,824 64	
Miscellaneous accounts receivable	-----	1,152,553 39	
Material and supplies	-----	4,381,087 12	
Interest and dividends receivable	-----	455,072 13	
Rents receivable	-----	12,863 36	
Other current assets	-----	139,341 58	
			16,056,455 88
Deferred Assets—			
Working fund advances	-----	\$17,233 27	
Insurance and other funds	-----	10,287 50	
Other deferred assets	-----	6,198 00	
			33,718 77
Unadjusted Debts—			
Rents and insurance premiums paid in advance	-----	\$62,500 00	
Discount on funded debt	-----	3,099,107 58	
Other unadjusted debts	-----	1,980,485 77	
Securities issued or assumed—Unpledged:			
Capital stock—Common	-----	\$15,795,456 00	
Cumulative preferred	-----	6,843,379 00	
Second and improvement mortgage bonds	-----	690,000 00	
			23,328,835 00
Securities issued or assumed—Pledged:			
Second and improvement mortgage bonds	-----	\$1,389,000 00	
Receiver's certificates of indebtedness	-----	508,000 00	
First mortgage bonds	-----	10,000,000 00	
			11,897,000 00
			40,367,928 35
			\$273,583,578 158

## LIABILITIES.

Stock—			
Capital stock:			
Common	-----	\$46,129,000 00	
Cumulative preferred, Series A	-----	32,661,700 00	
Ownership certificates:			
Common	-----	2,700 00	
Cumulative preferred, Series A	-----	4,500 00	
			\$78,797,900 00
Stock liability for conversion:			
Common	-----	\$116,200 00	
Cumulative preferred, Series A	-----	53,800 00	
			170,000 00
			\$78,967,900 00
Long Term Debt—			
Funded debt unmatured:			
Equipment obligations	-----	\$13,722,000 00	
Mortgage bonds	-----	92,683,000 00	
Mortgage bonds nominally issued	-----	12,079,000 00	
Collateral trust notes:			
Note to U. S. R. R. Administration	-----	1,000,000 00	
U. S. Government loan notes, Series 1921	-----	508,000 00	
Miscellaneous obligations:—Serial notes to New York Central RR	-----	910,000 00	
			\$120,902,000 00
Receiver's certificates of indebtedness	-----	508,000 00	
			121,410,000 00
Current Liabilities—			
Loans and bills payable	-----	\$2,000 00	
Traffic and car service balances payable	-----	1,974,744 30	
Audited accounts and wages payable	-----	4,441,934 84	
Miscellaneous accounts payable	-----	611,148 31	
Interest matured unpaid	-----	597,955 75	
Dividends matured unpaid	-----	845,052 00	
Funded debt matured unpaid	-----	54,000 00	
Unmatured interest accrued	-----	1,052,146 23	
Other current liabilities	-----	275,440 42	
			9,854,421 85
Deferred Liabilities—			
Other deferred liabilities	-----		709,260 09
Unadjusted Credits			
Tax liability	-----	\$2,589,035 50	
Accrued depreciation—Equipment	-----	10,433,714 79	
Other unadjusted credits	-----	621,652 44	
			13,644,402 73
Corporate Surplus—			
Additions to property through income and surplus	-----	\$147,256 43	
Funded debt retired through income and surplus	-----	196,613 75	
Miscellaneous fund reserves	-----	14,400 00	
			\$358,270 18
Total appropriated surplus	-----	\$358,270 18	
Profit and loss—Balance	-----	48,639,323 73	
			48,997,593 91
			\$273,583,578 58



MISSOURI-KANSAS-TEXAS RAILROAD COMPANY  
AND CONTROLLED COMPANIES

ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1925.

St. Louis, Mo., April 19 1926.

To the Stockholders:

The Board of Directors submit herewith report of the operations and affairs for the year ended December 31 1925.

A summary of results of operation for the year compared with the year 1924 is as follows:

Operating Revenues were.....	\$57,492,913 54
(Increase, \$183,568 51, or 3-10%.)	
Operating Expenses were.....	39,618,128 36
(Decrease, \$113,906 33, or 3-10%.)	
Net Operating Revenue was.....	\$17,874,785 18
(Increase, \$297,474 84, or 2%.)	
Taxes were.....	2,867,589 28
(Decrease, \$348,097 37, or 11%.)	
Operating Income, Taxes Deducted, was.....	15,007,195 90
(Increase, \$645,572 21, or 4%.)	
Miscellaneous Income was.....	255,578 44
(Increase, \$216 69, or 8-100%.)	
Rentals and Other Payments were.....	\$15,262,774 34
(Increase, \$381,815 68, or 24%.)	
Income for the Year Available for Interest was.....	13,288,451 56
(Increase, \$263,973 22, or 2%.)	
Fixed Interest Charges for year were.....	4,432,445 86
(Decrease, \$293,509 42, or 6%.)	
Balance available for Interest on Adjustment Bonds was.....	8,856,005 70
(Decrease, \$51,698 64, or 3%.)	
Balance (Increase, \$609,181 28, or 11%.)	\$6,117,618 99

FINANCIAL.

On March 2 1925 \$4,750,000 00 Preferred Gold Notes were redeemed and the \$6,100,000 00 principal amount of Prior Lien Mortgage 6% Gold Bonds Series "C," pledged to secure the notes, were delivered to the Company and placed in its treasury assets.

Adjustment Mortgage 5%. Series "A" Bonds amounting to \$1,603,000 00 were converted, during the year, into shares of the Preferred Stock, Series "A" with appropriate adjustment of interest and dividend. The surrendered bonds and coupons were delivered to the Corporate Trustee for cancellation.

Underlying bonds and equipment obligations left undisturbed in the reorganization, amounting to \$185,100 00, were paid and retired during the year and \$66,000 00 were exchanged for Prior Lien Bonds.

Preferred Stock, Series "A" (7% cumulative after January 1 1928), amounting to \$48,100 00, and Common Stock (no par value), amounting to 629 shares, have been issued during the year by the Reorganization Managers for the purposes of the reorganization.

The properties of The Boonville Railroad Bridge Company and Missouri, Kansas & Texas Terminal Company of St. Louis were, during the year, purchased pursuant to the resolution adopted by the stockholders at their annual meeting held April 11 1924. All of the capital stock of these Companies was owned by Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad Company.

Dividends amounting to \$1,281,501 58 were declared during the year, being at the rate of 5% per annum on the Preferred Stock, Series "A" outstanding in the hands of the public.

OPERATION.

The mileage operated on December 31 1925 was 3,188.54 compared with 3,188.45 on December 31 1924. The increase of .09 miles was occasioned by extending the main line at Forgan, Oklahoma, to connect with the Beaver, Meade & Englewood Railroad Company.

Train service, both freight and passenger, has been so maintained throughout the year as to effectively meet competition. Compared with 1924, freight revenues increased \$1,445,938. A greater increase in revenue would have been enjoyed had not the productive sections of Texas suffered severe drought, which resulted in short cotton and grain crops, with consequent reduced purchasing power in the affected area. There was also a decrease in export grain movement from primary markets. Passenger train revenue decreased \$1,132,011, due to constant increase in bus and automobile competition as hard surfaced roads are developed in the Southwest. The loss, while general, is principally in short-haul traffic.

Transportation expenses were affected materially by increased fuel prices, which became effective early in 1925. The increased cost in this respect was largely offset by intensive campaigns to effect savings in the use of labor and materials, and by having satisfactory power and other improved operating facilities to handle the business. Transportation ratio for the year 1925 was 30.6%, compared with ratio of 30.3% in 1924. The operating ratio was 68.91% in 1925 and 69.33% in 1924.

The property, including roadway, structures and rolling stock has been maintained in good condition.

ADDITIONS TO PROPERTY.

Expenditures for additions to road aggregate \$2,518,609 30. The principal improvement completed during the year was rearrangement and enlargement of Ft. Worth Yard, increasing the capacity by approximately 750 cars. 29.70 miles of new 90-pound rail were laid on the main line

in Texas, replacing 85-pound rail. 4.96 miles of new 90-pound rail were laid on the McAlester District, replacing 85-pound rail. 13.96 miles of second-hand 85-pound rail were laid on Tulsa Division, replacing lighter rail. 6.05 miles of second-hand 66-pound rail and 8.16 miles of second-hand 66-pound rail were laid on the Mineola Division and Sherman Branches, respectively, replacing lighter rail. 22.39 miles of second-hand 85-pound rail were laid on the Texas Central Branch, replacing lighter rail. The total rail replacement during the year was 92.97 miles.

Expenditures were made for new equipment amounting to \$2,551,414 98, and improvements to existing equipment amounting to \$693,427 19.

The amount of equipment retirements for the year, less replacements, was \$267,072 72. The net increase in the value of equipment owned is \$2,977,769 45.

During the year there was purchased and put in service new equipment as follows:

- 1,000 box cars, 100,000 capacity,
- 10 Switching locomotives,
- 1 Gasoline motor car for passenger service,
- 1 Trailer coach for the gasoline motor car,
- 1 Gas electric motor car for passenger service.

GENERAL.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has completed its revision of the engineering and land reports on valuation of the Company's line preparatory to finding of value. It is expected that the tentative valuation of the Commission will be served during 1926.

A cordial relationship between the management and employees has existed throughout the year. The officers and employees are especially commended for their faithful and efficient service.

C. E. SCHAFF, President.

INCOME ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1925, COMPARED WITH YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1924.

	1925.	1924.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-).
Average Mileage Operated.....	3,188 54	3,193 14	-4.60
<b>Operating Revenue—</b>	\$	\$	
Freight.....	43,777,643 01	42,331,704 74	+1,445,938 27
Passenger.....	9,325,059 52	10,457,070 86	-1,132,011 34
Mail.....	1,143,052 49	1,189,965 90	-46,913 41
Express.....	1,758,952 12	1,827,782 55	-68,830 43
Miscellaneous.....	705,652 37	665,305 33	+40,347 04
Incidental.....	729,568 59	791,351 94	-61,783 35
Joint Facility.....	52,985 44	46,163 71	+6,821 73
Total Operating Revenue.....	57,492,913 54	57,309,345 03	+183,568 51
<b>Operating Expenses—</b>			
Maintenance of Way and Structures.....	7,404,573 56	7,563,137 47	-158,563 91
Maintenance of Equipment.....	11,422,782 90	11,517,474 98	-94,692 08
Traffic Expenses.....	1,177,621 43	1,138,962 06	+38,659 37
Transportation Expenses.....	17,592,364 34	17,363,774 08	+228,590 26
Miscellaneous Operations.....	372,178 73	381,099 41	-8,920 76
General Expenses.....	1,886,171 37	1,919,776 74	-33,605 37
Transportation for Investment			
—Cr.....	237,563 97	152,190 13	+85,373 84
Total Operating Expenses.....	39,618,128 36	39,732,034 69	-113,906 33
Net Operating Revenue.....	17,874,785 18	17,577,310 34	+297,474 84
Railway Tax Accruals.....	2,867,589 28	3,215,686 65	-348,097 37
Uncollectible Railway Revenues.....	25,424 04	31,403 55	-5,979 51
Total.....	2,893,013 32	3,247,090 20	-354,076 88
Total Operating Income.....	14,981,771 86	14,330,220 14	+651,551 72
<b>Non-Operating Income—</b>			
Rent from Locomotives.....	74,744 54	62,917 76	+11,826 78
Rent from Passenger Train Cars.....	137,921 39	149,698 44	-11,777 05
Rent from work equipment.....	30,980 76	40,459 62	-9,478 86
Joint Facility Rent Income.....	153,301 56	140,931 18	+12,370 38
Income from Lease of Road.....	140,102 20	138,230 81	+1,871 39
Miscellaneous Rent Income.....	133,930 18	99,717 69	+34,212 49
Miscellaneous Non-Operating			
Physical Property.....	5,175 47	10,162 47	+4,987 00
Dividend Income.....		700 00	-700 00
Income from Funded Securities.....	131,797 36	130,782 27	+1,015 09
Income from Unfunded Securities and Accruals.....			
Miscellaneous Income.....	119,465 46	121,349 78	-1,884 32
	4,315 62	2,529 70	+1,785 92
Total Non-Operating Income.....	921,383 60	877,154 78	+44,228 82
Gross Income.....	15,903,155 46	15,207,374 92	+695,780 54
<b>Deductions from Gross Income—</b>			
Hire of Freight Cars—Debit			
Balance.....	1,534,777 83	1,069,243 38	+465,534 45
Rent for Locomotives.....	40,092 72	30,501 11	+9,591 61
Rent for Passenger Train Cars.....	68,269 36	75,625 41	-7,356 05
Rent for Work Equipment.....	77,184 57	193,518 14	-116,333 57
Joint Facility Rents.....	832,771 37	767,841 52	+64,929 85
Rent for Leased Roads.....	7,661 40	7,661 40	—
Miscellaneous Rents.....	1,948 53	2,244 68	-296 15
Miscellaneous Tax Accruals.....	8,691 89	6,072 93	+2,618 96
Interest on Unfunded Debt.....	42,806 89	28,637 38	+14,169 51
Miscellaneous Income Charges.....	499 34	1,550 63	-1,051 29
Total Deductions from Gross Income.....	2,614,703 90	2,182,896 58	+431,807 32
Balance Available for Interest.....	13,288,451 56	13,024,478 34	+263,973 22
Fixed Interest Charges.....	4,432,445 86	4,725,955 28	-293,509 42
Balance Available for Interest on Adjustment Bonds.....	8,856,005 70	8,298,523 06	+557,482 64
Interest on Adjustment Bonds.....	2,738,386 71	2,790,085 35	-51,698 64
Balance.....	6,117,618 99	5,508,437 71	+609,181 28

Black figures denote Debit.

CONSOLIDATED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET.

ASSETS.				LIABILITIES.			
	December 31 1925.	December 31 1924.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-).		December 31 1925.	December 31 1924.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-).
	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$
<i>Investments—</i>				<i>Stock—</i>			
Investment in Road and Equipment:				Capital Stock:			
Road	227,291,841	224,773,231	+2,518,609	Preferred (Par value \$100 per share):			
Equipment	51,634,107	48,656,338	+2,977,769	In hands of Public	25,917,000	24,265,900	+1,651,100
				In hands of Reorganization Managers for purposes of Reorg. Common (No par value. See Note):	5,686,000	5,734,100	-48,100
	278,925,948	273,429,569	+5,496,378	In hands of Public	66,544,589	66,492,747	+51,842
Improvements on Leased Railway Property	8,552 87	8,552 87		In hands of Reorganization Managers for purposes of Reorg.	15,875,410	15,927,252	-51,842
Sinking Funds	598 82	588 83	+9 99	Total Stock	114,023,000	112,420,000	+1,603,000
Deposits in Lieu of Mortgaged Property Sold	192 66	75,187 94	-74,995 28	<i>Long Term Debt—</i>			
Miscellaneous Physical Property	910,255 59	556,048 93	+354,206 66	Mortgage Bonds:			
Investments in Affiliated Companies—Pledged	527,000 00	529,001 00	-2,001 00	In hands of Public	92,551,749	92,652,749	-101,000
Investments in Affiliated Companies—Unpledged	132,364 35	61,007 17	+71,357 18	In hands of Reorganization Managers for purposes of Reorganization	9,807,349	9,622,249	+185,100
Other Investments:				Equipment/Trust Obligations Collateral Trust Bonds	841,000 00	925,100 00	-84,100 00
United States Government Securities	3,134,156 25	5,034,156 25	-1,900,000 00	Income Mortgage Bonds:			
Other Securities	614,462 42	667,697 09	-53,234 67	In hands of Public	54,206,663	55,809,663	-1,603,000
Total Investments	284,253,531	280,361,810	+3,891,721	In hands of Reorganization Managers for purposes of Reorganization	1,690,336	1,690,336	
<i>Current Assets—</i>				Total Long Term Debt	159,097,099	165,450,099	-6,353,000
Cash	3,094,777 91	3,356,936 44	-262,158 53	<i>Current Liabilities—</i>			
Time Drafts and Deposits	3,000,000 00	2,195,241 59	+804,758 41	Traffic and Car Service Balances Payable	1,571,757 89	1,431,309 96	+140,447 93
Special Deposits	8,151 10	9,643 24	-1,492 14	Audited Accounts and Wages Payable	5,025,690 89	4,216,274 89	+809,416 00
Loans and Bills Receivable	8,787 41	10,152 81	-1,365 40	Miscellaneous Accounts Payable	173,648 55	182,308 92	-8,660 37
Traffic and Car Service Balances Receivable	603,860 57	709,202 56	-105,341 99	Interest Matured Unpaid	1,849,099 92	1,924,012 71	-74,912 79
Net Balance Receivable from Agents and Conductors	1,311,192 28	1,471,567 01	-160,374 73	Dividends Matured Unpaid	7,051 00		+7,051 00
Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable	1,330,393 01	1,398,860 38	-68,467 37	Funded Debt Matured Unpaid		1,000 00	-1,000 00
Material and Supplies	6,278,584 63	6,353,075 00	-74,490 37	Unmatured Dividends Declared	325,632 50	306,261 25	+19,371 25
Interest and Dividends Receivable	41,953 13	58,953 12	-16,999 99	Unmatured Interest Accrued	1,487,465 74	1,626,556 00	-139,090 26
Rents Receivable		55 00	-55 00	Unmatured Rents Accrued	132,227 10	80,292 09	+51,935 01
Other Current Assets	71,340 47	147,015 87	-75,675 40	Other Current Liabilities	284,311 59	466,543 02	-182,231 43
Total Current Assets	15,749,040	15,710,703	+38,337 49	Total Current Liabilities	10,856,885	10,244,558	+612,326
<i>Deferred Assets—</i>				<i>Deferred Liabilities—</i>			
Working Fund Advances	22,237 89	80,377 16	-58,139 27	Other Deferred Liabilities	253,489 42	206,228 84	+47,260 58
Other Deferred Assets	1,002 00	3,001 00	-1,999 00	<i>Unadjusted Credits—</i>			
Total Deferred Assets	23,239 89	83,378 16	-60,138 27	Tax Liability	2,082,925 58	2,179,246 48	-96,320 90
<i>Unadjusted Debits—</i>				Insurance and Casualty Reserves	379 39	279 30	+100 09
Rents and Insurance Premiums Paid in Advance	80,237 47	90,743 66	-10,506 19	Accrued Depreciation—			
Other Unadjusted Debits	310,721 12	409,442 46	-98,721 34	Equipment	4,045,636 24	2,463,600 00	+1,582,036 24
Reorganization Suspense	3,280,539 76	5,084,232 64	-1,803,692 88	Other Unadjusted Credits	1,134,898 69	1,339,246 94	-204,348 25
Total Unadjusted Debits	3,671,498 35	5,584,418 76	-1,912,920 41	Total Unadjusted Credits	7,263,839 90	5,982,372 72	+1,281,467 18
Total	303,697,310	301,740,310	+1,957,000	<i>Corporate Surplus—</i>			
The following Securities not included in Balance Sheet Accounts:				Additions to Property through Income and Surplus	31,744 95	27,260 02	+4,484 93
Securities Issued or Assumed—Unpledged	6,100,000 00			Profit and Loss—Balance	12,171,251 99	7,409,790 58	+4,761,461 41
Securities Issued or Assumed—Pledged		6,100,000 00		Total Corporate Surplus	12,202,996 94	7,437,050 60	+4,765,946 34
				Total	303,697,310	301,740,310	+1,957,000
				The following Capital Liabilities not included in Balance Sheet Accounts:			
				Long Term Debt—Unpledged	6,100,000 00		
				Long Term Debt—Pledged		6,100,000 00	

The Company is guarantor, jointly with other Companies, of the securities of certain terminal companies, none of which are in default.  
 Note.—Intercompany Assets and Liabilities are excluded.  
 There were 807,384 shares Common Stock outstanding in hands of the public on December 31 1925, an increase of 629 shares.  
 There were also 192,616 shares Common Stock, on December 31 1925, issued and held subject to order of the Reorganization Managers under the Plan and Agreement for Reorganization of Missouri Kansas & Texas Railway Company, dated November 1 1921.  
 Securities held by Reorganization Managers under the Plan and Agreement for Reorganization of Missouri Kansas & Texas Railway Company dated November 1 1921, will be accounted for and any unused balance returned to the Company.

OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR TEN YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31 1925.

	REVENUES.							Total.	NET REVENUE.
	Average Mileage Operated.	Freight.	Passenger.	Mail.	Express.	Miscellaneous.	Other.		
1916	3,865.02	24,795,719 61	9,215,627 16	783,675 57	1,055,446 23	331,073 57	552,140 14	36,733,682 28	
1917	3,866.31	29,027,903 37	11,160,922 06	796,848 22	1,239,934 08	426,765 48	691,777 18	43,344,150 39	
1918	3,860.88	35,754,940 45	14,715,178 42	765,503 13	1,623,472 00	489,494 21	790,210 76	54,138,798 97	
1919	3,838.66	41,283,105 84	16,709,710 51	715,238 82	1,609,690 09	416,308 03	1,091,323 00	61,825,376 29	
1920	3,793.42	47,363,850 89	19,378,120 16	2,286,746 68	1,899,966 98	794,557 53	1,191,494 82	72,914,737 06	
1921	3,783.69	43,782,692 09	13,904,679 97	1,356,041 38	2,102,426 33	779,650 03	1,095,479 65	63,020,975 45	
1922	3,737.46	39,198,400 88	10,958,411 71	1,241,950 01	2,130,755 79	620,380 79	885,802 71	55,035,701 89	
1923	3,359.76	39,791,214 67	11,295,456 27	1,221,101 46	2,181,233 24	637,146 76	861,765 63	55,987,918 08	
1924	3,193.14	42,331,704 74	10,457,070 86	1,189,065 90	1,827,782 55	665,305 33	837,515 65	57,809,345 03	
1925	3,188.54	43,777,643 01	9,325,059 52	1,143,052 49	1,758,952 12	705,652 37	782,554 03	57,492,913 54	

	EXPENSES.						Total.	NET REVENUE.
	Maintenance of Way and Structures.	Maintenance of Equipment.	Traffic.	Transportation Expenses.	General and Other.			
1916	7,635,694 93	7,273,803 80	725,564 02	12,400,520 85	1,404,117 14	29,439,700 74	7,293,981 54	
1917	6,353,665 13	8,737,922 08	786,979 55	15,672,561 22	1,594,982 61	33,146,110 59	10,198,039 80	
1918	9,539,254 15	12,630,284 39	582,149 43	22,377,510 36	2,199,835 07	47,329,033 40	6,809,765 57	
1919	12,124,064 16	14,814,854 52	657,119 63	26,876,430 00	2,514,447 24	56,986,895 55	4,838,480 74	
1920	16,422,652 00	17,378,345 36	978,596 39	32,014,151 75	3,087,133 40	69,880,878 90	3,033,858 16	
1921	9,835,638 33	13,803,427 26	1,064,545 36	22,866,804 76	2,485,368 60	50,055,784 31	12,965,191 14	
1922	7,237,276 60	10,548,094 49	1,041,435 68	18,780,007 03	2,078,887 24	39,683,701 04	15,352,000 85	
1923	7,393,307 28	14,636,724 26	1,151,353 02	18,380,268 53	2,066,665 86	43,628,318 95	12,359,599 13	
1924	7,563,137 47	11,517,474 98	1,138,962 06	17,363,774 08	2,148,686 10	39,732,034 69	17,577,310 34	
1925	7,404,673 56	11,422,782 90	1,177,621 43	17,592,364 34	2,020,786 13	39,618,128 36	17,874,785 18	

	RATIO TO TOTAL REVENUE.						
	Maintenance of Way and Structures.	Maintenance of Equipment.	Traffic.	Transportation Expenses.	General and Other.	Total.	Net Revenue.
1916	20.79	19.80	1.98	33.75	3.82	80.14	19.86
1917	14.66	20.16	1.81	36.16	3.68	76.47	23.53
1918	17.62	23.33	1.07	41.34	4.06	87.42	12.58
1919	19.61	23.96	1.06	43.47	4.07	92.17	7.83
1920	22.52	23.84	1.34	43.91	4.23	95.84	4.16
1921	15.61	21.90	1.69	36.28	3.95	79.43	20.57
1922	13.15	19.17	1.89	34.13	3.77	72.11	27.89
1923	13.20	26.14	2.06	32.83	3.70	77.93	22.07
1924	13.20	20.10	1.99	30.30	3.74	69.33	30.67
1925	12.88	19.87	2.05	30.60	3.51	68.91	31.09



## NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1925.

April 26 1926.

## To the Stockholders:

The report of the operations of your Company for the year ended December 31 1925 is submitted herewith.

Improved agricultural and business conditions are reflected by an increase of 9.89% in the gross earnings, while further efficiencies, and operating economies, are indicated by an increase of 14.26% in net earnings. The ratio of operating expenses to gross revenue continued to decrease, the ratio for 1925 being 51.09%, compared with 52.96% in 1924, and 56.78% in 1923, these comparisons are exclusive of Ottumwa Railway and Light Company situation sold during the year. Of the gross earnings 88.1%, and of the net earnings 94.3%, were derived from the sale of electricity.

The comparative earnings statement of the properties for the periods operated were as follows:

Twelve Months Ended December 31—	1925.	1924.
Gross Earnings	\$21,744,868.51	\$20,227,211.30
Net Earnings	10,594,275.20	9,417,316.06
Interest Charges	*4,595,498.11	4,243,523.92
Balance	5,998,777.09	5,173,792.14
Preferred Dividends	3,398,853.49	2,899,441.94
Balance Available for Retirement Reserves, Common Dividends and Surplus	2,599,923.60	2,274,350.20

\*Interest on funded debt converted in 1925 into common stock included in common dividends.

Regular dividends at the rate of 7% per annum were paid on the preferred stock and dividends at the rate of 8% per annum were paid on the common stock.

During the year \$3,303,900 par value Common Stock was issued for the conversion of a like amount of 6½% Convertible Gold Notes due 1933, increasing the common stock outstanding to \$14,678,900, on which the Company earned \$10 21 per share.

There matured on October 1 1925 option warrants entitling the holders thereof to purchase common stock at par, resulting in the sale by your Company of \$7,529,300 Class "A" Common Stock, the proceeds from which were used towards the acquisition of Saint Paul Gas Light Company, formally taken over by your Company on January 2 1926, and no earnings for which are included in the income for 1925. Including this additional common stock, your Company earned \$9 00 per share on the average common stock outstanding during the year.

## ACQUIREMENT OF ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES.

The most important property added to your Company's system was the Saint Paul Gas Light Company, mentioned above, which supplied all of the gas service and approximately 70% of the electric light and power service in the city of Saint Paul, which has an estimated population of 257,000. For 1925, its gross earnings were \$5,347,165 70 and net earnings \$1,676,741 85. Included in this property is a 26,800 horsepower steam generating station, recently completed, a water power on the Apple River and a 15,000,000 cubic foot gas manufacturing plant. Your Company has operated in Saint Paul since 1910, supplying prior to this acquisition the other 30% of the electric service in that city. By adding the Saint Paul Gas Light Company's properties to its extensive system it has been able to effect important operating economies and at the same time provide better service to the public. As a result of the consolidation, electric rates to residential customers have already been reduced to the basis prevailing in Minneapolis.

As of May 31 1925, your Company sold its interest in the Ottumwa Railway and Light situation at a satisfactory price.

## FINANCING.

During 1925 there was sold \$8,923,500 7% Preferred Stock to residents of the territory under the customer-ownership plan inaugurated in 1915. There were 23,780 separate sales of preferred stock and a net increase of 6,908 preferred shareholders during the year. As of December 31 the Company had a total of 45,227 shareholders, exclusive of individuals purchasing stock on the partial payment plan. In December 1925 in connection with the acquisition of Saint Paul Gas Light situation there were issued and sold \$8,500,

000 of your Company's First Lien and General Mortgage 5½% Bonds due 1950, and \$7,500,000 Gold Notes due 1940.

## DEVELOPMENT OF BUSINESS.

New business contracted for and added to the Company's system shows a substantial increase over the preceding year. In the last six months of 1925 the volume of new power business contracted for was noteworthy. Among the larger contracts of the year was one with the Pillsbury Flour Mills in Minneapolis, calling for 10,000 horsepower.

The total number of customers of all classes served (not including those served indirectly through wholesale contracts) increased 22,059. Total kilowatt connected load increased from 781,435 to 842,541, representing a gain of 81,911 horsepower. Output of electric energy for the year was 742,601,203 kilowatt hours, compared with 689,576,716 in 1924. Gas output increased from 3,585,245,000 cubic feet in 1924 to 3,703,126,000 in 1925.

Sales of electric and gas appliances by the company reached a volume of \$1,142,210.

## CONSTRUCTION.

Construction expenditures in 1925, amounting to \$5,837,313 60 were again on a normal basis as several major projects undertaken in 1923 were practically completed in 1924, so that comparatively small expenditures for completing these undertakings were necessary in 1925.

During the year, a new and modern coal gas plant at Fargo, having a capacity of 780,000 cubic feet per day, was constructed. This plant, placed in operation in January 1926 will have an operating efficiency comparing favorably with any of the modern plants of similar size operating under like conditions.

At La Crosse a number of improvements were made in the steam generating station and the capacity was increased by the installation of a 6,000 horsepower turbine unit.

Extensive improvements were made in the transmission and distributing systems of the Saint Cloud property which was acquired in the latter part of 1924, materially improving the service and making possible further economies due to reduced steam plant operation.

In the Southwestern Division the transmission line rebuilding program inaugurated some years ago was completed with the rebuilding of 30 miles of line.

The main transmission line between Faribault and Mankato, a distance of 44 miles, as well as several of the branch lines connected thereto were completely rebuilt during the year.

The Wilson substation with a capacity of 15,000 kilowatts was constructed in Minneapolis in order to supply the west half of the Power Loop, which furnishes service to the communities in Southern and Southwestern Minnesota. A direct source of supply for the increasing power requirements at Red Wing was provided by the construction of a transmission line connecting that city with the main 60,000-volt system at Cannon Falls.

Preliminary engineering and survey work was carried on at various points on the Mississippi and Saint Croix rivers, preparatory to the development of the several water power sites on these rivers for which permits have been granted by the Federal Power Commission.

Other large items in the 1925 construction program included a new garage at Minneapolis, a new garage and storeroom at Saint Croix Falls, and a new service station at Eau Claire, providing office, garage and storeroom facilities, the construction of which was started in 1924.

Expenditures of considerable amounts were made for the construction of transmission lines and substations at various locations in order to take on new business offered during the year, all of which will result in increased earnings.

The 1926 construction budget contemplates an expenditure of \$5,534,000 for the Northern States Power Company, including the necessary expenditures for the Saint Paul Gas Light Company properties which have been consolidated with and become an integral part of the Northern States Power Company system. The budget requirements for 1926 show a substantial reduction from the expenditures made

during the past few years. This reduced expenditure for capital account is made possible by the large construction program of the past few years and the excellent condition in which all of the company's property is maintained.

More than two million dollars of the capital expenditures in 1926, will be made for distribution facilities in order to take on new business. No increase is contemplated in either electric or gas plant generating capacity as these are ample at least until 1927.

#### THE FUTURE.

Your directors see no reason why the satisfactory results achieved by the Company in the past should not continue. With the acquisition of the Saint Paul Gas Light Company the position of your Company was materially strengthened in the important population and industrial centre represented by the Twin Cities. Serving great areas and substantial cities in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota and South Dakota, your company represents an outstanding example

of a modern interconnected, or "super" power system, with its attendant economy of investment and efficiency of operation. Relations with the public are excellent, as exemplified by official and general approval of the consolidation of the competing electric companies at Saint Paul. A large proportion of the customers supplied with service are financially interested in the Company as shareholders. Operations are carried forward by an experienced force of executives and employees, whose abilities and loyalty well deserve our grateful appreciation. In the opinion of your directors, there is no doubt of the future development and general prosperity of the territory served, in which the activities of the company inevitably will participate. Attention is called to the maps accompanying this [pamphlet] report, which visualize the extent of the company's operations.

By order of the Board of Directors,

JOHN J. O'BRIEN, *President.*

#### NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY OF DELAWARE AND SUBSIDIARIES. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 1925.

(After giving effect to the acquisition as of December 31 1925 of the physical property and other assets and the assumption of the liabilities and preferred stock of the St. Paul Gas Light Company and its affiliated companies).

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Capital Assets:		Capital Stock of Northern States Power Company of Delaware Outstanding:	
Plant, Property, Rights, Franchises, etc.....	\$195,318,565.69	7% Cumulative Preferred, 491,804 shares, par value \$100.00 each.....	\$49,180,400.00
Preferred and Common Stock Discount, Premium and Expense (Net).....	5,466,638.09	Class A Common, 176,582 shares, par value \$100.00 each.....	17,658,200.00
Cash Sinking Funds and Other Deposits.....	459,298.77	Class B Common, 500,000 shares of no par value.....	5,000,000.00
Investments—Stocks and Bonds of Other Companies, Associations, etc.....	413,192.27		\$71,838,600.00
Balance of Unamortized Debt Discount and Expense incurred since December 31 1924.....	56,343.07	Capital Stock of Subsidiaries in Hands of Public:	
Prepaid Accounts and Deferred Charges:		6% Cumulative Preferred.....	\$8,900.00
Prepaid Insurance and Interest.....	\$138,096.02	7% Cumulative Preferred.....	3,518,750.00
Undistributed Expenditures in Connection with Water Power Dams, Sites, etc.....	164,160.37	8% Cumulative Preferred.....	750,000.00
Rate Investigation Expenses.....	193,086.81	Common.....	2,000.00
Expenses and Advances on Purchase of Properties.....	86,714.86		4,279,630.00
Miscellaneous Deferred and Unadjusted Items.....	191,188.11	Total Capital Stock Outstanding in Hands of Public.....	\$76,118,230.00
	773,246.17	Funded Debt (page 8, pamphlet report).....	109,230,873.57
Current Assets:		Current Liabilities:	
Cash in Banks and on Hand.....	\$13,245,066.86	Notes Payable.....	\$4,376,342.50
Cash Deposited for Future Construction.....	3,065,000.00	Amount due on Property Purchase Commitments.....	14,467,849.32
Bond Interest and Other Cash Deposits.....	120,614.00	Accounts Payable.....	1,023,192.78
Notes Receivable.....	56,679.58	Accrued Interest.....	1,194,932.40
Accounts Receivable.....	\$2,770,582.19	Accrued Taxes.....	2,684,389.05
Less—Reserve for Uncollectible Accounts.....	178,647.29	Accrued Preferred Stock Dividends.....	873,427.95
	2,591,934.90	Common Stock Dividends Payable.....	444,324.00
Unbilled Electricity and Gas.....	833,387.75	Consumers' and Other Deposits.....	449,357.23
Receivable on Sale of Preferred Stock.....	769,876.12	Sundry Current Liabilities.....	104,009.07
Due from Affiliated Companies on Open Account.....	4,278,975.19		25,617,824.30
Materials and Supplies.....	2,754,546.65	Reserves:	
	27,716,081.05	Depreciation (Retirement) Reserve.....	\$15,078,160.89
Total.....	\$230,203,365.11	Operating Reserves.....	88,764.96
		Contributions for Line Extensions.....	151,844.20
			15,318,770.05
		Capital Surplus:	
		Surplus on Books of Companies Acquired at Date of Acquisition Thereof.....	628,299.05
		Surplus.....	3,289,368.14
		Total.....	\$230,203,365.11

#### AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

We have audited the books and records of the Northern States Power Company of Delaware and Subsidiaries and the St. Paul Gas Light Company and its Affiliated Companies for the year ended December 31 1925.

The Northern States Power Company of Minnesota acquired control of the St. Paul Gas Light Company and its affiliated companies as of December 31 1925, and in the above Balance Sheet effect has been given to the acquisition of the physical property and other assets and the assumption of the liabilities and preferred stock of these companies.

As of December 31 1924, the Byllesby Engineering and Management Corporation appraised the property of the company and subsidiaries (including water power rights and going concern value), and determined the cost of reproduction and the accrued depreciation at the date of the appraisal. On the company's books and in the Balance Sheet above, the property and depreciation (retirement) reserve accounts as of the date mentioned have been adjusted to give effect to this appraisal. Subsequent additions have been accounted for at cost, and in the case of new properties includes cost over appraised value with depreciation reserves stated at amounts determined by appraisals of such new properties. The property retirements during the year 1925, less that year's provision therefor, have been applied against the depreciation reserve balance arising from these appraisals.

The company, during the year, appropriated the remainder of the Capital Surplus (\$1,101,816.39) arising from the appraisal of its properties as of December 31 1924 to the writing off of a portion, represented by that amount of the Bond Discount and Expense incurred in 1925.

On the foregoing bases, we hereby certify that, in our opinion, the above Consolidated Balance Sheet and the accompanying Consolidated Income and Surplus Accounts correctly reflect the consolidated financial condition of the companies mentioned at December 31 1925 and the consoli-

dated results from operations for the property owned during the year ended that date.

ARTHUR ANDERSON & CO.,  
*Certified Public Accountants.*

Chicago, Illinois, March 26 1926.

#### NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY OF DELAWARE AND SUBSIDIARIES.

#### CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1925 AND SUMMARY OF CONSOLIDATED SURPLUS ACCOUNT.

Gross Earnings:	
Electric Department.....	\$19,080,733.43
Gas Department.....	1,507,190.86
Steam Department.....	693,331.31
Street Railway Department.....	356,230.63
Telephone and Water Departments.....	107,382.28
Total Gross Earnings.....	\$21,744,868.51
Operating Expenses and Taxes:	
Operation.....	\$8,361,023.56
Maintenance.....	1,481,636.75
Taxes.....	1,644,933.00
Total Above.....	\$11,487,593.31
Deduct—Withdrawals from Tax and Equalization Operating Reserves.....	337,000.00
	11,150,593.31
Net Earnings before Depreciation.....	\$10,594,275.20
Interest Charges, Net.....	4,595,498.11
Balance of Income before Deducting Interest on Notes Converted into Common Stock, Depreciation, etc.....	\$5,998,777.09
Deduct:	
Preferred Stock Dividends.....	3,398,853.49
Remainder.....	\$2,599,923.60
Common Stock Dividends, including Interest on Gold Notes Converted into Common Stock.....	1,294,156.02
Remainder.....	\$1,305,767.58
Appropriation for Depreciation.....	1,100,000.00
Balance—Carried to Surplus.....	\$205,767.58
Surplus Balance at January 1 1925.....	3,083,600.56
Total Surplus at December 31 1925.....	\$3,289,368.14

\*The Company on its books has charged against the Capital Surplus arising from an appraisal of its properties as of December 31 1924 the Unamortized Bond Discount and Expense at that date, and also as reflected in the attached certificate, a portion of the Bond Discount and Expense incurred in 1925. Accordingly, no charge has been made above for the Discount and Expense applicable to the year ended December 31 1925.



## STANDARD GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1925.

April 28 1926.

*To the Stockholders:*

The report of your Company for the twelve months ended December 31 1925 is submitted herewith.

The year 1925 was the most successful in your Company's history. In addition to the largest earnings on record, both gross and net, the year was notable for the expansion of your Company through the acquisition of the controlling interest in additional utility properties, as well as by important acquisitions for companies previously in the system. All of these companies are well developed, in good physical and financial condition, and are of great strategic value and should accelerate the growth and prosperity of your organization.

Comparative earnings of Standard Gas and Electric Company for the years 1925 and 1924 compare as follows:

Twelve Months Ended December 31—	1925.	1924.
Gross Revenue.....	\$7,270,116.68	\$6,098,532.39
Net Revenue.....	7,125,669.75	5,981,260.59
Interest Charges.....	1,400,884.45	2,217,290.08
Balance.....	5,724,785.30	3,763,970.51
Preferred Dividends.....	2,485,368.58	1,761,298.46
Balance.....	3,239,416.72	2,002,672.05
Common Dividends.....	*1,953,365.56	796,033.19
Balance.....	1,286,051.16	1,206,638.86

\*Interest on funded debt converted in 1925 into common stock included in common dividends.

The earnings of your Company are the amounts actually received or in the process of collection and do not include its interest in the undistributed surplus earnings of the operated and subsidiary companies.

Dividends were paid at the rate of 7% on the cumulative prior preference stock, 8% on the cumulative preferred stock, and 6% on the non-cumulative stock, leaving a remainder of earnings for dividends on the common stock equal to \$4 23 a share on the 765,635 shares of common stock outstanding December 31 1925, there having been an increase of 462,942 shares during the year, due to the sale of 125,148 shares at \$48 a share under special rights offered to shareholders, and the conversion of debenture bonds. Dividends at the rate of \$3 00 per share per annum were paid on the common stock outstanding during the year, and a balance of \$1,286,051 16, was carried to surplus.

For comparison with similar public utility companies reporting consolidated earnings, which would include the collectible income, as recited above, and the Company's interest in the undistributed surplus earnings (after deduction for depreciation and depletion) for the year 1925 of the operated public utility companies and Shaffer Oil and Refining Company, there was earned \$6 00 a share on the 765,635 shares of common stock outstanding on December 31 1925.

## CHANGES IN FINANCIAL STRUCTURE.

During the year the outstanding 7% prior preference stock was increased \$5,500,000 par value. A total of \$12,817,100 debenture bonds were retired, of which \$12,549,500 were converted into common stock and \$267,600 redeemed. The issues retired were \$3,253,500 of 6½% gold debenture bonds, due 1933, and \$9,563,600 gold debenture bonds, due 1934. On February 1 1926 there was sold a new issue of \$7,500,000 6% gold debentures, due 1951, and on March 19 1926 \$3,000,000 par value Prior Preference Stock.

## NEW COMPANIES ACQUIRED.

The principal new companies acquired and added to your Company's system during 1925 are as follows:

Coast Power Company, supplying electricity to a district with approximately 7,500 population centring at Tillamook, Oregon. This property has become part of Mountain States Power Company.

Natrona Power Company, supplying electricity to the city of Casper, Wyoming, an oil refining centre of approximately 30,000 population. The company has 7,000 horsepower of installed generating capacity and serves about 7,000 customers. This company, also, has been merged with Mountain States Power Company.

Consumers Light and Power Company, supplying 13 communities with electricity and a number with gas, embracing a population of about 44,000 centring at Ardmore, Oklahoma. This property is in the same general territory supplied by Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company and early in 1926 was consolidated with the latter company.

Saint Paul Gas Light Company, supplying approximately 70% of the electric service and all of the gas service in Saint Paul, Minnesota. In January 1926 this company was taken over and consolidated with Northern States Power Company, your Company's subsidiary, which previously supplied the other 30% of the electric service in Saint Paul. The acquisition of Saint Paul Gas Light Company, which for 1925 had gross earnings of \$5,347,165 70 and net earnings of \$1,676,741 85, greatly strengthened the position of Northern States Power Company.

Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, serving electricity to an extensive territory in eastern Wisconsin, including the cities of Green Bay, Oshkosh, Manitowoc and Marinette, and also Menominee, Michigan, and over 100 other commu-

nities. Gas service is supplied in Sheboygan and 10 other communities, and electric railway service in 10 communities. The territory includes the Fox River valley, which is one of the most prosperous and populous farming and manufacturing districts in Wisconsin. Total population is approximately 335,000. The electric business of the corporation has increased about 135% in the last five years, and gas about 92%. Gross earnings for 1925 amounted to \$4,007,992 37 and net earnings \$1,670,531 93. The company has 56,725 customers, total electric generating capacity of 67,091 horsepower, and included in its properties are eight water power plants. This corporation is a direct subsidiary of your Company.

The California Oregon Power Company, supplying electricity to 41 communities with 84,000 population in Northern California and Southern Oregon. This company has approximately 76,000 horsepower of developed water power, 764 miles of high tension transmission lines, and wholesales large quantities of hydro-electric energy to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company on the south and the Mountain States Power Company on the north. Water power sites capable of developing a large amount of additional water power are owned, and the company forms a large section of the interconnected power lines from the Mexican border to Canada. This company was formally taken over February 1 1926 and control was effected through the California Power Corporation, of which your Company owns all the outstanding capital stock. In 1925 the gross earnings were \$2,167,989 70; net earnings, \$1,330,557 45.

## OPERATED COMPANIES.

The operated companies, as a whole, had a satisfactory year and in every case showed a larger percentage of increase in net earnings than in gross earnings, thus evidencing continued operating economies.

Combined gross earnings of the operated utility companies, including all companies now in the system, increased 8.3% and net earnings increased 13.51% over the preceding year. These earnings compare for the years 1925 and 1924 as follows:

	1925.	1924.
Gross Earnings.....	\$66,917,200.41	\$61,787,671.17
Net Earnings.....	29,701,244.40	26,165,447.00

Of the gross earnings 73.27%, and of the net earnings 86.11%, were derived from the sale of electricity.

The total number of customers supplied with various kinds of service increased from 943,644 to 1,011,779, and the total connected load from 1,558,345 kilowatts to 1,732,286 kilowatts. Total output of electric energy for the year was 1,970,643,085 kilowatt hours, an increase of 10.67%; total gas output was 26,111,868,000 cubic feet, an increase of 9.53%.

During 1925 the total construction expenditures called for an investment of \$18,766,531. A large proportion of this amount was devoted to transmission and distributing equipment to handle new business, but a number of large additions were made to the electric and gas generating and gas storage equipment. These included the installation of a 33,500 horsepower steam turbine unit and the erection of a 6,000,000 cubic foot gas holder at Louisville; the construction of a new 780,000 cubic foot capacity coal gas plant at Fargo; the installation of a new 6,000 horsepower steam turbine unit at La Crosse, and the completion of the 5,000 horsepower Sandstone Rapids hydro-electric plant by the Wisconsin Public Service Corporation.

A total of 291 miles of high voltage transmission lines and 949 miles of distributing lines were built during the year.

For 1926 the construction budget calls for a total of \$28,950,000. As was the case in 1925 a considerable proportion of the expenditure will be for transmission and distributing equipment to handle additional business, and to further interconnect plants and transmission networks. There are, however, a number of large items for the construction of new generating plants and additions to existing plants.

Foremost among the new plants is the hydro-electric plant at the Falls of the Ohio River at Louisville. A lease of the power to be developed by a new Government dam to improve the navigation on the Ohio River was made in September by the Federal Power Commission to a subsidiary of the Louisville Gas and Electric Company. Work has been started on this project, which is scheduled for completion in 1929. The plant will be the seventh largest single hydro-electric development in the United States, with an initial capacity of 108,000 horsepower, and an ultimate capacity of 135,000 horsepower. It will produce an estimated annual output of 357,000,000 kilowatt hours, and is estimated to cost \$7,500,000.

Work has been started on the construction of a new 26,800 horsepower steam turbine plant at Green Bay, Wisconsin, for Wisconsin Public Service Corporation; on the installation of an additional unit of 26,800 horsepower at the Horsehoe Lake station of Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company, and an additional steam turbine unit of 20,000 horsepower for San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Company.

In general, however, the operated utilities have ample capacity to take on a considerable amount of new business, and only the ordinary extensions to care for growing business will be required during 1926 at the majority of the properties. The high standard of maintenance keeps the properties in excellent operating condition and capable of securing the utmost efficiency.

The Byllesby Engineering and Management Corporation, which is owned by your Company, and whose staff is composed of specialists of long experience in the engineering, operating and commercial development of utilities, increased its personnel to perform the duties of your rapidly growing utility system, and its activities were reflected in its net earnings, all of which accrue to Standard Gas and Electric Company. In February 1926 the United States War Department awarded a contract to the Byllesby Engineering and Management Corporation for the construction of the dam at Louisville to improve navigation on the Ohio River. The Corporation was able to effect a large saving for the Government by planning to do the work in connection with the construction of the 135,000 horsepower hydro plant for a subsidiary of the Louisville Gas and Electric Company.

The opinion expressed in the last annual report relative to continued improvement in the earnings of Shaffer Oil and Refining Company was justified in the earnings for the year. During 1924 it will be recalled that this company increased its net operating earnings more than 97% over the preceding year. For 1925 the results were correspondingly good, the gross earnings being \$15,297,880.23, or an increase of 66.42% over 1924, while net operating earnings increased to \$4,428,406.13, a gain of 90.49%. It is believed that in 1926 the Company will continue the steady progress achieved during the past two years.

#### CUSTOMER OWNERSHIP.

The sale of preferred stock of the operated utilities in the territories which they serve continued during the year under the customer ownership plan started in 1915. At the close of 1925 the combined properties had a total of 82,800 shareholders obtained under this plan, representing a net gain of more than 17,000 for the twelve months, compared to a gain of 14,000 in 1924. There were 35,667 separate sales of stock, involving \$21,769,600 par value, compared with a par value of \$19,284,200 in 1924. It is of interest to note that a large proportion of the executives and employees are stockholders of one or more companies comprising the system.

The total number of stockholders of Standard Gas and Electric Company, at the close of 1925, was approximately 27,200, or an increase of 6,600 during the year.

#### PITTSBURGH SITUATION.

As of March 31 1926 your Company consummated the most important transaction in its history. Negotiations were completed whereby Standard Gas and Electric Company acquired 80% of the voting control of Standard Power and Light Corporation, in which your Company previously had only a 50% voting interest. Standard Power and Light Corporation controls electric light and power, gas and street railway properties serving the city of Pittsburgh, Pa., and surrounding communities, and also controls approximately a 40% stock interest in the Market Street Railway system in the city of San Francisco. These properties in 1925 had combined gross earnings in excess of \$70,000,000.

Standard Gas and Electric Company public utility system, through this single transaction more than doubled in size, becoming one of the largest in the country, with combined annual gross earnings in excess of \$137,000,000 and combined assets in excess of \$750,000,000. These figures do not include the gross earnings of Standard's subsidiary, Shaffer Oil and Refining Company, of over \$15,000,000 annually and assets of that company in excess of \$35,000,000.

In completing the transaction your Company made offers to the minority stockholders of the United Railways Investment Company, California Railway and Power Company, Pittsburgh Utilities Corporation and The Philadelphia Company to exchange their stock for securities of Standard Gas and Electric Company in order to acquire the minority stock of these companies for its subsidiary, Standard Power and Light Corporation. Complete details of this transaction were outlined in the special letter sent to stockholders on April 6. The necessary increase in the capitalization of your Company was approved at the annual meeting held on April 21 1926.

#### CONCLUSION.

At no time since your Company was organized have future prospects been more encouraging. In the fields of both electricity and gas opportunities exist for serving large numbers of additional customers and of developing many further uses for these services, domestic as well as industrial. The utility properties have been maintained in excellent physical condition and are operated at a high standard of efficiency, and the public relations are eminently satisfactory. They are manned by a skilled and experienced force of executives and employees, to whom your directors express sincere acknowledgment for satisfactory and successful services. It is a source of gratification that so many of them are shareholders. Your organization has pioneered and is now among the foremost utility organizations in the development of the present idea of inter-connection of prop-

erties, or so-called "super" power, and the operated companies are well developed along these lines. Advantageously located and grouped in nineteen States of the Nation they are in position to benefit materially from continued prosperity of the country as a whole as well as the local communities served. In order to visualize the wide diversification of your Company's investments your attention is called to the map accompanying this report.

By order of the Board of Directors,

JOHN J. O'BRIEN, *President.*

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Chicago, Illinois, April 27 1926.

John J. O'Brien, Esq., *President,*

Standard Gas and Electric Company, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

I beg to submit herewith summary of Income and Profit and Loss for the year ended December 31 1925 and Balance Sheet at December 31 1925 of Standard Gas and Electric Company, prepared by Haskins & Sells, certified public accountants.

The figures given in the audit are the amounts actually received or in the process of collection by the Company, and do not include its interest in the undistributed surplus earnings of the operated and subsidiary companies.

Dividends were paid at the rate of 7% on the Cumulative Prior Preference Stock, 8% on the Cumulative Preferred Stock, 6% on the Non-Cumulative Stock and \$3.00 per share on the Common Stock. Common Stock dividends shown include the interest on funded debt converted during the year into Common Stock. The balance of \$3,239,416.72 available for Common Stock was equal to \$4.23 a share on the outstanding 765,635 shares of Common Stock on December 31 1925, which shares were an increase of 462,942 shares for the year resulting from the sale of 125,148 shares at \$48 a share under special rights offered to shareholders and to the conversion of funded debt into common stock.

On a consolidated basis of earnings, which would include the collectible income, as recited above, and the Company's interest in the undistributed surplus earnings (after deduction for depreciation and depletion) for the year 1925 of the operated public utility companies and Shaffer Oil and Refining Company, there was earned \$6.00 a share on the 765,635 shares of common stock outstanding on December 31 1925.

Immediately following the certified audit report will be found statements of securities owned and capitalization, as well as balance sheets, earning statements and statistical data of the Operated Public Utility Companies.

Respectfully yours,

M. A. MORRISON, *Treasurer.*

#### STANDARD GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY.

##### BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31 1925.

ASSETS.		
Securities Owned, including Advances to Subsidiary Companies		\$79,328,045.68
Securities Owned—Pledged to Affiliated Company as Security for Notes Payable Issued in Acquisition of such Securities	\$4,784,408.00	
Less Notes Payable to such Affiliated Co.	3,450,000.00	1,334,408.00
Securities Purchased for the Account of and Advances to Subsidiary Companies—Pledged as Security to Notes Payable of \$5,500,000.00 Issued in Connection with Acquisition of such Securities	\$6,698,805.37	
Less Notes Payable	5,500,000.00	1,198,805.37
Cash		1,808,384.40
Accounts Receivable:		
Subsidiary and Affiliated Companies	\$7,443,139.04	
Sundry Debtors	351,646.62	7,794,785.66
Accrued Accounts:		
Interest on Bonds Owned	\$81,306.66	
Dividends on Stocks Owned	425,206.54	506,513.20
Office Furniture and Fixtures		1.00
Prepaid Expenses:		
Prepaid Taxes	\$20,762.49	
Unexpired Insurance	697.38	
Prepaid Interest	22,718.99	
Sundry	88.06	44,266.92
Total		\$92,015,210.23
LIABILITIES.		
Funded Debt:		
Twenty-Year 6% Gold Notes, due October 1 1935		\$15,000,000.00
Notes Payable Deducted Contra:		
Issued to Affiliated Company	\$3,450,000.00	
Issued in connection with Purchases for account of Subsidiaries	5,500,000.00	
Total Notes Payable Deducted Contra	\$8,950,000.00	Nil
Notes Payable (including \$1,000,000.00 secured by Deposit of Securities Owned as Collateral)		1,961,500.00
Accounts Payable:		
Subsidiary and Affiliated Companies	\$7,364,153.04	
Sundry Creditors	21,650.00	7,385,803.04
Accrued for Interest and Taxes		243,312.50
Accrued for Dividends on Capital Stock		1,009,725.65
Miscellaneous Reserves		100,085.93
Preferred Capital Stock:		
Seven Per Cent Prior Preference	\$18,000,000.00	
Eight Per Cent Preferred	16,500,000.00	
Six Per Cent Non-Cumulative	1,000,000.00	35,500,000.00
Common Capital Stock—765,635 Shares without par value		21,971,764.00
Surplus, per Accompanying Summary		8,843,019.11
Total		\$92,015,210.23

Note.—The Standard Gas and Electric Company was contingently liable at December 31 1925 as guarantor of the principal and interest of the First Mortgage Convertible 6% Sinking Fund Gold bonds of the Shaffer Oil and



Refining Company, of which \$5,142,200.00, face value, were then outstanding, and on account of notes endorsed, guaranteed or discounted for various subsidiary and other affiliated companies in the amount of \$3,200,000.00.

**STANDARD GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY.**

**SUMMARY OF INCOME AND PROFIT & LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1925.**

Income Credits:	
Interest on Bonds Owned.....	\$320,296.66
Interest on Notes and Accounts Receivable.....	1,771,494.76
Dividends on Preferred and Common Stocks Owned—	
Public Utility Companies, Byllesby Engineering and Management Corporation, etc.....	3,911,532.72
Net Profit on Securities Sold.....	1,266,792.54
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$7,270,116.68</b>
Income Charges—General Expenses and Taxes.....	144,446.93
Balance Available for Interest and Other Charges.....	\$7,125,669.75
Interest:	
On Funded Debt.....	\$900,000.00
Miscellaneous.....	500,884.45
	1,400,884.45
Net Income, before Deducting Interest on Bonds Converted Into Common Stock.....	\$5,724,785.30
Dividends on Preferred Capital Stock:	
7% Prior Preference.....	\$1,105,368.58
8% Preferred.....	1,320,000.00
6% Non-Cumulative.....	60,000.00
	2,485,368.58
Remainder.....	\$3,239,416.72
Dividends on Common Capital Stock—Including Interest on Bonds Converted into Common Stock.....	1,953,365.56
Surplus for the Year.....	*\$1,286,051.16
Surplus, December 31 1924.....	7,556,967.95
Surplus, December 31 1925.....	\$8,843,019.11

\*No charge has been made herein for amortization of debt discount and expense applicable to the year ended December 31 1925, the total unamortized debt discount and expense having been charged against the common capital stock, shown on the accompanying balance sheet.

HASKINS & SELLS.

**CERTIFICATE.**

We have audited the books and accounts of the Standard Gas and Electric Company, Chicago, Illinois, for the year ended December 31 1925.

The amounts included in the accompanying Balance Sheet, December 31 1925, for securities owned are those shown by the accounts of the company without consolidation to reflect the underlying asset valuations of subsidiary companies.

We Herely Certify that, on the basis above stated, the accompanying Balance Sheet and Summary of Income and Profit & Loss, exhibit the financial condition of the company at December 31 1925 and the income results for the year so ended.

Chicago, March 3 1926.

HASKINS & SELLS.

**STANDARD GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY. SECURITIES OWNED DECEMBER 31 1925.**

Company—	Description.	Face Value
Consumers Light & Power Co.....	1st Mtg. 6s, 1942	\$1,000,000
Fort Smith Light & Traction Co.....	1st S. F. 5s, 1936	645,000
Fort Smith Light & Traction Co.....	2nd Mtg. 8s, 1931	1,100,000
Madison Light & Railway Co.....	1st Mtg. 6s, 1942	100,000
Southwestern General Gas Co.....	1st & Ref. S. F. 6s, 1931	311,000
<b>Total.....</b>		<b>\$3,156,000</b>

Company—	Par Value of Preferred Stocks Owned.	Par Value of Common Stocks Owned.
Coast Valleys Gas & Electric Company.....	\$3,000,000	
Consumers Light & Power Company and Affiliated Companies.....		1,413,900
Fort Smith Light & Traction Company.....	\$881,500	950,000
Northern States Power Company of Wisconsin.....	2,000,000	
Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company.....	2,835,800	4,499,700
San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Company.....		2,979,300
Shaffer Oil and Refining Company.....	1,196,900	
Sierra and San Francisco Power Company.....		20,000,000
Southern Colorado Power Company.....	405,000	
Southwestern General Gas Company.....	25,000	1,000,000
Western States Gas & Electric Company (Cal.).....		750,000
Western States Gas & Electric Company (Del.).....	259,500	3,253,200
Wisconsin Public Service Corporation.....		2,650,000
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>\$7,603,700</b>	<b>\$40,496,100</b>
Other Investments.....		30,500
<b>Grand Totals.....</b>	<b>\$7,603,700</b>	<b>\$40,526,600</b>

Company—	Shares Owned Without Par Value or With Nominal Par Value.
Byllesby Engineering and Management Corporation.....	100,000
Louisville Gas & Electric Company (Del.) Class "B".....	148,580
Mountain States Power Company.....	88,120
Northern States Power Company (Del.) Class "B".....	499,926
Shaffer Oil and Refining Company.....	158,000
Southern Colorado Power Company.....	75,000
Other Investments Preferred and Common Stocks.....	144,000
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>1,213,626</b>

**STANDARD GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY. OPERATED COMPANIES.**

The California Oregon Power Company, serves Dunsuir, Yreka, Dorris, Scott Valley, Mt. Shasta City and surrounding communities in California, and Medford, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Roseburg, Ashland, Central Point, Gold Hill, Glendale, Merrill, Myrtle Creek and other surrounding communities in Oregon. (Controlled by Standard Gas and Electric Company's subsidiary, California Power Corporation, effective February 1 1926.)

Coast Valleys Gas and Electric Company, operating in Monterey, Salinas, Pacific Grove and King City, California, and surrounding territory.

Consumers Light and Power Company, furnishes service in the cities of Ardmore, Healdton, Ringling, Wilson, Durant, Caddo, Madill and various other important towns in Oklahoma.

Fort Smith Light and Traction Company, operating in Fort Smith and Van Buren, Arkansas, and surrounding territory, and controls, through stock ownership, Mississippi Valley Power Company, operating in Mulberry and Ozark, Arkansas, and surrounding territory.

Louisville Gas and Electric Company (Del.), through its subsidiaries operating in Louisville, Kentucky, and suburbs.

Mountain States Power Company, operating in Anbany, Eugene and Springfield, Oregon, Kalispell and Whitefish, Montana, Sandpoint, Idaho, Tacoma, Washington (Tacoma Gas and Fuel Company), Everett, Washington (Puget Sound Gas Company), and surrounding territory.

Northern States Power Company (Del.), through its subsidiaries operating in Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Northern Illinois, and controls the common stock of the Northern States Power Co. (of Wisconsin), operating in Red Wing and Winona, Minnesota, La Crosse and Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and surrounding territory.

Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company, operating in Oklahoma City, El Reno, Norman, Drumright Enid, Bristow, Kiefer, Muskogee, Fort Gibson, Sapulpa, Shawnee, Ada and Holdenville, Oklahoma, and surrounding territory.

San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Company, operating in San Diego, California, and surrounding territory.

Southern Colorado Power Company, operating in Pueblo, Victor, Goldfield, Cripple Creek, Canon City, Rocky Ford, La Junta, Anaconda and Independence, Colorado, and surrounding territory.

Southwestern General Gas Company, owning and operating natural gas fields and pipe lines to Fort Smith and Van Buren, Arkansas.

Western States Gas and Electric Company (Del.), through its subsidiary operating in Stockton, Richmond, and Eureka, California, and a number of other communities.

Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, serving Green Bay, Oshkosh, Marinette, Manitowoc, Sheboygan, Oconto, Plymouth, Sturgeon Bay, De Pere, Kaukauna, Peshtigo and surrounding communities in Wisconsin, and Menominee, in Michigan.

Shaffer Oil and Refining Company.  
Byllesby Engineering and Management Corporation.

**OPERATED PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES OF STANDARD GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY.**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1925.  
(New Properties Included Only for Periods Operated.)

Gross Earnings:	
Electric Department.....	\$42,868,875.50
Gas Department.....	11,994,748.99
Steam Department.....	783,249.14
Telephone Department.....	170,838.43
Street Railway Department.....	1,170,062.82
Water Department.....	123,296.45
Ice Department.....	382,864.56
<b>Total Gross Earnings.....</b>	<b>\$57,493,935.89</b>
Operating Expenses:	
Operating Expenses.....	\$23,342,943.12
Maintenance Charges.....	4,082,969.68
Taxes.....	4,424,617.80
<b>Total Operating Expenses.....</b>	<b>31,850,530.60</b>
Net Earnings.....	\$25,643,405.29
Deduct:	
Interest on Funded and Floating Indebtedness.....	\$11,341,846.70
Preferred and Common Stock Dividends.....	9,900,601.19
Amortization of Debt Discount and Expense.....	270,394.70
	21,512,842.59
Balance.....	\$4,130,562.70
Retirement Reserves (Depreciation and Depletion).....	\$3,370,818.20
Surplus.....	759,744.50
	\$4,130,562.70

For the year 1925 Combined Maintenance and Retirement reserves was 12.96% of Gross Earnings, and including Undistributed Surplus was 14.28% of Gross Earnings.

**SURPLUS AND RETIREMENT RESERVES present Operated Public Utility Companies, December 31 1925:**

Surplus.....	\$7,520,957.64
Retirement Reserves.....	22,761,027.70
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$30,281,985.34</b>

**OPERATED PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES OF STANDARD GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY.**

POPULATION AND COMMUNITIES SERVED, DEC. 31 1925.  
Total Estimated Population Served..... 3,350,000

Service Classified by Communities—	Number of Communities.
Electricity Only.....	925
Electricity and Gas.....	44
Electricity and Steam.....	2
Electricity and Street Railway.....	7
Electricity and Telephone.....	3
Electricity and Water.....	10
Electricity, Gas and Steam.....	6
Electricity, Gas and Street Railway.....	11
Electricity, Gas and Water.....	2
Electricity, Steam and Telephone.....	1
Electricity, Water and Telephone.....	1
Electricity, Gas, Steam and Street Railway.....	1
Gas Only.....	19
Gas and Street Railway.....	1
Telephone Only.....	6
Street Railway Only.....	1
<b>Total Communities Served.....</b>	<b>1,040</b>
Communities Classified by Service—	
Electricity.....	1,013
Gas.....	84
Steam.....	10
Street Railway.....	21
Telephone.....	11
Water.....	13
<b>Total Communities by Class of Service.....</b>	<b>1,152</b>

Above statistics include Saint Paul Gas Light Company properties acquired January 2 1926 and The California Oregon Power Company acquired February 1 1926.

OPERATED PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES OF STANDARD GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY.  
CAPITALIZATION OUTSTANDING DECEMBER 31 1925.

COMPANY, Including Subsidiaries.	Funded Debt.	Preferred Stock Par Value.	Common Stock.	
			Par Value.	Shares Without Par Value.
The California Oregon Power Company	\$9,524,300	\$4,144,200	\$4,441,100	100,000
Bylesby Engineering & Management Corporation	1,866,000	1,105,500	3,000,000	-----
Coast Valleys Gas & Electric Company	1,000,000	-----	1,413,900	-----
Consumers Light & Power Company	4,601,000	1,460,000	950,000	-----
Fort Smith Light & Traction Company	28,460,100	11,769,300	8,600	759,836
Louisville Gas & Electric Company (Del.)	10,157,400	2,551,900	-----	130,000
Mountain States Power Company	109,138,400	53,460,030	17,658,200	500,000
Northern States Power Company (Del.)	31,500,000	10,611,000	7,500,000	-----
Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company	11,368,000	6,292,500	3,032,500	-----
San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Company	19,956,000	-----	20,000,000	-----
Sierra & San Francisco Power Company	6,893,000	3,274,100	2,750,000	75,000
Southern Colorado Power Company	311,000	25,000	1,001,000	-----
Southwestern General Gas Company	17,447,500	6,172,700	4,254,500	-----
Western States Gas & Electric Company (Del.)	10,367,000	3,591,300	2,651,800	-----
Wisconsin Public Service Corporation	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$262,589,700</b>	<b>\$104,457,530</b>	<b>\$68,661,600</b>	<b>1,564,836</b>

The above figures do not include Standard Power and Light Corporation (Delaware) with capitalization outstanding of: 100,000 shares without par value  
Preferred Stock ----- 440,000 shares without par value  
Common Stock -----  
nor Shaffer Oil and Refining Company and Subsidiaries with present capitalization outstanding of: \$14,343,283.77  
Funded Debt ----- 14,000,000.00  
Preferred Stock -----  
Common Stock (without par value or of nominal par value) ----- 160,000 shares

The California Oregon Power Company acquired February 1 1926.  
\*Includes Saint Paul Gas Light Company properties acquired January 2 1926.

OPERATED PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES OF STANDARD GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF GROSS AND NET EARNINGS PRESENT OPERATED COMPANIES FOR YEARS ENDED DEC. 31.

Company, Including Subsidiaries.	Gross Earnings				
	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
California Oregon	\$2,167,989.70	\$1,699,764.29	\$1,370,544.78	\$1,066,189.52	\$1,001,272.07
Coast Valleys	1,057,925.17	886,503.70	795,212.55	684,623.15	636,420.63
Consumers	1,099,919.38	1,083,874.54	1,042,163.75	1,062,910.92	1,034,007.45
Fort Smith	* 1,262,722.40	1,207,068.97	1,159,945.23	1,158,245.94	1,059,147.89
Louisville	7,903,898.59	7,268,599.98	6,575,084.43	5,663,969.04	4,978,413.18
Mountain States	3,027,960.72	2,957,994.29	2,807,383.42	2,505,769.98	2,412,902.69
Northern States	x 26,386,532.33	24,836,047.70	23,686,249.31	21,504,516.61	20,172,548.11
Oklahoma	8,978,554.37	7,963,683.40	7,083,033.23	6,597,151.51	5,966,975.85
San Diego	5,381,701.12	4,710,808.20	3,802,599.08	3,771,526.62	3,814,918.17
Sierra and San Francisco	171,907.68	175,266.82	163,880.32	112,061.01	60,844.32
Southern Colorado	2,338,641.04	2,199,771.47	1,958,957.95	1,839,460.02	1,755,525.73
Southwestern	53,802.20	67,130.84	72,022.82	80,622.19	251,085.81
Western States	3,240,056.51	3,246,113.14	2,984,670.59	2,697,383.82	2,247,164.64
Wisconsin Public Service	4,007,992.37	3,660,557.70	3,457,124.56	3,081,213.88	2,892,361.56
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$67,079,603.58</b>	<b>\$61,963,185.04</b>	<b>\$56,958,872.02</b>	<b>\$51,825,644.21</b>	<b>\$48,583,588.10</b>
Less—Inter-Company Eliminations	162,403.17	175,513.87	161,289.64	77,810.16	244,270.41
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$66,917,200.41</b>	<b>\$61,787,671.17</b>	<b>\$56,797,582.38</b>	<b>\$51,747,834.05</b>	<b>\$48,339,317.69</b>
Company, Including Subsidiaries.	Net Earnings				
	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.
California Oregon	\$1,330,557.45	\$1,000,875.58	\$775,940.81	\$618,401.92	\$552,189.89
Coast Valleys	381,449.30	293,331.07	292,248.31	197,195.03	167,336.71
Consumers	385,544.03	375,256.67	371,884.82	375,307.24	327,130.77
Fort Smith	* 343,326.70	302,369.62	337,370.95	308,409.41	302,181.85
Louisville	4,092,030.58	3,556,730.48	3,248,561.68	2,666,649.94	2,268,558.00
Mountain States	1,104,347.60	1,026,933.78	948,430.27	782,500.97	636,990.42
Northern States	x 12,163,217.58	11,110,521.19	10,068,246.06	9,097,719.67	8,228,466.81
Oklahoma	3,189,598.29	2,578,812.77	2,230,252.10	1,749,388.39	1,565,705.32
San Diego	2,260,767.18	1,925,847.49	1,503,238.32	1,254,313.23	1,109,481.06
Sierra and San Francisco	117,505.45	127,840.36	117,424.72	62,559.68	10,350.35
Southern Colorado	990,989.57	903,228.12	765,205.66	712,795.67	599,084.89
Southwestern	24,407.24	38,055.88	43,859.72	49,726.01	35,649.57
Western States	1,647,331.50	1,452,965.64	1,049,009.20	917,695.61	858,577.26
Wisconsin Public Service	1,670,531.93	1,472,678.35	1,249,563.61	985,600.13	904,828.34
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$29,701,244.40</b>	<b>\$26,165,447.00</b>	<b>\$23,001,236.23</b>	<b>\$19,778,262.90</b>	<b>\$17,566,531.24</b>

The California Oregon Power Company acquired February 1 1926.  
\* Beginning 1923, gas used under boilers is eliminated from gross earnings.  
x Includes Saint Paul Gas Light Company properties acquired January 2 1926.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—A bit of old Threadneedle St., London—the ancestor of the financial streets of the world—is reproduced in La Salle St., Chicago, nine stories above the street level, in the new offices of A. B. Leach & Co., Inc. The walls are paneled to the ceiling in solid Mexican mahogany, hand rubbed and waxed without stain or varnish to bring out the rich glow of the natural wood, similar to the panelling that is found in the old business houses on Threadneedle St. A carpeting described as a "pepper brown" covers the entire floor. This and the other furnishings were selected by Mrs. John Alden Carpenter, whose taste for the exquisite is known throughout society circles of Chicago. As a part of the office, there is just such a library with leaded glass casement windows as might be taken out of an English mansion. The rest of the La Salle St. frontage is devoted to the private office of F. W. Leach, head of the firm, and a novel conference room, which may be divided into three rooms by the use of concealed sliding panels. Though the entire tone of the office fixtures and furnishings bespeaks the spirit of two hundred years ago, there is modernity in its physical equipment for conveying information regarding the fluctuations of stocks and bonds. A new electric trading board, built by the Western Electric Co. and the Illinois Bell Telephone Co., in accordance with specifications furnished by A. B. Leach & Co., has been installed. It is the only trading board of its kind in the world. It has as many connections as are normally found in a telephone exchange serving 100,000 people.

—To enlarge its bond and preferred stock business the Pittsburgh Investment banking house of Goddard & Co., Inc., has opened a New York office under the management of Hubert F. Atwater, for twenty years associated with Redmond & Co. The New York offices are in the new Bank of America Bldg., 44 Wall St. S. S. Goddard, President of Goddard & Co., started in the bond business in Pittsburgh in 1915. Following the war he opened an office in Pittsburgh for Redmond & Co., and was a partner in that firm from 1921 to 1925, when he resigned to take over the business of Redmond & Co. in Pittsburgh under the name of Goddard & Co., Inc. Mr. Atwater has been continuously with Redmond & Co. in various capacities since 1906 and for the last several years has been in charge of Redmond & Co.'s bond department, directing the wholesaling of new issues, &c.

—The Guardian Trust Co. of Detroit, Mich., is distributing an eight-page booklet containing a large and widely diversified list of bond offerings arranged under the following divisions: State and municipal, railroad, public utility, industrial, real estate, and foreign. A chart on the inside back cover showing the comparative yields of six different groups of bonds, for the past three years is an interesting and valuable feature of this booklet, copies of which may be had either from the trust company or its subsidiary, the Guardian Detroit Co., at 120 Broadway, New York.

—Farr & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, 90 Wall Street, New York have prepared an analysis of the Electric Storage Battery Co. Among the interesting topics taken up for consideration are the following: The present financial position, a record of sales, earnings and dividends from 1916 to 1925 inclusive and the market position of the stock with the company's prospects for future growth and expansion. Copies of this circular will be sent free on request.

—Rutter & Co. of 14 Wall Street, New York, have opened a branch office in Boston at 35 Congress Street. Gorge Goodspeed, formerly of McKinley & Morris and National City Co., and John Cushman, whose father was for many years in charge of the Bond Department of the New York Life Insurance Co. and widely known in financial circles, have been placed in charge of the new office.

—Hale, Waters & Co., investment bankers specializing in securities of companies identified with Electric Bond & Share Co., announce the opening of a New York City office at 2 Rector St. in charge of Arthur Besse. The telephone number will be Whitehall 5832. Hale, Waters & Co. has heretofore confined its activities to the New England States, with headquarters in Boston.

—At the annual meeting of the Women's Bond Club of New York, the following officers were elected to serve during the coming year: President, Eleanor Kerr of Potter & Co.; Vice-President, Eva L. Boggan of Guaranty Co.; Secretary-Treasurer, Consuelo A. M. Stine of E. H. Rollins & Sons. Executive Committee: Margaret Barr of Phillips & Zoller, Louise Davenport of Clark, Williams & Co.

—Hallgarten & Co. have published a very interesting booklet describing in detail the commercial importance of the Philippines, Hawaii and Porto Rico; also their fiscal status and tax exemption features and the high investment rating of their bonds. Copies of this booklet are available by writing the firm at 44 Pine St., New York.

—Robinson & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce that Herbert C. Frederichs, formerly with W. E. Hutton & Co., is now associated with them at their new uptown office in the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. Building, 475 Fifth Avenue.

—Strabo V. Claggett & Co., Inc., announce that Ray Henry, who was formerly Assistant Counsel for the United Drug Co. and was also formerly associated with Gaston, Snow, Saltonstall & Hunt of Boston, Mass., has been elected Secretary and Treasurer of their firm.

—James E. Maddock & Co., 137 South La Salle St., Chicago, announce the acquisition and succession to the business of Darnell, Maddock & Co., now dissolved. A general investment business will be conducted. The same telephone—Randolph 5496—will be retained.

—Chas. A. Day & Co., Inc., Boston, Mass., announce that Sumner R. Wolley, formerly with the Old Colony Trust Co. and Old Colony Corp., is now associated with them in their trading department.



## 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, May 14 1926.

COFFEE on the spot was quiet; Rio 7s, 19 $\frac{3}{8}$  to 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; Santos, 4s, 22 to 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Mild coffees are expected to arrive here more freely in the latter part of this month. Brazilian shippers have found a slow market here. Firm offers on the 11th inst. included prompt shipment Bourbon 3s at 22 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 3-4s at 21 $\frac{3}{4}$  to 22c.; 3-5s at 21 $\frac{1}{4}$  to 21.95c.; 4-5s at 21 to 21.60c.; 5s at 21.10 to 21.30c.; 5-6s at 20.90 to 21c.; part Bourbon 2s at 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 3-5s at 20 $\frac{3}{4}$  to 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 4-5s at 21.30 to 21.40c.; 7s at 20c.; Santos peaberry 3-5s at 21 to 21.45c.; 4-5s at 20.55 to 21c.; 5-6s at 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; Rio 7s at 18.80 to 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; Victoria 7-8s at 18.70c. Future shipment June-August Bourbon 3s at 22 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 4s at 21.90c.; 5s at 21.55c. Mild coffees were reported weaker for shipment but firm on the spot. Here the situation on the 10th inst. was that the demand was light, except for milds, and buyers determined to purchase only as necessary. Santos cabled: "Spot undecided, suitable better and high grades firmer. More sporadic demand from Europe. In exchange upward small daily advances." Havre cabled: "Somewhat better feeling on less offering of milds, but trade cautious due to contradictory information as to the size of the next crop of Santos." The Permanent Institute Defense Coffee reported coffee stocks at Sao Paulo interior warehouses and railways on April 30 at 3,531,000 bags, compared with 3,902,000 bags on March 31. To-day spot coffee was quiet with No. 7 Rio 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. and Santos 4s 22 $\frac{1}{4}$  to 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Fair to good Cucuta, 25 to 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Laguayra fair to good, 27 to 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Porto Cabello washed, 27 to 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Colombian, Ocana, 24 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 25c.; Bucaramanga washed, 30 to 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Honda and Tolima, 30 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 31c.; Medellin, 32 to 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Manizales, 30 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 31c. On May 8th private advices reported a recount of the Rio stock and it showed 150,000 bags increase. On the 10th inst. official cables showed an increase of a little over 100,000 bags. This and reports that the Magdalena River was rising and in better condition for traffic caused liquidation. Foreign connections for several weeks past had been buying and putting up prices. They are now expected to sell with milds threatening Brazil with larger supplies and two dull months just ahead. Some call the world's monthly figures of A. Laneuville, surprisingly favorable. They indicate that the deliveries for the present season are now only a little behind those of two years ago and that a total of 22,000,000 bags and perhaps more for the whole season is now practically assured.

The New York stock of Brazil is 332,889 bags, against 258,848 a year ago; in New Orleans, 110,820 bags, against 116,325 last year; total in sight for the United States, 727,709 bags, against 499,573 last year. Rio's stock is 167,000 bags, against 154,000 last year; receipts, 8,000, against 3,000 last year; Santos's stock, 1,323,000 bags, against 2,268,000 last year; receipts, 26,000, against 22,000 last year.

To-day futures closed 10 to 15 points higher with Brazilian cables showing an advance and shorts covering. Rio was 50 to 300 reis higher. Santos advanced 250 to 475 reis. Rio Exchange was 9 9-32d.; dollars, 20 reis lower at 6\$780. Santos exchange was 1-32d. higher at 7 9-32d., with the dollar rate off 10 reis to 6\$810. Final prices show a rise for May of 5 points for the week with July 5 points lower and Sept. 7 points higher. The Exchange will close on Saturday May 29, preceding Memorial Day. The Exchange will be closed on Saturdays during June, July, August and September.

Spot unofficial 19% July ----- 17.49@trad. | December -16.03@nom.  
May ----- 17.40@trad. | September -16.64@trad. | March ----- 15.53@trad.

SUGAR.—Prompt Cuban moved up to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. with sales on the 10th inst. of 65,000 bags second half of May at that price. Also 5,000 tons sold at 4.27c. for Philippine to go to Philadelphia. Refined was at 5.50c. with a fair business at that price. Raw was firmer early in the week. Last week 150,000 bags sold at 2 $\frac{3}{8}$  to 2 7-16c. On the 8th inst. Porto Rico sugar due May 17th and 24th sold at 2 7-16c. or 4.21c. Prompt sugars were not so much wanted, but later deliveries were. Not on a large scale but they sold where prompt sugars did not. On the 8th inst. two more centrals had suspended, the Cape Cruz with output of 122,000 bags against estimates of 109,000 bags and the Jatibonica with 457,036 bags against estimates of 450,000 bags. That made about 75 mills that had closed with less than the required 10% reduction. Refined was quiet at 5.20 to 5.50c. Futures advanced 1 to 3 points on the 8th inst. with some buying for long account as well as covering. On this side of the water the situation early in the week looked better but naturally the English market was dull. America's trade was not expected to be much affected by the strike if it did

not last too long. English consumption went on without interruption. The strikers did not interfere with the distribution of sugar. Mills closed recently with a production turnout some 12% under that of last season. That was naturally considered a bracing factor. As some view the matter it becomes more evident daily that the original crop estimates were too high as 63 mills finished grinding with an outturn of 1,210,000 tons or about 135,000 tons less than had been previously estimated. The remaining 113 centrals may be expected to shut down rapidly. The period of big consumption lies just ahead. Cuba's crop restrictions, it is contended, will prove that the low prices of the season have been passed and that the peak is yet to come. Such is the contention of the optimists.

May was sold rather freely on the 12th inst. and futures fell 3 to 4 points. About 30 notices were issued. Some 41,250 tons were sold. About 55,000 bags sold at 4.27c. for Porto Rico and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. c. & f. for Cuba first week of June. Beet sugar is up to 5.50c. in Chicago and west to the Rocky Mountains. Here granulated was quiet at 5.40 to 5.60c. The Cuban Central RR. in Santa Clara Province had a strike from Saturday until the 12th inst., with the Cuba Co. still unchanged. After sales early in the week of 250,000 bags of Cuba, Porto Rico and Philippine Island raw sugars on the basis of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. c. & f. for Cuba to refiners and operators the market became quieter. Foreign markets were unsettled. Holders still asked 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., basis. The closing down of 109 Cuban mills gives holders more confidence. Cuban producing interests bought futures aggressively for a time.

London cabled to the "Federal Reporter" on the 11th inst.: "Market steady and dull and have great difficulty delivering refined sugar. Tates works part time and Lyle not operating. Dutch refiners have purchased one cargo March shipment Cubas from Greenock refiners at 11s. 6d." Later refiners were not inclined to sell freely of granulated sugar, with a firmer market for raws. Brokers in refined are reporting a large trade with the Metropolitan territory. Out-of-town business was also larger. Withdrawals continued to be large. Refiners in some cases advanced their quotations on the 10th inst. to 5.40 to 5.60c. Havana cabled that if the orders of the Railroad Brotherhood were carried out, Havana would be completely isolated from the interior of Cuba. The strike affected the Havana Central, the Harshey Electric and United Railways. Five more Cuban centrals later stopped grinding with an outturn of 727,856 bags, compared with an estimate of 769,000 bags. One hundred and nine centrals have shut down so far for the season with a combined outturn of 19,324,518 bags, compared with an estimated outturn of 20,762,000 bags. Some think the market has taken a definite turn for the better. Hamburg cabled that the estimated acreage for Germany decreased 1.16%. Havana cabled that the strike which involved Cuba's three principal railroads ended on May 12.

Some argue that production this year will be excessive and that prices will be kept down by it. Others declare that the 10% Cuban crop restriction will tell in the end, reinforced by reduced crops in other parts of the world. There are those, however, who insist that the big stocks in the United Kingdom and the dulness of business there in the presence of the strike meant that there was at least a possibility that cargoes that might have gone to England might be sent to the United States. It was intimated that some buyers on this side were holding aloof in expectation of some such development. Later it was announced that the strike had been settled. Willett & Gray received the following from Guma-Mejer: "Rains will ultimately determine outturn of crop. From data available look for about 4,900,000 tons." Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 103,435 tons, against 145,760 tons in the previous week, 167,185 last year and 109,067 two years ago; exports, 84,439 tons, against 86,535 in previous week, 85,518 last year and 91,286 two years ago; stock, 1,471,142 tons, against 1,452,146 in previous week, 1,239,912 last year and 958,496 two years ago; centrals grinding, 75, against 124 in previous week, 149 last year and 84 two years ago. Havana cabled: "Weather unsettled." Receipts at U. S. Atlantic ports for the week were 85,244 tons, against 66,819 in the same week last year and 74,809 two years ago; meltings, 62,000, against 52,000 last year and 66,000 two years ago; stock, 333,118 tons, against 202,046 last year and 186,034 two years ago. Havana cabled that up to May 13 113 mills finished grinding. The latest mills to report are the following: Central San Ignacie, with an output of 83,536, against estimates of 80,000; and Nazabal, with an output of 157,000, against estimates of 170,000.

To-day prompt raws were dull and weaker at 2 7-16c., though that price is said to be bid for forward shipment. Refined was quiet and unchanged. Futures closed 2 to 3 points lower with sales of 30,150 tons. Trade was dull at home and abroad. Final prices show a decline in futures for

the week of 5 points. Prompt raws at 2 7-16c. and 1-16c. higher than a week ago. The Exchange will close on Saturday May 29th, preceding Memorial Day. Prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	2 7-16	July	-----2.52@nom.	December	-----2.79@----
May	-----2.42@nom.	September	-----2.63@----	March	-----2.79@----

LARD on the spot has advanced with a fair demand but latterly quiet at the rise. Prime Western, 16 to 16.10c.; Middle Western, 15.80 to 15.90c.; city, in tierces, 15 5/8c.; city, in tubs, 16c. Compound, carlots, in tierces, 15 1/4c. to 15 1/2c.; refined Continent, 16 3/8 to 16 1/2c.; South America, 17 1/2c.; Brazil, in kegs, 18 1/2c. To-day trade was quiet but prices were steady. Prime Western, 16c.; refined Continent, 16 1/2c.; South America, 17 1/2c.; Brazil, 18 1/2c. Futures advanced with receipts of hogs small all over the West, warehouse stocks light, cash trade brisk in salted meats, covering for foreign account, smaller farrowings than expected and greater pig mortality. On the 11th inst. prices advanced 15 to 17 points net on lard in Chicago and Liverpool was 6d. to 9d. higher. Meats at Chicago rose 5 to 27 points net on that day. Futures fell on the 12th inst. owing to lower Liverpool prices, declining quotations for hogs and liquidation. Declines in grain had some effect. Also the dulness of the cash trade. Liverpool ended 3d. off to 3d. higher. To-day futures were practically unchanged. The opening was firmer with hogs 15 to 25c. higher, and offerings light. Later on the effect of a decline in wheat was apparent. The closing, however, was steady. Western hog receipts were 53,000, against 78,000 a year ago. For the week prices show a rise of 27 to 30 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery	15.00	15.22	15.40	15.27	15.25	15.25
July delivery	15.25	15.45	15.60	15.45	15.42	15.42
September delivery	15.42	15.67	15.82	15.67	15.65	15.65

PORK higher; mess, \$37; family, \$39 to \$41; fat back pork, \$29 50 to \$30 50. Ribs firm; cash, 16.75c.; basis, 40 to 60 lbs. average. Beef steady; mess, \$20 to \$21; packet, \$22 to \$24; family, \$23 to \$25; extra India mess, \$42 to \$45; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$3; No. 2, \$8 25; 6 lbs., \$18 50; pickled tongues, \$55 to \$60 nominal. Cut meats firmer; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 23 1/4 to 26 1/4c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 23 1/2 to 24c. Bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., 19c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 19 1/4c. Butter, lower grade to high scoring, 36 to 42 1/2c. Cheese, flats, 20 to 28c. Eggs, medium to extras, 30 to 35 1/2c.

OILS have been rather more active and steady at 10.8c. in car lots, cooerage basis. Paint manufacturers are purchasing more freely. But Linoleum interests are taking very little. There was a good jobbing demand however. Coconut oil, Ceylon, f.o.b. Coast tanks, 9 1/2c.; Manila tanks, coast spot, 9 1/2c.; China wood, N. Y. spot bbls., 12c.; Corn, crude, tanks, plant, 12c.; olive, \$1 13; Soya bean coast tanks, 10c.; blown, bbl., 14 to 14 1/4c. Lard, prime, 17 1/4c.; extra strained, winter N. Y., 14c. Cod, domestic, 58 to 60c.; Newfoundland, 60 to 65c. Turpentine, 90 to 94c.; Rosin, \$9 50 to \$14. Cottonseed oil sales to-day including switches, 10,800 bbls. P. crude, S. E., 12c. Nominal. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	-----14.05@	July	-----13.40@13.41	Oct	-----12.21@
May	-----13.85@14.00	Aug	-----13.30@13.38	Nov	-----11.27@11.29
June	-----13.75@14.00	Sept	-----13.02@13.00	Dec	-----10.80@10.95

PETROLEUM.—Gasoline was in better demand and firm at 13 1/2c. for U. S. Motor at local refineries and 14 1/2c. in tank cars delivered to domestic trade. Export demand has been more spirited. At the Gulf, U. S. Motor was held at 12c., bulk, and 14 3/4 to 15c. for 64-66. Kerosene was firm at 10 1/2c. for water white in bulk at refineries and 11 1/2c. in tank cars delivered to trade. In the Gulf water white was 9 1/4c. and prime white 8 1/4c. Cased kerosene was in better demand. Gas oil was rather more active and steady at 6 1/2c. for 36-40 in bulk at local refineries, while 28-34 was quoted at 5 3/4c. refinery. Bunker oil was easier at \$1 75 for grade C f.o.b. New York Harbor refineries and \$1 81 1/2 f.a.s. Diesel oil was fairly active at \$2 41 1/2 refinery. Lubricants were quiet; Pennsylvania 600 s.r. generally 22 1/2c., but it was intimated that business could be done at slightly under that level. Bulk gasoline of late has shown an upward tendency. Refiners here ask 13 1/2c. for United States Motor in tank cars at refineries and 14 1/2c. delivered. The demand home and foreign has shown more snap. Kerosene has been firm with a satisfactory trade for this time of the year. Bunker oil and gas oil have been slow. New York refined export prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, U. S. Motor specifications, deodorized, 28.90c.; U. S. Motor, bulk, refinery, 13c.; kerosene, in cargo lots, cases, 19.15c. Gas oil, Bayonne, tank cars, 28-34 deg., 5 3/4c.; 36-40 deg., 6 1/2c. Petroleum, tanks, wagon to store, 17c. Kerosene, bulk, 45-46-150-W.W., delivered, New York, tank cars, 10 1/2c. Motor gasoline, garages (steel bbls.), 20c.; up-State, 20c.

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	Homer 35 and above	-----	1.95
Louisiana and Ark 32-34.9	Caddo	-----	1.85
35-37.9	Below 32 deg.	-----	2.00
38 and above	32-34.9	-----	2.00
	38 and above	-----	2.20
Pennsylvania	Buckeye	-----	\$3.30
Corning	Bradford	-----	3.65
Cabell	Lima	-----	2.23
Somerset, light	Illiana	-----	2.00
Rock Creek	Princeton	-----	2.12
Smackover, 27 deg.	Canadian	-----	2.63
	Corsicana heavy	-----	1.15
	Eureka	-----	\$3.50
	Illinois	-----	2.12
	Crichton	-----	1.85
	Plymouth	-----	1.65
	Haynesville, 33 deg.	-----	1.85
	Gulf Coastal A	-----	1.50
	De Soto	-----	2.05

RUBBER was quiet and steady early in the week. The English trade was less affected by the strike than had been expected. London advanced 1/4d. early on the 10th inst. but lost it later. Here on the Exchange on the 10th inst. May was 49.60 to 50c., closing at 49.60c.; July was 46.50 to 47.10c., closing at 46.60c. Outside prices: first latex crepe spot and May 50 to 50 1/2c.; June, 49 to 49 1/2c.; July-Sept. and Oct.-Dec., 47 to 47 1/2c. Ribbed smoked sheets, spot and May, 49 to 49 1/2c.; June, 47 3/4 to 48 1/4c.; July-Sept. and Oct.-Dec., 46 to 46 1/2c. In London on May 10 the stock was 19,356 tons, an increase of 405 tons over the previous week. Deliveries were 435 tons, imports 840 tons. The present stock is the highest since March 14 1925 and compares with 18,951 last week, 14,511 last month and 9,886 last year. London was quiet on the 10th inst. Traders were cautious. Spot and May closed at 23 1/2 to 23 3/4d.; July-Sept. and Oct.-Dec. 23 1/4 to 23 3/4d.; Jan.-March 23 1/2d. to 24d. Singapore fell 1/4 to 1/2d.; spot and May 23 1/4d.; June, 22 3/4d.; July-Sept., 21 3/4d. There were some manufacturers' orders, especially for July and cables stated that, manufacturers bought in the Far East. Some called conditions on the whole very disappointing. In several instances manufacturers who bought July sold their May rubber back, it is said, to importers and dealers. According to the Rubber Association of America, consumption of crude rubber within the first quarter of this year totaled 94,300 tons, against 97,380 in 1925. Stocks on hand March 31 were 61,253 tons, an increase of 3,893 tons over those of March 31 1925. The report said that the growing use of reclaimed rubber was reflected in the amount consumed in the first quarter when manufacturers' requirements totaled 30,929 tons, against 27,258 tons, during the previous quarter. Factory interests bought some July on the 10th inst., but business was of a hand-to-mouth character and the whole trade was awaiting developments in London.

On the 12th inst. there was free selling here on the ending of the British strike, though London was higher. At the Exchange here July was 46.50 to 47.70c., closing at 46.60c. The Exchange sold 690 lots, another high record. Outside prices were: First latex crepe, spot, 50 to 50 1/4c.; May, 49 1/2 to 50c.; June, 48 3/4 to 49 1/4c.; July-Sept. and Oct.-Dec., 48c. Ribbed smoked sheets, spot, 49 to 49 1/4c.; May, 48 1/2 to 49c.; June, 48 to 48 3/4c.; July-Sept. and Oct.-Dec., 46 to 47c. London on May 12 advanced on the strike settlement but reacted on liquidation. Yet the close was 1/4d. to 1/2d. net higher. Spot and May, 23 3/4 to 24 1/4d.; July-Sept. and Oct.-Dec., 23 1/2 to 24d.; Jan.-March, 23 1/2 to 24 1/4d. Singapore spot, 22 3/4d.; May, 22 1/4d.; June, 22 1/2d.; July-Sept., 22d. New York on the 13th inst. was quiet and steady after the activity of the 12th inst. London was 1/2 to 3/4d. lower. It looks as though trade will be dull there owing to the difficulties of transport. The Exchange there ceases trading at 4 o'clock. Spot, 23 to 23 1/4d.; June, 23 1/4 to 23 1/2d.; July-Sept., also 23 1/4 to 23 1/2d. June at the Exchange was 47.90 to 48.10c., closing at 48 to 48.10c.; July was 45.80 to 46.30, closing at 45.80c. To-day June was 47.50 to 47.80c.; last 47.50c.; July, 45.10 to 45.40c.; last, 45.40c.; spot, 48.20c. Sales at the Exchange, 649 lots.

HIDES have been as a rule quiet, partly owing to the strike in England and prices have been barely steady. Frigorifico have been dull and lower. Last sales included 5,000 Artigas at \$35 50, or 15 3/4c. Heavy steers were very dull at 12c. for native and also for butt brands and 11 1/2c. for Colorados. Common dry hides have been quiet. City packer hides were less neglected. A car of mixed brands early May salted sold with butt 12c. and Colorados 11 1/2c. Country hides were reported steady but slow as to actual business. Antioquias, 22 1/2c.; Orinocos, 20c.; Savannilas, 20c.; Santa Marta, 21c. Calf skins, 5s-7s, \$1 65; 7s-9s, \$2; 9s-12s, \$2 65.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—Coal tonnage has at times been in demand. Grain business has been light. Bunker coal, it was announced early in the week in London would not be furnished to vessels reaching British ports "except in cases of vessels performing essential services." Grain rates advanced. Coal rates were weaker.

CHARTERS included coal from Sydney, C. B., to Montreal, 70c. May; from Hampton Roads to Belfast, \$3 25 prompt; from Hampton Roads to River Plate, 18s. 6d. May; from Hampton Roads to River Plate, \$4 75 one port, \$4 85 two ports May; from Hampton Roads to Buenos Aires, \$4 25 prompt; to St. Vincent and Islands, \$3 50 May; to River Plate, 18s. 6d. May; to St. John, Halifax, \$4 May; to St. John's-Newfoundland, \$1 60 prompt; to Montreal, \$1 prompt; from Atlantic range to West Italy, 16s. May; from Baltimore or Hampton Roads to west coast of Italy, \$3 25 option Marseilles, \$335; option Adriatic, \$3 60 May; grain from Montreal to Rotterdam, 14c. May; to United Kingdom, 3s. 6d., option Bordeaux-Hamburg range, 3s. 3d. May; to Lisbon, 3s. 9d. May; from San Lorenzo to St. John, Halifax, Montreal and (or) Quebec, 20s., with 1s. extra each additional port up to three, maize, May 20 canceling; 35,000 grains from Montreal to Mediterranean, 17c., 17 1/2c. and 18c. May 25-June 8 canceling; sugar from San Domingo to United Kingdom-Continent, 15s. 9d. prompt; from Cuba to north of Hatteras, 13c. prompt; from Cuba to United Kingdom-Continent, 15s. 6d. May; from Cuba or Santo Domingo to United Kingdom-Continent, 17s. 6d. June 5 canceling. Time charters: steamer, 1,834 net, round trip West Indies, \$1 prompt; 4,000 tons, round trip West Indies trade, \$1 10 prompt; 927 net, 7 months West Indies trade, \$1 07; option five months additional May; lumber pitchpine standards from Gulf to two ports of United Kingdom, 102s. 6d. May; ore from Huelya to Charleston-Savannah, 11s. 9d. May; lumber, 1,300 standards, from Three Rivers and Sault au Mouton to London, 58s. 3d. May.

COAL has been dull of late at Hampton Roads, Norfolk and New York. There were hints of occasional lower prices. The market was not clearly tested. London has not figured in the business especially since the strike was declared off. Pool No. 1 in one case was quoted \$4 75 to \$5 at Hampton Roads. The weekly output of bituminous is now 5,000,000 tons or nearly 40% below the January peak. Some think



this strengthens the statistical position enough to restore the equilibrium. Bunker coal is dull. Buying by the industries is in small lots. Navy standard at piers \$5 40 to \$5 85; Navy supplementary, \$5 20 to \$5 60; Superior low volatile, \$4 85 to \$5 30; high grade low volatile, \$4 55 to \$4 85; ordinary low volatile, \$4 35 to \$4 65; high grade medium volatile, \$4 55 to \$4 85; high volatile steam, \$4 20 to \$4 40; low sulphur gas, \$5 to \$5 20. Anthracite is in fair demand with the weather relatively cool. Company prices: Broken, \$8 25 to \$9 25; Egg, \$8 75 to \$9 25; stove, \$9 25 to \$9 50; Chestnut, \$8 75 to \$9 15; Pea, \$6 to \$6 50; Buckwheat, \$3 to \$3 50; Rice, \$2 to \$2 25; Barley, \$1 60 to \$1 75; Birdseye, \$2.

TOBACCO has been in somewhat better demand. In fact it is said that the call for Connecticut Havana seed has been noticeably larger. A rather more cheerful tone pervaded the general market. Prices have been steady. The 1925 crop of northern Wisconsin is said to have been both plentiful and of superior grade. Wisconsin binders, 23c.; Northern 38 to 50c.; Southern, 25 to 35c.; New York State, seconds, 30 to 35c.; Ohio, Gebhardt B, 20c.; Little Dutch, 20 to 25c.; Zimmer Spanish, 25 to 28c.; Havana, 1st Remedios \$1 to \$1 05; 2d, 88 to 92c.; Pennsylvania broad leaf filler, 8 to 13c.; broad leaf binder, 15 to 20c.; Porto Rico, 65c. to \$1; Connecticut top leaf, 18 to 20c.; No. 1, seconds, 60 to 70c.; seed fillers, 15c.; medium wrappers, 60c.; dark wrappers, 35 to 45c.; light wrappers, 90 to \$1 20.

COPPER was more active on the 12th inst. than it has been for some weeks past. One producer is said to have sold 10,000,000 lbs. on that day. Prices were firmer at 13 7/8 to 14c. Favorable statistics and the ending of the British strike gave strength to the market. Refined stocks of copper on May 1 in the hands of North and South American producers were 2,562 tons less than the previous month, being 72,644 short tons; total copper above ground, 338,942, or an increase of 1,266 tons; blister stocks at smelters and refineries in process and in transit on May 1 were 265,698 tons, an increase of 3,828 tons. Spot standard copper in London on the 12th inst. advanced 7s. 6d. to £56 17s. 6d. and futures rose 10s. 6d. to £57 17s. 6d. on sales of 50 tons of spot and 1,150 tons of futures; electrolytic advanced 5s to £64 10s. for spot and £65 for futures. Of late prices have been firm but less active. Connecticut Valley, 13 7/8c. London has been declining on standard copper. To-day standard spot was £57; futures, £57 17s. 6d.; electrolytic spot, £64 15s.; futures, £65 5s.

TIN was rather weaker because of the ending of the strike in Great Britain. Prompt Straits, 64 1/4c.; May, 63 3/4c.; June, 61 1/2c.; July, 59 1/2c., and August, 58 3/4c. Spot standard in London on the 12th inst. rose £2 15s. to £275 15s., and futures advanced £3 5s. to £270 10s. on sales of 650 tons of futures; spot Straits rose £2 15s. to £283 15s.; Eastern c. i. f. London was up £3 2s. 6d. to £272 10s. on sales of 200 tons. Of late the sales in two days at the Exchange have been 750 tons, the largest in years in 48 hours. April-May was the favorite. It ranged from 58.60 to 58.75c. London has latterly been declining. To-day spot there was £273 12s. 6d., futures £268 7s. 6d.

LEAD was cut \$2 per ton by the leading producer on the 11th inst. In the Middle West later on the leading producer cut the price \$1. With trade in London brisk and prices higher, these cuts were unlooked for. On the 12th inst. London advanced 7s. 6d. to £28 5s. for spot and £28 13s. 9d. for futures on sales of 400 tons of spot and 1,000 tons of futures. Here 7.75c. was quoted for New York and 7.55c. for East St. Louis. Latterly trade has fallen off and prices have shown little variation. There was a rise of 2 1/2 points at the Exchange in East St. Louis lead to 7.57 1/2c. Leading refiners quoted 7.75c. New York, and the Central West 7.50 to 7.55c. East St. Louis 7.60c. now and then for prompt delivery. Prices are down to the low point of last year. London to-day was £28 7s. 6d. spot and £28 17s. 6d. futures.

ZINC has been dull at 6.75c. East St. Louis. In London on the 12th inst. prices advanced 1s. 3d. to £31 18s. 9d. for spot and £32 6t. 3d. for futures on sales of 600 tons of spot and 1,150 tons of futures. Latterly trade has been quiet, though some report business slightly better. Brass makers have not been buying freely, however. East St. Louis of late has been 6.75c. High grade zinc is off a little. It is now 8 1/4 to 8 3/8c. London has latterly advanced 1s. 3d. To-day spot there was up to £32 5s. and futures to £32 10s.

STEEL has in the main been quiet, though it is said that some interests have had a better trade thus far this month than in the same time in April. The composite price is somewhat lower. But buying within the last four weeks or more has fallen off. The ending of the British strike cuts off an outlet for American plates. Orders had been received since the beginning of the strike that usually go to Welsh mills. Australia and New Zealand have, it appears, bought 20,000 boxes from America and Canada. Home business in plates is reported for boats and barges to the amount of 6,000 tons, with the United States Government. The wire trade is small. Large makers are running on half time. In tubular goods there has recently been a pretty good business and Pittsburgh reports the tubular mills running at 80%. Wire products and tubular goods are reported steady, especially tubular. Sheets tend down-

ward. Pittsburgh reports sales at 3.15c. for black and 4.40c. for galvanized. In automobile sheets the 4.30c. price recently exceptional, now seems general. Blue annealed sheets remain at 2.40c. to 2.50c. Unfilled orders of the United States Steel Corporation dropped 511,959 tons on April 1, which is a greater falling off than had been expected, popular estimates of the decrease having ranged from 350,000 to 400,000 tons.

PIG IRON declined 50c. in Philadelphia and Chicago. Both quoted \$21 50 furnace. The ending of the British strike tended to weaken prices. In the eastern Pennsylvania district sales are said to have been made at \$21 50 furnace. Coatesville, Pa., interests, it is said, want \$30,000 tons of basis iron for normal third quarter requirements. Foreign makers hurried nearly 25,000 tons of pig iron to Philadelphia on the eve of the strike and it arrived this week. Foreign pig iron still, it is said, hampers the sale of American iron. German sold under \$20 duty paid Philadelphia. Basic pig iron is called \$21 75 to \$22 per ton delivered. Virginia foundry is said to have sold at \$22 per ton furnace. London cabled on the 10th inst. that the scarcity of coal was causing pig iron makers to suspend operations.

WOOL has been marking time with Great Britain in the throes of a big strike, threatening for a time sinister developments political as well as economic. Later it was settled. A recent event which attracted much notice was the sale of the Jericho pool in Utah for which the price paid is reported at 34 1/2c. compared with 42c. a year ago. This caused buying in Utah at about the same price. Bright wool States have been quiet. The rail and water shipments of wool from Boston from Jan. 1 to May 6th, inclusive were 75,015,000 lbs. against 57,520,000 for the same period last year; receipts from Jan. 1 to May 6th inclusive, were 141,294,957 lbs. against 111,776,200 lbs. for the same period last year. Boston prices: Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces, Delaine, unwashed, 44 to 45c.; 1/2 blood combing, 44c.; 3/8 blood combing, 43 to 44c.; fine unwashed, 38 to 40c.; Michigan and New York fleeces—Delaine, unwashed, 43 to 44c.; 1/2 blood combing, 43c.; 3/8 blood combing, 43 to 44c.; 1/4 blood combing, 42 to 43c.; fine unwashed, 36 to 37c. New York nominal quotations were: Ohio and Penn. fine Delaine, 44 to 45c.; 1/2 blood, 44 to 45c.; Territory clean basis, fine staple, \$1 12 to \$1 15; 1/2 blood staple, 98 to \$1; Texas, clean basis, fine 12 months, \$1 12 to \$1 15. Pulled, scoured basis, A super, 92 to 97c.; B, 80 to 85c.; C, 63 to 65c.; Domestic, Mohair, best combing, 65 to 70c. Foreign clothing wools: Australian, clean basis in bond, 64-70s, combing, \$1 to \$1 02; 64-70s, combing, 96 to \$1 00; New Zealand, clean basis, in bond, 58-60s, 80 to 82c.; 56-58s, 71 to 73c.; Montevideo, grease basis in bond, 58-60s, 44 to 45c.; Buenos Aires, grease basis, in bond III (46-48s), 31 to 32c.; IV (44s), 28 to 29c.; V, Lincoln (40s), 26 to 28c.; Cape, clean basis, in bond, best combings, 95 to 98c.; average longs, 93 to 95c.

COTTON.

Friday Night, May 14 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 87,891 bales, against 76,810 bales last week and 115,448 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August 1925, 8,994,586 bales, against 8,864,271 bales for the same period of 1924-25, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1925 of 130,315 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	1,816	2,244	5,065	1,098	1,602	1,395	13,220
Houston	2,450	—	1,887	—	3,197	13,259	20,793
New Orleans	715	4,774	2,753	3,604	2,564	2,136	16,546
Mobile	82	625	275	140	870	322	2,314
Savannah	2,968	3,954	5,793	2,400	1,692	2,911	19,718
Charleston	560	296	1,352	1,949	374	701	5,232
Wilmington	16	338	300	179	25	30	888
Norfolk	336	217	937	358	173	963	2,984
New York	—	1,432	—	565	752	282	3,031
Boston	337	518	446	452	217	—	1,970
Baltimore	—	—	—	—	—	1,195	1,195
Totals this week	9,280	14,398	18,808	10,745	11,466	23,194	87,891

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 May 14.	1925-26.		1924-25.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1925.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1924.	1926.	1925.
Galveston	13,220	2,932,480	16,953	3,584,229	387,577	181,089
Texas City	—	18,234	—	62,126	4,128	712
Houston	20,793	1,629,415	16,054	1,738,617	—	—
Port Arthur, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Orleans	16,546	2,239,629	8,681	1,844,918	275,201	151,165
Gulfport	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mobile	2,314	225,077	314	149,186	6,523	1,815
Pensacola	—	18,264	—	10,447	—	—
Jacksonville	—	13,011	—	3,550	373	421
Savannah	19,718	897,405	1,148	614,342	70,209	16,890
Brunswick	—	400	—	539	—	130
Charleston	5,232	312,628	2,757	254,839	32,371	16,721
Georgetown	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wilmington	888	121,513	102	133,234	18,036	20,277
Norfolk	2,984	451,110	2,094	377,981	98,811	59,300
Newport News, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
New York	3,031	52,055	—	22,190	32,922	174,820
Boston	1,970	36,145	474	35,557	5,799	1,776
Baltimore	1,195	39,446	600	31,471	1,247	1,229
Philadelphia	—	9,774	—	1,045	5,857	3,489
Totals	87,891	8,994,586	49,177	8,864,271	939,054	629,834

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	13,220	16,953	8,081	10,202	34,595	68,988
Houston	20,793	16,054	10,232	2,557	783	1,734
New Orleans	16,546	8,681	16,146	6,098	18,346	19,320
Mobile	23,121	314	2,317	302	4,520	2,797
Savannah	19,718	1,148	6,326	2,476	19,901	17,981
Brunswick	—	—	—	—	—	—
Charleston	5,232	2,757	719	2,313	5,347	3,034
Wilmington	888	102	1,665	161	1,945	1,832
Norfolk	2,984	2,094	3,424	1,367	5,905	7,489
N'port N., &c.	—	—	—	—	—	18
All others	6,196	1,074	3,485	1,171	15,216	8,358
Total this wk.	87,891	49,177	52,395	26,647	106,558	131,551
Since Aug. 1	8,994,586	8,864,271	6,321,304	5,456,522	5,384,542	5,627,796

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 99,912 bales, of which 10,889 were to Great Britain, 6,282 to France, 18,579 to Germany, 28,890 to Italy, 33,255 to Japan and China and 2,017 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 76,357 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 7,017,899 bales, against 7,449,761 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week:

Week Ended May 14 1926. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	—	550	—	2,232	—	1,800	—	4,582
Houston	6,670	4,807	2,989	3,057	—	2,430	700	20,653
New Orleans	—	925	4,584	16,826	—	19,825	100	42,260
Mobile	2,881	—	846	—	—	—	25	3,752
Savannah	—	—	6,660	—	—	6,200	266	13,126
Charleston	—	—	2,200	—	—	—	693	2,893
Wilmington	—	—	—	6,500	—	—	—	6,500
Norfolk	—	—	1,000	—	—	3,000	200	4,200
New York	1,047	—	—	275	—	—	33	1,355
Boston	291	—	300	—	—	—	—	591
Total	10,889	6,282	18,579	28,890	—	33,255	2,017	99,912
Total 1925	12,650	10,766	23,802	12,132	—	958	16,229	76,357
Total 1924	15,454	10,779	39,841	5,182	—	3,615	7,644	82,515

From Aug. 1 1924 to May 14 1926. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	539,479	310,520	362,986	192,793	19,500	191,100	263,692	1,880,070
Houston	435,589	287,789	339,681	129,744	114,623	145,122	148,147	1,597,695
New Orleans	481,345	171,340	257,860	206,652	—	299,397	178,790	1,595,384
Mobile	86,330	10,353	32,890	1,000	—	1,500	6,526	138,599
Jacksonville	6,129	—	4,400	—	—	—	1,924	12,453
Pensacola	8,390	758	2,005	449	—	4,150	512	16,264
Savannah	215,998	16,538	293,738	8,258	—	138,656	60,205	733,393
Brunswick	—	—	400	—	—	—	—	400
Charleston	73,995	1,058	97,022	—	—	54,655	21,508	248,238
Wilmington	9,000	—	28,470	46,000	—	—	3,900	87,370
Norfolk	119,708	100	103,341	—	—	14,550	10,695	248,392
New York	63,095	21,713	50,443	24,779	—	44,446	48,557	253,033
Boston	3,227	—	764	—	—	—	5,982	9,973
Baltimore	—	3,705	—	3,834	—	—	303	2,324
Philadelphia	646	100	—	1,275	—	—	1,037	45,901
Los Angeles	27,093	2,900	9,975	1,164	—	3,732	1,037	6,349
San Diego	4,849	—	—	—	—	—	1,500	67,402
San Fran.	1,050	—	100	—	—	—	86	57,120
Seattle	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	2,075,921	826,874	1,584,075	615,948	134,123	1,030,294	750,664	7,017,899
Total '24-'25	2,451,877	851,802	1,762,375	636,353	158,836	835,991	752,527	7,449,761
Total '23-'24	1,584,415	666,640	1,173,106	465,038	49,359	563,888	540,287	5,042,733

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 April the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 18,224 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 18,713 bales. For the nine months ended April 30 1926, there were 208,617 bales exported, as against 167,260 bales for the corresponding nine 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:

May 14 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Total.	Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign.	Coast-wise.		
Galveston	11,700	7,100	6,000	17,200	3,500	45,500	342,077
New Orleans	13,078	4,938	1,876	4,680	—	24,572	250,629
Savannah	8,000	—	—	4,000	—	12,000	58,209
Charleston	—	—	—	—	50	50	32,321
Mobile	2,700	—	—	300	—	3,000	3,483
Norfolk	—	—	—	—	—	—	98,811
Other ports*	2,000	1,000	1,000	2,000	—	6,000	62,362
Total 1926	37,478	13,038	8,876	28,180	3,590	91,162	847,892
Total 1925	10,930	11,106	20,266	34,282	5,368	81,952	547,882
Total 1924	24,712	12,205	14,990	17,367	2,934	72,208	325,898

\* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been quiet, but unfavorable weather has caused higher prices. The nights have been too cold. In Texas and the Southwest generally there has been too much rain and in the Atlantic States too little. In fact drought has prevailed in the Carolinas, especially in North Carolina. If dry weather continues in North Carolina there will have to be a good deal of replanting. Germination is very backward in South Carolina. In Southern Georgia it is fair, nothing more. In southern Texas cut worms have done damage, though otherwise conditions there have been favorable despite recent rains. Over much of Texas, however, the condition and the stands are in the main unsatisfactory. In Louisiana progress was poor because of excessive rains. In Arkansas early planted cotton looks poor to fair. Cold nights and early mornings have told there. In south-

ern Oklahoma much will have to be done. The soil has been too wet and cold. In most other parts of that State the stands are said to be fair. In other words, the weather has been the chief factor. Everything else has really played a secondary part, not even excepting the British strike. That had little effect either way. It was not at any time expected to last long; it was too serious. And so it turned out. The end came sooner than was expected. That was all. It had a noticeably bracing effect in Liverpool, but even there the weather was really the prime factor. Drought in the Atlantic States, excessive rains elsewhere and abnormally low temperatures everywhere were the shaping factors in the market. The trend was upward much of the time, though the fluctuations were mostly small. May went out on the 10th inst. amid unexpected activity. It showed a decree of strength that took some by surprise. There was a large interest outstanding even on the last day of trading. That was wholly unexpected to the generality of the trade. It ended at 18.95 cents and at 43 points over July. Heavy covering in May, and by implication heavy liquidation, took place and the new crop in general advanced about thirty points. July and October lagged behind the other months, especially July. Both were sold in favor of purchases of later months like December, January and March, especially December. December came to the front in rather striking fashion. It reached a point even with October. At one time this year December was 35 points under October. On the 11th inst. December closed 7 points over October.

Very heavy buying of December has been an outstanding characteristic of the trading. It has coincided all the week with selling of nearer months. The idea of some is that the crop has not had an early start, that with the critical month of May half gone, things might look far better than they do, and that further rains will seriously jeopardize the chances of making a crop of anything like the size of the last one, even though the weevil emergency thus far this year, for one cause or another, is much smaller than a year ago. A wet May, according to cotton trade traditions, is apt to be the presage of a relatively small crop. Some of the reports received say that the season is two weeks late in the belt as a whole, and two-thirds of it has had poor weather for germination and development of the plant. In Texas, according to some reports, the season is two to four weeks late.

Spot cotton as a rule has not been active, but a fair business has been done. Some large recent sales of middling short cotton have been reported at Memphis. They are said to have been made by the North Carolina Association to prominent cotton merchants of the Southwest. Carolina mills in some cases are reported to have bought low grades freely. It appears many mills are adopting machinery to handle the low grades to better advantage. Reports say that Rhode Island mills have been buying full 1-16-inch in Memphis and calling for prompt delivery. Ohio mills, it appears, have been buying at Memphis. Exports have been scanty, but are expected to increase, now that the British strike is declared ended. The trade has been a steady buyer and also at times Wall Street and New Orleans. Short selling has been cautious. The outstanding short account, it is declared, is already large. Prices are still much lower than for years past.

On the other hand there has been an absence, as a rule, of aggressive buying. The strike, after all, halted exports. Rains fell off in the Southwest later in the week. There was a promise of the needed rain in the Carolinas. Some rains fell there. Many believe there is still time to retrieve the lost ground. Very much of the belt, including of course the Southwest, has an excellent supply of subsoil moisture. It will stand Texas in good stead in the case of summer droughts. Some declare that it is hard for Texas to get too much rain. Last September's rains there added greatly to its crop. It is insisted that the acreage will not be more than 2% less than that of last year. Some think the difference will be less. If that is so, the high record acreage of last year will be practically repeated. And it is contended that a few weeks of warm weather over the belt, with dry conditions in the western area and a breaking of the drought in the Carolinas, would put an entirely different face on the crop outlook. Stocks at interior towns are large. World's supplies are good. Cotton goods are quiet at the South. Charlotte, N. C., talks of the possibility of further curtailment. Fall River's and Worth Street's business at best has been only fair. Manchester has been quiet. Spot sales in Liverpool for six days were only 1,000 bales a day and even on the day after the ending of the strike were only 3,000 bales. The outside public still seems indifferent to cotton speculation. Stocks have been irregular and the European political situation disturbed. Speculation in general has lagged. It perhaps requires some very striking event or series of events to stir speculative cotton trading into its old time life and interest. On Thursday prices declined with the weather in the main better, the forecast favorable as to Texas, the Liverpool cables rather unsatisfactory, and rumors of a hitch in the British strike settlement. Some large interests were said to be selling out long accounts. Texas had very little rain. It was cloudy in the eastern belt. Some Texas crop reports intimated that the damage or backwardness had been exaggerated; that there was a chance of Texas making a large crop. The technical position was considered weaker. Liverpool, Wall Street and the South sold. The trade and shorts bought. The Carolinas had little rain. They need



a good deal. Some spot people who sold July bought October and January. The short interest though reduced of late is said to be still large. Selling soon died down.

To-day prices eased at first with the cables rather weak, the weather to all appearance favorable and the British strike news somewhat unsatisfactory. Also there was some selling by Liverpool, Wall Street, the West and the South. And the statement of the domestic consumption for April was disappointing. It turned out to be nearly 60,000 bales smaller than in March and 20,700 less than the high record of April last year. The total was 575,799 bales, against 596,541 in April last year, 478,583 in April two years ago and 576,514 in 1923. The high record is 634,593 bales in March. The decrease was due to curtailment, notably at the South, but to some extent in New England. The effect of the strike is seen in decreased spinners' takings, and so forth, in the weekly figures. It was not unexpected. Later in the day came a sharp upturn, owing to private reports of cold rains in Texas and fears of unsettled weather in that State over Sunday. It caused considerable covering of shorts. Also more favorable strike news from England tended to brace both New York and Liverpool in the later trading. Final prices show a rise for the week of 8 to 27 points, the latter on January. December ended at 9 points over October. July showed no net exchange for the week. Spot cotton ended at 18.95c., an advance for the day of 10 points, though it showed a decline for the week of 25 points. The exchange will close on Saturday, May 29, preceding Memorial Day.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

May 8 to May 14—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland	19.25	19.10	19.10	19.00	18.85	18.95

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on May 14 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1926	18.95c.	1918	27.20c.	1910	15.90c.	1902	9.50c.
1925	22.40c.	1917	20.30c.	1909	11.35c.	1901	8.06c.
1924	31.70c.	1916	20.30c.	1908	11.30c.	1900	9.81c.
1923	26.45c.	1915	9.70c.	1907	12.05c.	1899	6.25c.
1922	20.15c.	1914	13.40c.	1906	11.95c.	1898	6.38c.
1921	12.55c.	1913	12.00c.	1905	8.20c.	1897	7.81c.
1920	41.15c.	1912	11.85c.	1904	13.55c.	1896	8.25c.
1919	29.75c.	1911	16.00c.	1903	11.60c.	1895	6.81c.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr't.	Total.
Saturday	Steady, 5 pts. adv.	Steady			
Monday	Quiet, 15 pts. dec.	Very steady			
Tuesday	Quiet, unchanged	Steady	1,700		1,700
Wednesday	Quiet, 10 pts. dec.	Steady	200		200
Thursday	Quiet, 15 pts. dec.	Steady	100		100
Friday	Quiet, 10 pts. adv.	Steady	1,500		1,500
Total			3,500		3,500

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, May 8.	Monday, May 10.	Tuesday, May 11.	Wednesday, May 12.	Thursday, May 13.	Friday, May 14.
May—	18.82-19.04	18.89-19.05				
Range	18.98-19.00					
Closing						
June—	18.75	18.83	18.76	18.65	18.50	18.60
Range	18.39-18.58	18.42-18.65	18.42-18.64	18.43-18.63	18.32-18.46	18.30-18.50
Closing	18.53-18.55	18.59-18.60	18.56-18.58	18.49-18.50	18.35	18.45
August—	18.09	18.19-18.19	18.16	18.09	17.95	18.05
Range	17.60	17.82	17.66	17.64	17.52-17.55	17.56-17.63
Closing						
October—	17.42-17.62	17.56-17.80	17.53-17.78	17.53-17.73	17.40-17.55	17.35-17.61
Range	17.56-17.58	17.78-17.79	17.62-17.63	17.59-17.62	17.41-17.43	17.56-17.57
Closing						
November—	17.53	17.78	17.65	17.62	17.45	17.60
Range	17.30-17.57	17.50-17.79	17.56-17.73	17.57-17.76	17.44-17.60	17.42-17.69
Closing	17.50-17.52	17.78-17.79	17.69	17.64-17.67	17.50	17.65-17.66
January—	17.29-17.50	17.47-17.75	17.53-17.68	17.55-17.71	17.41-17.55	17.35-17.60
Range	17.46-17.47	17.75	17.66	17.62	17.44	17.58-17.59
Closing						
February—	17.53	17.81	17.73	17.68	17.49	17.62
Range	17.38-17.62	17.58-17.91	17.65-17.82	17.67-17.80	17.54-17.70	17.49-17.69
Closing	17.60-17.62	17.88-17.91	17.80-17.82	17.75	17.55	17.66-17.67
April—						
Range						
Closing						

Range of future prices at New York for week ending May 14 1926 and since trading began on each option:

Option for	Range for Week.	Range Since Beginning of Option.
May 1926	18.82 May 8-19.05 May 10	18.27 Mar. 2 1926-25.63 July 27 1925
June 1926	18.10 Apr. 20 1926-21.20 Sept. 12 1925	
July 1926	18.30 May 14 18.65 May 10	17.65 Mar. 2 1926-24.72 Aug. 17 1925
Aug. 1926	18.19 May 10 18.19 May 10	2 1926-22.00 Oct. 8 1925
Sept. 1926	17.52 May 13 17.63 May 14	17.00 Apr. 17 1926-20.97 Oct. 14 1925
Oct. 1926	17.35 May 14 17.80 May 10	16.85 Apr. 17 1926-19.70 Nov. 6 1925
Nov. 1926	17.30 May 8 17.79 May 10	16.66 Apr. 17 1926-18.20 Feb. 4 1926
Jan. 1927	17.29 May 8 17.75 May 10	16.60 Apr. 17 1926-18.50 Jan. 4 1926
Feb. 1927	17.38 May 8 17.91 May 10	16.85 Apr. 27 1926-16.85 Feb. 5 1926
Mar. 1927	17.38 May 8 17.91 May 10	16.72 Apr. 17 1926-17.91 May 10 1926

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, as well as afloat, are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening.

But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Stock at Liverpool	866,000	856,000	535,000	632,000
Stock at London	3,000			1,000
Stock at Manchester	88,000	120,000	90,000	61,000
Total Great Britain	954,000	979,000	625,000	694,000
Stock at Hamburg			2,000	
Stock at Bremen	199,000	262,000	124,000	80,000
Stock at Havre	204,000	196,000	123,000	92,000
Stock at Rotterdam	3,000	14,000		13,000
Stock at Barcelona	90,000	99,000	73,000	102,000
Stock at Genoa	7,000	42,000	17,000	28,000
Stock at Ghent		3,000	2,000	10,000
Stock at Antwerp		12,000	12,000	2,000
Total Continental stocks	503,000	628,000	369,000	327,000
Total European stocks	1,457,000	1,607,000	994,000	1,021,000
India cotton afloat for Europe	112,000	138,000	160,000	119,000
American cotton afloat for Europe	287,000	234,000	209,000	93,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Europe	105,000	96,000	80,000	62,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	264,000	120,000	137,000	225,000
Stock in Bombay, India	803,000	938,000	883,000	768,000
Stock in U. S. Ports	939,054	629,834	398,106	406,118
Stock in U. S. interior towns	1,395,682	420,119	392,300	508,435
U. S. exports to-day	10,281	5,259		

Total visible supply—5,373,017 4,188,212 3,253,406 3,202,553

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Liverpool stock	569,000	642,000	284,000	314,000
Manchester stock	67,000	107,000	90,000	35,000
Continental stock	60,000	542,000	258,000	255,000
American afloat for Europe	287,000	234,000	209,000	93,000
U. S. port stocks	939,054	629,834	398,106	406,118
U. S. interior stocks	1,395,682	420,119	392,300	508,435
U. S. exports to-day	10,281	5,259		

Total American—3,711,017 2,580,212 1,631,406 1,611,553

East Indian, Brazil, &c.—

	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Liverpool stock	297,000	214,000	251,000	318,000
London stock				
Manchester stock	21,000	3,000		1,000
Continental stock	60,000	13,000		26,000
Indian afloat for Europe	112,000	86,000	111,000	72,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat	105,000	96,000	160,000	119,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	264,000	120,000	80,000	62,000
Stock in Bombay, India	803,000	938,000	883,000	768,000

Total East India, &c.—1,662,000 1,608,000 1,622,000 1,591,000

Total American—3,711,017 2,580,212 1,631,406 1,611,553

Total visible supply—5,373,017 4,188,212 3,253,406 3,202,553

Middling uplands, Liverpool—10.23d. 12.36d. 17.89d. 14.74d.  
Middling uplands, New York—18.95c. 22.30c. 31.50c. 27.00c.  
Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool—17.85d. 33.05d. 24.80d. 17.10d.  
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool—17.00d. 20.75d. 24.00d. 18.75d.  
Broach, fine, Liverpool—8.85d. 11.15d. 14.25d. 11.75d.  
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool—9.40d. 11.55d. 15.15d. 12.90d.

Continental imports for past week have been 73,000 bales. The above figures for 1926 show a decrease from last week of 58,036 bales, a gain of 1,184,805 over 1925, an increase of 2,119,611 bales over 1924, and an increase of 2,170,464 bales over 1923.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts 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 May 14 1926.				Movement to May 15 1925.			
	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks May 14.	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks May 15.
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.		
Ala., Birmingham	980	93,413	1,244	3,401	500	53,375	1,000	788
Eufaula	37	21,762	169	3,096	20	19,577	243	1,361
Montgomery	182	101,588	1,082	16,778	22	82,232	91	7,290
Selma	186	89,336	733	9,394	88	64,198	972	2,828
Ark., Helena	128	100,643	1,431	45,317	4	63,185	208	1,482
Little Rock	511	229,185	4,381	27,152	16	205,369	626	4,723
Pine Bluff	257	180,139	2,451	49,255	5	126,064	632	7,020
Ga., Albany	3	7,918		2,070	2	3,887	29	2,448
Athens	618	35,545	1,846	7,948	180	51,451	1,950	8,935
Atlanta	2,193	219,143	4,959	37,856	621	221,583	3,559	16,988
Augusta	2,179	348,600	5,457	52,697	1,178	226,727	3,349	29,226
Columbus	458	85,741	634	1,979	221	74,615	452	2,469
Conon	554	69,560	1,045	8,998	338	47,986	961	7,518
Rome	360	58,213	550	10,607	36	47,346	850	5,690
La., Shreveport	105	165,705	51	18,293	200	101,000	800	2,500
Miss., Columbus	62	46,628	645	3,625	13	37,027	560	393
Clarksdale	672	234,181	1,706	69,715	43	111,983	324	2,994
Greenwood	352	222,670	1,838	61,959	27	134,899	1,082	6,852
Meridian	96	68,923	1,333	11,475	16	37,643	498	2,531
Natchez	40	57,930	584	8,761		41,253		105
Vicksburg	39	54,521	552	14,672	3	31,594	199	820
Yazoo City	47	52,891	345	11,695	3	33,120	209	1,195
Mo., St. Louis	8,665	679,734	8,810	15,497	4,810	727,104	4,901	4,884
N.C., Greensboro	618	64,283	1,236	19,157	1,454	70,605	2,414	10,829
Raleigh		31,314	800	9,475	172	8,336		439
Okl., Altus	847	143,106	1,226	10,350	134	218,435	835	3,167
Chickasha	540	193,202	1,224	13,455	447	155,080	645	1,547
Oklahoma	319	170,598	1,035	22,411	65	139,954	560	2,833
S. C., Greenville	4,961	295,573	4,701	47,773	7,057	228,299	6,636	32,687
Greenwood		4,912		2,682		13,264		4,416
Tenn., Memphis	23,175	1,817,746	27,046	250,727	8,185	1,266,556	10,996	29,824
Nashville								

	1925-26		1924-25	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
<b>Shipped</b>				
Via St. Louis	8,810	660,137	4,901	696,699
Via Mounds, &c	4,640	287,712	950	252,770
Via Rock Island	342	39,340		34,278
Via Louisville	1,186	58,226	388	48,079
Via Virginia points	4,798	210,290	3,736	214,258
Via other routes, &c	3,233	382,855	14,520	438,815
<b>Total gross overland</b>	<b>23,009</b>	<b>1,638,560</b>	<b>24,495</b>	<b>1,684,899</b>
<b>Deduct Shipments—</b>				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c	6,196	139,055	1,074	92,711
Between interior towns	547	22,454	617	23,791
Inland, &c., from South	12,453	739,653	17,627	624,988
<b>Total to be deducted</b>	<b>19,196</b>	<b>901,162</b>	<b>19,318</b>	<b>741,490</b>
<b>Leaving total net overland*</b>	<b>3,813</b>	<b>737,398</b>	<b>5,177</b>	<b>943,409</b>

\* Including movement by rail to Canada.  
The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 3,813 bales, against 5,177 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 206,011 bales.

	1925-26		1924-25	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
<b>In Sight and Spinners' Takings</b>				
Receipts at ports to May 14	87,891	8,994,586	49,177	8,864,271
Net overland to May 14	3,813	737,398	5,177	943,409
Southern consumption to May 14	120,000	3,920,000	110,000	3,535,000
<b>Total marketed</b>	<b>211,704</b>	<b>13,651,984</b>	<b>164,354</b>	<b>13,342,680</b>
Interior stocks in excess	*42,640	1,239,547	*49,588	237,873
Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to May 1		a663,983		613,719
<b>Came into sight during week</b>	<b>169,064</b>		<b>114,766</b>	
<b>Total in sight May 14</b>	<b>15,555,514</b>		<b>14,194,272</b>	
Nor. spinners' takings to May 14	21,369	1,765,622	27,989	1,787,896

\* Decrease.  
Movement into sight in previous years:  
Week— Bales. Since Aug. 1— Bales.  
1924—May 17 130,488 1923-24 10,744,890  
1923—May 18 104,146 1922-23 10,564,004

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 May 14.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed. day	Thurs. day	Friday
Galveston	18.50	18.60	18.60	18.60	18.45	18.50
New Orleans	18.26	18.30	18.17	18.17	18.02	18.18
Mobile	17.90	18.00	18.00	17.95	17.92	17.70
Savannah	18.23	18.29	18.27	18.06	17.92	18.05
Norfolk	18.25	18.25	18.25	18.19	18.50	18.40
Baltimore	18.65	18.65	18.65	18.65	17.75	17.81
Augusta	18.00	18.06	17.94	17.88	18.00	18.00
Memphis	18.25	18.25	18.25	18.25	18.00	18.40
Houston	18.50	18.55	18.55	18.45	18.30	18.40
Little Rock	18.00	18.10	18.10	18.00	17.85	18.00
Dallas	18.15	18.15	18.15	18.05	17.95	18.00
Fort Worth	18.15	18.20	18.15	18.05	17.90	18.00

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, May 8.	Monday, May 10.	Tuesday, May 11.	Wednesday, May 12.	Thursday, May 13.	Friday, May 14.
May	18.26 flat	18.29-18.30	18.15-18.16	18.17 flat	18.01-18.03	18.19-18.20
June	18.11	18.14	18.00	18.02	17.86	18.03
July	17.78-17.80	17.95 flat	17.83 flat	17.84-17.86	17.74 flat	17.92 flat
August	17.63	17.80	17.68	17.69	17.59	17.77
September	17.24	17.48	17.26	17.37	17.23	17.44
October	17.24	17.28-17.29	17.16-17.17	17.17-17.18	17.03-17.04	17.24-17.26
November	17.04	17.28	17.16	17.17	17.03	17.24
December	17.09-17.11	17.37 flat	17.24-17.25	17.23-17.24	17.05-17.07	17.29
January	17.10 bid	17.38 bid	17.24 bid	17.24 bid	17.08 bid	17.31 bid
February	17.10	17.38	17.24	17.24	17.08	17.31 bid
March	17.17 bid	17.40 bid	17.34 bid	17.27 bid	17.08 bid	17.31 bid
April						
Tone			Quiet	Quiet	Quiet	Steady
Spot	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady
Options	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady

CENSUS REPORT ON COTTON CONSUMED AND ON HAND IN APRIL, &c.—This report, issued on May 14 by the Census Bureau, will be found in an earlier part of our paper under the heading "Indications of Business Activity."

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening indicate that as a rule the weather during the week has been favorable for farm work and early cotton. Temperatures have averaged about normal and rainfall has been light to moderate. Some localities still report that the soil continues too wet, and warm, dry weather is needed.

Texas.—In the extreme southern part of this State the condition of cotton continues to be very good. Elsewhere in the State the condition and stands of cotton are mostly poor. Warmer nights, however, have been more favorable for growth and germination.

Mobile, Ala.—There were beneficial rains in the interior the early part of the week, which aided germination and livened up planting. There have been general complaints of cool weather. Stands are poor. Considerable replanting is under way.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer		
Galveston, Tex.		dry	high 82	low 64	mean 73
Ablene		dry	high 86	low 48	mean 67
Brenham	1 day	0.28 in.	high 98	low 54	mean 76
Brownsville	1 day	1.34 in.	high 90	low 62	mean 74
Corpus Christi		dry	high 86	low 62	mean 70
Dallas	3 days	0.32 in.	high 88	low 48	mean 64
Henrietta	4 days	1.34 in.	high 78	low 48	mean 64
Kerrville	2 days	0.54 in.	high 88	low 40	mean 64
Lampasas		dry	high 78	low 46	mean 60
Longview	3 days	1.36 in.	high 88	low 50	mean 71

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer		
Luling		dry	high 92	low 54	mean 73
Nacogdoches	1 day	0.40 in.	high 82	low 50	mean 68
Palestine	2 days	1.32 in.	high 84	low 54	mean 69
Paris	4 days	1.13 in.	high 86	low 54	mean 70
San Antonio		dry	high 92	low 54	mean 73
Weatherford	2 days	0.14 in.	high 84	low 48	mean 66
Yardmore, Okla.	3 days	0.69 in.	high 83	low 51	mean 67
Altamont		dry	high 78	low 50	mean 64
Muskogee	2 days	0.67 in.	high 82	low 50	mean 66
Oklahoma City		dry	high 86	low 51	mean 70
Brinkley, Ark.	2 days	0.52 in.	high 89	low 54	mean 70
Eldorado	3 days	1.32 in.	high 84	low 55	mean 70
Little Rock	4 days	1.42 in.	high 87	low 54	mean 71
Pine Bluff	3 days	0.59 in.	high 87	low 54	mean 72
Alexandria, La.	1 day	0.79 in.	high 89	low 54	mean 69
Amite	2 days	2.05 in.	high 86	low 52	mean 75
New Orleans	1 day	0.91 in.	high 86	low 57	mean 72
Shreveport	3 days	1.35 in.	high 90	low 51	mean 71
Columbus, Miss.	3 days	0.77 in.	high 89	low 52	mean 71
Columbus	1 day	0.59 in.	high 89	low 53	mean 71
Greenwood	5 days	1.96 in.	high 88	low 57	mean 71
Vicksburg	1 day	1.47 in.	high 84	low 61	mean 73
Mobile, Ala.	2 days	0.32 in.	high 87	low 53	mean 70
Decatur	2 days	2.17 in.	high 88	low 59	mean 74
Montgomery	3 days	1.90 in.	high 88	low 58	mean 74
Selma	2 days	1.25 in.	high 89	low 58	mean 74
Gainesville, Fla.	2 days	0.19 in.	high 89	low 58	mean 74
Madison	2 days	0.28 in.	high 89	low 56	mean 74
Savannah, Ga.	2 days	0.15 in.	high 92	low 56	mean 74
Athens	2 days	0.92 in.	high 88	low 52	mean 76
Columbus	2 days	0.08 in.	high 93	low 58	mean 74
Charleston, S. C.	2 days	0.88 in.	high 90	low 58	mean 76
Greenwood	2 days	0.09 in.	high 92	low 54	mean 70
Columbia	2 days	0.23 in.	high 86	low 58	mean 74
Conway	1 day	0.06 in.	high 93	low 55	mean 74
Nashville	1 day	0.09 in.	high 89	low 54	mean 70
Charlotte, N. C.	5 days	2.15 in.	high 93	low 57	mean 75
Newbern	4 days	0.20 in.	high 93	low 49	mean 71
Weldon	2 days	0.17 in.	high 93	low 49	mean 71
Memphis	1 day	0.05 in.	high 86	low 55	mean 71

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:

	May 14 1926.	May 15 1925.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge. 10.2	3.7
Memphis	Above zero of gauge. 12.4	14.1
Nashville	Above zero of gauge. 8.6	13.5
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge. 22.8	13.4
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge. 23.6	21.3

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.
<b>Feb.</b>									
11	148,354	204,982	101,244	1,912,997	1,199,953	884,918	131,064	156,924	87,972
19	148,404	167,066	78,924	1,893,776	1,170,855	823,836	128,456	137,968	17,842
26	120,512	159,418	69,338	1,866,224	1,130,368	789,313	93,687	118,931	34,815
<b>Mar.</b>									
5	118,760	199,633	69,374	1,836,790	1,048,699	736,133	85,669	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	893,950	662,425	50,668	73,473	22,214
26	104,414	100,249	49,733	1,730,985	837,576	623,832	75,397	43,875	11,540
<b>April</b>									
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	71,873	50,632	58,548	1,541,773	594,768	486,199	38,190	14,711	28,821
30	115,448	64,025	64,783	1,479,275	510,646	443,328	62,498		21,912
<b>May</b>									
7	76,810	45,115	44,272	1,438,322	469,707	420,213	35,857	4,176	21,157
14	87,891	49,177	52,395	1,395,682	420,119	392,300	45,251	nil	24,482

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1925 are 10,159,984 bales; in 1924 were 9,121,069 bales, and in 1923 were 6,382,611 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 87,891 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 45,251 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 42,640 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were nil bales and for 1924 they were 24,482 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 May 7	5,431,053	2,342,887	4,399,713	2,190,493
Visible supply Aug. 1		15,555,514	114,766	14,194,272
American in sight to May 14	169,064	2,953,000	87,000	3,112,000
Bombay receipts to May 13	23,000	537,000	24,000	438,000
Other India shipm'ts to May 13	13,000	1,485,200	2,600	1,402,600
Alexandria receipts to May 12	6,000	661,000	12,000	410,000
Other supply to May 12				
<b>Total supply</b>	<b>5,685,117</b>	<b>23,534,601</b>	<b>4,640</b>	



May 13. Receipts at—	1925-26.		1924-25.		1923-24.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
	Bombay					
	43,000	2,953,000	87,000	3,112,000	52,000	3,059,000

Exports from—	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1925-26.	1,000	9,000	7,000	17,000	43,000	449,000	1,496,000	1,988,000
1924-25.	7,000	24,000	91,000	122,000	58,000	493,000	1,551,000	2,102,000
1923-24.	7,000	20,000	26,000	53,000	142,000	814,000	1,338,000	2,294,000
Other India—								
1925-26.	6,000	17,000	23,000	46,000	100,000	437,000	1,496,000	2,033,000
1924-25.	11,000	13,000	24,000	48,000	84,000	354,000	1,496,000	2,033,000
1923-24.	2,000	9,000	11,000	22,000	121,000	433,000	1,496,000	2,033,000
Total all—								
1925-26.	7,000	26,000	7,000	40,000	143,000	886,000	1,496,000	2,525,000
1924-25.	18,000	37,000	91,000	146,000	142,000	847,000	1,551,000	2,540,000
1923-24.	9,000	29,000	26,000	64,000	263,000	1,247,000	1,338,000	2,848,000

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 44,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 106,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 15,000 bales.

**ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.**—We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years.

Alexandria, Egypt, May 13.	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week	65,000	13,000	21,000
Since Aug. 1	7,422,996	7,052,909	6,297,379

Exports (bales)—	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool	168,969	3,000	185,760	197,322	---	---
To Manchester, &c.	7,000	176,013	213,099	184,243	---	---
To Continent and India	10,000	304,251	4,250	337,189	7,500	335,137
To America	---	135,944	---	117,702	---	102,576
Total exports	17,000	785,177	7,300	853,750	7,500	819,278

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending May 13 were 65,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 17,000 bales.

**MANCHESTER MARKET.**—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both cloths and yarns is steady. Demand for both India and China is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison.

	1926.				1925.			
	32s Cop Twist.	8½ Lbs. Shrt-tns. Common to Finest.	Cotton Middl'g Upl'ds		32s Cop Twist.	8½ Lbs. Shrt-tns. Common to Finest.	Cotton Middl'g Upl'ds	
February—								
11	16½ a17¼	14 0 a14 3	10.52	22¼ a24½	16 7 a17 2	13.28		
19	16½ a17¼	14 0 a14 3	10.67	22¼ a24½	17 2 a17 4	13.66		
26	16 a17¼	14 0 a14 3	10.33	23 a24½	17 2 a17 5	13.94		
March—								
6	15½ a17¼	14 0 a14 3	9.95	23¼ a24½	17 3 a17 6	14.37		
12	15½ a17	13 3 a13 6	9.90	23¼ a24½	17 2 a17 6	14.04		
19	15½ a17	13 3 a13 6	10.08	23 a24½	17 2 a17 5	14.08		
26	15½ a17	13 3 a13 6	10.16	22¼ a24½	17 2 a17 4	13.88		
April—								
1	15½ a17	13 3 a13 6	10.16	22¼ a24	17 1 a17 4	13.72		
9	15½ a16½	13 3 a13 6	9.99	22¼ a24	17 1 a17 4	13.23		
16	15 a16½	13 3 a13 6	10.13	22¼ a23¾	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 a22¾	16 6 a17 0	12.98		
May								
7	15½ a16½	13 1 a15 4	10.12	21 a22½	16 4 a16 6	17.37		
14	15½ a17	13 2 a13 6	10.23	20 a21½	16 3 a16 5	12.36		

**SHIPPING NEWS.**—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 99,912 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

NEW YORK—To Genoa—May 11—Conte Biancamano, 75	Bales.	75
To Liverpool—May 7—Celtic, 1,047		1,047
To Antwerp—May 7—Zeeland, 33		33
To Venice—May 6—Martha Washington, 100		100
HOUSTON—To Havre—May 8—Niagara, 2,450		2,450
To Greystoke Castle, 2,357		2,357
To Genoa—May 8—Jolee, 1,887		1,887
To Genoa—May 14—Monbaldo, 1,170		1,170
To Ghent—May 12—Greystoke Castle, 600		600
To Antwerp—May 12—Greystoke Castle, 100		100
To Liverpool—May 14—Mercedes de Larrinaga, 1,721		1,721
To Duquesne—May 13—3,066		3,066
To Manchester—May 13—Duquesne, 482		482
To Mercedes de Larrinaga, 1,401		1,401
To Bremen—May 14—Copenhagen, 2,989		2,989
To Japan—May 13—Chattanooga City, 2,430		2,430
NEW ORLEANS—To San Felipe—May 8—Suriname, 100		100
To Bordeaux—May 8—Ontario, 175		175
To Havre—May 8—Ontario, 600		600
To Dunkirk—May 8—Ontario, 150		150
To Genoa—May 9—Monrosa, 12,626		12,626
To Venice—May 10—Carla, 3,200		3,200
To Naples—May 10—Carla, 1,000		1,000
To Japan—May 10—Dryden, 2,800		2,800
May 12—Manila Maru, 4,200; Chattanooga City, 5,710		9,910
To China—May 10—Dryden, 5,615; Chattanooga City, 850		6,465
May 12—Manila Maru, 650		650
To Bremen—May 10—Bayou Chico, 4,584		4,584
NORFOLK—To Rotterdam—May 8—Westerner, 200		200
GALVESTON—To Havre—May 8—Niagara, 550		550
To Japan—May 5—Fencliff, 1,800		1,800
May 14—Asiatic Prince, 3,000		3,000
To Genoa—May 11—Jolee, 2,232		2,232
To Bremen—May 3—Lorain, 1,000		1,000
HARLESTON—To Antwerp—May 8—Hillcroft, 527		527
To Ghent—May 8—Hillcroft, 166		166
To Bremen—May 12—Progress, 2,200		2,200

SAVANNAH—To Japan—May 11—Wales Maru, 5,800	Bales.	5,800
To China—May 11—Wales Maru, 400		400
To Bremen—May 11—Progress, 6,611		6,611
To Hamburg—May 11—Progress, 49		49
To Rotterdam—May 11—Progress, 266		266
MOBILE—May 20—Antwerp—May 10—West Hardaway, 25		25
To Bremen—May 5—West Hika, 846		846
To Liverpool—May 5—Saco, 2,564		2,564
To Manchester—May 5—Saco, 317		317
WILMINGTON—To Genoa—May 8—Nicolo Odero, 6,500		6,500
BOSTON—To Liverpool—May 1—Conehatta, 128		128
To Manchester—May 12—Caledonian, 163		163
To Hamburg—May 10—Lorain, 300		300
Total.		99,912

**COTTON FREIGHTS.**—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

Destination	High Density.		Stand. ard.		Destination	High Density.		Stand. ard.	
	30c.	45c.	50c.	65c.		42½c.	57½c.	50c.	65c.
Liverpool	30c.	45c.	50c.	65c.	Japan	42½c.	57½c.	50c.	65c.
Manchester	30c.	45c.	50c.	65c.	Shanghai	42½c.	57½c.	50c.	65c.
Antwerp	35c.	50c.	55c.	70c.	Bombay	42½c.	57½c.	50c.	65c.
Ghent	42½c.	57½c.	55c.	70c.	Bremen	42½c.	57½c.	50c.	65c.
Havre	35c.	50c.	55c.	70c.	Hamburg	42½c.	57½c.	50c.	65c.
Rotterdam	45c.	60c.	65c.	80c.	Piraeus	42½c.	57½c.	50c.	65c.
Genoa	40c.	55c.	60c.	75c.	Salonica	42½c.	57½c.	50c.	65c.
			30c.	45c.					

**LIVERPOOL.**—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

Sales of the week	April 23.	April 30.	May 7.	May 14.
Of which American	34,000	30,000	12,000	10,000
Actual exports	24,000	22,000	7,000	8,000
Forwarded	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total stocks	67,000	59,000	23,000	9,000
Of which American	824,000	800,000	841,000	866,000
Total imports	540,000	514,000	553,000	569,000
Of which American	49,000	48,000	41,000	43,000
Amount afloat	47,000	19,000	18,000	26,000
Of which American	158,000	182,000	184,000	179,000
	80,000	93,000	97,000	83,000

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	Dull	Dull	More demand.	Moderate demand.
Mid. Upl'ds		10.12	10.27	10.25	10.26	10.23
Sales		HOLIDAY	1,000	1,000	3,000	4,000
Futures. Market opened		Q't but st'y 2 to 4 pts. advance.	Firm 9 to 13 pts. advance.	Steady 6 to 8 pts. advance.	Q't but st'y unch. to 4 pts. adv.	Steady, 2 pts. adv. to 2 pts. dec.
Market, 4 P. M.		Steady 7 to 13 pts. advance.	Barely st'y 2 pts. dec.	Steady 1 to 6 pts. advance.	Steady 1 to 5 pts. decline.	Steady, unchanged to 11 pts. adv.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

May 8 to May 14.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	12¼ p. m.	12½ p. m.	12¼ 4:00 p. m.	12¼ 4:00 p. m.	12¼ 4:00 p. m.	12¼ 4:00 p. m.
May	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
June	9.52	9.55	9.67	9.57	9.65	9.62
July	9.42	9.46	9.59	9.48	9.56	9.54
August	9.38	9.43	9.55	9.45	9.53	9.51
September	9.29	9.37	9.47	9.36	9.44	9.41
October	9.25	9.33	9.43	9.32	9.39	9.34
November	9.17	9.25	9.35	9.24	9.31	9.26
December	9.10	9.20	9.29	9.19	9.25	9.21
January	9.10	9.18	9.28	9.18	9.25	9.20
February	9.09	9.11	9.27	9.16	9.23	9.18
March	9.11	9.19	9.28	9.17	9.23	9.20
April	9.09	9.17	9.26	9.15	9.21	9.18

**BREADSTUFFS.**

Friday Night, May 14 1926.

Flour has been for the most part steady, though not active. Liverpool cabled that British flour mills in Great Britain were working only under great difficulties; also that cargoes of foreign flours would probably be welcomed if the strike lasted more than a fortnight. This failed to affect domestic trade. Some looked for a rather large trade in Canadian flour shortly unless the strike was soon settled. A full cargo for nearby shipment was reported sold recently by Winnipeg. Some Continental demand is noticed here of fair proportions. Germany and Greece take the most. On May 8 the clearances from New York were 16,950 sacks for Greece, England and Scandinavian ports. Later came the settlement of the strike, or what was supposed to be a settlement. Central Europe is said to have bought to a moderate extent. Clearances on the 11th inst. from New York were 24,539 sacks to Hamburg and Greece. Liverpool cabled that flour mills were operating with much difficulty. Flour deliveries were being made slowly and some of the mills were being worked with volunteer help. Manchester, Eng., cabled on the 11th inst.: "More than a thousand men employed in the Manchester and Salford flour mills joined the general strike. Grain vessels are tied at the docks unloaded." Clearances from New York on the 12th inst. were 16,456 sacks to Greece and the north of Europe. The Northwestern centres in this country reported trade quiet. Mills in this section complain of poor trade.

Wheat quieted down for a time awaiting strike and weather developments. Prices declined at times and then rallied. Fluctuations early in the week were within moderate limits. Rallies occurred even in the face of good rains in the Dakotas, Minnesota, Nebraska and the Canadian Northwest. The Government crop report put the winter

wheat crop at 12,000,000 bushels smaller than it had been generally estimated. There were indications on the 10th inst. of frost in Kansas, Nebraska and Minnesota. Also, the United States visible supply decreased last week 1,491,000 bushels, against a decrease of 2,239,000 in the same week last year. The total is down to 26,236,000 bushels, against 43,351,000 a year ago. Liverpool advanced somewhat on the 10th inst. Last week's world's shipments were 9,254,000 bushels and the quantity on passage 37,440,000 bushels, both showing a decrease from the totals of the previous week. The Government report had one noteworthy surprise. That was the estimate of 142,000,000 bushels for Kansas, whereas many private estimates had been as high as 200,000,000 bushels. Export business was confined to only a few loads of durums and Manitobas. Kansas City advices said the Missouri tax on trading in grain futures is superseded by the Capper-Tincher law, in the opinion of three Federal judges, who made permanent a temporary injunction impounding money collected by the State of Missouri from this tax. The money will remain impounded pending final decision on the validity of the tax by the United States Supreme Court. Washington wired May 9: "The Department of Agriculture says winter wheat production in the United States this year will amount to 548,908,000 bushels, an increase of 150,422,000 bushels over the amount harvested last season, but 8,754,000 bushels less than the average amount harvested for the past ten years." The report indicated that 5.6% of the acreage planted in winter wheat this season had been abandoned up to May 1. On the 12th inst. reports of a revolution in Poland, a Ministerial crisis in Germany and heavy selling, supposedly by Wall Street, put prices down 3c., despite the settlement of the British strike. Stocks were lower and this also affected wheat to some extent. Export sales overnight were said to have reached 1,000,000 bushels to England and the Continent, including both Manitoba and durum. The weekly weather report was favorable. Similar reports came from Canada. State reports were rather optimistic, as to both winter and spring wheat except in Illinois. Liverpool ended irregular or 1/4d. lower to 1/4d. higher. Buenos Aires was 3/4c. lower. A Chicago conundrum is: How will May contracts there be settled in the absence of any stock of consequence and with a watch on all dealings of 100,000 bushels or more? Shipments from Argentina to Europe showed an increase of 1,000,000 bushels for the week. There are expectations of larger world's shipments. Buenos Aires closed Wednesday 1 1/2 to 2 1/2c. lower and was closed on the 13th inst. for a religious holiday. Argentine shipments were 2,983,000 bushels and Black Sea exports 528,000 bushels. Of the latter Russia supplied 192,000 bushels. Indian shipments were 16,000 bushels, all to the United Kingdom, the first exports on the new crop. Spring wheat crop conditions during the past week have improved owing to timely rains which relieved the spring drought. Export sales on the 13th inst. were only 200,000 bushels. On the 13th inst. rains depressed prices. They came to the spring wheat belt. Big areas were helped both north and south of the Canadian border. The spring wheat prospects are better. Others fear that hot weather would do serious harm in the Dakotas. A certain degree of nervousness was due to a prediction that the Missouri crop will be the smallest in 50 years with the sole exception of 1899, renewed labor complications in Great Britain and uncertainty over the revolution in Poland. To-day prices closed 1/4 to 1 1/4c. lower at Chicago and 1/4 to 2c. lower at Winnipeg. Foreign markets were not so firm as expected. Russia and Rumania were said to be offering wheat to the Continent. That had some effect. So did the rise in Australian shipments this week to 2,104,000 bushels. And there was not a little liquidation in May. The pool was said to be taking deliveries at Winnipeg. That looked like dulness of trade there. The weakness in Winnipeg in fact was a feature. Kansas crop reports were very favorable. Good weather elsewhere in the belt was not without its influence. Selling by Eastern and Northwestern interests helped to depress prices. Export sales were only 300,000 to 400,000 bushels, mostly Manitoba, to the Continent. World shipments this week look like 11,000,000 bushels. Duluth is shipping heavily. It will start loading 300,000 bushels to-morrow, it is said, to go to Chicago. It is reported that a good deal of cash wheat is held on speculation. That is considered more or less of a menacing feature. Final prices show a rise on May of 7/8c. for the week, while other deliveries are off about 3c.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 red.....cts.	184	184 1/2	187	184 1/2	183 3/4	183

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator.....cts.	160	160	162 1/2	160	159 1/2	157 1/2
July delivery in elevator.....	139	138 3/4	140	136 3/4	136 1/2	135 1/2
September delivery in elevator.....	135 3/4	134 3/4	135 3/4	133	132 1/2	131 3/4
December delivery in elevator.....	137 3/4	137	137 3/4	135 3/4	134 3/4	133 3/4

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator.....cts.	153 1/2	Holi-	154 3/4	153 1/2	152 3/4	150 3/4
July delivery in elevator.....	152 1/2	day	153 1/2	151	150 3/4	148 3/4
October delivery in elevator.....	134 3/4		135 3/4	132 3/4	131 3/4	130 3/4

Indian corn advanced early in the week on fears of frost in big producing States. This caused covering of shorts on a fair scale. On the 10th inst. prices advanced 1 1/2c. from the early low of that day, on covering. The weather was

wet and cold over the belt. Trading was admittedly very largely local. The visible supply in this country decreased 2,571,000 bushels last week and is now 29,837,000 bushels, against 32,408,000 the previous week and 21,258,000 last year. The decrease was traceable to shipments from Chicago to Georgian Bay ports, but much of this grain has not been sold, it was said, and further was declared to have been offered in New England lower than via Buffalo. Primary arrivals on the 10th inst. were 684,000 bushels, against 879,000 in the previous week. Shipments were 498,000 bushels, against 930,000 last week and 292,000 last year. Stocks of corn in Liverpool have decreased 77,000 bushels and quantities on passage to England this week decreased 33,000 bushels. On the 13th inst. prices declined 1/4c. early, but rallied on frost talk later and smallness of offerings. And not a few think that any bearish features in the corn situation have been adequately discounted. To-day prices closed 1/4 to 3/4c. lower. The early trading was at an advance of 1/4 to 3/4c., with offerings small and more or less demand from shorts and others. Later the decline in wheat left its mark on corn. Moreover, traders were inclined to sell the market. Cash prices were weaker, with demand light. It is true that receipts were small and that country pressure was absent. But the influence of a decline in wheat was plain in the later trading, although the net decline was not very heavy. Last prices show a rise for the week of 3/8 to 1c., the latter on September.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 yellow.....cts.	86 3/4	87 1/2	88	87 1/4	86 3/4	86 1/2

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator.....cts.	69 1/2	69 3/4	70 3/4	70	70 1/4	69 3/4
July delivery in elevator.....	73 3/4	74 3/4	75 3/4	74 1/2	74 3/4	74 3/4
September delivery in elevator.....	77 1/4	77 3/4	78 3/4	74 1/4	78 3/4	78 1/4

Oats declined slightly at one time, owing to good rains and favorable crop advices and a lack of any aggressive demand. The United States visible supply decreased last week 3,547,000 bushels, against a decrease last year in the same week of 4,358,000 bushels. The total is now 43,475,000 bushels, against 43,725,000 a year ago. On the 13th inst. smallness of offerings was the outstanding feature and prices were irregular, ending on that day 1/8c. lower to 3/4c. higher. There was no striking business of any kind. To-day prices, as usual, were more or less irregular within narrow limits. It was a trader's market, with little or no outside interest. The closing to-day was 1/4c. lower to 1/8c. higher. The irregularity was due partly to the decline in other grains. Final prices show no change for May this week. Other months are up 1/8 to 1/4c.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 white.....cts.	52	52	52	52	52	51 1/2

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator.....cts.	40 3/4	40 1/2	40 3/4	40 1/4	40 1/2	40 1/4
July delivery in elevator.....	42 1/2	42	42 1/2	42 1/2	41 3/4	41 3/4
September delivery in elevator.....	42 3/4	42 3/4	42 3/4	42 3/4	42 3/4	42 3/4

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator.....cts.	48 1/2	Holi-	49 3/4	48 1/2	48 3/4	48 3/4
July delivery in elevator.....	48 3/4	day	49 3/4	48 3/4	48 3/4	48 3/4
October delivery in elevator.....	47 3/4		47 3/4	46 1/2	46 1/4	46 3/4

Rye declined 1/2 to 3/4c. early in the week with little demand, domestic or foreign, if, indeed, there was any foreign demand at all. The lack of an export business is severely felt. The United States visible supply decreased last week 327,000 bushels, against a decrease of 626,000 bushels in the same week last year. The total is now 13,427,000 bushels, against 12,126,000 a year ago. The Government report of May 8 puts the crop at 44,791,000 bushels, against 48,696,000 bushels for last year and 67,966,000 the ten-year average. On the 13th inst. prices were at one time 7/8 to 1 1/2c. lower, but recovered about half this loss later on the same day, in response to a rally in wheat. To-day prices closed 7/8 to 1 1/2c. lower. The decline in wheat had its usual influence on rye. Export demand was light. And there was no other trading to stimulate the market. Final prices show a decline for the week of 1 to 2c.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator.....cts.	85 1/2	85	85 3/4	83 3/4	83 1/2	82 1/4
July delivery in elevator.....	88 3/4	87 1/2	87 3/4	86 3/4	85 3/4	84 3/4
September delivery in elevator.....	90 1/4	89 3/4	90	88 1/2	88	86 1/2

Closing quotations were as follows:

**GRAIN**

Wheat, New York—	Oats, New York—
No. 2 red f.o.b.....1.83	No. 2 white.....51 1/2
No. 1 Northern.....None	No. 3 white.....50 1/2
No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b.....1.77	Rye, New York—
Corn, New York—	No. 2, f.o.b.....97 1/4
No. 2 yellow (new) N. Y.....86 1/2	Barley, New York—
No. 3 yellow (new).....84 3/4	Maltng.....82@85.

**FLOUR**

Spring patents.....\$8 25a\$8 75	Rye flour, patents.....\$5 30a\$5 75
Cleats, first spring.....7 25a 7 75	Semolina No. 2, lb.....5
Soft winter straights.....7 75a 8 25	Oats goods.....2 75a 2 85
Hard winter straights.....8 25a 8 75	Corn flour.....2 30a 2 40
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 00a10 75	Fancy pearl No. 2, 3 and 4.....7 25
City mills.....10 25a10 85	

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.
Chicago	227,000	281,000	1,039,000	744,000	115,000	12,000
Minneapolis	1,046,000	107,000	285,000	188,000	35,000	—
Duluth	884,000	4,000	138,000	2,000	193,000	—
Milwaukee	37,000	101,000	51,000	128,000	11,000	—
Toledo	—	154,000	61,000	59,000	—	9,000
Detroit	—	31,000	13,000	33,000	—	10,000
Indianapolis	—	11,000	249,000	142,000	—	—
St. Louis	86,000	337,000	548,000	556,000	—	—
Peoria	65,000	21,000	592,000	159,000	41,000	2,000
Kansas City	—	318,000	369,000	56,000	—	—
Omaha	—	174,000	349,000	75,000	—	—
St. Joseph	—	75,000	212,000	20,000	—	—
Wichita	—	48,000	68,000	2,000	—	—
St. Louis City	—	32,000	39,000	68,000	—	—
Total wk. '26	415,000	3,513,000	3,708,000	2,466,000	474,000	272,000
Same wk. '25	386,000	3,186,000	1,910,000	2,104,000	622,000	731,000
Same wk. '24	374,000	3,717,000	4,472,000	3,484,000	722,000	545,000
Since Aug. 1						
1925	17,779,000	289,437,000	190,851,000	188,333,000	63,926,000	20,830,000
1924	18,339,000	447,340,000	204,233,000	227,187,000	56,630,000	52,519,000
1923	16,893,000	187,891,000	247,717,000	195,574,000	36,006,000	23,932,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, May 8, follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
New York	165,000	140,000	32,000	94,000	34,000	21,000
Philadelphia	29,000	154,000	21,000	69,000	—	—
Baltimore	12,000	205,000	31,000	151,000	—	5,000
Newport News	1,000	—	—	—	—	—
Norfolk	3,000	—	—	—	—	—
New Orleans	54,000	21,000	138,000	20,000	—	—
Galveston	—	40,000	1,000	—	—	—
Montreal	35,000	126,000	28,000	128,000	42,000	2,000
St. John, N.B.	19,000	88,000	—	213,000	—	—
Boston	29,000	—	4,000	13,000	—	—
Total wk. '26	347,000	774,000	255,000	694,000	76,000	28,000
Since Jan. 1 '26	8,575,000	43,596,000	7,067,000	14,212,000	8,503,000	2,745,000
Week 1925	361,000	6,103,000	76,000	3,102,000	1,115,000	4,512,000
Since Jan. 1 '25	10,466,000	64,507,000	2,452,000	15,177,000	10,418,000	15,496,000

\* 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, May 8 1926, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
New York	538,851	8,580	105,076	70,975	204,538	44,117
Boston	—	—	4,000	93,000	—	—
Philadelphia	35,000	—	5,000	215,000	—	43,000
Baltimore	129,000	17,000	2,000	80,000	—	—
Norfolk	—	—	3,000	—	—	—
Newport News	—	—	1,000	—	—	—
New Orleans	—	177,000	21,000	11,000	—	—
Galveston	—	—	8,000	—	—	—
Montreal	35,000	—	7,000	33,000	—	—
St. John, N. B.	88,000	—	19,000	213,000	—	8,000
Total week	825,851	202,580	175,076	715,975	204,538	95,117
Same week 1925	4,030,013	128,000	256,459	2,329,242	1,565,209	788,708

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 May 8 1926.	Since July 1 1925.	Week May 8 1926.	Since July 1 1925.	Week May 8 1926.	Since July 1 1925.
United Kingdom	34,099	2,970,178	408,249	76,018,688	17,000	2,207,204
Continent	103,077	4,769,685	417,602	103,684,895	8,580	5,503,254
So. & Cent. Amer.	11,000	309,467	—	3,178,595	160,000	2,428,000
West Indies	9,000	649,529	—	139,925	17,000	1,529,900
Other countries	18,900	829,496	—	1,730,234	—	2,355
Total 1926	175,076	9,528,355	825,851	184,752,337	202,580	11,670,713
Total 1925	256,459	15,660,794	4,030,013	263,587,888	128,000	3,028,001

The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, May 7, and since July 1 1925 and 1924, are shown in the following:

	Wheat.		Corn.	
	1925-26.		1924-25.	
	Week May 7.	Since July 1.	Week May 7.	Since July 1.
North Amer.	5,174,000	325,226,000	382,941,000	129,000
Black Sea	840,000	23,896,000	3,280,000	10,246,000
Argentina	2,120,000	81,598,000	119,302,000	24,630,000
Australia	1,120,000	64,343,000	101,964,000	121,284,000
India	—	5,768,000	35,056,000	—
Other countries	—	1,040,000	—	—
Total	9,254,000	501,871,000	642,543,000	33,850,000
				1,438,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, May 8, were as follows:

	GRAIN STOCKS.					
	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Barley, bush.	
United States—						
New York	54,000	37,000	492,000	127,000	11,000	
Boston	—	11,000	12,000	3,000	—	
Philadelphia	121,000	143,000	168,000	4,000	1,000	
Baltimore	211,000	241,000	46,000	48,000	4,000	
Newport News	—	—	29,000	—	—	
New Orleans	62,000	94,000	—	—	—	
Galveston	238,000	—	—	103,000	—	
Duluth	787,000	2,203,000	347,000	5,000	—	
St. Louis	513,000	424,000	1,724,000	11,000	154,000	
Chicago	834,000	211,000	209,000	15,000	—	
Peoria	175,000	19,000	123,000	17,000	6,000	
Omaha	1,817,000	17,335,000	4,323,000	2,994,000	243,000	
St. Joseph	228,000	580,000	677,000	214,000	107,000	
Wichita	10,234,000	—	11,090,000	6,132,000	689,000	
Indianapolis	5,336,000	451,000	17,681,000	3,436,000	2,804,000	

	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Barley, bush.
Sioux City	257,000	84,000	493,000	9,000	21,000
St. Louis	471,000	559,000	555,000	10,000	36,000
Kansas City	2,310,000	3,812,000	1,549,000	149,000	53,000
Wichita	823,000	18,000	35,000	—	—
St. Joseph, Mo.	572,000	414,000	30,000	6,000	3,000
Peoria	1,000	74,000	163,000	—	—
Indianapolis	223,000	675,000	92,000	—	—
Omaha	581,000	1,517,000	2,603,000	144,000	33,000
On Lakes	388,000	901,000	940,000	—	—

Total May 8 1926	26,236,000	29,836,000	43,475,000	13,427,000	4,145,000
Total May 1 1926	27,727,000	32,408,000	47,022,000	13,754,000	4,401,000
Total May 9 1925	43,351,000	21,257,000	43,725,000	11,500,000	2,166,000

Note—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 37,000 bushels; Boston, 20,000; Baltimore, 2,000; Duluth, 133,000; total, 192,000 bushels, against 1,487,000 bushels in 1925. Barley, New York, 59,000 bushels; Boston, 14,000; Buffalo, 138,000; Duluth, 151,000; total, 352,000 bushels, against 2,260,000 bushels in 1925. Wheat, New York, 495,000 bushels; Boston, 34,000; Philadelphia, 229,000; Baltimore, 329,000; Buffalo, 273,000; Buffalo atloat, 932,000; Duluth, 401,000; Toledo, 148,000; on Lakes, 3,171,000, total, 6,012,000 bushels, against 5,717,000 bushels in 1925.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
Canadian—					
Montreal	3,034,000	121,000	805,000	155,000	935,000
Ft. William & Pt. Arthur	40,097,000	—	5,961,000	1,825,000	5,821,000
Other Canadian	2,771,000	—	274,000	—	—

Total May 8 1926	45,902,000	121,000	7,040,000	1,980,000	6,756,000
Total May 1 1926	55,864,000	118,000	8,335,000	1,953,000	7,236,000
Total May 9 1925	36,110,000	122,000	14,733,000	2,419,000	4,219,000

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
American	26,236,000	29,836,000	43,475,000	13,427,000	4,145,000
Canadian	45,902,000	121,000	7,040,000	1,980,000	6,756,000

Total May 8 1926	72,138,000	29,957,000	50,515,000	15,407,000	10,901,000
Total May 1 1926	82,591,000	32,526,000	55,357,000	15,707,000	11,637,000
Total May 9 1925	79,461,000	21,379,000	58,458,000	13,919,000	6,355,000

BACKWARD SEASON RETARDS AGRICULTURE.—Agricultural prospects have been seriously retarded, says the Department of Agriculture in its May 1 report on the farm situation, as a result of the delayed season over much of the corn and cotton territory. Farm operations are under a handicap that will be felt well into the summer.

"Fairly good progress was made in planting spring wheat but growth has been slow," continues the report. "Cotton planting is behindhand and in the early Gulf sections much replanting had to be done. The general sentiment among cotton men appears to be that a crop as large as last year's would, in the face of existing stocks and apparent mill conditions, mean less profitable conditions for cotton producers. Potato growers, on the other hand, undoubtedly favor some increase in acreage but the bugaboo is the possibility that it will be badly overdone."

"The probability now is that corn acreage will be no larger than last year's, if as large. Small grains are behind schedule. Meadows have a poor start. It would seem that the probable volume of feed stuffs might be relatively less excessive this year than it was last. The tendency among hog producers is clearly to increase their stock. Eastern dairy cattle have moved up in price, with a probability of heavier feeding next fall. Consideration of the whole feed grain situation emphasizes the suggestion that current prices of certain feeds are at a relatively low level."

Other factors in the agricultural situation are that there were practically the same number of cattle on feed last month as a year ago, and that reports from feeders indicate that the weakness of the fat cattle market during the past two months has been discouraging to feeders despite the low price of corn. The narrow margin between feeding cattle and fat cattle prices has also tended to discourage feeding.

During January and February the percentage of heavy feeders, over 1,000 pounds, was somewhat larger this year than last, as was also the percentage of feeding cows and heifers; other weights of steers, especially the lighter ones, and calves showed considerable decreases. Any marked improvement in fat cattle prices during the next three months may be expected to increase feeding above present indications in States where large surpluses of corn are reported.

"Although wheat prices have continued to decline for the past three months," says the department in discussing the price situation, "the farm price on April 15 was higher than for the same month a year ago for the first time since Dec. 1925. Hay was also higher than a year ago, while potato prices were \$2.70 per bushel compared with 70 cents on Apr. 15 1925. A substantial increase in the farm prices of both veal calves and milk cows between April 1925 and April 1926 suggests the possibility that the present price of butter and milk is increasing the demand for milk cows, and may in turn lead to an increase in the number of heifer calves being raised this spring."

The general trend of prices of farm products has been downward since the beginning of the year, the level of prices expressed as an index figure now standing at 140, the five years preceding the war being used as a base of 100. Prices of non-agricultural commodities have declined, but the present level is at 162 which places farm products at a disparity in purchasing power. The purchasing power of farm products has continued at 87 for the past six months, or 13% under par of 100 for the five-year-pre-war period.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT REPORT ON CEREALS, &c.—The full report of the Department of Agriculture showing the condition of the cereal crops on May 1, as issued on the 8th inst., is as follows:

The Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture makes the following forecasts and estimates from reports and data furnished by crop correspondents, field statisticians, and co-operating State boards (or departments) of agriculture and extensions departments:

On May 1 1926 the area of winter wheat to be harvested for the United States was about 37,085,000 acres, or 2,216,000 acres (5.6%) less than the acreage planted last autumn and 5,816,000 acres (18.6%) more than the acreage harvested last year, viz., 31,269,000 acres. The average harvested acreage for the past ten years was 38,164,000 acres. The ten-year average abandonment to May 1 is 13.0%.

The average condition of winter wheat on May 1 1926 for the United States was 84.0% of a normal, compared with 84.1 on April 1 1926, 77.0 on May 1 1925 and 83.6 the average condition for the past 10 years on May 1. A condition of 84.0% on May 1 1926 is indicative of a yield per acre of approximately 14.8 bushels, assuming average variations to prevail thereafter. The average yield per acre for the past 10-year period was 14.6 bushels. On the estimated area to be harvested (37,085,000 acres), 14.8 bushels per acre would produce 548,908,000 bushels, or 37.7% more than in 1925, 6.9% less than in 1924, 4.0% less than in 1923 and 1.6% less than the average production for the past ten years. The harvested production in 1925 was 398,486,000 bushels, in 1924, 559,632,000 bushels, in 1923 571,777,000 bushels and 557,632,000 bushels, the average harvested production for the past ten years. The final out-turn of the crop may be larger or smaller than the May 1 indications, as developments during the remainder of the harvesting season prove more or less favorable to the crop than usual.

Details of winter wheat, by divisions, follow:

On May 1 1926 the acreage of rye in the United States standing and intended for grain is estimated at 3,565,000 acres, compared with 4,088,000 acres the harvested acreage in 1924, 4,019,000 acres in 1924, 5,171,000 acres in 1923, and 4,912,000 acres, the average harvested for the past 10 years.

The average condition of rye on May 1 1926 for the United States was 81.5% of a normal, compared with 80.2 on April 1 1926, 86.8 on May 1 1925 and 88.8 the average condition for the past ten years on May 1. A condition of 81.5% on May 1 1926 is indicative of a yield per acre of approximately 12.6 bushels, assuming average variations to prevail thereafter. The average yield per acre for the past 10-year period was 13.9 bushels. On the estimated area to be harvested (3,565,000 acres), 12.6 bushels per acre would produce 44,791,000 bushels, compared with 48,696,000 bushels the harvested production in 1925, 64,038,000 bushels in 1924, 63,077,000 bushels in 1923 and 67,966,000 bushels, the average harvested production for the past ten years.

Details of rye, by divisions, follow:

Division	Acreage 1926 (To be Harvested)	Condition May 1			Production in Bushels		
		1926	1925	10-Year Ave. May 1 1926	Indicated by Condition May 1 1926	Harvested	10-Yr. Ave 1916-1925
	Acres.	%	%	%	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
North Atlantic	183,000	82.6	91.4	90.7	2,799,000	3,377,000	5,871,000
North Central	2,816,000	80.3	86.9	88.5	35,247,000	39,114,000	55,959,000
South Atlantic	174,000	85.4	87.6	89.6	1,802,000	2,055,000	1,984,000
South Central	105,000	89.2	68.2	85.9	1,318,000	912,000	1,045,000
Western	287,000	89.2	84.0	90.9	3,605,000	3,238,000	3,105,000
U. S. total	3,565,000	81.5	86.8	88.8	44,791,000	48,696,000	67,966,000

The average condition of meadow (hay) lands on May 1 1926 for the United States was 80.9% of a normal, compared with 87.8 on May 1 1925 and 89.3 the average condition for the past 10 years on May 1.

Stocks of hay on farms on May 1 1926 for the United States are estimated at 11,255,000 tons (11.3% of crop), compared with 15,687,000 tons (13.9% of crop) on May 1 1925, and 12,988,000 tons (12.3% of crop), the average stocks on farms for the past 10 years on May 1.

The average condition of pasture on May 1 1926 for the United States was 74.6% of a normal, compared with 86.5 on May 1 1925, and 84.0, the average condition for the past 10 years on May 1.

Of spring plowing for the United States 63.3% was completed up to May 1 1926, compared with 82.7% up to May 1 1925 and 71.8, the average per cent completed for the past 10 years up to May 1.

Of spring sowing and planting for the United States 56.1% was completed up to May 1 1926, compared with 65.8% up to May 1 1925, and 58.4, the average per cent completed for the past 10 years up to May 1.

Details of winter wheat, by States and divisions, follow:

State and Division	Per Cent Abandoned	Acreage 1926 Remaining to be Harvested	Condition May 1			Production in Bushels		
			1926	1925	10-Year Ave. May 1 1926	Indicated by Condition May 1 1926	Harvested	10-Yr. Ave 1916-1925
		Acres.	%	%	%	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	8.0	258,000	73	85	87	4,276,000	5,850,000	7,871,000
New Jersey	3.0	60,000	77	93	88	993,000	1,218,000	1,446,000
Pennsylvania	3.0	1,180,000	79	85	88	19,110,000	22,720,000	23,667,000
No. Atlantic	3.9	1,498,000	77.8	85.4	87.3	24,379,000	29,788,000	32,964,000
Ohio	4.0	1,800,000	81	62	80	29,452,000	23,910,000	35,787,000
Indiana	7.0	1,650,000	78	74	80	23,552,000	25,636,000	31,009,000
Illinois	6.0	1,930,000	72	85	81	28,209,000	34,960,000	43,517,000
Michigan	8.0	833,000	75	83	83	12,495,000	13,906,000	15,158,000
Wisconsin	7.0	67,000	85	76	85	1,310,000	1,007,000	1,591,000
Minnesota	7.0	169,000	82	76	86	2,896,000	2,720,000	1,687,000
Iowa	3.0	371,000	85	82	86	7,096,000	6,562,000	9,580,000
Missouri	28.0	1,220,000	77	89	84	14,091,000	2,195,000	35,099,000
So. Dakota	9.0	2,773,000	80	77	83	39,931,000	31,661,000	44,895,000
Nebraska	7.0	1,688,000	83	75	81	141,937,000	74,750,000	11,708,000
Kansas	6.0	21,573,000	80.2	77.3	82.1	301,777,000	238,515,000	331,606,000
No. Central								
Delaware	3.0	107,000	86	93	87	1,636,000	1,905,000	1,790,000
Maryland	2.7	539,000	77	88	86	7,959,000	10,920,000	10,065,000
Virginia	2.5	677,000	83	83	88	8,035,000	8,948,000	11,349,000
West Virginia	3.5	146,000	82	75	86	1,832,000	1,728,000	3,312,000
No. Carolina	2.0	428,000	88	87	88	4,219,000	4,466,000	6,293,000
So. Carolina	2.5	49,000	82	78	81	526,000	505,000	1,432,000
Georgia	3.0	110,000	87	79	82	1,168,000	1,040,000	1,793,000
So. Atlantic	2.5	2,056,000	82.0	84.6	87.1	25,405,000	29,512,000	36,033,000
Kentucky	4.0	252,000	87	79	85	2,916,000	3,204,000	7,166,000
Tennessee	3.0	394,000	88	83	85	4,161,000	4,588,000	5,173,000
Alabama	3.0	7,000	85	80	83	72,000	77,000	465,000
Mississippi	20.0	6,000	85	81	85	92,000	90,000	176,000
Arkansas	5.0	28,000	82	81	87	298,000	390,000	1,519,000
Oklahoma	1.0	4,500,000	94	61	81	63,450,000	28,282,000	42,007,000
Texas	2.0	1,744,000	96	38	72	26,453,000	6,552,000	17,813,000
So. Central	1.5	6,931,000	94.0	61.1	80.5	97,442,000	43,283,000	74,318,000
Montana	20.0	390,000	83	68	84	5,988,000	2,828,000	7,773,000
Idaho	2.5	466,000	97	81	86	10,848,000	10,962,000	8,639,000
Wyoming	4.0	33,000	93	83	90	583,000	464,000	830,000
Colorado	14.0	1,207,000	81	85	87	19,553,000	10,752,000	12,844,000
New Mexico	2.0	212,000	100	40	77	3,604,000	1,566,000	1,316,000
Arizona	3.0	32,000	100	85	94	912,000	672,000	934,000
Utah	2.0	149,000	99	92	95	2,728,000	3,045,000	2,709,000
Nevada	1.0	2,000	98	94	92	48,000	52,000	115,000
Washington	2.5	900,000	91	76	86	21,704,000	9,300,000	22,408,000
Oregon	2.0	880,000	97	80	93	19,633,000	7,700,000	14,712,000
California	4.0	756,000	88	92	81	14,304,000	11,457,000	10,439,000
Western	7.2	5,027,000	90.1	83.0	88.0	99,905,000	57,388,000	82,720,000
U. S. total	5.6	37,085,000	84.0	77.0	83.6	548,908,000	398,486,000	557,662,000

CROP REPORTING BOARD.

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COMMENTS CONCERNING CROP REPORT.—The Department of Agriculture at Washington May 8 also furnished comments concerning the United States crops based on the May 1 condition, the report being as follows:

Winter Wheat.—The abandonment of winter wheat acreage to May 1 estimated to be 5.6%, or 2,216,000 acres, of the 39,301,000 acres sown last fall, is much below the 10-year average of 13%. On account of unfavorable weather last fall, a large fraction of the acreage was confined to this late sown the mild weather the abandonment was largely in the Northwest. States acreage. Drought was a cause of abandonment in the Northwest, and with large abandonment are South Dakota, 28%; Montana, 20%; and Colorado, 14%.

The estimated condition of the winter wheat crop for May 1, 94.0%, compares with the 10-year average of 83.6%. It indicates a production of 548,908,000 bushels. The harvested winter wheat crop of 1925 was 398,486,000 bushels, of 1924 it was 589,682,000 bushels, and the 10-year average was 567,662,000 bushels.

The condition of the crop has been held below the average on account of the late spring in the States north of North Carolina, and in most of the North Central region east of the Mississippi River, and on account of drought in a portion of the Northwest. Condition higher than average is reported from the Southwest, from the leading wheat State, Kansas, from the West including the Pacific Coast, and from a large portion of the South east of the Mississippi River. The condition in Texas was 96%; Oklahoma, 94%; Washington, 91%; and Oregon, 97%.

Rye.—Estimates for May 1 indicate 3,565,000 acres of rye for harvest as grain. Owing to the mild winter a larger acreage will be harvested than expected last December.

The forecast of production is 44,791,000 bushels. The harvested crop of 1925 was 48,696,000 bushels, of 1924 it was 64,038,000 bushels, and the ten-year average was 67,966,000 bushels. This crop is produced mostly in the North Central States, Pennsylvania and Montana. Its condition on May 1 was 81.5% of a normal condition, or an increase over the condition of 80.2% on April 1.

FOREIGN CROP PROSPECTS.—The latest available information pertaining to cereal crops in foreign countries, as reported by the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics to the United States Department of Agriculture at Washington and given out on May 8, is as follows:

The area prepared for the 1926 grain crop of the Prairie Provinces of Canada as reported by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company shows a slight decrease from last year, being 13,803,671 acres compared with 13,919,872 acres for 1925. The ultimate acreage will be determined by an increase of 500,000 acres of land under summer fallow, a significant fact in that previous harvests have shown summer fallow land better able to withstand drought than now breaking or fall plowed land. The decrease in the total land prepared is due mainly to a decrease of 45.7% in fall ploughing in Saskatchewan.

Soil conditions are generally reported to be favorable to spring seeding, and the work of seeding has been progressing rapidly. Official provincial reports state that seeding in Manitoba should be about completed by the first week in May, in Southern Alberta 50 to 75% were completed by the first of May and in northern Alberta between 25 and 50% were completed. Some lack of moisture was reported in both provinces the latter part of April.

Reports from 10 countries of Europe show a decrease from last year of 1.4% in the acreage under winter wheat. The most important factors are the decreases in France and Rumania. The International Institute of Agriculture at Rome has stated that a 6-10% increase over last year is expected for all winter grains in Russia. Italy shows an increase of 310,000 acres or 2.7% over last year. From all indications it seems probable that Spain's wheat acreage will equal that of last year. Acreages in Jugoslavia and Hungary also are believed to be about the same as last year. Germany is the most important country remaining for which no indication of acreage is available.

Practically all countries in Europe report that fall sown crops are in fine condition and prospects up to the present time point toward yields per acre about equal to those of the winter wheat crop of last harvest. It must be remembered, however, that conditions between now and the time of harvest may change the prospect considerably. France reports that the weather has been fine and the crop situation appears to be very promising. Some of the fields which suffered during the past winter have been ploughed up and re-seeded with barley and oats. Italy reports that plenty of rain has fallen during the winter and that the crop condition is good and the outlook is winter crops in Spain are making satisfactory progress and the outlook is for good yields and a production sufficient for home requirements. The outlook for Portugal is very good and abundant crops are expected. The autumn sown crops in the Arabian countries seem to have weathered the winter in splendid condition.

The winter wheat acreage of North Africa shows an increase of 96,000 acres over last year. The decrease of 152,000 acres in Algeria is more than offset by increases in Morocco and Tunis. Slight rains throughout North Africa have benefited crops but the general aspect is still not very favorable.

NORTHERN HEMISPHERE WINTER CEREAL CROPS.

Acreage—	1924.				1925.				1926.				% of 1925.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	%	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	%	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	%	
Wheat—													
Canada	809,000	828,000	862,000	104.1	35,489,000	31,269,000	37,085,000	116.6					
United States	39,740,000	40,761,000	40,180,000	98.6	7,051,000	7,692,000	7,788,000	101.2					
Europe, 10 countries	31,181,000	31,791,000	29,889,000	94.0									
India													
Total, 16 countries	114,280,000	112,341,000											
Rye—													
Canada	891,000	852,000	688,000	80.8	4,019,000	4,088,000	3,565,000	87.2					
United States	19,566,000	20,841,000	20,636,000	99.0									
Europe, 10 countries													
Total, 12 countries	24,476,000	25,791,000											
Forecast of Production—													
Wheat—													
India	360,640,000	324,875,000	320,218,000	98.6									
United States	589,632,000	398,486,000	548,909,000	137.7									

\* Estimates of earlier years for comparison are final estimates of the total winter and spring area harvested.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED MAY 11.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended May 11, follows:

At the beginning of the week high pressure and cool weather for the season prevailed over the Eastern States, but, at the same time, there was a marked reaction to much warmer in the Northwest. During the following few days higher temperatures gradually overspread the eastern half of the country and by Friday, the 7th, they were above normal quite generally east of the Rocky Mountains. To the westward temperatures persistently tended to subnormal, and cooler weather had again overspread the East at the close of the week.

In the western half of the country, especially in the far Northwest, rainfall was frequent during the week and, by the 7th, unsettled and showery conditions had set in over the Great Plains area. Thereafter rains were reported from many places between the Mississippi River and Rocky Mountains, and showery conditions extended to parts of the Ohio valley near the close of the week. Generally fair weather was the rule in the more eastern States.

Chart I shows that temperatures for the week averaged from 3 deg. to 9 deg. below normal in the Northeastern States and slightly subnormal to south Atlantic and east Gulf districts. They averaged considerably below normal west of the Rocky Mountains, but from 6 deg. to as much as 15 deg. above in Central-Northern States, extending southward to Iowa and Nebraska. No unusually low temperature readings occurred during the week and freezing weather was confined to the more northeastern States, the high elevations of the West, and to a few localities in the extreme central-northern portions of the country.

Chart II shows the geographic distribution and the totals of weekly rainfall in different sections of the country. It indicates that many sections of the South and the area between the Mississippi River and the latter area had substantial amounts, although in some localities in the latter area the falls were again scanty. Very little rain occurred, as a rule, from the Appalachian Mountain districts eastward and in the more southeastern section which was also the case in the far Southwest and generally in the Lake region. In the Pacific Northwest and generally from 0.5 to more than 2 inches the weekly totals ranged significant in practically all parts of the country. There was an abundance of the weather during the week was the relief from the outstanding feature that had prevailed for a long time over the Northwest States. Generous and very beneficial rains occurred in northern Kansas, Nebraska, the Dakotas, Montana and the Pacific Northwest, which great improved agricultural conditions over those sections. While showers were helpful in Iowa and Minnesota, where it has likewise been too dry, the rains were insufficient and more moisture is still rather badly needed in the States.

In the Atlantic Coast area it is still much too dry from Maryland southward, and growing crops are badly in need of moisture and germination slow. Conditions were generally favorable in the Ohio Valley States and Lake region where the warmer weather was helpful and farm work made good advance, although it is becoming too dry in portions of Indiana and Ohio. It continued too wet for field work in much of the southwest, extend-



ing eastward to the Mississippi River, and there was some interruption in the central and southern trans-Rocky Mountain States, but beneficial showers occurred in most of the latter area. There was some slight frost damage in the higher elevations of the west, but otherwise no harm was reported from low temperatures during the week. Field work made generally good progress, except where the soil was too wet in the southwest and too dry in the more Eastern States.

**SMALL GRAINS.**—Generous rains in the northwest portion of the winter wheat belt, where droughty conditions had prevailed, were very beneficial and the weather has been generally favorable for the progress of winter wheat. The condition of that crop is generally fair to excellent, especially the early-seeded. Wheat is heading in Oklahoma and Washington, jointing in Missouri, and is 1 to 2 feet high in south-central Kansas. Because of the prevailing mild weather during the winter, there was an unusually small amount of wheat winter killed. Except in the northwest, where there was lack of sufficient moisture, the abandonment that occurred this spring was largely due to the fact that considerable was sown unusually late because of unfavorable weather for seeding last fall.

The seeding of spring wheat is nearly completed and the droughty condition was generally relieved by good rains during the week; the crop is now mostly in good to excellent condition. The rains extended over most of the Canadian wheat belt and reached the areas mostly in need of moisture. Winter oats are fair to good, but are heading short in the Carolinas. Spring oat seeding is practically completed and is generally coming up to a good stand, but is needing rain badly in portions of Iowa. Barley harvest is progressing in Arizona and rice is half sown in Arkansas.

**CORN.**—In the interior States the weather was generally favorable for planting corn and this work made good progress from the Mississippi Valley westward. In the Great Plains area increased moisture was very favorable, but in Iowa it is still too dry for germination, though planting progressed rapidly during the week and is well along in the southeastern portion of the State; in the extreme southern Plains, particularly in southern Oklahoma, early corn needs cultivation. Much ground was prepared in the Ohio Valley, but in most of the northern valley districts planting has not become general; in fact, very little corn has been planted as yet in either Indiana or Ohio. The crop needs rain rather badly in the South Atlantic area, and it was too wet for cultivation in much of the west Gulf section, but otherwise fair progress was reported from the South.

**COTTON.**—The temperature average nearly normal throughout the cotton belt, and the rainfall was moderate to rather heavy in all, except the more eastern and northern districts. Rain is badly needed in the Atlantic Coast States, and dry weather from the lower Mississippi Valley westward.

In North Carolina planting made rather slow progress, and it is too dry for germination, with much replanting necessary unless the drought is relieved soon. Germination was poor in South Carolina. In the east Gulf States, including Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi, conditions were favorable for field work and planting has been largely accomplished. Considerable improvement in cotton is noted in southern Georgia where chipping has been completed and the condition of the crop is fair.

In Louisiana progress was poor because of too much moisture, though somewhat better in the northern part of the State, while excellent advance in planting was reported from Arkansas, with this work nearly completed in many parts. Early-planted cotton in the latter State has generally poor to only fair stands, because of cool weather, but stands of the late-planted are generally very good. In Oklahoma considerable replanting is necessary in the southern part of the State, because of cold, wet soil, but otherwise conditions were fair to good, with mostly good progress in planting.

In extreme southern Texas cotton continued in very good condition, but insects are damaging, and elsewhere condition and stands are mostly poor and planting backward, although the warmer nights were more favorable for germination and growth.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

**Virginia.**—Richmond: Temperature moderate; no rain of consequence. Planting cotton about completed; corn planting made fair progress, but preparation of soil delayed locally account lack of moisture. Pastures and meadows deteriorated in middle and western counties. Lack of rain retarding germination of cotton and corn. Tobacco plants mostly in good condition, but soil too dry for setting out.

**North Carolina.**—Raleigh: Too dry some light showers at close of week, but general rain much needed. Truck suffering. Planting cotton continues, but slow account dry soil, and much replanting necessary unless it rains soon. Fall oats heading low and deteriorating. Early corn fairly good; slow progress later planting. Fruits need rain.

**South Carolina.**—Columbia: Corn and cotton germination very poor and irregular account dryness and cool nights; considerable replanting, and chipping cotton in sections of coastal plain. Tobacco only fair stand, with replanting and watering. Wheat and oats heading short. Potatoes, truck, gardens and pastures materially affected by drought; tree fruits have begun to drop.

**Georgia.**—Atlanta: Warm, with beneficial, but inadequate showers. Planting continued to make rapid progress, but too dry for good germination and growth. Planting cotton nearing completion, but considerable replanting necessary; chipping well advanced, but growth slow, due to drought and cool nights; considerable improvement in crop in southern half where chipping completed and condition fair. Corn much improved. Rain needed for all crops.

**Florida.**—Jacksonville: Chipping cotton made good progress; crop late in west, but improved and doing well in north. Corn fair to good, except late-planted suffering from dryness on uplands. Oats maturing. Late tobacco slow progress, owing to dry weather. Cane and peanuts fair to good, but backward. Drought severe locally. Groves good; some fruit dropping.

**Alabama.**—Montgomery: Generally too dry until close when beneficial moderate to generous rains in many sections. Week favorable for farm work. Cotton planting nearly finished, except in northern counties; early coming up to northern border and chipping beginning in central; generally too cool and dry for good germination and growth until latter half, when favorable.

**Mississippi.**—Vicksburg: Generally light showers in extreme north; locally moderate to heavy elsewhere. Temperature mostly moderate. Progress of planting, germination and growth of cotton and corn mostly fair. Cotton planting generally completed, but occasional poor stands. Progress of truck fair to good; pastures good.

**Louisiana.**—New Orleans: Moderate to heavy rains unfavorable for work and crops; fields grassy locally in south. Half several localities at close of week. Progress of cotton poor, except poor to fair in north where some chipping and replanting, but ground mostly wet. Most other crops backward, except hay crops. Corn irregular in stands and development. Dry weather needed for cultivating sugar cane and harvesting berries.

**Texas.**—Houston: Moderate to excessive rains attended by damaging wind and local hailstorms. Progress and condition of pastures, wheat and oats very good, although considerable damage to oats by rust; wheat and stands of corn mostly poor; progress fair account warm nights. Condition of cotton very good in extreme south, but progress poor account insect damage; elsewhere condition and stands mostly unsatisfactory and planting backward, although warm nights more favorable for germination and growth. Farm work and spring crops backward.

**Oklahoma.**—Oklahoma City: Seasonable temperatures, with general rains; heavy to excessive in south. Crops made good growth, but planting and cultivation retarded in south where too wet. Progress and condition of winter wheat fair to excellent; heading. Progress of corn generally fair; early needs cultivation; planting about finished. Fair progress in planting cotton; early generally fair to good stand; much replanting necessary in south account cold, wet soil.

**Arkansas.**—Little Rock: Excellent progress in planting cotton, except in some southwestern localities where too wet, nearly completed in many portions, but stands of early poor to only fair due to cold; stands of late very good; considerable replanting, and cultivation started. Very favorable for corn and minor crops; all in good condition. Rice half sown. Strawberries being shipped rapidly; large yield.

**Tennessee.**—Nashville: Moisture deficient and soil dry. Cotton and corn fair; some early-planted corn very good, but late-planted poor. Winter wheat very good, but somewhat late; much improved during week. Weather too dry; warmth and rain needed. Peach trees on uplands doing well. Strawberries fruiting well. Truck fair, but backward.

**Kentucky.**—Louisville: Generally warm; favorable for growth and farm activities. Precipitation light in most districts. Soil preparation catching up in west; satisfactory progress in east. Planting corn and cotton pushed; germination good. Tobacco plants show decided improvement, but still much behind. Condition of wheat mostly very good; progress excellent.

## THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Friday Night, May 14 1926.

Despite developments of a favorable nature, business in the markets for textiles showed no improvement during the past week. Notable among those factors inviting a return of buying activity were the calling off of the British general strike, early enough to prevent a disruption of our international trade, and warmer weather. However, these failed to stimulate any improvement, and factors have been prompted to search for other excuses to explain the unsatisfactory trade and buyers' indifference. Curtailment of production in other industries, money losses sustained by the stock market decline, the disappearance of the Florida boom, the necessitous liquidation of installment debts and uncertainties concerning business prospects were cited as possible causes working adversely. Nevertheless, the fact remains that business has continued limited, which in turn has resulted in a furtherance of plans for curtailment of production. An example of this was afforded in the silk division, where there has been little or no change noted in demand. Thus, more extensive plans for limiting output have been under advisement. In regard to raw silk, despite a sharp advance in quotations based upon bullish trade statistics, buyers failed to enter the market and prices subsequently sagged off. Figures issued by the Silk Association of America covering last month placed deliveries of raw silk at 37,276 bales, as compared with 39,400 in March and 40,040 in April a year ago. Imports during the month were 31,450 bales, against 31,390 bales in March. Stocks on hand May 1 amounted to 30,122 bales, as compared with 35,948 on April 1. These figures showed imports and stocks to be the smallest for a year past. During the week, a number of leading manufacturers opened their fall lines, introducing many new and novel features. From those already opened indications are that the trend in fall fabrics will favor novelties.

**DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS:** A further contraction in the volume of business throughout the markets for domestic cotton goods was noted during the week, and as a result, prices displayed an easing tendency in certain directions. This was particularly true of print cloths, sheetings, twills, heavy cottons and other such fabrics. In regard to the former, indications are that the new price lists for fall print cloths will be named about June 1. It is problematical whether the new quotations will show an advance or decline. In the meantime conditions have been unusually quiet and the failure of the inauguration of curtailment of production to have an immediate effect upon the market tended to cause a pessimistic feeling. The latest manufacturers to limit their output were those in the cotton duck section. The decision to take such a course has become necessary in order to prevent further failures among their kind and to help steady a demoralized market. It was stated that if current bids were accepted, they would show a loss of from four to five cents per pound for some mills. Certain producers have decided to cut down a third of their output within 60 days and to continue curtailing if no improvement is noticeable at the end of that time. Business in finished goods continued to be confined to small lots covering immediate needs. Likewise, trade in retail channels failed to improve, although it was hoped that there will be a better demand for wash goods and other summer merchandise shortly. Print cloths, 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction, are quoted at 5½c., and 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 5¼c. Gray goods in the 39-inch, 68 x 72's construction, are quoted at 8½c., and 39-inch, 80 x 80's, at 10½c.

**WOLLEN GOODS:** Although there has been no perceptible improvement in the markets for woolsens and worsteds, it was believed that warmer weather would stimulate a quickening demand. The new summer season was inaugurated in retail channels Wednesday. It was hoped that this introduction of an intermediate season would help encourage consumer buying more extensively. Besides this, finished goods continue to sell at most attractive prices from the consumer's point of view. In regard to men's wear, mills generally have only a small portion of the fall season's business on their books and operations were said to have been curtailed. Mill agents say that business is still of a sampling nature. The outlook for the coming fall season is still so uncertain as to style that clothing manufacturers are waiting for indications of retail interest before placing duplicate orders.

**FOREIGN DRY GOODS:** A larger volume of small lot orders placed in the linen markets was an encouraging factor. While but few of the orders received were of normal size, the aggregate totaled quite satisfactorily. Dress linens, after their inactivity of the week previous, commanded greater interest and a number of importers claimed that they had been selling quite well. Bright colors were wanted most, although white received the major attention. Handkerchiefs were likewise selling better and it was stated that business transacted on fall lines exceeded that of a year ago. Prices throughout the handkerchief market have become pretty well stabilized and no longer constitute a disturbing factor. Burlap quotations continued to decline. Buyers held aloof and sellers were not offering freely at the prices necessary to move their goods. Light weights are quoted at 6.45 to 6.50c., and heavies at 8.80c.

# State and City Department

## MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN APRIL.

We present herewith our detailed list of the municipal bond issues put out during the month of April, which the crowded condition of our columns prevented our publishing at the usual time.

The review of the month's sales was given on page 2688 of the "Chronicle" of May 8. Since then several belated April returns have been received, changing the total for the month to \$107,678,798. The number of municipalities issuing bonds in April was 385 and the number of separate issues 520.

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
2842	Adams, Mass.	5		\$65,500	100.71	----
2245	Adena S. D., Ohio	5 1/2	1927-1934	4,000	102.62	----
2245	Adena S. D., Ohio	5 1/2		4,500	103.13	----
2530	Aitken Co. I. S. D. No. 48	5 1/4	1928-1935	25,000	100	5.25
2843	Akron, Ohio (2 issues)	5	1927-1931	193,300	101.975	4.31
2088	Alameda County, Calif.	5	1929-1931	500,000	102.45	4.33
2245	Albion, Mich.	4 1/2	1927-1936	37,000	100.51	4.40
2530	Alcoa, Tenn.	5	1932-1936	70,000	100.66	4.95
2391	Alliance, Ohio	5	1928-1952	100,000	104.69	4.55
2530	Ashland S. D., Ohio	4 1/2	1927-1951	130,000	101.26	4.37
2088	Astoria, Ore.	6	d10-10 years	66,423	100	6.00
2689	Athens, N. Y. (2 issues)	4.40	1930-1964	200,000		
2088	Athens, Ohio (2 issues)	5	1927-1935	4,054	104.83	4.99
2530	Athens County, Ohio	5		45,300	100.40	4.31
2530	Atlantic County, N. J.	4 1/2	1928-1957	297,000	102.26	4.31
2530	Auburndale, Fla.	6	1927-1936	50,000	95.00	7.16
2530	Aurelia Con. S. D., Iowa	4 1/2		42,000	100.88	----
2530	Avery County, N. C.	6	1935-1959	50,000	100.55	5.82
2689	Bacon H. S. D., Ga.	6	1946	8,000	102.07	5.82
2391	Baltimore County, Md.	4 1/2	1927-1966	1,000,000	103.729	4.28
2843	Barton Creek, Mich.	4 1/2	1927-1940	100,000	100.05	4.24
2391	Bay St. Louis S. D., Miss.	5 1/2	1927-1935	67,000	101.85	5.08
2391	Bayonne, N. J.	4 1/2	1928-1965	113,000	101.26	4.41
2689	Bayport, Minn.	5 1/2	1927-1936	5,000	100	5.25
2689	Bellingham, Wash.	4 1/2	30 years	25,000	100.33	----
2690	Bellingham, Wash.	4 1/2	30 years	50,000	100	5.25
2392	Beltrami County, Minn.	5 1/2		775,900	100	5.25
2531	Berrien County, Mich.	4 1/2		93,000	100.14	----
2531	Beverly Hills Impt. No. 4, Calif.	5		130,000	100.04	----
2392	Bexley, Ohio (11 issues)	5	1927-1935	137,925	101.55	4.63
2088	Binghamton, N. Y. (3 iss.)	4 1/2		161,000	100.41	----
2245	Birmingham, Ala.	4 1/2	1927-1936	300,000	100.40	4.42
2089	Blackwell, Okla.	4		15,000	100	----
2531	Blanchard and Liberty Twp., Ohio	5	1927-1935	46,750	102.48	4.32
2392	Blencoe Cons. I. S. D., Ia.	4 1/2	1927-1946	100,000	100.86	4.41
2392	Bloomfield, N. J.	4 1/2	1927-1956	356,000	102.72	4.26
2531	Bloomington and Normal Sanitary District, Ill.	5	1927-1945	700,000	105.52	4.29
2690	Blue Earth, Minn.	4 1/2	1927-1936	20,000	100.375	4.43
2392	Bluewater-Toltec Irrigation Dist., New Mex.	6	1936-1945	350,000	100	6.00
2843	Brazos County, Texas	5		14,000	100	5.00
2392	Bristol S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1927-1955	72,000	101.73	4.30
2392	Brockton, Mass. (3 issues)	4	1927-1931	219,000	100.267	3.91
2392	Bronxville, N. Y.	4 1/2	1927-1941	44,500	101.61	4.23
2392	Bronxville, N. Y.	4 1/2	1930-1940	6,500	101.04	4.36
2531	Butler County, Ohio	5	1927-1935	63,249	102.35	4.46
2089	Butler, Ind.	4 1/2	1927-1937	12,000	100.50	4.89
2089	Calcasieu Parish Road Dist. No. 1, La.	5	1927-1940	150,000	100.05	4.99
2089	Canton, Ohio	5	1927-1931	375,000	101.60	4.39
2089	Carrollton, Tex.	5		40,000	104	----
2089	Cedarhurst, N. Y.	4 1/2	1929-1945	17,000	100.92	4.39
2245	Chambers County, Tex.	6	1927-1931	5,000	100	6.00
2245	Charleston, Mo. (3 iss.)	5	1931-1946	81,500	104.16	----
2690	Chattanooga, Tenn.	5	1956	242,000		4.22
1949	Chicago Sanit. Dist., Ill.	4	1927-1946	5,000,000	98.226	5.31
2089	China Grove, No. Caro.	5 1/2	1933-1960	65,000	102.65	5.31
2690	Chula Vista Un. S. D., Calif.	5	1928-1936	25,000	101.75	4.67
2246	Cincinnati S. D., Ohio	4 1/2	1927-1951	990,000	102.39	4.26
2531	Cincinnati, Ohio	5		406,100	100	----
2690	Clallam Co. S. D. No. 10, Wash.	5	2-10 years	8,000		----
2690	Clementon Twp. S. D., N. J.	5 1/2	1928-1943	45,000	104.41	4.94
2690	Clementon Twp. S. D., N. J.	5 1/2	1928-1940	43,000	104.48	4.84
2690	Clementon Twp. S. D., N. J.	5 1/2	1928-1945	43,000	105.39	4.86
2690	Clementon Twp. S. D., N. J.	5 1/2	1928-1954	45,500	106.63	4.87
2531	Cleveland Spec. Sch. Taxing Dist., No. Caro.	5	1928-1956	35,000	100.38	4.97
2392	Cohasset, Mass.	4	1927-1946	112,000	100.85	----
2246	Coleman Ind. S. D., Tex.	6		23,000	102.17	----
2844	Colleton County, S. C.	5	1927-1932	75,000	102.27	5.12
2690	Columbia Falls, Mont.	6	d1936-1946	26,000	100	5.00
2089	Columbia Twp. S. D. No. 6, Fractional, Mich.	5	1927-1951	60,000	101.77	4.82
2089	Concord Twp. S. D., Ind.	4 1/2	1927-1941	90,000	101.59	4.37
2531	Concord, No. Caro.	5	1929-1966	60,000	102.50	4.83
2089	Conejos Cos. S. D. No. 6, Colo.	4 1/2	1927-1936	79,800		----
2089	Coos Twp. S. D., Ind.	4 1/2	1939	12,000	101.35	----
2246	Crookston, Neb.	6		725,000		4.73
2246	Cuyahoga Falls, O. (2 iss.)	6	1927-1936	45,000	106.54	4.73
2844	Dallas Co. Com. S. D. No. 9, Tex.	5	Serial	50,000		----
2089	Danby, N. Y.	5	1927-1930	7,000		----
2393	Delta Co. S. D. 18, Colo.	4 1/2	d10-20 yrs.	3,000		----
2393	Dorchester County, Md.	4 1/2	1927-1945	25,000		----
2691	Downey U.H.S.D., Calif.	5	1927-1956	85,000	105.12	4.59
2393	Dubois County, Ind.	4 1/2	1927-1956	22,000	101.84	----
2246	East Baton Rouge Parish, La.	5	1927-1936	158,000		----
2246	East Baton Rouge Parish, La.	5	1927-1947	135,000		----
2246	East Baton Rouge Parish, La.	5	1927-1951	75,000		----
2246	East Baton Rouge Parish, La.	5	1927-1946	52,000		----
2246	East Baton Rouge Parish, La.	5	1926-1940	50,000		----
2532	Easton, Pa.	4 1/2	1936-1956	500,000	101.34	4.16
2246	East Liverpool, Ohio	5	1927-1931	39,768	101.21	4.63
2691	East St. Louis Park District, Ill.	4 1/2	1935-1946	500,000	102.57	4.28
2393	Eden Rural High S. D. No. 2, Ida.	5	20 years	30,000		----
2246	El Campo, Tex.	5 1/2	1926-1965	60,000	103.69	5.23
2246	El Campo, Tex.	5 1/2		12,000		----
2246	Electra City, Tex.	5 1/2		454,000		----
2089	Ellenville, N. Y.	4.70		22,000	100.14	----
2393	Emanuel Co. S. D., Ga.	5		40,000		----
2393	Escondido Union H. S. D., Calif.	5 1/2	1927-1946	128,000	106.74	4.69

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2089	Evansville S. D., Ind.	4 1/2	1932-1946	300,000	101.21	4.37
2532	Falmouth, Mass.	4 1/2		148,000	101.72	----
2691	Fayetteville, N. C. (2 iss.)	4 1/2	1928-1962	160,000	100.39	4.73
2691	Fergus Falls, Minn.	4 1/2		70,000	101.90	----
2532	Fleming County, Ky.	4 1/2		100,000	100	4.50
2532	Floral Park, N. Y.	4 1/2	1927-1946	100,000	100.00	4.24
2532	Floral Park, N. Y.	4 1/2	1931-1950	20,000	101.14	4.39
2393	Freemont, N. Y. (2 issues)	4 1/2	1927-1946	140,000	100.051	4.25
2246	Freemont Co. S. D. No. 50, Colo.	5	d10-20 years	79,000		----
2393	Freemont Co. S. D. No. 25, Colo.	5	1937-1956	50,000	101.39	4.89
2532	Garfield County, Okla.	5	1939	150,000	104.95	4.49
2532	Gibson County, Ind.	6	1-10 years	96,356	100.03	4.49
2532	Gilroy High S. D., Calif.	5	1927-1936	20,000	102.39	4.49
2532	Glenoma S. D. No. 209, Wash.	5	20 years	15,000	100	5.00
2532	Goodland, Kan.	5	1-20 years	30,000		----
2393	Grand Forks I. S. D. No. 1, No. Dak.	4 1/2	1927-1946	150,000	100	4.25
2532	Grand Rapids, Mich. (4 issues)	4 1/2	1927-1946	1,280,000	100.58	4.16
2393	Greenwich and Easton (Town's) Union Free S. D. No. 3, N. Y.	4 1/2	1928-1956	188,500	100	4.50
2532	Greensboro, N. C. (5 iss.)	4 1/2	1928-1967	1,500,000	100.07	4.49
2247	Hamilton Twp. S. D., Pa.	5	1927-1951	25,000	102.60	4.72
2394	Hamilton County, Ohio	5	1928-1937	119,068	103.17	4.47
2532	Hamilton, Ohio	5	1927-1946	85,000	104.65	4.43
2532	Hancock County, Ohio	5	1927-1935	46,750	102.48	4.49
2692	Hardin County, Ill.	5	1926-1935	20,000	100.87	4.72
2247	Hardin County, Ohio	5 1/2	1927-1935	9,801	103.96	4.67
2533	Harlem, Mont.	6	1927-1936	17,000	100.59	5.88
2090	Harrison & Pottawattawmie Counties Dr. Dist. No. 1, Iowa	4 1/2	1930-1934	70,000	100.45	4.66
2692	Harrison Twp. S. D., Ind.	4 1/2	1927-1941	40,000	101.75	4.21
2247	Harrisville, W. Va.	6	1927-1951	70,000	100	6.00
2247	Hartsville Sch. Dist. No. 30, So. Caro.	5	1931-1946	65,000		----
2533	Harvey, No. Dak.	6	1928-1946	70,000	100.26	5.97
2533	Harvey, No. Dak.	5 1/2	1931-1946	46,000	100.51	4.21
2090	Hastings Sch. Dist. No. 18, Neb.	5	1933-1945	450,000	101.11	4.39
2247	Hatfield, Miss.	5		100,000	100.15	----
2394	Hazelwood, No. Caro.	6	1928-1945	45,000	101.16	5.84
2394	Hebron, Ohio	5 1/2	1928-1932	3,800	101.84	5.02
2394	Hemet Valley S. D., Cal.	5	1928-1948	60,000	102.51	4.74
2533	Henderson County, Tex.	6		750,000	90.00	----
2090	Hennepin Co., Minn. (2 issues)	4.20	1932-1942	72,750	100	4.20
2846	Henry County, Ind.	6	1927-1936	1,596	100.31	5.90
2394	Highland Park, Mich.	4 1/2	1927-1930	400,000	100.38	4.36
2394	Highland Park, Mich.	4 1/2	1946	50,000	100.29	4.24
2394	Highland Park, N. J.	5	1927-1930	12,000	101.25	4.45
2533	Hillsborough Co. Spec. Tax S. D. No. 10, Fla.	6	1928-1951	48,000	95.00	6.57
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2395	Maplewood S. D., Mo.	4 1/2	1928-1946	95,000	100	6.00	2536	St. John Levee and Drain Dist., Mo.	4 1/2	1930-1946	100,000	101.60	4.14
2534	Marianna, Fla.	6	1956	100,000	100	6.00	2537	St. Paul, Minn.	4 1/2	1956	760,000	100.01	4.12
2248	Maricopa Co. S. D. No. 25, Ariz.	5	20 years	10,000	100.291		2093	St. Paul, Minn.	4 1/2	1956	240,000		
2092	Marion Ala. (2 issues)	6	1956	16,000	100.35	5.97	2645	Saginaw County, Mich.	4 1/2	1927-1929	56,500	100.006	4.74
2248	Marion County, Ind.	4 1/2	1927-1946	200,000	103.06	4.14	2094	Sallisaw, Okla.	4 1/2	1936-1946	15,000	100	
2248	Marion County, Ind.	4 1/2	1927-1936	62,000	101.35	4.23	2536	Saltsburgh, Pa.	4 1/2	1936-1946	25,000	100	4.50
2395	Marion County, Fla.	5	1936-1951	1,550,000	96.07		2695	Sandusky County, Ohio	5		18,000	102.23	
2248	Marshall County, Tenn.	4 1/2	1935-1945	50,000	101.55		2695	Sandusky County, Ohio	5		8,100		
2248	Massena Union Free S. D. No. 1, N. Y.	4 1/2	1930-1950	250,000	101.1637	4.39	2250	San Leandro S. D., Calif.	5	1929-1945	180,000	104.33	4.48
2092	Maumee, Ohio	5 1/2	1927-1941	15,000	102.96	4.79	2536	Santa Rosa Co., Fla.	6	1926-1930	125,000	100	6.00
2534	Middleboro, Mass.	4		160,000	100.94		2250	San Mateo Un. Free Sch. Dist., Calif.	5	1927-1946	300,000	104.55	4.43
2534	Middletown, Conn.	4	1927-1936	186,000	100	4.00	2094	Saranac Lake, N. Y.	4.50	1927-1955	57,000	100.3975	4.47
2534	Middletown S. D., Ohio	5	1927-1946	200,000	104.11	4.51	2094	Saugus, Mass.	4	1926-1940	75,000	100.274	3.96
2534	Middletown Twp. S. D., Pa.	5	1936-1946	40,000	104.449	4.66	2397	Sarasota Heights, Fla.	6		33,000		
2248	Miland, Pa.	4 1/2	1926-1954	206,000	102.01	4.34	2536	Sarasota, Fla.	5	1955	150,000	90.01	5.69
2693	Miland & Saginaw Counties, Mich.	4 1/2	1927-1929	16,000	100.02	4.74	2094	Scotland Co., No. Caro.	4 1/2	1928-1956	400,000	101.77	4.62
2847	Midland S. D., Mich.	4 1/2	20 years	136,000	104.49		2250	Scott County, Iowa	4 1/2	1930-1932	200,000	100.68	4.36
2395	Miller Co. Levee Dist. No. 2, Ark.	5	1927-1946	260,000	96.78		2397	Scotts Bluff Co. S. D. No. 2, Neb.	4 1/2	1933-1946	90,000	99.54	4.55
2395	Milton, Mass. (2 issues)	4	1927-1950	83,000	101.047	3.86	2094	Scranton S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1931-1955	375,000	100	4.25
2249	Missouri (State of)	4 1/2	1933-1943	7,500,000	101.0899	4.15	2536	Sedro Woolley, Wash.	5		44,000		
2396	Mount Angel, Ore.	4 1/2	1937-1956	150,000	100.336	4.78	2397	Seneca County, Ohio	5	1927-1934	38,800	101.98	4.53
2396	Mount Angel, Ore.	4 1/2	1937-1956	14,000	100.09		2398	Seneca County, Ohio	5	1927-1931	61,600		
2396	Montclair, N. J.	4 1/2	1928-1966	742,000	102.48	4.32	2397	Sheffield, Ala. (2 issues)	6		150,000		
2847	Montezuma, Ga. (2 iss.)	5	1927-1951	50,000			2695	Shenandoah Iron Works Magisterial Dist., Va.	4 1/2	1930	200,000	98.85	4.82
2693	Montgomery County, O. (2 issues)	5	1927-1946	59,000			2250	Smithfield Village Sch. Dist., Ohio	5	1927-1950	94,000	103.11	4.67
2693	Montgomery County, O. (2 issues)	5	1927-1946	59,000			2397	Somerset, Ky.	5		24,041		
2092	Monticello, N. Y. (3 iss.)	5	1927-1933	38,500			2250	South Dakota (State of)	4 1/2	1926-1947	1,000,000	100	4.50
2535	Mount Ulla Spec. Tax S. D., No. Caro.	5	1928-1956	25,000	100.02	4.99	2849	South Lyon, Mich.	4 1/2	1926-1947	51,000	102.12	4.53
2249	Mullies, So. Caro.	5	1936-1955	20,000			2695	South Scabane Twp. S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1932-1940	40,000	101.50	4.39
2249	Muscooke County, Ga.	4 1/2	1927-1956	660,000	100.692	4.43	2536	Springfield San. Dist., Ill.	4 1/2	1926-1944	500,000	102.29	4.24
2694	Multnomah Co. S. D. No. 20, Ore.	5	1928-1940	27,000	100.93		2250	Stantonsburg, No. Caro.	5	1928-1946	45,000	101.11	5.87
2396	Nassau Co., N. Y. (2 iss.)	4 1/2	1928-1937	1,656,000	101.36	4.07	2536	Statesville, No. Caro. (2 issues)	4 1/2	1927-1965	400,000	100.02	4.74
2249	New Aurelia Con. S. D., Iowa	4 1/2	1931-1937	42,000	100.88	4.37	2250	Staunton, Va.	4 1/2	1931-1960	240,000	102.14	4.585
2092	New Bedford, Mass. (5 issues)	4	1927-1946	1,290,000	100.29	3.95	2695	Stephens County, Ga.	5		100,000	102.50	
2249	Newberry, So. Caro.	5 1/2	1927-1935	67,500	100	5.50	2536	Stow Twp. Rur. S. D., Ohio	4 1/2	1927-1947	125,000	100.96	4.39
2396	Newton Falls Con. Sch. Dist., Ohio	5	1927-1949	250,000	103.18		2397	Summit, N. J.	4 1/2	1931-1941	155,000	101.68	
2249	Newton Ind. S. D., Iowa	4 1/2	1927-1946	170,000	102.21	4.28	2695	Sumner County, Tenn.	4 1/2	1931-1941	25,000	100.22	4.47
2396	Newton, Mass. (2 issues)	4	1927-1956	200,000	101.22	3.83	2251	Surrency S. D., Ga.	6	1936-1950	15,000	104	5.69
2396	Noble County, Okla.	5	1927-1931	900,000	101.50		2849	Sycamore S. D., Ill.	4 1/2	1932-1946	75,000		
2396	North Baltimore, Ohio	5	1927-1931	7,300	100	5.00	2849	Tabor, Iowa	5	1936-1943	16,138		5.00
2535	North Olmsted, Ohio	5 1/2	1926-1931	7,632	101.45	5.09	2537	Tarrytown, N. Y.	4 1/2		30,000	101.30	
2249	North Tonawanda Union Free S. D. No. 1, N. Y.	4 1/2	1930-1949	100,000	101.019	4.40	2398	Texarkana, Texas	4 1/2	1931-1956	200,000	97.30	4.90
2396	Oakland County, Mich.	4 1/2	1927-1936	1,180,000	100.11		2695	Tifton, Ga.	5	1937-1946	80,000		
2694	Ocala, Fla.	6	1927-1936	69,000	100	6.00	2398	Tiptonville, Tenn.	5 1/2	1927-1956	25,000	102.09	5.32
2093	Ohio County, Ind.	4 1/2	1927-1936	7,320	100	4.25	2094	Tonawanda, N. Y.	4 1/2	1932-1956	200,000	101.68	4.38
2396	Omaha S. D., Neb.	4 1/2	1956	1,000,000	100.619	4.21	2251	Troy, N. Y.	4 1/2	1927-1946	35,000	102.72	4.16
2694	Ontario S. D., So. Dak.	5 1/2	1936-1946	20,000	103.50	4.94	2251	Troy, N. Y.	4 1/2	1927-1946	148,000		
2396	Oneca Spec. Tax S. D. No. 21, Fla.	6	1929-1948	20,000	96.40	6.43	2251	Trumbull County, Ohio	5	1927-1936	23,000	102.85	4.52
2396	Oneida, N. Y.	4 1/2	1927-1936	59,000	100.82	4.33	2537	Union Twp., Ind.	4 1/2	1927-1941	60,000	101.55	4.26
2694	Ontario, Ore.	5 1/2	1927-1941	26,000	100.76	5.44	2398	Upper Arlington, Ohio (3 issues)	5	1927-1936	451,367	101.74	4.66
2396	Ontario Union Free S. D. No. 6, N. Y.	4 1/2	1936-1946	200,000	100.97		2398	Upper Moreland Twp. Sch. Dist., Pa.	4 1/2	1927-1946	120,000	101.547	4.32
2694	Onaka I. S. D., So. Dak.	5 1/2	10 years	12,000	100	4.94	2398	Urbana Park Dist., Ill.	4 1/2	1929-1945	100,000	99.31	
2535	Onalaska S. D. 78, Wash.	4 1/2	1927-1931	20,000	100	4.25	2251	Utica, N. Y. (6 issues)	4.10	1926-1946	1,000,000	100.18	4.08
2694	Oneonta, N. Y.	4 1/2	1927-1946	250,000	100	4.20	2537	Valparaiso S. D., Ind.	4 1/2	1928-1935	150,000	101.02	4.29
2535	Oneonta, N. Y.	4.20	1929-1938	100,000	100.22	4.81	2696	Van Wert S. D., Ohio (3 issues)	4 1/2	1927-1946	120,000	101.20	4.36
2848	Orangeburg Co. S. C.	4 1/2	1927-1936	4,900	100.74	4.35	2251	Vernon County, Wis.	4 1/2	1929-1930	140,000	100.59	4.32
2093	Orange Co. Ind. (2 iss.)	4 1/2	10 years	24,115	103.91		2094	Vicksburg, Miss.	4 1/2	1927-1951	795,000	100.10	4.74
2848	Oregon City, Ore.	6	d10-20 yrs.	6,500	100	6.00	2398	Willisca, Iowa	4 1/2		30,000	101.33	
2848	Ortley, So. Dak.	6	d10-15 yrs.	6,500	100	6.00	2537	Wadsworth, Ohio	5 1/2	1927-1931	6,900	102.33	4.66
2396	Ovid, Colo.	5 1/2	d10-15 yrs.	25,000			2537	Warren County, Ind.	4 1/2	1927-1936	4,657	100.01	4.49
2694	Oyster Bay Un. Free S. D. No. 4, N. Y.	4 1/2	1927-1941	375,000	101.54	4.28	2537	Warren, Ohio	5	1927-1941	14,500	103.09	4.52
2535	Palm Beach Co. Spec. Tax S. D. No. 6, Fla.	6	1927-1951	50,000	101.23	5.86	2537	Warren, Ohio	5	1927-1933	7,000	100	5.00
2093	Paris, Ark.	5 1/2	1927-1946	76,000	100.33	5.12	2537	Warren, Ohio	5	1928	1,250	100	6.00
2249	Park Co. S. D. No. 3, Col.	5	16 years	40,000			2094	Warrick County, Ind.	4 1/2	1-10 years	16,400	101.12	
2535	Pasadena, Calif.	4 1/2	1926-1935	360,000	101.19	4.45	2537	Washington, No. Dak.	5	20 years	20,000	100	5.00
2535	Pasadena, Calif.	4 1/2	1928-1929	35,000			2094	Washington Subur. San. Dist., Md.	4 1/2	1927-1976	500,000	95.78	4.78
2093	Pasadena Calif. (2 issues)	5 1/2	1943-1951	216,000	101.09	4.68	2850	Washington Twp. Cons. S. D., Iowa	4 1/2	1927-1946	750,000	100.64	
2093	Pasadena Munic. Impt. Dist. No. 1, Calif.	5 1/2	1944-1946	35,000			1956	Watertown, N. Y.	4.20	1927-1946	245,000	100.29	4.17
2093	Pasadena Munic. Impt. Dist. No. 2, Calif.	5 1/2	1942-1944	15,000			2398	Watertown, Mass. (4 iss.)	4	1927-1941	298,500	100.637	3.81
2093	Pasadena Munic. Impt. Dist. No. 2, Calif.	5 1/2	1937-1939	75,000			2535	Waukesha, Wis. (2 iss.)	4 1/2	1927-1946	176,000	102.597	4.18
2396	Pasadena City High S. D., Calif.	4 1/2	1926-1954	400,000	102.65	4.48	2398	Wauwatosa, Wis.	4 1/2	1927-1946	100,000	101.85	4.28
2249	Pawtucket, R. I.	4 1/2	1931-1951	475,000	100.721	4.19	2398	Webb City S. D., Mo.	4 1/2	1936-1946	30,000	100.07	
2397	Perkins County, Neb.	5	1927-1933	45,000	102.14	4.47	2251	Webster Groves, Mo. (3 issues)	4 1/2	1931-1946	175,000	101.32	4.38
2535	Peterborough S. D.	4 1/2	1927-1946	60,000	100.25		2537	Weld Co. S. D. 17, Colo.	5		10,000		
2093	Philadelphia, Pa.	4 1/2	d1										

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2843	Buffalo, N. Y.	4	1927-1941	45,000	---	---
2392	Claiborne Parish S. D., La.	4 1/2	1927-1946	25,000	99.36	---
2531	Cookeville, Tenn. (Aug.)	5	1955	15,000	100	5.00
2393	Ferndale, Mich.	5	1941	50,000	101	4.91
2393	Florence, Ala.	6	1936	141,000	99.50	6.10
2393	Fort Madison, Iowa	4 1/2	serially	10,000	100	4.50
2393	Glenbard Twp., High Sch. Dist. No. 87, Ill.	5	1933-1946	60,000	---	---
2393	Greene Co., Ohio (Feb.)	5	1927-1936	83,143	102.60	4.48
2533	Lancaster Co. Sch. Dist. No. 88, Neb.	4 3/4	---	12,000	100	4.75
2395	Liberty Twp., Ohio	5	1927-1955	125,000	104.69	4.58
2395	Liberty Twp., Ohio	5	---	100,000	103.55	---
2395	Maple Height, Ohio (7 issues)	5 1/2	1927-1935	49,943	103.41	4.73
2535	Norman S. D., Okla.	4 3/4	serially	135,000	100.74	---
2396	Norton, Va.	5	1937-1956	20,000	100	5.00
2397	Richland Parish Sch. Dist. No. 17, La.	5	1927-1951	150,000	---	---
2695	Seattle, Wash. (21 issues) (Jan. 1926)	6	---	523,530	---	---
2695	Seattle, Wash. (22 issues) (February)	6	---	277,278	---	---
2695	Seattle, Wash. (Jan. 1926) (22 issues)	6	1938	523,529	---	---
2695	Seattle, Wash. (Feb. 1926) (22 issues)	6	1938	279,277	---	---
2695	Seattle, Wash. (23 issues)	6	---	593,355	---	---
2397	Smoke River Irrig. Dist., Idaho	6	1941	743,800	100	6.00
2250	Staples, Minn.	6	1926-1929	10,000	100.18	5.92
2536	Tacoma, Wash. (10 iss.) (Jan. 1926)	6	---	24,752	---	---
2536	Tacoma, Wash. (15 iss.) (Feb. 1926)	6	---	35,123	---	---
2537	Tacoma, Wash. (6 iss.)	6	---	59,213	---	---
2695	Taylor Con. Sch. Dist., Miss. (February)	5 1/4	1927-1951	30,000	100.42	5.21
2537	Warren, Mich.	5	1927-1953	53,000	104.29	4.56
2398	West Reading S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1927-1946	60,000	100.10	4.36

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DEBENTURES SOLD BY CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES IN APRIL.

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2399	Chambly, Que.	5	30 years	\$70,000	98.00	5.17
2399	Chateauguay, Que.	5	1946	4,500	101.02	4.92
2538	Chicoutimi Twp., Que.	5 1/2	20 years	45,000	100.65	---
2531	Dorval, Que. (2 issues)	5 1/2	15-20 years	49,200	102	---
2696	East York Twp., Ont.	5 1/2	10-20-40 instl	297,038	---	---
2252	Esquimalt Dist., B. C.	5	10 years	12,000	98.53	5.20
2538	Fort William, Ont.	5	15 years	75,000	98.75	5.12
2538	Fort William, Ont.	5	40 years	12,000	98.40	5.10
2696	Fort William, Ont.	5	---	12,000	98.55	---
2851	Halifax, N. S.	5	35 years	1,502,000	101	4.94
2851	Kitchener, Ont.	5	10, 15, 20 instl	160,512	99.89	5.02
2399	L'Assomption, Que.	5	Serial	40,000	97.15	---
2538	Minto Township, Ont.	5	15 install	4,600	100	5.00
2399	Montreal East, Que.	5	1926-1945	70,000	96.50	---
2538	Niagara Falls, Ont. (3 iss.)	5	10-30 years	365,190	99.17	---
2696	North Grimsby Twp., Ont. (2 issues)	5 1/2	14 install't	23,124	101.61	---
2696	Salaberry De Valleyfield, Que.	5	30 years	175,000	99.33	5.06
2696	Saskatchewan Sch. Dist. Sask.	Var	Various	17,500	---	---
2252	Saskatchewan Sch. Dist. Sask.	5 1/4	20 years	4,500	---	---
2252	Saskatoon, Sask.	5	10, 15, 20, 30yrs	109,731	97.38	5.23
2399	Shawinigan Falls, Que. (3 issues)	5	1927-1950	373,000	98.85	---
2538	Stenon, Sask.	6 1/4	10 years	3,000	100.03	6.24
2696	Stratford, Ont.	5	---	10,000	---	---
2252	Thorold, Ont.	5	15 years	4,780	---	---
2252	Thorold, Ont.	5	20 years	799	101.50	5.37
2252	Three Rivers, Que. (2 iss.)	5	1927-1955	380,000	97.77	---
2399	Vancouver, B. C.	5	1941 & 1966	1,070,000	99.523	5.03
2399	Welland, Ont.	5	---	12,000	100	5.00

Total amount of debentures sold during April \$5,900,474

We have also learned of the following additional sales for previous months:

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
2538	Arthur, Ont. (Jan. 1926)	5 1/2	1926-1945	\$10,160	104.56	---
2538	New Toronto, Ont. (5 is.)	5 1/2	1927-1946	119,905	101.27	---
2538	Peterboro, Ont. (Feb. '26)	5	1945	27,000	100.50	---
2538	Port Credit, Ont. (Feb. '26)	5	1926-1935	1,866	---	---
2538	Port Credit, Ont. (Feb. '26)	5	1926-1955	5,512	98.52	---
2538	Port Credit, Ont. (Feb. '26)	5 1/2	1927-1956	1,743	---	---
2538	Sudbury, Ont. (Jan. '26)	5 1/2	1927-1936	21,271	100.09	---
2538	Yorkton, Sask. (Jan. '26)	6	1926-1940	33,447	---	---
2538	Yorkton, Sask. (Jan. '26)	7	1927-1936	69,403	---	---
2538	Yorkton, Sask. (Jan. '26)	7	1926-1940	15,904	---	---

All the above sales (except as indicated) are for March. These additional issues will make the total sales for that month \$8,324,223.

NEWS ITEMS.

**Anhalt (State of) Germany.**—\$2,000,000 *External Loan Successfully Floated.*—A. G. Becker & Co., and Eastman, Dillon & Co., both of New York, offered and quickly sold on May 13 (the issue being oversubscribed) \$2,000,000 7% serial gold bonds, denominated "External Loan of 1926" of the Free State of Anhalt, Germany at prices yielding from 6 to 7.60% according to maturity. Date March 1 1926. Coupon bonds in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, registrable as to principal only. Due \$100,000 March 1 1927 to 1946 incl. Prin. and int. M. & S. payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, at office of A. G. Becker & Co., Chicago, or of the International Acceptance Securities & Trust Co., New York, without deduction for any taxes past, present or future, imposed by the Free State of Anhalt, or by the German Reich or by any taxing authority thereof or therein. Redeemable as a whole but not in part on Sept. 1 1936, or any interest date thereafter at 103 and interest, on 60 days notice.

Further information regarding this loan may be found in our "Department of Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.

**Massachusetts (State of).**—Governor Fuller Signs Bill Permitting Savings Banks to Invest in Railroad Equipment Obligations.

We quote the following from the Boston "Herald" of May 6:

With the signing by Governor Fuller of the bill permitting Massachusetts savings banks to invest in railroad equipment trust obligations, potential buying power amounting to \$165,000,000 has been added to the equipment trust market.

As equipment trusts have long been regarded by experienced investors as among the choicest possible securities, dealers in equipment trusts hardly needed this stimulus to assist them in selling their wares. The bill does somewhat aid the savings banks, however, in investing the huge volume of funds entrusted to them.

The new law permits savings banks to invest not more than 10% of their deposits in this type of security. As total deposits of Massachusetts savings banks were \$1,618,000,000 on Oct. 31 last (at least \$1,650,000,000 today) the maximum which all the banks may place in equipment trusts is thus approximately \$165,000,000. It will be a long time, of course, before their holdings will approach any such figure.

The bill becomes operative 90 days after it is signed by the Governor. In the meantime, of course, banks may purchase equipment trusts for future delivery and considerable business has already been done in this way. The volume of equipment trusts available is very limited, however.

Some of the best equipment trusts in the market do not comply with the technical requirements of the act. New York Central equipments, for example, are obligations of the New York Central Lines and not of the New York Central R.R. They are thus ineligible though actually better as the obligations of one company. The recent issue of Pennsylvania R.R. equipments is also ineligible, first payment of principal being due in 1929, three years after date of issue, instead of the one year after date of issue provided by the Act. It is thus a difficult matter for dealers to find any substantial volume of equipments to offer to their savings bank clientele.

**Bill Passed by House Permits Savings Banks to Invest in Certain Public Service Companies' Bonds.**—The House on May 7 passed to be engrossed the bill permitting savings banks to invest in bonds of certain public service companies. The bill now goes to the Governor. We quote the Boston "Herald" of May 8 with regard to the provisions of the bill:

The bill provides that not more than 15% of the deposits of any savings bank shall be invested in bonds of the newly authorized public utility group, and not more than 2% in the bonds of any one corporation. As the savings bank deposits of Massachusetts total around \$1,650,000,000, this means a potential market for \$247,500,000 of public utility bonds.

Main provisions of the bill describing the bonds which are made legal investments may be summed up as follows:

Savings banks may invest in bonds maturing not later than 30 years subsequent to the investment which are of companies incorporated under the laws of the United States or any State thereof and operated under the supervision of public service commissions or similar bodies, engaged in the sale and distribution of electricity or artificial gas, which are doing at least 80% of their business within the United States.

The gross operating revenue of such companies must be not less than \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year immediately preceding the investment and 75% of such revenue shall be derived from the sale of electricity or gas or both, and not exceeding 20% from the operation of a transportation system.

Such corporations shall operate under a franchise under which at least 75% of its gross operating revenue is earned, and extending at least three years beyond the maturity of such bonds, or under an indeterminate franchise or an agreement with competent public authority which protects the security of the bondholder.

The capital stock of such corporations shall be equal to at least two-thirds the total funded debt or in case of no par stock the value of the property on the books shall exceed by at least two-thirds the total mortgage indebtedness.

For a period of five years preceding the investment the net earnings available for interest charges shall have been equal to at least twice the interest charges for the period of the total outstanding funded debt. Such bonds, plus the total amount of underlying bonds, shall be outstanding in an amount not exceeding 60% of the actual value of fixed property securing such bonds.

The bonds shall be a closed underlying mortgage secured by property owned and operated, provided that such bonds is to be refunded by a junior mortgage providing for the retirement of such bond and that such underlying mortgage may remain open solely for the purpose of issuing additional bonds to be pledged under such junior mortgage, or for refunding at par prior lien bonds, or the bond shall be a first mortgage bond constituting the only mortgage debt of such corporation, or a refunding mortgage bond providing for retirement of all prior lien or divisional mortgage bonds of such company.

**Victor, Teller County, Colo.**—Defaulted Bonds to Be Refunded.—We are informed that arrangements have been concluded whereby the bondholders will take 10% of the amount due in 5% refunding bonds, and their interest and principal are to be paid as collected from a 40-mill tax levy which the town has agreed to impose. The total bonded debt, defaulted interest and court costs approximates \$660,000 all told, which is nearly twice the assessed valuation of the town.

**Westchester County (P. O. White Plains), N. Y.**—Governor Smith Vetoes Charter Bill.—Governor Smith on May 11 vetoed the new Westchester County charter bill. In explaining his reasons the Governor said, according to the New York "World" of May 12:

This proposed Westchester County charter fails to meet the fundamental needs of a new charter for that county. It does not provide for a simplified and responsible government. While establishing an executive, it fails to give that executive alone or in conjunction with the Board of Supervisors any power to abolish, reorganize or consolidate the administrative departments of the county government.

On the other hand, it specifically provides that all existing officers are to be transferred to corresponding departments of the new county Government without change of grade or salary, and are to be assigned to similar duties; but while the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, with the consent of the Board of Supervisors, is given power to create additional offices and departments and to abolish at any time such additional offices and departments it is given no power to abolish or in any way to consolidate or change existing offices or the administrative offices created by the Act itself.

This leaves the whole charter and the government under it still subject to changes by the Legislature. In this and in other respects it fails to give to Westchester County even the semblance of home rule. While it is true that the charter cannot be adopted without the vote of the people of the county, after they have once adopted it, the Legislature is thereafter free to tinker with it.

Any new charter to be effective should give the county greater power over its own affairs and protection against special legislation not desired by the county.

In addition to the above it is open to the very serious objection that the first election of the county administration, under its provisions, comes in a Presidential year.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS

this week have been as follows:

**ABERDEEN, Brown County, So. Dak.**—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held sometime in June for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$240,000 school bonds.

**ADAMS, Berkshire County, Mass.**—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$65,000 4% coupon impt. bonds awarded to the Shawmut Corp. of Boston at 100.71 (V. 122, p. 2530) are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date May 1 1926. Int. M. & N. Due serially from May 1 1927 to 1950 incl.



ADAMS COUNTY (P. O. West Union), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On May 3 the \$11,200 5 1/2% coupon J. C. H. bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2530) were awarded to Bohmer & Reinhart, of Cincinnati, at a premium of \$460, equal to 101.10, a basis of about 4.64%.

AKRON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Akron), Summit County, Ohio.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The following two issues of 4 1/4% coupon bonds aggregating \$590,000 awarded to a syndicate composed of William R. Compton Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co. and Stevenson, Perry, Stacy & Co., all of Chicago, at a premium of \$15,077, equal to 102.55 (V. 122, p. 2689), a basis of about 4.45%, are described as follows:

\$440,000 school building bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$29,000 1927 to 1936, incl., and \$30,000 1937 to 1941, incl. 150,000 school site bonds. Due \$30,000 yearly from Oct. 1 1942 to 1946, incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1926. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City, or at the Central Savings & Trust Co., Akron. Legality approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland.

Financial Statement (As Officially Reported). Real value of all property (estimated) \$500,000. Assessed valuation 1923 323,858,750. Total debt (including this issue) 7,191,288. Less—Sinking funds. \$261,000. Net bonded debt. 6,930,288. Population (1920 Census) 208,435.

ALABAMA (State of).—BOND OFFERING.—Governor William W. Brandon will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. May 21 for \$1,000,000 not exceeding 4 1/4% fourth series harbor improvement coupon or registered bonds. Dated June 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$25,000, June 1 1936 to 1975 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable in gold at the State Treasurer's office or at the fiscal agency of the State in N. Y. City. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid, payable to the State Treasurer, required. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

ALDEN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 1, Hardin County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on April 26—V. 122, p. 2245—the voters authorized the issuance of \$3,000 school bonds by a count of 22 for to 5 against.

AMARILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Potter County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on May 6 an issue of \$240,000 5% school bonds. Due serially.

ARKANSAS CITY, Cowley County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during January an issue of \$14,205 45 4 1/2% paving bonds.

ASH VALLEY TOWNSHIP, Pawnee County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during March an issue of \$10,000 5% refunding bonds.

ATLANTA, Fulton County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The \$133,000 5% coupon sewer system extension bonds offered on May 13—V. 122, p. 2689—were awarded to the Empire Trust Co. of Atlanta at a premium of \$12,660 equal to 109.51, a basis of about 4.30%. Date Jan. 1 1921. Due \$15,000 Jan. 1 1943 to 1950 incl. and \$13,000, 1951. The same company was also awarded the following 4 1/4% coupon bonds aggregating \$21,500 offered on the same date at a premium of \$60, equal to 100.27, a basis of about 4.44%:

\$3,000 Stovall St. improvement bonds. Date May 1 1926. Due \$500, May 1 1929 to 1933 and \$500, May 1 1935. 9,000 Alta Ave. improvement bonds. Date May 1 1926. Due May 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 and \$1,000, 1929 to 1935 incl. 4,000 Belgrade Ave. improvement bonds. Date May 1 1926. Due \$1,000 May 1 1928, 1930, 1933 and 1935. 3,500 Pearl St. improvement bonds. Date May 1 1926. Due \$500, May 1 1928 to 1933 and \$500, May 1 1935. 2,000 Sanders Ave. improvement bonds. Date May 1 1926. Due \$500, May 1 1929, 1931, 1933 and 1935.

AVALON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Pittsburgh), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 4 p. m. May 27 by F. L. Edinger, Secretary Board of Directors, for \$85,000 4 1/4% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated March 1 1926. Int. M. & S. Due on March 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1931; \$3,000, 1932 to 1943 incl., and \$4,000, 1944 to 1954 incl. Certified check for \$1,000 required.

BATTLE CREEK, Calhoun County, Mich.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$100,000 paving bonds awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo as 4 1/4% at 100.05 (V. 122, p. 2530), a basis of about 4.24%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated March 1 1926. Int. M. & S. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1927 to 1938 incl., and \$8,000, 1939 and 1940.

BEAVER DAM, Dodge County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 4 1/4% coupon sewer bonds offered on May 10 (V. 122, p. 2530) were awarded to the Old National Bank of Beaver Dam at a premium of \$801 05, equal to 102.28, equal to a basis of about 4.26%. Dated May 1 1926. 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.

BIDDERS.—American National Bank, Beaver Dam \$700 00. First Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee 575 00. Hill-Joiner Co., Chicago 563 00. Hanchett Bond Co., Chicago 538 00. Wells-Dickey Co., Minneapolis 363 00. Insured Bond Co., Beaver Dam, Wis. 51 40.

BELL BUCKLE, Belford County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—B. G. White, Town Recorder, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. June 1 for \$10,000 6% school bonds. Date May 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, May 1 1930 to 1939 incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the Chemical National Bank, New York City. A certified check for \$500 is required. These are the bonds originally scheduled to be sold on May 10—V. 122, p. 2391.

BELOIT, Rock County, Wis.—BONDS OFFERED.—B. E. Wood, City Clerk, received sealed bids until 8 p. m. May 14 for the following 4 1/2% coupon bonds, aggregating \$45,000: \$25,000 sanitary sewer bonds. Due \$2,000, 1927 to 1938, incl., and \$1,000, 1939. 20,000 street improvement bonds. Due \$2,000, 1927 to 1936, incl. Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the City Treasurer's office. A certified check for \$100 is required.

BENTONVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Jim Wells County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$20,000 school bonds.

DEXTER, Jefferson County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. (Eastern standard time) June 1 by Claude O. Phelan, Village Clerk, for the following two issues of not exceeding 5% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$150,000: \$90,000 water bonds. Due \$3,000 June 1 1930 to 1959 inclusive. 60,000 sewer bonds. Due \$2,000 June 1 1930 to 1959 inclusive. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable in gold at the First National Bank, Dexter, in New York exchange. Certified check for \$2,500, payable to the Village, required. Bidders must bid for all of said bonds and must state a single rate of interest for all of said bonds. Bonds will be sold at the lowest rate of interest stated in multiples of 1-10 of 1%.

BISMARCK, Burleigh County, No. Dak.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on June 1 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$50,000 community building bonds.

BLACK MOUNTAIN SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Asheville), Buncombe County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Geo. A. Digges, Register of Deeds, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. May 22 for \$250,000 not exceeding 5 1/2% school bonds. Date May 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1928 to 1947, incl., and \$10,000, 1948 to 1956, incl. Int. rate to be stated in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston. A certified check for \$5,000, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.

BOSSIER PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Benton), La.—BOND OFFERING.—R. V. Kerr, Secretary, Parish School Board will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. June 3 for the following 5% school bonds, aggregating \$185,000:

\$100,000 School District No. 13 bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1927 to 1930 incl.; \$4,000, 1931 to 1935 incl.; \$5,000, 1936 to 1939 incl.; \$6,000, 1940 to 1942 incl.; \$7,000, 1943 and 1944 and \$8,000, 1945 and 1946. 85,000 School District No. 7 bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1927 to 1933 incl.; \$4,000, 1934 to 1938 incl.; \$5,000, 1939 to 1942 incl.; and \$6,000, 1943 to 1946 incl. Date June 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. J. & D., payable at the office of the School Board Treasurer or at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. Legality approved by Wood & Cakley of Chicago. A certified check for \$2,500, payable to the Treasurer of the School Board is required.

BOSTON, Suffolk County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On May 11 the following 14 issues of 4% registered bonds aggregating \$4,395,000 offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2690) were awarded to R. L. Day & Co., Merrill, Oldham & Co., Harris, Forbes & Co. and Estabrook & Co., all of Boston, at 100.36, a basis of about 3.98%:

\$450,000 sewerage works bonds. Due \$15,000 April 1 1927 to 1956, incl. 300,000 highways bonds. Due \$15,000 April 1 1927 to 1946, incl. 80,000 Tremont St. bridge bonds. Due \$4,000 April 1 1927 to 1946, incl. 100,000 court house, Dorchester bonds. Due \$5,000 April 1 1927 to 1946, incl. 85,000 court house, Brighton, bonds. Due on April 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1927 to 1931, incl., and \$4,000, 1932 to 1946, incl. 200,000 Cambridge and Court Sts. bonds. Due \$10,000, April 1 1927 to 1946, incl. 80,000 police headquarters bonds. Due \$4,000 April 1 1927 to 1946, incl. 100,000 sanatorium bonds. Due \$5,000 April 1 1927 to 1946, incl. 180,000 hospital bonds. Due \$12,000 April 1 1927 to 1941, incl. 90,000 hospital bonds. Due \$6,000 April 1 1927 to 1941, incl. 500,000 East Boston Ferry bonds. Due \$50,000 April 1 1927 to 1936, incl. 80,000 East Boston Ferry improvements bonds. Due \$10,000 April 1 1927 to 1934, incl. 2,000,000 Dorchester Rapid Transit bonds. Due April 1 1971. 150,000 Dorchester Tunnel bonds. Due April 1 1971. Date April 1 1926.

BOSTON, Suffolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On May 14 the First National Corp. of Boston purchased a \$1,000,000 temporary loan on a 3.27% discount basis plus a premium of \$7. Date May 17 1926. Due Oct. 8 1927.

BOURBON COUNTY (P. O. Fort Scott), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during January the following 4 1/2% bonds aggregating \$36,205 45: \$22,000 00 road improvement bonds. 14,205 45 road improvement bonds.

BOWIE, Montague County, Tex.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for the \$30,000 5% city bonds offered on April 20—V. 122, p. 2245—were rejected.

BRAINTREE (P. O. South Braintree) Norfolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On May 13 the First National Corp. of Boston purchased a \$100,000 temporary loan on a 3.41% discount basis plus a premium of \$3.40.

BRAZOS COUNTY (P. O. Bryan), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$14,000 5% bridge bonds offered on April 3 (V. 122, p. 1949) were awarded to H. C. Burt & Co. of Austin at par.

BREWSTER, Okanogan County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Alma Greaves, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. May 17 for \$9,500, not exceeding 6% town bonds. A certified check for 5% of bid is required.

BRIDGEPORT, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND SALES FOR 1925.—The following issues of bonds were sold on July 6 in addition to those reported in these columns from time to time during that period as they took place:

Purchaser— Amount. Purpose. Date. Price'd. Int. Due. H.L.Allen&Co.,N.Y. \$115,000 Library Aug. 1 1925 100.406 4 1/4% 1955. H.L.Allen&Co.,N.Y. 200,000 Pavement "D" Aug. 1 1925 100.046 4 1/4% 1930-55.

BROOKLINE, Norfolk County, Mass.—BOND SALES IN 1925.—Apart from the bonds already reported sold in the "Chronicle," this city also sold to the First National Bank of Boston on Nov. 16 an issue of \$20,000 4% paving bonds at par. Date Sept. 1 1925. Due in 4 years.

BROWARD COUNTY (P. O. Fort Lauderdale), Fla.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for the \$500,000 5 1/4% coupon highway bonds offered on May 10—V. 122, p. 2245—were rejected.

BROWARD COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Fort Lauderdale), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—James S. Rickards, Sec. Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. June 5 for \$65,000 6% school bonds. Date May 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1944 incl., and \$3,000, 1945 to 1955 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, N. Y. City. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for is required. These are the bonds offered on April 26—V. 122, p. 2245.

BROWARD COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Fort Lauderdale), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—James S. Rickards, Secretary Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. May 31 for \$200,000 6% school bonds. Dated June 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1929 to 1943 incl.; \$8,000, 1944 to 1948 incl., and \$10,000, 1949 to 1955 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable in gold at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. A certified check for \$4,000, payable to the above named official, required. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, New York City.

BROWN COUNTY (P. O. Hiawatha), Kan.—BONDS AND NOTES REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during March the following bonds and notes aggregating \$20,978: \$15,466 77 4 1/4% temporary notes. 5,511 23 4 3/4% road bonds.

BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cameron County, Tex.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. May 14 by the Secretary Board of Education for \$100,000 5% school bonds.

BROWN COUNTY (P. O. Hiawatha), Kan.—NOTES REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during January an issue of \$14,002 28 4 3/4% temporary notes.

BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during February an issue of \$9,100 4 1/4% road improvement bonds.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—BONDS AND CERTIFICATES SOLD DURING JANUARY.—During the month of January the following 4% bonds and certificates were issued at par:

Purchaser— Amount. Purpose. Date. Due. Surplus moneys of General Fund— \$111,223.33 certificates Jan. 1 1926 July 1 1926 Water b'd Sinking Fund 53,852.35 hospital Jan. 1 1926 Jan. 1 '27-'46 Surplus moneys of General Fund— 8,299.20 works Jan. 15 1926 Jan. 15 1927 CERTIFICATES SOLD DURING FEBRUARY.—During the month of February the following 4% bonds and certificates were issued at par:

Purchaser— Amount. Purpose. Date. Due. Surplus moneys of General Fund— \$662,089.80 certificates Feb. 1 1926 July 1 1926 monthly Surplus moneys of General Fund— 11,303.45 local works Feb. 15 1926 Feb. 15 1927 BONDS AND CERTIFICATES SOLD DURING MARCH.—During the month of March the following 4% bonds and certificates were issued at par:

Purchaser— Amount. Purpose. Date. Due. Manufacturers & Traders Tr. Co., New York \$4,145,068.59 certificates Mar. 1 1926 July 1 1926 Water b'd Sinking Fund 45,000.00 buildings Mar. 1 1926 Mar. 1 '27-'41 Refuse Plant Sinking Fund 2,677.74 works Mar. 1 1926 Mar. 15 1927

**BUNKIE, Avoyelles Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 4 p. m. June 16 by Mayor E. H. Taliaferro for \$160,000 Sewerage District No. 1 bonds. Date July 1 1926. Due July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1927 to 1930 incl.; \$6,000, 1931 to 1933 incl.; \$7,000, 1934 to 1936 incl.; \$8,000, 1937 and 1938; \$9,000, 1939 and 1940; \$10,000, 1941 and 1942; \$11,000, 1943 and 1944; \$12,000, 1945, and \$13,000, 1946. Bidders to name interest rate. Legality approved by Martin & Campbell of New Orleans. A certified check for \$4,000, payable to the Mayor, is required.

**BYERS, Pratt County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during January an issue of \$9,000 5% electric light bonds.

**CALDWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sumner County, Kan.—BOND SALE.**—The Branch-Middlekauff Co. of Wichita purchased on May 7 an issue of \$55,000 4½% school bonds at 99.81. Date May 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially 1927 to 1946 incl. Interest payable F. & A.

**CANAJOHARIE, Montgomery County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—Sealed bids will be received until May 18 by the Village Clerk, for \$120,000 4½% street bonds. Due \$6,000 in 1 to 20 years.

**CANEY, Montgomery County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during February an issue of \$24,000 4½% refunding bonds.

**CANTON, Stark County, Ohio.—BONDS OFFERED.**—Sealed bids were received until 12:30 p. m. (Eastern standard time) May 14 by Samuel E. Barr, City Auditor, for the following five issues of 5% (special assessment) improvement bonds, aggregating \$116,914 16:

\$49,640 61 13th St. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500, except one for \$640 61. Due on March 1 as follows: \$5,640 61, 1928, and \$5,500, 1929 to 1936 incl.

10,017 07 Ross Ave. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500, except one for \$1,017 07. Due on March 1 as follows: \$1,017 07, 1928; \$1,000, 1929; \$1,500, 1930; \$1,000, 1931; \$1,500, 1932, and \$1,000, 1933 to 1936 incl.

21,176 08 Garfield Ave. bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$1,176 08. Due on March 1 as follows: \$2,176 08, 1926; \$3,000, 1929; \$2,000, 1930; \$3,000, 1931; \$2,000, 1932, and \$3,000, 1933 to 1935 incl.

33,720 92 Cleveland Ave. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500, except one for \$220 92. Due on March 1 as follows: \$3,220 92, 1928; \$3,500, 1929; \$4,000, 1930; \$3,500, 1931; \$4,000, 1932; \$3,500, 1933, and \$4,000, 1934 to 1936 incl.

2,359 48 Root Ave. bonds. Denom. \$500, except one for \$250 and one for \$109 48. Due on March 1 as follows: \$609 48, 1928; \$500, 1929; \$750, 1930, and \$500, 1931.

Date March 1 1926. Prin. and int. payable at the City Treasurer's office. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, required. The purchaser shall print at his own expense the necessary bonds on special bond borders and necessary coupon sheets shall be furnished by the city.

**CARLISLE COUNTY (P. O. Bardwell), Ky.—BOND OFFERING.**—C. F. Coll, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. May 20 for \$200,000 not exceeding 5% road bonds. Interest payable semi-annually. A certified check for \$2,500 required.

**CARMICHAEL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sacramento), Sacramento County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.**—The County Clerk will receive sealed bids until May 17 for \$195,000 5½% school bonds. Due serially 1927 to 1946, incl.

**CAROLINE COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Md.—BOND SALE.**—On May 11 the \$21,000 4½% coupon road bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2531) were awarded to Robert Garrett & Sons of Baltimore at 101.757, a basis of about 4.24%. Dated June 1 1926. Due \$3,000 yearly from Dec. 1 1931 to 1937 inclusive.

**CASS COUNTY (P. O. Cassopolis), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 1:30 p. m. May 17 by the Clerk, Board of County Road Commissioners, for \$16,425 6% road assessment district No. 21 bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$825. Due \$1,825 May 1 1928 to 1936 incl.

**CANYONVILLE, Douglas County, Ore.—BOND SALE.**—Rico & Rico of Roseburg purchased on April 28 an issue of \$7,500 electric light bonds at a premium of \$25, equal to 100.33.

**CELESTE, Hunt County, Texas.—BOND ELECTION.**—On June 1 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$55,000 water works bonds.

**CENTRAL FALLS, Providence County, R. I.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. (daylight saving time) May 18 by Elmer E. Lent, City Treasurer, for the following three issues of 4½% coupon bonds aggregating \$200,000:

\$50,000 sewer bonds. Due on June 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1936 incl., and \$2,000, 1937 to 1956 incl.

50,000 highway bonds. Due \$2,000 yearly from June 1 1927 to 1951 incl. 100,000 highway bonds. Due on June 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1927 to 1940 incl.; \$7,000, 1941 to 1944 incl., and \$8,000, 1945 and 1946.

Dated June 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable in gold coin of the United States of the present standard of weight and fineness at the First National Bank, Boston. Bonds are engraved under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the First National Bank of Boston; their legality will be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. All legal papers incident to these issues will be filed with the above bank where they may be inspected at any time. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser on or about June 1 1926 at the First National Bank of Boston.

*Financial Statement May 1 1926.*

Bond debt	\$1,200,000
*Floating debt	400,000
Net debt	\$1,600,000
Assessed valuation 1925—	
Real estate	\$19,901,267
Personal property	1,352,532
	\$21,253,799
Valuation of property owned by the city	1,399,407
Population (U. S. Census 1925)	2,5403
*\$200,000 of floating debt to be retired by issues now offered.	

**CHAVES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Roswell), N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.**—W. C. Holland, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2:30 p. m. June 2 for \$13,000 not exceeding 6% school bonds. Dated June 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due \$1,000, June 1 1931 to 1943 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the State Treasurer's office or at the First National Bank, Hagerman, at option of purchaser. A certified check for 5% of the amount bid, payable to the above named official, required.

**CHICOPEE, Hampden County, Mass.—BOND SALES IN 1925.**—As a matter of record we are now reporting the sale of an issue of \$21,000 4½% water bonds on Sept. 21 to the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston at 100.28. Dated Oct. 1 1925. Due serially Oct. 1 1926 to 1939 incl.

**CHILDRESS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Childress County, Texas.—BOND ELECTION.**—On May 22 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$110,000 school bonds.

**CITRUS COUNTY (P. O. Inverness), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.**—C. E. Connor, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. May 31 for \$700,000 6% road bonds. Date May 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1 as follows: \$50,000, 1931; \$100,000, 1936; \$150,000, 1941; and \$200,000 in 1946 and 1951. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the National Bank of Commerce, N. Y. City. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for is required.

**CLACKAMAS COUNTY (P. O. Oregon City), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.**—Fred A. Miller, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. June 2 for \$350,000 5% road bonds. Date June 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1938; \$9,000, 1939; \$21,000, 1940; \$10,000, 1941; \$40,000, 1942; \$50,000, 1943 and 1944; \$70,000, 1945, and \$90,000, 1946. Interest payable J. & D. A certified check for \$10,000 required. Legality approved by Teal, Winfree, Johnson & McCulloch, Portland.

**CLARK COUNTY (P. O. Quitman), Miss.—BOND SALE.**—The Meridian Finance Corp. of Meridian purchased on May 3 an issue of \$10,000 6% road bonds. Date May 1 1926.

**CLARK RURAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9, Bristol Township, Worth County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.**—

Edward Berry, District President, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. May 25 for \$6,000 5% refunding bonds. Dated July 1 1926. Denom. \$300. Due \$300 July 1 1927 to 1946 incl. Int. payable semi-annually.

**CLAYSVILLE, Washington County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. May 31 by J. L. Melvin, Borough Secretary, for \$15,000 4½% water supply bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1926. Due \$1,000 May 1 1927 to 1941 incl. A certified check for \$150, required. Legality approved by Moorhead & Knox of Pittsburgh.

**COFFEYVILLE, Montgomery County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during February an issue of \$56,985 62 4½% paving bonds.

**COHOES, Albany County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—On May 13 the following four issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$482,000, offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2690) were awarded to Pulley & Co. of New York as 4.20s at 100.27, a basis of about 4.16%:

\$335,000 impt. series A bonds. Due on April 1 as follows: \$12,000 1927, \$13,000 1928, \$15,000 1929 and 1930, \$20,000 1931 to 1933, incl.; \$25,000 1934 to 1937, incl., and \$30,000 1938 to 1941, incl.

93,000 impt. series B bonds. Due on April 1 as follows: \$6,000 1927 to 1938, incl., and \$7,000 1939 to 1941, incl.

30,000 general impt. bonds. Due \$3,000 April 1 1927 to 1936, incl. 24,000 refunding bonds. Due \$2,000 April 1 1927 to 1938, incl. Date April 1 1926.

**COLEMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Coleman County, Tex.—BOND SALE.**—H. C. Burt & Co. of Austin purchased on March 6 an issue of \$25,000 5% coupon school bonds at 101.20, a basis of about 4.93%. Dated Nov. 15 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 15 1965. Interest payable Feb. 15.

**COLETON COUNTY (P. O. Walterboro), So. Caro.—NOTE SALE.**—The \$75,000 6% notes offered on April 24—V. 122, p. 2246—were awarded to Kaufman, Smith & Co. of St. Louis at a premium of \$1,707, equal to 102.27, a basis of about 5.12%. Date May 1 1926. Due \$25,000, March 1 1927, and \$10,000, May 1 1928 to 1932 incl.

**CONCORD, Merrimack County, N. H.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. (Standard time) May 17 by the City Treasurer for \$80,000 4½% departmental equipment bonds. Dated May 1 1927. Due in 1927 to 1946 incl.

**CONKLIN TOWNSHIP, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during January an issue of \$6,000 5% refunding bonds.

**CONWAY SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT NO. 14, Northampton County (P. O. Jackson), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.**—S. J. Calvert, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. May 24 for \$12,000 not exceeding 6% coupon school bonds. Date June 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$500, 1928 to 1941 incl. and \$1,000, 1942 to 1946 incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (J. & D.) payable at the Farmers Bank, Woodland or any bank in New York City at option of purchaser. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid payable to the above named official, required. Legality approved by Storey, Thornyke, Palmer and Dodge of Boston.

**CORSON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 108, Minnehaha County, So. Dak.—BONDS VOTED.**—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$4,500 school bonds.

**COWLEY COUNTY (P. O. Winfield), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during February an issue of \$16,652 10 4½% road bonds.

**CRANSTON, Providence County, R. I.—NOTES OFFERED.**—Sealed bids were received until 12 m. (daylight saving time) May 14 by William M. Lee, City Treasurer, for \$25,000 4½% coupon highway department equipment notes. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 15 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N. 15) payable in gold coin of the United States of the present standard of weight and fineness at the First National Bank, Boston, or at the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co., Providence. Due as follows: \$5,000, 1927 to 1931 incl. Notes are engraved under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the First National Bank of Boston; their legality will be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. All legal papers incident to this issue will be filed with the above bank where they may be inspected at any time. Notes will be delivered to the purchaser on or about May 17 1926 at the First National Bank, Boston.

*Financial Statement April 30 1926.*

Assessed valuation, less exemptions, June 15 1925	\$45,908,955 00
Debt limit for city of Cranston as fixed by Legislature, 4% of assessed valuation	1,836,358 20
Total bonded debt (present issue not included)	1,858,500 00
Note indebtedness	625,000 00
Total debt	\$2,483,500 00
Deductions—Sinking fund	337,232 43
Net debt*	\$2,146,267 57

\*Of this amount \$1,941,000 in sundry bonds and notes is exempted from debt limit by Legislature.

Population estimated, 35,000.

**CRAWFORD COUNTY (P. O. Girard), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during February the following bonds aggregating \$107,071 34:

\$90,267 34 4½% road improvement bonds. 16,804 00 4½% road improvement bonds.

**CROSS CREEK TOWNSHIP (P. O. Avella), Washington County) N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. (Eastern standard time) June 8 by L. M. Irwin, Secretary, Board of Supervisors, for \$75,000 4½% coupon road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Lincoln National Bank, Avella. Due on June 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1929, and \$7,000, 1930 to 1939 incl. Certified check for \$1,000, payable to Secretary, Board of Supervisors, required.

**CROSS HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Laurens County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—The Robinson-Humphrey Co. of Atlanta has purchased an issue of \$35,000 5½% school bonds at par.

**CROW CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT, Broadwater County (P. O. Radersburg), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.**—A. E. McFatridge, Secretary Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. May 17 for \$30,000 6% irrigation bonds. Denom. \$1,000. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid required.

**DALLAS COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Dallas), Tex.—BOND SALE.**—The \$50,000 5% school bonds registered on April 12—V. 122, p. 2392—were awarded to Garrett & Co. of Dallas. Due serially.

**DANE COUNTY (P. O. Madison), Wis.—BOND SALE.**—The State of Wisconsin recently purchased an issue of \$620,000 4½% highway bonds at par.

**DANVILLE, Pittsylvania County, Va.—BOND OFFERING.**—Richard P. Moss, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 2:30 p. m. June 2 for the following 4½% bonds aggregating \$323,000:

\$200,000 school bonds. Dated July 1 1925. Due \$8,000, July 1 1926 to 1950 incl. Int. payable J. & J.

75,000 electrical improvement bonds. Date June 1 1926. Due \$3,000, June 1 1927 to 1951 incl. Int. payable J. & D.

48,000 incinerator bonds. Date June 1 1926. Due \$2,000, June 1 1927 to 1950 incl. Int. payable J. & D.

Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable at the City Treasurer's office. Legality approved by Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt of N. Y. City. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds, payable to the city, is required.

**DECATUR, De Kalb County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.**—J. S. Looney, City Manager, will receive sealed bids until May 21 for the following 5% bonds, aggregating \$170,000:

\$67,000 school bonds. \$33,000 city hall bonds. 60,000 water bonds. 10,000 sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

**DECATUR, Macon County, Ill.—BOND SALES IN 1925.**—As a matter of record we are now reporting the sale of \$11,000 5% water bonds to the City Sinking Fund made by this city during 1925, this being the only bond disposal for that period. Date Sept. 1 1918. Due Sept. 1 1928.



DECATUR COUNTY RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Oberlin), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during February an issue of \$60,000 4 1/2% school bonds.

DIKE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Grundy County, Iowa.—BONDS OFFERED.—Ben H. Fletcher, Secretary Board of Directors, received sealed bids until May 10 for \$12,000 refunding school bonds. Date June 1 1926. Due June 1 1946.

DOBBS FERRY, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On May 6 the \$80,000 4 1/2% registered Town Hall bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2691) were awarded to Redmond & Co. of New York at 102.13, a basis of about 4.23%. Dated June 1 1926. Due \$4,000 June 1 1927 to 1946 inclusive.

DODGE CITY, Ford County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during February an issue of \$113,000 5% paving bonds.

DONA ANA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 (P. O. Las Cruces), N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—H. L. Sawyers, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. June 15 for \$20,000 not exceeding 5 1/2% school bonds. Dated June 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000, 1931 to 1940 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the State Treasurer's office or at Kountze Bros., New York City. A certified check for 5% of the amount bid, payable to the above named official, is required.

DONA ANA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17 (P. O. Las Cruces), N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—H. L. Sawyers, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. June 15 for \$8,000 not exceeding 5 1/2% school bonds. Dated June 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, 1931 to 1938 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the State Treasurer's office or at Kountze Bros., New York City. A certified check for 5% of the amount bid, payable to the above named official, is required.

DONA ANA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28 (P. O. Las Cruces), N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—H. L. Sawyers, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. June 15 for \$20,000 not exceeding 5 1/2% school bonds. Dated June 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$4,000, 1931 to 1935 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the State Treasurer's office or at Kountze Bros., New York City. A certified check for 5% of the amount bid, payable to the above named official, is required.

DORCHESTER COUNTY (P. O. Cambridge), Md.—BOND SALE.—Strother, Brogden & Co. of Baltimore have purchased an issue of \$25,000 4 1/2% road bonds at 101.56. Interest J. & J.

DOUGLAS, Garfield County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—L. L. Lovell, Chairman, Board of Trustees, will receive sealed bids at any time for \$7,000 6% electric light system bonds. Due \$500, 1928 to 1941, incl.

DOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Dover), Morris County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) May 21 by C. H. Benedict, District Clerk, for an issue of 4 1/2% school bonds not to exceed \$125,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$125,000. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Dover Trust Co. Bank, Dover. Due on July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1927 to 1961 incl., and \$4,000, 1962 to 1966 incl. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Education, required.

DULUTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, St. Louis County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$400,000 coupon school bonds offered on May 7 (V. 122, p. 2532) were awarded to the Guaranty Co. of New York City and the American Exchange National Bank of Duluth, jointly, as 4 1/4% at a premium of \$798 40, equal to 100.19, a basis of about 4.21%. Dated July 30 1925. Due July 30 as follows: \$50,000, 1928 to 1934 incl., and \$500,000, 1937. Other bids were as follows:

Table with columns: Bidder, Amt. Bid, Int. Rate, Premi. um. Includes Wells, Dickey Co. and Eldredge & Co., Minneapolis Tr. Co. and Northern Tr. Co., Northern Trust Co., Duluth; First Nat'l Bank, Duluth; First Trust & Savings Bank, and Illinois Merch. Trust Co., etc.

DYER COUNTY (P. O. Trimble), Tenn.—BOND ELECTION.—On May 29 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$15,000 street bonds.

EASTMAN, Dodge County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The following 5% coupon bonds, aggregating \$33,000, offered on May 5—V. 122, p. 2089—were awarded to the Trust Co. of Georgia at 101.15, a basis of about 4.92%: \$25,000 paving bonds. Due \$1,000 July 1 1931 to 1955 incl. \$8,000 water works extension bonds. Due July 1 1956.

Rate Bid. Bidders— Bell, Speas & Co., Atlanta—100.27 The Robinson-Humphrey Co., Atlanta—100.27

ELK CITY, Montgomery County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during March an issue of \$5,000 5% electric light bonds.

ELKLAND TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 FRACTIONAL (P. O. Cass City), Tuscola County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo, were awarded on May 12 an issue of \$175,000 school bonds as 4 3/4% at a premium of \$4,045, equal to 102.31.

ELLSWORTH, Washington County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 6:30 p. m. (Eastern standard time) May 31 by H. C. Lloyd, Borough Secretary, for \$20,000 4 1/2% street impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1926. Due \$5,000 June 1 1931, 1936, 1941 and 1956. Certified check for \$500 required.

ELMORE COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Mountain Home), Idaho.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 coupon school bonds offered on May 3—V. 122, p. 2393—were awarded to the State of Idaho as 5% at a premium of \$1,090, equal to 101.09, a basis of about 4.87%. Date Jan. 1 1926. Due \$5,000 1928 to 1941 incl., and \$6,000, 1942 to 1946 incl. Other bidders were:

Table with columns: Bidders, Int. Rate, Price Bid. Includes Wells-Dickey Co., Minneapolis; Sidlo, Simons, D. & Co., Denver; John Nuveen & Co., Chicago; R. E. Campbell & Co., Los Angeles; Gray, Emery, Vasconcelles & Co., Denver; Benwell & Co., Denver, and E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc., Chicago.

ENGLEWOOD PAVING DISTRICT NO. 3, Arapahoe County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—George W. Vallery & Co. of Denver recently purchased an issue of \$90,000 5 1/2% paving bonds. Dated March 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due serially to 1948. Prin. and semi-annual int. (M. & S.) payable at the City Treasurer's office or at the First National Bank, Denver, at option of purchaser. Legality approved by Pershing, Nye, Frye, Tallmadge & Bosworth, Denver.

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation 1925—\$619,165 Bonded debt—90,000

ERIE, Erie County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On May 11 the \$55,000 4 1/2% (registered as to principal only) storm water and sanitary sewer bonds of 1926 offered on that date—V. 122, p. 2532—were awarded to

the First National Bank of Erie at a premium of \$241 45, equal to 100.439, a basis of about 4.12%. Date May 15 1926. Due on May 15 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1953 incl., and \$3,000, 1954.

ESKRIDGE, Wabaunsee County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during March the following 4 3/4% bonds, aggregating \$82,311 28: \$72,120 00 paving bonds. 10,191 28 paving bonds.

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Newark), N. J.—BOND SALE.—On May 12 an issue of 4 1/2% coupon or registered park bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2532) were awarded to J. S. Rippel & Co. of Newark, taking \$491,000 (\$500,000 offered) for \$500,491, equal to 101.93, a basis of about 4.12%. Date May 1 1926. Due on May 1 as follows: \$8,000 1927 to 1951, incl., \$12,000 1952 to 1975, incl., and \$3,000 1976.

EVERETT, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALES IN 1925.—The following is a list of bonds sold by Everett during the calendar year ending Dec. 31 1925, aside from those already reported in these columns: Purchaser— Amount. Purpose. Date. Price. Int. Everett Trust Co. \$21,400 Dept. Equip. July 15 1925 Par 4% Everett Trust Co. 6,500 School Equip. July 15 1925 Par 4%

EVERETT, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On May 10 the Old Colony Corp. of Boston purchased a \$400,000 temporary loan on a 3.44% discount basis plus a \$8 premium.

FALMOUTH, Barnstable County, Mass.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$148,000 4 1/2% coupon impt. water loan bonds awarded to Estabrook & Co. of Boston at 101.72 (V. 122, p. 2532), a basis of about 4.18%, are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1926. Int. M. & N. Due on May 1 as follows: \$16,000, 1927 to 1931 incl.; \$10,000, 1932 and 1933; \$9,000, 1934; \$8,000, 1935; \$7,000, 1936 and 1937; \$6,000, 1938 and 1939; \$3,000, 1940, and \$2,000, 1941.

FORT LAUDERDALE, Broward County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$400,000 6% municipal improvement bonds offered on May 11—V. 122, p. 2338—were awarded to the First National Bank and the Fort Lauderdale State Bank & Trust Co., both of Fort Lauderdale, jointly, at 96.50, a basis of about 6.31%. Due Jan. 1 1946.

FORT SCOTT, Bourbon County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during March an issue of \$12,800 4 1/2% paving bonds.

FORT WAYNE, Allen County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—On May 5 the \$50,000 4 1/2% coupon water works refunding bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2393) were awarded to J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$757, equal to 101.51, a basis of about 4.19%. Dated May 15 1926. Due \$5,000 yearly from May 15 1927 to 1936 incl.

FOXBOROUGH, Norfolk County, Mass.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) May 14 by Frank H. Alden, Chairman Board of Selectmen, for \$150,000 4% coupon building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 15 1926. Prin. and semi-annual interest (M. & N.) payable in Boston. Due \$10,000 May 15 1927 to 1941, inclusive. Bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon, and the validity of the bonds will be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bradford), Miami County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. May 28 by Raymond Eberwein, Clerk Board of Education, for \$95,000 5 1/2% school building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated March 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the First National Bank, Bradford. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1927 and 1928; \$3,000, 1929, and \$4,000, 1930 to 1951 incl. Certified check for 5%, payable to the District Treasurer, required.

FROSTPROOF, Polk County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—F. B. Barber, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. June 7 for \$75,000 6% special assessment street impt. bonds. Dated June 1 1926; Denom. \$1,000. Due June 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1927; 1929, 1931, 1933, and 1935, and \$8,000, 1928, 1930, 1932, 1934 and 1936. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. A certified check for 3% of the amount bid, payable to the town, required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, N. Y. City.

GALLIA COUNTY (P. O. Gallipolis), Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. May 29 by E. E. Scarberry, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for \$90,693 81 5% net deficiency notes. Denom. \$8,500 and \$569 38. Dated June 30 1926. Due each six months as follows: \$9,069 38, June 30 1927 to June 30 1931, and \$9,069 39, Dec. 31 1931. Certified check for 5% of the amount of notes bid for, payable to County Auditor, required.

GARNETT, Anderson County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during January an issue of \$55,000 4 1/2% gas bonds.

GASTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Gastonia), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—L. E. Rankin, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. May 17 for the following 5 1/2% coupon school bonds aggregating \$110,000: \$50,000 Belmont Graded School District No. 2 bonds. Due \$2,000, May 1 1929 to 1953 incl.

30,000 Mount Holly Graded School District No. 4 bonds. Due May 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1954 incl., and \$2,000, 1955 to 1956.

30,000 Dollar Graded School District No. 1 bonds. Due May 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1954 incl., and \$2,000, 1955 and 1956. Dated May 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the National Park Bank, N. Y. City. The bonds to be prepared by the Bray Bros. Co. of Greensboro. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid, payable to the County Treasurer, is required. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, Boston.

GLIDDEN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Carroll County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Glidden has purchased an issue of \$40,000 4 1/2% school bonds.

GOSHEN, Orange County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. May 22 by J. Murray Dalton, Village Clerk, for \$8,000 4 1/2% coupon roadway construction bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1926. Prin. and semi-annual interest payable at the Village Treasurer's office. Due \$1,000 July 1 1927 to 1934 incl. A certified check for 10% of the amount of the bonds, payable to the Village, required.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Waynesburg), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. (Eastern standard time) June 15 by Russel I. Lemley, Chief Clerk County Commissioners, for the following two issues of 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$375,000: \$129,000 funding bonds. 246,000 highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 15 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$25,000, June 15 1928 to 1942 incl. Certified check for 1% of the bonds bid for, required. Bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the Security Bank Note Co., Philadelphia. Legality approved by Saul, Ewing, Remick & Saul of Philadelphia.

GREENWOOD, Leflore County, Miss.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$65,000 bridge bonds.

GRIGGS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Holstein) Ida County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—George M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport recently purchased an issue of \$25,000 4 1/2% school bonds at a premium of \$200, equal to 100.80.

GUNNISON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 (P. O. Gunnison), Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on May 3 the voters authorized the issuance of \$102,000 school bonds. These are the bonds purchased by the International Trust Co. of Denver at par—V. 122, p. 1662—subject to the vote.

HALIFAX HOSPITAL DISTRICT (P. O. Daytona Beach), Volusia County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—F. J. Niver, Chairman Board of Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. May 31 for \$750,000 6% hospital bonds. Date April 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$30,000 1931 to 1955, incl. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the Merchants Bank & Trust Co., Daytona Beach, or at the National Bank of Commerce, New York City. Legality to be approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City. A certified check for 2% of bid, payable to the above Chairman is required.

HALL TOWNSHIP, Logan County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during March an issue of \$7,500 5 1/2% memorial bonds.

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Cincinnati), Ohio.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 12 m. May 14 by Albert Reinhardt, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for \$229,017 25 4 1/4% I.C.H. No. 7 Ohio River road bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except 1 for \$17 25. Dated April 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$22,017 25, 1927, and \$23,000, 1928 to 1936 incl. Certified check for \$500, payable to Fred Bader, County Treasurer, required.

HARDIN COUNTY (P. O. Eldora), Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—On June 7 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$37,000 county home bonds.

HARNEY COUNTY (P. O. Burns), Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 5 1/4% road bonds offered on May 10—V. 122, p. 2692—were awarded to Blyth, Witter & Co. of Portland at 101.85, a basis of about 5.07%. Date May 1 1926. Due \$10,000, May 1 1936 to 1945 incl.

HARRISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Harrisburg), Dauphin County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 4 p. m. May 28 by D. D. Hammelbaugh, Secretary Board of Directors, for \$550,000 4 1/4% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 15 1926. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S.) payable at the office of the School Treasurer. Due on May 15 as follows: \$90,000 1931, \$18,000 1932 to 1946, incl., and \$19,000 1947 to 1956, incl. Certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the School District, required.

HARROD, Allen County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. May 20 by K. L. Vogt, Village Clerk, for \$15,388 38 6% Main Street impt. bonds. Denom. \$500 except 1 for \$388 38. Dated Dec. 1 1925. Int. M. & S. Due \$500, Sept. 1 1927 to 1930 incl., and \$888 38 Sept. 1 1931. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of the Village Clerk. Certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to the Village Clerk, required.

HART, Oceana County, Mich.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—On May 4 the following two issues aggregating \$127,500 were not sold owing to an injunction: \$62,500 electric light bonds. 65,000 public lighting plant, first mortgage bonds. Due over a period of 20 years.

HAVERHILL, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On May 10 Curtis Sanger & Co. of Boston purchased a \$150,000 temporary loan on a 3.35% discount basis.

HENRY COUNTY (P. O. Newcastle), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On April 5 the \$1,596 16 6% drainage bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 1662) were awarded to the Henry County Bank of Newcastle at a premium of \$5, equal to 100.31, a basis of about 5.90%. Date Feb. 15 1926. Due on Nov. 15 as follows: \$996 16 1927 and \$100 1928 to 1936, inclusive.

HERINGTON, Dickinson County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during January an issue of \$5,841 01 sewer bonds.

HIAWATHA, Brown County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during March the following 4 1/4% bonds aggregating \$92,311 42: \$64,694 17 paving bonds. 27,617 25 paving bonds.

HIAWATHA, Brown County, Kan.—NOTES REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during January an issue of \$6,472 76 4 1/4% temporary notes.

HILL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Aitken County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—Paine, Webber & Co. of Boston has purchased an issue of \$25,000 5 1/4% refunding school bonds at par.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60 (P. O. Tampa), Fla.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for the \$150,000 6% school bonds offered on April 29 (V. 122, p. 2247) were rejected.

HOLTON, Jackson County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during January an issue of \$5,205 76 4 1/4% paving bonds.

HOOD RIVER, Hood River County, Ore.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on May 1 (V. 122, p. 2247), the voters authorized the issuance of \$89,000 school bonds by a count of 258 for to 158 against.

HOPE, Steele County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—The City Council will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. May 18 for \$10,000 not exceeding 6% city bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially in 5 to 14 years from date of issue. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid required.

HORTON, Brown County, Kan.—NOTES REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during January an issue of \$5,575 43 4 1/4% temporary notes.

NOTES REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during February the following 4 3/4% notes aggregating \$35,901 36: \$20,494 79 temporary notes. 15,406 57 temporary notes.

HUDSON, Middlesex County, Mass.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 8 p. m. May 14 by A. W. Morse, Town Treasurer, for \$33,000 4% coupon Back Bay surface drainage bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the First National Bank, Boston. Due on May 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1927 to 1929, incl.; \$3,000, 1930 to 1936 incl. Bonds are engraved under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the First National Bank of Boston; their legality will be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. All legal papers incident to this issue will be filed with the above bank, where they may be inspected at any time. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser on or about May 20 1926 at the First National Bank of Boston.

Financial Statement May 1 1926.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Net valuation for year 1925, Debt limit, Total gross debt, Exempted debt (Water bonds, sewer bonds, light and power bonds), Net debt, and Borrowing capacity.

HUMBOLDT, Allen County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during March an issue of \$6,975 4 1/4% paving bonds.

HUMMELSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hummelstown), Dauphin County, Pa.—ADDITIONAL BOND SALE FOR 1925.—As a matter of record we are now reporting the sale of \$63,000 4 1/4% school bonds to A. B. Leach & Co. of Philadelphia at 105.096, a basis of about 3.95%. Dated May 1 1925. Due on May 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1930, 1935, 1940, 1945, 1950, and \$13,000, 1955. These are the bonds offered on Aug. 31 (V. 121, p. 1008).

HURON, Beadle County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—M. F. Walt, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. May 25 for \$12,000 not exceeding 5% sewer bonds. Dated June 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. A certified check for \$300 required.

IDAHO FALLS, Bonneville County, Idaho.—BONDS DEFEATED.—CORRECTION.—In V. 122, p. 2692, we stated that the voters had authorized the issuance of \$300,000 water works bonds at an election held on April 29. E. R. Underhill, City Clerk, now informs us that, as a two-thirds majority was necessary to carry the proposition, and only 733 out of 1,242 voted in favor of issuing the bond, the measure was defeated.

INDEPENDENCE, Montgomery County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during February the following 4 3/4% bonds aggregating \$67,161 60: \$29,801 72 paving bonds. \$13,206 42 paving bonds. 18,950 00 paving bonds. 6,058 46 sewer bonds.

JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Jackson), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On May 7 the \$32,100 99 5% road bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2533) were awarded to W. K. Terry & Co. of Toledo for \$32,167 99, equal to 100.20, a basis of about 4.95%. Dated May 7 1926. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1927 to 1931 incl.; \$3,000, 1932 to 1934 incl., and \$3,100 99, 1935.

JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 92 (P. O. Olathe), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during March an issue of \$75,000 5% school bonds.

JOHNSON CITY, Washington County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The following 5 1/4% bonds aggregating \$175,000 offered on May 6—V. 122, p. 2533—were awarded to the Unaka & City National Bank of Johnson City at a premium of \$4,605, equal to 102.63. \$100,000 improvement district bonds. Due in 1927 to 1935 incl. 75,000 city improvement bonds. Due June 1 1946. Date June 1 1926. Other bidders were:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Premium. Rows include Seagoon & Mayer, Cincinnati; Magnus & Co., Cincinnati; Weil, Roth & Irving Co., Cincinnati; A. T. Bell & Co., Toledo; W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo.

JOHNSTON COUNTY (P. O. Smithfield), No. Caro.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$130,000 4 1/4% road and bridge bonds purchased by C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago at 101.45—V. 122, p. 2533—a basis of about 4.61%, are described as follows: Date May 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1 as follows: \$25,000, 1937 to 1940 incl. and \$30,000, 1941. Interest payable M. & N. Date of award April 12.

JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Johnstown), Cambria County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On May 10 the \$300,000 4 1/4% coupon or registered school series D bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2247) were awarded to M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia at a premium of \$8,127, equal to 102.70, a basis of about 4.24%. Dated May 1 1926. Due \$10,000 yearly from May 1 1927 to 1956 incl.

JORDAN, Scott County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The Peoples State Bank of Jordan purchased at public auction April 23 the following 2 issues of 4 1/4% bonds aggregating \$35,000 at a premium of \$355, equal to 101.01: \$23,000 water works and extension bonds. 12,000 sewer bonds.

JUNCTION CITY, Geary County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during January an issue of \$66,000 4 1/4% paving bonds.

KANSAS (State of)—BONDS AND NOTES REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during January the following bonds and notes aggregating \$25,334 54:

Table with 4 columns: Amount, Place, Purpose, Int. Rate. Rows include Arkansas City (Sewer), Jackson County S. D. No. 32 (School), Hill City (Temporary notes), Lyon County (Temporary notes), Anderson County S. D. No. 75 (School), Caney (Refunding), Fort Scott S. D. No. 36 (School), Nemaha County S. D. No. 18 (School), Horton (Temporary notes).

The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during February the following bonds aggregating \$8,377 98:

Table with 4 columns: Amount, Place, Purpose, Int. Rate. Rows include Sherman County S. D. No. 85 (School), 98 Manhattan (Paving).

The State Comptroller of Kansas also registered during March the following bonds aggregating \$4,335 91:

Table with 4 columns: Amount, Place, Purpose, Int. Rate. Rows include Kansas City (Permanent road), Decatur County Cons. S. D. No. 101 (School).

KANSAS CITY, Wyandotte County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during March an issue of \$34,438 50 5% courthouse bonds.

KENOSHA, Kenosha County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$450,000 4 1/4% coupon high school bonds offered on May 12—V. 122, p. 2533—were awarded to the First Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago at a premium of \$14,499, equal to 103.22, a basis of about 4.18%. Date May 1 1926. Due May 1 as follows: \$33,000, 1933 to 1945 incl., and \$21,000, 1946.

KEY RIDGE RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Key Ridge), Belmont County, Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. May 19 by Marion K. Brown, Clerk Board of Education, for \$1,900 6% net deficiency notes. Denom. \$950. Dated May 19 1926. Int. M. & N. Due \$950, May 19 1927 and Nov. 19 1927. Cert. check on a solvent bank for \$1,000, payable to the Board of Education, required.

KINGMAN, Kingman County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during March the following 5% bonds aggregating \$69,000: \$33,000 paving bonds. 24,000 paving bonds. 12,000 paving bonds.

KINGMAN CONSOLIDATED PAVING DISTRICT No. 6, Kingman County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$115,000 4 1/4% special improvement bonds offered on May 4—V. 122, p. 2523—were awarded to the First Trust Co. of Wichita. Date July 1 1926. Due serially July 1 1927 to 1936 incl.

KNOXVILLE, Knox County, Tenn.—BID WITHDRAWN.—We are now informed that Eastman, Dillon & Co. of New York City have withdrawn, with the consent of the City Council, their bid of 100.68 for the \$250,000 4 1/4% viaduct bonds offered on April 27—V. 122, p. 2692.

LAKIN, Kearny County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during February an issue of \$34,500 4 1/4% sewer bonds.

LAKEWOOD, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. June 1 by A. I. Kauffman, Director of Finance, for \$12,817 5% (special assessment) Northland Ave. impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except 1 for \$500 and 1 for \$317. Dated July 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the Director of Finance. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927; \$1,317, 1928; \$1,500, 1929; \$1,000, 1930 to 1932 incl.; \$2,000, 1933; \$1,000, 1934 and 1935, and \$2,000, 1936. Certified check for 5% of the amount of the bonds, payable to the city, required.

LAMONT CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Buchanan County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$120,000 refunding school bonds offered on April 21—V. 122, p. 2395—were awarded to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport at a premium of \$400, equal to 100.33, a basis of about 4.41%, taking \$96,000 as 4 1/4% and \$24,000 as 4 1/4%. Date June 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 1 as follows: \$5,000 1927 to 1936, incl.; \$6,000 1937 to 1939, incl.; \$7,000 1940 to 1943, incl., and \$8,000 1944 to 1946, incl. Interest payable J. & D.

LANCASTER, Fairfield County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 27 the \$15,000 5% water works extension bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 1952) were awarded to the Guardian Trust Co. of Cleve'and at a premium of \$183 50, equal to 101.22, a basis of about 4.74%. Date March 1 1926. Due \$1,500 yearly from Sept. 1 1927 to 1936 incl.

LARCHMONT, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8:30 p. m. May 24 by Eugene D. Wakeman, Village Clerk, for \$100,000 not exceeding 6% coupon registered street paving bonds. Date June 15 1926. Prin. and semi-annual interest payable at the First National Bank, New York. Purchaser to pay for the printing of the bonds. Due \$5,000, 1927 to 1946 incl. Certified check for \$2,000 payable to the order of the Village, required. Legality approved by Clarence De Witt Rogers of New York.

LAWRENCE, Douglas County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during March an issue of \$85,438 24 4 1/4% paving bonds.

LEAVENWORTH, Leavenworth County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during February the following 4 3/4% bonds aggregating \$181,160 75: \$94,701 78 special paving bonds. 86,458 97 general paving bonds.

LEWIS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 203 (P. O. Chehalis), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—The County Treasurer will receive sealed bids until to-day (May 15) for \$12,000 coupon or registered school bonds. A certified check for 5% of the amount bid required.



**LINN COUNTY (P. O. Cedar Rapids), Iowa.—BOND SALE.**—The following bonds, aggregating \$900,000, offered on May 6—V. 122, p. 2534—were awarded to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank and the William R. Compton Co., both of Chicago, jointly, as 4½s at a premium of \$150, equal to 100.01, a basis of about 4.24%.

\$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. The bonds were offered as 4½s.

**LONG BRANCH, Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—On May 11 the following two issues of coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only or as to both principal and interest) bonds, aggregating \$602,500 offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2534) were awarded to a syndicate composed of Lehman Bros., Ames, Emeric & Co., Boland & Preim, B. J. Ingen & Co., and H. L. Allen & Co., all of New York as 4½s.

\$550,000 school bonds of 1926 at a premium of \$639, equal to 100.11, a basis of about 4.74%. Due on May 1 as follows: \$14,000, 1928 1962 incl. and \$15,000, 1963 to 1966 incl.

52,500 road impt. funding bonds at a premium of \$9.60, equal to 100.01, a basis of about 4.74%. Due on May 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1928 to 1943 incl. and \$4,500, 1944.

In the above reference we reported the offering under the incorrect caption Long Beach, N. J.

**LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, Hamilton County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.**—Mayor Hollis M. Caldwell will receive sealed bids until May 26 for \$30,000 5% water works bonds. These are the bonds originally scheduled for sale on June 1—V. 122, p. 2693.

**LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.**—At the election held on April 30—V. 122, p. 2534—the voters authorized the issuance of \$1,900,000 viaduct bonds by a count of 133,038 for to 45,946 against.

**LOUISVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 32, Cass County, Neb.—BOND SALE.**—The Peters Trust Co. of Omaha has purchased an issue of \$35,000 4½% school bonds at 100.68.

**LOWELL, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.**—On May 7 the following three issues of 4% coupon bonds aggregating \$280,000 offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2693) were awarded to Harris, Forbes & Co. of Boston at 100.72, a basis of about 3.87%.

\$90,000 sewer loan bonds. Due \$3,000 yearly from May 1 1927 to 1956, incl.

75,000 macadam pavement loan 1926 bonds. Due \$15,000 yearly from May 1 1927 to 1931, incl.

115,000 permanent paving loan 1926 bonds. Due on May 1 as follows: \$12,000, 1927 to 1931, incl., and \$11,000, 1932 to 1936, incl.

Date May 1 1926.

**LYNN HAVEN, Bay County, Fla.—NO BIDS.**—No bids were received or the \$170,000 6% city bonds offered on May 7—V. 122, p. 2534.

**LYON COUNTY (P. O. Emporia), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during February an issue of \$46,500 4½% road bonds.

**LYONS, Rice County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during March an issue of \$15,000 4½% waterworks bond.

**McHENRY, Foster County, No. Dak.—BONDS OFFERED.**—F. H. Stafford, Village Clerk, received sealed bids until 2:30 p. m. May 14 for \$10,000 5% coupon village bonds. Dated May 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due May 1 1946. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable in McHenry. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid required.

**MADISON COUNTY, (P. O. Madison), Fla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The \$241,000 5% coupon bonds offered on April 5—V. 122, p. 1662—have not yet been sold.

**MANKATO, Jewell County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during March an issue of \$25,000 4½% waterworks bonds.

**MARION, Marion County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—On May 12 the following two issues of 5½% street impt. bonds, aggregating \$114,934.87, offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2693) were awarded to Ryan, Sutherland & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$4.698, equal to 104.08, a basis of about 4.58%.

\$25,320 94 (city's share) bonds. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,820 94, 1927; \$3,000, 1928 to 1932 incl., and \$2,500, 1933 to 1935 incl.

89,613 93 (special assessment) bonds. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$9,613 93, 1927, and \$10,000, 1929 to 1935 incl.

Date Sept. 1 1926.

**MEDFORD, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—F. S. Moseley & Co. of Boston purchased a \$100,000 temporary loan on a 3.36% discount basis.

**MELROSE, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.**—Paine, Webber & Co. of Boston purchased the following four issues of bonds, aggregating \$65,000 at 100.35:

\$15,000 continuous sidewalk bonds. Due 1 to 5 years.

15,000 surface drainage bonds. Due 1 to 5 years.

15,000 sewer bonds. Due 1 to 15 years.

20,000 water mains and water departmental equipment. Due 1 to 5 years.

**MEMPHIS, Shelby County, Tenn.—NOTE OFFERING.**—C. C. Pashby, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2:30 p. m. May 25 for \$500,000 4½% revenue notes, Series of 1926. Date Jan. 1 1926. Due Sept. 6 1926. Principal and interest payable in Memphis or in New York City at the option of the holder. Legality approved by John C. Thomson, New York City. A certified check for \$5,000 is required.

**BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 2:30 p. m. June 8 by C. C. Pashby, City Clerk, for the following two issues of coupon bonds, aggregating \$1,007,000:

\$957,000 refunding bonds.

50,000 special assessment bonds.

Date July 1 1926. Bidders to name interest rate. Int. payable J. & J. at Memphis or at the office of the fiscal agency of Memphis in New York. Legality approved by John C. Thomson, New York City.

**MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Merced), Merced County, Calif.—BIDS REJECTED.**—All bids received for the \$1,000,000 5½% irrigation bonds offered on May 6—V. 122, p. 2534—were rejected.

**MESA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. De Beque), Colo.—BONDS VOTED.**—At an election held recently the voters authorized the issuance of \$11,000 4½% refunding bonds. These are the bonds purchased by Peck, Brown & Co. of Denver subject to the result of this election.

**MIAMI BEACH SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14 (P. O. Miami), Date County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.**—Charles M. Fisher, Superintendent Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until June 2 for \$800,000 school bonds.

**MIDDLEFIELD, Geauga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. (award to be made at 7:30 p. m.) May 24 by H. J. Rhodes, Village Clerk, for \$4,000 6% village bonds. Denom. \$500. Date May 1 1926. Int. A. & O. Due \$500, April and Oct. 1 1927 to 1930 incl. Certified check for 10% required.

**MIDDLETOWN, Butler County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The Sinking Fund purchased an issue of \$9,628 5% water works assessment bonds at par. Date Feb. 1 1926. Legality approved by Peck, Shafer & Williams of Cincinnati.

**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Glen Riddle), Delaware County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—On May 4 the \$18,000 4½% coupon school bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2534) were awarded to the Eureka Casualty Co. of Philadelphia for \$18,586.20, equal to 103.24, a basis of about 4.21%. Dated June 1 1926. Due \$6,000, June 1 1936, 1941 and 1946.

**MIDLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Midland), Midland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.**—On April 23 the \$136,000 4½% school bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2395) were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis of Toledo at a premium of \$2,036.08, equal to 101.49. Dated May 15 1926. Due in 20 years.

**MILES, Runtels County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on May 7 an issue of \$29,000 6% street improvement bonds. Due serially.

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY (P. O. Milwaukee), Wis.—BOND SALE.**—The \$1,100,000 4½% metropolitan sewerage bonds offered on May 13—V. 122, p. 2395—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, First Trust & Savings Bank and the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. all of Chicago at 103.28, a basis of about 4.27%. Date May 15 1926. Due \$110,000 May 15 1937 to 1946 incl.

**MISSISSIPPI COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Luxora), Ark.—BOND OFFERING.**—H. E. Neblett, Secretary School Board, will sell at public auction on May 26 an issue of \$22,000 not exceeding 5% school bonds.

**MOBILE, Mobile County, Ala.—BOND SALE.**—The \$43,000 5% public impt., Series Z, bonds offered on May 11—V. 122, p. 2693—were awarded to the Merchants Bank of Mobile at 101.72, a basis of about 4.64%. Date May 1 1926. Due May 1 1936, optional at any yearly interest period, commencing May 1 1927.

**MOBILE COUNTY (P. O. Mobile), Ala.—BOND SALE.**—The \$200,000 5% coupon refunding bonds offered on May 10—V. 122, p. 2092—were awarded to Marx & Co. of Birmingham at a premium of \$10,333, equal to 105.16, a basis of about 4.60%. Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 1946. Int. payable J. & J.

**MONTEZUMA, Macon County, Ga.—BOND SALE.**—The following 5% bonds aggregating \$50,000, offered on April 28—V. 122, p. 2092—were awarded to Bell, Sheas & Co. of Atlanta:

\$32,000 pavement bonds. Due \$1,000 1927 to 1944, incl., and \$2,000 1945 to 1951, incl.

18,000 water works bonds. Due \$1,000 1927 to 1944, incl.

Date Jan. 1 1926.

**MONTICELLO, Jefferson County, Fla.—BOND SALE.**—The \$20,000 6% coupon street bonds offered on May 11—V. 122, p. 2534—were awarded to the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Monticello at 99, a basis of about 6.23%. Date April 1 1926. Due April 1 1951.

**MOORHEAD, Clay County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.**—R. G. Price, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. May 17 for \$70,000 not exceeding 6% pavement construction bonds. Dated June 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 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; \$3,000, 1937; \$4,000, 1938; \$3,000, 1939; \$4,000, 1940; \$3,000, 1941; \$4,000, 1942; \$3,000, 1943; \$4,000, 1944; \$3,000, 1945, and \$4,000, 1946. Purchaser to state the place of payment by naming a bank or trust company in either St. Paul or Minneapolis. The successful bidder to pay for printing bonds and for legal costs. A certified check for \$2,500, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

**MORTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Flasher), No. Dak.—BOND SALE.**—The State of North Dakota has purchased an issue of \$25,000 5% school bonds at par. Due in 20 years.

**MOUNT ANGEL, Marion County, Ore.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$14,000 coupon water works bonds awarded to Hugh B. McGuire of Portland as 5s at 100.09 (V. 122, p. 2396), a basis of about 4.99%, are described as follows: Dated April 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due April 1 1946; optional on any int. date on or after April 1 1936. Interest A. & O.

**MUSKEGON, Muskegon County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. (Eastern standard time) May 22 by Ida L. Christiansen, City Clerk, for the following two issues of 4½ or 4¼% bonds, aggregating \$150,000:

\$50,000 general improvement bonds. Due \$5,000 July 1 1927 to 1936 incl. 100,000 McGraft Park refunding bonds. Due on July 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1927 to 1932, and \$20,000, 1933 and 1934.

Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable in Chicago, New York, Detroit or at the City Treasurer's office. Certified check for 3% of the bid required. Legality approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Perry of Detroit.

**NETCONG, Morris County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—On May 5 the 4½% coupon school bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2535) were awarded to the Citizens National Bank of Netcong, taking \$99,500 (\$100,000 offered) for \$100,000, equal to 100.50, a basis of about 4.47%. Dated July 1 1926. Due \$2,500 yearly from July 1 1927 to 1955 incl., and \$2,000, July 1 1966.

**NEWCASTLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Placer County, Calif.—BOND SALE.**—The First National Bank of Auburn purchased on May 4 an issue of \$20,000 5% school bonds at a premium of \$624, equal to 103.12.

**NEW MEXICO (State of)—BOND OFFERING.**—Warren R. Graham, State Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. June 1 for the following 6% bonds, aggregating \$91,000:

\$20,000 road bonds. Date June 1 1926. Due March 1 1928.

20,000 road bonds. Date March 1 1926. Due March 1 1930.

51,000 road bonds. Date March 1 1926. Due March 1 1928.

A certified check for \$2,000 is required.

**NEWPORT NEWS, Warwick County, Va.—BOND SALE.**—The following two issues of 4½% bonds, aggregating \$375,000, offered on May 11 (V. 122, p. 2249), were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Drake Jones Co. of Minneapolis, the Merchants' Trust Co. and A. B. Leach & Co., both of Chicago.

\$175,000 public improvement bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1927 to 1929 incl.; \$7,000, 1930 to 1933 incl.; \$8,000, 1934 to 1936 incl.; \$9,000, 1937 and 1938; \$10,000, 1939 to 1941 incl.; \$11,000, 1942 to 1944 incl., and \$12,000, 1945 and 1946.

200,000 refunding bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1927 to 1929 incl.; \$8,000, 1930 to 1932 incl.; \$9,000, 1933 to 1935 incl.; \$10,000, 1936 to 1938 incl.; \$11,000, 1939 and 1940; \$12,000, 1941 and 1942, and \$13,000, 1943 to 1946 incl.

**NICOLLET COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. St. Peter), Minn.—BOND SALE.**—The \$130,000 school bonds offered on May 11 (V. 122, p. 2535) were awarded to the Northwestern Trust Co. of St. Paul at par. Date April 1 1926. Due April 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1927 to 1929 incl.; \$6,000, 1930 and 1931; \$8,000, 1932 and 1933; \$9,000, 1934; \$10,000, 1935 to 1937 incl.; \$11,000, 1938 and 1939, and \$13,000, 1940 and 1941.

**NILES, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. June 2 by Homer Thomas, City Auditor, for \$5,137 50 5½% coupon sidewalk bonds. Dated April 1 1926. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1930 incl., and \$1,137 50, 1931. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Legality to be approved by Peck, Shaffer & Williams of Cincinnati, at the purchaser's expense.

**NORWICH, New London County, Conn.—BOND SALE IN 1925.**—An issue of \$116,000 4½% floating debt bonds was purchased by the Norwich Savings Society of Norwich for \$166,500, equal to 100.30. Date June 1 1925. Due \$8,300 yearly from June 1 1930 to 1949 incl.

**NORTHBRIDGE, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—The Old Colony Corp. of Boston purchased a \$50,000 temporary loan on a 3.48% discount basis, plus a premium of \$2 50. Due Oct. 8 1929.

**NORTH HEMPSTEAD PORT WASHINGTON GARBAGE AND ASHES REMOVAL DISTRICT (P. O. Manhasset), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. May 24 by Wm. N. Mullon, Town Clerk, for \$70,000 4½ or 4¼% coupon or registered garbage and ashes removal bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1926. Due \$7,000 May 1 1927 to 1936 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable in gold at the office of the Town Supervisor. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the town, & Trust Co., New York City. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York.

**OAK PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 97 (P. O. Oak Park), Cook County, Ill.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. May 28 by W. J. Hamilton, Secretary Board of Education, for \$250,000 4½% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. Due on June 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1927 to 1931 incl.; \$10,000, 1932 to 1941 incl.; \$5,000, 1942 to 1944 incl., and \$55,000, 1945 and 1946. Certified check for \$1,000 required.

OLATHE, Johnson County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during January the following 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$34,163 02: \$24,420 88 paving bonds. 9,742 44 paving bonds.

OLEAN, Cattaraugus County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. May 25 by T. D. Leland, City Clerk, for \$17,397 not exceeding 4 1/2% coupon impt. bonds. Date May 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York. Due \$1,933 yearly from May 1 1927 to 1935 incl. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds, payable to the Treasurer of the city, required.

Financial Statement as of March 1 1926. Actual valuation (estimated) 1925—\$27,808,757 00. Assessed valuation 1925—18,794,574 00. Total bonded debt (including this issue)—861,901 50. Floating debt—167,625 00. Water debt (included in above)—180,500 00. Special assessment debt (included above)—329,982 00. Net bonded debt—334,022 50. Tax rate per \$1,000, 1926, \$11 52. Population, 1920 census, 22,506.

OLTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lamb County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$75,000 school bonds.

ONEIDA, Madison County, N. Y.—ADDITIONAL BOND SALE FOR 1925.—As a matter of record we are now reporting the sale of \$600,000 4 1/2% coupon water bonds to Batchelder, Wack & Co. of New York at 100.01 a basis of about 4.49%. Date Jan. 1 1926. Due on Jan 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1935 to 1944 incl., and \$400,000, 1945. These are the bonds offered on Dec. 29 1925 (V. 122, p. 3033).

ORANGEBURG COUNTY (P. O. Orangeburg), So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—Ryan, Sutherland & Co. of Toledo purchased on April 30 an issue of \$100,000 5% court-house bonds at a premium of \$1,225, equal to 101.22, a basis of about 4.81%. Due \$10,000 1929 to 1938 incl.

ORANGE COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Winter Haven), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 5 1/2% school bonds offered on May 4—V. 122, p. 2396—were awarded to the Bank of Winter Park at Winter Park at a discount of \$6,883, equal to 96.55, a basis of about 5.83%. Date April 1 1926. Due April 1 as follows: \$6,000 1929 to 1955, incl., and \$38,000 1956.

OREGON CITY, Clackamas County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The Freeman, Smith & Camp Co. of Portland purchased on April 19 an issue of \$24,115 34 6% improvement bonds at 103.91. Due in 10 years.

ORTLEY, Roberts County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,500 electric system bonds offered on April 26—V. 122, p. 2396—were awarded to the Summit Bank of Summit, as 6s at par. Due in 20 years, optional after 10 years.

OSAWATOMIE, Miami County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—J. W. Allard, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. May 24 for approximately \$21,000 4 3/4% internal improvement bonds. Dated June 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due serially. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid, payable to the above named official, required.

OWASSO, Shiwassee County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—On May 10 the \$120,000 4 1/2% sinking and trust fund restoration funding bonds offered on that date—V. 122, p. 2694—were awarded to the Security Trust Co. of Detroit at a premium of \$1,891, equal to 101.57, a basis of about 4.17%. Due \$12,000 in 1 to 10 years.

PALMETTO, Manatee County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The following 6% bonds, aggregating \$28,000, offered on May 11 (V. 122, p. 2396) were awarded to the Manatee County State Bank of Palmetto at 95.10, a basis of about 7.15%: \$7,000 street improvement bonds. Due \$1,000 June 1 1927 to 1933 incl. \$21,000 street improvement bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1927 to 1935 incl., and \$3,000, 1936.

PANHANDLE, Carson County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On June 1 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$100,000 sewer bonds.

PARADISE, Russell County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during March an issue of \$10,000 4 1/2% electric light bonds.

PARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Fair Play), Colo.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition of issuing \$40,000 5% school bonds at the election held on May 3 failed to carry. These are the bonds purchased by the International Trust Co. of Denver (V. 122, p. 2249) subject to the result of this election.

PARSONS, Labette County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during March the following 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$18,217 66: \$9,897 87 repaving bonds. 8,319 79 repaving bonds.

PARSONS, Labette County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during January the following 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$17,808 60: \$8,929 96 street improvement bonds. 8,878 64 street improvement bonds. During February the following 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$28,925 35, were registered: \$14,416 76 paving bonds. 14,508 59 paving bonds.

PASADENA MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 4, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The William R. Staats Co. of Los Angeles, and Andrew W. Stewart & Co. of Pasadena, jointly, recently purchased an issue of \$216,000 5 1/2% municipal improvement bonds. Date Oct. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$24,000, Oct. 1 1943 to 1951 incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (A. & O.) payable at the City Treasurer's office, or at the National City Bank, New York City, at option of purchaser. Legality to be approved by Goodfellow, Eells, Moore & Orrick, San Francisco.

Financial Statement (as Officially Reported). Assessed valuation 1925-1926—\$1,614,870. Total outstanding bonded debt (including this issue)—408,000.

PASCO COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 32 (P. O. Dade City), Fla.—BOND SALE.—J. R. Durrance & Co. of Jacksonville have purchased an issue of \$100,000 6% school bonds at 95.

PAWNEE COUNTY (P. O. Larned), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during March the following 5% bonds, aggregating \$56,500: \$18,000 township refunding bonds. 16,500 township refunding bonds. 15,000 township refunding bonds. 7,000 township refunding bonds.

PAYNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 98 (P. O. Yale)—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 school bonds offered on May 7—V. 122, p. 2694—were awarded to the First National Bank of Cushing at a premium of \$55, equal to 100.18. (Interest rate not given.)

PERRY, Taylor County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—J. E. Powell, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. June 8 for the following 6% bonds, aggregating \$85,000: \$75,000 street improvement bonds. Due \$3,000, 1927 to 1951 incl. 10,000 water works and sewer bonds. Due \$1,000, 1927 to 1936 incl. Date July 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. A certified check for 5% of the par value of the bonds, payable to the Town Treasurer, is required.

PERRY COUNTY (P. O. New Lexington), Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. May 17 by J. W. Quinn, County Auditor, for \$26,945 89 5 1/2% Net Deficiency notes. Denom. \$2,993 98, except 1 for \$2,994 05. Date May 15 1926. Int. M. & S. Due each six months as follows: \$2,993 98 March 15 1927 to Sept. 15 1930 incl. and \$2,994 05, March 15 1931. Certified check for 5% of the amount of notes bid for, payable to the Board of County Commissioners, required.

PHILLIPSBURG, Phillips County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during March an issue of \$32,750 4 1/2% paving bonds.

PINETOPS, Edgecomb County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 6% coupon water and sewerage bonds offered on April 16 (V. 122, p. 2093) were awarded to W. K. Terry & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$1,710, equal to 102.28, a basis of about 5.82%. Date Jan. 1 1926. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1929, and \$2,000, 1930 to 1966 incl.

PITTSBURGH, Crawford County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during February an issue of \$18,095 4 1/2% of paving bonds.

PLEASANT HILL, Carr County, Mo.—BOND ELECTION.—On May 18 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$21,000 water works bonds.

PLEASANTON, Linn County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during March an issue of \$36,676 59 4 1/2% sewer bonds.

PLEASANTON, Linn County, Kan.—NOTES REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during January an issue of \$24,582 47 5 1/2% temporary notes.

PLEASANTVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Fairfield County, Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. May 15 by H. R. Schisler, Clerk Board of Education for \$6,418 11 6% Net Deficiency notes. Denom. \$641 91. Date May 15 1926. Int. M. & S. 15. Due each six months as follows: \$641 91, March 15 1927 to Sept. 15 1931 incl. Certified check for 10% of the amount of notes bid, for payable to the Clerk Board of Education, required.

PLENTYWOOD, Sheridan County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—E. E. Belanski, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. June 21 for \$7,500 not exceeding 6% coupon water works bonds. Date May 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due in not to exceed 20 years; optional after 10 years. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the Town Treasurer's office. A certified check for \$750, payable to the town, required.

POLK COUNTY (P. O. Des Moines), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$225,000 4 1/2% coupon road refunding bonds offered on April 1—V. 122, p. 1664—were awarded to the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport at a premium of \$160, equal to 100.07, a basis of about 4.24%. Due May 1 as follows: \$85,000, 1940 and \$50,000, 1941 to 1943 incl. In the above reference we gave the amount of bonds to be offered as \$335,000.

POLK COUNTY (P. O. Benton), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—E. A. Clark, Chairman County Court, will receive sealed bids until May 29 for \$150,000 5% road bonds. Date May 1 1925. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the Cleveland National Bank, Cleveland, Tenn., or at the Chemical National Bank, N. Y. City. A certified check for \$5,000 required.

PONTIAC, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—On May 4 the \$90,000 (special assessment) paving bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2694) were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis of Toledo as 4 1/4s at a premium of \$56, equal to 100.06. Date May 1 1926.

PREBLE COUNTY (P. O. Eaton), Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. May 15 by S. C. Hunt, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for \$25,586.92 5 1/2% net deficiency notes. Denom. \$3,200 and \$3,186.92. Date May 1 1926. Int. M. & N. Due each six months as follows: \$3,200 May 1 1927 to May 1 1930 incl. and \$3,186.92 Nov. 1 1930. A certified check for 5% of the amount of notes, payable to H. S. Aker, County Treasurer, required.

PUEBLO, Pueblo County, Colo.—ADDITIONAL BOND SALE IN 1925.—In addition to the bonds already reported as having been placed, by the City of Pueblo the City also issued the following 6% paving bonds during the year ending Dec. 31 1925.

Table with 3 columns: Amount, Date, Due. Rows include \$6,000, 41,000, 2,000, 35,000, 33,000 with dates from May 1 1924 to May 1 1945.

QUAIL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Collinsworth County, Texas.—BOND OFFERING.—The Secretary Board of Education will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. May 17 for \$17,000 5 1/2% school bonds.

RAMONA, San Diego, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$19,000 water bonds by a count of 92 for to 2 against.

REDLANDS, San Bernardino County, Calif.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$255,000 water bonds awarded to R. H. Moulton & Co. of Los Angeles as 6s at 106.11, a basis of about 4.56%—V. 122, p. 2694—are described as follows: Date June 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$15,000 June 1 1932 to 1966 incl. Interest payable semi-annually (J. & D.) at City Treasurer's office. Legality to be approved by O'Melveny, Millikin, Tuller & Macneil, Los Angeles.

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation (1925)—\$14,095,650. Estimated valuation—30,000,000. Total bonded debt (inc. this issue)—1,151,500. Water debt—1,045,000. Net debt—106,500. Population 1920 census, 9,874; present est. population, 15,000.

REE HEIGHTS, Hand County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,000 5 1/2% electric bonds offered on April 21—V. 122, p. 1954—were awarded to the N. W. Public Service Co. of Huron at par. Date April 1 1926. Due April 1 1946.

RIPLEY COUNTY (P. O. Versailles), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—On May 4 the \$16,000 4 1/2% coupon road bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2535) were awarded to the Sunman State Bank, Sunman, at a premium of \$203, equal to 101.26, a basis of about 00.0%. Date April 15 1926. Due \$400 May and Nov. 15 1927 to 1936 incl.

RIVERBANK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Woodland), Yolo County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on May 3—V. 122, p. 2397—were awarded to Deas, Allen & Co. of San Francisco at a premium of \$120 20, equal to 101.50, a basis of about 4.69%. Date April 5 1926. Denom. \$500. Due \$1,000 1928 to 1935, incl. Interest payable A. & O.

RIVER FOREST (P. O. Oak Park), Cook County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—On May 10 the \$35,000 5% coupon water works bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2535) were awarded to Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago at a premium of \$2,335, equal to 106.66, a basis of about 4.33%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1926. Int. J. & J. Due on July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1936 incl.; \$2,000, 1937 to 1941 incl., and \$3,000, 1942 to 1946 incl.

RIVER ROUGE, Wayne County, Michigan.—BOND SALE.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. May 18 by R. J. Peters, City Clerk, for \$36,113 50 6% pavement bonds. Date June 1 1926. Due \$7,222 70, 1927 to 1931 incl. Certified check for 1% of the amount bid, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

ROCKY RIVER, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On May 11 the \$22,310 5% coupon special assessment paving bonds offered on that date—V. 122, p. 2694—were awarded to the State Teachers Retirement System at a premium of \$363 60, equal to 101.18, a basis of about 4.73%. Date May 1 1926. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,310, 1927; \$2,000, 1928 to 1931 incl., and \$3,000, 1932 to 1935 incl.

RUSSELL, Russell County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during January an issue of \$28,000 5% paving bonds.

ST. PAUL, Ramsey County, Minn.—ADDITIONAL BOND SALES IN 1925.—Apart from the bonds already reported sold in the "Chronicle," this city also sold to the City Sinking Fund during 1925 at par the following 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$1,800,000.

Table with 4 columns: Amount, Purpose, Date, Date of Award. Rows include \$1,000,000 Permanent impt., 500,000 School, 200,000 Water works, 100,000 Water works with dates from April 1 1925 to Dec. 1 1925.

ST. PAUL, Ramsey County, Minn.—BOND ELECTION.—On June 21 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$450,000 river terminals and equipment bonds.



ST. PETERSBURG, Pinellas County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., Eldredge & Co., Redmond & Co., and B. J. Van Insen & Co., all of New York, has purchased the following 5% bonds, aggregating \$2,100,000, at par: \$1,100,000 impt. bonds. Date Aug. 1 1925. Due Aug. 1 1955. Int. payable F. & A. 1,000,000 impt. bonds. Date Jan. 1 1926. Due Jan. 1 1956. Int. payable J. & J. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Seaboard National Bank, N. Y. City. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

Financial Statement.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include: Estimated actual valuation (1926) \$140,000,000; Assessed valuation (1925) 106,437,626; Total bonded debt (including these issues) 13,041,600; Deductions—Water works bonds 1,513,000; Sinking funds 400,066; \* Utility bonds 2,581,000; \* Special assessment certificates owned by city and applicable solely to retirement general obligation bonds 3,715,000; \* Net bonded debt 4,832,534.

\* By Sec. 121 of the City Charter the city is limited to a total debt of 12 1/2% of the assessed valuation, and special Acts of the Legislature in 1923 and 1925 authorized the deduction of utility bonds, and special assessments, in computing the city's net indebtedness. Utility bonds issued as follows: Gas plant, \$1,147,000; street railway, \$834,000; light and power, \$600,000. Population, Florida State census, 1925, 26,874; winter, estimated, 125,000.

SACKETTS HARBOR, Jefferson County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. (standard time) June 1 by Wilbur L. McKee, Village Clerk, for the following two issues of not exceeding 5% coupon bonds aggregating \$100,000: \$70,000 water bonds. Due \$2,000 June 1 1931 to 1965, inclusive. 30,000 sewer bonds. Due \$1,000 June 1 1928 to 1957, inclusive. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1926. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & D.) payable in gold at the Northern Trust Co., Watertown. Certified check for \$2,500 payable to the village, required. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon of New York.

SALINA, Saline County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during March an issue of \$13,767 29 4/4% street improvement bonds.

SALMA, Dallas County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—Mayor T. J. Rowell, will receive sealed bids until May 20 for \$10,000 6% improvement bonds.

SAN BERNARDINO HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, San Bernardino County, Calif.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$150,000 5% school bonds purchased by the Bank of Italy of San Francisco at 104.32—V. 122, p. 2695—a basis of about 4.52%, are described as follows: Date Jan. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1934 to 1937 incl.; \$20,000, 1938 to 1941 incl.; and \$10,000, 1942. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Legality approved by O'Melveny, Milliken, Tuller & Macneil, Los Angeles.

Financial Statement.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include: Assessed valuation \$20,975,565; Bonded debt (including this issue) 570,000; Population, 40,000.

SAN DIEGO, San Diego County, Calif.—BIDS.—Following is a list of other bidders for the \$700,000 5% coupon El Capitan dam and reservoir bonds awarded to the Guaranty Co. and the Bankers Trust Co., both of New York City, jointly, at 107.83, a basis of about 4.38%—V. 122, p. 2695: Bidder—Premium. Bidder—Premium. National City Co., N. Y. C. \$50,155 Detroit Co., Detroit \$42,791 Bank of Italy, San Francisco 46,305 Wm. R. Compton Co., St. L. 38,710 Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago 45,255 Freeman, Smith & Camp Co., Portland 38,710 R. H. Moulton & Co., Los Ang. 44,690 First Nat. Bank, San Diego 18,521

SANFORD, Seminole County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—L. R. Phillips, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. May 31 for the following not exceeding 6% bonds, aggregating \$734,000: \$549,000 improvement bonds. Due \$54,000 July 1 1927 and \$55,000 July 1 1928 to 1936 incl. 104,000 improvement bonds. Due \$10,000 July 1 1927 to 1935 incl. and \$14,000, 1936. 81,000 improvement bonds. Due \$8,000 July 1 1927 to 1935 incl. and \$9,000 in 1936. Date Jan. 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Chase National Bank, New York City. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid, required. Legality to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond, New York City.

SAN JUAN, Hidalgo County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on April 27 (V. 122, p. 2094) the voters authorized the issuance of \$60,000 street bonds.

SCARSDALE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On May 11 the \$50,000 4 1/2% coupon sewer bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2695) were awarded to the Scarsdale National Bank of Scarsdale at 100.25, a basis of about 4.22%. Date May 1 1926. Due \$2,000 May 1 1927 to 1951 incl.

SHANNON CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Union County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$18,000 coupon school bonds offered on May 7—V. 122, p. 2695—were awarded to the First National Bank of Lorimer as 4 1/2% at a premium of \$120, equal to 100.66. Date May 1 1926. Due in 12 years, optional after 7 1/2 years.

SHASTA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Redding), Shasta County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$375,000 5% school bonds offered on May 5—V. 122, p. 2250—were awarded to the Lodi National Bank of Lodi at par. Date May 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1927 to 1931 incl.; and \$20,000, 1932 to 1946 incl. Int. payable M. & N.

SHEBOYGAN, Sheboygan County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The following 6% coupon bonds, aggregating \$61,650 offered on April 19—V. 122, p. 2397—were awarded to the Security National Bank and the Citizens State Bank, both of Sheboygan, jointly: 1928 to 1931 incl. 20,150 sewerage bonds. Due May 1 as follows: \$7,500, 1927 and \$8,500, 1928 to 1931 incl. Date May 1 1926.

SIBLEY, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—On May 5 the \$65,000 5% trunk sewer and construction bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2536) were awarded to Lewis & Co. of Detroit at a premium of \$1,736, equal to 102.67, a basis of about 4.76%. Due on May 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1932; \$2,000, 1933 to 1940 incl. and \$3,000, 1941 to 1955 incl.

SIERRA COUNTY (P. O. Hillsboro), N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—Peck-Brown & Co. of Denver have purchased an issue of \$20,000 5% road and bridge bonds. Due in 30 years.

SMITH COUNTY (P. O. Carthage), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—Caldwell & Co. of Nashville and Lytle & Wooten of Jackson, jointly, purchased an issue of \$50,000 road bonds.

SOUTH HIGHLANDS (P. O. Shreveport), Caddo Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 5% coupon water and sewer bonds offered on May 4—V. 122, p. 2397—were awarded to the First National Bank of Shreveport at a premium of \$3,512, equal to 102.34. Dated May 1 1926. Due serially 1928 to 1947 incl. Int. payable M. & N.

SOUTH LYON, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—On April 12 the \$51,000 water works bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 1955) were awarded to the Bank of Detroit as 4 1/2% at a premium of \$1,085, equal to 102.12, a basis of about 4.53%. Dated April 1 1926. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1926 to 1930 incl.; \$2,000, 1931 to 1935 incl.; and \$3,000, 1936 to 1947 incl.

SPRING GREEN, Sauk County, Wis.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received by Anton Schlosser, Village Clerk, until May 14 for \$4,000 5% refunding bridge bonds. Denom. \$500.

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Akron), Summit County, Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. June 18 by C. S. Reeves, Clerk Board of Education, for \$23,930 15 5/8% net deficiency notes. Date April 1 1926. Due \$1,930 15 April 1 and \$2,000 Oct. 1 1927 and \$2,500 April 1 and Oct. 1 1928 to 1931, incl. Certified check for 10%, payable to the Board of Education, required.

STAFFORD, Stafford County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during February an issue of \$21,000 4 1/2% refunding bonds.

STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 75 (P. O. Saint John), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during March an issue of \$20,000 4 1/2% school building bonds.

STEPHENS COUNTY (P. O. Duncan), Okla.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 road bonds offered on May 3—V. 122, p. 2536—were awarded to the Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City as 5s at a premium of \$815, equal to 101.63.

STILLWATER UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Stillwater), Saratoga County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On May 11 the \$125,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on that date—V. 122, p. 2536—were awarded to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., of New York at 107.44, a basis of about 4.47%. Date May 1 1926. 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.

SUMNER COUNTY (P. O. Wellington), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during March an issue of \$80,000 4 1/2% permanent road bonds.

TABOR, Fremont County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$16,137 68 coupon funding water works bonds offered on April 26—V. 122, p. 2398—were awarded to H. J. Foskett of Shenandoah as 5s at par. Dated Dec. 21 1925. Due serially 1936 to 1943, incl. Interest payable semi-annually (A. & O.).

TANGIPAHOA PARISH ROAD DISTRICT 8-A (P. O. Amite City), La.—BOND OFFERING.—F. C. Weist, Secretary Police Jury, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. May 18 for \$30,000 6% road bonds. Date June 1 1926. Denom. \$500. Due serially, June 1 1927 to 1952, incl. Interest payable semi-annually (J. & D.). A certified check for \$1,500 drawn on an Louisiana bank required. Legality to be approved by Wood & Oakley of Chicago.

TARENTUM, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7 p. m. May 24 by L. R. Hartley, Borough Secretary, for \$50,000 4 1/2% coupon borough bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1926. Interest M. & N. Due \$10,000 May 1 1931, 1936, 1941, 1946 and 1951. Certified check for \$500, payable to the borough, required.

TARRYTOWN, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On May 10 the \$220,000 coupon or registered refunding water bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2537) were awarded to Barr Bros. & Co. of New York as 4 1/2% at 102.91, a basis of about 4.17%. Date June 1 1926. Due \$10,000 June 1 1927 to 1948 incl.

TAUNTON, Bristol County, Mass.—BOND SALE IN 1925.—As a matter of record, we are now reporting an issue of \$15,000 4 1/4% water bonds On Oct. 8 to F. S. Moseley & Co. of Boston at 100.27. Date July 1 1925. Due serially July 1 1926 to 1930 inclusive.

TEKOA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Colfax), Whitman County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—Cantril, Richards & Bloom of Spokane have purchased an issue of \$30,000 5% school bonds at a premium of \$281, equal to 100.93. Due in 20 years; optional after 2 years.

TEXARKANA, Bowie County, Tex.—BOND REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on May 7 an issue of \$200,000 4 3/4% street improvement bonds. Due serially.

TOPEKA, Shawnee County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during March an issue of \$32,542 4 1/2% storm sewer bonds.

TORONTO, Woodson County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during February an issue of \$40,000 5% water works bonds.

TRINIDAD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Henderson County, Tex.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until May 12 by the Secretary Board of Education for \$50,000 school bonds.

TRUMBULL COUNTY (P. O. Warren), Ohio.—ADDITIONAL BOND SALE FOR 1925.—As a matter of record we are now reporting the sale of \$70,000 5% road bonds to Prudden & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$1,410, equal to 102.01. Date of award, Sept. 25 1925.

TRYON, Polk County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—A. T. Bell & Co. of Toledo have purchased an issue of \$150,000 6% water works bonds at a premium of \$1,525, equal to 101.01.

TUCKAHOE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On May 12 the \$17,000 registered refunding bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2696) were awarded to Pulley & Co. of New York as 4 1/2% at 100.41, a basis of about 4.44%. Date May 1 1926. Due \$1,000 May 1 1927 to 1943 incl.

TYLER, Smith County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on May 7 an issue of \$50,000 5% street improvement bonds. Due serially.

UNION COUNTY (P. O. Elizabeth), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. (daylight saving time) May 19 by N. R. Leavitt, County Treasurer, for an issue of 4 1/4 or 4 1/2% 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. Dated June 1 1926. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable in gold at the Central Home Trust Co., Elizabeth. Due on June 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1928 to 1971 incl.; and \$12,000, 1972 to 1976 incl. Certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the county, required. Legality approved by Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt of New York City.

URBANA, Champaign County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. June 8 by H. M. Crow, City Auditor, for \$28,770 5 1/2% (special assessment) bonds. Denom. \$500, \$200 and \$170. Dated June 1 1926. Int. J. & D. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$3,170, 1927, and \$3,200, 1928 to 1935 incl. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within ten days from time of award.

VENTURA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ventura), Ventura County, Calif.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$250,000 coupon school bonds awarded on May 4 to the Bank of Italy of San Francisco as 5s at 105.95 (V. 122, p. 2696), a basis of about 4.39% are described as follows: Dated Dec. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1926 to 1955 incl.; and \$8,000, 1956 to 1960 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Legality approved by O'Melveny, Milliken, Tuller & Macneil, Los Angeles.

Financial Statement.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include: Assessed valuation (1925) \$14,554,505; Bonded indebtedness (including this issue) 283,000; Population of district (estimated), 14,000.

WALLINGTON (Borough), Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—On May 6 the \$10,000 5% school bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2398) were awarded to R. M. Grant & Co., Inc., of New York at 100.21, a basis of about 4.96%. Dated Mar. 15 1926. Due \$1,000 yearly from Mar. 15 1927 to 1936 incl.

WALNUT, Pottawattamie County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on April 21—V. 122, p. 2094—the voters authorized the issuance of \$25,000 school bonds.

WALTHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—ADDITIONAL BOND SALES FOR 1925.—The following issues of bonds were sold during 1925 in addition to those reported in these columns from time to time during that period as they took place:

Table with 7 columns: Purchaser, Amt., Purpose, Date, Price Pd., Int., Due. Rows include: Arthur Perry & Co. \$15,000 Drainage July 1 1925 100.033 4% July 1 1940; 25,000 Street July 1 1925 100.033 4% July 1 1935; 50,000 Water July 1 1925 100.033 4% July 1 1940.

**WALTON COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT No. 2 (P. O. De Funiak Springs), Fla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The \$30,000 6% road and bridge bonds offered on April 12—V. 122, p. 1509—have not as yet been sold.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Washington), Ia.—BOND ELECTION.**—On June 7 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$962,100 road bonds.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Washington), Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during January an issue of \$40,000 4½% school bonds.

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Farrar), Polk and Jasper Counties, Iowa.—BOND SALE.**—The \$50,000 refunding school bonds offered on April 2—V. 122, p. 1818—were awarded to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport as 4½s at a premium of \$320, equal to 100.64. Interest payable M. & N.

**WAVERLY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Bremer County, Iowa.—BONDS OFFERED.**—M. M. Kingsley, Secretary Board of Directors, received sealed bids until 2 p. m. May 14 for \$50,000 school bonds. Date May 15 1926. Denom. \$1,000. City to furnish attorney's opinion. Interest rate and date of maturity to be determined at sale. Interest payable M. & M.

*Financial Statement.*

Assessed actual valuation of property (1925)-----	\$3,475,152
Taxable valuation-----	868,788
Assessed actual valuation of moneys and credits not included in above-----	1,519,570
Outstanding bonded indebtedness not including this issue-----	120,000
No other indebtedness of any kind. Total number of acres, 2,560. Present population, 3,600.	

**WEBB UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Old Forge), Herkimer County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—Redmond & Co. of New York were awarded on May 11 an issue of \$190,000 5% school bonds at 104.47.

**WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 (P. O. Greeley), Colo.—BONDS DEFEATED.**—The proposition of issuing \$15,000 4½% school bonds submitted to the voters on May 3—V. 122, p. 2251—failed to carry. Benwell & Co. of Denver purchased these bonds sometime ago at 99.90 subject to their being voted at this election—V. 122, p. 1666.

**WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 67 (P. O. Numa), Colo.—BONDS VOTED.**—At the election held on May 3—V. 122, p. 1956—the voters authorized the issuance of \$10,000 4½% funding bonds. These are the bonds purchased by Peck-Brown & Co. of Denver, subject to the result of this election.

**WEST SENECA (P. O. Gardenville), Erie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—On May 4 the \$290,000 coupon sewer district No. 6 bonds offered on that date—V. 122, p. 2398—were awarded to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., of New York as 4.40s at 100.9637, a basis of about 4.32%. Date April 1 1926. Due \$10,000 yearly from April 1 1928 to 1956 incl.

**WESTVILLE, Gloucester County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—On May 11 the issue of 5% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only or as to both principal and interest) water bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2398) were awarded to B. J. Van Ingen & Co. of New York, taking \$112,000 (\$115,000 offered) for \$115,129, equal to 102.79, a basis of about 4.79%. Dated May 1 1926. Due on May 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1928 to 1958 incl.; \$4,000, 1959 to 1962 incl.; \$3,000, 1963.

**WHARTON, Wharton County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on May 3 the following bonds aggregating, \$85,000:  
\$67,000 5½% street improvement bonds.  
18,000 5½% water-works bonds.  
Due serially.

**WHITE PLAINS, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—On May 10 the following three issues of 4½% registered bonds, aggregating \$112,000, offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2537), were awarded to Rutter & Co. of New York at 102.902, a basis of about 4.18%:  
\$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.  
Dated April 1, 1926.

**WICHITA, Sedgwick County, Kan.—BOND SALE.**—The Branch-Middlekauff Co. of Wichita recently purchased at public auction an issue of \$55,000 4½% improvement bonds at 99.81.

**WICHITA, Sedgwick County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during February the following 4½% bonds, aggregating, \$448,503 53:  
\$358,083 53 paving bonds.  
90,420 00 riprap bonds.

**WICHITA FALLS, Wichita County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.**—On June 5 an election will be held for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing the following bonds aggregating \$370,000:  
\$150,000 street improvement bonds.  
120,000 water bonds.  
100,000 sewer bonds.

**WICKLIFFE, Lake County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. (Central standard time) May 28 by J. W. Fuller, Village Clerk, for \$9,400 5½% water bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$400. Date April 1 1926. Int. A. & O. Due \$400 Oct. 1 1927, and \$1,000 Oct. 1 1928 to 1936 incl. Certified check on some solvent bank for not less than 5% of the amount bid, required.

**WILSON, Clairton County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—On April 12 the \$129,000 4½% borough bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2095) were awarded to Biddle & Henry of Philadelphia. Date May 1 1926. Due May 1 1955, optional May 1 1941.

**WILSON GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wilson County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.**—Charles L. Coon, Secretary Board of Trustees will receive sealed bids until 12 m. May 28 for \$75,000 not exceeding 6% school bonds. Date July 1 1926. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1934 incl. and \$3,000, 1944 to 1958 incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (J. & J.) payable at the National Park Bank, New York City. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid, drawn on a North Carolina Bank or Trust Company, payable to the District Treasurer, required.

**WINCHESTER, Middlesex County, Mass.—NOTE OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 4:30 p. m. May 19 by Harrie Y. Nutter, Town Treasurer, for \$200,000 revenue notes. Date May 25 1926. Due Dec. 1 1926.

**WINONA, Logan County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during January an issue of \$5,250 5% water works bonds.

**WINONA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Logan County, Kan.—BONDS VOTED.**—At a recent election the voters authorized the issuance of \$100,000 school building bonds.

**WINTER HAVEN, Polk County, Fla.—BOND SALE.**—The \$900,000 6% Series B paving bonds offered on May 7 (V. 122, p. 2537) were awarded to the William P. McDonald Construction Co. at 95.50, a basis of about 7.10%. Dated May 1 1926. Due \$90,000 May 1 1927 to 1936 inclusive.

**WOODSTOCK, Shenandoah County, Va.—BOND SALE.**—Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo purchased on May 4 an issue of \$65,000 5½% sewer bonds at 103.05.

**WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.—ADDITIONAL BOND SALES FOR 1925.**—The City of Worcester during the calendar year ending Dec. 31 1925 sold the following bonds in addition to those already reported in these columns.

Purchaser—	Amt.	Pur- pose.	Date.	Price Pd. Int.	Date.	Award.
Old Colony Tr.	\$50,000	Water	June 23 '25	100 4%	1926-30	Nov. 9 '25
Co., Boston	35,000	Sewers	July 7 '25	100 4%	1926-35	Nov. 9 '25
	25,000	Water	Oct. 27 '25	100 4%	1926-30	Nov. 9 '25

**WYANDOTTE, Kan.—NOTES REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller of Kansas registered during January an issue of \$38,955 53 5% temporary notes.

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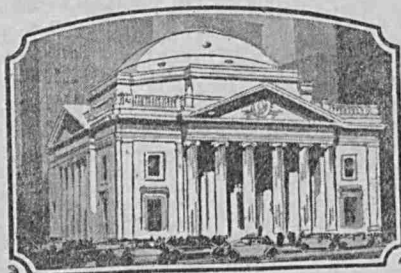
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WYANDOTTE COUNTY (P. O. Kansas City), Kan.—BOND SALE. The \$979,000 4 1/4% court house bonds offered on May 12—V. 122, p. 2696—were awarded to the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago at a premium of \$1,269, equal to 100.12, a basis of about 4.24%. Dated Jan. 1 1926. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$48,000, 1927, and \$49,000, 1928 to 1946 incl.

YAKIMA, Yakima County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Pearl Benjamin, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. May 24 for \$350,000 coupon city bonds. Date May 1 1926. Due serially 1928 to 1951 incl. Legality approved by Preston, Thorgrimson & Turner of Seattle. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bid is required.

ZANESVILLE, Muskingum County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. May 19 by John Galigher, City Auditor, for \$258,000 5% (special assessment) Southwestern Lateral sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1926. Interest M. & N. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$50,000 1927 and \$52,000 1928 to 1931, inclusive. Certified check for 1% of the bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

ZAVALLA AND DIMMITT COUNTIES WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT No. 7 (P. O. Carrigo Springs), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered on May 7 an issue of \$70,000 6% water bonds. Due serially.

KITCHENER, Ont.—BOND SALE.—On April 29 the \$160,512 5% 10, 15 and 20-installment bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2538) were awarded to Cochran, Hay & Co. at 99.89, a basis of about 5.02%. Other bidders were:

Table with columns: Bidders, Rate Bid, Bidders, Rate Bid. Lists various companies and their bid rates for Waterloo Trust & Savings Co., O. H. Burgess & Co., etc.

REGINA, Sask.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. May 18 by D. D. Ross, City Treasurer, for the purchase of the following 5% coupon sinking fund bonds, aggregating \$252,800:—

Table with columns: Amount, Purpose, Term, Dated. Lists bond amounts and purposes like sewer house connections, water house connections, etc.

Alternative bids are requested: (1st) On basis of both principal and interest payable in New York, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg or Regina, at holder's option. (2nd) On the basis of both principal and interest payable in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg or Regina, in Canadian currency only.

STAMFORD TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received up to May 10 for the purchase of \$17,485 5% 20-installment; \$21,610 5% 30-year and \$373,781 5 1/2% 29-year bonds. G. Munro, Treasurer, Niagara Falls.

SUDBURY, ONT.—BONDS APPROVED.—The council passed bonds by-laws totalling \$175,000.

SYDNEY, N. S.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$100,000 5 1/2% 15-year bonds due July 2 1941, has been purchased by W. L. McKinnon & Co., at par.

TISDALE TOWNSHIP (P. O. South Porcupine), Ont.—BOND SALE.—On May 10 the \$32,000 5 1/2% highway bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2696) were awarded to W. L. McKinnon & Co. of Toronto at 99.40, a basis of about 5.58%. Due in ten years.

VICTORIAVILLE, Que.—BOND SALE.—Bray, Caron & Dube of Toronto purchased an issue of \$175,000 6 1/2% improvement bonds at 99.28. Due in 10 annual installments.

WATERLOO, Ont.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$23,467 5% 15 and 20-installment bonds was awarded to Cochran, Hay & Co. at 99.69, a basis of about 5.04%. Other bidders were:

Table with columns: Bidders, Rate Bid, Bidders, Rate Bid. Lists Waterloo Trusts & Savings Co., O. H. Burgess & Co., etc.

WOODSTOCK, N. B.—BOND SALE.—On May 6 the \$82,000 5% coupon (with privilege of registration) town bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 2538) were awarded to Winslow & Winslow at 99.57, a basis of about 5.04%. Due \$2,000 June 1 1927 to 1967, inclusive.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

DORVAL, Que.—BOND SALE.—On April 7 the \$16,000 5 1/2% 15 year and \$33,200 5 1/2% 20 year bonds offered on that date (V. 122, p. 1956) were awarded to Dominion Securities Corp. at 102. Other bidders were:

Table with columns: Bidders, Canadian Funds, American Funds. Lists Dominion Securities Corp., Versailles, Vidrecaire & Boulais, Ltd., etc.

GLACE BAY, N. S.—BOND SALE.—W. L. McKinney & Co., have purchased \$100,000 5% 10-installment bonds.

HALIFAX, N. S.—BOND SALE.—On April 29, Wood, Grundy & Co., Eastern Securities Co., and the Royal Bank purchased \$1,502,000 5% 35-year bonds at 99.60, a basis of about 5.02%. Date July 1 1926. The Bankers are reoffering the bonds at 101 and interest to yield 4.94%. In our notice of the offering of these bonds (V. 122, p. 2538) we incorrectly reported the amount of these bonds to be \$5,102,000. Other bidders were:

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ORILLIA, Ont.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received up to May 10 for the purchase of \$26,200 5% 15-year; \$8,500 5% 20-year; and \$20,879 5% 30-year pavement and sewer bonds guaranteed by Simcoe County. C. E. Grant, Treasurer.

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\$500,000

REVENUE NOTES

City of Memphis Tennessee

Series of 1926

Sealed bids will be received by C. C. Pashby, City Clerk, until 2.30 o'clock P. M.,

MAY 25, 1926

at the City Hall in Memphis, Tenn., for \$500,000 of Revenue Notes, Series of 1926.

These notes are supported by the full faith and credit of the City of Memphis. Interest at 4 1/2% per annum evidenced by coupon attached, maturing on September 6, 1926, for six months and six days interest. These notes are dated January 1, 1926, and mature September 6, 1926.

The City will print the notes, make delivery in New York City or its equivalent and will furnish the unqualified approving opinion of John C. Thomson, Attorney at Law, New York City.

These notes are ready for immediate delivery. Principal and interest are payable in Memphis or in New York City at the option of the holder. The right is reserved to reject all bids.

A certified check for \$5,000 will be required with each bid. For further information address the undersigned.

Bids may be wired or mailed. May 11 1926.

ROWLETT PAINE, Mayor of Memphis.

Attest: C. C. Pashby, City Clerk.

\$1,007,000

Memphis, Tennessee

BONDS

C. C. Pashby, City Clerk, Memphis, Tennessee will receive sealed bids at the City Hall until 2.30 P. M. Tuesday, June 8, 1926, for \$1,007,000 general liability, serial, negotiable coupon bonds.

The bonds will be dated July 1, 1926. Interest in January and July at Memphis or at office of fiscal agent of Memphis in City of New York.

The bonds are exempt from Federal Income Tax and all taxes in the State of Tennessee. The bonds will be furnished and delivered in New York, at the office of the United States Mortgage and Trust Company, 55 Cedar Street, New York City at the opening of banking hours on July 1 1926.

The approving opinion of John C. Thomson, Esq., Attorney at Law, New York City will be furnished. Maturities range from one to twenty-nine years with an average of about 14 1/2 years for the two issues combined. The bidder will name a rate for each issue from those enumerated in the ordinances, respectively. Bonds can not be sold below par. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. Complete data concerning sale may be had from the undersigned.

ROWLETT PAINE, Mayor.

Attest: C. C. PASHBY, City Clerk.

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